

## November 2020

# Book TALK (Talk About Literature in Kansas): A Community Book Discussion

Tuesday, November 17 @ 6:30-7:30 pm

We will be hosting a very special Book TALK event in November, a community read of *The Worst Hard Time* by

Timothy Egan.



For America, the 1930s was a pivotal, critical era. A range of fundamental challenges confronted the nation: the Great Depression, Prohibition, and radicalized politics that threatened to undermine the security of democratic institutions. The Dust Bowl years of 1930-1936 intensified the crushing economic impacts of the Great Depression. A man-made environmental disaster, the Dust Bowl was a drought, high winds and choking dust that swept the region from Texas to Nebraska killing

livestock and destroying farmland. "Dust pneumonia" killed many people, estimates range from hundreds to several thousand. Roughly 2.5 million people left the Dust Bowl states during the 1930s in one of the largest migrations in American history.

Timothy Egan's critically acclaimed account follows a dozen families and their communities through the rise and fall of the region. Egan tells of their desperate attempts to carry on through blinding black dust blizzards, crop failure, and the death of loved ones. Brilliantly capturing the terrifying drama of catastrophe, Egan does equal justice to the human characters who become his heroes, the stoic, long-suffering men and women whose lives he opens up with urgency and respect. *The Worst Hard Time* is "arguably the best nonfiction book yet" (Austin Statesman Journal). It is a powerful cautionary tale about the dangers of trifling with nature. Our discussion leader will be Rosemary Kolich.

Copies of the book are available now at the library. You can participate in our book discussion in-person or online with Zoom. If you choose to come to library that evening, we will all be wearing masks and remain socially distanced. Registration is required for both in person and online participation. Please call the library or email patronupdate@basehorlibrary.org to register.

# Try Our NEW Find a Book Service: Personalized Book Picks

Librarians love to do what we call "Reader's Advisory," which simply means giving personalized book recommendations.



We're starting a new Find A Book service to help you find books you'll enjoy reading. To start, we'll ask you a few questions. We've added a form on our website with questions about the type of books you're looking for

(fiction, nonfiction, mystery, fantasy, etc.) You can tell us your favorite author, a book that you recently read and enjoyed, and what subjects interest you. There's also a space to tell us what kinds of writing to avoid (graphic violence, bad language, etc.) Based on what you tell us, we'll find 3-6 books for you. Then we'll place them on hold on your account and contact you through your specified contact method. You'll have a week to come into the library or through the drive-thru to pick them up. Please give us two business days to find your books. This service is for adults, kids, and teens. Let us help you find more books to read!

## Share Your Yarn Crafting Skills

The Kansas Children's Service League is asking for help from our local knit and crochet crafters. Three of their programs have requested baby blankets to provide to the families served. These programs are Healthy Families, Early Head Start and Head Start.

Blanket size should be roughly 34 x 46 inches. There are no specific requirements on type of yarn or other details. Get creative!

This is an ongoing project, so if you have some spare time and some spare yarn this winter, consider sharing with a family being assisted by the Kansas Children's Service League. Just bring the blankets into the library as you complete them and we will forward them on.



## Coming in December...

#### An Interactive Presentation of Dickens' A Christmas Carol

Tuesday, December 8 @ 6:30 pm on Zoom

Bah! Humbug! It's Ebeneezer Scrooge, a miserly businessman who has lost his Christmas spirit. It'll take the help of some spooky spirits, as well as a few volunteers from the audience to renew his faith in people. This single-puppeteer adaptation is guaranteed to leave audiences of all ages filled with holiday cheer! Stay tuned for more details...



We are closing early at 5:00 pm Wednesday, November 25 We will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for Thanksgiving



## **Dementia Support Group**

Thursday, November 5 @ 6:30 pm in person and on Zoom

Join us in this safe, supportive environment for caregivers. Dr. Martiza Buenaver, Geriatric Psychiatrist specializing in dementia education, is our guide. We have been meeting on Zoom and in person. Anyone is welcome to join us as we share our experiences. Please call the library for more information.

### Coffee Klatch

Monday, November 9 @ 9:30-10:30 am at the Library

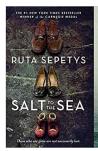
Sorry, no coffee (or tea!) at this time. (Bring your own sweet something to nibble if you wish.) But, please, do come and hear about some of the new books available here at the library. Learn what's hot at the library and maybe discover a title or two you missed. We will be socially-distanced and wearing masks. If the weather is nice, we will meet outside.



