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From My Side of the Desk

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Happy New Year! A lot has happened in the last year. The biggest change was in leadership. Elvita retired after 30 years of service, and I took the helm in March. The transition went very smoothly, and I'm very much enjoying my time at Brookings Public Library and hope for many more years!

Here's a quick look back at a few things which made 2016 great:

- Darrel Draper presented two fantastic historical reenactment programs. We also had a wonderful presentation by Pippa White about life on the prairie.
- 2016 was the 100 year celebration of the Pulitzer Prize. To commemorate this historical event, we had a series of programs on "The Role of Government in Americans' Lives As Depicted in Pulitzer Prize-Winning Books."
- Brookings hosted the South Dakota Festival of Books, September 23 through 25. The library was the venue for many author talks. We are hoping for a return in 2018!

2017 promises to be a great year filled with new books, programs and fun! Join us as we venture into the new year!

Ashia's Book Recommendation: *Sleeping Giants* by Sylvain Neuvel.

A girl named Rose is riding her new bike near her home in Deadwood, South Da-

kota, when she falls through the earth. She wakes up at the bottom of a square hole, its walls glowing with intricate carvings. The firemen who come to rescue her peer down upon something even stranger: a little girl in the palm of a giant metal hand.



Seventeen years later, the mystery of the bizarre artifact remains unsolved—its origins, architects, and purpose unknown. Its carbon dating defies belief, and while speculation and theories run rampant,

no answers are forthcoming. Yet some never stop searching.

Told through journal entries and interviews by a nameless individual, *Sleeping Giants* is a fascinating story that will keep you on the edge of your seat.

Cathy Retires!



Cathy Enlow, our Technology Services Librarian, is retiring after 28 years of service! Cathy began working at the Brookings Public Library in 1988. She started as the Adult Services Librarian: ordering and cataloging all adult books and audio-visual items; weeding the collections and taking care of the few computers we had at the time (≈ 8); and doing adult programming.

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When technology in the library grew to be a full time job, she transitioned to her current position in 1999. In the years that followed Cathy has cataloged all the new additions to the adult collections, and ordered and cataloged the audio visual collection, which grew to include books on CD, MP3s, Playaways as well as DVDs. She also maintains and updates all the computers and printers in the building (now totaling close to 70) and teaching the staff how to use and maintain the library software. Cathy's last day will be Friday, January 13. Thank you Cathy for all of your years of great service! Enjoy traveling!

Spring Movie Series

February through April the library will be showing movies every four (4) weeks. Our first movie is:



Thu., February 2 at 6:30 pm *Florence Foster Jenkins*

This is the true story of the legendary 1940s New York heiress and socialite who obsessively pursued her dream of becoming a great singer. It stars Meryl Streep, Hugh Grant and Simon Helberg. Rated PG 110 minutes

The next movie is scheduled for March 2 at 6:30 pm - *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*

*"The more
you read the
more things
you know.
The more that
you learn the
more places
you'll go."*

- Dr. Seuss

Adult Craft Night

Adult craft night is held on the **fourth Tuesday** of each month at **6:30 pm** in the Cooper Room. It is free and open to any adults who wish to participate. This month's craft is:

Tue., January 24 & 31 **Beginning crochet.**

This two part class will teach you how to crochet. This will include the chain stitch, single crochet, double crochet and slip stitch. In the second part you will learn how to read a pattern and begin a project. *Registration is required and limited to 16. All materials are supplied.*



Other spring crafts include: **Woven Hearts - Tue., February 28**

Mini Pocket Notebooks - Tue., March 28



Reading Scrabble Returns

All adults are invited to take the Scrabble Reading Challenge. Game bookmarks and tiles are available at the front desk. Once you have your bookmark and tiles, find titles that include your chosen letters. When you have read your books, come back for a stamp and draw more tiles. For every five (5) titles read, you will receive a small prize and be entered into the drawing for a Kindle Fire.

For more fun and prizes, you can enter the tiles you've accumulated in the competition for longest word and/or most points from one word. The fun ends on Friday, April 14 with all entries due by 5:30 pm.

Library Book Club



Tues., February 14 - 6:30 pm

Starting from Scratch by Susan Gilbert Collins

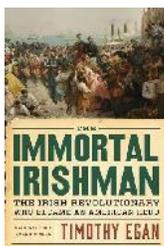
Why is someone who just defended her doctoral dissertation still at her childhood home making coq au vin and osso buco two months after her mother's funeral? Much to her family's dismay, this is the situation in which Olivia, the youngest of four high-achieving South Dakotan siblings, finds herself.

Told with humor and compassion, *Starting from Scratch* explores the shifting of family dynamics and the healing power of cooking in the wake of shattering loss .

