

The Silence of Bonaventure Arrow

By Rita Leganski (Harper), \$15.99

A novel set in historic New Orleans that follows a mute boy whose gift of magical hearing reveals family secrets and forgotten voodoo lore, and exposes a murder. It's about the lost art of listening and a wondrous boy who brings healing to the souls of all who love him.

News of the World

By Paulette Jiles (William Morrow), \$15.99

In the aftermath of the Civil War, an aging news reader, Capt. Jefferson Kyle Kidd, agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa back to her people. Their 400-mile journey proves difficult and at times dangerous. Yet as the miles pass, the two lonely survivors form a bond that marks the difference between life and death in this treacherous land.

Astrid & Veronika

By Linda Olsson (Penguin), \$16

This well-crafted novel recounts the unusual and unexpected friendship that develops between two women. Set against a haunting Swedish landscape, it is a novel of love and loss, and a story that will remain with readers long after the characters' secrets are revealed.

The Dog Stars

By Peter Heller (Vintage Contemporaries), \$16

A riveting novel about a pilot living in a world filled with loss, and what he is willing to risk to rediscover love. Hig and his dog Jasper survived the flu that killed everyone he knows. But when a random transmission somehow beams through his radio, the voice ignites a hope deep inside him that a better life exists.

Plainsong

By Kent Haruf (Vintage Contemporaries), \$16

A story of family and romance, tribulation and tenacity, set on the High Plains east of eastern Colorado. From the unsettled lives of three people emerges a vision of life, and of the town and landscape that bind them together.

The Poisonwood Bible

By Barbara Kingsolver (Harper Perennial), \$18.99

Kingsolver's national bestseller paints an intimate portrait of a crisis-ridden family amid the larger backdrop of an African nation in chaos. It is a story told by the wife and four daughters of Nathan Price, a fierce evangelical Baptist who takes his family and mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959. It is the story of one family's tragic undoing and remarkable reconstruction over the course of three decades in postcolonial Africa.

Bel Canto

By Ann Patchett (Harper Perennial), \$17.99

Somewhere in South America, at the home of the country's vice president, a lavish birthday party is being held. It is a perfect evening until a band of terrorists takes the entire party hostage. But what begins as a panicked, life-threatening scenario evolves into something quite different as terrorists and hostages forge unexpected bonds, and people from different continents become compatriots.

The Secret Life of Bees

By Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin), \$16

Lily Owens' life has been shaped around the blurred memory of the afternoon her mother was killed. When Lily's fierce-hearted black "stand-in mother," Rosaleen, insults three of the deepest racists in town, they escape to a town that holds the secret to her mother's past. Taken in by an eccentric trio of black beekeeping sisters, Lily is introduced to their mesmerizing world of bees and honey, and the Black Madonna.

Until next month, happy reading. And thank you for 25 Great Years in Monument!

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July Library Events

Summer Adventure party set for July 20

By Harriet Halbig

The library's Summer Adventure program continues through July with hundreds of young patrons earning points and prizes and enjoying special programs. Our teen volunteers are helping patrons and staff to enter the achievements and keep the library running smoothly during this busy time.

It's not too late to register and participate in the program and receive such prizes as book bags, snap bracelets, T-shirts for teens, and books for all.

Our end-of-summer reading party will be on Friday, July 20 on the Village Green in Palmer Lake from 10 to noon. Join us and bring the whole family!

Children's programs

Toddler Time continues at 9:30 and 10:15 each Thursday, and brief book break reading sessions will be offered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:30.

Tech Tuesdays for school-age children will be on each Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:45. Each program will be different and includes work with robotics and circuits.

Wednesdays, July 11 and 18 from 2:30 to 4 will be Crafts for Kids with a different craft each week.

7 Up Art for Kids classes will be held on Mondays from 2:30 to 4.

Tuesday, July 10 from 10:30 to 11:30 will be a special yoga story time for ages 7 to 11. This program incorporates yoga, stories, and music.

Lego Build will meet on Saturday, July 21 from 10 to 11:30.

On Tuesday, July 24 from 10:30 to 11:30 come hear the Singing Zoologist. Recommended for ages 5 to 11, this program features lessons about cheetahs, sharks, butterflies, wetlands, and more.

Teen programs

Every Wednesday from 3 to 4:30, teens are welcome to join an intergenerational knitting group in the study room. Practice supplies are available, but you are encouraged to bring your own projects.

On Wednesday, July 28 from 4 to 5:30, teens are invited to join us to create a miniature rock garden in honor of the Summer Adventure theme of Libraries Rock. Please register online or call 488-2370.

The Monument Library Anime Club will meet from 5 to 6:30 on Thursday, July 26. This program is recom-

mended for ages 13 and up.

On Saturday, July 28 from 11 to noon, join us for a trip back in time to learn about the first man to reach the South Pole. No registration necessary.

Adult programs

See above for descriptions of intergenerational knitting and Antarctica programs.

The Monumental Bookworms will meet from 7 to 8:30 on Tuesday, July 10 to discuss *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman. No registration is necessary and all are welcome to attend.

The Monumental Readers will meet on Friday, July 20 from 10 to noon to discuss *Honolulu* by Alan Brennert. All are welcome to attend and no registration is necessary.

On the walls during July will be watercolors by Bernice Harris. In the display case will be dolls, clothes, and furniture by Faye Lamdin.

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Palmer Lake Historical Society

Ice cream social, history program mark June activities

By Sigi Walker

June was a busy month for the Palmer Lake Historical Society. The annual Father's Day Ice Cream Social on June 17 drew 285 people. In addition to enjoying pie from Village Inn-Monument and Rock House ice cream, attendees were entertained by troubadour Nick Davey for two hours. New this year was an antique car show, featuring Model A's, Model T's, Corvairs, and a rare Model S Ford Runabout.

On Thursday, June 21, Mike and Sigi Walker provided the monthly history series program on Otto Kuhler, a multi-talented artist, industrial designer, and innovator, who at age 54 became a Colorado rancher. Illustrated with Kuhler's sketches, drawings, paintings, and etchings, Kuhler's unique life story unfolded—from his youth in the industrial town of Remscheid, Germany, to service as a railroader/soldier during WWI, and to his

success after his arrival in America. The stock market crash in 1929 set him back significantly, but he persevered to become one of the foremost industrial designers of his time.

Without looking back, he left the East Coast "corporate world" to become a rancher. Otto and his wife Simonne bought a 460-acre ranch near Pine, Colo.,



Above: Model S Ford Runabout. Photo provided by the Palmer Lake Historical Society.



Above: The annual Father's Day Ice Cream Social drew 285 attendees. Photo by Mike Walker.



Above: Presenters Mike and Sigi Walker. Photo by Su Ketchmark.

adjoining the Pike National Forest, with hay meadows,



Come Help Us Celebrate!

Tues., July 17, 9 am-5 pm

Come share memories and enjoy some birthday cake!

Thurs., July 19, Art Hop, 5-8 pm

Sandra Dallas will be signing her two new novels, *The Patchwork Bride* and for young readers, *Hardscrabble*; and Jamie Raintree will sign *Perfectly Undone*. Refreshments will be served.



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