

# The Bookmark

## A Newsletter of the Redwood Falls Public Library

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#### Notes From Robin

**"Surely as cometh the Winter, I know  
there are Spring violets under the snow."**

- R. H. Newell

Valentine's Day is just around the corner and along with it, a frenzy of flower and chocolate purchases. The holiday was not always about gifts, in fact, it's roots go back to ancient times when people paid honor to the Roman God of Fertility. This was known as the Feast of Lupercalia and was celebrated even then on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

The traditions of Valentine's Day are many and broad. It is a time to exchange cards (remember Elementary School?) or small gifts. Jewelry and chocolates are big hits on Valentine's Day as are romantic dinners. On this romantic holiday many couples become engaged or wed on this day, still for others it is a day to fall in love.

Romantic novels are very popular for a variety of reasons. I would recommend the following titles, they are some of my favorites. *The Notebook* by Nicholas Sparks, *Love Story* by Erich Segel, *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte, *Gone With the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell, *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte, *Katherine* by Anya Seton, *The Thorn Birds* by Colleen McCullough and *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. Contemporary Romance Authors of interest are Diana Gabaldon, Linda Howard, Susan Elizabeth Phillips, Jude Devoreaux, Julie Garwood, LaVyrle Spencer, Judith McNaught, J.D. Robb, Nora Roberts, Lisa Kleypas, Amanda Quick, Sandra Brown, Mary Jo Putney, Jayne Ann Krentz, Kristin Hannah and Fern Michaels.

Also, be sure to check out the items and books on display throughout the Library. February is also **Black History Month**.

Black History Month is a remembrance of important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. It is celebrated annually in the United States and Canada in February and the United Kingdom in the month of October.

The remembrance was founded in 1926 by United States historian Carter G. Woodson as "Negro History Week". Woodson chose the second week of February because it marked the birthdays of two Americans who greatly influenced the lives and social condition of African American: former President Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist and former slave Frederick Douglass. Woodson also founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History.

See you at the Library!

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#### Valentine's Day Trivia

***Saint Valentine's Day Massacre***. During the "Roaring twenties (1920's)", mobs, crime and gangsters were at a height in many parts of the U.S. Alcohol was banned, spawning the rise of Bootlegging and mob activity. Chicago, Illinois experienced more than it's share of mobs and gangsters. On Valentine's Day, February 14, 1929, four gangsters dressed up as policemen and massacred seven members of a rival gang.

## Black History Trivia Questions

1. What was the first American Colony to abolish slavery?
2. This Republican was the first black person elected to the U.s. Senate. Who was he and what state did he represent?
3. This Civil War soldier was the first African-American to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor.
4. Who was the first black astronaut to walk in space?
5. At its height, what was the slave population in the U.S.?
6. Who was the first African American Supreme court justice?
7. How did Jackie Robinson do in his first major league game?

Answers:

1. Vermont
2. Hiram Revels from Mississippi
3. Sgt. William H. Carney, 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry
4. Bernard Harris, Jr.
5. About 1 million
6. Thurgood Marshall
7. 0 hits in 3 at bats

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## Looking for a winter project to keep you occupied during a Minnesota snowstorm?

The Redwood Falls Library has two new books by Betz White that use wool sweaters and out of date clothing and "repurposes" them to make useful items for home and family.

The projects in Warm Fuzzies and Sewing Green are easy to make and would make good projects for adults and youth alike.

Mittens, pincushions, doggy jackets and felted bags are just some of the items that can be made from back of the closet clothes or thrift store finds.

**Betz White** is a renowned felter and green crafter whose work is sold online and in boutiques around the world. Her work has been featured on Martha Stewart's TV show and in numerous magazines.

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## Book Clubs

Interested in joining a daytime book club? We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Library

Meeting Room from 12:00 to 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. Come and check us out! (We are enjoying really good lunches, too!) The following are the 2010 selections through June:

February 23<sup>rd</sup> – *Still Summer* by Jacquelyn Mitchard

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

April 27<sup>th</sup> – *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls

May 25<sup>th</sup> – *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

June 22<sup>nd</sup> - *The Rest of Her Life* by Laura Moriarty

The Evening Book Club will meet every third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. The following are the 2010 selections through June:

February 18<sup>th</sup> – *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski

March 18<sup>th</sup> – *What a Woman Must Do* by Faith Sullivan

April 15<sup>th</sup> – *Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne

May 20<sup>th</sup> – *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan

June 17<sup>th</sup> – *Main Street* by Sinclair Lewis

Everyone is welcome! Come when you can.

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## Give Your Heart Away this Valentine's Day!

