



Bookends

The Galena Public Library District Newsletter

May 2009

New Arrivals

Fiction

First Family by David Baldacci
 Just Take My Heart by Mary Higgins Clark
 Borderline by Nevada Barr
 Loitering With Intent by Stuart Woods
 The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton



Non-Fiction

The Art of Simple Food by Alice Waters
 First, Break All the Rules: What the World's Best Managers Do Differently by Curt Coffman
 Natural Disasters That Changed the World by Rodney Castleden

2009 Pulitzer Prize Winners

Fiction – Olive Ketteridge by Elizabeth Strout
 History – The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family by Annette Gordon-Davis

100 YEAR AGO

Taken from the May 21, 1909
 Galena Daily Gazette

Galena Beautiful Now In Evidence.

Galena and the surrounding country never looks more beautiful than it does at this season of the year. The recent rains and warm weather has brought forth amazing developments in the leaving trees, the flowers and the grass and mother earth seems to have donned her most beautiful garb in honor of the coming of spring and summer. Strangers who have had occasion to visit in Galena of late involuntarily remark upon its beauty and even those who have grown accustomed to the natural beauty of the little city amid the hills are coming to a fuller realization of those beauties. Now is the time to get out into the open and take the tonic of the sunshine and the grass and flowers.

Man's Inhumanity to Man

By Gail Matthew

The crisis within the Sudan was brought to life at the last Sunday Cinema presentation on April 19th at the Galena Public Library. Father Samuel Peni, an Anglican priest from the Sudan who is studying at Wartburg Theological Seminary, introduced the program by giving the audience background information on the prolonged war in the Sudan.

The situation has developed over several decades because of Muslim Africans and Christian Africans competing for power and abundant natural resources. The wanton butchery and resultant suffering are too mind-boggling for the average person to comprehend. More than two million people have been slaughtered. Over one million people have fled the area. Villages and families have been destroyed.

After this compelling introduction, the library presented the film *God Grew Tired of Us*, which is the story of the thousands of "lost boys" of the Sudan who fled their homes after most of their families were killed. They walked hundreds of miles and now live in refugee camps. The film follows the journey of three of these young men, who were relocated to the United States. While repaying our government for their airfare and working to make ends meet here, the men were able to get the story of the crisis out to many across our nation and send money back home to help their families and fellow "lost boys."

Afterwards, Father Peni answered questions and related his own familial tragedies. The compelling aura about Father Peni made it difficult for the audience to end the afternoon. He will go back to the Sudan in May and resume his religious duties. The Galena Public Library will continue a relationship with Father Peni and will lead a future effort to gather needed school supplies to send to the Sudan.

Amazing Caterpillar Facts

The library's story hour "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", based upon Eric Carle's famous picture book, has visited eight children's programs so far and brought joy and laughter to 160 children.

This program is sponsored by Friends of Galena Public Library, Inc.

Children of all ages are still invited to color a hungry caterpillar. They may also take home an Eric Carle "Watch me read and grow!" reading log. When the filled out reading logs are returned, children may color the beautiful butterfly the caterpillar turned into while they were reading.

The butterflies will be laminated and put outside on the library grounds to create a [Library Butterfly Garden](#) in May.

Alice Maffit, president of Friends of Galena Public Library Inc., the Caterpillar & Susi Ludwig-Ruppert, Library Director

Gifts and Memorials

Richard Miller donated the "Collector's Originality Guide for Farmall" (\$26.95)

Jenni Ackerman donated "Snoop: what your stuff says about you." (\$25.00)

William Cunningham donated a year long description of Reader's Digest (\$15.00)

Linda & Russ Klug donated facsimile of Lincoln's Murder – Wanted advertisement. (\$10.00)

Friends of Galena Public Library, Inc. \$415.61 for Eric Carle program material, National Mississippi River Museum program, and heavy duty 3-hole-punch.

Alfred Mueller

Historical Collections Room

Monday, Tuesday,
 Thursday & Friday 3 – 5 pm
 Wednesday 3 – 8 pm
 Saturday Noon – 4 pm

Galena Public Library Hours

Monday – Thursday
 11am – 8 pm
 Friday – Saturday
 11am – 5 pm

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The library is **handicap-accessible** from the parking lot located behind the library.

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Children's Book Week May 11-17, 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9:30—10:30 4th Grade at GMS Library	2
3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14 1 pm Friends Meeting	15 9:30—10:30 4th Grade at GMS Library	16
17 2pm Sunday Cinema "Be Kind Rewind"	18 Book Club 10 am <i>The Zookeeper's Wife</i>	19 6:30 pm Board Meeting	20	21 7 pm Civil War Roundtable	22	23
24	25 CLOSED Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
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