

Library has books, movies and music to while away long weekend

Sheesh, Labor Day is already here!

Did you know that Labor Day was signed into law during the Grover Cleveland Administration in the 1880s?

Since the 1880s Labor Day has become an annual event that we all look forward to for a variety of reasons. Camping, family get-togethers, picnics, etc. have all become part of our national tradition during Labor Day. As a backup plan, you can always count on another Labor Day tradition: the annual telethon for Muscular Dystrophy hosted by Jerry Lewis. (Sunday — Monday) So if you like your day off during Labor Day you owe lots of thanks to President Grover Cleveland.

For the library, Labor Day signifies the changeover to winter hours



Jeff Friesen, library director

• Library Link

(refer to the end of this article) and the beginning of the new Booked for Lunch season! Mark your calendar for noon, Wednesday (Sept. 6).

Ann Miner will start the season off by reviewing the book *1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus* by Charles Mann. A light lunch will be provided so forget about packing your lunch for the day.

Traveling is also a big part of Labor Day weekend. Cars seem to

be incorporating more and more technology into them all the time. In fact, as a passenger you can literally enjoy almost all of the conveniences of home in the car — minus the La-z-boy and a commode. Music, movies, telephones, etc. are all now accepted as commonplace in vehicles. Now that I think of it, wouldn't it be cheaper to manufacture vehicles if we eliminated all windows but the front and back.

In any case, here is a movie, an audio book, and an audio CD that you can enjoy over Labor Day.

Drumline stars Nick Cannon as a cocky college upstart from Brooklyn. His musical gifts have the potential of making him a star in the college marching band. His attitude, on the other hand, needs a lot of work. As he works through his freshman year of college and all of the adjustments that go with being a new college student, he realizes that talent is only half of what you need to be the best. This inspirational movie gives the viewer a glimpse into the complex inner workings of collegiate marching bands. Make it a point to watch this before your first college football game this year.

If you enjoyed *Dinner with a Perfect Stranger: an Invitation Worth*

Considering by David Gregory then chances are you will really enjoy his second book titled *A Day with a Perfect Stranger*.

Religion is an element of life that consistently generates lots of questions. Imagine then, if you were having a conversation with the one person that could answer all of your questions. *In A Day with a Perfect Stranger*, the main character Nick is setup to have a dinner with J-man, aka Jesus. The dinner conversation is surreal to say the least, particularly because Jesus understands Nick better than he understands himself.

The conversation leaves Nick with a renewed faith but drives an even deeper wedge into his already

rocky relationship with his self-proclaimed agnostic wife.

That is, until a "chance" encounter on a plane introduces his wife to an "individual" that seems to know her better than herself.

And — for music try the infamous Johnny Cash and his CD *I Walk the Line*; and other hits. Listen to *I Walk the Line*, *Folsom Prison Blues*, *Big River* and plenty of other great hits.

Our hours will also be changing over beginning Tuesday. Winter hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

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Cross-dresser's revelation causes his friends to flee

DEAR ABBY: About a month ago, I was shocked out of my shoes. My longtime friend, "Orville," told me he had bought \$280 worth of women's clothes. He went on to describe how "great" it feels to wear them. He says he has been a cross-dresser since boyhood when he started wearing his sister's clothes. When she found out, she continued dressing him up and he loved it.

Orville says he's a woman trapped in a man's body — something about brain lobes. I saw it once in the newspaper, but didn't read it because I wasn't interested.

Orville has told a lot of his friends and now he is isolated. I don't go over there either, because I don't want to hear it. (He even said I should try it.)

We are in our 60s, and I think Orville is headed for trouble. I just can't believe he is gay. I am heterosexual (when I get the chance). Does he need a shrink? Please advise.

— SHOCKED IN OKEECHOBEE, FLA.
DEAR SHOCKED: Feeling that one is trapped in the body of someone of the opposite sex does not make the person "gay." It means he or she is a transsexual. Your friend needs understanding, not isolation.

By all means he should see a psychiatrist — one who specializes in gender disorders. He should have counseling if he wants to take this where it is heading, and also to cope with the loss of his friends. It would be a kindness to tell him that.

DEAR ABBY: My 14-year-old daughter, "Jessica," is mature for her age and a straight-A student.



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

She is entering her freshman year of high school. She is an avid reader, and I have recently found cause to be concerned about what she's reading.

Abby, Jessica is reading adult romance novels that feature what I consider to be content that is too mature and erotic for a child her age to read. I have told her to stop buying them, but I know she's still sneaking them into the house because I found some when I went into her room to clean.

What should I do? I'm uncomfortable about her reading this type of material. What will it do to her future relationships and her judgment of what's acceptable and not acceptable in those relationships?

We have argued over this. Jessica says there is nothing in the books that she didn't already know about, and having learned about sex and relationships in school, there is no reason why she shouldn't be allowed to read what she wants.

Is she right? Am I being overprotective? Or will her current reading choices cause future problems?

— NERVOUS IN BERNARDSVILLE, N.J.
DEAR NERVOUS: Your letter reminded me of the days of my youth when our housekeeper used to loan me the True Romance magazines she kept stashed underneath her bed. My

mother might not have approved, but most people seem to think I turned out all right.

Literature may have become more risqué than years ago, but these days the chances of sheltering your "mature, straight-A student" are slim. Rather than censor her reading, stress to her that if she has any questions about anything she can come to you for straight answers. (You could also keep the channels of communication open by asking her to lend you the books when she's finished reading them.)

Some might argue that the idealized depiction of romance, and women being "rescued" by powerful, wealthy men, is more worrisome than the sex and eroticism. However, if you are raising your daughter to respect feminist principles, I don't think you have any-

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