

New At The Library

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

ADULT BOOKS

- **The Art Forger** by B. A. Shapiro; Fiction
- **The Bookseller** by Mark Pryor; Fiction
- **The Creeper** by Tania Carver; Fiction
- **Eight Girls Taking Pictures** by Whitney Otto; Fiction
- **The Hollow Man** by Oliver Harris; Fiction
- **Love Eternal** by J. R. Ward; Fiction
- **Merry Christmas, Alex Cross** by James Patterson; Fiction
- **Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore** by Robin Sloan; Fiction
- **The Prodigal Son** by Colleen McCullough; Fiction
- **The Sanctuary** by Ted Dekker; Fiction
- **Say You're Sorry** by Michael Robotham; Fiction
- **This Burns My Heart** by Samuel Park; Fiction
- **Baby Crochet** by Sandy Powers; Nonfiction
- **Comet's Tale** by Steven D. Wolf; Nonfiction
- **Custer** by Larry McMurtry; Nonfiction
- **Eyewitness to World War II** by Kagan & Hyslop; Nonfiction
- **Good Bones, Great Pieces** by Suzanne & Lauren McGrath; Nonfiction
- **Let the People In** by Jan Reid; Nonfiction
- **Life Is Your Best Medicine** by Tieroana Low Dog, M.D.; Nonfiction
- **Yankee Miracles** by Negron & Cook; Nonfiction

ADULT AUDIO BOOKS

- **The Casual Vacancy** by J. K. Rowling; Fiction
- **A Death in Vienna** by Daniel Silva; Fiction
- **Gone** by Randy Wayne White; Fiction
- **Iced** by Karen Marie Moning; Fiction
- **Low Pressure** by Sandra Brown; Fiction
- **The Panther** by Nelson DeMille; Fiction
- **The Siege** by Stephen White; Fiction
- **Sleep No More** by Iris Johansen; Fiction
- **Your Heart Belongs To Me** by Dean Koontz; Fiction

YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

- **Artemis Fowl: The Last Guardian** by Eoin Colfer; Fiction
- **Seconds Away** by Harlan Coben; Fiction
- **The 13th Reality** by James Dashner; Fiction

JUNIOR BOOKS

- **The Mark of Athena** by Rick Riordan; Fiction
- **"Who Could That Be at This Hour?"** by Lemony Snicket; Fiction

EASY BOOKS

- **A Birthday for Bear** by Bonny Becker; Fiction
- **Plant a Kiss** by Amy Krouse Rosenthal; Fiction

Yankton Community Holiday Feast Nov. 21

The 17th annual Yankton Community Holiday Feast, a free holiday meal to the public, will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church, 2407 Broadway, Yankton on Wednesday, Nov. 21, running from 4:30-7 p.m.

Volunteers and donations are needed. To donate turkey and dressing, pies and/or cash, or to volunteer, contact Donna Madson at 760-3170. Cash donations are accepted at First National Bank of South Dakota, 332 Broadway, Yankton.

There is also meal delivery for shut-ins only. To arrange this, call 760-3170 by 5 p.m. today (Friday).

Gayville Hall Celebrates Johnny Cash Nov. 17

GAYVILLE — Gayville Hall presents "A Celebration of Johnny Cash," starring John and Susan McNeill, Nick Schwabach, and Owen DeJong, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17, in Gayville.

The quartet first performed the musical tribute shortly after Cash's death in 2003, drawing the largest crowd ever at Gayville Hall, according to proprietor Doug Sharples. The show has been repeated at least once annually.

The McNeills, who have been performing together since the 1970s, are 2012 inductees into the S.D. Country Music Hall of Fame and have been Gayville Hall's country music hosts since its beginning in 2001.

John McNeill sings Cash's vocals in the tribute and plays guitar, harmonica and drums. His wife Susan plays bass and sings June Carter Cash's duets with the "Man in Black."

Schwabach plays lead guitar in the show and DeJong, who holds a Master's degree in violin performance, plays fiddle. They are members of the band Poker Alice and regular performers at Gayville Hall.

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

Mount Marty To Present Fall Band Concert

The Mount Marty College Concert Band will present their Fall Concert on Sunday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Marian Auditorium on the Mount Marty College campus.

Mount Marty College band director Dean Rettedal promises that the audience will enjoy the variety of music as much as the musicians do performing the concert.

Early in the concert the Mount Marty Band will perform "Custer's Band," which is a piece that was commissioned by the Mount Marty College Gregorian Club in 2004. March lovers will also enjoy the "1st South Dakota Infantry March" that was arranged by Joseph Pekas of the Mitchell National Guard Band. A featured piece in the concert will be a medley of selections from the Broadway musical "Oliver." Another interesting new piece that will be showcased in the concert is "Earhart: Sounds of Courage," which is music written about Amelia Earhart's fateful solo flight across several continents.

