

# Library hosts murder mystery Saturday

By staff  
Pioneer Memorial Library

Mystery is on the minds of the library staff this week. *The Mystery of the Missing Library Book* is a continuing series. Our staff is continually shelf-reading to make sure the books are in the correct place on the shelf. If you can't find the book you are looking for because it is in the wrong place, we might as well not have it.

Of course the biggest mystery story of the week is the *Murder In the Library*, Saturday night.

Our murder mystery evening is sold out for the fourth consecutive year. With all of the community people participating, it is a fun evening for both the audience and the participants. And of course the quality of the food is never a mystery — it is always great!

If you love a good mystery, we have just the book for you. *Carved In Bone, Flesh and Bone, and The Devil's Bones* by Jefferson Bass.

Fans of "C.S.I." and "Bones" will enjoy this series by Jefferson Bass, the writing team of anthropologist Dr. Bill Bass and journalist Jon Jefferson. Dr. Bass is the founder of the Body Farm, a three-acre facility near the University of Tennessee Medical Center. Here human corpses are allowed to decay and then are studied for forensics and medical research.

The series features Dr. Bill Brockton, the fictional counterpart to the real Dr. Bass. There is a lot of authentic forensic detail in the books and a lot of it is fairly graphic.

You will probably learn something interesting as you follow Dr. Brockton while he helps the police solve forensic mysteries with lots of action along the way. *Blessed Is the Busybody* by Emilie Richards.

If Jefferson Bass sounds a little too graphic for you, try this "cozy mystery" by Emilie Richards.

By definition a cozy mystery

doesn't include graphic violence, profanity, or explicit sex. But this book does have plenty of mystery to keep you intrigued.

Aggie Sloane-Wilcox is the wife of the new minister of the Consolidated Community Church in Emerald Springs, Ohio.

Things get off to a rocky start when the naked body of a woman turns up on the parsonage porch and Aggie's husband is a suspect in the murder.

Aggie manages to get into trouble with not only the police but the church Women's Society while trying to help find the murderer.

This book is a fun read. At times, it will make you laugh out loud as Aggie tries to be a good minister's wife while maintaining her own personality. If you enjoy this, it is the first of three books in the *Ministry Is Murder* series featuring Aggie Sloane-Wilcox.

*Obedience* by Will Lavender. This debut novel is a psychological mystery that keeps you

guessing to the last page. College students in a Logic and Reasoning class are given an unusual assignment. After being given a set of clues, they are to find the hypothetical missing girl named Polly. The catch? If at the end of the six week course they haven't found her, she will be murdered.

As the assignment begins to take over the lives of three students, they begin to find disturbing connections between their lives and the lives of the supposedly fictitious characters surrounding the missing girl.

The lines between the classroom assignment and the real world become blurred leaving the students wondering what is real.

The library has many more mysteries for you to unravel.

What is not a mystery is our willingness to serve you. We will be closed on Palm Sunday, March 16, and Easter Sunday, March 23. Otherwise we are open every day. For information, (785) 460-4470.

# Colby student wins regional poetry contest

Colby High School recently hosted the regional contest for Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest. The competition, presented in partnership with the Kansas Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Poetry Foundation, is part of a national program that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance, and compe-



Ress

dition, said Linda Jones, one of the coordinators.

Contestants from Colby, Oakley, and Quinter high schools participated, in which they recited three poems from memory before a panel of three judges.

Courtney Ress, from Colby High School was selected as the winner, with the Quinter participant first runner-up. "Courtney advanced to the State Poetry Out Loud contest, which was held in Topeka last Friday," she said.

The state champion will advance to the Poetry Out Loud National Finals on April 28-29 in Washington, DC, where \$50,000 in scholarships and school prizes will be awarded.

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