

The Book Shelf

‘Splendors’ Offers Surprises

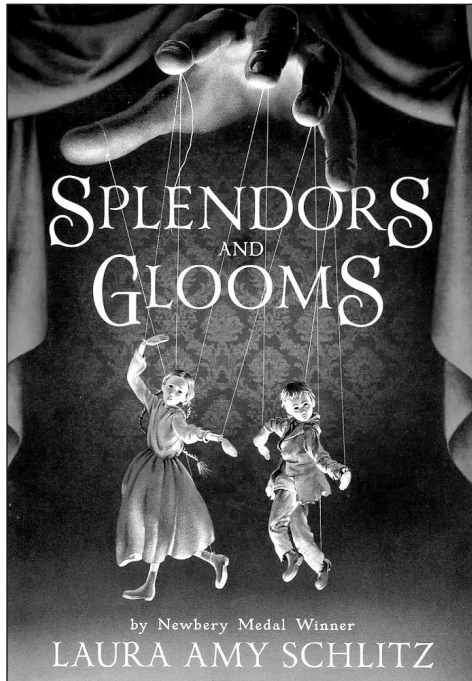
“*Splendors and Glooms*,” by Laura Amy Schlitz, Candlewick Press, 2012. 400 pages.

BY PAT HANSEN

It's Clara Wintermute's 12th birthday. As part of a well-off family in London in 1860, naturally she'll get lots of presents, including the one she's begged for the most. Ever since she saw the traveling puppet show put on by Grisini and his two orphan assistants, she's begged her father to allow them to put on a show at her party. Even though Grisini is a 'dirty foreigner' her father gives in. Then Clara begs her nanny to allow her to invite the two orphans, Lizzie Rose and Parsefall, to have tea with her. She finds the children fascinating—they're actually making their own way in the world!

The puppet show ends on a ghostly note, which strikes a painful chord with the Wintermute family. All four of Clara's brothers and sisters died seven years ago of cholera and her family is still in mourning. Clara's laughter at the morbid show is disgraceful to her parents; her mother says she can never forgive Clara. Before he leaves, Grisini shows Clara a watch that mesmerizes her. That very night Clara disappears.

Grisini is the prime suspect but Lizzie Rose



and Parsefall know she's nowhere in the boarding house they all live in. Grisini's new puppet that they find unnerves them, though-

she's the spitting image of Clara.

Meanwhile, many miles away an old witch lies dying. She clutches her precious fire opal to her chest but it only brings her pain. Even though it's brought her tremendous power throughout her life, it's also made her miserable. And legend has it that all its previous owners have died in flames. Cassandra sees their anguished faces in the mirrors around her. She's desperate to avoid that fate. Only one person knows how she can rid herself of the opal's curse—Grisini. She mentally summons him.

Left alone, Lizzie Rose and Parsefall try to scrape by. Then Lizzie finds a letter addressed to Grisini, written by an old lady many miles away. The old lady is asking him to come and bring his assistants; she is old with no heirs and wishes to leave her fortune to them. It seems fishy, but with the cops looking for them they have no choice but to flee, and the old lady's place is the only option they have. They have no idea that it's a trap set for them by Grisini and the old lady.

This book provides plenty of suspense and surprises. It's for ages 9 and up but adults will find enough substance in it to satisfy them, too. It will remind you to be careful of what you ask for as birthday gifts!

‘A Poker Alice Christmas’ In Gayville Dec. 1

GAYVILLE — Gayville Hall presents “A Poker Alice Christmas,” starring the Poker Alice Band and country western singer Brenda George, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, at Gayville.

The veteran band from rural Clay County, founded more than two decades ago, will play seasonal favorites as well as selections from its repertoire of western swing, country, jump blues, and pop, according to Gayville Hall proprietor Doug Sharples.

George, of Avon, sang with Poker Alice in the late 1980s and has reunited with the band several times annually at Gayville Hall since 2003.

Poker Alice co-founder Nick Schwebach sings and plays lead and steel guitars. Owen DeJong, the widely known classical music host on S.D. Public Radio, plays the fiddle. Both are from rural Wakonda.

Public broadcaster Larry Rohrer sings and plays bass in the band. Its other 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.

CDWC's ‘Taste Of Christmas’ Is Saturday

SOUTH YANKTON, Neb. — The Corps of Discovery Welcome Center in South Yankton, Neb., will host “A Taste Of Christmas” on Saturday, Dec. 1, running from 4-7 p.m.

Area vendors offering samples of their products and gift ideas for Christmas.

For more information, contact Marilyn Schumacher at 402-841-4045, email cdwc@byelectric.com or visit corpsdiscoverylwelcomecenter.net.