The concert is free and the public is invited to attend. For more information on the Mount Marty College band, visit www.mtmc.edu/arts/music/Band.aspx.

Swiss Choral Society Concert Nov. 23

FREEMAN — The Swiss Choral Society will present a concert at Salem Zion Mennonite Church, Freeman, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23.

The Thanksgiving weekend will be especially busy with the Swiss Choral Society's production of Mozart's Solemn Vespers and chorales from some of J. S. Bach's most popular cantatas such as "Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death," Cantata No. 45, his Christmas Oratorio and "Komm, Jesu, Komm."

Marie Elaine, cellist, will perform the "Prelude" and "Sarabande" from Bach's Cello Suite. South Dakota Symphony's concertmaster, Christian Zamora, Sonja Bundy, Marie Elaine and trumpet players yet to be named will work with Deb Schmeichel, organ, on the Mozart selections. Soloists for the Mozart selections will include soprano Whitney Fretham, alto Lisa Knutson, tenor Ken Mannes, and James Graber, bass. The group is under the direction of Daniel Graber.

YHS, YMS December Concerts Switch Dates

Due to a scheduling conflict, a pair of December school concerts in Yankton have changed dates.

The Yankton High School choir and orchestra concert that was originally scheduled for Monday, Dec. 17, has been moved to Thursday, Dec. 13, at the YHS/Summit Activities Center theatre.

Meanwhile, the Yankton Middle School orchestra concert, originally set for Dec. 13, has been rescheduled for Dec. 17. It will be held at the YMS gym.

Both concerts will begin at 7 p.m.

The Book Shelf

'About Average' Is More Than That

"About Average," by Andrew Clements, illustrations by Mark Elliott, Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2012. 128 pages.

BY PAT HANSEN

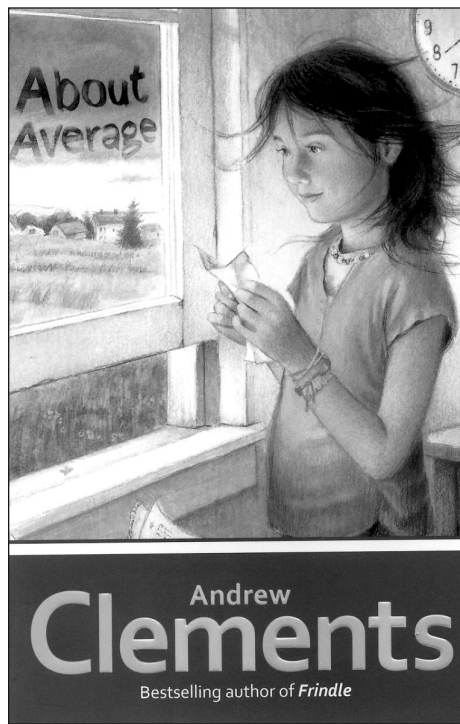
*Not bad, not super.
I want to be outstanding.
Tired of so-so.*

Have you ever felt like a piece of lukewarm pizza? Hot pizza is awesome — all steamy and tummy-warming. Leftover cold pizza is quite tasty too — especially for breakfast. But halfway in between — not hot and not cold? Bleh.

That's how sixth grader Jordan feels. She's just so ... average. She gets C's. She's so-so at playing the violin. Her face and hair are not great and not bad. She just feels so ordinary.

Just once she'd love to feel outstanding. She can picture it — she's walking across a stage. Cameras and flashes are going off like crazy. People are applauding and whistling. A girl hands her a bouquet of yellow roses. The trouble is, Jordan has no idea what she could do to win such applause.

So one day at school she makes up a list. She makes three columns: Things I'm Good At, Things I'm Okay At and Things I Stink At. Sadly, her Good list has only two things — babysitting and gardening. Her other two lists are much longer. Just looking at the list



depresses her, so she dumps it into the recycle bin when she cleans her folder out a week later. She doesn't see Marlea Harkins picking her paper out of the recycle bin after class.

Marlea Harkins. Cute. Athletic. Smart. And

mean. Marlea makes Jordan's life miserable. She seems to thrive on throwing nasty barbs at Jordan. Jordan would like to turn her in for bullying, but she knows it wouldn't really change anything. In fact, it might make things worse.

Soon after throwing her list away, Jordan is in the bathroom. There is Marlea with Jordan's list, loudly reading everything that Jordan stinks at to everyone gathered around. Jordan is humiliated. How can Marlea delight in hurting someone so much?

Jordan goes about her school days, trying to avoid Marlea. The end of the school year is just a week away and it's extremely hot and humid, so the teachers are taking it easy on the kids. In English class they have 10 minutes to write a haiku. (You'll find my 10-minute attempt at the beginning of this review!) The three winners get to spend the last 15 minutes of class sitting in front of the fan. And Jordan is one of the winners! Neat, but too bad that's the best thing she can lay claim to being good at.

