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From The Director's Desk: The Best Places to Read

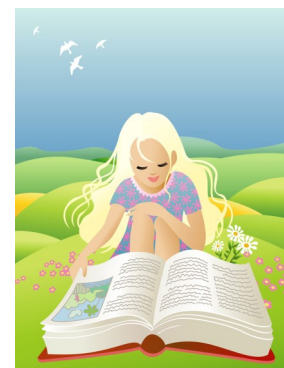
Where is the best place to read a book? Some people say every book has its season. I contend that every book has a particular place that will enrich its reading.

I find that cozy English mysteries are best read when you are wrapped in a soft quilt, on a big couch, in front of a fire in the fireplace. In this setting it doesn't take a lot to imagine the weekend gone awry at an English country estate. Summer is the best time to read pot-boilers. Could you imagine reading Judith Krantz's steamy book *Scrubles* anywhere else but on a sandy beach?

Isn't a cookbook better when it is read in the kitchen? When I read *Julie and Julia* by Julie Powell, I always found myself sitting in the kitchen. Of course I was reading while waiting for cookies to come out of the oven! I am a fan of management expert Peter Drucker, but as much as I like him, he can't hold my attention if I try to read his books at home. At work he's a riveting read; at home he's a cure for insomnia.

Perhaps finding the right location for reading a book is a new way to renew your interest in reading. *My Side of the Mountain*, by Jean Craighead George, is the perfect book to read in a tent pitched in the backyard. Where better to read a biography of Babe Ruth than a baseball stadium?

This summer, I hope you have the best time finding the best places to read your books. If you need suggestions on where a particular book is best read, let us know, we've got lots of ideas.



"Every book has a particular place that will enrich its reading."

This Summer — Get Ready to Go!



Now's the time to relax, take a vacation — and catch up on your reading!

Calling all world travelers! Kids travel the globe this summer when they join **One World, Many Stories**, this year's summer reading program for

children. Explore the world through stories, crafts, theater, music, science and other activities.

Novel Destinations is this year's summer reading theme for adults, with programs, prizes and special events planned to

enhance the summer reading experience!

Both programs run from June 27 through August 19, and sign ups begin on June 27. Grab a flyer at the library, call us, or visit our web site for more information.

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You look maaahvelous...the library that is. Stop by and see our new paint job. It's fresh, it's bright, it's vibrant...and it ties the whole library redesign together!

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Friday Night Fun



Check out the Friday night Gazebo concerts this summer!

Don't miss the free Gazebo Concert Series this summer on Friday nights at 7 PM. The series kicks off on June 24 with the **Jefferson Township Community and Jazz Bands**.

Shows are sponsored by the Jefferson Township Gazebo Committee and the Jefferson Township Public Library. They are held at the Jefferson Township Gazebo located in the Municipal Complex at 1033 Weldon Road.

Featured this year are **One-SizeFitsAll**, a northern New Jer-

sey hard-hitting, classic rock band on July 1; **The James L. Dean Big Band**, a versatile group that plays a variety of styles from 40s swing to rock standards to show tunes on July 15; **Tequila Rose**, performing "New Country" hits, country classics and classic rock on August 5; **Eight Days of Blues**, a six piece rockin' blues group performing originals and classics on August 12; **Full Circle**, a party/dance band featuring oldies, classic rock, British Invasion, Motown, and today's hits on August 19; and **The Kootz**, making great music

with classics, pop, soul and blues of the 60s and 70s on August 26.

Concerts are free and open to the public. They will be moved indoors in the event of inclement weather. Please call 973-697-2032 or 697-3828 for updates.

New this year — enjoy **Uncorked**, an exciting improv troupe performing comedy skits during intermission at each show.

Bring your blanket or chair, non-alcoholic beverages, picnics and snacks, and get ready to rock!

Happy Father's Day!

The library will be closed on Sunday, June 19.

New DVDs

Here are some of the items we've added to the library's collection this year:

The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest

The King's Speech / Rabbit Hole

Stone / Case 39 / Takers

Inside Job / Secretariat

The Tillman Story

Framed / Get Low

Red / Downton Abbey

Burlesque / Black Swan

The Fighter / Unstoppable

Morning Glory / The Tourist

The Switch / Due Date

Country Strong

Dinner for Schmucks

Life as We Know It

The Notorious Landlady

It's Kind of a Funny Story

We are currently evaluating, weeding and updating our DVD collection. Look for more new titles in the near future!

Classic Corner: *The Old Man and the Sea*

The ultimate big fish story, *The Old Man and the Sea* is classic Hemingway, though it's considerably shorter than his usual big hunt tales.

Experience the simple plot line (old man meets fish), the simple characters (old man, fish, sea), the simple

and short sentences Hemingway is famous for, and the great hunter theme that separates the men from the boys (and girls) in his books. Feel the tension of the old man testing his physical stamina and will against nature on page after page.

