

## New At The Library

Here's what's new at the Yankton Community Library this week:

### ADULT BOOKS

- **Any Day Now** by Terry Bisson; Fiction
- **The Dog Who Danced** by Susan Wilson; Fiction
- **Echoes of Titanic** by Mindy Starns & John Campbell Clark; Fiction

- **Force of Nature** by C.J.Box; Fiction
- **The Games** by Ted Kosmatka; Fiction
- **The Gilly Salt Sisters** by Tiffany Baker; Fiction
- **Redwood Bend** by Robyn Carr; Fiction
- **Softly & Tenderly** by Sara Evans; Fiction
- **Stay Close** by Harlan Coben; Fiction
- **Sticks and Stones** by K.J. Larsen; Fiction
- **Some Assembly Required** by Anne Lamott; Nonfiction
- **Worth Fighting For** by Lisa Niemi Swayze; Nonfiction

### ADULT AUDIO BOOKS

- **Catch Me** by Lisa Gardner; Fiction
- **Celebrity in Death** by J.D. Robb; Fiction
- **Enchantments** by Sophie Kinsella; Fiction
- **The Stand** by Stephen King; Fiction

### ADULT DVDS

- **Amadeus**
- **The Prince of Egypt**

### YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

- **Beswitched** by Kate Saunders; Fiction

### YOUNG ADULT AUDIO BOOKS

- **Pandemonium** by Lauren Oliver; Fiction

### JUNIOR BOOKS

- **Lights on the Nile** by Donna Jo Napoli; Fiction

### EASY BOOKS

- **Aliens in Underpants Save the World** by Claire Freedman & Ben Cort; Fiction
- **Animal Masquerade** by Marianne Dubuc; Fiction
- **Bertha and the Frog Choir** by Luc Focroulle; Fiction
- **Mater and the Easter Bunny** by Disney; Fiction
- **Scary Mary** by Paula Bowles; Fiction
- **Silly Frilly Grandma Tillie** by Laurie A. Jacobs; Fiction

### FAMILY DVDS

- **Chuck & Friends: Friend to the Finish**
- **Magic School Bus: Bugs, Bugs, Bugs!**

## Steffen Exhibit On Display At GAR Gallery

Yankton Area Arts is hosting the exhibit entitled "Soul of the Heartland," featuring the oil and watercolor paintings of area artist Jolene Steffen. The show runs through April 24 at the G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery at 508 Douglas Avenue.

Due to First Friday being Good Friday this year, the reception to honor the artist will be held on the second Friday of the month, April 13, at the G.A.R. Gallery from 5-7 p.m. There is no charge for the reception, the public is invited to attend, and refreshments will be served. Steffen will be on hand to introduce the exhibit and speak about the inspiration behind her paintings during the Gallery Talk which will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery and Yankton Area Arts are located at 508 Douglas. The gallery is open to the public free of charge from 1-5 p.m. weekdays and from 1-3 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information call 665-9754, email [yaa@iw.net](mailto:yaa@iw.net) or see [www.YanktonAreaArts.org](http://www.YanktonAreaArts.org).

## One-Day Shopping Event At Lincoln School

Looking for a special gift for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduation, a wedding or other special occasion this spring? You'll be sure to find it and more at the Vendor Fair, Bake Sale and Silent Auction of Gift Baskets event coming to Yankton's Lincoln Elementary School from 1-4:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 25.

You'll find more than two dozen vendors' booths, featuring cooking tools, candles, jewelry, home decorations, books, cleaning aids, scrapbook and stamping supplies, purses, specialty food items and more, to visit. There will also be an assortment of baked goodies to purchase and up to a dozen themed gift baskets to bid on as part of the Silent Auction.

Lincoln Elementary School is located at 815 Locust St. in Yankton. This event is being sponsored by the Lincoln Elementary PTA.

## PFLAG-Yankton To Show 'Two Spirits' Film

The Yankton chapter of Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will be meeting at 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 25, in the Fellowship Hall at Peace Presbyterian Church, 206 E. 31st St. All interested individuals are invited to attend.

The film "Two Spirits" will be shown. It is a documentary that explores the cultural viewpoint of Native Americans who are gay. "Two Spirits" interweaves the tragic story of a mother's loss of her son with a revealing look at the largely unknown history of a time when the world wasn't simply divided into male and female and many Native American cultures held places of honor for people of integrated genders.

For more information, email [pflag\\_yankton@hotmail.com](mailto:pflag_yankton@hotmail.com).

## Book Club Discussion Slated For Vermillion

VERMILLION — The Vermillion Public Library, 18 Church St., and the American Medical Association-USD Chapter are hosting a book club, discussing the book "Hot Lights, Cold Steel" by Michael J. Collins M.D., at 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 25, in the Community Room at the Vermillion Public Library.

"Hot Lights, Cold Steel" is a passionate and humane memoir that follows Collins during his four years as a surgical resident.

Books are available to check out at our Circulation Desk. Call 677-7060 or visit [vpl.sdn.net](http://vpl.sdn.net) for more information.