This book for 8-years-old and up is simple and encouraging. Readers of all ages can relate to Jordan's feelings of being ordinary. The author does a great job of making her likable. Pick up this quick read — you might decide ordinary is quite extraordinary.

Region I Honor Band Festival, Concert Monday At YHS

Yankton High School Music Department will host the annual Yankton Region I Honor Band on Monday, Nov. 19, at Yankton High School.

The Honor Middle School Band will be directed by Dr. Terry Beckler of Northern State University. Dr. Beckler currently serves as Percussion Professor and Assistant Director of Bands at Northern State University. Prior to his appointment at NSU, Beckler served as Director of Bands at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, Minn., and Director of Bands at Huron University. He also has 10 years of public school experience as band director for the Red Rock Central (Lamberton, Minn.) and Sioux Valley (Volga,) school districts. Beckler has been a member of the 147th Army Band based in Mitchell for more than 20 years. He enlisted in 1986 as a percussionist and since 1998 has served as commander/conductor of this group.

The High School Honor Band will be directed by Dr. Alan LaFave of Northern State University. Alan D. LaFave served as Director of Bands at Northern State University, Aberdeen from 1991-2006. He currently serves as the Dean of Fine Arts and Professor

of Music/clarinet. He holds the B.M.E. in instrumental/vocal music from Northern State University and the M.M. and D.M.A. in clarinet performance from Arizona State University, Tempe. Prior to his appointment at NSU, Dr. LaFave taught at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, Arizona State University, Tempe, Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, and Central High School, Aberdeen. His formal clarinet training includes studies with Harvey Moen, James Gai, and Robert Spring.

The bands of the Region Band Festival are selected in October by submitting recorded auditions and are the very best musicians in the Southeastern corner of South Dakota. Sixteen high schools and middle schools are represented this year in this festival. The bands will begin rehearsal early Monday morning and practice throughout the day.

A concert will be held at 7 p.m. in the YHS/Summit Activities Center theatre. This concert is free to the public and will also be streamed live via the Internet through the Yankton School District Web Home at www.yhsd.k12.sd.us.

Local Authors Pen Book on South Dakota's Outlaws

Jack McCall, notorious murderer of Wild Bill Hickok, was tried and hanged in Yankton in 1877.

For years the town along the Missouri River advertised its connection to history with a huge billboard that read, "We haven't hung anyone since Jack McCall!" Well, the billboard is long gone, but the outlaw McCall remains buried in an unmarked grave in the city's cemetery on Douglas Avenue.

McCall wasn't the only scowflaw to walk the streets of Yankton. Writers John Andrews, Roger Holtzmann, Bernie Hunhoff and Katie Hunhoff of *South Dakota Magazine* tell the tantalizing tales of many more in their new book, "South Dakota Outlaws and Scowflaws."

Many Yanktonians live on streets named Picotte and Burleigh, named for early founders of Yankton and Dakota Territory who were also carpet bagging swindlers. Readers will imagine the wild and woolly brothel scene on Levee Street, where Madam Marie Briggs held sway. You can still see the historic Cramer-Kenyon house on Pine Street, whose owner bought hundreds of farms and thousands of acres of land during South Dakota's depression of the 1890s, even though he never farmed an acre. Illegal? Maybe not to the letter of the law, but Nelson Cramer was still regarded as a rogue.

Scowflaws like Poker Alice, Calamity Jane, Lame Johnny and Jack Sully are the stars in one of South Dakota's most interesting periods of history.

"No one condones their many misdeeds, but legends grow over 100 years of history. Now, they're among our most romanticized figures," Andrews says. "Their stories will forever be entertaining,

and we think people will enjoy reading them."

"South Dakota Outlaws and Scowflaws" is available at the *South Dakota Magazine* office (410 E. Third Street). You may also call 665-6655 or visit www.southdakotamagazine.com.



Holiday Craft & Gifts Show
Fri., Nov. 16 thru Sun., Nov. 18
Friday 10-9, Saturday 10-5:30- Sunday 12-5
(Exhibits on the north side of theatre gate)
For vendor space call Kathy 402-669-6774
email: kdovelshows@yahoo.com

N O M I N A T E T H E 2 0 1 2

Yankton Citizen Of The Year

NOMINATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Please Mail Your Nominations To:

Citizen Of The Year, Yankton Press & Dakotan
319 Walnut, Yankton, SD 57078

or visit www.yankton.net/coy

My nomination for the 2012 Yankton Citizen of the Year is:

This person should be the Citizen of the Year because:

MY NAME: _____
MY ADDRESS: _____
MY PHONE NUMBER: _____

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NOTE:

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, all information for the Nov. 23 edition of RIVER CITY must be submitted by noon on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

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