

dramatic changes in nice areas akin to Monument. When we lived there, I used to go jogging by myself. However, I can't do that now. What changed? The addiction rehab industry flooded in. Nowadays, I am increasingly accosted by people asking for handouts, at parking lots, food courts and on the streets. And there was even a case of indecent exposure.

Only a few cities made their data available with respect to rehab facilities and crime. I'll focus on Costa Mesa where my office and my experience are. The mayor of Costa Mesa stated, "We're starting to understand it (crime) is directly related to the increase in the recovery homes in our city."

In Costa Mesa, between 2011 and 2016:

1. Drug violations rose (from 288 to 1,328), up 361 percent.
2. Auto thefts went up (from 267 to 545), up 104 percent.
3. Prostitution reports rose (from 25 to 122), a 388 percent increase.

Several addiction rehab cities have similar increases in crime.

It is absurd that Sunshine Behavioral Health claims this facility will have no effect on our community and our children. I urge everybody to google "Rehab Riviera" and learn about the effects the concentration of rehab facilities have on several Orange County cities and make an informed decision to oppose the addiction rehab facility at that location. Thank you!

**Soke Chua**

#### Thanks to the "Saturday Ladies"

In the Oct. 3 *Tribune*, I was impressed with the letter from Kerry Harrigan Baerman. Our sincere sympathy in the loss of her son, Colin. We can identify, since our son Tim Watkins was killed Sept. 17, 2017. Her beautiful descriptions of our "serene" cemetery, appreciating how well it is cared for, caused me to respond.

When my husband Virgil and I and our three chil-

dren moved to Palmer Lake in 1963, the cemetery was a disgraceful "Boot Hill." Some proactive elderly widows took it upon themselves to start a weekly cleanup. My mom, Mary Aschinger, Margaret Plowman, Lucille Lavelett, Dixie Woodworth, Goldie Simpson, and others. These hard workers, aged 75 through 80, pulled out wild locust bushes and weeds, restored vandalized monuments, and generally transformed and improved this sacred place—raising money to pay for "perpetual care." Thus, the Town of Monument began to plant grass, place benches, add pots of flowers, and take pride in the annual Memorial Day ceremonies honoring our loved ones and veterans. Boy Scout troops placed flags at veterans' graves, cleaning it up, every year.

Kerry, I agree with your encouraging walks to the cemetery, and don't forget to say a prayer of thanks to those amazing "elderly" ladies!

**Joann Watkins**

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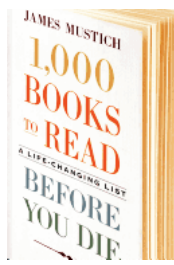
By the staff at Covered Treasures

We just had one of our favorite activities of the year: our annual bookseller's trade show. We had the opportunity to meet authors and publishers and talk about their new releases. It's a slice of heaven for us. We always come back with great books. Here is just a sampling—they make great gifts!

#### 1,000 Books to Read Before You Die: A Life-Changing List

By James Mustich (Workman Publishing) \$35

The *Washington Post* calls this book "the ultimate literary bucket list." Covering fiction, poetry, science, science fiction, memoir, travel writing, biography, children's books, history, and more, you will find books ranging across cultures and through time. There are classics, unexpected treasures, and lists to help you pick and choose. Add it all up, and there are more than 6,000 titles by nearly 4,000 authors mentioned.



#### Unsheltered

By Barbara Kingsolver (Harper) \$29.99

Award-winning, bestselling author Barbara Kingsolver returns with a timely novel that interweaves past and present to explore the human capacity for resiliency and compassion in times of great upheaval. *Unsheltered* tells the story of two families, in two centuries, who live at the corner of Sixth and Plum in Vineland, N.J., navigating what seems to be the end of the world as they know it. Each comes to realize that though the future is uncertain, even unnerving, shel-

ter can be found in the bonds of family, friends, and the strength of the human spirit.

#### The Reckoning

By John Grisham (Doubleday Books) \$29.95

Pete Banning was Clanton's favorite son, a returning war hero, the patriarch of a prominent family, a farmer, father, neighbor, and a faithful member of the Methodist church. Then one cool October morning in 1946, he rose early, drove into town, walked into the church, and calmly shot and killed the Rev. Dexter Bell. As if the murder wasn't shocking enough, it was even more baffling that Pete's only statement about it was, "I have nothing to say." In a major novel unlike anything he's written before, Grisham takes us on a journey from the Jim Crow South to the jungles of the Philippines during World War II; from an insane asylum filled with secrets to the Clanton courtroom where Pete's defense attorney tries desperately to save him.

#### On Desperate Ground

By Hampton Sides (Doubleday Books) \$30

Hampton Sides' superb account of the extraordinary feats of heroism by Marines called on to do the impossible during the greatest battle of the Korean War relies on years of archival research, unpublished letters, declassified documents, and interviews with scores of Marines and Koreans who survived the siege. Faced with probable annihilation and temperatures plunging to 20 degrees below zero, the surrounded and hugely outnumbered Marines fought through the enemy forces with ferocity, ingenuity, and nearly unimaginable courage.

