

# The Monticello Public Library News

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## Start Collecting Stamps Today!

Roc Ordman started collecting stamps in 1958 when he was ten years old. He says “kids don’t collect stamps anymore. They are too busy playing video games.” Therefore, the number of people collecting stamps (philatelists) is becoming less each year. The easiest way to become a collector is to save the stamps from the envelopes one receives in the mail and then to branch out getting envelopes and stamps from friends, relatives, and stamp enthusiasts.

One of his first best bargains was a Calvin Coolidge stamp that he found in a remote rural Maryland post office. He purchased it for \$5 and the stamp was worth \$100. In the 1970s, the stamp was worth \$2700 and today it is worth \$4.30. The lesson is that stamp values fluctuate! Roc’s dream of selling his stamp collection to retire on the moon isn’t too probable nowadays.

He has lots of stamps—many more than are here; probably more than 10,000 and at its peak, the collection was worth more than \$30,000. Roc keeps his collection in a safety deposit box because of climate control.

The 1938 Presidential series and the 1934 National Park series are some of Roc’s most treasured stamps. These series of Presidential stamps goes up to Calvin Coolidge. The National Parks stamps include Yosemite’s El Capitan, the Grand Canyon, Mount Rainer & Mirror Lake, Yellowstone’s Old Faithful, Crater Lake, Acadia, Glacier, Zion, and the Great Smokey Mountains.

Roc also likes the International stamps because they are so gorgeous and

he likes the topical stamps such as birds and animals. The sheet of State Birds is very colorful and informative which meets two of Roc’s criteria for collecting—fun and educational for all ages.

There are also special commemorative envelopes with John F. Kennedy, Julia Ward Howe, and Albert Einstein. Some other neat series are the Campfire Girls, Boy Scouts, & Boys Clubs of America stamps.

When he isn’t collecting stamps, Roc is a bio chemistry professor at Beloit College. He and his wife, Eliza, have lived in Monticello for the past ten years.

## “Be Creative @Your Library!”

Children in Monticello are encouraged to “be creative @the library” this summer. Carolyn Seaver and Eliza Freman have lots of great ideas for creativity planned for the Summer Reading Program which begins on June 23rd at 1:30 p.m. for the Pre-Readers (those going into preschool, kindergarten or first grade). The first day will be a special day with Jordan Zweifel giving dancing tips and demonstration as well as Eliza. The library’s Zoe Buehl, who is working on Continuing Education for her daycare job, will be reading the children dance stories. The children will be participating in dance.

The Readers (going into 2nd-

6th grade) who will meet at 3:00 p.m. will be focused on dance also.

As in the past, Thursdays are devoted to special programs and performers. Thursday, June 25th at 1:30 p.m. is “Dance with Eliza;” July 2nd is “The Banana Lady;” July 9th is “Snakes Alive;” July 16th is “The Rambling Sailors;” July 23rd is “Let’s Get Creative;” and Thursday, July 30th @8:30 p.m. is “Movie Night @The Library!

So sign up @The Library anytime after the end of the school year & come prepared to “Imagine, Create, and Participate!” The library will be participating in the Pizza Hut Reading Incentive Program.

## Jonathan Wilde Painting

A huge THANK YOU to Jonathan Wilde of Belleville who has donated one of his original paintings to the library. It is a very beautiful scene looking toward the Zwingli Church from the old mink farm. The painting is hanging above the North entrance door where the staff can see it at all times. Thanks Mr. Wilde!

## Book Group

The Monticello Book Group will be reading THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL by Philipa Gregory as their June selection. The Group will meet on Wednesday, June 17th at 7:30 p.m.

Come read a “rich and compel-

ling tale of love, sex, ambition, and intrigue, and meet a woman of extraordinary determination and desire who lived at the very center of the most exciting and glamorous court in Europe and survived by following heart." There are copies available for checkout at the library. Sharon Briggs will lead the discussion.

### 1st Grade Authors

Mrs. Balleine's first graders presented their newly published book, *THE MAGIC PENCIL*, to the library recently.

As a group, the students wrote the story and they illustrated it. Congratulations kids on an excellent job. This book can be checked out. We love having you visit the library!

