

# Check It Out!

C.C. Mellor Memorial Library  
**CELEBRATING 90 YEARS**

March 2009

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## **DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL BOOK SALE...MARCH 21 THROUGH 24**

Make plans to attend the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library Annual Book Sale. It promises to be bigger and better than ever! Readers of all ages and interests will find lots to choose from among the thousands of items in the sale: books, movies, books on tape and CD, music CDs and tapes, magazines, and children's games. And everything is at bargain prices.

**Weekend hours** for the sale are **Saturday, March 21 from 9 am to 4 pm and Sunday, March 22 from 9 am to 4 pm**. Books will be priced at \$2 for hardbacks (5 for \$8), \$1 for paperbacks (5 for \$4) and \$.50 for kids books (5 for \$2).

Monday and Tuesday are **Bag Sale Days**. Fill a bag for \$5 (the library provides the bags). Bag sale hours are **Monday, March 23 from 1 pm to 8 pm** and **Tuesday, March 24 from 9 am to 2 pm**.

We are happy to take donations of books and other items up through the sale. **We are also looking for volunteers**; we need help setting up the sale, running the sale, and tearing down the sale. To volunteer, call Sally Bogie at 412-731-0909.

### **DROP DEAD BOOK CLUB**

This lively book discussion group will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, March 11 at 7 pm in the Library's Board Room. This month's selection, *The Big Sleep* by Raymond Chandler is a classic and considered one of the best mysteries of all time. New members are always welcome.

### **Computer Class**

A Basic Internet class is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10 at 11am. Register for the class at the Adult Circulation Desk.

**If you have already supported C.C. Mellor Memorial Library's 2009 Annual Appeal, we thank you!** It's never too late to support your community library. Donations of any amount are welcomed at any time.

### **NEW ONLINE ACCOUNT FEATURES**

Patrons now need a PIN number to access personal library accounts on-line. This layer of security will protect you if your card is lost or stolen and keep personal information in **My Account** private.

Coming in March: **My Lists** lets you keep a list of future items of interest; **Reading History** keeps track of what you've checked out and want to remember.

In order to use on-line services, you need an email address attached to **My Account**. If you haven't done so, please give us your email address or verify that we have a correct email.

### **Tax Appointments**

There are still a few openings for free help with federal and state income tax returns. If you are a senior citizen or have moderated income, make an appointment at the adult circulation desk.

## WHAT ARE YOU READING?

*What your neighbors are reading, viewing and listening to*

Jean Davin is a busy woman. Besides her duties as mayor of Edgewood, she also sits on the boards of C.C. Mellor and the Edgewood Foundation. Not to mention being a wife, mother, and grandmother. This month's neighborhood reader has an eclectic reading style, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, one of her favorite authors, was also the subject of her college thesis. But for relaxation she also enjoys Dan Brown's novels of intrigue. Most recently Jean finished the final book of the Harry Potter series, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* in which Harry, burdened with the dark, dangerous, and seemingly impossible task of locating and destroying Voldermort's remaining Horcruxes, and feeling alone and uncertain about his future, struggles to find the inner strength he needs to follow the path set out before him.

### ***The Giver* by Lois Lowry**

#### **One Book, One Community 2009**

For this year's **One Book, One Community** celebration the Allegheny County residents will be reading and discussing a modern day classic, ***The Giver*** by Lois Lowry. In a world with no poverty, no crime, no sickness and no unemployment, and where every family is happy, 12-year-old Jonas is chosen to be the community's Receiver of Memories. Under the tutelage of the Elders and an old man known as the Giver, he discovers the disturbing truth about his utopian world and struggles against the weight of its hypocrisy. With echoes of *Brave New World*, in this 1994 Newbery Medal winner, Lowry examines the idea that people might freely choose to give up their humanity in order to create a more stable society. Gradually Jonas learns just how costly this ordered and pain-free society can be, and boldly decides he cannot pay the price. The library has multiple copies of the book for any book group to discuss. Please call to reserve them. This is a great title for multi-generational discussion. We are planning various book discussions to be held in April.

## LOCAL AUTHORS DONATE LATEST

Two local authors have donated their latest works to the library.

Monty S. Kane and Kelli Stevens Kane's new graphic novel is *Planet Saturday Comics, Volume One*. This story for all ages follows the real and imaginary adventures of an introverted kid who grows up to be a happy, if somewhat hapless, Dad. The Kanes are cofounders of the art and animation studio Planet Saturday, LLC.

Forest Hills author, Lila Shaara new novel is *Fortune Teller's Daughter*. Available in both audio and print format it is part mystery, part romance, part Southern gothic, and part scientific exploration. A university professor/writer investigates a physicist based on a local psychics charge that his research was faked.

## IN HONOR OF....

The library has received donations in celebration of Bill Tayman and Heather Pearson's birthdays. Memorial gifts have been received for Barbara Gibson, Emma Nuzzo, and Ma Webster.

Throughout the year the library receives gifts in honor or memory of an individual or in celebration of an event. A gift of at least \$20 allows us to purchase a book. A gift plate is put in each book and the person or family is notified of the gift. Please consider honoring a friend or relative with a gift to the library.

## WIN A MR. ROGERS QUILT SUPPORT CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Have you purchased your raffle tickets for a handmade **Mr. Rogers Sweater Quilt**, made by our very own **Back Room Quilters** yet? Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10, and are on sale until March 20 when the winning ticket will be drawn. The raffle quilt as well as a second sweater quilt, which will be on permanent display, may be viewed in the Fred Rogers' Children's Room. All proceeds benefit Children's Programs