This book is an efficient way both to taste Hemingway and to get a good fish story. And if it's just a bit too brief, there's always Melville's *Moby Dick*, though any child will tell you a whale isn't the same as a fish!

From *52 Great Books to Read*
By Lynn Gordon



Experience Hemingway's "great hunter" theme.

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ALA's 2011 Notable Book List: Fiction *

Nashville Chrome by Rick Bass. This lovely and unsettling account of pop trio The Browns reels you in as though the concept of rags to riches were brand new.

Room: A Novel by Emma Donoghue. Five-year-old Jack vividly narrates the story of his life confined in a room with his mother in this unsettling exploration of resilience and hope.

A Visit from the Goon Squad by Jennifer Egan. A '70s punk band becomes the touchstone for a motley crew who spin their interconnected stories over time and distance.

Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter by Tom Franklin. Two men – one black, one white – must confront the secrets surrounding their childhood friendship following the disappearance of two girls in rural Mississippi.

Freedom by Jonathan Franzen. This incisive portrait of the fractured Berglund brood captures the zeitgeist of contemporary America.

Next by James Hynes. Reagan Arthur. Welcome to the worst day of Kevin Quinn's life as he battles the anxieties of the modern world in steamy Austin, Texas.

The Surrendered by Chang Rae Lee. The complex entangled lives of three people forever scarred by the Korean War are sympathetically portrayed in gorgeous prose.

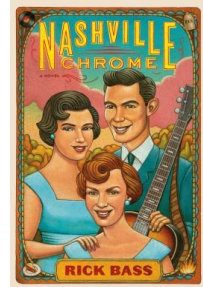
Matterhorn: A Novel of the Vietnam War by Karl Marlantes. An ambitious and idealistic American Marine faces the horror, heroism, futility, and pragmatism of war in this visceral portrayal of life in-country.

The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet: A Novel by David Mitchell. A young clerk attempts to establish himself in the artificial and intense world of Dejima, the Dutch trading colony in 1800s Japan.

Skippy Dies by Paul Murray. Filled with warmth and humor, this coming-of-age novel set in a Dublin boys school is a sprawling homage to adolescence, string theory, donuts, and unrequited love.

The Lotus Eaters by Tatjana Soli. The adrenaline high that danger offers infects photojournalist Helen Adams as she documents the war in Vietnam.

The Lonely Polygamist: A Novel by Brady Udall. In this big-hearted novel, Golden Richards and his clan navigate their chaotic lives as each clamors to be noticed.



Read the "rags to riches" story of pop trio *The Browns*.

"Believe you can and you're halfway there."

—Theodore Roosevelt

Congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2011

* The Notable Book List and annotations are from the Reference and User Services Association, a division of the American Library Association (www.ala.org).

The Red Wheelbarrow

so much depends upon

a red wheel barrow

glazed with rain water

beside the white chickens.

by William Carlos Williams



Coming and Going...

If you've ever tried to enter or exit the library while carrying a heavy armload of books, struggling with a baby stroller or maneuvering your wheelchair, now is a time to rejoice! Most of you remember just how heavy and unmanageable the library front doors could be.

Recently we accomplished one of our goals by installing automatic doors at our front entrance. You may now enter and exit the library "hands-free!"

This makes coming and going a breeze ...so you'll come more often, right??

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Pirates visit the library July 11.

Coming Up for Kids

One World, Many Stories, this year's summer reading program for kids, runs from June 27 through August 19. Register and receive an ice cream coupon and a reading log, and start reading! Complete your log, and be eligible for one of our prize drawings.

A few of the events happening for kids at the library this summer are:

Wed. 7/6—**Bubble Trouble** with Jeff Boyer, 6 PM

Mon., 7/11—**Pirates Take Over the Library**, 11:30 AM

Thurs., 7/14—**Round the World Puppet Show**, 6 PM

Wed., 7/20—**Princess Belle Princess Party**, 11 AM

Fri., 7/22—**Monsters Invade the Library**, 4 PM

Thurs., 7/28—**Lego Engineering**, 3:30 and 5 PM

Look for Monday art projects from around the world, Tuesday science programs, Wednesday computer classes and cultural days, and Friday family yoga. There will also be weekly story times.

Registration for summer events begins on **June 1**. Visit the library calendar for more information.

"I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June."

—L. M. Montgomery

Teen Territory

This summer, Mondays nights are **Teen Nights!** Reserve those Mondays from 7 to 8 p.m. for a craft night on July 11; a special program on July 18 and a Library Chefs night on July 25. The Chefs night will be a fun evening of food as you create and sample a fabulous dish! Everything will be supplied by the library. For ages 12 +.