### New DVDs

Some recent purchases include: *WINTER OF FROZEN DREAMS*; *BOSTON LEGAL 5*; *WEDDING WEEKEND*; *SCOOPY-DOO WHERE ARE YOU V. 2—BUMP IN THE NIGHT*; *LAST CHANCE HARVEY*; *SMOTHER*; *A PLUMM SUMMER*; *FLIRTING WITH FORTY*; *THE NOTE II*; *LAST TEMPLAR*; *CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON*; *LIVING PROOF*; *LOVES TAKES WING*; *WENDY & LUCY*; *PERSONAL EFFECTS*; *PASSENGERS*; *24: SEASON 7*; *TAKING CHANCES*; *TEAM UP THOMAS*; *TRUE BLOOD 1*; *VALKYRIE*; *FRIDAY NIGHTLIGHTS 3*; *MALL COP*; *DR. DOLITTLE—MILLION DOLLAR MUTTS*; *NEW IN TOWN*; *DORA THE EXPLORER—SUPERBABIES' DREAM ADVENTURE*; *THE CLOSER 4*; *THE DEVIL'S TOMB*; *LAW & ORDER 9*; *WEEDS 4*; *UNDERWORLD—*

*RISE OF THE LYCANS*; *RAISING THE BAR 1*; *HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU*; *THE FOX & THE CHILD*; *REVOLUTIONARY ROAD*; *DEFIANCE*; *FORREST GUMP*; and *WALLANDER*.

### New Adult Books

Some new titles include: *MILES TO GO* by Miley Cyrus; *THRIFTY CHIC* by Liz Baumens; *RESILIENCE* by Elizabeth Edwards; *HEARTLESS* by Diane Palmer; *SIGNAL* by Ron Carlson; *SKIN TRADE* by Laurell Hamilton; *STORY SISTERS* by Alice Hoffman; *STRONG ENOUGH TO DIE* by Jon Land; *THE SECOND DEATH OF GOODLUCK TINUBU* by Michael Stanley; *MATTERS OF THE HEART* by Danielle Steel; *CITY & THE CITY* by China Mieville; *COLD LIGHT OF MOURNING* by Elizabeth Duncan; *HOW TO BUY A LOVE OF READING* by Tanya Egan Gibson; *MURDER ON WAVERLY PLACE* by Victoria Thompson; *SCARECROW* by Michael Connelly; *SHANGHAI GIRLS* by Lisa See; *VOICES FROM THE HEART OF THE LAND* by Richard Cates; *STEP BY STEP* by Lawrence Block;

*LAST DICKENS* by Matthew Pearl; *CEMETERY DANCE* by Douglas Preston; *MILWAUKEE & MADISON* by John Marco; *THE FORGOTTEN GARDEN* by Kate Morton; *SWOON* by Nina Malkin; *PATRICK SWAYZE: ONE LAST DANCE*; *GROWING UP AGAIN* by Mary Tyler Moore; *CLORIS* by Cloris Leachman; *PRIDE & PREJUDICE & THE ZOMBIES* by Jane Austen; *GONE TOMORROW* by Lee Child; *SEDUCING AN ANGEL* by Mary Balogh; *ALEXANDRIA* by Lindsey Davis; *WICKED*

*PREY* by John Sanford; *THE GINSENG HUNTER* by Jeff Talarigo; and *SAG HARBOR* by Colson Whitehead.

### New Juvenile Books

New titles include: *MOMMY WHERE ARE YOU* by Leonid Gore; *PLEASE PICK ME UP MAMA* by Robin Luebs; *SWIMMING SAL* by Carol Molski; *FIVE FANCY NANCY BOOKS* by Jane O'Connor; *THE BEAUTIFUL STORIES OF LIFE* by Cynthia Rylant; *WHAT BLUEBIRDS DO* by Pamela Kirby; *THE CHOSEN ONE* by Carol Williams; *ALEX & LULU: TWO OF A KIND* by Lorena Siminovich; *BIG CAT PEPPER* by Elizabeth Partridge; *CHASING THE BEAR* by Robert Parker; *CHICKEN SOUP* by Jean Van Leeuwen; *IN OUR MOTHER'S HOUSE* by Patricia Polacco; *RED SINGS FROM TREETOPS* by Pamela Zagarenski; and *ONCE DEAD, TWICE SHY* by Kim Harrison.

### New Large Print Books

Marlea Duerst donated the following Large Print titles: *REUNION* by Therese Fowler; *THE DIARY* by Eileen Goudge; *THE GEOMETRY OF SISTERS* by Luanne Rice; *WHILE MY SISTER SLEEPS* by Barbara Delinsky; and *PURSUIT* by Karen Robards.

### New Audio Books

New titles are: *LOITERING WITH INTENT* by Stuart Woods; *SCARECROW* by Michael Connelly; *GONE TOMORROW* by Lee Child; *AMONG THE MAD* by Jacqueline Whispear; and *THE HELP* by Kathryn Stockett.