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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

JANUARY AT A GLANCE

New Year's Day (CLOSED)
Preschool Program
Recollections
Board Meeting
Martin Luther King Day (CLOSED)
Craft-A-Card

BOARD MEETING

The Library Board of Directors will meet at 5:00 PM on Thursday, January 11th. 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.

HIBERNATION READING PROGRAM

The Salem Public Library's Hibernation Reading Challenge has already begun!

Visit our website https://salempubliclibrary.net/ to find the Beanstack link. Log into your current account or create one if you do not already have an existing account. Find the challenge that fits your grade or age range.

Log the time you spend reading on Beanstack. You will receive virtual tickets based on the amount you read. These tickets can then be placed towards the prize of your choice. The more you read the more tickets you earn! No library card is needed to participate If you have any questions, just visit us at the library our give us a call at 573-729-4331.

ACTIVITIES

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM



Preschool Program

January 9th

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM Located in the north basement meeting room. Come join the fun! (No library card necessary.)

Age ranges from birth to 5 years old

CRAFT-A-CARD



Make your own greeting card at the library! Stop in the conference room any time between 10:00 AM and 4:30 PM on January 24th. Supplies will be provided. Bring your creativity and a friend! Free of charge. (No library card necessary.)

This program is appropriate for all ages.



RAINY DAY STEM

Rain keeping you in? Well then visit the library for Rainy Day STEM building activities for kids. The library provides building supplies in the conference room for kids to explore their imagination. * This activity is only available during rainy or snowy weather. Appropriate for all ages.*

LOST: PENNY THE PEGUIN





JANUARY 10TH

"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.



Every month in our newsletters, an animal will be hidden 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 Penny? Good luck!

This program is designed for ages 18 and older.

ACTIVITIES

LIBRARY CARDS

Many Patrons will agree that their library card is one of the most important in their wallet. Getting a card is easy. Simply present a photo I.D. and proof of address. People living within the Salem city limits pay for library privileges through real estate and personal property taxes. So, there is no charge to signup. Because folks living outside the city limits do not pay these taxes, they pay the library directly for the same privileges. The cost is \$25.00 for a six month membership or \$50.00 for an annual membership.

We also want to stress that anyone is allowed to use the library. The only reason you need a library card is to check out items. Even if you do not have a card, you are more than welcome to visit the library; find a place to read a book off the shelves; participate in programs; and so much more! There is also a paperback trade program where you can bring in pocket-sized paperbacks and exchange them for select pocket-sized paperbacks in our sale room. There is also always a 50¢ book sale. Discarded magazines are available and are free to take.

Please feel free to reach out to us at 573-729-4331 or visit us at the library. Library staff will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have!



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REVIEW

BOOK REVIEW: GIRL FROM THE GULCHES: THE STORY OF MARY RONAN

Usually I read autobiography or biography in January, so I went browsing the 99 shelf in the library. This book was among the first books there with a title that made me curious. What checked the book out was the frontispiece: Mary Ronan in 1873 surrounded by wavy hair more than hip length.

It does take more than a frontispiece to make a book interesting. This was a tale of the West unlike most tales. Mary Ronan was born in the West, grew up in mining towns scattered from Colorado to Montana, Los Angeles when it was little more than a town and decades as the wife of Peter Ronan, Indian agent on the Flathead Reservation in Montana. Her story spanned the decades from around 1850 to about 1900.

Born Mary Sheenan, Mary traveled with her family as her father moved from gold camp to gold camp. He wasn't in search of gold. He was a freighter, using wagons pulled by mules to keep the miners supplied with food and gear.

Later her father settled near the ruins of the San Juan Capistrano mission in an attempt to break off relations between his daughter and Peter Ronan who was ten years her senior. Mary helped him build a home there. She spoke Spanish and fit into the community, going to fiestas and visiting haciendas, but never forgot Peter Ronan. The couple married. Peter ran a newspaper, mined and finally was appointed as Indian agent for the Flatheads. They raised eight children.

The book is the reminiscences of Mary Ronan. It's her impressions of the people she knew, the places she lived, the times she lived in. My main disappointment came as a desire for greater detail about much of this. It does have a different perspective on many aspects of frontier life than often found including the Indians of her area.

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 BO@KS

Adult Fiction

The Banker's Wife (Alger) The Bodyguard (Center) The Patrick Flint Series (Hutchins) Code Name Sapphire (Jenoff) A Fall of Marigolds (Meissner) Alex Cross Must Die (Patterson) Quantum Girl (Ryan) The Secret Society of Salzburg (Ryan) Iron Flame (Yarros)

Adult Non-Fiction

ATI TEAS 7 Secrets Study Guide TEAS 7 Prep Book (Bowling) Four Thousand Weeks Time Management for Mortals (Burkeman) Octupus-Seahorse-Jellyfish (Liittschwager) Fantastic Numbers and Where To Find Them (Padilla) Know What Matters (Shaich) My Promised Land (Shavit) When God Speaks (Sims)

Large Print

The Peasant King (Afshar) The Little Liar (Albom) A Million Little Choices (Alexander) The Edge (Baldacci) California Golden (Benjamin) Killstraight Returns (Boggs) All the Light We Cannot See (Doerr) A Lighthouse Christmas (Hale) Along a Breton Shore (Hawks) A Preacher and Jamie MacCallister Western: (Johnstone) Bk. 5 Hostile Territory Highland Falls: (Mason) Bk. 6 Reunited On Sugar Maple Road Sisters Under The Rising Sun (Morris) The Western Adventures of Cade McCall: (Vaughan) Bk. 2 Cade's Revenge Galloway's Gamble: (Weinstein) Bk. 2 Lucifer and The Great Baltimore Brawl

Audiobooks <u>A Brannigan's Land Western</u>: (Johnstone) Bk. 2 Mean and Evil

Large Print

Avengers-Endgame A Beautiful Day In The Neighborhood Bohemian Rhapsody Bombshell **Bumblebee** Can You Ever Forgive Me? Chappaquiddick Crazy Rich Asians Darkest Hour DC's Legends Of Tomorrow Season 1-7 **Disney-Peter Pan Disney-Pirate Fairy Disney-Planes** Downhill Ford v Ferrari The Glass Castle The Hustle I Can Only Imagine **Instant Family** Joy Judy Lady Bird The Lighthouse Mama Mia! Here We Go Again Miss You Already 1917 The Old Man & the Gun Once Upon A Time In Hollywood **Richard Jewell** Scooby-Doo and the Cyber Chase Snatched The Zookeeper's Wife

Easy Fiction

The Gruffalo (Donaldson) Dog Heaven (Rylant) Shiver Me Letters (Sobel)

Easy Non-Fiction Can You Find 12 Busy Bees? (Winch)

Easy Reader Fiction Baby Einstein Let's Look!

ANSWER GUIDE -

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