### SIOUX CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY



# Book Remarks

April – October 2015 • Sioux City Public Library • Visit www.siouxcitylibrary.org for the latest news





Open Book Club is held the first Monday of each month at our Perry Creek and Morningside Branch Libraries.

#### Perry Creek Branch Library

2912 Hamilton Blvd. 10 - 11 a.m.

#### Morningside Branch Library

4005 Morningside Ave. 5 - 6 p.m.

Enjoy lively discussion with fellow reading enthusiasts! Free and open to the public. Many people think of reading as a private experience, but company and good discussion can give a great story more dimension.

The Sioux City Public Library celebrates reading as a community-building activity and believes in the shared experience around a good book. Explore your interests, gain a new perspective, discuss ideas, and meet new people. We offer Open Book Club, One Book One Siouxland, and All Iowa Reads.

Are you looking to join or start your own book club? We can help! We provide space, as well as resources to local book clubs.

### FROM THE DIRECTOR

reating opportunities for a lifetime of learning—that's the slogan we use to describe the public library's role in a community. It's a concise, but not specific description of the many services the Sioux City Public Library offers.



In this issue of Book Remarks you'll learn, more specifically, about a number of ways your Library creates learning opportunities through reading. From the community-building One Book One Siouxland and All Iowa Reads initiatives, to

programs and incentives that encourage kids to read for fun this summer (which research shows prevents the "summer slide" in reading skills), to learning how to download an eBook of a new novel for your leisure reading pleasure, Sioux City Public Library remains a leading advocate for reading.

We hope you continue to read and learn, and we hope you enjoy the enrichment that comes from reading for fun, too.

Betsy Thompson, SIOUX CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

2007 2015 2014 2013 2010 2008 2012 2011 2009 2006





















Special thanks to our partners, who helped expand the reading experience and bring the World War II era to life in our community.

#### **MIDAMERICAN MUSEUM OF AVIATION AND TRANSPORTATION** for hosting the launch event on January 22 (main character Louis Zamperini trained at the Sioux City base during WWII)

#### SIOUX CITY PUBLIC MUSEUM

for History at High Noon: Sioux City's Wartime Efforts on February 19

FRIENDS OF THE SIOUX CITY **PUBLIC LIBRARY** for funding including Camp Algona: Iowa's WWII POW Camp presentation on March 21

#### THE INSTITUTE OF LIFELONG

**LEARNING** for hosting the 1936 Olympics presentation during Coffee & Conversation on March 26

**MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE** for hosting the film series kick-off on February 12

**BETTY STRONG ENCOUNTER CENTER** AND PLAY IT FORWARD for our finale event, where an overflow crowd enjoyed music of WWII on April 12

#### ONE BOOK ONE SIOUXLAND CULTIVATES COMMUNITY

ver the last decade, the One Siouxland initiative. Book One Siouxland initiative has brought our community together to enjoy great books quality and programming. This year was no exception. Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand told the extraordinary life of Olympic athlete, soldier, and survivor Louis Zamperini. His training at the Sioux City Army Air Base during World War II brought the story home for Siouxlanders. The Library is grateful for the partnerships and people within our community that participated in both the planning and attendance of this year's events. We expanded the reading experience with book discussions, a WWII-era film series, guest speakers, and a musical finale. The North Sioux City Community Library and the South Sioux City Public Library join with the Sioux City Public Library to make this truly a

"I'm so honored you chose Unbroken for One Book One Siouxland. In telling this story, I hoped to bring that time, and those people, to life again, to help readers understand the debt we owe to those who came before us. I also hoped to convey the great lesson of Louie Zamperini's wondrous life: that the soul is a marvelously resilient thing, and that we can endure, and prevail, so much more than we realize." -Laura Hillenbrand

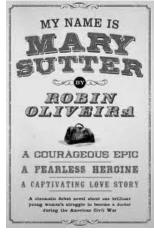


#### **ALL IOWA READS 2015: MY NAME IS MARY SUTTER BY ROBIN OLIVEIRA**

Established in 2003, the All Iowa Reads initiative is one of the first projects to be provided by the Iowa Center for the Book, a program of Iowa Library Services/State Library of Iowa and an affiliate of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

The purpose of All Iowa Reads is to foster a sense of unity through reading and to encourage Iowans statewide to come together in their communities to read and talk about a single book title in the same year. Libraries, book clubs, schools and other local organizations are encouraged to sponsor discussions of the title.

The Sioux City Public Library featured My Name is Mary Sutter as January's selection for our Open Book Club. Reader Services Specialist Cate Sering will also be guestleading the book discussion held by The Institute of Lifelong Learning on May 11 at Western Iowa Tech Community College.



"STUNNING CIVIL WAR EPIC ABOUT A YOUNG HEADSTRONG MIDWIFE DETERMINED TO BECOME A SURGEON STRIVING TO OVERCOME THE PREJUDICES AGAINST WOMEN IN MEDICINE." -ALL IOWA READS



Sioux City Public Library is headquarters for heroes of all shapes and sizes during Summer Reading 2015. Help kids maintain their reading skills by visiting the Library and checking out some fun reads. The following free and exciting events will supercharge your Library adventures:

#### **JUNE SPECIAL EVENTS**

#### Summer Reading Program Kick-Off: Local Heroes Are SUPER!

Morningside Branch Library

Monday, June 1 ● 10 a.m. to noon

Sign up for Summer Reading and meet some local heroes at this drop-in event.

#### Hapless Heroes and Their Funny Feats with Jay and Leslie of Laughing Matters

Morningside Branch Library

Friday, June 5 ● 11 a.m. ● Repeats at 1:30 p.m. Highlights include juggling, magic, and the adventures of library hero Dewey Decimal.

