

An Unwanted Guest

By Shari Lapena (Penguin Books) \$16

It's winter in the Catskills and Mitchell's Inn, nestled deep in the woods, is the perfect setting for a relaxing weekend away. When a blizzard cuts off all contact with the outside world, the guests settle in and try to make the best of it. Soon one of the guests turns up dead. It looks like an accident, but when a second guest dies, they start to panic. Within the snowed-in paradise, something, or someone, is picking off the guests one by one. There's nothing they can do but hunker down, hoping they can survive the storm, and one another.

The Body in Griffith Park: An Anna Blanc Mystery

By Jennifer Kincheloe (Seventh Street Books) \$15.95

It's 1908; ex-heiress Anna Blanc works for the Los Angeles Police Department. What she really wants is to hunt criminals and be alone with Detective Joe Singer, both of which could get her fired. Anna and Joe discover the body of a young gambler. As Anna's murder investigation stalls, strange floral arrangements begin arriving from an unknown admirer. Following the petals leads Anna to another crime. Suddenly pitted against Joe, Anna must examine her loyalties and solve the crimes. The historical details of the crimes are taken from actual cases.

How Quickly She Disappears

By Raymond Fleischmann (Berkley Books) \$26

Twenty years ago Elisabeth's twin sister, Jacqueline, disappeared without a trace. Now 30-year-old Elisabeth is living far from home in a small Alaskan town. She's in a loveless marriage and has a young daughter who reminds her of Jacqueline. But then Alfred, a dangerous stranger with a plan of his own, arrives in town and offers a startling revelation. He knows exactly what happened to Jacqueline, but he'll reveal this truth only if Elisabeth fulfills his three requests. Doing so means putting herself and her family in danger.

The Woman in the Window

By A.J. Finn (William Morrow & Co.) \$16.99

Anna Fox lives alone, unable to venture outside. She spends her days drinking wine, watching old movies, recalling happier times, and spying on her neighbors. The Russells move into the house across the way and seem like the perfect family. But when Anna, gazing out her window one night, sees something she shouldn't, her world begins to crumble. In this gripping thriller, no one and no thing is what it seems.

The Cuckoo's Calling: A Cormoran Strike Novel

By Robert Galbraith (Mulholland Books) \$18

Published under a pseudonym, J.K. Rowling's adult

mystery series features Detective Cormoran Strike and his assistant, Robin Ellacott. *Cuckoo's Calling* sets up the relationship between the two, as he investigates a legendary supermodel's death. The police ruled it a suicide, but her brother refuses to believe that. These fast-paced books inspired *Strike*, the BBC crime drama series that has captivated millions of viewers worldwide.

Moriarty

By Anthony Horowitz (Harper Perennial) \$10

This mystery, sanctioned by the Conan Doyle estate, explores what really happened when Sherlock Holmes and his arch nemesis Professor Moriarty tumbled to their doom at the Reichenbach Falls. Frederick Chase, a senior investigator at New York's Pinkerton Detective Agency, and Inspector Athelney Jones, a Scotland Yard detective and devoted student of Holmes's methods of deduction, join forces. They fight their way through the streets of Victorian London in pursuit of a sinister man, much feared but seldom seen, who is determined to stake his claim as Moriarty's successor in London's criminal underworld.

"Very few of us are what we seem."—Agatha Christie
Until next month, happy reading!

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February Library Events**Events continue during spring break**

By Harriet Halbig

The *Winter Adult Reading Program* continues through March 31. Any titles read since Feb. 1 count toward your total. Complete eight books by the end of March and receive this year's handsome commemorative mug.

Lewis-Palmer D38 schools will be closed March 21-29 for spring break. There will be no *AfterMath* tutoring on March 23.

Children's programs

Regularly occurring children's programs at the Monument Library include *Book Break* on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 10:30 to 11, *Story Time* on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:15, *Toddler Time* on Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:30, and *Paws to Read* on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 5. When registration is required, please call 488-2370.

The *Homeschool @ Monument* program from 1:30 to 2:30 on Monday, March 9 is *Ute Knowledge and STEM Challenge*. Home schoolers investigate how the Ute Indians used science, technology, engineering, and math to survive and thrive in the Rocky Mountains. Students will explore hands-on challenges to understand how the Ute people solved problems in the past and the present. Registration required; recommended for ages 6 to 12.

Children ages 5 to 12 are invited to make *Sensory Tiles* on Thursday, March 19 from 4 to 5. Your child will use process art to create a colorful sensory tile with fun, assorted materials and a vinyl record they can display at home.

Lego Build will meet from 10 to 11 on Saturday, March 21. Come to the library and use our large collection of Legos to build to your heart's content.

On Tuesday, March 24, from 10:30 to 11:30 there will be a program on *Super Snakes*. Celebrate our natural environment by visiting a variety of snakes from *Nature's Educators*. Discover how to identify which snakes are venomous, learn what snakes eat, where they live, and how they find their prey. This spring break program replaces the regular story time.

Friday, March 27 from 10:30 to 11:30 will be a spring break program on *Cool Science*. It may be spring break, but there's still time for one more blast of cold temperatures—liquid nitrogen cold! Find out what minus 322 degrees F is like and what it can do to ordinary things as we demonstrate some really Cool Science. Recommended for ages 5 to 12.

Homeschool @ Monument on Monday, March 30 from 1:30 to 2:30 is about *Bees, Bats, and Butterflies*. Pollinators, a vital part of our eco-system, are in trouble. In this program, home schoolers will use cheese puffs and model flowers to learn about pollination, explore the lives of pollinators (including bees, bats, birds, butterflies, and lizards) and participate in conservation efforts by creating bee hotels and seed bombs to take home. Recommended for ages 6 to 12.