Hone your computer skills! On Wednesdays from 4 to 5 PM (July 6, 20 and 27,) Learn tips for online searching; edit pictures, video and audio; and discover blogs and wikis. Each **Tech Club** meeting builds on skills practiced at previous meetings. For Grades 3 +.

Are you ready for the Final Battle? Come to a **Harry Potter Trivia**

and Movie Night on Friday, July 8 from 5 to 8:30 PM. Compete in a trivia game and show off your knowledge of Harry's adventures. Enter a prize raffle, enjoy some snacks, then settle in for a showing of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1*. Dress as your favorite Harry Potter character, or wear your favorite House's colors. Mark your calendars today!

The Civil War Sesquicentennial



150 years—a time to reflect...

The 150th anniversary of the Civil War is an opportunity for Americans to reflect on the importance of this pivotal period in our nation's history.

The library will commemorate the event with a presentation by the Morris County Historical Society, *The Conflict, the County and the Citizens: Morris*

County in the Civil War, on Sunday, August 7 at 2 PM.

The *Taste of Poetry* group will feature Civil War poetry on Wednesday, August 10 at 1 PM. Bring your lunch and your appetite for poetry.

Drop in on Sunday, August 21 at 2 PM to make berry ink and

a feather pen. During the Civil War, soldiers in the South made ink out of berry juice and used feathers or corn stalks to write letters. Come try this Civil War activity!



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What's Happening @Your Library: Programs for Adults

Tuesday, June 28 , 7 PM—**Make Your Resume a Valuable Marketing Tool**

Back by popular demand, Career Counselor Shiela Santiago shows you how to get your message across quickly by selecting the most appropriate format, utilizing power words, composing a cover letter and posting your resume electronically.

Wednesday, June 29, 7 PM—**Packing Light: The Right Way to Travel**

It's summer vacation time! Learn how to "pack like a pro," and make traveling more enjoyable in this presentation by Lucille Hirlemann, Certified Travel Consultant.

Wednesday, July 6, 7 PM—**Railroading in Northwest New Jersey**

Bob Pennisi, noted railroad author and Erie Lackawanna veteran, presents a slideshow with anecdotal stories focusing on Northwest New Jersey railroads, including the Lackawanna, Erie Lackawanna, Morristown & Erie, Morris County Central, Lehigh & Hudson, Jersey Central, Conrail and NJ Transit.

Tuesday, July 12, 7 PM—**It's On My List!**

What's on your "bucket list?" This inspirational program by photographer and Baby Boomer Walter Choroszewski features stories and photos about his pursuit of his life's passions, including visiting every state in America, seeing as many National Parks as possible, and, of course, surfing!

Wednesday, July 13, 2 PM—**Mozart at the Movies**

Explore some of the many movies in which Mozart's music has been used in this presentation by musician and Mozart enthusiast Catherine Sprague. View clips from *Master and Commander*, *Elvira Madigan*, *When Harry Met Sally*, *Shawshank Redemption*, *Out of Africa*, and other films, learn about Mozart's original use for the music, and vote to select the best fit of music and movie.

Sunday, July 17, 2 PM—**World War II in Words and Music**

Honor our veterans! Two professional actors lead the way with readings from actual letters of those who fought, loved, dreamed and died in WWII. In between, a cabaret singer sings songs from the era, such as *I'll Be Seeing You* and *White Cliffs of Dover*.

Tuesday, July 19, 6:30 PM — **Watercolor Pencil Painting Class**

Start with a pencil drawing, and learn how to achieve wonderful effects through the magic of watercolor pencils. All materials will be supplied, and you'll take your painting home with you. (Class limit: 20 people)

Saturday, July 23, 3 PM—**Acoustic Beatles with Kenny Cunningham**

This acoustic guitarist/singer/songwriter, born in Liverpool, England, offers the music of the Fab Four, and other "British Invasion" tunes, along with a little history of the time and place.



Learn to "Pack Like a Pro," 6/29.

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Ongoing Programs

Wordsmiths Writing Workshop

2nd Saturday of the month (6/11; 7/9), 10 AM to noon

Library Knitting Circle

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month (6/4 & 18; 7/2 & 16), 11 AM)

Computer Classes

Friday, June 3, 10 & 17 at 9:30 AM

How Do I Turn This Thing On?

Computer Basics

A simple, three part introduction to computer s
for people who are afraid of their computers!

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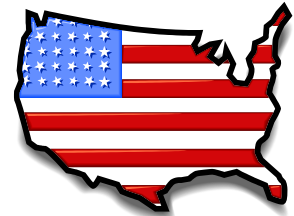
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The Library of Jefferson Township
is a sound public investment that exists
to improve the lives of residents through
self-education, recreation and
the exchange of ideas.

America the Beautiful

Words by Katharine Lee Bates,
Melody by Samuel Ward

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!



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