

Range of books includes mysteries, Lincoln’s death

This week’s column is about a group of books we added.

The first is “Father Night,” by Eric Van Lustbader. Van Lustbader weaves three stories into one very intense spellbinder. This is the fourth book in the *Jack McClure* series.

McClure has a spicy relationship with Annika Dementiev, the granddaughter of a powerful Middle East leader. Alli Carson and Vera are trying to discover who has targeted Alli through cyber warfare. Since she is the daughter of a previous president of the United States, the stakes are high. Dennis Paul, secretary of defense, and detective Hendryx are working another mystery conspiracy with Alan Frain in Washington. These three stories merge together as the reader finds a mutual link in “Father Night.”

The second item is called “Fallen Masters,” by John Edward. This author is known for his belief and writing on the psychic and spiritual. In this novel, Edward brings all the religions together to try and keep the darkness that has entered the world from overtaking mankind. A plot to destroy civilization as we know it encompasses the spirit world as well as the known earthly world.

Another item is the fictional book entitled “The Lincoln Conspiracy,” by Timothy L. O’Brien. This book will show how the killing of Lincoln was a much wider plot than history records. He places the people and events into a dramatic telling of the era’s politics, cultural struggle for liberty for all and much more.

A nonfiction item on Lincoln being added is “Lincoln’s Hundred Days: The Emancipation Proclamation and the War for the Union,” by Louis P. Masur. This is a 285-page work that includes text, notes, acknowledgements and an extensive index.

Masur is a professor at Rutgers



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University in American studies and history. He tells us in the prologue that Lincoln was not a very charismatic nor visually appealing person. He often had a sanguine approach to life, but concentrated on bringing humor through stories and jokes. Masur also tells us these stories or jokes were hardly told without a point, but that Lincoln himself said that “he must laugh some times, or he would surely die.” This book may not be as dramatic and enthralling as the fiction item on Lincoln above, but it will give you a good historical rendering of the era.

Susan Wittig Albert has just published a new book, “The Darling Dahlias and the Confederate Rose.” The Darling Dahlias are a gardening club that is preparing to plant roses along the cemetery for a Confederate Day celebration. Librarian Dorothy Rogers has several mysteries she is trying to solve. Treasurer of the county and the Darling Dahlias Gardening Club, Verna Tidwell is suspected of embezzling \$15,000. Rogers is pretty sure this was not her doing, but must find who did the deed.

Rogers has also come across a mysterious code embroidered on a pillow sham she owns. It seems to go back generations. In an effort to solve this mystery she writes the townspeople via the local newspaper. The librarian finds this sleepy town is anything but drowsy. Things begin to happen and she starts to put the pieces together. You will enjoy how librarian turned sleuth goes about working to solve the mysteries.

The next item we are adding

is entitled, “Hiss and Hers.” Protagonist Agatha Raisin has set her sights on George Marston. Agatha is a businesswoman who owns a detective agency. She finds the only way to corral George is to pay for the privilege of dancing with him at the charity ball. When he does not show up for the ball, Agatha goes snooping around to find out just what is going on. She finds him dead. She is determined to find the killer. She and those working with her are now engaged in finding out if one of his many women friends killed him.

Jerry S. Eicher has also written a book, “Missing Your Smile.” This is book one of the *Fields of Home* series. As a former Amish, Eicher has written this book with understanding about his heritage.

Protagonist Susan Hosteler has run away from her Amish home because of unrequited love. She moves to Asbury Park and begins to live life in the outside world – known as the “English” life. There she learns to function within this strange environment. Susan finds herself once again in love with a young man. She also is asked by a young woman to help her get her child adopted within the Amish community. This is where the challenge comes for Susan. She loves both parts of her life. Which will she choose, and for what reasons.

Booked for Lunch will be at noon on Wednesday. Technology Librarian Dave Fischer of the Northwest Kansas Library System will review the book “Tomb,” by Clive Cussler, along with the other items in the series. Come enjoy lunch with us!

Remember that our hours have changed for the fall and winter season. We are now open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, to 5 p.m. Friday, to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

See you in the library!

Is everybody ready for takeoff?



LORI MILLER/Golden Plains Elementary

Sidney Taylor (kneeling) and the rest of the second grade class got ready to release their butterflies in the Golden Plains Elementary butterfly garden. They had received five caterpillars early in the school year. After one week, they had made chrysalises, which hatched over the weekend of Sept. 8 and 9. The second grade, taught by Lori Miller, has participated in this project for several years.

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Colby College remains military friendly school

Colby Community College has been named by Victory Media, a firm aimed at military personnel transitioning into civilian life, to its fourth annual list of Military Friendly Schools.

The firm says the 2013 list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success.

LaDonna Dempewolf, veterans coordinator at the college, meets with veterans to help them with class schedules and financial assistance from the GI Bill.

“Inclusion on the 2013 list of Military Friendly Schools shows

a commitment to providing a supportive environment for military students,” said Sean Collins, director for GI Jobs and vice president at Victory Media.

The list, available at www.militaryfriendlyschools.com, feature interactive tools and search ability to help students find the best school to suit their needs, the firm says. The list includes 1,739 colleges, universities and trade schools out of about 12,000 approved by Veterans Affairs for GI Bill benefits.

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