### Thursday Evening Book Club

Thursday, November 19 @ 6:30-7:30 pm at the library Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys

Winter 1945. WWII. Four refugees. Four stories.



Each one born of a different homeland; each one hunted, and haunted, by tragedy, lies, war. As thousands desperately flock to the coast in the midst of a Soviet advance, four paths converge, vying for passage aboard the Wilhelm Gustloff, a ship that promises safety and freedom. But not all promises can be kept . . .

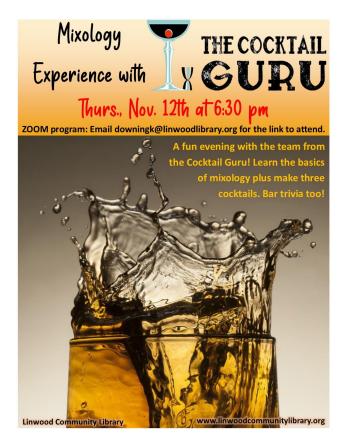
The single greatest tragedy in maritime history is the little-known January 30, 1945 sinking in the Baltic Sea by a Soviet submarine of the Wilhelm

Gustloff, a German cruise liner that was supposed to ferry wartime personnel and refugees to safety from the Soviet advancement. The ship was overcrowded with more than 10,500 passengers — the intended capacity was approximately 1,800 — and more than 9,000 people, including 5,000 children, lost their lives. Please join us for a mask-wearing, socially distanced in-person discussion. If you would like to join us via Zoom, give us a call and we will arrange it.

# Changes to the State Library's RBdigital Audiobook Service

Do you use the RBDigital app from the State Library for audiobooks? A recent change in ownership of the RBdigital Media Company has required the State Library to move all of their audiobooks to their cloudLibrary platform. This will happen on December 2, 2020.

What does this mean for you if you use the State Library's audiobooks service? To use the cloudLibrary service, you will need a Kansas Library eCard. If you don't have one, we can fix you up either in person or over the phone. Also, the State Library has put together a tutorial on their website that answers some of the most frequently asked questions about the transfer, instructions on how to download personal data from RBdigital, and guidance on how to access audiobooks through cloudLibrary. Let us know how we can help!



## Read Woke Reading Challenge: An Invitation to Grow



Through reading fiction and non-fiction, we can engage in a learning process that will make us better people in a better world. We invite you to join us on this journey using our new Beanstack Reading Challenge, Read Woke. Library staff has put together lists of titles that address diversity & social issues, including titles from our Adult, Teen, and Children's sections. To participate in the challenge, visit our Basehor Library Beanstack Reading Challenge page and sign up.

If you already have an account from Summer Reading, you can use that account. Once you're signed in, join the Read Woke challenge and click the "Log Reading and Activities" button to start logging your Read Woke selections. Under each Activity badge, you will find a list of recommended titles from the NEXT catalog. It's easy to place a title on hold, and we'll let you know when it's ready to pick up. Readers that complete the challenge will receive a Read Woke t-shirt.

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## Books n' Beverages Book Club

Thursday, November 12 @ 7:00 pm @ the library Once Upon a River by Diane Setterfield

On a dark midwinter's night in an ancient inn on the river Thames, an extraordinary event takes place. The regulars are telling stories to while away the dark hours, when the door bursts open on a grievously wounded stranger. In his arms is the lifeless body of a small child. Hours later, the girl stirs, takes a breath and returns to life. Is it a miracle? Is it magic? Or can science provide an explanation?

Those who dwell on the river bank apply all their ingenuity to solving the puzzle of the girl who died and lived again, yet as the days pass the mystery only deepens. The child herself is mute and unable to answer the essential questions: Who is she? Where did she come from? And to whom does she belong? But answers proliferate nonetheless.

Three families are keen to claim her. A wealthy young mother *knows* the girl is her kidnapped daughter, missing for two years. A farming family reeling from the discovery of their son's secret liaison stand ready to welcome their granddaughter. The parson's housekeeper, humble and isolated, sees in the child the image of her younger sister. But the return of a lost child is not without complications and no matter how heartbreaking the past losses, no matter how precious the child herself, this girl cannot be everyone's. Each family has mysteries of its own, and many secrets must be revealed before the girl's identity can be known.

