

The Orphan of Salt Winds

By Elizabeth Brooks (*Tin House Books*) \$15.95
England, 1939. Ten-year-old Virginia arrives at Salt Winds, a secluded house on the edge of a marsh, to meet her adoptive parents. War feels far away until the day a German fighter plane crashes into the marsh. What happens next sets into motion a crime so devastating it will haunt Virginia for the rest of her life. Seventy-five years later, she finds herself drawn back to the marsh, a chance at retribution and a way to right a grave mistake she made as a child.

The Overstory

By Richard Powers (*W.W. Norton and Co.*) \$18.95
A novel of activism and natural-world power presents interlocking fables about nine remarkable strangers

who are summoned in different ways by trees for an ultimate, brutal stand to save the continent's few remaining acres of virgin forest.

I'll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman's Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer

By Michelle McNamara (*Harper Perennial*) \$17.99
For more than 10 years, a mysterious and violent predator committed 50 sexual assaults in Northern California before moving south, where he perpetrated 10 sadistic murders. Then he disappeared, eluding capture by multiple police forces and some of the best detectives in the area. Three decades later, Michelle McNamara, a true crime journalist, was determined to find the violent psychopath she called "the Golden State Killer." This is the book McNamara was writing at

the time of her sudden death, now updated to include coverage of the killer's arrest. Soon to be an HBO documentary series.

Twenty to Knit Pocket Pets

By Sachiyo Ishii (*Search Press*) \$9.95
Make your own collection of irresistibly cute knitted animals in beautifully soft, fleecy yarn. This book contains 20 projects for knitters of all abilities, including a baby penguin, a koala bear, a squirrel, and more. All the projects are accompanied by clear, easy-to-follow patterns and photography. There is a useful page of basic techniques at the start of the book.

Until next month, happy reading.

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July Library Events**Summer Adventure continues, with party July 31**

By Harriet Halbig

The *Summer Adventure* program for infants through high school students continues until July 31. The library thanks the many teen volunteers who have helped register participants and award prizes.

As of June 28, 1,244 patrons are participating from the Monument Library alone!

There is still plenty of time to get on board. Stop by your library to sign up and begin accumulating prizes.

The end of summer reading party will be held from 10 to noon on July 31 on the Village Green in Palmer Lake. It is free and all are welcome to attend. There will be games, obstacle courses, face painting, mascots, crafts—and snacks!

Children's programs

Book Break will continue Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:30 to 11, *Toddler Time* will be on Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:30, and *Paws to Read* will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 5. Regular *Story Time* on Tuesdays at 11:15 is suspended until August due to special programming.

On Mondays, July 15 and 22, from 2:30 to 3:30, there will be creative programs for those 5 and up to make flip books and mini-planets.

On Monday, July 8 from 2:30 to 3:30, there will be a program on astronaut training.

Tuesdays, July 9, 16, and 23 from 10:30 to 11:30 there will be *Summer Fun* programs involving locomotion, music, and yoga.

Family programs

Join us from 4 to 5:30 on Friday, July 12 for *Coloring for Everyone*. We will color themed coloring sheets at a variety of skill levels. Colored pencils, markers, and gel pens will be provided

Build with Legos to your heart's content at *Lego Build*, Saturday, July 20 from 10 to 11:30.

All Ages Knitting meets in the study room each Wednesday from 3 to 5. This intergenerational group provides practice supplies, but attendees are encouraged to bring their own projects.

Tween programs

Tuesday, July 9 from 4 to 5 tweens are welcome to mix together their own slime concoction and build a creature.

Tuesday, July 16, tweens will design and create

light-up greeting cards and learn about electricity and circuitry.

Teen programs

See above for descriptions of *Coloring for Everyone*, *All Ages Knitting*, and *Lego Build*.

The *Teen Advisory Board* meets at 2 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month, and the *Teen Creative Writing Group* meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:30.

There will be a teen program on making *Cloud Lamps* on Thursday, July 11. For ages 12 to 18 only; registration is required. All materials are provided.

The *Monument Library Anime Club* will meet from 5 to 6:30 on Thursday, July 25. Enjoy snacks while watching anime, nothing rated above TV-14. All those ages 13 and up are welcome.

Teens, come to the library on Wednesday, July 31 from 4 to 5:30 to make *Galaxy Bleach T-shirts*. Use bleach and fabric paint to create a unique shirt. Registration is required and all supplies are provided.

