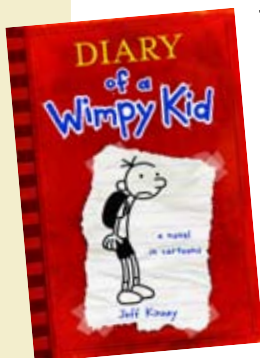




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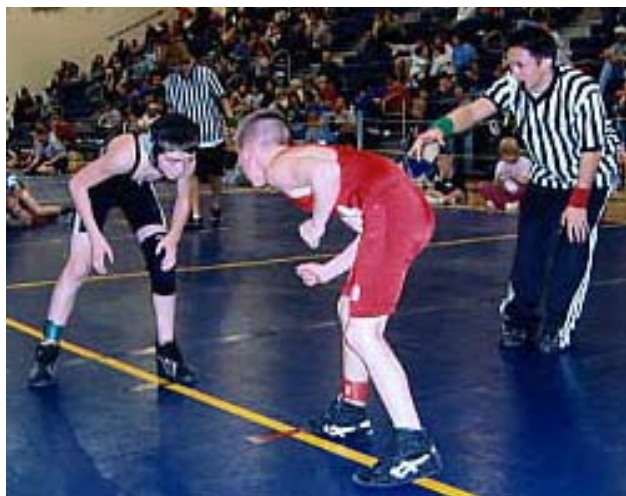
2010 One Book One Grade



The 2010 *One Book One Grade* title is *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* written by Jeff Kinney. This popular book is a “diary” written by middle-schooler Greg Heffley and illustrated with his comic drawings. Greg is an undersized boy, who faces challenges in school each day as well as problems getting along with his siblings at home. In his humorous journal the readers will discover how Greg manages to survive a school year where his goal is to be recognized as the class clown. Readers will have several opportunities to participate in activities related to this book during the coming months. In March this story will be released as a feature length film in theatres. Watch the newsletter and newspaper for details.

Wrestling in the Library

Seward Memorial Library invites school age children and their parents to “Wrestling 101” in the library meeting room on Monday, March 22. Bob Core, the wrestling coach for Seward High School, will introduce the sport of wrestling to those interested in this skill. The 45-minute program begins at 3:45 p.m. and includes a 15 minute video featuring local wrestlers. Learn more about what wrestling opportunities are currently available in Seward. This program is in conjunction with the 2009 *One Book One Grade* title *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney.



Meeting
Monday, March 2
5:00 p.m.

For more information about the Friends of Seward Library visit the website at www.friendsofsewardlibrary.com

**Staying Sharp
at Any Age**

Tuesday, March 23
7:00-8:00 p.m.
Seward Memorial Library

A presentation by
Dr. Jan Whitson and Dr.
Renea Gernant



as part of
Brain
Awareness
Week.

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February 2010

Time is Running Out

If you have a title that you would like all of Seward to read this summer the title must be submitted by April 1. Nomination forms for 2010 are available at the library or online at www.sewardlibrary.org. Titles can be fiction or non-fiction, should be of interest to young adults and adults, should generate meaningful discussion, and should still be available in print, preferably in multiple formats. The library welcomes your input. The community had a great experience last summer with Gary Moore's *Playing with the Enemy* and looks forward to another summer filled with ASRT events. The 2010 *All Seward Reads Together* title will be announced during National Library Week in April.



Library Book Clubs

Titles being read for March:

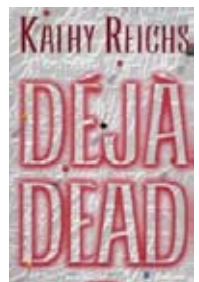
Young at Heart
Book Club
March 2 at noon

*Waiting
for Normal*
by Leslie Connor



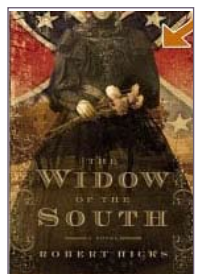
Midday Mysteries
Book Club
March 16 at noon

Deja Dead
by Kathy Reichs



New York Times
Best Sellers Club
March 17 at 7 pm

*The Widow
of the South*
by Robert Hicks



If any of these selections interest you, or if you would like to visit or join a club, please call the library at 643-3318. To view a listing of all previous book selections please visit the library website at www.sewardlibrary.org.

Spring Speed Reviews



Seward Memorial Library will host Speed Reviews on Sunday, April 11 at 2 p.m. The 2010 *Notable Books* will be reviewed during this one-hour program. Each year the American Library Association creates lists of

outstanding titles for both adults and children. This program will review books from the adult list. Mark this date on your calendar and come ready to discover some "must read" titles for your future reading list.

2010 Summer Program Theme Announced

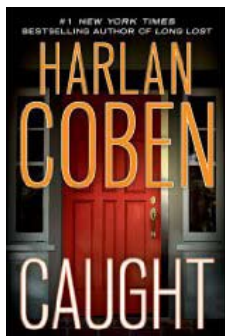
The theme chosen for the 2010 Summer Children's Reading Program is "Make a Splash – READ!" The staff is exploring program possibilities with a changing weekly emphasis. Whether the water is in a pool, pond, ocean or the atmosphere, children are sure to enjoy a wet summer experience. The staff is excited and looks forward to working with the community to make this a memorable program at the library.



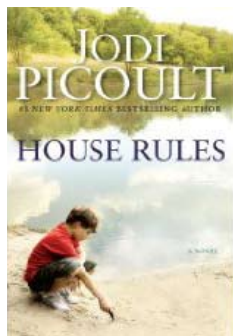
A library is...

