

Between the Covers at Covered Treasures Bookstore

## Celebrating the classics

By the staff at Covered Treasures

The Oxford Dictionary defines a classic as: "Judged over a period of time to be of the highest quality and outstanding of its kind." Although there may be extensive discussions as to which modern books will become classics, these books top the definitive classics list of books to read.

### **The Wind in the Willows: The Centennial Anniversary Edition**

By Kenneth Grahame (Atheneum Books for Young Readers) \$21.99

Enter the world of the great river and meet the marvelous riverbank animals: the poetic Rat, his friend Mole, and the boastful Toad, as they voyage down the river and into the Wild Wood to great adventures. Originally published in 1908, this enduring children's classic and memorable characters continue its hold on the public imagination.

### **Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass 150th Anniversary Edition**

By Lewis Carroll (Penguin), \$16

This 150th Anniversary Edition features: illustrations by John Tenniel, who did the original illustrations that continue to this day as the quintessential representations of Carroll's stories; an introduction by Charlie Lovett, a Carroll expert who has served as president of the Lewis Carroll Society of North America; plus three bonus writings and the introductions originally written by Carroll. Alice's unforgettable journeys remain stories to be read and shared across generations.

### **Jane Eyre**

By Charlotte Bronte (Bantam Classic) \$5.95

The love story of Jane Eyre, a plain yet spirited governess, and her employer, the arrogant, brooding Mr. Rochester, was first published in 1847 under the pseudonym Curreri Bell. The book heralded a new kind of heroine—one whose virtuous integrity, keen intellect, and tireless perseverance broke through class barriers to win equal stature with the man she loved. Hailed by William Makepeace Thackeray as "the masterwork of a great genius," *Jane Eyre* is still regarded, over a century later, as one of the finest novels in English literature.

### **The Sun Also Rises**

By Ernest Hemingway (Scribner) \$16

*The Sun Also Rises* is one of Ernest Hemingway's masterpieces and a classic example of his spare but powerful writing style. Capturing the angst of the post-World War I generation, known as the Lost Generation, this

poignantly beautiful story is now released in an 80th anniversary edition. First published in 1926, *The Sun Also Rises* helped establish Hemingway as one of the greatest writers of the 20th century.

### **Brave New World**

By Aldous Huxley (Harper Perennial) \$15.99

Aldous Huxley's profoundly important classic of world literature, *Brave New World*, is a vision of an unequal, technologically-advanced future where humans are genetically bred, socially indoctrinated, and pharmaceutically anesthetized to passively uphold an authoritarian ruling order—all at the cost of our freedom, full humanity, and perhaps also our souls. Today it speaks to a 21st-century world dominated by mass entertainment, technology, medicine and pharmaceuticals, the arts of persuasion, and the hidden influence of elites.

### **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close**

By Jonathan Safran Foer (Mariner Books) \$14.95

Could this book be a modern-day classic? Oskar Schell is an inventor, Francophile, tambourine player, Shakespearean actor, jeweler, pacifist. He is 9 years old. And he is on an urgent, secret search through the five boroughs of New York to find the lock that fits a mysterious key belonging to his father, who died in the attacks on the World Trade Center.

### **Pride and Prejudice**

By Jane Austen (Bantam Classic) \$5.95

For over 150 years, *Pride and Prejudice* has remained one of the most popular novels in the English language. Jane Austen herself called this brilliant work her "own darling child." Austen's comedy of manners features splendidly civilized sparring between the proud Mr. Darcy and the prejudiced Elizabeth Bennet as they play out their spirited courtship in a series of 18th-century drawing-room intrigues.

### **Treasure Island**

By Robert Louis Stevenson (Sterling) \$9.95

Filled with mystery, murder, mutiny, and the daring bravado of its young hero, Jim Hawkins, *Treasure Island* has been thrilling readers young and old since it was first published in 1883. Originally intended by the author for the private amusement of his stepson, this gripping story of Jim's perilous encounters with the treacherous Long John Silver and his fellow pirates has enthralled many generations.

Rediscover a classic yourself or share a beloved classic with a child in your life. Until next month, happy reading.

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## September Library Events

# All Pikes Peak Reads program begins

### **By Harriet Halbig**

We enjoyed seeing so many patrons at our Ice Cream Social in August. An estimated 15 gallons of ice cream was scooped and enjoyed to the accompaniment of the Velcro Barbershop Quartet and historical figures from the Rocky Mountain Chautauqua. We extend our thanks to the Tri-Lakes Friends of the Library and the Palmer Lake Historical Society for making this event possible. See the photos on page 25.