Tues., March 14 - 6:30 pm *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

Tues., April 11 - 6:30 pm *Perfume River* by Robert Olen Butler

Non-Fiction Book Club



Mon., January 23 at 7 pm

The Immortal Irishman: The Irish Revolutionary Who Became an American Hero by Timothy Egan

From the National Book Award-winning and best-selling author Timothy Egan comes the epic story of one of the most fascinating and colorful Irishmen in nineteenth-century America. (from Amazon.com)

Mon., February 27 - 7 pm *The Ride of Our Lives* by Mike Leonard

Mon., March 27 - 7 pm *The World's Strongest Librarian* by Josh Hanagarne

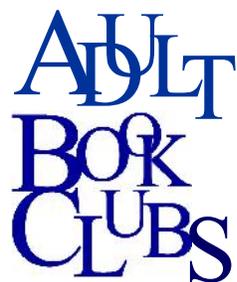
Booked for Murder

Mon., January 9 - Noon - Paul Doiron

Mon., February 6 - Noon - Kate Carlisle

Mon., March 6 - Noon - Ken Bruen

These books can be found in the library's collections.



Library book discussion groups are open to anyone who wants to attend.

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Family History Research Help Session

The Brookings Area Genealogical Society is hosting a Family History Research Help Session on Sat., January 14 from 10 a.m. to noon in the second floor Historical Room of the Library. All are welcome.

For more information contact
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Teen Scene

Pizza & Pages - a book discussion group for teens in 6th - 12th grade. Participants are provided with a copy of the book when they register. Pizza is provided. Meetings are on Thursdays from 7-8 pm. *Registration limited.*



Thu., January 26 *Everything, Everything* by Nicola Yoon

Confined to her home because she is allergic to the outside world, a teenage girl's life changes when she begins a romance with the boy next door that challenges everything she's ever known.

Animé Club - WATCH, TALK, CREATE. WIN. WATCH animé. TALK about manga and animé with friends. CREATE new art, manga, and cosplay. WIN great prizes! For teens in grades 7 - 12. Wednesdays from 3-4:45 pm beginning January 18th. We'll continue watching *Fullmetal Alchemist*.

Puppetry Club - Do you like to perform? Then join the Puppetry Club and perform the monthly show! For teens in 6th - 12th grade.

Practice Tue., Jan. 17 @ 6:00 pm

Perform Thu., Jan. 19 @ 6:00 pm (show @ 7:00 pm)

Practice Tue., Feb. 7 @ 6:00 pm

Perform Thu., Feb. 9 @ 6:00 pm (show @ 7:00 pm)



If you only read the books that everyone else is reading, you can only think what everyone else is thinking.

- Haruki Murakami

Out of County Annual Fee Change -

As of January 1, 2017, the price of an out-of-county library card will increase by \$3.00. The new prices are \$35 for individuals and \$45 for a family.



If you require assistance, alternative formats, and/or accessible locations consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact Shari Thornes, City ADA Coordinator, at 692-6281 at least 3 working days prior to any meeting held at the Library.



On the second floor of the library.

9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Monday - Friday

Serving hot and cold beverages, baked goods, soup and sandwiches.

Spring Storytimes - beginning the week of January 9

Baby Bounce Storytime for infants and toddlers up to 24 months, features songs, fingerplays and books. Scheduled for Mondays at 10:00 am. *Registration is required.*

Preschool Storytime features books, songs, and crafts paired with apps, video clips, and more. Scheduled on Mondays at 11:00 am.

Music Makers Spring Session - beginning the week of January 9

A rhythm and movement based program featuring a variety of musical genres, instruments, and more. Geared for children 5 and under. Sessions are offered on Mondays at 6:15 pm & Tuesdays at 10:00 & 11:00 am. These three (3) spring sessions *require registration* and are limited to 20 per session.

Family Science Night

This evening event features a variety of hands-on activities for all ages and is held the **last Tuesday of each month from 6:30 - 8:30 pm** in the Children's Activity Room.

Tues., January 31 Tues., February 28 Tues., March 28

The Brookings Library Puppeteers Present

Winter Wonderland

Everyone is invited to come
enjoy the fun.

Thurs., Jan. 19 at 7 pm
in the Cooper Room



Kid's Corner



*"You can find
magic wherever
you look. Sit
back and relax
all you need is a
book!"*

- Dr. Seuss

Thirteenth Annual Illustrate-A-Book Contest

Here is a great way to show off your artistic talents and share them with the community. The idea is simple: create an original drawing based on a book. You can choose almost any book and use it as inspiration for your picture. Try depicting a favorite scene or character using your own personal style.

Here are a few of the rules:

Open to all youth; kindergarten through 12th grade. (No adults.) Entries must be on 8½x11 or 9x12 paper; only one (1) entry per person.

For all rules, pick up an info sheet at the front desk.





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