"...a place for dreams to soar." — Patricia Polacco

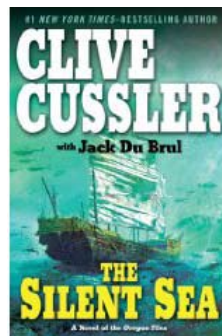
New Books Coming Soon



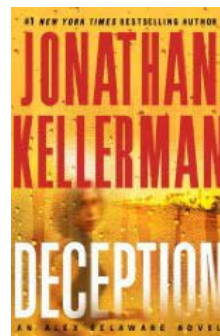
Caught
by Harlan Coben



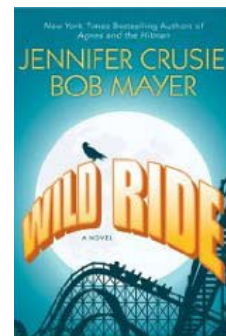
House Rules
by Jodi Picoult



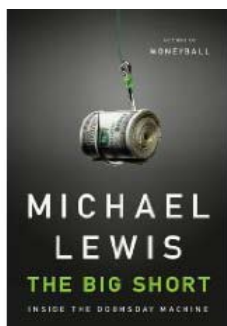
The Silent Sea
by Clive Cussler



Deception
by Jonathan Kellerman



Wild Ride
by Jennifer Crusie



The Big Short
by Michael Lewis



Giada At Home
by Giada
De Laurentiis



The Pacific
by Hugh Ambrose



*Raquel:
Beyond the Cleavage*
by Raquel Welch



*How to Never
Look Fat Again*
by Charla Krupp

More Fiction Titles Coming Soon:

Hell Gate by Linda Fairstein
Known to Evil by Walter Mosley
Sheen on the Silk by Anne Perry
Take Three by Karen Kingsbury

Her Mother's Hope by Francine Rivers
Shattered by Karen Robards
Silver Borne by Patricia Briggs
Think Twice by Lisa Scottoline

Try Another Library Resource

Did you know that you can access financial information about hundreds of companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange, NASDAQ and others, through the Seward Memorial Library website, “free of charge?” Anyone interested in the stock market has heard the expression: “any information made available without charge is probably worth every penny it costs.” However, Value Line, one of the most trusted and prestigious names in the investment field, is available to users without charge. This valuable resource is located under “Links” on the Seward Memorial Library home page at www.sewardlibrary.org. Value Line has been synonymous with trust, reliability, objectivity, independence, accurate information and proven performance for investors for more than 75 years. When accessing the site, you will be asked for a user name and password. These will be given to you when you phone the library (643-3318). And, yes, it does cost. Investment professionals and serious individual investors pay several hundred dollars per year for their subscription. In the case of the library, the cost is covered by Jones National Bank & Trust Company and The Cattle National Bank & Trust Company as a valuable service to the community.

A library is...

“...home to one of my favorite things: Librarians.”
— Jan Karon

Book Explores Unknown Part of WWII book review by Stephanie Croston



Defiance by Nechama Tec wasn't what I thought it would be. I was expecting a biography of Tuvia Bielski. It turned out to be the story of the Jewish resistance in World War II. I didn't know much about that particular aspect of World War II. You hear all the time about the Jews forced into concentration camps and the Christians and others who saved Jews from the Nazis and the camps, but this looked at the Jews who saved their own people. They escaped the Nazi raids into the forest, staying hidden from the Nazis and their collaborators. Bielski wanted to save as many Jews as he could, regardless of age, gender, physical capabilities or anything else. If they were Jewish, he would take them into his camp or otriad.

Each chapter deals with a different aspect of life in the forest. Chapters dealt with how the otriad worked, the hierarchy, the roles of the people within the otriad and the difficulties the people faced. It was very interesting. Tec was able to interview Tuvia Bielski and many other members of the otriad, combining their memories and thoughts with historical documentation. I can't imagine how very cool that must have been. Everyone said how charismatic and personable Bielski was. I've been fortunate to listen to some at least semi-famous people—I can't imagine actually interviewing them. However, she only got to interview him once before he died.

Tec also did plenty of research related to that time period and what life in the forest would have been like. I thought she did a nice job organizing everything and putting it together. Of course life wasn't all a bed of roses. Just getting to the Bielski Otriad was difficult, even though Jews all over that part of Europe had heard of it. Some members didn't agree with Bielski's desire to save as many Jews as possible and tried to stir up rebellion in the ranks, and that led to actions questioned still today.

Defiance was recently made into a movie starring Daniel Craig, and although I've not seen it yet, I'm curious to see how Bielski is portrayed. This book is not a quick read, but it's definitely worth the time spent.

Free Computer Classes @ the Library

The library is offering free computer classes. You must register for classes either at the circulation desk in the library, by calling the library at 643-3318 or you can use the online registration on the library website: www.sewardlibrary.org. (A full schedule is available in the library or online.)

Mondays, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

March 1 - Word Processing 1

March 8 - Word Processing 2

March 15 - Word Processing 3

March 22 - Word Processing 4

March 29 - Computer Viruses

Thursdays, 6:00-7:30 pm

March 4 - Internet 1

March 11 - Internet 2

March 18 - Word Processing 1

March 25 - Word Processing 2

April 1 - Word Processing 3

Fridays, 9:15-10:30 pm

March 5 - Spreadsheets 1

March 12 - Spreadsheets 2

March 19 - E-mail 1

March 26 - E-mail 2

A library is...

"...an escape hatch into answers and insights."
— Steven Kellogg