

Bookmarks

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New Titles at the Library

Fiction

Force of nature C. J. Box

Stay close Harlan Coben

Fall from grace Richard North Patterson

Guilty wives James Patterson

Elegy for Eddie Jacqueline Winspear

Letter from a stranger Barbara Taylor Bradford

Betrayal Danielle Steel

Milies to go Richard Paul Evans

Matterhorn Carl Marlantes

Breaking silence Linda Castillo

Towers of midnight Robert Jordan

Wolves of Andover Kathleen Kent

Sense of an ending Julian Barnes

World of a few minutes ago Jack Driscoll

Beastly things Donna Leon

Shoemaker's wife Adriana Trigiani

Lost years Mary Higgins Clark

Limpopo Academy of Private Detection

Alexander McCall Smith

Dorchester Terrace Anne Perry

Beginner's goodbye Anne Tyler

Non-fiction

Fresh egg cookbook Jennifer Thompson

Heart of a priest: Father Fred... Paul LaPorte

Versailles Valerie Bajou

Grow fruit Alan Buckingham

Vegetable gardener's guide Edward C. Smith

Large Print

Gabby Giffords, Gabrielle

Heart of gold Robin Lee Hatcher

Shadow in serenity Terri Blackstock

Buffalo stampede Zane Grey

Lawman from Nogales Ralph Cotton

Massacre Mountain William Johnstone

Innocent Taylor Stevens

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Books N' Brie Book Club

Second Thursday of each month , 3:30 to 5 pm

New members are always welcome.

April 12 **Infidel** by Ayann Hirsi Ali

In this captivating memoir—an act of courage itself—[Ali] shares the evolution of her values, beliefs, and identity, all propelled by an urgent mission to educate Western countries about the bigotries of other nations. Set against a terrifying geopolitical landscape of African wars and Muslim fundamentalism, Hirsi Ali addresses timely topics: the plight of refugees and women; the Muslim clan system; forced marriage; political asylum; and, perhaps most significantly, her own personal religious crisis. Written in descriptive, clear prose, *Infidel*, with its radical feminist criticism of Islam, offers a disturbing view of the modern world—and inspired every critic who read it. -- Copyright © 2004 Phillips & Nelson Media, Inc.

Friends donated a plaque honoring library volunteers. It has been hung on the wall to the right of the Library entrance door in the front hall of the Community Center.

Thanks, Friends of the Library, and all volunteers - we couldn't do it without you!

HELENA TOWNSHIP FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PRESENTS

"OFF THE WALL" FILM SERIES 2011-12

A themed meal will be served at 6 pm for each film, which will start at 7 pm.

Bring your own beverage. **Reservations required** for the meal by calling the library at 231-331-4318 two days in advance. You may also volunteer to bring parts of the meal in lieu of a donation.

April 5 HOUSE OF D- 2004, PG-13, Feel-good movie set in New York is the multilayered story of a writer-director who comes to terms with his past and present and develops a special bond with a mentally disabled janitor played by Robin Williams.

More New Titles

Large Print (cont.)

Death in the City of Light David King

Man seeks God Eric Weiner

Celebrity in death J. D. Robb

Thief Clive Cussler

Audio CDs

Killing Lincoln Bill O'Reilly

Music CDs

Favourite worst nightmare Arctic Monkeys

Il Volo Il Volo

Voice of ages Chieftains (w/DVD)

Jars of Clay

DVDs

Hugo

MI-5 Season 2

Puss in boots

Peep figures it out

Chautauqua

Lafayette: the lost hero

My week with Marilyn

Descendants

Young Adult

Torn Amanda Hocking

Hallowed Cynthia Hand

Everlasting Elizabeth Chandler

Ice maiden Sally Prue

The items listed are now in the library.

To reserve, call 331-4318 or go to
www.aldenlib.info.

Calendar of Events Not Listed Elsewhere

Library Board meeting

Tues. April 10
7 pm

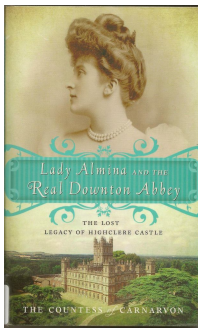
Books N' Brie Book Club

Thurs. April 12
3:30 pm

Friends of the Library

Thurs. April 19
10 am

Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey



Sub-title: The Lost Legacy of Highclere Castle
By The Countess of Carnarvon

#3 on American Booksellers Association's Paperback Non-fiction list for March 8, 2012

If you have been watching Downton Abbey every Sunday night on PBS (or on the DVDs from our library) you will recognize the very real Highclere Castle as the inspiration for the series. While Downton Abbey is fictional there are similarities with the events in the real Highclere Castle in the same era.

Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey, tells the true story of Almina Victoria Marie Wombwell, who also happened to be the illegitimate daughter of Alfred de Rothchild. In 1895 Almina married the 5th Earl of Carnarvon whose home was Highclere Castle, the setting for Downton Abbey in the TV series. The TV (or DVD) series starts in 1912 with news of the sinking of the Titanic. The Earl's wife, Cora in the series, is also an American Heiress. American heiresses were in high demand at that time. The cost of those estates was enormous and they needed a giant infusion of cash to keep them from falling down. The real Lady Almina paid for electricity and plumbing, among other things, in Highclere Castle.