### **Family programs**

Saturday, Sept. 9 from 2:30 to 3:30, come to the library to build a solid wood catapult and then use it to fling marshmallows!

The Lego Build Club will meet on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 10 to 11:30. All ages are welcome to come and build with our Lego collection.

This year's All Pikes Peak Reads (APPR) program will kick off in September. Come to the library for Friendship Fun, where we will play icebreaker games, make a friendship craft, and read some parts of this year's children's book *Save Me a Seat*—and eat blue M&Ms.

### **Teen programs**

The Monument Teen Creative Writing Group will meet from 6 to 7:30 in the study room on Tuesday, Sept. 6. All writers in sixth to 12th grade are invited to attend.

AfterMath free math tutoring will resume on Monday, Sept. 11 and will be available each Monday thereafter from 3:30 to 7, except when school is not in session. Free tutoring is available for all ages. No appointment necessary to consult these adult volunteers.

On Wednesdays, Sept. 6, 13, and 20 from 3 to 4:30, teens and adults are invited to join an intergenerational knitting group. Practice materials are available and some instruction is provided for those new to the craft, but feel free to bring your own project and enjoy the fellowship of other knitters.

Beginning on Sunday, Sept. 17 from 2 to 4, and every first and third Sunday thereafter, attend Inside/Out, creating a safe space for LGBTIQ support, conversation, and fun. This program is a collaboration between Inside/Out and the Pikes Peak Library District to benefit those ages 13 to 22.

Come to the Teen Escape Room from 3 to 5 on Friday, Sept. 22 to test your skills. The teen APPR book this year is *Under a Painted Sky*, about two teens on the run from the law. You will solve puzzles, find the code for locks, and try to escape from the room before the time limit.

The Teen Arts and Crafts Open Studio on Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 4 to 5:30 will also reflect the theme of the APPR selection, by teaching the art of tying knots, from simple survival knots to decorative Chinese knots. Please register to participate in this program.

### **Adult programs**

Please see the teen section above for a description of the intergenerational knitting program.

On Saturday, Sept. 9 from 10 to 1, join us for the Repair Café. Join our volunteers to disassemble, troubleshoot, and possibly repair your broken items. Save money, save the environment, and learn repair skills. Acceptable items to bring include bikes, clothing, small appliances, small electronics, and jewelry. Check with the library to confirm that a specific repair station will be available. Please bring only one item per person and carry-in items only. Please be aware that you bring your items in at your own risk and the facilitators are not liable for loss or damage.

The Second Thursday Craft for September, on Thursday, Sept. 14 from 2 to 4, is Handmade Cards. Roxanne Lingle will teach us how to make harvest-themed cards. All materials are provided. Registration is required and begins two weeks before the class.

The Monumental Readers will meet from 10 to noon on Friday, Sept. 15 to discuss *Like Water for Chocolate* by Laura Esquivel. No registration is required and all patrons are welcome to attend this monthly book group.

As part of the Outside the Lines program, we will be at the Monument Hill Farmers Market on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 9 to 1. You can register for a card, pay your fines, or just enjoy crafts and activities at this program for all ages. The location is 66 Jefferson St. in Monument.

Hand spinners are welcome to join their fellow spinners at the library on Thursday, Sept. 28 from 1:30 to 3:45.

As part of the All Pikes Peak Reads program, come to the library to view the film *Like Water for Chocolate*. After the movie, we will discuss the book, the movie, and the differences between them. The showing will begin at 5:30 on Thursday, Sept. 28, with the discussion to follow at 7:15.

Learn about coffee brewing, tools, techniques and more on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 to 11. There will be coffee samples and assorted snacks to enjoy during the program.

On the walls of the library during September will be "watermedia" by Pattie Bowler. In the display case will be bowls from the Empty Bowl Dinner.

### **Palmer Lake Library Events**

The Palmer Lake Book Group meets at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month. The next meeting will be on Oct. 6. Please call 481-2587 for the current selection. All patrons are welcome to attend this group.

Come to the library at 10:30 on Saturday, Sept. 16 for Family Fun: Fundipulous Fun with Beth Epley. We will enjoy an action-packed adventure with improvisational games, silly songs, and crazy characters while we party with literature.



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