

BOOK REVIEWS

The Rooster Bar *By John Grisham*

The Rooster Bar focuses on a Law School Scam. We are introduced to four young law students, Mark Frazier, Todd Lucero, Zola Maal, and Gordy Tanner who are all heading into their final semester at Foggy Bottom Law School in Washington, D.C.

Originally, they'd all been taken in by promises of a great future and the exciting and lucrative career being an attorney could provide. However, each of the four characters took on substantial debt to make their dreams a reality. They are now disillusioned, each faced with debt of approximately \$200,000 with no hope that they can repay it and finally coming to the realization that none of them will attain a position in any prestigious law firm.

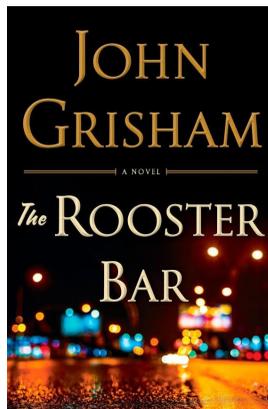
Gordy Tanner, previously diagnosed with bipolar disorder and off his meds begins a frantic investigation of the truth behind Foggy Bottom and the school's owner. He shares his conclusions with Mark, Todd and Zola that Foggy Bottom is only one of many diploma mills designed to generate great amounts of money with little to no future for its students where less than half of the graduates from Foggy Bottom actually pass the bar exam. Gordy, not able to face his grim future commits suicide by

jumping off the Arlington Memorial Bridge.

After Gordy's suicide and speculating on the information he shared with them, the three friends agree that they will not return to Foggy Bottom to complete their last semester. They have each received their final loan cheque and set up business over a bar – The Rooster Bar. The trio then creates new identities for themselves and essentially become “ambulance chasers”, although, without any legal credentials or expertise. Soon, they are faced with angry clients whose cases they have bungled. As their absence is noted at Foggy Bottom, the loan companies start hounding them for student loan payments.

The plot continues with the three trying to stay ahead of the loan companies, trying to help their clients while having no legal expertise and bringing down the man behind the money. Grisham takes us through some twists and turns and, of course, leads us to his surprise ending.

Submitted by Randy Schulz



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IN HOUSE LIBRARY FUN IN JAN/FEB



Starting **Tuesday, January 16th** the library will have a “**Guess the Book/ Character?**” game set up in the library office window! Simply ask the circulation desk staff for a game paper to get started. You will need to write down the correct name of the book or literary

character beside the correct number! Hand in your sheet to the staff and they will correct it! If you have them all right you will be able to choose a prize from the treasure chest! This in house game will run until the middle of February. Good luck :)



Points of interest:

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HOW TO BUDGET

On **Wednesday, January 10th, 2018** at from **6:30pm - 7:30pm** Steve Kulyk from Onyx Financial Group will be at the library discussing “**How to Budget!**” Steve is a local financial advisor

who  is donating his time to the library to talk about the do's

and don'ts when it comes to budgeting! This would be a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have and to get great advice in how to manage your finances! Call to sign up at the library today!

CRAVING CHANGE



Library Allard will be hosting an Interlake Eastman Regional Health Authority program called **Craving Change** on three consecutive Wednesday evenings in January.

The program will **start January 17th, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm and will run the following two Wednesdays.** The program is free. Its intent is to help people figure out why they eat the way they do and then work towards changing

those habits. If you are interested in attending please call 204-367-8443 ask for Kelly or Jen or email asstlib@allardlibrary.com. The registration deadline is January 3, 2018!



SPECIAL DISPLAYS

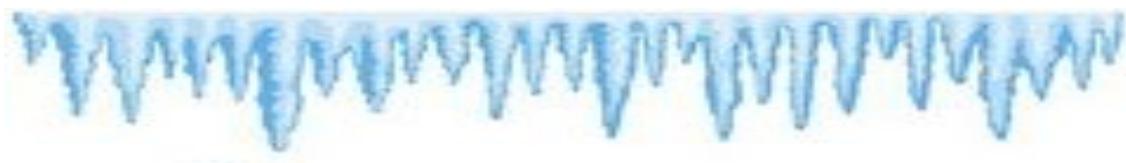


The library's adult special display theme for **January** is featuring book about **Winter sports!** **February's** theme will be a **Colour me REAd!** display.

