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From My Side of the Desk

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In like a lion, out like a lamb, or in like a lamb, out like a lion. March is notorious for its fitful weather. We can hope that the beautiful weather

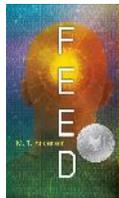
continues and we do not end up with a famous March snowstorm. March is the beginning of spring, whether you mark the first day of spring on the meteorological first day of spring, March 1, or if you celebrate the first day of spring on the vernal equinox on March 20, warm weather and green grass are on the way! March also marks my one-year anniversary as Director of Library Services at BPL. It has definitely been an educational first year. I have learned a lot and feel like I'm really getting the hang of things!

Regularly scheduled programs continue this month, with only a slight change. Our Children's Librarian will be taking some time off in March, so there will be no story

times or family science night this month.

Reading Scrabble continues for our adult readers. If you have not yet tried out Reading Scrabble, there is still time to join the fun! Stop by the library for your bookmark and full rules.

Kids! Don't forget to submit your masterpiece for Illustrate-a-Book contest. Entries are due in the library on Sunday, March 5, by 5:00 pm.



Ashia's book recommendation: *Feed*, by M.T. Anderson.

In a futuristic society where people connect to the internet via feeds implanted in their brains, Titus meets Violet, a

beautiful, brainy teenage girl who has decided to fight the feed and its omnipresent ability to categorize human thoughts and desires.

This book seems to have more relevance each time I read it, and the more and more we depend on our smartphones and social media to stay connected and entertained.



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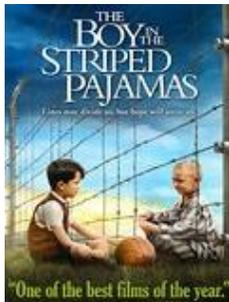
Summer 2017  Anime

Book Clubs

Coming Soon to the library

Spring Movie Series

February through April the library will be showing movies every four weeks. Our movies for this month are



March 2 at 6:30 pm - *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*
Eight-year-old Bruno wanders off into the nearby woods and discovers an unusual fence, behind which is a boy dressed in "black- and-white pajamas." Bruno befriends the boy, and their friendship proves both ordinary and remarkable; both inspiring and tragic.

Rated PG-13 94 min.

March 30 at 6:30 pm - *Her Majesty Mrs. Brown*

A riveting, true-life story about "two strong-willed people who find exhilaration in testing each other" (Roger Ebert) Starring Billy Connolly as rugged Scotsman John Brown and Judi Dench as Queen Victoria.

Rated PG 105 minutes

Come enjoy a free movie and popcorn.



"I am a part of everything that I have read."

- Theodore Roosevelt

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:

Mini Pocket Notebooks - Tue., March 28

Learn how to make simple notebooks from food boxes, paper, thread, glue, and a button. Please bring a cereal, cracker box, or other thin cardboard with you to use as your notebook cover.

No registration required.



Paper Lanterns – Tue., April 25



Reading Scrabble Returns

Game bookmarks and tiles are now available at the front desk. Read, win prizes 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 the longest word and/or most points from one word. The fun **ends on Friday, April 14 with all entries due by 5:30 pm.**



On the second floor of the library.

9:30 am-5 pm Tuesday-Thursday

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

Library Book Club



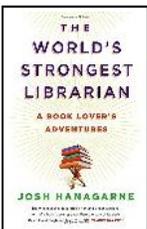
Tues., March 14 - 6:30 pm

A Gentleman in Moscow
by Amor Towles

Amor Towles skillfully transports us to The Metropol, the famed Moscow hotel where: movie stars and Russian royalty hobnob; Bolsheviks plot revolutions; intellectuals discuss the merits of contemporary Russian writers; spies spy; thieves thief; and the danger of twentieth-century Russia lurks outside. It's also where wealthy Count Alexander Rostov lives - under house arrest for writing a poem deemed incendiary by the Bolsheviks - and meets Nina, a precocious and wide-eyed young girl who holds the keys to the entire hotel.

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

Non-Fiction Book Club



Mon., March 27 - 7 pm

The World's Strongest Librarian
by Josh Hanagarne

A funny, offbeat and uplifting story of how a 6'7" Mormon kid with Tourette's attempts to overcome his disability, find love and create a life worth living.

Mon., April 24 - 7pm *Lives in Ruins* by Marilyn Johnson

Booked for Murder - Mystery Book Club that discusses an author's body of work rather than a specific title.

Mon., March 6 - Noon - Ken Bruen

Mon., April 3 - Noon - Anne Perry

Mon., May 1 - Noon - Michael Robotham

Mon., June 5 - Noon - John Dunning

Books by these authors can be found in the library's collections.