Teen and Tween programs

See above for description of *Lego Build*. Every Wednesday from 3 to 5 in the study room, an *All Ages Knitting Group* meets. Practice materials are available, but attendees are encouraged to bring their own projects.

Teens Make Tuesday on March 17 from 4 to 5:30 features *DIY Scrunchies*. Become the VSCO girl of your dreams (or court one) and create your very own hand-sewn scrunchie! For ages 12 to 16, registration required.

Free math tutoring is available Mondays from 3:30 to 7 at the library. Experienced adult tutors will help with all levels of math. The program will not be offered on March 23 due to spring break.

Teens ages 12 to 18 are welcome to experience an *Escape Room: Bio Doom* from 3 to 5 on Monday, March 23. Your ecology club is visiting *Biosphere II* at the University of Arizona. You get separated from your guide and begin exploring the research facility. All of a sudden, the loud-speaker crackles to life and you realize that you've only got one hour to escape the facility before you are stuck there indefinitely. Solve clues to unlock the box and win a prize! Registration is required for this program.

The *Paper Tigers Origami Club* will meet from 4:15 to 5:45 on Friday, March 20. Teens and adults of all skill levels are welcome. All materials are provided, and registration is preferred.

The *Monument Library Anime Club* will be from 5 to 6:30 on Thursday, March 26. Come and share anime with others who love it. Enjoy snacks and watch videos with nothing rated above TV-14. Recommended for ages 13 and up.

Adult programs

See above for descriptions of *All Ages Knitting* and *Paper Tigers Origami*.

Regularly occurring adult programs include *Senior Chats* on Wednesdays from 10 to noon and yoga on Thursdays from noon to 1. The yoga session on Thursday, March 26, will feature *Chair Yoga* and requires registration.

The *Monumental Bookworms* will meet from 7 to 8 on Tuesday, March 10 to discuss *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. All are welcome to attend this monthly book group sponsored by the Tri-Lakes Friends of the Library.

The *Second Thursday Craft* from 2 to 4 on Thursday, March 12 is *Equali-Teacup Candles*. 2020 marks the 100-year anniversary of the women's suffrage movement. We will be celebrating by making some punny candles in teacups! While you wait for your candle to finish, you can also enjoy a women's suffrage brooch-making craft. Registration required.

Life Circles will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 on Monday, March 16. This group writes of life events.

Patrons are welcome to create a fabric collage that celebrates the beauty of our Pikes Peak region on Sunday, March 22 from 1:30 to 4:30. Attendees will create two collages—one for the community art installation and one to take home. Learn some fun and simple em-

bellishment techniques using fabric markers and hand embroidery stitches to add detail. For ages 12 and up; registration required.

The *History Buffs* will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 on Wednesday, March 25.

The *Monument Library Spinning Group* will meet on Thursday, March 26 from 1:30 to 3:45. We welcome everyone who wants to spin or learn about spinning. There will be extra spinning wheels and fiber so drop-ins can give it a try. This is a fun way to get to know other spinners, and all levels are welcome.

Our *Spring Maker in Residence* program is Create Together on Monday, March 30 from 9 to 1. Join Liz Kettle and Ruth Chandler from Textiles West as they piece together textile illustrations of the Pikes Peak region, made by community members from across El Paso County. You can contribute to the community creation by making your own fabric collage. See the entry for March 22 above for the opportunity to learn how to make fabric collage.

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.

Toddler Time in Palmer Lake is at 10:30 each Friday. *Family Story Time* is on Wednesdays at 10:30.

Homeschool @ Palmer Lake on March 13 from 1 to 3 is *Bees, Bats, and Butterflies*, a program about pollinators. Please see above for a description of the program. Registration is required at 481-2587.

On the second Saturday of each month from 9 to 10 everyone 12 and up who plays the ukulele is invited to the Palmer Lake library. Bring your own instrument and music stand. For further information, call 481-2587.

The *Third Saturday @ Palmer Lake Library* Program on March 21 from 10:30 to 11:30 is *Gardening Lab for Kids*. Get a close look at seeds and discover multiple ways to use seeds. Make cool things for and from your garden. Recommended for ages 5 to 12; registration required.

There will be a special spring break program on Wednesday, March 25 from 10:30 to 11:30 on *Rocket Academy*. Join us for Rocket Academy and learn all about space, rockets, and what it takes to be an astronaut. After completing our fun, interactive "training" program, you'll create and launch a rocket of your own.

A class in playing the ukulele for elementary school age children will be offered on Thursday, March 26 from 10:30 to 11:30. The ukulele is a surprisingly easy instrument to learn for children who know how to play as well as those who want to learn. If you have a uke, bring it along. A number of ukuleles will also be available if you just want to try it out. Registration is required.

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Palmer Lake Historical Society, Feb. 20**Radio and its many pioneers**

By Sharon Williams

On Feb. 20, Palmer Lake Historical Society's Board Vice President Wayne Russert presented an engagingly diverse and informative program about the history of radio and its many pioneers. This presentation was provided

as part of the Palmer Lake Historical Society Series held monthly at Palmer Lake Town Hall.

From the very early spark telegraphy of Marconi to the first voice and music broadcast of Fessenden and finally the invention of FM radio by Armstrong, Russert

led the audience through the evolution of radio and the key role it played in mass communication.

In the 1800s and early 1900s, many individuals were theorizing, experimenting, and discovering properties that contributed to what we know as the radio. Ultimate-