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FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

January - a time when we look back at what we have accomplished and ahead to what we plan to do.

2015 was an action-packed year for the Library. We hosted our first-ever *Dracut Reads* program. 608 copies of *Defending Jacob* by William Landay, circulated during the months of September, October and November. 698 people attended programs related to the book during those three months. In addition, 120 middle school students read the book as part of their curriculum this year. I would call that a success. Many of you have asked us when we will be holding our next community-wide reading event. As you can imagine, planning such a large-scale event takes a lot of planning. We are hoping to host our next *Dracut Reads* program in the fall of 2017. We have begun to assemble a list of possible titles. If you

would like to suggest a book for consideration, you can email me at nhill@mvlc.org. I will be happy to add your title to our growing list of recommendations.

In 2015 we circulated 212,172 items. Dracut residents requested 29,049 items from other libraries in the Merrimack Valley. We provided 48,371 items to residents of other towns. We held 199 children's programs that were attended by 4,762 children. 444 teens attended 57 programs that were offered exclusively for them, and 1,094 adults attended 95 programs. We would like to thank the Friends of Dracut Library for providing us with the continued funding that enables us to offer you a variety of programs for a wide range of interests and ages.

We had some staff changes during 2015 as well. Our Young Adult Librarian, Anna Call, left us to assume a full-



time position at the Nevins Library in Methuen. Julie Sheehan retired after nearly 20 years as our Assistant Circulation Librarian. We also bid farewell to Adult Page, Shantelle Harty, and Library Assistant, Jeanne Lesniak. We welcome some new people to the Library as well. Deric Wilson was hired as our Head of Technical Services. Ned Toomey was promoted to the position of Young Adult Librarian, and Cheryl Salem was promoted to the position of Assistant Circulation Librarian. We also welcomed Adult Pages, Roger Schwitala, Tyler Downey, and Amy Spence.

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MUSEUM PASSES

The Friends of Dracut Library offer a variety of museum passes that allow library cardholders to visit area museums for little to no cost. Passes may be reserved by patrons 18 and older. Families may reserve 1 pass per day, and a total of 4 different passes at one time. You may reserve passes

online (via our website) or in person at the Reference Desk on the 2nd floor. Passes to the following museums are currently offered:

- Boston Children's
- Discovery Museums
- Imagine That
- Massachusetts State

Parks

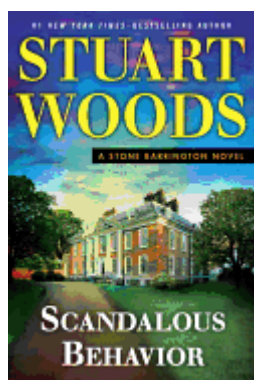
- Merrimack Repertory Theater
- Museum of Science
- New England Aquarium
- USS Constitution Museum
- Zoo New England

Librarians are just like search engines, except they smile and they talk to me and they don't give me paid-for advertising when they are trying to help. And they have actual hearts.

Matt Haig
9 Feb 2013 7:50 pm

“Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services, great libraries build communities.”

R. David Lankes



From the Desk of the Director - continued

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) has encouraged formal planning since 1989. Libraries have repeatedly confirmed how important the process of completing a plan has been for accomplishing the goals and objectives set out in their plans. In order to qualify for both federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and Massachusetts Public Library Construction program

funds, a library must have an approved long-range plan on file with the Board. The Parker Library's long-range plan expires at the end of 2016. Over the course of this year, we will form a committee to begin working on evaluating our existing mission, goals, goals, and objectives, as we begin work on our new 5-year plan. I hope that you will consider getting involved in the process, either by serv-

ing on a committee or filling out the community survey that is part of the process.

As always, I am open to your questions, concerns, and suggestions. You can find me in the Library, phone me at 978-454-5474, or email me at nhill@mvlc.org. This is *your* library. The staff and I look forward to serving you .