The TV (or DVD) series centers around the Earl of Downton Abbey "The Right Honorable Robert Crawley, Earl of Grantham, and his extended family. A glimpse of their life style is a look at another age in which people in their social class had servants looking after their every need. It is a lifestyle that is largely gone but has been recreated for us here. The tragedy of World War I turns their life upside down as family members and servants go into the army. The Abbey is turned into a hospital for wounded officers. In the book, Highclere Castle served the same purpose.

In the TV series we also get an understanding of the servant's life: long hours, low pay, and stay out of sight. (They had their own staircases to the upper floors). The book covers their life in greater detail. The servants had their own pecking order, from the Butler and Housekeeper down to the lowest of the low, the scullery maid. In the book we get a better understanding of the true cost of running a place like Highclere Castle (and the need for an American heiress).

If you enjoyed the PBS series, *Upstairs, Downstairs*, you will want to see this series also. And if you are working for extra credit you might want to check out *Remains of the Day*, about a butler in a large English estate. An excellent book, but sad. And of course, *Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey* is a good companion piece to the *Downton Abbey* series.

I'll have to confess that my wife and I are hooked on the TV series. The plots and sub-plots keep you coming back for more.

My suggestion is; get in line for the DVDs and *Lady Almina* as they become available.

Jim Wilson

This book, and the first two seasons of Downton Abbey, are available at the Helena Township Library.

Save the Date May 20, 2012

In appreciation and acknowledgement of the contributions to the community that Bill and Lynda Bockstahler have made, The Friends of the Library are sponsoring a "Cookbook Potluck" to be held at the Community Center, Sunday, May 20th at 5pm. Details will follow as we get closer. Just save the date and plan on bringing your favorite dish from the GREAT EXPECTATIONS Cookbook.

April 2012 Programs

If you're interested in attending any of the following, please call the library and let us know; or come in to sign up. All classes take place in the Community Center, unless otherwise noted. Presentations are free, except when noted with an asterisk. Please pay in advance at the Library.



Friday, April 6: File of Life/Hospice Care presented by Tina Lamont 1 p.m.

We will discuss the Five Wishes document and File of Life folders for emergency responders. Also included will be discussion on Hospice care: what it is, how to access it and how to determine when it is time for help.



Monday, February 13: Crocheting with Marge Baldwin 1 p.m.

No matter what your skill level, you will be comfortable in this class. Bring hook and thread or yarn; materials also available to purchase.



Thursday, April 12: Basic Computer Skills (How do you turn this thing on?) with Gina DeWildt 1 p.m. Class limit: 10 Bring your laptop if you have one. No fee but you must pre-register for this class.



Thursday, April 19: Basic Computers Part 2: (Now What Do We Do?) with Gina DeWildt 1 p.m. Class limit: 10 Bring your own laptop if you own one. No need to have attended previous class. No fee but you must pre-register for this class.



Monday, April 23: Scarf-Tying with Mary Ann Stimpson 1 p.m.

Join Mary Ann for a creative demonstration. Bring scarves of different shapes so you can practice the techniques.



Tuesday, April 24, 10 am: Quilts and Needlework Here and There with Roberta Amstadt

Presentation of traditional and art quilts from around the world featuring the latest examples of quilting and needlework trends. Everyone is welcome; free of charge. Presented by Torch Area Artisans Guild and Helena Twp. Library. Refreshments will be served. 8751 Helena Road, Alden; 231/331-4318.



Wednesday, April 25, 10 am: Great Start socialization playgroup now includes Helena Township Library as one of its monthly scheduled meeting places. They utilize the gym space and the children's section of the library for their get-togethers, which encourage skill development in preschoolers. Great for home-school families. Free of charge.



Thursday, April 26: Basic Computer Skills Part 3 with Gina DeWildt 1 pm

Class limit: 10 Bring your own laptop if you own one. No need to have attended previous class. No fee but you must pre-register for this class.



Sunday, April 29: Art of Creating Bronze Figures with Scott Nelles 3 p.m.

Power point presentation by local area bronze artisan highlighting how it's done.



Monday, May 7: Building a Community: From Isolation to Interdependence discussion and book signing with Richard O'Dell 7 pm

"It has become increasingly urgent, given the increasing fragility of planetary life, that we...build an interdependent community that strives to sustain life and increase happiness." – author's quote



Basketry Classes: Wednesdays at 3 pm; presented by Dorothy Walter. Join any time. Materials fee, but class is free.



Mah Jongg: Tuesdays, 1 to 4 pm No limit on participants. All levels. Come and learn or come and play.



Stretch for Balance: Tuesdays., 10-11 am April 3-May 8 Billie Sherriff, American Organization for Bodywork Therapies of Asia-Certified Bodywork Therapist. . MAKKO-HO full body stretches and a gentle head, neck and shoulder routine. Enjoy more flexibility and feel grounded & balanced. Bring a mat if you have one.



Digital Photography, Third Tuesday of each month at 6 pm Lisa Lirones, instructor.

\$5 materials fee per class—bring with you. Become Lisa's Friend on Facebook and find out immediately of any schedule changes.



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