Jamfest Honoring Fosses Sunday In Scotland

SCOTLAND — The Scotland VFW will host the South Dakota Country Music Hall of Fame (SDCMHOF) jamfest on Sunday, Dec. 2. Music begins at 3 p.m.

The SDCMHOF will be honoring Wilbur and Elizabeth Foss for their combined 140 years plus of entertaining in the music industry. Wilbur (inducted in 2011) and Elizabeth (2012) have supported country music most of their lives.

Others scheduled to perform include Paul Engebretson (2008) Donnie Miller (2011) Dave Bergquist (2012) Gary Gibson, Mary Elder and many others.

A light lunch will be served by the VFW ladies, the hall is handicap accessible, sound system/drums/keyboard provided. All fans and musicians welcome.

A benefit will also be held, with funds to be donated to the Scotland Elementary School Music Program.

For more information, contact the SDCMHOF at 605-310-2441.

Over Museum's Christmas Festival Is Sunday

VERMILLION — The W. H. Over Museum in Vermillion will celebrate its annual Christmas Festival on Sunday, Dec. 2, running from 1-4:30 p.m.

There will be trees, a bake sale, more than 30 vendors, hospitality table, and the Gift Shop will be open. Vermillion Area Dance Organization will perform throughout the afternoon. Santa Claus will also be on hand.

MMC Vespers Sunday At Bishop Marty Chapel

The Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery and the Mount Marty College Music Department will present their annual Vespers performance on Sunday, Dec. 2. The free performances are at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Bishop Marty Chapel on the Mount Marty College campus.

Tickets to Vespers are free, but space is limited to 500 people per performance. Tickets can be picked up in advance at The Carpenter's Shop behind Walgreen's in Yankton or on the Mount Marty College campus in the Bookstore.

Hometown Christmas Open House Dec. 2

Hometown Christmas open house will be at the McVay-Gurney House, 503 Pine Street, Yankton, on Sunday, Dec. 2, running from 2-5 p.m.

Music, refreshments and holiday decorating ideas. Decorations by Linda's Angel Crossings, Country Cupboard, Pied Piper, and Pretzels and Prims.

All proceeds go toward window restoration at Mead Building, future home of Dakota Territorial Museum.

YHS Symphonic Band In Concert Monday

The Yankton High School Music Department presents the “Sounds of the Season,” featuring the Yankton High School Symphonic Band and Concert Band at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, in the Yankton High School/Summit Center Theater.

Music this evening will include holiday favorites as well as challenging and enjoyable music for both the listeners and the musicians.

Area Photography Club Meets Wednesday

The Yankton Area Photography Club's December meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the Yankton Community Library.

This meeting will be a macro photography workshop. There will be a brief presentation on macro photography followed by a hands-on workshop where attendees will be able to practice macro photography.

Plan to bring your camera and make macro photographs at this meeting. Still life and lights will be provided but feel free to bring your own if you'd like.

New members of all skill levels are encouraged to attend. Search Yankton Area Photography Club on facebook or email yapc2012@gmail.com for more information.

Lincoln School's Winter Sing Slated Dec. 6

Yankton's Lincoln Elementary School will hold its winter sing at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at the YHS/Summit Activities Center theatre. This is a free concert.

For more information, contact Dena Den Herder at 665-7392 or ddenherder@ysd.k12.sd.us.

Yankton Library

Flurry Of Activity Slated For Library In December

BY KATHY JACOBS

Yankton Community Library

While there's no snow on the ground yet, it seems it can't be far away. On those cold winter days and nights or when you need a rest from the holiday bustle, join us at the library for activities or check out an item to view or read. We have everything from the old holiday favorites to the newest stories available in multiple formats.

Our story times will continue through Dec. 13. Then we'll take a break and begin again on January 7. Story times are Mondays at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.

Baby and Me Lap Sit will convene on Jan. 9. These sessions are held on Wednesdays, from 11-11:20 a.m. This interactive program for infants from birth through twelve months and their caregivers, helps stimulate brain development while strengthening bonding between the infant and caregiver through rhymes, songs, finger plays, board books, and shakers.

Toddler Time, a program for children ages one to three years, introduces children to music, actions, songs, finger plays, short books, and nursery rhymes. Children and their caregivers sing, dance, and learn new rhymes together. This begins on Jan. 10, meeting from 11-11:20 a.m. on Thursdays.

After-school movies begin at 3:45 p.m. On Dec. 6, we will show “Arthur Christmas.” On Dec. 20, “12 Dogs of Christmas: Great Puppy Rescue” is our feature presentation.

