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From the Desk of the Library Director

The grass is turning green, tulips have begun to sprout and pretty soon, summer (and summer reading) will be upon us. Here at the Library, we are busy preparing. Miss Penny is booking programs that as usual, are sure to delight. She is currently accepting applications for volunteers entering grades 9 through 12 to help run the summer reading program and help out in the Children's Room. Volunteering is a great way to rack up those community service hours, while simultaneously having fun and helping out the little ones. Many of our paid, student Pages were formally volunteers in the Children's Room. Pick up your application soon. You don't want to miss out.

There's something exciting in store for teens this summer as well. From May 5th through August 17th, teens age 13 and up, will have access to two free audiobook downloads per week. These audiobooks are being offered via SYNC. SYNC is a free summer audiobook program for teens. Starting May 5th 2016, SYNC will give away two complete audiobook downloads a week - pairs of high interest titles, based on weekly themes. Sign up for email or text alerts and be first to know when new titles are available to download at www.audiobooksync.com. This is a great way to get your summer reading done.

Participating is easy.

- Visit the SYNC website from May 6 - August 17th.
- Select available audiobooks to download as mp3s.
- Sign up for alerts for the next titles.
- Share comments with other listeners, narrators, and authors.

The following is a list of titles that will be available:

- *Vivian Apple at the End of the World* by Katie Coyle
- *The Great Tennessee Monkey Trial* by Peter Goodchild
- *The Sin Eater's Daughter* by Melinda Salisbury
- *Divine Collision: An African Boy, an American Lawyer, and their Remarkable Battle for Freedom*, by Jim Gash
- *100 Sideways Miles* by Andrew Smith
- *This Boy's Life* by Tobias Wolfe
- *Every Last Word* by Tamera Ireland Stone
- *Egg & Spoon*, by Gregory Maguire
- *Words in the Dust* by Trent Reedy
- *The Boy Born Dead: a Story of Friendship, Courage, and Triumph* by David Ring
- *Zac and Mia* by A.J. Betts
- *I'll Give You the Sun*, by Jandy Nelson
- *How It Went Down*, by Kekla Magoon



- *The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man* by James Weldon Johnson
- *Boy Meets Boy*, by David Levithan
- *Donny's Brain* by Rona Munro
- *The Omnivore's Dilemma: the Secret Behind What You Eat*, by Michael Pollan
- *Grasshopper Jungle*, by Andrew Smith
- *The Young World* by Chris Weltz
- *Symphony for the City of the Dead: Dmitri Shostakovich and the Siege of Leningrad* by M.T. Anderson
- *Fat Angie* by e.E. Charlton-Trijullo
- *On the Jellico Road* by Melina Marchetta
- *Mandela: an Audio History* by Nelson Mandela
- *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe
- *Juba!* by Walter Dean Myers
- *Pennies for Hitler* by Jackie French
- *The Book of Unknown Americans* by Cristina Henriquez
- *Most Dangerous* by Steve Sheinkin
- *Bone Gap* by Laura Ruby

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- *Classic American Short Stories* by Jack London, Ambrose Bierce, Stephen Crane, Kate Chopin, James Fenimore Cooper, Mark Twain, and O'Henry.

Keep a look out on our website for school summer reading lists and assignments, children's and teen programming, and adult summer reading incentives.

As always, I am available to meet and talk with you. This

is *your* library and we want to hear what you think!

Nanci Milone Hill,
Library Director

Don't Forget! **Friends of the Library Book Sale**

The Friends of the Library will be holding their Annual Book Sale on Friday and Saturday, May 20th and 21st. Come by for a great selection of titles at a fraction of their original cost.

New This Year: Used Jewelry Sale!

Hours:

Friday, May 20th
9:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 21st
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

(\$5.00 per bag from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Saturday)

For more information, contact John Hassan, President of the Friends of



Meet our new Library Trustee

Meet the newest member of our Board of Library Trustees, Monique Virville. Monique has been a 7th grade mathematics teacher at the Richardson Middle School for the past ten years. She reports that her classroom is equipped with its own mini library of books and lots of minions. She says that she finds teaching one of the most gratifying jobs and could not picture herself doing anything else.

