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MON-WEDS: 10-6 | TH: 3-8 | FRI/SAT: 10-3

Tuesday, February 2
Bailey Tots Playtime 10:30am

Wednesday, February 3
Music Time w/ Caleb Orion 10:30am
Friends Group 6pm
Bailey Yoga Night 6pm

Monday, February 8
Trustee Meeting 6:00pm

Tuesday, February 9
Story Hour w/ Ms. Jenn 10:30am

Wednesday, February 10
Bailey Tots Playtime 10:30am

Saturday, February 13
Tale Time Story Hour 10:30am

Tuesday, February 16
Bailey Tots Playtime 10:30am
School Break Crafts 3pm

Wednesday, February 17
Kids Yoga 10:30am
School Break Crafts 3pm
Title Waves Book Group 6pm

Thursday, February 18
Superhero Party 3:30pm

Friday, February 19
Sports Games 1:30pm

Tuesday, February 23
Music Time w/ Buster B 10:30am
Live Music with Rob Duquette 6:30pm

Wednesday, February 24
Bailey Tots Playtime 10:30am

Daily: Lego Club in WAFCU Fireplace Room
Monday-Thursday:
Teen After-School Program
Teen Area of the Adult Wing, 3-6pm

Footnotes - A Column by Shane Billings

Four Classic Mystery Novels

Winter is a great time to curl up with a good mystery, and although the genre is ripe with new authors, nothing beats the masters. Sadly, we lost two of the greatest crime novelists of all time last year, P.D. James and Ruth Rendell. Both were pioneers in the genre, with Rendell exploring the psychological depths of her characters, and P.D. James elevating the role of setting in mystery novels. Rendell's long running Wexford series includes some of the greatest puzzles ever put to the page, but her standalone novels are equally riveting. James's major works are the Adam Dalgliesh novels, although she also wrote a handful of standalone works, as well as two Cordelia Gray mysteries and some stellar nonfiction. Here are four of their best:

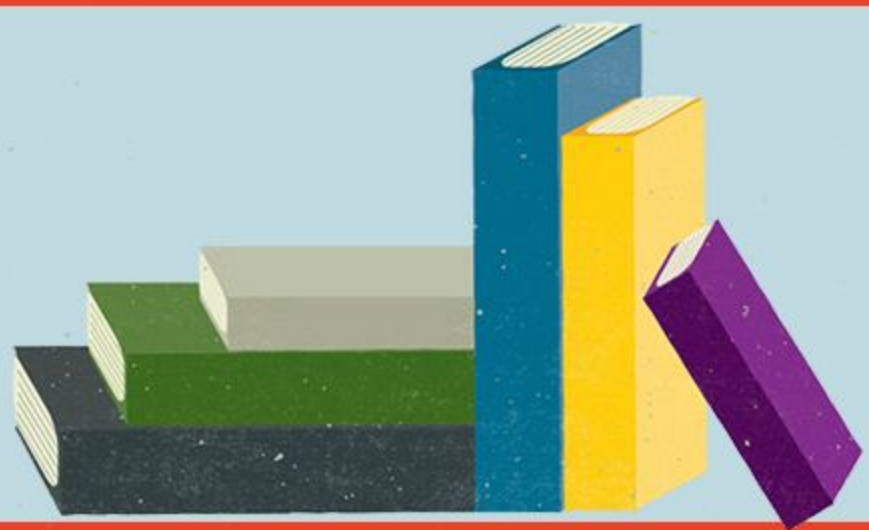


A Mind to Murder (Adam Dalgliesh #2) by P.D. James: Already stepping up her game in the second Dalgliesh, P.D. James fleshes out her lead character, delivers another fantastic setting for the crime, and a rather large cast of suspects, several of whom are painted in great detail. A smart little twist at the end, and a considerable heaping of suspense on top of the detection.

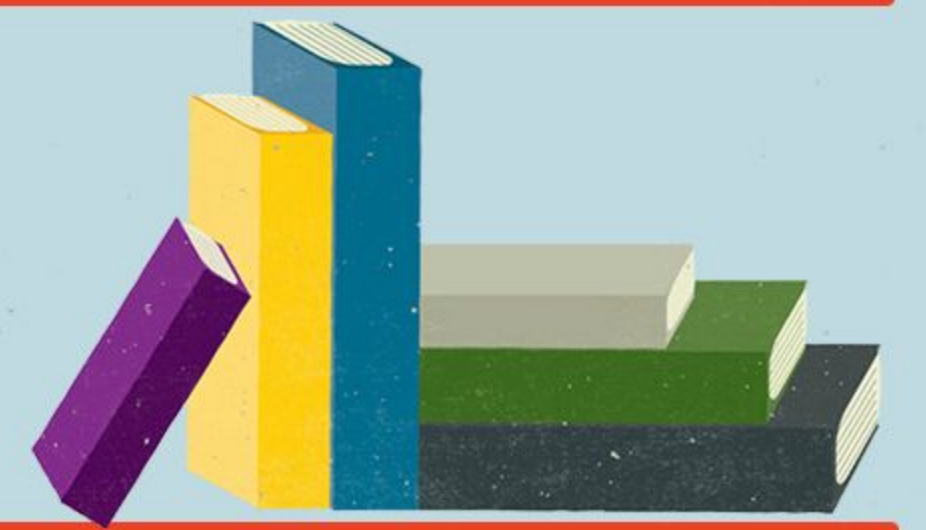
Unnatural Causes (Adam Dalgliesh #3) by P.D. James: *Unnatural Causes* is a cut above the first two Dalgliesh novels (both of which I thoroughly enjoyed; see above), partly because there is some great humor in the characterizations, but mostly because the puzzle is stronger and even more well clued. I love James's closed community settings, and her writing is exquisite.

