CLC Readers' Advisory Roundtable South

BOOK PROGRAMMING: PASSIVE VS ACTIVE

Monday, March 12, 2018

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

New Canaan Library, New Canaan

Minutes

In attendance: Roy Brayton, Greenwich Library; Deb Carella, Ferguson Library; Laura Cavers, New Canaan Library; Karen Danvers, Ferguson Library – Harry Bennett & Weed Branches; Shauna DeStefano, North Haven Memorial Library; Laurie Iffland, Norwalk Public Library; Cynde Lahey, Norwalk Public Library; Marianne Paterniti, Darien Library; Jasmine Posey, Greenwich Library; Judy Sgammato, Perrot Memorial Library; Pat Sheary, Darien Library; Barbara Thomas, Ferguson Library

What We’re Reading:

*Anatomy of a Scandal*, by Sarah Vaughan [Mystery Thriller]

*Brave*, by Rose McGowan [Memoir]

*Churchill’s Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare*, by Giles Milton [History]

*A Column of Fire*, by Ken Follett [Historical Fiction]

*Dreams From My Father*, by Barack Obama [Memoir]

*The Dry*, by Jane Harper [Crime Mystery]

*The Flight Attendant*, by Chris Bohjalian [Mystery Thriller]

*The Great Alone*, by Kristin Hannah [Historical Fiction]

*Hag-Seed*, by Margaret Atwood [Literary Fiction]


*The Last Mrs. Parrish*, by Liv Constantine [Mystery Thriller]
The Line Becomes a River, by Francisco Cantu [Memoir]

The Map of Salt and Stars: A Novel, by Jennifer Zeynab Joukhadar [Historical Fiction]


Our Souls at Night, by Kent Haruf [Literary Fiction]

The Pecan Man, by Cassie Dandridge Selleck [Historical Fiction]

The Prague Sonata, by Bradford Morrow [Historical Fiction]

The Road to Jonestown: Jim Jones and Peoples Temple, by Jeff Guinn [True Crime]

Rococo, by Adriana Trigiani [Women’s Fiction]

Summer at the Robbers Library, by Sue Halpern [Fiction]


Also recommended:

Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee (Jerry Seinfeld with Barack Obama)

Netflix series [currently not available on Netflix/Amazon]: Border Security: Canada’s Front Line

Netflix series: My Next Guest Needs No Introduction, David Letterman with Barack Obama

Our Souls at Night, 2017 movie, with Robert Redford and Jane Fonda

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Active Programs

Cynde Lahey shared information on Norwalk Public Library’s “Fifth Annual Norwalk Lit Crawl,” scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 5:30-8:00 pm. A suggested donation of $10 benefits Norwalk Reads. Participants are invited to read a poem written by themselves or others to help celebrate the arts in Norwalk and April Is National Poetry Month. Community members function as captains for the event, which takes place at several restaurants along Norwalk’s Wall Street.
Public relations for the event included articles in local newspapers and email blasts. The Library worked with the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce on this event. Contact Cynde at clahey@norwalkpubliclibrary.org for more information.

Barbara Thomas shared the Ferguson Library’s experience with a Lit Crawl. Last year’s event drew 140 people. Entertainment included theatrical/singing groups. The Lit Crawl took place at four venues, starting at the Library. 95% of the program was run by the Friends of the Ferguson. Tickets have been $10 in the past; $15 this year.

Jasmine Posey described her local brewery-based book club.

Other active programming ideas include enlisting members of your local high school drama group to do readings at various local venues on Bloom’s Day, Saturday, June 16.

**Passive Programs**

Many libraries support remote collections.

The Ferguson Library works with local venues on trivia nights where patrons get extra points for bringing in books for donation. Attracts a lot of trash books.

Perrot Memorial Library maintains mini-libraries at Todd’s Point and at two local train stations.

New Canaan Library and Darien Library make already published ARCs available for giveaway to patrons.

Norwalk Library also stacks freebies on a large bookcase.

Darien Book Aid and Darien Thrift Shop both offers large collections of donated books, but the Darien Library does not accept donations.

**Upcoming Events of Interest**

PBS is launching *The Great American Read* on May 22nd—an eight-part television and online series designed to spark a national conversation about reading and the books that have inspired, moved, and shaped us. The series will engage readers with a list of 100 diverse books. Libraries may want to get copies. Here is the link to the program: [http://www.pbs.org/the-great-american-read/home/](http://www.pbs.org/the-great-american-read/home/).

Also of interest: Now Read This, PBS News Hour and the New York Times collaborative new online book club. Here is the link: [https://www.pbs.org/newshour/features/now-read-this/](https://www.pbs.org/newshour/features/now-read-this/).
Connecticut Library Association 2018 Annual Conference, Danbury Crowne Plaza, Danbury, April 23-April 24. Blanche Parker of Darien Library will receive the award for Librarian of the Year on Tuesday, April 24.

Book Expo is scheduled for May 30-June 1 in New York City. (Discounts and transportation options available through CLC.)

Mystery Writers of America NY Chapter (CT, PA, NJ, DE, WV) – Ferguson Library, June 3 – Panel of experts from MWA will conduct this program for writers and fans; will include forensic experts, editors, writers, etc.

Laurie discussed a possible field trip to visit Stephanie Anderson, assistant director of selection for BookOps in Long Island City. More details to come. Transportation options include train and car.

Next meeting: Monday, April 9, 10 am-12 pm
- Location: Norwalk Public Library, Norwalk
- Topic: Good Blogs & Websites