

NOVELS, NEWS & NOTES

A newsletter of the Blue Mountain Community Library

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Annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser

Our annual Christmas tree ornament fundraiser will be held from Monday, November 1 - Friday, December 31. Honor a family member or pet by purchasing an ornament and making the library festive this holiday season!

Ornaments are \$5 each. Fill out a form at the front desk, and an ornament will be tagged with your sentiment.

Thank you to all who participated in our Cafe on Broadway fundraiser in October

Winter Preschool Storytime

For currently registered children, we will meet at the library on the following Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.:

November 9 & 23

December 7 & 21

This program will consist of stories, singing with rhythm sticks and a craft. Due to limited space, winter storytime is currently **closed** to new participants

Book Nook Specials

We have an abundance of cookbooks for sale in our book nook. During November and December, all cookbooks are buy one, get one (of equal or lesser value) free. Find these items displayed on the table in the book nook.

Visit the Book Nook for Christmas gifts for the readers on your list! It is located on the second floor and open during library hours.

BMCL Book Group

Book Group will meet on November 8 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge.

Upcoming discussions:

- January 17, 2023 - *The Wedding Veil*, Kristy Woodson Harvey
- February 14, 2023 - *The Tobacco Wives*, Adele Myers

*The group will not meet in December

Hours

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

Tuesday: 10am-noon

Wednesday: 10am-noon

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

Friday: 10am-noon

Saturday: 10am-noon

Visit Our Website!

Visit our website to view the library's online catalog - OPAC. Head to bmcl.org, click "Catalog" then click on "View Catalog."

Library members may view their accounts as:

username: last name, first name (no spaces / lowercase)

password: last 4 digits of membership card.

Our catalog is also available to non-members. Please take a moment to browse our vast collection.

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 Many Daughters of Alfong May by Jamie Ford

Review by Judy Piper

The story begins in China in 1836 when Alfong May is sold off to marry a man who dies before the marriage. She then is sold to men who take her to America to act in vaudeville as she is the first Chinese woman to arrive in America. Everyone is fascinated by her bound feet.

In 2045 Dororthy Moy tells the story of these daughters or descendants through her treatment for her mental problems. These descendants include Lai King Moy of San Francisco (1892); Zoe Moy who attends school in England(1927); Fei-jin "Faye" Moy a nurse with the Flying Tigers in China (1942); Margareta (Greata) Moy, a computer software developer in the United States (2014; herself, a poet and teacher in Seattle (2045) and her daughter, Annabel (Echo) (2086).

This book explores the theory of epigenetic inheritance where you have the genetic proclivity for certain things.

I found this book to be quite interesting but at times hard to follow. I found that by writing down the names of each daughter as it appears and a sentence about who this person was enabled me to keep everyone straight. Make sure you read the Acknowledgments.

Weis Receipts

BMCL accepts Weis Market Receipts from the following stores: Bangor, Brodheadsville, Mt. Pocono, Marshalls Creek, Stroudsburg, and Tannersville.

In return, Weis Market awards us with a 1% monetary donation of the total submitted receipts.

November Feature: Thankful for Our Bountiful Collection

- *Autumn Skies*, Denise Hunter
- *Every Sunday*, Peter Pezzelli
- *At the Edge of the Orchard*, Tracy Chevalier
- *The End of Always*, Randi Davenport
- *Blood Sisters*, Jane Corry
- *The False Friend*, Myla Goldberg
- *Amish Promises*, Leslie Gould
- *Things I Want My Daughter to Know*, Elizabeth Noble

Book Review:

West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

Review by Nancy Chuss

San Diego zoo owner wanted to bring giraffes to her zoo. The journey begins in Africa with the giraffes in a container on a ship. The ship gets hit with a hurricane off the New Jersey coast. "Old Man" was asked to get the giraffes to San Diego. His first driver was not good with animals and left.

The depression was in full swing and Woody runs away from his past and begins to drive the giraffes across country with "Old Man", who called them "boy" and "Girl".

This book describes their story and problems that they must get past on their trip. A woman follows them

"Red" and she loves the giraffes and winds up riding with them. The reader feels like they are on this Journey. Woody later winds up in a VA hospital and is over 100. He claims to see "Girl" in his hospital window as he hurries to write this story for the daughter of "Old Man".

This is an exciting novel that pulled you in and took you for a ride!

***Interested in writing a book review of your own?
Send your positive reviews on books from our
shelves to info@bmcl.org for a chance to be
featured in our monthly newsletter!***

*"Reading is a special key to take you
where you want to be."*

-Anonymous

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

BMCL will be **CLOSED** on November 25
Happy Thanksgiving!

**Next BMCL Board Meeting:
November 15, 6:30pm
Interested in joining the board?
Email info@bmcl.org**