A scented and simple heartfelt craft you can create for those you love this Valentine's Day using mostly supplies you can find around the house:

### Heart pins

*What You Need:*

- Clay (see recipe below)
- Heart Shaped Cookie Cutters
- Safety Pin

*Directions:* Make a batch of clay (see recipe below) with your kids. Have them cut out hearts from the clay and then push a pin into the back. Let the clay dry overnight to harden. Provide your children with paint and glitter to decorate the hearts.

### **Apple Cinnamon Clay**

*What You Need:*

- One part cinnamon
- One part applesauce
- Dash of Glue (optional)

*Directions:* Stir together cinnamon, applesauce, and glue (optional) with a spoon until the dough becomes stiff, then use your hands to create a ball of dough. Place the ball of dough on a sheet of waxed paper that has been lightly covered with cinnamon and roll out dough. Use cookie cutters to create shapes. Let dry for a day or two (until completely hard) and then decorate.

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### **PUZZLES!**

#### **For those Long Winter Nights!**

As mentioned in the Redwood Gazette, the Library received a donation of many, slightly used but still fun, puzzles. Come in and check out what's available. There are many to choose from. They check-out for three weeks so hopefully that will give you time to complete!

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### **Minnesota Official Marriage System (MOMS)**

[www.mncounty.com](http://www.mncounty.com)

The Minnesota Official Marriage System (MOMS) is an online resource for finding information on marriages that have taken place in Minnesota. It was created to benefit county offices and licensing centers by creating a centralized database to search for records, but its use for genealogists researching ancestors in Minnesota is quite significant as well. There are multiple ways to use the search feature including searching by both bride and groom or just one, by limiting the date range, as well as by searching the entire state or limiting to just one

specific county. For a fee you can also request a copy of the record directly from the website. Anyone working on family history in Minnesota should be certain to add this website to their favorites!

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### **Movie Trivia from Molly for Oscar Month**

Can you guess which films these quotes are from?

1. Death cannot stop true love. All it can do is delay it for a while.
2. When he reached the New World, Cortez burned his ships. As a result his crew was well motivated.
3. We'll always have Paris.
4. I see dead people.
5. Carpe diem. Seize the day, boys. Make your lives extraordinary.
6. Every man dies.  
Not every man really lives.
7. Did no one come to save me just because they missed me?
8. You had me at Hello.
9. There's no crying in baseball!

(Answers hidden somewhere in the bookmark!)

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### **RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

All I really need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt! *Lucy Van Pelt (in Peanuts, by Charles M. Schulz)*

### **Molten Chocolate Lava Cakes**

2 tablespoons butter  
8 oz bittersweet or semi-sweet chocolate  
3/4 cup butter  
3 eggs  
3 egg yolks  
1/3 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 tablespoon flour  
powdered sugar for garnish

Using the 2 tablespoons butter, grease 6 8 to 10 oz ramekins, or 8 6 oz ramekins. Place prepared ramekins on a sheet pan.

In a saucepan, combine chocolate and 3/4 cup butter. Heat, stirring until the chocolate is melted. Remove from heat and set aside.

In a mixing bowl combine eggs, yolks, sugar and vanilla. Beat with an electric mixer on high until thickened and lemon yellow. Fold half of the chocolate mixture into the egg mixture. Fold the remaining chocolate and the flour in. Divide evenly between the ramekins.

Bake at 425° for 10 to 12 minutes until the cake edges feel firm. Cool in the ramekins for 2 to 3 minutes. Use a knife to loosen cakes from the sides of the ramekins. Invert each onto a dessert plate. Sift powdered sugar over cakes to garnish.

Serve immediately. Serves 6 to 8.

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## UNITED THROUGH READING

The United Through Reading® Military Program helps ease the stress of separation for military families by having deployed parents read children's books aloud via DVD for their child to watch at home.

This powerful program is available to all deployed military units and at select USO locations. It provides parents a chance to make powerful and lasting connections with their children and parent from afar.

One of the most difficult things a child can experience is having a parent deployed to a war zone for an indeterminate period of time. You can help by donating children's picture and chapter books. The Library will be the drop-off for any books or donations that anyone would like to make.

You can learn more about this program by visiting their website:

<http://www.unitedthroughreading.org/>

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## News from the Children's Department

**Preschool Story Hour** - Tuesday Mornings at 10:30 a.m. February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Featuring stories, crafts, games, finger plays, songs and more! For ages 3-5.

**Participate in the Reading Olympics** – Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 10:30-11:30 a.m. for ages 3-5 and 10:00-1:30 p.m. for Grades K-4. Come join the Reading Olympic fun! Preschoolers will be teamed up with an elementary age reader to share stories, play games, and create crafts.

### **Olympic Adventure Club**

Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> – 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Library meeting room. Come join the fun as we create unique teams and compete in Olympic Games like you've never seen on TV! For grades K-4.