For the **January** children's display you will find books from **Dr. Seuss!** The library has many books in both French and English. In **February**, the children's display will highlight books about **Love and Valentines**



Day in conjunction with Love to Read month!



INTRO TO BEADING



Library Allard is hosting something new in the new year! Christine Cyr will here to teach an **Intro to Beading** class. The first class will take place **Wednesday, February**

21st, from 6:30pm - 8:00pm and classes will continue over the two following Wednesdays at the same time. The class will be making their own leather key chains. All supplies will be provided at a cost of only \$30.00, and additional work at home to com-

plete the project we will require. Pre-registration is necessary by January 30th. A minimum of 6 people and a maximum of 15 are in order to be able to run the program.



UPDATES TO FILL AND ELIBRARIES USES

Attention: All eLibraries users and self-directed Inter Library Loans users of fILL... The technicians have been hard at work trying to make it easier and functional for our patrons to access fILL and make their own requests available again and to make a new app called Libby available for eLibraries users. The fILL users used to be able to access the lists of books available online across the province and then go and request the book be sent to

their local branch, however, due to some software changes our patrons have been unable to do this as the software programs have not been communicating with each other. Once we have re-registered you upon you notifying us of your desire to use this service once again or for the first time you should have access in the next couple of weeks. Those of you that have been having issues with Overdrive through eLibraries a new more user friendly app has been de-

veloped called Libby. We will need to re-register you so that you will have full access to this service. Due to duplication of user name numbers we may have to issue you a new 14 digit number. If you are one of the above users please contact Kelly via one of these methods: email admin@allardlibrary.com; phone 204-367-8443; or stop by at Library Allard at 104086 PTH 11, St. Georges. We look forward to serving you better.

SUPERHERO FOR A DAY!

Calling all Superheroes!! Big or small, boy or girl Library Allard wants to party with you! On **Thursday, March 29th** the library is hosting it's 3rd annual “**Superhero for a Day!**” The event will run from **1:00pm - 4:00pm!** The library is planning exciting games,

prizes, superhero activities, and more! To add to the fun we ask that you come in a superhero costume if possible. Children under 5 should be accompanied by an adult for the event. If you are interested, or know someone who would be, sign up at the li-

brary today! Tell your friends and family! There is a maximum of 15 children able to attend so sign up early to avoid disappointment!



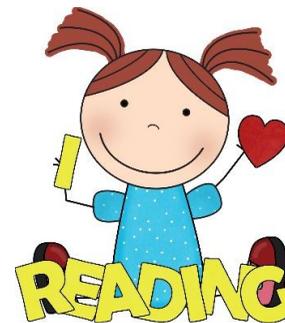
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- icicles
- mittens
- shimmer
- skating
- sliding
- snowman
- sparkle
- skidooing
- snowflake
- rosie cheeks
- snowshoeing
- hot chocolate
- cross country skiing

LOVE TO READ MONTH

Library Allard will be celebrating **Love to Read** month in February a few fun ways...



1) Allard will be having a **Blowout Book Sale**. Simply come down during regular business hours to take advantage of this awesome opportunity. You will be able to fill a grocery bag of books, hard-cover & soft cover, for only \$2.00! There are many to choose from in ALL genres including adult fiction, non fiction, western, biographies in both French and English, etc. There will be children's, junior, and teen books in

French and English as well as magazines and movies! You won't want to miss this!

2) **Blind Date with a Book** will be returning for adults. Do you judge a book by it's cover? If so, then this is the perfect way to get you out of your comfort zone. This year will be the fourth year that this happened and it is always a success. Each book

is wrapped up; the only indicator for the reader is the genre.