Monique currently holds a Master's Degree in Mathematics Education from Leslie University. She is a happy wife and mother of two boys, Cole (5) and

Liam (4), who love to visit the library to sit with the hamster and check out books to read. Monique spends her free time doing crafts and playing games with her boys, watching New England sports with her husband and friends. Whenever she gets a chance for some alone time, she spends it reading books recommended by her students, as well as books in the mystery and magical genres. She also enjoys watching movies and listening to music.

Some of Monique's favorite authors are Mary Higgins Clark, Steve Berry, and Gwendoline Butler. Some of her favorite movies are Star Wars, Disney movies, and

Minions. She listens to all types of music. Some of her favorite artists are Adam Levine, Bruno Mars, Adele, Luke Bryan and Dierks Bentley. She is looking forward to supporting the Dracut community in her new role as Library Trustee.

Welcome Monique. We're thrilled to have you.



Cake Pan Collection

Graduation season is here. Why spend money on a cake pan when you can borrow one of ours? The library owns an assorted variety of cake pans for check-out.

Some of the pans we own include:

- Tractor
- Heart
- Train
- Bear
- Skull
- Winnie-the-Pooh

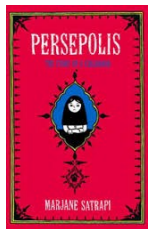
Special Programs



Celebrating 10 Years in our New Building

May 7th marks the 10 year anniversary of the opening of the building. On May 9th, from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm, we will be celebrating with cake and coffee in the Circulation area of the Library. We invite you to join us for this special occasion.

Common Good Reads: *Competing Notions for a Common Good*



Join us for our last discussion on competing notions for a common good. Led by **Jill Silos-Rooney, Ph.D.**, we have read three texts so far. We have asked, *To what extent we are responsible for each other? What do we owe each other as members of the same nation? To what extent do we take responsibility for what happens in the country at large? The world?* On May 9th at 6:30 pm, we will discuss *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi. This graphic novel collects a groundbreaking memoir, in which the great-granddaughter of Iran's last emperor and the daughter of ardent Marxists

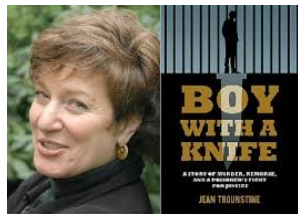
describes growing up in Tehran, a country plagued by political upheaval and vast contradictions between public and private life.

You need not have attended the previous discussions in order to participate. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk. Please ask for the *Common Good Reads* program.

This program is supported through a grant from the Massachusetts Humanities, who supports thought, conversation, and action in Massachusetts: masshumanities.org

The Conversation Continues...

If You Liked *Defending Jacob*, You'll Love *A Boy with a Knife*



Author - Jean Trounstein Monday, May 23rd 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Nearly a quarter of a million youth are tried, sentenced, or imprisoned as adults every year across the United States. On any given day, ten thousand youth are detained or incarcerated in adult jails and prisons.

Putting a human face to these sobering statistics, *Boy With A Knife* tells the story of Karter Kane Reed, who, at

the age of sixteen, was sentenced to life in an adult prison for a murder he committed in 1993 in a high school classroom. Twenty years later, in 2013, he became one of the few men in Massachusetts to sue the Parole Board and win his freedom.

The emotional and devastating narrative takes us step by step through Karter's crime, trial, punishment, and survival in prison, as well as his readjustment into regular society. In addition to being a powerful portrayal of one boy trying to come to terms with the consequences of his tragic actions, *Boy With A Knife* is also a searing critique of the practice of sentencing youth to adult prisons, providing a wake-up call on how we must change the laws in this country that allow children to be sentenced as adults.

Jean Trounstein is the author of the highly praised *Shakespeare Behind Bars: The Power of Drama in Women's Prison* about her decade directing plays and teaching at Framingham Women's Prison in Massachusetts. She has written numerous articles on prison issues for publications including *Boston* magazine, the *Boston Globe*, *Working Woman* magazine, the *Women's Review of Books*, and *Truthout*.

Holocaust Survivor to Speak at the Parker



**Thursday, May 26th
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

Mark your calendars for this exciting, after-hours event that you won't want to miss!