Readers Anonymous, our afternoon book club, will discuss Joseph M. Marshall III's “The Journey of Crazy Horse” on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 1 p.m. This club, which is open to new members, meets the second Tuesday of each month.

Between the Lines, our evening book club which is also open to new members, meets the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. On Dec. 18, they will discuss “True Colors” by Kristin Hannah.

If you are looking for an outing between Christmas and New Year's, join us at 2 p.m. for a movie. The line-up is: Dec. 26, “ParaNorman”; Dec. 27, “Thunderstruck”; and Dec. 28, “Ice Age: Continental Drift.”

In the spirit of fun, the library is hosting an Ugly Sweater Contest — because who doesn't love ugly sweaters? On Dec. 12, wear your favorite Ugly Sweater and win our “Best Dressed Patron” contest! You'll want to check out the staff's sweaters as well!

We collected 172 cans of veg-

gies during our November Food for Fines. During the entire month of December, we will have our traditional “sock tree” for anyone who has fines. Everyone is invited to bring socks of all styles and sizes as part of your holiday giving. All socks will be donated to the Contact Center.

If you are looking for a unique gift idea and one that will keep giving the entire year, consider giving a library card to someone on your list who lives outside the city limits of Yankton. Stop at the desk where the staff will gladly assist you. Library bags are another great stocking stuffer, no matter what the age. A library bag is the perfect place to store your library items at home. It's a great way to teach your children how to keep track of library items.

Our monthly display in December is holiday items for all ages. We will continue to restock the display all month as items are returned and new ones added to the collection. Here's a list of just a few of the new holiday adult books we've received in the last two months: “The Bridge,” “A Season of Angels,” “Angels at the Table,” “A Christmas Home,” “My Kind of Christmas,” “Christmas Roses” and “Let's Throw a Christmas Party.” Easy books include, “Pete the Cat Saves Christmas,” “One Wintry Night,” “The Birds of Bethlehem,” “Christmas Parade,” “Santa's Hat” and “Ella Bella Balserina and the Nutcracker.”

Friends of the Library will hold their monthly book sale on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Friends is always happy to accept gently used books for their sales which take place the first Saturday of every month.

The library will be closed Dec. 24-25 and will reopen at 9 a.m. on Dec. 26. We will be close at 5 p.m. on Dec. 31 and reopen at 9 a.m. on Jan. 2. The Library Board and staff wishes everyone a happy holiday season.

If you'd like to get on our mailing list for our online newsletter, just e-mail kjacobs@sdln.net and type subscribe in the subject line.

Did you know that in 2011, we loaned 1,966 magazines to our patrons? While we don't keep statistics on our readership for newspapers, we know it is around 9,000 papers read per year. What a savings to those of you who read library magazines and newspapers!

You can contact the library at 605-668-5275 or e-mail me at kjacobs@sdln.net. View us online at http://www.yanktonsd.org/yankton/library/index.php or visit us on Facebook by searching Yankton Community Library.

New At The Library

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

ADULT BOOKS

- **Ancient Light** by John Banville; Fiction
- **Beneath the Abbey Wall** by A. D. Scott; Fiction
- **The Buzzard Table** by Margaret Maron; Fiction
- **The Dirty Streets of Heaven** by Tad Williams; Fiction
- **The Forgiven** by Lawrence Osborne; Fiction
- **The Forgotten** by David Baldacci; Fiction
- **The Girl on the Cliff** by Lucinda Riley; Fiction
- **Grace Grows** by Shelle Summers; Fiction
- **Island of Bones** by Imogene Robertson; Fiction
- **The Last Man** by Vince Flynn; Fiction
- **Notorious Nineteen** by Janet Evanovich; Fiction
- **Sutton** by J. R. Moehringer; Fiction
- **Victory at Yorktown** by Gingrich & Forstchen; Fiction
- **Wicked Pleasures** by Penny Vincenzi; Fiction
- **Young Philby** by Robert Littell; Fiction
- **Barefoot Contessa Foolproof** by Ina Garten; Nonfiction
- **Black White Blue** by William Swanson; Nonfiction
- **Bruce** by Peter Ames Carlin; Nonfiction
- **Desperate Sons** by Les Standiford; Nonfiction
- **A Dog Named Boo** by Lisa J. Edwards; Nonfiction
- **Far from the Tree** by Andrew Solomon; Nonfiction
- **The Handcrafted Wedding** by Emma Arendowski; Nonfiction
- **The Layered Garden** by David L. Culp; Nonfiction
- **The Liddabit Sweets Candy Cookbook** by Gutman & King; Nonfiction