Adult programs

Regularly occurring adult programs include *Senior Chats* each Wednesday from 10 to noon, yoga on Mondays from noon to 1, and two book groups described below.

Please see above for descriptions of *Coloring for Everyone* and *All Ages Knitting*.

The *Life Circles Writing Group* meets from 9:30 to 11:30 on the first and third Mondays of the month. This group strives to write of memories of life experiences.

The *Monument Bookworms* will meet from 7 to 8:30 on Tuesday, July 9 to discuss *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance. All are welcome to attend this group sponsored by the Tri-Lakes Friends of the Library.

The new superintendent of the Lewis-Palmer School District, K.C. Somers, will be at the library on Monday, July 15 at 6 p.m. Come and welcome Dr. Somers and share your ideas and concerns.

The *Monument Readers* will meet from 10 to noon on Friday, July 19 to discuss *Legends, Labors and Loves of William Jackson Palmer* by Tim Blevins. All are welcome to attend this monthly book group.

Are you intrigued by the tidying trend? Find out why you can't keep your house in order and why decluttering room by room or little by little doesn't work.



Above: Patrons enjoy treats from the Josh and John's Scoop Bus. Photo by Harriet Halbig.

Come to Marie Kondo *Tidying 101* on Saturday July 20 from 2 to 3. Registration is required.

The *Monument Spinning Group* will meet from 1:30 to 3:45 on Thursday July 23.

The *Renaissance Faire* is in town! Come to the library on Monday, July 29 from 2 to 4 to make some stylish costume jewelry, Truly Elven leather leaf earrings. For ages 18 and up, all materials are provided and registration is required.

Palmer Lake Library Events

Summer Fun programs at Palmer Lake will be on Wednesdays, July 17 and 24 at 10:30.

A special program on astronaut training will be on Thursday, July 11, from 10:30 to 11:30 for ages 7 and up. Wear comfortable clothes.

There will be a program on *papermaking* on Saturday, July 20 from 10:30 to 11:30 for kids ages 5 to 12. Use recycled materials to create a new form of artistic paper.

Toddler Time is on Fridays from 10:30 to 11:00.

The *Palmer Lake book group* meets at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month. Please call 481-2587 for the most recent selection.

Stop by the library for a detailed brochure on all *Summer Adventure* programming.

We hope to see you at the party, Wednesday, July 31 on the Village Green. Bring the whole family.

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Palmer Lake Historical Society, June 20**A short history of U.S. ties to North Africa**

By Sigi Walker

June proved to be a busy month for the Palmer Lake Historical Society: On June 16 the annual Father's Day Ice Cream Social drew close to 300 attendees, and four days later the presentation by retired U.S. Ambassador Mary Ann Casey, which included pertinent observations and personal experiences, was enthusiastically appreciated by program attendees.

Casey used slides, including historic, modern, and personal photos, to illustrate her presentation. She began with an orientation to North Africa and its geographic significance, illustrated with maps and photos. She showed photos taken during her tenure as ambassador to Algeria and Tunisia and noted the long history between the U.S. and North African nations. Tunisia was the first country in the world to recognize the newly independent U.S.A. in 1777.

She refreshed our memory on the 10-year battle with Barbary pirates on the coast of Tripoli (remember the Marine Corps hymn) during Jefferson's presidency and its important legacy, which established the

right of the U.S. to militarily defend its interests on foreign soil and seas. Its application today in the Middle East is at the forefront.

Ambassador Casey pointed out that during WWII the Battle of the Kasserine Pass was crucial to establishing a foothold operation for the Allied victory in North Africa and was a prelude to Allied landings in Italy and victory in Western Europe.

The presentation concluded with her personal experiences in the American embassies in Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia, where she collectively served for 12 years.

Mark your calendars for the next upcoming PLHS event. On Thursday, July 18, the PLHS Monthly History Series will sponsor a field trip to the Three Eagles Ranch to learn about the historic American Milking Devon Oxen. Attendees will meet 6 p.m. at the Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent, to caravan to the ranch. The program begins at 7 p.m. Upcoming on Saturday, Aug. 3: Railroad Days in Palmer Lake.



Above (L to R): PLHS VP Su Ketchmark with retired U.S. Ambassador Mary Ann Casey. Photo provided by Su Ketchmark

Palmer Lake Historical Society events and programs are free and open to all. ■