



*Salem*  
**Public Library**

**HOURS OF OPERATION**  
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
THURSDAY 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
FRIDAY 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
SATURDAY 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
SUNDAY CLOSED

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### Board Meeting

The Library Board of Directors will meet at 5:00 PM on Thursday, August 10th. The public is welcome to attend in the main level conference room. Those wishing to be included on the agenda should contact the Library Director Kate McBride.

### Spa Basket Raffle



School is right around the corner and what better way to celebrate surviving the kids all summer than finding a way to relax. Well, you're in luck because we had a generous donation of a basket full of items such as lotions, candles, and soaps purchased from local businesses to be used as a fundraiser. Tickets for the raffle cost \$1 each or \$5 for 6. The winner of the raffle will be announced Saturday, August 19th. Good luck!

# ACTIVITIES



## Preschool Program

August 8th

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

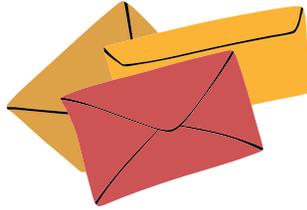
Located in the north basement meeting room.

Come join the fun!

\*Age ranges from birth to 5 years old\*

(No library card necessary.)

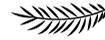
## Craft-a-Card



*\*This program is appropriate for all ages.\**

Make your own greeting card at the library! Stop in the conference room any time between 10:00 AM and 4:30 PM on August 23rd. Supplies will be provided.

Bring your creativity and a friend!



Free of charge.

No library card necessary.

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SCHOOL



## Student Portal



Parents of students in the R-80, R-1, R-3, and R-4 districts may access Parent Portal from a designated catalog computer. This computer is located on the north end of the circulation desk and marked by a sign. Parents do not need to have a library card or computer user agreement. There is no charge to utilize this service. At this time, the R-2 district does not have a similar site. When/If that is developed, it will also be accessible at the library.

## LOST: CAMY THE CHAMELEON

World Lizard Day is August 14th! What better way to celebrate than a new monthly game! Every month in our newsletters we will hide an animal somewhere on any of the pages of the newsletter. The first person to find and return their newsletter with the animal circled to the circulation desk will be the winner. The winner of the month will win their choice of a free book from the sale room. Can you help find Camy the Chameleon before she finds Kate? Good luck!

*\*This program is designed for ages 18 and older.\**

## Recollections

"Recollections" is a revival of Salem Public Library's older adult program, an opportunity to gather and share memories on a central theme. While anyone is welcomed, content is designed for those who are at least 60 years of age. Programs will be held in the library's downstairs meeting room at 10:30 AM on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Please use the outside ramp or stairs on the north side of the building. Library membership is not required and there is no fee for participation.

K-8 School Day Memories



August 9th

# REVIEW

## **Book Review: Last Train from Hiroshima**

History is littered with mistakes, decisions, cruelty, things that we would rather not remember. Those who do not know history are doomed to repeat it. Trite? Perhaps.

“The Last Train from Hiroshima” details one of those decisions and its consequences. Everything changed at 8:15 a.m. Tokyo time August 6, 1945. Yet we know little other than government releases about it and those are far from complete.

General MacArthur forbid bomb survivors and others from disclosing what happened that day in Hiroshima. He was instrumental in relegating the plutonium bomb – it was not an atom bomb – that fell not on Nagasaki, but its suburb Urakami was made little more than a sentence or two in history books.

John Hershey published “Hiroshima” about six Hiroshima survivors. It was close to the only account to be made public until after MacArthur’s Protocol ended in the 1980s.

It is a small book well worth reading. The accounts are objective, yet chilling.

An atomic explosion is not like the explosion of a regular bomb. “The Last Train from Hiroshima” begins with a description of an atomic explosion beginning with nanoseconds and increasing the time units as the many waves of explosions spread outward. The effects of these waves becomes part of the narrative.

People survived, some without a scratch, because of shock cocoons. Only a couple of people knew what had happened or about radiation. Many who survived the bomb succumbed later to radiation.

Some of the survivors took that last train from Hiroshima to Nagasaki. A few of them survived the second bomb. They lived long lives after advocating for peace. One of them, Mr. Sasaki, was speaking to school students and was asked “Mr. Sasaki, which country dropped the atomic bomb?”

Masahiro Sasaki answered, “It’s been more than sixty years since the bombs were dropped. God made everyone equal. So, I forgot who dropped the bomb.”

He added: What I am trying to say is that it does not matter who dropped the bomb.

It’s not an issue. It should never be an issue for any country. It’s an issue for all humanity. The important thing is that I, and Sadako (his sister who folded paper cranes as she was dying from radiation), knew the feeling of Omiyari – and if this principle can be taken to heart and passed down by just a few of you here in this room today, it may, in time, lessen the dangers in the world.”

Omiyari: In your heart, always think about the other person before yourself.

This is an excellently written book. It is objective, not dwelling on gory details. That does not make this an easy book to read.

**Karen GoatKeeper is a local author with two books on the Missouri Shelf: “Exploring the Ozark Hills” of nature essays and photographs and “My Ozark Home” of nature photographs with haiku.**

*All opinions, views, and ideas expressed are solely those of the reviewer.*

# NEW BOOKS

## Adult Fiction

The First Ladies (Benedict)  
Too Late (Hoover)  
Devonshire Shores: (Klassen)  
Bk. 1 The Sisters of Sea View  
The Housemaid (Mcfadden)  
The Perfect Marriage (Rose)  
Fourth Wing (Yarros)

## Adult Non-Fiction

Buried By Table Rock Lake (Koob)

## Large Print Fiction

The Egyptian Chronicles: (Andrews)  
Bk. 2 In Feast Or Famine  
In the Shadow of the River (Gabhart)  
Falconer Series: (Manning)  
Bk. 3 American Blood  
A 44 Scotland Street Novel: (McCall)  
Bk. 16 The Enigma Of Garlic  
A Carson Stone Western: (Morgan)  
Bk. 1 Dead Man's Trail  
Full Bloom Farm Series: (Murray)  
Bk. 2 Sweet Pea Summer  
Coldwater Range (Nesbitt)  
Pony Boys (Prosch)  
Lady Tan's Circle Of Women (See)  
Pine Hollow: (Shane)  
Bk. 4 Pride & Puppies  
Second Chance At Rancho Lindo (Sol)

## Young Adult Fiction

Aquaman War For The Thrones (Johns)

## Juvenile Fiction

The Bad Guys in Let The Games Begin! (Blabey)  
Terrors Of The Deep (Lock)  
Star Wars The Original Trilogy Stories (Lucas)

## Juvenile Non-Fiction

The Secret Lives Of Backyard Bugs (Burriss)  
Narwhal and Jelly Book Peanut Butter And Jelly (Clanton)  
Who Was Jackie Robinson (Herman)  
Jurassic World Dinosaur Field Guide (Holtz)  
Hibernation Station (Meadows)  
The Old Farmer's Almanac For Kids (Old)  
Magic Tree House Fact Tracker Soccer (Osborne)  
National Geographic Kids Make This! (Schwartz)  
Russell And The Lost Treasure (Scotton)  
Smithsonian 10-Minute Science Experiments (Spangler)

## Easy Fiction

Pirates Go To School (Demas)  
Picture Day Perfection (Diesen)  
A Day With No Words (Hammond)  
The Dog Who Cried Wolf (Kasza)

## Easy Non-Fiction

Dinosaurs Alive! (Li)