Nonfiction

- **Listening In**; Nonfiction
- **My Mother Was Nuts** by Penny Marshall; Nonfiction
- **The Patriarch** by David Nasaw; Nonfiction
- **Quilt It with Love** by Balagna & Babbitt; Nonfiction
- **Sushi Secrets** by Marisa Baggett; Nonfiction

ADULT AUDIO BOOKS

- **Gone Girl** by Gillian Flynn; Fiction
- **Phantom** by Jo Nesbo; Fiction

YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

- **All You Never Wanted** by Adele Griffin; Fiction
- **Ask the Passengers** by A. S. King; Fiction
- **Immortal Hearts** by Ellen Schreiber; Fiction
- **Intentions** by Deborah Heiligman; Fiction
- **Ruins** by Orson Scott Card; Fiction
- **Soonchild** by Russell Hoban; Fiction

JUNIOR BOOKS

- **After Eli** by Rebecca Rupp; Fiction
- **Big Nate in a Class By Himself** by Lincoln Pierce; Fiction
- **Sophia's War** by Avi; Fiction
- **Show Me a Story** by Emily K. Neuberger; Nonfiction

EASY BOOKS

- **Bedtime Is Cancelled** by Cece Meng; Fiction
- **Let's Go for a Drive** by Mo Willems; Fiction
- **Tyler Makes Pancakes** by Florence & Frazier; Fiction
- **Cool Castles** by Sean Kenney; Nonfiction
- **Each Kindness** by Jacqueline Woodson; Nonfiction
- **Rabbit's Snow Dance** by James & Joseph Bruchac; Nonfiction
- **There Was a Tree** by Rachel Isadora; Nonfiction

Bach's Lunch Series Set For Trinity Church

Trinity Lutheran Church's Christmas gift to the community on Yankton, Bach's Lunch, is approaching its 29th season with a series of three Advent recitals.

The first recital, Dec. 6, features organist Wyatt Smith. He is a native of Rapid City and is a senior at USD pursuing a degree in organ performance. In 2011 he won the American Guild of Organists' Regional Competition for Young Organists (a major accomplishment for such a young competitor) and as a result played a recital as a “Rising Star” at the 2012 national convention of the American Guild of Organists in Nashville this past July. He has performed throughout the U.S. — including Colorado Springs, Colo.; Lincoln, Neb.; Caldwell, Idaho; Seattle; Boston; Washington and a number of other venues.

The South Dakota Brass Quintet will perform the second recital in the series on Dec. 13. Trumpeter Dr. Rolf Olson and hornist Dr. Gary Reeves are the founders of the group which was established in 1996. Other members are trumpeter Dr. Clayton Lehman, USD Professor of History, trombonist Dr. Jonathan Alvis, Professor of Low Brass at USD, and tubist Charles Dibley, adjunct faculty member in the USD Department of Music. The

quintet always plays a holiday concert as part of USD's National Music Museum's Brown Bag series — the year's best-attended recital.

Dec. 20 is 2012's final recital, this one by flutist Cynthia Miller, accompanied by pianist Kathleen West and organist Marilyn Nyberg. Miller's early musical experiences include winning several regional and national piano competitions, a flute scholarship at the University of Minnesota at Duluth as well as a vocal career. She is a professional Argentine Tango dancer and, following her diagnosis of and treatment for breast cancer, authored a book “My Journey with Cancer: A Dancer's Journey of Breast Cancer Survival and Growth.” She is the daughter of Mike and Helen Miller of Yankton.

The Bach's Lunch posters are designed by calligrapher Lelia Elder.

Lunch of a choice of two soups plus a specialty soup plus crusty bread, beverage and a sweet is served at 11:45 a.m. in the Friendship Room. Terre Berkland is in charge of the soups; Linda Larson and Nora Lee are in charge of the dining room. The concerts begin at 12:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. Parking is available in the new lot west of the church and along and across Broadway.

Karolevitz Program At Museum

Yankton College Executive Director Jan Garrity, and her mother, Phyllis Karolevitz, will present the Brown Bag Lunch Program at the Dakota Territorial Museum entitled “Bob Karolevitz in Retrospect,” at noon on Friday, Dec. 7.

The program will offer a different perspective from Jan on her father and Phyllis on her husband during his writing career, which included 37 books, countless magazine articles and newspaper columns. Bob loved to make fun of himself and was known for his great sense of humor.

In the last 20 years, Karolevitz penned two books for Yankton Col-

lege: “They Always Called Him Coach: A Biography of Carl I. Youngworth” in 1993 and “Yankton College: The Continuing Story” in 2003. They are available at the Yankton College office at 1801 Summit St., Door #9, open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. For further information, call (605) 665-3661.

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