Nanci Hill, Library Director

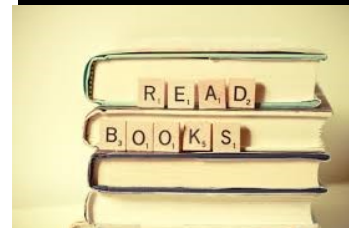
January 2016 - New Adult Fiction Titles

- Abbott, Jeff. *The First Order*
- Anderson, Lin. *The Case of the Missing Madonna*
- Andrews, V.C. *Sage's Eyes*
- Armstrong, Kelly. *Otherworld Secrets*
- Arsenault, Emily. *The Evening Spider*
- Arthur, Keri. *City of Light*
- Ashford, Jane. *Heir to the Duke*
- Bauer, Belinda. *The Shut Eye*
- Bennett, Robert Jackson. *City of Blades*
- Bernard, Jennifer. *Caught by You*
- Berne, Suzanne. *The Dogs of Littlefield*
- Bingham, Lisa. *Renegade*
- Bivald, Katerina. *The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend*
- Black, Benjamin. *Even the Dead*
- Bohjalian, Chris. *The Guest Room*
- Brackston, P.J. *The Case of the Fickle Mermaid*
- Brown, Carrie. *The Stargazer's Sister*
- Brown, Taylor. *Fallen Land*
- Burke, Alafair. *The Ex*
- Cain, Sarah. *The 8th Circle: a Thriller*
- Camp, Candace. *Enraptured*
- Chamberlain, Mary. *The Dressmaker's War*
- Chase, Emma. *Appealed*
- Chase, Loretta. *Dukes Prefer Blondes*
- Coleman, Reed Farrel. *Where It Hurts*
- Cornwell, Bernard. *Warriors of the Storm*
- DePoy, Phillip. *A Prisoner in Malta*
- Dorsey, Tim. *Coconut Cowboy*
- Dunn, Suzannah. *The Lady of Misrule*
- Ellis, Helen. *American Housewives: stories*
- Erickson, Alice. *Death by Tea*
- Faulks, Sebastian. *Where My Heart Used to Beat*
- Fee, Vickie. *Death Crashes the Party*
- Flint, Eric. *1635: a Parcel of Rogues*
- Fraser, Anthea. *A Tangled Thread*
- Geni, Abby. *The Lightkeepers*
- Goodman, Carol. *River Road*

- Grant, Andrew. *False Positive*
- Graves, Sarah. *The Girls She Left Behind*
- Hadley, Tessa. *The Past*
- Hall, Parnell. *Presumed Puzzled*
- Hannon, Irene. *Thin Ice*
- Harris, Robert. *Dictator*
- Hearne, Kevin. *Staked*
- Helle, Helle. *This Should be Written in the Present Tense*
- Hepworth, Sally. *The Things We Keep*
- Herron, Mick. *Real Tigers*
- Higgins, Kristan. *Anything for You*
- Hill, Lawrence. *The Illegal*
- Hoag, Tami. *The Bitter Season*
- Humpreys, Sara. *The Good, the Bad, and the Vampire*
- Hunt, Samantha. *Mr. Splitfood*
- Hurwitz, Gregg. *Orphan X*
- Ivy, Alexandra. *Kill Without Mercy*
- James, Eloisa. *My American Duchess*
- Jensen, Jane. *Kingdom Come*
- Jones, Darynda. *The Dirty on the Ninth Grave*
- Jordan, Nicole. *The Art of Taming a Rake*
- Kelly, Michelle. *Downward Facing Death*
- Lambert, Charles. *The Children's Home*
- Lane, Kelly. *One Foot in the Grave*
- Larsen, Ward. *Passenger 19*
- Lee, Janice Y.K. *The Expatriates*
- Lynch, Katie. *Confucius Jane*
- MacLean, Sarah. *The Rogue not Taken*
- Marinovich, Matt. *The Winter Girl*
- Maxwell, Alyssa. *Murder Most Malicious*
- McCarty, Monica. *The Rock*
- McKenna, Lindsay. *Night Hawk*
- Meyrick, Denzil. *The Last Witness*
- Michaels, Kasey. *An Improper Arrangement*
- Mieville, China. *The Census-Taker*
- Moning, Karen Marie. *Feverborn*
- Moore, Jonathan. *The Poison Artist*
- Morgan, Ann. *Beside Myself*
- Morris, Keith Lee. *Traveler's Rest*
- Muller, Marcia. *The Plague of Thieves Affair*
- Neggers, Carla. *The Spring at Moss Hill*
- Neuhaus, Nele. *I Am Your Judge*
- Nicholson, C. *Winter*
- Noble, Kate. *The Lie and the Lady*
- O'Dell, Tawni. *Angels Burning*
- Oates, Joyce Carol. *The Man without a Shadow*
- Older, Daniel Jose'. *Midnight Taxi Tango*
- Panush, Michael. *Egil the Scared*
- Perry, Thomas. *Forty Thieves*
- Peterson, Tracie. *Beyond the Silence*
- Petrie, Nicholas. *The Drifter*
- Powers, Tim. *Medusa's Web*
- Rankin, Ian. *Even Dogs in the Wild*
- Ridgway, Christie. *Keep on Loving You*
- Rosenfelt, D. *Blackout*
- Seymore, Gerald. *Vagabond: a thriller*
- Shames, Terry. *The Necessary Murder of Nonie Blake*
- Shaw, William. *A Song for the Brokenhearted*
- Sheehan, Jacqueline. *The Center of the World*
- Spivak, Kathleen. *Unspeakable Things*
- Stark, Lindsay Rebecca. *Noah's Wife*
- Strout, Elizabeth. *My Name is Lucy Barton*
- Walters, N.J. *Wolf on the Hunt*
- Weis, Margaret. *Doom of the Dragon*
- White, Karen. *The Forgotten Room*
- Wiehl, Lis. *The Newsmakers*
- Williams, Andrea. *The Longest Night*
- Woods, Stuart. *Scandalous Behavior*
- Yapa, Sunil. *Your Heart is a Muscle the Size of a Fist*