3) There will be a **book draw** at the circulation desk **EVERY WEEK**. All you have to do is enter your name and phone number to be eligible for the draw! Don't miss out :) Names will be removed after every draw, Come in every week to ensure you are entered. Draws will be on Fridays @ 2:00pm.

4) **"Guess the book/Character?"** in house game will run until mid February! Simply ask the circulation desk staff how to get started!

BOOK CLUB SETS

The library has started something new! In our community we have a few book clubs that consist of people who read the same book, then have discussions about the story once everyone's completed their book. Because these book clubs need roughly 4-7 books of the same title, it can some-

times be challenging to find enough copies for everyone. To assist with this, the library has started **book club sets**. The library currently has 3 books, with 4 copies of each book available at our library. These book club sets books are:

- **The Kitchen House** by Kathleen Grissom

- **While I was Gone** by Sue Miller
 - **Everything Everything** by Nicola Yoon
- When you checkout out a book club set, it will come with discussion questions for the group to use and answer if they choose to. We will be adding to this collection annually.

VICTORIA BEACH HAPPENINGS

I hope everyone is staying warm during these blustery months.

No better time to curl up with a good book... here a few new titles on the library shelves:

Origin by Dan Brown - v. 5 in the Robert Langdon series

Right Behind You by Lisa Gardner - v. 7 in the FBI Thriller series

Killer - My Life in

Hockey by Doug Gilmour

Sons and Soldiers by Bruce Henderson - The untold story of the Jews who escaped the Nazis and returned with the U.S. army to fight Hitler

Parting Shot by Linwood Barclay - v. 4 in the Promise Falls series.

The library staff look forward to seeing you!

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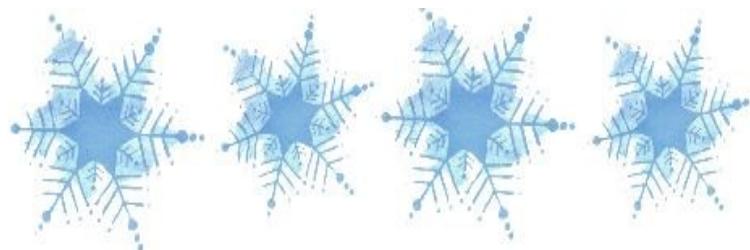
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DID YOU KNOW ...



...that the library runs a **Lego Club for kids of all ages** **Thursdays**

from 6:00pm - 7:00pm? During the Fall/Winter months the library runs a Lego Club for children in the community. It's free to attend and all Lego is

provided. The kids are encouraged to use their imaginations to create cool things out of Lego. Sign up today! **...for a few years now Library Allard hosts a Crocheting/knitting group Thursdays from 6:00pm - 8:00pm?**

Simply come to the library with your crocheting sup-

plies and take part in a group project the class is working on or work on something on your own in a comfortable group setting. Joan Kleyh is available to teach you and give you hands on help if you need. Contact the library to sign up! It's a great way to get out and socialize in a wonderful environment :)

35th ANNIVERSARY



Can you believe it's Library Allard's 35th Anniversary in 2018?!? The library was first founded on May 3rd, 1982 and operated out of the St.

Georges school. The new library was built in November, 2008 and has been in this location ever since. The library board and staff would like to invite you to attend a celebration at the library on Saturday, June 9th, from 1:00pm - 3:00pm to celebrate the

library's anniversary. The details will be ironed out in the new year and we will keep everyone posted with more information in the next newsletter!



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NEW BOOKS ON OUR SHELVES

- The White Princess
- Tree Sister, Three Queens
- The Glory over Everything
- The Virgin's Lover
- One Brother Shy
- An Irish Country Love Story
- A Queens Fool
- A Column of Fire
- The Hanging Girl
- Portrait of Vengeance
- Faithful
- The Marco Effect
- The Taming of the Queen
- Parting Shot
- Starting Over
- The Return
- Last Breath
- Prom Date
- Blind Date
- The ether
- King's Cage
- The Silver Mask
- The Door Within
- Titans
- The Phantom's Blade

