

Mysteries, dramas and historical novels added to library collection in November

The weeks are moving quickly by in November. I do not know about you, but my plate has been full of activities and special events.

Speaking of moving quickly, let me tell you about the newest Lee Childs book, "Running Blind." It is Book Four of the *Jack Reacher* series. In this book, protagonist Jack Reacher is being strong-armed into helping the FBI find out who is killing ex-military men who complained and filed suit against a superior. In fact, even Jack himself is considered a possible suspect. This is not enough to make him help, but it is their quiet discussion of harm to a loved one that really has his attention. Jack is bound and determined to find out who is able to stump the best investigators (including himself).

The second book is "Seating Arrangements," by Maggie Shipstead. Father and bread winner Winn Van Meter is about to embark on the most complicated few days: his daughter's wedding. He will stay at work as long as possible, but then become one of the many players that threaten to ruin this very important social event for daughter No. 1. The characters are fun and lively.

The plot may be a bit predictable, but no less enjoyable. You might want to read it in order to

get ready for any Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations your family is preparing.

The third book is "The Uncommon Appeal of Clouds," by Alexander McCall Smith. This is No. 9 of the *Isabel Dalhousie* series. Isabel's ability to solve mystery and crime is sought by the Munrowe family. Paintings from the Munrowe home have disappeared.

Isabel is married and has a husband who teaches and gives lessons at a private academy. She herself is the owner and writer of a regular journal, the "Review of Applied Ethics." She does this while she and her husband are busy discovering the extent of their 3-year-old's genius in math and music. Isabel is trying to understand exactly what might be required in solving this mystery before she agrees to the case.

The fourth book is "Maps of Fate" by Reid Lance Rosenthal. This is book 2 of the *Threads West* series, which has won national awards for Westerns, Romance and Historical Fiction. It's about



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the era between 1855 and 1875. Zebariah Taylor is at the the Mississippi River on his way west.

The author brings the reader to understand immediately that Zeb is not to be played with. He is a tough, but fair minded man. He is traveling with his brother Rueben as well with others. As such, many characters will be developed. I think if you like westerns and history, this might be a good book to read.

The next book is "The Midwife of Hope River: A Novel of an American Midwife (P.S.)," by Patricia Harman. In this book, midwife Patience Murphy moves to the Appalachian Mountains. There she is determined to build a practice to help women meet their child-bearing needs. This is not an easy decision, a big change of lifestyle. The hardest of all is when she must push people away from her in order to keep her past just that.

This is the first book by Harman, but she does not come to this subject without a lifetime of knowledge and personal experience. She has worked in West Virginia as a midwife, helping to deliver babies on farms and in cabins. She has

also taught the subject in hospitals and community birthing centers.

The final book is, "And When She Was Good," by Laura Lippman. Heloise, a local lobbyist, has been making a life for herself and her son. Everything is smooth and orderly until her accountant and others begin to ask her some probing questions. The fact is this lobbyist has a double life and does not want it compromised.

I also want to tell you to mark your calendar for Thursday, Nov. 29, when we have a special evening performer at 7 p.m. in the library basement. Actress and storyteller Pippa White will present "Voices from Ellis Island." It is free and we just want to share with you the rich heritage of our ancestors.

Another important event is *Booked for Lunch* on Wednesday, Dec. 5. We will have Jerry Barlow, a professional guitarist, playing Celtic and English Christmas and holiday music. A free lunch will be served at noon.

Also, next Thursday is Thanksgiving and the library will be closed. Except for Thursday, however, we will be open our normal hours, Monday to Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday until 5 p.m. and Saturday to 4 p.m. Sunday hours are 1 to 4 p.m.

See you in the library!

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Last Thursday
 6:18 a.m. – Subject called with a juvenile complaint. Report filed for battery.
 7:16 a.m. – Caller reported auto accident at Copeland and second. Report filed.
 7:47 a.m. – Assisted subject.
 11:47 a.m. – Report filed on attempted break in.
 3:54 p.m. – Subject reported recovered wallet. Report filed.
 8:32 p.m. – Caller reported suicidal subject. Report filed.
 8:34 p.m. – Caller reported neighbor harassing her. No report.
 10:25 p.m. – Caller wanted subject removed from household. Report filed.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Nov. 6
 7:19 a.m. – Oakley Police received call about semi trailer sliding off county roads 11 and F. Spoke to reporting party on phone; report filed.
 9:30 a.m. – Subject came to station about theft of shot gun from Rexford. Report filed; entered into National Crime Information Center.
 9:44 a.m. – Will have report on warrant arrest of Jacqueline Dovie Shandy.
 9:53 a.m. – Released Barbara Jean Tuck.
 10:06 a.m. – Booked Jacqueline Dovie Shandy.
 10:17 a.m. – Transported inmate from Rooks County to Colby.
 11:09 a.m. – Warrant for arrest

was returned to court.
 11:38 a.m. – Released Shandy.
 11:59 a.m. – Booked Ferguson.
 12:29 p.m. – Warrant arrested served for Jarrod Kenneth Ferguson.
 2:37 p.m. – Transported two inmates from Sherman County to Colby.
 6:02 p.m. – Released Charles Stogsdill.
 6:12 p.m. – Released Richard Mesisca.
 7:59 p.m. – Released Kile Zerr.
Last Thursday
 10:15 a.m. – Assisted motorist at Nine Mile Junction.
 10:50 a.m. – Booked juvenile.
 11:13 a.m. – Released juvenile.
 11:16 a.m. – Assisted Highway Patrol on South Range.
 6:19 a.m. – Caller reported accident with deer on Range at mile marker 205; report filed.
 7:01 p.m. – Will have report on DUI traffic stop and possession of firearm at Highway 24 and County Road 3.
 9:35 p.m. – Booked protective custody inmate.
 10:17 p.m. – Booked Charles McQueen.
 10:35 p.m. – Released McQueen.
 11:34 p.m. – Booked James Edward Page.



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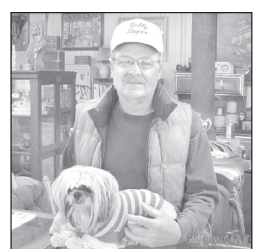
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