Family History Research Help Session

The Brookings Area Genealogical Society is hosting a Family History Research Help Session on Sat., March 11 from 10 a.m. to noon in the second floor Historical Room of the Library. All are welcome.

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



Meet the New Staff



New Technology Services Librarian - Nancy

Nancy Swenson recently accepted the Technology Services Librarian position at the Brookings Public Library. Nancy grew up in Pipestone, MN, and moved to Brookings to attend SDSU. She graduated with her bachelor's degree in English from SDSU in 2007, her master's degree in English from SDSU in 2010, and her master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Kentucky in 2013. Nancy spent almost 9 years at Daktronics, working in software technical support, training, and product management, giving her a strong technology background. She spent the last 3 years working as a grant program specialist for the College of Nursing at SDSU. Since 2014, she has worked part-time at the Brookings Public Library as a library assistant. In her free time, Nancy enjoys spending time with her husband and their dog, crafting, and, of course, reading. She is excited to familiarize herself with this new role and finally get to do her dream job!

New Administrative Assistant - Jen

I was born and raised on a dairy farm outside of a small rural town of Atwater, MN where I graduated from ACGC High School. There was never a day off growing up. My busy life helping out on the family farm never kept me away from my passion of sports. I enjoyed my younger days on the farm as I was able to help both my grandparents and my immediate family in the family business. After I graduated from high school, I attended Ridgewater College in Willmar, MN.



While getting a degree as an Administrative Assistant, I kept myself busy as a three sport athlete in volleyball, basketball, and softball for Ridgewater College. Here, I met my husband, JaColby Anderson.

After college, we both lived in Brookings for a short time before moving to Willmar, MN. JaColby taught at the high school while coaching hockey and baseball. I worked as an administrative assistant at Prairie Lakes Education Center in the Willmar Public School District. JaColby is in his first year with his new job at the Mickelson Middle School. We have three wonderful children; oldest daughter Jordyn (6), sons Juke (4), and Jerrick (1). The majority of my free time is spent with my family. We also spend a lot of time at the ice rink with my daughter on the Termites team and cheering on their dad while he is coaching the Brookings Rangers hockey team.

Book Bags

The library has a collection of over 120 book bags for book clubs to check out. Each bag has 5-7 copies of one title with discussion questions and author information. The bags check out for 6 weeks and can be renewed if no one is waiting for it.

A list of all the book bags owned with a description of each book is found in a three ring binder on the "Good Reads" shelves. When you find one that you want, just ask for it by number at the front desk.

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"Books can be dangerous. The best ones should be labeled "This could change your life."
- Helen Exley



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Here are some of our newest additions:

- 118. **Poldark: Ross Poldark** by Winston Graham
- 119. **Kitchens of the Great Midwest** by J. Ryan Stradal
- 120. **Orbiting Jupiter** by Gary D. Schmidt
- 121. **Blue Heaven** by C. J. Box
- 122. **Fireproof Home for the Bride** by Amy Scheibe
- 123. **The House at Riverton** by Kate Morton

Finally, we'd like to thank the book clubs, Friends of the Library, and other groups and individuals that have donated funds and/or books to our book bag collection. The Friends have generously supported this collection with the funds they've raised through book sales. Others have donated funds in memory of a friend or accomplishment and suggested titles that they felt would make for good reading and discussion. Several book clubs have donated 5-7 copies of books they've enjoyed, and a few individuals have given books also. We appreciate everyone's support of this collection. Check it out!

Overdrive Limits

The imperfect world of library ebook collections



South Dakota Titles to Go is a digital collection powered by the company Overdrive and shared by South Dakota libraries. You can check out ebooks and digital audiobooks and download them to your computer, smart phone, and tablet. The Overdrive digital collection is not a carbon copy of our physical print collection. There are different reasons why we might not have a certain book or author in the digital collection.

Publishers have had mixed feelings about libraries supplying ebooks to their patrons. In the beginning some publishers would not work with Overdrive, so there was no way for us to add books from those publishers to our digital collection. All of the publishers are now on board with Overdrive, but they all have different prices and check out limits.

Some of the publishers have unlimited check out. Those ebooks will most likely never disappear from the digital collection. But some publishers have check out limits. Harper-Collins books have a 26 check out limit. After an ebook is checked out 26 times, we have to purchase another copy if we want to continue to have that book available in the collection. Other publishers make it so their ebooks become unavailable after they have been in the collection for one or two years. We have to repurchase them to make them available again.

The South Dakota Titles to Go consortium has a yearly budget and purchases ebooks and digital audiobooks monthly. They have to balance ordering newly published ebooks, backlist titles, patron requests, ebooks with lots of holds, and those that have reached their check out limit. Certain publishers also require libraries to pay more for an ebook than what the public would pay. For example, you can personally purchase the ebook, *The Whistler*, by John Grisham for \$14.99 on Amazon. It costs the consortium \$65 for the same ebook. Higher prices limit how many ebooks the consortium can buy each month.