As one of the last Holocaust survivor's employed by Oskar Schindler during World War II, Rena Finder will tell her compelling story starting as a child in Poland, the Krakow ghetto, life in the Nazi death camp, Auschwitz, and ultimately, her story of survival as a child in Oskar Schindler's factory. This story, immortalized in the film *Schindler's List*, as told by Rena's own experience is a rare opportunity to hear an incredible story of courage, faith and hope first-hand.

"As a survivor of the Holocaust, I am an eyewitness to some of the most horrible murders committed against innocent people, but as a survivor on Schindler's list, I am also an eyewitness to what can happen when people make a difference, when people get involved." - Rena Finder.

Space is limited, so register soon.

Co-sponsored by the Richardson Middle School and the Parker Library.

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New Fiction

Fantasy

- Harris, Charlaïne. *Night Shift*
- Howard, Kat. *Roses and Rot*
- Novak, Naomi. *League of Dragons*

General Fiction

- Anderson, Alison. *The Summer Guest*
- Baker, Jo. *A Country Road, a Tree*
- Barnett, Laura. *The Versions of Us*
- Busquets, Milena. *This Too Shall Pass*
- DiSclafani, Anton. *The After Party*
- Erdrich, Louise. *LaRose*
- Haigh, Jennifer. *Heat and Light*
- Jordon, Neil. *The Drowned Detective*
- Lagercranz, David. *The Fall Man*
- Leary, Ann. *The Children: a novel*
- Moggach, Debrah. *Something to Hide*
- Morgan, C.E. *The Sport of Kings*
- Patrick, Phaedra. *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper*
- Perri, Camille. *The Assistants*
- Russo, Richard. *Everybody's Fool*
- Taia, Abdellah. *Infidels*

Graphic Novels

Aaron, Jason. *Mighty Thor 1: Thunder in her Veins*

Historical Fiction

- Belfer, Lauren. *And After the Fire*
- Cleave, Chris. *Everyone Brave is Forgiven*

Horror

- Hill, Joe. *The Fireman*

Mystery

- Atherton, Nancy. *Aunt Dimity and the Buried Treasure*
- Atkins, Ace. *Robert B. Parker's Slow Burn*
- Barr, Nevada. *Boar Island*
- Blake, Heather. *Gone with the Witch*
- Bridge, Kathleen. *Hearse and Gardens*
- Clark, Marcia. *Blood Defense*
- Cleverly, Barbara. *Diana's Alter*
- Dugoni, Robert. *In the Clearing*
- Farrow, John. *Seven Days Dead*
- Flower, Amanda. *The Final Tap*
- Grecian, Alex. *Lost and Gone Forever*
- Griffiths, Emily. *The Woman in Blue*
- Hamilton, Steve. *The Second Life of Nick Mason*
- Hannah, Sophie. *A Game for all the Family*
- Housewright, David. *Stealing the Countess*
- Johnston, Linda O. *To Catch a Treat*
- McCrumb, Sharyn. *Prayers the Devil Answers*
- Miller, Carol. *An Old Fashioned Murder*

- Nettmann, Nadine. *Decanting a Murder*
- Salvalaggio, Karin. *Walleye Junction*
- Sweazy, Larry D. *See Also Deception*
- Viets, Elaine. *The Art of Murder*

Romance

- Ashley, Jennifer. *White Tiger*
- Ayres, D.D. *Rival Forces*
- Ballis, Stacey. *Wedding Girl*
- Balogh, Mary. *Only Beloved*
- Baxter, Kate. *The Dark Vampire*
- Brunstetter, Wanda E. *The Betrayed Fiance*
- Buchman, M.L. *Flash of Fire*
- Cleaton, Chanel. *Fly with Me*
- Davidson, MaryJanice. *Danger, Sweetheart*
- Devereaux, Jude. *Girl from Summer Hill*
- Fisher, Suzanne Woods. *The Quieting*
- Monroe, Mary Alice. *A Lowcountry Wedding*
- Spear, Terry. *Alpha Wolf Need Not Apply*
- Steel, Danielle. *The Apartment*
- Sundin, Sarah. *Anchor in the Storm*
- Thompson, Janice. *Every Bride Has Her Day*

To see a list of new Science Fiction, Short Stories, Suspense, Nonfiction, Large Print and Audio Titles, visit our website at www.dracutlibrary.org