## Band Festival Concert Set For Menno

MENNO — The Area Band Festival will be held Monday, March 26, at Menno Public School with approximately 150 band students in grades 7-12 participating from Avon, Bon Homme, Menno, Viborg and Scotland in the day-long event.

Students were selected for this group based on recommendations from each school's director. Those selected for this event were divided into two bands: a 7th-9th grade band, to be directed by Kevin Kleindl of Parkston, and a 9th-12th grade band, to be directed by Ryan Stahle of Mitchell.

A concert will be held at 7 p.m. Monday evening in the new gym and the public is encouraged to attend. There is a paid admission.

## Newsboys Perform At Mount Marty Wednesday

Tickets for the March 28 Newsboys concert at Mount Marty College's Cimpl Arena are now on sale. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.iTickets.com](http://www.iTickets.com) or by calling 800-965-9624.

Joining Newsboys on the tour will be special guests The City Harmonic (winners of GMA Canada's New Artist of the Year award), the high-energy pop foursome Anthem Lights, and the rock-driven group Abandon. A special emphasis has been placed on outreach and evangelism, with youth evangelist Bob Lenz joining the tour to share a message of hope.

Group tickets are also available through [www.itickets.com](http://www.itickets.com). The doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. For more information on the event, visit [www.mtmc.edu/events/newsboys.aspx](http://www.mtmc.edu/events/newsboys.aspx) or email [events@mtmc.edu](mailto:events@mtmc.edu).

## Broken Resolve Concert Slated For March 31

The musical group The Broken Resolve will perform at Yankton's First United Methodist Church, 207 West 11th Street, on Saturday, March 31. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m.

A free-will offering will be asked.

## The Book Shelf

# 'Dead To You' Won't Let You Go

"Dead to You," by Lisa McMann, *Simon Pulse (Simon & Schuster)*, 2012. 256 pages.

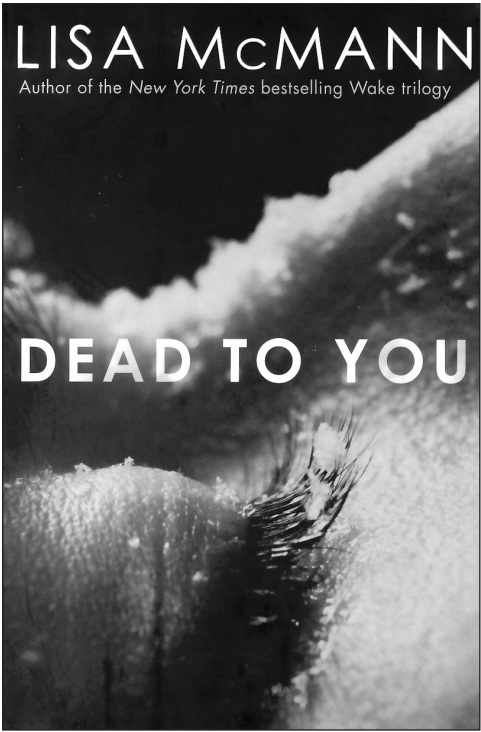
BY PAT HANSEN

It's every parent's nightmare — your two young sons are playing in the front yard. A car pulls up and the person inside entices one child to get in. The car pulls away and your life becomes a nightmare.

Ethan's life has consisted of three phases that he can remember — his years with Ellen, until she dumped him off in Nebraska when he was fourteen. A year at the group home in Nebraska until he ran away. Another year on the streets in St. Louis until he saw his picture on a website for missing children.

And now he's reunited with his family, feeling both like the 7-year-old he was when he was abducted and like the sixteen-year-old he is now. His family is so much different from what he was used to. With Ellen, there were no rules. He often stayed by himself while she was with the men she "escorted." Living on the street was even less structured, fighting with stray cats for scraps of food.

Even with the rules, it feels good at home. It feels good to have a mom and a dad and to belong. He's not so sure about Gracie, the six-year-old sister he's never met. He wonders if she realizes that she is a 'replacement' child. She soon wins him over, though, and it's clear she adores him. They form an unspoken bond.



Blake, his 13-year-old brother, is another story. On Ethan's first night home, Blake asks him why he got into the car with the two men — no fighting, no questions, just got right in. After all, Blake was right there and saw it all. Ethan tells Blake that he doesn't know, that

he doesn't remember the abduction. It's obvious Blake is furious with Ethan for all the agony he's caused their family. When Ethan becomes friends, then more, with his old childhood friend, Cami, Blake becomes angrier because he's had a crush on Cami for years.

The transition to school and family life doesn't go smoothly. It's a big adjustment for Ethan and just as big for his family. As Ethan encounters problems at school and with Blake, he hears his parents fighting over how to handle the situation. Blake just blames Ethan — the fights started when Ethan disappeared, things settled down for awhile, and the fights have started up again now that Ethan's home.