No More Dying Than (Inspector Wexford #6) by Ruth Rendell: A great mystery, well plotted and suspenseful. Rendell comes closer than most to Agatha Christie's skill with sleight-of-hand and misdirection. Each of the first six Wexfords has at least one if not multiple "twists" and surprises. This one has the added bonus of being a wonderful character study of Detective Burden, Wexford's right hand man.

The Face of Trespass (a standalone novel) by Ruth Rendell: In my opinion, Rendell's standalone novels start to really get good with *The Face of Trespass*, although acclaimed mystery novelist Julian Symmons (a huge fan of Rendell) did not like this one. Great use of foreshadowing, and everything that is mentioned no matter how minor will prove important to the plot. A vivid, well-drawn setting and a real sense of menace invested in the telephone!



Literary Favorites



NEW BOOK COMING SOON: *The Blue Hour* by Douglas Kennedy

A dream Moroccan vacation turns into a series of progressively more disastrous misadventures for an accountant from Buffalo. Robin turned to accounting in her 30s as a hedge against the unpredictability of life. Ignoring her now deceased mother's very cogent warnings, she marries Paul, who surprises her with a trip to Morocco. Kennedy begins with a schematic sketching of the married couple's life, but their expectations of an idyllic summer stay in the picturesque North African country soon turns sour when Robin finds out something about Paul that upends everything she's known about him. It would be unfair to reveal more, except that readers will continually be urging her, no-o-o, don't do that! And she will ignore their advice just as she ignored her mother's. Kennedy has a knack for portraying characters readers love to hate.

Scrabble® Tournament



The Friends of the Library will host their first annual Scrabble® Tournament on Sunday, March 6th, in the King Event Room from 1-4pm. All proceeds will benefit the Bailey Library, and the event is open to everyone aged 10 and up. The registration fee is \$25 per person over the age of sixteen, and \$15 per person aged 10-16. Registration forms are available at the circulation desk of the Bailey Library. The registration deadline is Saturday, February 27.

You may register as a team of four, or as an individual player, although individuals will be assigned to a team. The Tournament will consist of tables seating two teams of four players competing over one Scrabble® board.

There will be prizes, refreshments, and a whole lot of fun, so please consider joining the Friends for their very first Scrabble® Tournament at the Bailey Library!

Coming Soon in DVD



Chi-Raq directed by Spike Lee
The Diary of a Teenage Girl
directed by Marielle Heller
Everest directed by Baltasar Kormákur
Goosebumps directed by Rob Letterman
Hotel Transylvania 2
directed by Genndy Tartakovsky
Infinitely Polar Bear directed by Maya Forbes
The Intern directed by Nancy Meyers
Learning to Drive directed by Isabel Coixet
The Martian directed by Ridley Scott
Sicario directed by Denis Villeneuve
Straight Outta Compton directed by F. Gary Gray
The Visit directed by M. Night Shyamalan
The Walk directed by Robert Zemeckis

Book to Film

NEW DVD COMING SOON:
The Martian directed by Ridley Scott



From director Ridley Scott, based on Andy Weir's popular 2011 novel, it is the saga of one man's struggle to survive against unbelievable odds and of the world's greatest minds coming together to help him. Laced with humor – mostly through the charm of Matt Damon's lead performance, possibly the best of his career – it's brimming with optimism, presenting humanity at its best. A big-budget science fiction film without aliens, robots, space battles or the fate of the universe at stake, and it is absolutely gripping from beginning to end. It allows intelligent people to act in intelligent ways and to come together in a manner that's cooperative rather than adversarial. Relying on old-fashioned storytelling, it's a hopeful glimpse into the near future and one of the best movies of 2015.

Live Mini-Concert with Rob Duquette



Maine musician Rob Duquette will perform a mini-concert in the King Event Room on Tuesday, February 23rd at 6:30pm. Duquette is a multi-instrumentalist with an emphasis on drums and percussion. A fulltime performer and music educator since 1998, Duquette maintains an active gigging career, regularly touring the country, but splitting most of his time between Boston and Portland. Duquette has performed with worldwide renowned composer David Amram, the Portland Jazz Orchestra, and is now a fulltime member of American singer-songwriter Jonathan Edwards' band. A classically trained percussionist, Duquette teaches World Music, African Drumming, and American Popular Music at the University of New England. The event is free and open to the public.

Bailey's Most Wanted

Last Month's Most Requested Items

1. Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff
2. Rogue Lawyer by John Grisham
3. My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante
4. Tricky Twenty-Two by Janet Evanovich
5. The Road to Little Dribbling by Bill Bryson
6. My Name Is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout
7. The Guest Room by Chris Bohjalian
8. A Walk in the Woods directed by Ken Kwapis
9. Infinitely Polar Bear directed by Maya Forbes
10. Ted 2 directed by Seth MacFarlane



Notable Coming Soon

The Blue Hour by Douglas Kennedy
The High Mountains of Portugal by Yann Martel
In Other Words by Jhumpa Lahiri
Midnight Sun by Jo Nesbo
A Midsummer's Equation by Keigo Higashino
No Shred of Evidence by Charles Todd
Under the Influence by Joyce Maynard

