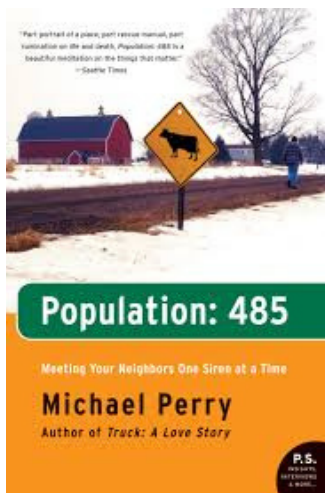


THE NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY BOOK CLUB PICK



Population 485
- by Michael Perry

Wed, Feb. 10th
@ 6pm on Zoom

Welcome to New Auburn, Wisconsin (population: 485) where the local vigilante is a farmer's wife armed

with a pistol and a Bible, the most senior member of the volunteer fire department is a cross-eyed butcher with one kidney and two ex-wives (both of whom work at the only gas station in town), and the back roads are haunted by the ghosts of children and farmers. Michael Perry loves this place. He grew up here, and now—after a decade away—he has returned.

Unable to polka or repair his own pickup, his farm-boy hands gone soft after years of writing, Perry figures the best way to regain his credibility is to join the volunteer fire department. Against a backdrop of fires and tangled wrecks, bar fights and smelt feeds, *Population: 485* is a comic and sometimes heartbreaking true tale leavened with quieter meditations on an overlooked America.

Copies available at the library.



AWARDED LTC GRANT

What a great start to 2021! We are so proud to be chosen to be part of Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries, an American Library Association initiative that helps library workers better serve their small and rural communities.

The competitive award comes with a \$3,000 grant that will help the library prepare to undertake our first strategic plan which will shape the direction of the and our community. As part of the grant, library staff will take an online course in how to lead and facilitate meaningful community conversations, a skill vital to library work today.

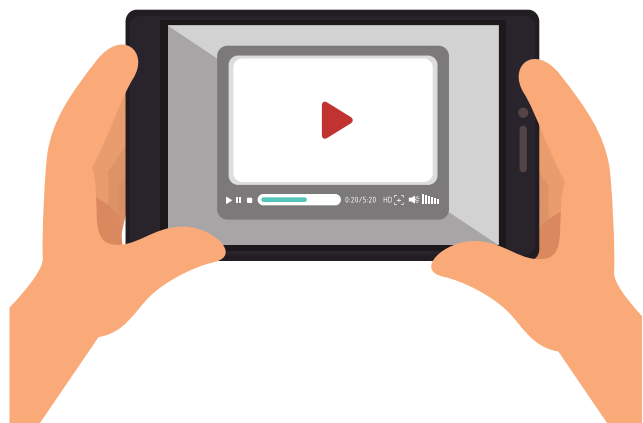
Look for more updates in the future!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

When I look back, I am so impressed again with the life-giving power of literature. If I were a young person today, trying to gain a sense of myself in the world, I would do that again by reading, just as I did when I was young.

- Maya Angelou

MONTICELLO COMMUNITY CORNER



Have you ever noticed that Monticello doesn't have its own news outlet such as newspaper, radio, or blog? Our librarian, Katrina, wondered the same thing so she made the Monticello Community Corner(MCC) to fill that need.

Simply put the MCC will be a weekly video that collections all the goings-on for the Monticello area into one short video. The video will be found of the Monticello Public Library's Facebook page every Monday afternoon. In each video, we'll report on all the events for the week, larger items on the horizon, and general announcements.

If you have anything you'd like to see in the MCC, please contact Katrina at mntpublib.info@gmail.com by the Friday prior. We also recognize that not everyone has access to technology in our area thus we are looking for local businesses where we can post the list of events we've gathered each week.

See you next week online!

FICTION

- Civil War Breakout
- Rose from the Ashes
- A Burnished Rose
- Rosenbloom

NON-FICTION

- Knots
- The Bread Baker's Apprentice

YOUTH

- Super Rabbit Boy's Time Jump!
- Taking Diabetes to School
- Haunted Hospital

DVDS

- Fatima
- Schitt's Creek Complete Series
- The New Mutants: Season 1
- Better Call Saul: Season 5
- Made in Italy
- The Rental
- We Bare Bears: The Movie
- Words on Bathroom Walls
- Yellowstone: Season 3
- Tenet
- Come Away
- The Crown: Season 3
- John Lewis: Good Trouble
- Zombies 2

AUDIOBOOKS

- Dark Tides
- Love Your Life

CDS

- Ten by The Piano Guys
- Power Up by AC/DC