- Nita Gill, Adult Services Librarian

“Books are the plane, the train, and the road. They are the destination, and the journey. They are home.”

- Anna Quindlen

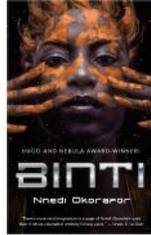


Teen Scene

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., March 16

Binti by Nnedi Okorafor



Her name is Binti, and she is the first of the Himba people ever to be offered a place at Oomza University, the finest institution of higher learning in the galaxy. But to accept the offer will mean giving up her place in her family to travel between the stars among strangers who do not share her ways or respect her customs. Knowledge comes at a cost; if Binti hopes to survive the legacy of a war not of her making, she will need both the gifts of her people and the wisdom enshrined within the University—but first she has to make it there, alive.

Anime Club - WATCH, TALK, CREATE. WIN. WATCH animé. TALK about manga and anime with friends. CREATE new art, manga, and cosplay. WIN great prizes! For teens in grades 7 - 12. Wednesdays from 3-4:35 pm We are watching *Fullmetal Alchemist: Brotherhood*.

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

Practice Tue., Mar. 21 @ 6:00 pm

Perform Thu., Mar. 23 @ 6:00 pm (show @ 7:00 pm)

Practice Tue., Apr. 4 @ 6:00 pm

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

“Maybe some people are just meant to be in the same story.”

-Jandy Nelson,
I'll Give You the Sun



Terms you may not know

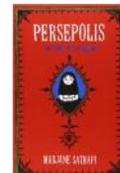
Anime – Japanese animated film or television

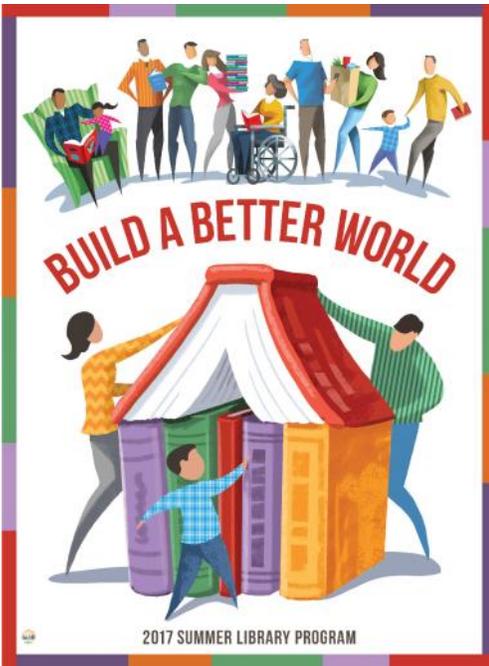
Cosplay - the practice of dressing up as a character from a movie, book, or video game, especially from the Japanese genres of manga and anime



Manga – Japanese comic books; reads from right to left as this is the traditional Japanese reading pattern

Graphic novel – an umbrella term for comic books, collections of comic strips, manga and stand-alone novels drawn in the comic format (ex: *Maus*; *Persepolis*)





Join us as we
Build a Better World
 at the library this summer

with storytimes, hands-on science, crafts,
 special guests, books, the Summer Reading
 Club, and more. Watch for details.

Registration for all activities & the reading
 club begins on May 24th @ 9:30 am.
 (Registration will start at 3:30 if there is
 school that day due to snow days.)
 Activities begin on May 30th.

Kid's Corner



The Brookings Library Puppeteers Present

The Three Little Fishies and the Big Bad Shark



Everyone is invited to come
 enjoy the fun.

Thurs., March 23
 at 7 pm
 in the Cooper Room

“A book is like a
 garden, carried in
 the pocket.”

- Chinese Proverb

13th Annual Illustrate-A-Book Contest

Here is a great way to show off your artistic
 talents and share them with the community.
 Create an original drawing based on a book.
 Open to all youth, kindergarten through
 12th grade. (No adults.)

Submission deadline is **5 pm on Sun.,
 March 5.**



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.



March 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3 pm Anime Club	2 6:30 pm Movie	3	4
5	6 12 Booked for Murder	7	8 3 pm Anime Club	9 5:30 pm Library Board Mtg**	10	11 10 am Family History Help
12	13	14 6:30 pm Book Club	15 3 pm Anime Club	16 7 pm Pizza & Pages	17 	18
19 	20	21	22 3 pm Anime Club	23 7 pm Puppet Show	24	25
26	27 7 pm Non-fiction Book Club	28 6:30 pm Adult Craft Night	29	30 6:30 pm Movie	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Programs in Red = Kids Green = Teens Blue = Adults </div>

** Board Meetings are open to the public.

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