

NOVELS, NEWS & NOTES

A newsletter of the Blue Mountain Community Library

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Upcoming BMCL Fundraisers

Our library and activities would not be possible without community support! Check out these upcoming fundraisers and ways you can support BMCL.

- **Silent Auction: September 19 - October 15**

We have 27 items available to bid on for the duration of this fundraiser. From designer bags to kitchen gadgets to home decor items and more!

- **The Slate Pub: Tuesday, September 27**

509 E. Main St., Pen Argyl (open to close)

- **Cafe on Broadway: Thursday, October 20**

21 S. Broadway, Wind Gap (open to close)

Fall Preschool Storytime

Back to school means back to Preschool Storytime! We will meet at the Weona Park pavilion on the following Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.:

September 14 & 28

October 12 & 26

This free program will consist of stories, singing and a craft. Craft kits will be provided for registered children. Please call the library at 610-863-3029 the Monday prior to register.

Readers Raffle

Congrats to our July Winners!

Adult: Bill Beal & Lucille Volger

Young Adult: Marcus Neistadt & Jessica Phillips

Juvenile: Madeline Harding & Cassandra Mesko

Thank you for participating and reading with us this summer!

BMCL Book Group

Book Group will meet on September 13 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Merriweather-Post* by Allison Pataki.

Upcoming discussions:

- October 11 - *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles
- November 8 - *West With Giraffes* - Lynda Rutledge

Hours

**Monday: 10am-noon
6-8pm**

Tuesday: 10am-noon

Wednesday: 10am-noon

**Thursday: 10am-noon
6-8pm**

Friday: 10am-noon

Saturday: 10am-noon

Thank You...

Thank you to all children who participated in our Summer Reading program, members of Wind Gap Ambulance, Slate Belt Regional Police, Lookout Fire Company, parents & grandparents.

Thank you to those who volunteered at August's Sundaes in the Park: Valerie Viglione, Judy Piper, Nancy Chuss, Georgiann Camus, Pat Sutter, Vicki Black, Laura Goss & Dana Apgar.

Donations

We are now accepting book donations - but you must call the library manager to make an appointment. We ask that only books in good condition are considered for the library.

Book Review:

The Next Ship Home by Heather Webb

Review by Lisa Farnan

This historical fiction explores issues of exclusion, resilience, determination and kindness. It is inspired by real events of the immigration process on Ellis Island in 1902 and told by two women from different backgrounds while emphasizing their similarities.

Francesca and her sister are fleeing Italy from their abusing father hoping for a better life in America. They have no family or job and speak very little English but can no longer survive the situation in their home. When the ship finally docks into the New York harbor Francesca is so excited she has survived the journey; her sister did not fare as well and is very ill. Now Francesca is concerned they will be denied entry but is determined to live in America.

Alma is a young woman of German descent, living in the Little Germany community of New York. She is forced by her stepfather to work at Ellis Island. There, she fears her supervisor and is sickened by the conditions some of the immigrants encounter. Her passion is to learn many languages. She speaks German, English, some Italian and a few Russian phrases. Working in this facility is not by choice but she is determined to take pride in her assigned responsibilities.

The day of Francesca's arrival at Ellis Island is the first day of employment for Alma on the island. Fate has brought these two women together, form a friendship and expose the corrupt workers and conditions in the immigration system.

I respected these young ladies for their courage in a time when women were not allowed to voice their beliefs and recommend this story to all the historical fiction fans.

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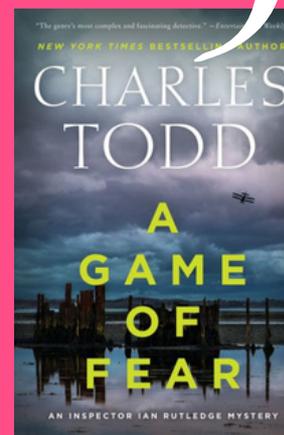
A Game of Fear by Charles Todd

Review by Judy Piper

I had never read a book by Charles Todd but as I was shelving this recent book I decided to try it. It is a light mystery taking place in England after WWI

Inspector Ian Rutledge, a veteran of the war, is sent to a village on the coast of Essex to a former air field. The owner of Benton Abbey believes she saw a murder, but there is no evidence of one occurring. While there, Rutledge finds there are several other unsolved cases that occurred during the war. His investigation leads him back to London and to France to search for an escaped killer.

I found this book to be entertaining and guessing about what happened until the end. I will be reading more books by Charles Todd.



September Feature:

National Voter Registration Day

Register to vote and check out these titles in September.

- *The Hidden History of the War on Voting* by Thom Hartmann
- *What You Need To Know About Voting And Why* by Kim Wehle
- *Give Us The Ballot* by Ari Berman
- *Creating the Constitution, The People and Events That Formed the Nation* by Daniel Weidner, ED. D.
- *The Constitution, The Preamble and the Articles* by Daniel Weidner, ED. D.
- *The Constitution of the United States of America*

"A room without books is like a body without a soul."

- Cicero

We are looking for more adult volunteers for evening and Saturday shifts! Applications are available at the front desk.

BMCL will be **CLOSED** on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.

**Next BMCL Board Meeting:
September 20, 6:30pm
Interested in joining the board?
Email info@bmcl.org**