The book is available at the library. Contact Amy @ the Library if you have any questions.

## **Teens**

## Teen Scavenger Hunt @ Basehor City Park

Tuesday, November 3 @ 4:00 pm

Teens, bring your phones to the Basehor Park for a massive scavenger hunt. When you arrive you'll be give a list of things to locate in the park. Instead of collecting the items, take a picture with your phone as you find each thing. Prizes will be given out for the first few teens who finish.



#### Nanowrimo

During the month of November we'll be providing support for those teens who wish to participate in National Novel Writing Month aka NaNoWriMo. Register at http://ywp.nanowrimo.org/. Need more information? Contact Amy @ the library.



## Teen Tuesdays w/ Amy

Tuesdays, November 10, 17 & 24 @ 3:30 pm on Zoom

In-person programs might be on hold for right now, but we have a solution to bring the Teen Program to you. Come chat with Amy every Tuesday at 3:30 pm. Hear about the newest books & comics and talk about whatever you'd like. If you'd like to join, email Amy at aschaffer@basehorlibrary.org for the weekly link.



#### **Teen Netflix Parties**

Wednesdays (Anime Club!) and Thursdays @ 3:30 pm

Join us virtually each week on Wednesdays and Thursdays for a Netflix party...we'll watch a movie and chat with each other while it streams. To join in, email Amy at aschaffer@basehorlibrary.org and you will be sent a link to the Netflix Party close to the time of the meeting. (No Netflix party on Thanksgiving!

Participants must have a Netflix account and have the Netflix Party extension downloaded on a Chrome browser. Need help? Let Amy know and she'll get you set up.



### Children's Author Visits on Zoom!

Join us as we host two popular Children's authors this month. We have scheduled the visits on Wednesdays so students can join from home.



#### Wednesday, November 11 @ 1:30-2:15 pm

Author Debora Underwood will join us via Zoom as the library hosts an Author Visit for school aged kids. In the 45 minute program, she will talk about why she became a writer, how to research for fiction stories (and why), and engage the students in an interactive reading of one of her books. Underwood is the author of "Walrus in the Bathtub" and "The Panda Problem," as well as many other popular children's books. Email



patronupdate@basehorlibrary.org for more information and to receive the Zoom link.

#### Wednesday, November 18

@ 1:30-2:00 pm For grades: Kindergarten-3rd

Bridget Heos is a local Kansas author that has written many wonderful nonfiction and picture books, including Mr. Patrick's favorite "Mustache Baby." The first half-hour of her program is geared toward the younger kids, including a sneak peek at her book to be released next year.



### @ 2:00-2:30 pm For grades: 4th - 6th

In the second half of her program, geared towards the older kids, local Kansas author Bridget Heos will lead the students in writing a murder mystery story.

Email patronupdate@basehorlibrary.org for more information and to receive the Zoom link.

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With the Beanstack app, you and your child will enjoy all the benefits of this wonderful program! Just sign up, log your books, and show us your progress to get your child's rewards. Happy Reading!

## Storytimes with Sir Patrick

## LIVE Storytimes Wednesdays and Thursdays @ 10:00-10:30 am

We will continue to have our storytimes each week on

Facebook Live at 10:00 am on both Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Mr. Patrick is always getting in new books and is very happy to share stories each week. Not able to watch live?

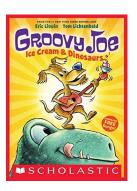


No worries, as each week the videos will stay on Facebook until the next week's live storytime.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO storytime recorded the week of Thanksgiving.



#### **Kansas Reads to Preschoolers**



Each year in November, one age-appropriate book is selected for storytime in libraries, preschools, childcare centers and homes throughout Kansas. This year's selection is *Groovy Joe: Ice Cream and Dinosaurs*, by Eric Litwin.

Mr. Patrick will share this story during storytime and will be presenting a copy of the book to local daycare centers.

One of the factors for choosing this

year's Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Month title is that it is available digitally on Bookflix, which all Kansas residents can access for free through the State Library's website. The State Library is also providing unlimited access to the eBook version of *Groovy Joe: Ice Cream & Dinosaurs* with absolutely no holds for the entire month of November. Use your Kansas Library eCard to log into the cloudLibrary app or website.

