

Shelf Life

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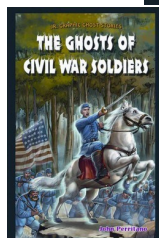
From the Director:

Welcome to the first edition of Shelf Life! We will be releasing a new edition each quarter, bringing you library news, book reviews and more. I would like to start my first column by letting you know about how to get your hands on the books from our most popular authors. You can be put on a list to automatically be notified when a brand new book by certain authors are available at the library for you to pick up. If you log in to our library catalog there is a location where you can click on an author's name from a list. When we get any new book from that author, you will be placed on a list to borrow it. When it becomes available we will notify you by your selected method and you won't even need to know that the author had a new book released.

Featured Frights

Ghost stories for readers of all ages can be found in the library.

But, if you're in the mood for some classic ghost tales, told in graphic novel format, look no further than the Myths Ghosts category in our Junior NonFiction section for these tales, sure to bring you scares and smiles!



Are you having a busy day, with no time to visit the library?

Do you have items due that you'd rather just drop off?

Would you rather not get out of your car to return items?

GOOD NEWS!!

We now have a book drop located in the alley behind the library. (Just remember to use the Hwy. 66 entrance, since the alley is one-way.)

As always, you may also utilize the book drop just outside our south side entrance, or those inside the library the next time you visit.

Did You Know . . . ?

- * With an Ashland Library card, you can install the free Overdrive app on your tablet or e-reader, enabling you to download books to read on your devices, all for no cost to you.
- * Our computer lab is open exclusively for middle and high school students on Tuesdays from 3:30—5 p.m.
- * We have a genealogy room in the library, with historical records and microfiche newspaper articles, making it easier to research your heritage.
- * Consistently failing to return materials when they are due can result in a restriction of your library privileges. Call us if you can't get something in on time. It may be renewable if you've only had it one period.

Young
Adult Titles

Points of Interest

The library owns copies of each of the Golden Sower Award nominee books and audiobooks. They are currently on display. Primary and Intermediate nominee books and audiobooks are displayed in the Jr. reading section, and Young Adult titles are on display on the south side of the YA bookshelves.

Remember, you need to read or listen to at least 4 of the titles in your age/grade category to be able to vote. You place your vote at your school's library.

Primary Titles

- ◇ Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla
- ◇ My Grandfather's Coat
- ◇ Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas
- ◇ Gaston
- ◇ I Am Cow, Hear Me Moo!
- ◇ A Piece of Cake
- ◇ Blizzard
- ◇ Ninja Red Riding Hood
- ◇ Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofose Yeboah
- ◇ Winnie: The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh
- ◆ Torn Away
- ◆ Grandmaster
- ◆ Jackaby
- ◆ The Winner's Curse
- ◆ Famous Last Words

Intermediate Titles

- ◇ Frostborn
- ◇ El Deafo
- ◇ The War that Saved My Life (both book & audiobook)
- ◇ Life on Mars
- ◇ Stella by Starlight
- ◇ Absolutely Almost
- ◇ The Fourteenth Goldfish
- ◇ Fish in a Tree
- ◇ Dash
- ◇ Loot
- ◆ Red Queen
- ◆ Beneath
- ◆ Hunt for the Bamboo Rat
- ◆ No Summit Out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits

Book (Re) Marks

For our inaugural newsletter, library staff were asked to review and share with you, our readers, some of their favorite books and audiobooks.

Sarah recently read “Harry Potter and The Cursed Child” by J.K. Rowling, which is, in reality, “a screenplay, not a novel.” While she felt it was difficult to get into, she continued to read it, and found it to be “a rather good story. I was very happy with the ending.” Sarah rated this book “four out of five stars.” Quite impressive!

Tanya, a fan of audiobooks, chose “Still Fooling ‘Em” by Billy Crystal as one of her recent faves. It puts a “fun spin on what it’s like to grow old” she says. “Since it is read by the author, the same sense of humor used in his writing is also portrayed vocally.” This would be a good choice for anyone aging, or for those who have dealt with loved ones growing older.

Twila really enjoyed the new fantasy novel “The Fireman” by Joe Hill. The plot revolves around people affected by the



Dragonscale plague in what quickly becomes a post-apocalyptic world. Joe Hill, who has also written several graphic novels, has included an “extra” in this book. It is not to be read until the book is done, and can only be found by reading the acknowledgements and credits at the end. “A fun surprise,” she says.

Haley’s pick is “Crank, Book 1” by Ellen Hopkins. What she found most interesting about this Young Adult book is its descriptiveness. It made her feel that she was truly “looking through someone else’s perspective.” She says this book is “intense,” yet it provides a “silent message to it’s readers.”

Ruby, our resident “psychologist-in-training”, offers this advice. “Just make good choices,” she says. “Enjoy what you read!”

[To submit a book review of your own, go to the following link: <https://goo.gl/BaBicH>. You may see it in our next newsletter!]

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Happenings at the Library

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