#### 10 Ways to Be Super with Tim Read, Children's Illustrator and Author

Morningside Branch Library

Wednesday, June 17 • 1:30 p.m. • Repeats at 3 p.m. Live cartoon drawing, exciting storytelling, and action-

packed activities!

#### **JULY SPECIAL EVENTS**

#### **LEGOS** at the Library

Wilbur Aalfs (Main) Library

Wednesday, July 1 ● 2-4 p.m.

Come anytime during this free-build event!

#### Super Toddler Dance Party

Morningside Branch Library

Friday, July 10 ● 10-11 a.m. ● Up to 3 years old Superhero costumes welcome at this musical event!

#### Animal Superpowers with the Zoomobile

Morningside Branch Library

Wednesday, July 15 ● 1:30 p.m. ● Repeats at 3 p.m. Zookeepers from the Great Plains Zoo show off live animals and their superpowers!

#### **STORIES AND MORE**

#### **Library Storytime**

Perry Creek Branch Library • Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Morningside Branch Library • Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

#### **Adventures**

Wilbur Aalfs (Main) Library • Mondays, June 8 - July 27 at 11 a.m. Ages 6-10

#### Read-To-Me Dogs

Wilbur Aalfs (Main) Library • Tuesdays, June 2 - July 28 at 2 p.m.

# INSTAREVIEW YOUR FAVORITE SUMMER READS

#### ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM REWARDS SNAPSHOT **REVIEWS WITH WEEKLY PRIZES AND A GRAND-PRIZE DRAWING!**

It's summertime and the livin' I is easy—so we are keeping

things simple. We want to know what summer reads you are loving (or not so much) in five words or less.

Patrons can pick up an InstaReview slip from any Sioux City Public Library location.

Option 1: Complete the review and return the form to a librarian.

Option 2: Snap a picture of your completed InstaReview

> and share it to the Sioux City Public Library's Facebook Page or on Instagram using the hashtag #siouxcitylibrary.

Review as many books as you wish. Winners will be drawn

weekly. All participants will be entered in our grand prize drawing on August 17.



### WHAT'S NEXT IN TRENDING TITLES

#### LOST/FOUND

Originally written in the mid-1950s, Go Set a Watchman was the



novel Harper Lee first submitted to her publishers before To Kill a Mockingbird (our first ever One Book One Siouxland title). Assumed to have been lost, the manuscript was discovered in late 2014.

Go Set a Watchman features many of the atchman characters from To Kill a Mockingbird some twenty years later. Returning home to Maycomb to visit her father, Jean Louise Finch—Scout—struggles with issues both personal and political, involving

Atticus, society, and the small Alabama town that shaped her.

Exploring how the characters from To Kill a Mockingbird are adjusting to the turbulent events transforming mid-1950s America, Go Set a Watchman casts a fascinating new light on Harper Lee's enduring classic. Moving, funny and compelling, it stands as a magnificent novel in its own right.

#### DARK/FUNNY

Purity is a dark-hued comedy of youthful idealism, extreme

fidelity, and murder. The author of *The Corrections* and Freedom has created vet another cast of vividly original characters, Californians and East Germans, good parents and bad parents, journalists and leakers, and he follows their intertwining paths through landscapes as Jonathan contemporary as the omnipresent Internet and as ancient as the war between the sexes. Jonathan Franzen is a major author of our time.



and Purity is his edgiest and most searching book yet.

Find more Library news at Facebook.com/SiouxCityPublicLibrary

### **Book Remarks**

SIOUX CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
529 Pierce Street • Sioux City, IA 51101-1203

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Creating opportunities for a lifetime of learning

#### **IN THIS ISSUE**

Read. Share. Repeat.
From the Director
A Decade of Great Books
All Iowa Reads 2015
Summer Reading Program
Trending Titles
One-On-One Tech Consultations
Ensuring Library Excellence
Book Lovers' Book Sale

## TECH CONSULTATIONS

Make an appointment with one of our Library Techies during regular business hours at the Wilbur Aalfs (Main) Library. One-on-one consultations will provide tech assistance and can cover a range of topics including library resources, patron-owned devices (such as eReaders, tablets, and smart phones), social media, computer software, and more! Call 712-255-2933 x. 221 to schedule now!

### ENSURING EXCELLENCE

Help ensure that the Library, a vital public resource, continues to grow and keep pace with 21st-Century learning. Give to the Sioux City Public Library Foundation.



Mail your tax-deductible donation to: Sioux City Public Library Foundation 529 Pierce Street Sioux City, IA 51101

Gifts of any amount designate the donor as a Friend of the Library and are deeply appreciated.

### ANNUAL BOOK SALE BUZZ

### BOOK LOVERS FROM NEAR AND FAR SHARED THEIR BOOK SALE SCORES VIA THE LIBRARY'S FACEBOOK PAGE



"My awesome haul from this year's library book sale!"

Nonprofit Organization U. S. POSTAGE PAID Permit No. 212

Sioux City, Iowa

-Austin Pierce

"My first experience: Success! My daughter and husband also found great deals!" –Jayne Vondrak



believe believ

"Absolutely a treat today! All the way from Tennessee... Thank you!" -LeeAnn West-Malm

See you again in Spring 2016!

ISSN 0891-5423 April-October 2015. Book Remarks is mailed in April and October to Library users and book lovers. Visit the Online Branch at www.siouxcitylibrary.org for the latest news. For a free subscription call 255-2933 ext 251. We welcome your comments.