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 WILL NEVER BE TOO NEAT, OR TOO DUSTY
 BECAUSE SOMEBODY WILL
ALWAYS BE IN IT
 TAKING BOOKS OFF THE SHELVES
AND STAYING UP LATE
READING THEM
 -LEMONY SNICKET

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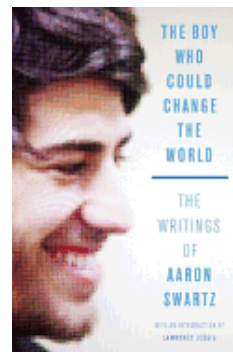
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Mridula Lumb,
Michael Salem

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January 2016 - New Adult Nonfiction Titles

- Bensen, Clara. *No Baggage: a Minimalist Tale of Love and Wandering*
- Canfield, Jack. *The 30-Day Sobriety Solution: How to Cut Back or Quit Drinking in the Privacy of Your Own Home*
- Coveney, Michael. *Maggie Smith*
- Davidson, Liz. *What Your Financial Advisor Isn't Telling You*
- Fields, R. Douglas. *Why We Snap: Understanding the Rage Circuit in Your Brain*
- Gasby, Dan. *Before I Forget: Love, Hope, Help, and Acceptance in our Fight Against Alzheimer's*
- Gates, Robert M. *A Passion for Leadership*
- Graham, Deborah. *Get Your Head out of Your App: A Psychic's Guide to Attracting and Keeping True Love*
- Hayes, Paddy. *Queen of Spies: Daphne Park, Britain's Cold War Spy Master*
- Hickey, Dave. *25 Women: Essays on their Art*
- Kondo, Marie. *Spark Joy: An Illustrated Master Class on the Art of Organizing and Tidying Up*
- Konnikova, Maria. *The Confidence Game*
- Mehta, Rupa. *The Nalini Method: 7 Workouts for 7 Moods*
- Norton, Elizabeth. *The Temptation of Elizabeth Tudor*
- Pursell, J.J. *The Herbal Apothecary*
- Shenkman, Richard. *Political Animals: How Our Stone-Aged Brain Gets in the Way of Smart Politics*
- Swartz, Aaron. *The Boy Who Could Change the World: the Writings of Aaron Swartz*
- Tayne, Leslie. *Life & Debt: a Fresh Approach to Achieving Financial Wellness*



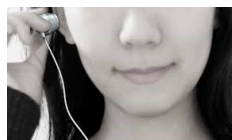
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in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.

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