### **Wii Winter Olympics!**

Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 3:30- 5:00 p.m. Think you can get the gold in figure skating or ski jumping? Want to see how good you are at snowboarding without having to go outside? Come to the Library and test your Wii Winter Olympic skills! For kids in grades K-12.

### **Family Movie Matinee featuring:**

#### **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs**

Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Get out of the cold, and snuggle in to watch a movie! Bring a couple blankets, a few pillows, and settle in to enjoy this classic story on the big screen. I'll make sure there is plenty of popcorn to share! For movie lovers of ALL AGES. This movie is rated PG.

### **GOLD MEDAL READERS!**

January 25<sup>th</sup> – February 25<sup>th</sup> for Grades K-4  
The Children's Winter Reading Program is coming! In honor of "I Love to Read Month" and the Winter Olympics this February, Redwood Falls Public Library will host a winter reading program for kids in Kindergarten through Fourth Grade featuring crazy Olympic events throughout the month. Be sure to mark your calendars and visit often in February!

## **AWARDS NIGHT!**

Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the Redwood Falls Reading Olympic participants who earn them! There will be chances to win door prizes and refreshments will be served.

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### Trivia Answers

1. Wesley in *The Princess*
  2. Captain Ramius in *The Hunt For Red October*
  3. Rick in *Casablanca*
  4. Cole in *The Sixth Sense*
  5. Mr. Keating in *Dead Poets Society*
  6. William Wallace in *Braveheart*
  7. Jack in *Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End*
  8. Dorothy in *Jerry Maguire*
  9. Jimmy in *a League of Their Own*
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## **Upcoming Teen Events!**

**Animation Coalition:** Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:00 p.m. A time to gather, watch and talk about Japanese animation with screenings of everything from classic titles to new release. This month we will be watching *Save Me! Lollipop, Disc 1*.

**Wii Challenge:** Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-5:00 p.m. For students in grades K-12. Think you're the best gamer out there? Want to see how you measure up to others who love to play? Come to the Library and test your Wii skills with games like Mario & Sonic at the Olympic Games, Mario Kart and more!

**FUSE:** Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Games, food, books and an opportunity to tell Lori what you *really* want from your Library. For students in grades 5-12.

**Pizza and a Movie:** Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Free movie featuring *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince*. Pizza and popcorn will be provided. Bring something soft to sit on. This movie is rated PG-13. Only students who are 13 years of age or have a note of permission from their parents will be able to view the movie.

## STAFF PICKS:

### **By Nancy:**

February is the month of hearts and presidents. The Presidents Day celebration in February usually focuses on George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, two of America's well-known presidents. A new book at the library is *A Country of Vast Designs*. Sub title: *James K. Polk, The Mexican War and the Conquest of the American Continent*. Author Robert W. Merry depicts Polk as an unabashed expansionist. His political career was devoted to extending American power across the continent. Polk saw the fulfillment of manifest destiny.

Elected president in 1844, he pursued confrontational diplomacy with Britain, structured a war with Mexico and enlarged the U.S. by over a third, essentially to its present boundaries, in a single term of office.

Different reviews of the book state how Pres. Polk was under-rated and under-appreciated for the many accomplishments during his single presidency.

Included in the book are 16 black and white photos and stories of some of America's early political and military leaders. Check it out.

### **By Molly:**

*Camera and Sketchbook: Witnesses to the Sioux Uprising of 1862* compiled and edited by Alan R. Woolworth and Mary H. Bakeman contains a side of the U.S./Dakota War that is little seen—images. This book contains the sketches Albert Colgrave and the photographs of Adrian J. Ebell. Both men were in southwest Minnesota during the U.S./Dakota War and left behind a visual treasury of the events that happened in Minnesota in 1862.

### **By Lori:**

*Valentine's Day Crafts* by Jane Eick and *Valentine Fun* by Judith Hoffman Crowin

Valentine's Day is the perfect time to show the people around you how much you care, and there are loads of ways to show your love without having to buy a big bag of sugary treats. Bring your family together to create unique homemade decorations and cards for the special people in your life. You can great, budget-friendly ideas for Valentine's

crafts in books like *Valentine's Day Crafts* by Jean Eick or *Valentine Fun* by Judith Hoffman Crowin, available at your local library!

### **Angie:**

#### **Robert B. Parker (1932-2010)**

We mourn the passing of bestselling author Robert B. Parker, who died on January 19 at the age of 77. As creator of the enormously popular Spenser and Jesse Stone series, Parker is among the most prolific crime novelists of our time. His newest Jesse Stone novel, *Split Image*, is scheduled for release this February. If you haven't yet experienced a Parker novel, give one a try. They are a quick and entertaining read.