Then Blake throws out a truly cruel blow. He tells his parents that Ethan isn't Ethan, but is an imposter. Ethan wonders if it would be best for everyone if he would just leave. But he can't bear the thought of leaving Cami or of breaking Gracie's tender heart or of disappointing Mama who believes so strongly in him. No one has ever believed in him before.

The book is for ages 14 and up, mainly because of the f-word sprinkled throughout and a few sexual comments, which is too bad. Once you get past that, this book will grab hold of you and not let go until you finish it. I had several scenarios in my head of how it might end, but I was totally wrong on every count. The ending blew me away. I dare you to read this book.

# Poker Alice Band Featured At Gayville Season Debut

GAYVILLE — The Poker Alice Band and saxophonist C.J. Kocher plan a swinging, two-hour show of vintage American popular music to kick off Gayville Hall's 12th season at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 24, in Gayville.

The veteran band from rural Clay County, founded in the mid-1980s, will play from its repertoire of American popular songs, western swing, jump blues, and old-time rock, according to Gayville Hall proprietor Doug Sharples.

Kocher, of Vermillion, teaches saxophone and jazz studies at USD and has performed behind pop stars and in big bands, symphony orchestras, and jazz groups. He has played frequently for several years with Poker Alice band members in The Public Domain Tune Band, led by Poker Alice's Nick Schwebach and Owen DeJong.

This rare show will be just Kocher's second time playing with the more percussive and driving, five-piece Poker Alice Band. He sat in with them only once before.

Schwebach sings and plays



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lead and steel guitars in Poker Alice. DeJong, who holds a master's degree in violin performance, plays fiddle. Both are from rural Wakonda.

Public broadcaster Larry Rohrer, also of rural Wakonda, sings and plays bass. Other band

members, both of rural Beresford, are Dennis Jensen on guitar and vocals and Al Remund on drums.

Gayville Hall is at 502 Washington Street in Gayville. Call 605-267-2859 for ticket information.

# Orchestra Featured At UCC Cantata

When the Adult Choir of the Yankton United Church of Christ (Congregational) presents its sixth annual Palm Sunday cantata, "We Were There," at 4 p.m. April 1, the singers will be accompanied by an orchestra of more than 20 instrumentalists.

The roster of string, horn, woodwind, and percussion players is still being finalized, but it will include gifted musicians from professional symphonies and area schools, thanks to the knowledge and connections of the church's Director of Music, Ted Powell, who gathers and hires the orchestra and lends invaluable help with their part of the music.

The instrumentalists have to be good because, as Choir Director Jennifer Powell noted recently, "We need musicians proficient enough to come prepared and to

put together the accompaniment with a short rehearsal."

The orchestra will be supporting several readers and a choir of 35-40 singers in this dramatic choral experience, intended to tell the story of Jesus in the words of those who were with him throughout his life, and at the end.

The presentation is a gift to the community from the church (though freewill offerings will be accepted to help defray the considerable costs), supported in part by the J. Laiten Weed Memorial Trust Fund, a legacy of the longtime director of the Yankton College Conservatory of Music, and of his wife, Lucy, both noted string players and teachers.

Jennifer Powell said, "We are fortunate to be able to share with our congregation and our community and region the experience

## Poetry Slam At Vermillion Set

VERMILLION — The monthly VLP poetry slam and reading will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at the MUC Pit Lounge on the University of South Dakota campus in Vermillion.

The featured guest reader/performer will be Gabe Wallace, a performance poet and actor out of Omaha. As an actor, Wallace has worked with a variety of companies across the Midwest, including co-writing and starring in the Minneapolis Fringe hit "Red Hamlet." As a poet, Wallace has opened for some of the biggest names in spo-

ken word. Last October, he competed at the Individual World Poetry Slam representing Omaha as Omaha's City Slam Champ. Wallace has released one chapbook, "Scribbles," as well as a full-length spoken word CD, "The Heart Is Your Landlord." He teaches poetry in high schools across the city as a teaching artist with the Nebraska Writer's Collective.

Wallace's performance will be followed by a poetry slam open to anyone — slam poets should bring three original poems, and prizes will be awarded.

# Theme For 2012 Mighty Mo Photo Show Is Announced

Yankton Area Arts has announced the 2012 theme selected for the Mighty Mo Photo Show. This year's theme is "Mighty Mo Flora and Fauna".

The Mighty Mo Photo Show is an area photographic competition designed to compliment Yankton's Annual Riverboat Days celebration and to encourage and recognize the talents of area photographers. All are invited to participate. The exhibit will run from July 20-Aug. 28.

Eligibility and Requirements include:

- Open to all photographers living in South Dakota, Iowa or Nebraska
- All photographic media, techniques and styles accepted
- Entries must relate to the exhibition theme: "Mighty Mo Flora and Fauna"
- All entries must be framed, wired for hanging and labeled with the artist's name, address, title of work and sale price
- Artists may enter up to four photographs in the competition
- Accepted works will not be withdrawn from the exhibition before the show ends

For further details, go to [www.YanktonAreaArts.org](http://www.YanktonAreaArts.org) or call Yankton Area Arts at 605-665-9754.

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