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**FEBRUARY
2010**



THE LUNCH BUNCH BOOK CLUB

The Lunch Bunch Book Club held its first club meeting on January 11, 2010 at 11AM. (The Club meets on the second Monday of the month in the library conference room.) The January selection was "No More Dead Dogs" by Gordon Korman. This was a junior fiction selection and the discussion was spirited. The book is a junior fiction work about an eighth grade student who believes that honesty is always the best policy. That gets him into a lot of trouble because, when he has to write a book report about a book called "Old Shep; My Pal", he tells the truth. He hates the book because in books about dogs, the dog always dies in the end. ("Old Yeller" and "Sounder") He writes a book report that pans the book which gets him in hot water and detention for his report. As part of his punishment, he is forced off the football team and made to endure participation with the drama club which is putting on a play based on, of course, "Old Shep, My Pal". The results are hilarious. A good book for teens.

February's selection is a non-fiction work: "Team of Rivals" by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Many books have been written about one of our greatest Presidents, Abraham Lincoln. But this book looks at the mastery of Lincoln in bringing his opponents together to save the Union. When Lincoln ran for president his opponents were William H. Seward, Salmon P. Chase and Edward Bates. They all despised his "backwoods" Illinois past. When Lincoln won on the merits of his honesty he named: Seward as Secretary of State, Chase as Secretary of the Treasury and Bates as Attorney General. How he got bitter enemies to become admirers is the crux of this book. Read this one for sure. February's meeting should be interesting.

LIBRARY WINTER HOURS

For those of you who use the library you may have noticed that the hours that the library is open now during the winter have been curtailed. These shorter hours will remain in effect until April 30. This is due, not to fewer patrons (in fact library usage has grown significantly) but to the fact that there are deep state and local budget cuts. The drastic reduction in library revenue has forced this cutback. Our library needs to cut costs so that we can preserve the basic services that our community library provides. Your library staff is paid for fewer hours and the reduced hours should also cut lighting, power and heating bills. When you use the library try to make a contribution at the circulation desk. Every penny helps. The affluent community residents, I will not call them 'members', whose names never appear on donations lists and do nothing for the community might consider this a wake-up call too. The hours are now at the minimum number for the library to remain an official working entity. That should give you an idea of the thin line that library is treading these days.

The library needs new bookshelves. The front doors are rusted out and need replacement. There is a leak in the plumbing that is destroying a section of drywall in one of the rest rooms and a plumber's volunteer help would be appreciated. The library's endowment fund is first now beginning to recover from the stock market debacle of 2008. A donation to the fund is forever because the funds are never touched and the library can only draw on the interest. Please consider donating part of your estate to the fund. If you can help in any way, please do so. The Curtis Township Library is one of the crown jewels in our community and the sole source of local education since the loss of our elementary school.

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Library Winter Hours:

Monday ——— Closed
Tuesday ——— 11AM—5PM
Wednesday — 11AM—5PM
Thursday ——— 1PM—6PM
Friday ——— Closed
Saturday ——— 11AM—3PM
Sunday ——— Closed
THRU APRIL 30, 2010

**Time to join or renew
your membership
in the Glennie
Friends of the Library I
Single - \$ 12.00/yr
Family - \$ 25.00/yr**

LUNCH BUNCH BOOK CLUB

SELECTION FOR FEBRUARY

**Team Of Rivals
By
Doris Kearns Goodwin
(non-fiction)**

The Club will meet on
2/8/10 at 11AM in the
Library Conference Room.
Pick up your copy of the
selection in advance and
get ready for some spirited,
interesting discussion.

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CALENDAR OF LIBRARY EVENTS

- February - 4 **Curtis Township Library Board Meeting**
5:00PM at the Library Meeting Room
Contact: Moira Maus—Library Director—989-735-2601
- February - 8 **Lunch Bunch Book Club**
11AM-1PM at the Library Meeting Room
Contact: Moira Maus—Library Director—989-735-2601
- February - 17 **Glennie Friends Of The Library Meeting**
11:00AM at the Library Meeting Room
Contact: Joanne Noe—President—989-735-2839

BOOK REVIEW

The Art of Racing in the Rain
By Garth Stein

Enzo, a dog, understands human speech and feelings. He is humanlike in telling us this tale of sharing the love and difficulties of his humans. He wishes he could speak to them, but settles for being the best dog he can be. We can learn much from this loving story. And if you like car racing, or not, the metaphors are terrific!
- Emily Kemnitz

A HEARTFELT THANKS !!

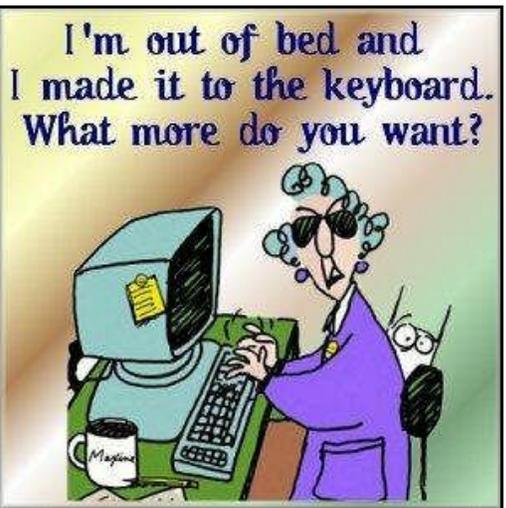
Thank you to the Glennie Lionesses
and especially ANN BURTON
who "masterminded" the collection of their
computer ink cartridges so that the library
can buy much needed office supplies!
If you have old cartridges that you discard, please
drop them off at the library. Every one helps.

FED UP WITH BORING TELEVISION AND THE WINTER BLUES?
Want to fight off the winter blahs? Want to do something that's fun
and also FREE?

JOIN THE LUNCH BUNCH BOOK CLUB!

The Lunch Bunch Book Club meets on the second Monday of the
month at the Curtis Township Library at 11AM. Bring your lunch or
lunch nibbles to share. Every member is encouraged to submit one
book suggestion to the library in each of the following categories
1.) fiction 2.) non-fiction 3.) junior/teen fiction
Upcoming selections will be posted at the library and in the
newsletter. Pick up your copy of the monthly selection at the library.

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"BOOKIE" T-SHIRT
OR A 'HOODIE'
'BOOKIE' SWEATSHIRT
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WE ALSO HAVE "BOOKIE" BAGS !**



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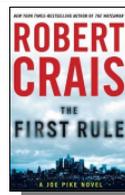
Fired Up
By Jayne Ann Krentz

This is the first book in the Krentz 'Dreamlight' trilogy about a three-century old competition between two men's rivalry in psychic abilities and the effects on their future family generations: powers beyond imagination or madness.



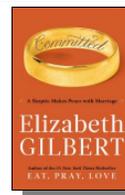
The Wolf At The Door
By Jack Higgins

A shadowy figure is attacking the Prime Minister's private army and Sean Dillon thinks he knows who it is. But proof is hard and survival may be even harder. Another best-seller from the fertile mind of Jack Higgins



The First Rule
By Robert Crais

This is the second Joe Pike novel. Pike is the original 'bad boy'. Joe and his predecessor, Elvis Cole, make this a novel that has been wildly successful with women and men. Women want to 'save' him and men want to be him.



Committed
By Elizabeth Gilbert

The subtitle of this book is: 'A Skeptic Makes Peace With Marriage'. This book explores the topics of compatibility, infatuation, fidelity, family tradition, social expectations, divorce risks and marital responsibilities.

*Editor's Note: If you have recently read a book that you enjoyed,
the Friends of The Library Newsletter would be happy to print your review in a future issue.*

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