#### The Last Romantics

By Tara Conklin (William Morrow) \$26.99

When renowned poet Fiona Skinner is asked about the inspiration behind her iconic work, *The Love Poem*, she tells her audience a story about her family and a betrayal that reverberates through time. This sweeping yet intimate epic about four siblings is an unforgettable exploration of the ties that bind us together, the responsibilities we embrace and the duties we resent, and how we can lose and sometimes rescue the ones we love. It is also about the power of stories and how they navigate us through difficult times, help us understand the past, and point the way toward our future.

#### Gmorning, Gnight!: Little Pep Talks for Me & You

By Lin-Manuel Miranda (Random House), \$22

From the creator and star of *Hamilton*, with illustrations by Jonny Sun, comes a book of affirmations to inspire readers at the beginning and end of each day. Lin-Manuel Miranda wrote these original sayings, aphorisms, and poetry for himself as much as for others. Miranda has gathered the best of his daily greetings into a beautiful illustrated collection. Full of comfort and motivation, *Gmorning, Gnight!* is a touchstone for anyone who needs a quick lift.

Stop in and visit us in our newly reopened and completely renovated store, say hello, and browse through our new selections. Choose some to enjoy yourself during these cool fall nights and find special gifts for the readers on your list. Until next month, happy reading.

The staff at Covered Treasures can be reached at [books@ocn.me](mailto:books@ocn.me).

### November Library Events

## Experience Cool Science and teen book craft

By Harriet Halbig

The Monument and Palmer Lake libraries will offer innovative programs during November.

#### Family programs

Join us at the library from 4 to 5:30 on Friday, **Nov. 9** for *Coloring for Everyone*. We work with themed coloring sheets each month. Colored pencils, markers, and gel pens are provided. Drop in and stay as long as you like!

*Cool Science for the Family* on Saturday, **Nov. 10** from 2:30 to 3:45 will explore rotational motion. We will experiment with tops and other spinning things.

*The Lego Build Club* will meet on Saturday, **Nov. 17** from 10 to 11:30. Come and build with other enthusiasts.

Regularly occurring children's programs include *Book Break* on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:30, *Story Time* for preschoolers on Tuesday at 10:30 and 11:15, and *Toddler Time* on Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:15.

#### Teen programs

Free math tutoring is offered at the library every Monday from 3:30 to 7. Available to all ages, *AfterMath* is staffed by experienced adult tutors and follows the D38 calendar. *AfterMath* will not be offered during Thanksgiving week.

*The Monument Library Anime Club* will meet from 5 to 6:30 on Thursday, **Nov. 29**. We will watch

anime (nothing rated above TV-14) and enjoy snacks. Recommended for ages 13 and up.

Learn origami with the *Paper Tiger Origami Club*, meeting on the third Friday of each month. This month's meeting will be on **Nov. 16** from 4:30 to 5:30. No experience necessary.

*The Monument Teen Creative Writing Group* will meet from 6 to 7:30 on Tuesday, **Nov. 6** in the study room. Meet fellow writers, share ideas, do writing exercises, and enjoy snacks.

Celebrate *International Games Week* on Wednesday, **Nov. 7** from 4 to 5:30 by making your own DIY checker or chess set. Alternatively, you can make a wallet out of playing cards or play board or card games with us. No registration required.

*The Teen Arts and Crafts project* from 4 to 5:30 on **Nov. 14** will be a book craft. We'll be making boxes out of destroyed/damaged books. Bring a book of your own or use one of ours. Open to ages 9 to 18. All materials will be provided and registration is required.

Come to the study room every Wednesday at 3 for *Intergenerational Knitting*. Some practice materials are provided or bring your own project. Some instruction provided for those new to the craft.

#### Adult programs

See above for descriptions of *Coloring for Everyone*, *Intergenerational Knitting*, and the *Paper Tiger Origami Club*.

*The Life Circles* writing group meets at 9:30 on the first and third Monday of the month to write memories of life experiences. This supportive group helps provide the discipline and structure to accomplish your goals.

*The Monumental Bookworms* book club will meet from 7 to 8:30 on Tuesday, **Nov. 13** to discuss *The Women in the Castle* by Jessica Shattuck. All are welcome to attend and no registration is necessary.

The Palmer Lake Art Group will offer a free drawing class from 1 to 3 on Thursday, **Nov. 15**. Bring your own paper and supplies, but pencils will be provided. Registration is required.

*The Monumental Readers* will meet from 10 to noon on Friday, **Nov. 16** to discuss *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. All are welcome to attend and no registration is necessary.

Regularly occurring adult programs include *Socrates Café* on Tuesdays from 1 to 3, *Senior Chats* on Wednesdays from 10 to noon, and *History Buffs* on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 1:30 to 3.

#### Palmer Lake Library Events

*The Palmer Lake Book Group* meets at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month. Please call 481-2587 for the latest selection.

*Story Times* are each Wednesday at 10:30, and *Toddler Time* is each Friday at 10:30.

*Lego Build* will now be on the third Thursday of