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## **New Books Available At the Library!**

### **Adult:**

#### **New Adult Fiction:**

Beaton, M.C. – *Death of a Valentine*  
Berry, Steve – *The Paris Vendetta*  
Chevalier, Tracy – *Remarkable Creatures*  
Crais, Robert – *The First Rule*  
Dekker, Ted – *Burn*  
Fforde, Jasper – *Shades of Grey*  
Gilbert, Elizabeth – *Committed*  
Greene, Amy – *Bloodroot*  
Gregory, Daryl – *The Devil's Alphabet*  
Grey, Zane - *Desert Heritage*  
Griffiths, Elly – *The Crossing Places*  
Hamilton, Laurel – *Divine Misdemeanors*  
Harper, Karen – *The Queen's Governess*  
Hatcher, Robin Lee – *Fit To Be Tied*  
Hess, Joan – *Merry Wives of Maggody*  
Higgins, Jack – *The Wolf at the Door*  
Hoffman, Beth – *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt*  
Kostova, Elizabeth – *Swan Thieves*  
Lamb, Wally – *Wishin and Hopin: A Christmas Story*  
Lethem, Jonathan – *Chronic City*  
Lindsay, Jeff – *Dexter by Design*  
Munro, Alice – *Too Much Happiness*  
Preston, Douglas – *Impact*  
Quinn, Spencer – *Thereby Hangs a Tail*  
Rice, Anne – *Angel Time*  
Robotham, Michael – *Shatter*  
Savage, Jr., Les – *Lawless Land*  
Scottoline, Lisa – *Why My Third Husband Will Be a Dog*  
Todd, Charles – *The Red Door*  
Umrigar, Thrity – *The Weight of Heaven*  
Woods, Stuart – *Kisser*

#### **New Adult Large Print:**

Austin, Lynn – *Among the Gods*  
Brand, Max – *The City in the Sky*  
Chevalier, Tracy – *Remarkable Creatures*  
Cotton, Ralph – *Killing Texas Bob*  
Crais, Robert – *The First Rule*  
Diamant, Anita – *Day After Night*  
Hoffman, Beth – *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt*  
Lescroart, John – *Treasure Hunt*  
Lutz, Lisa – *Curse of the Spellmans*  
Miller, Judith – *Morning Sky*

Parker, T. Jefferson – *Iron River*  
Picoult, Jodi – *Harvesting the Heart*

#### **New Adult Nonfiction:**

618.2 Roi – *You: Having a Baby* by Roizen, Michael  
618.24 Mur – *What to Expect When You're Expecting* by Murkoff, Heidi  
629.1309 Sul – *Highest Duty* by Sullenberger, Chesley  
641.2 Gry – *Drink This: Wine Make Simply* by Grumdahl, Dara Mostowitz  
641.5 Bro – *Good Eats* by Brown, Alton  
641.5 Wei – *Weight Watchers Annual Recipes for Success 2010*  
796.323 Sim – *The Book of Basketball* by Simmons, Bill  
947 Gor – *A Mountain of Crumbs* by Gorokhoua, Elene  
973.6 Mer – *A Country of Vast Designs* by Merry, Robert

#### **Avalon Romance & Western:**

Cogan, Karen – *Secret of Holly Green Manor*  
Hagen, Mary – *Echo of Love*  
McNabb, Fran – *On the Crest of a Wave*  
Meehan, Meagan – *Dry Heat*  
Stanton, Angie – *Love Em or Leave Em*  
Wallace, Stone – *Denim Ryder*

#### **Paperbacks:**

Fenady, Andrew – *The Trespassers*  
McCoy, Max – *I, Quantrill*  
Sharpe, Jon – *Riverboat Rampage*

#### **DVDS:**

#### **Family:**

*Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs DVD-1516*  
*Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian DVD-1515*

#### **Drama:**

9 DVD-1508  
*Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince DVD-1510*  
*Inglorious Bastards DVD-1512*  
*My Sister's Keeper DVD-1511*

*Public Enemies DVD-1509*  
*The Taking of Pelham 123 DVD-1507*

**Comedy**

*500 Days of Summer DVD-1505*  
*Away We Go DVD-1518*  
*Four Christmases DVD-1504*  
*Hangover, The DVDs-1502 + 1503*  
*The Ugly Truth DVD-1501*

**Sci-Fi**

*District 9 DVD-1506*  
*Star Trek DVD-1499*  
*Transformers DVD-1500*

**BOOKS ON COMPACT DISC:**

**Fiction**

Brown, Dan – *The Lost Symbol*  
Cornwell, Patricia – *The Scarpetta Factor*  
Flynn, Vince – *Term Limits*

**NON-FICTION**

921 Swa – *The Time of My Life* by Patrick Swayze  
and Lisa Niemi