

Between the Covers at Covered Treasures Bookstore

Exciting reads for tweens and teens

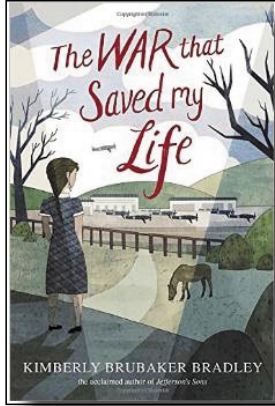
By the staff at Covered Treasures

How can you tear those middle readers and young adults away from their electronics and lead them into a good book? Some authors have penned stories so engrossing that the keyboards will be put aside.

The War That Saved My Life

By Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (Penguin Putnam \$16.99)

Ten-year-old Ada has never left their one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. But when her little brother, Jamie, is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute before sneaking out to join him at the home of Susan Smith, the woman who is forced to take the two kids in. As Ada learns to read and to ride a pony, she begins to trust Susan—and Susan begins to love Ada and Jamie. Will their bond be enough to hold them together through wartime, or will the children fall back into the cruel hands of their mother?



Rain Reign

By Ann M. Martin (Macmillan \$16.99)

Rose Howard is obsessed with homonyms, and she purposely gave her dog the name Rain, because it's a special

one with two homonyms. When a storm hits their rural town, rivers overflow, roads are flooded, and Rain goes missing. Now, Rose has to find her dog, even if it means leaving her routines and safe places to search. This powerful story is brilliantly told from Rose's point of view.

The Accelerati Trilogy: Tesla's Attic

By Neal Shusterman and Eric Elfman (Hyperion \$7.99)

When 14-year-old Nick and his family move into a ramshackle Victorian house they've inherited, they're in for some weird experiences. As Nick opens the door to his attic room, he's hit in the head by a toaster. He soon figures out that the attic is a strange magnetic vortex, and the objects stored there have extraordinary properties. Fans of intrigue, action, humor, and nonstop surprises are guaranteed a read unlike any other.

Monument 14

By Emmy Laybourne (Macmillan \$9.99)

Six high school kids (some popular, some not), two eighth-graders (one a tech genius), and six little kids trapped together in a chain superstore build a refuge for themselves inside. Outside, a series of escalating disasters, beginning with a monster hailstorm and ending with a chemical weapons spill, seems to be tearing the world—as they know it—apart.

Cinderella's Dress

By Shonna Slayton (Entangled Teen \$9.99)

Being a teen-ager during World War II is tough. Kate simply wants to help the war effort by creating window displays at the department store where she's working, but

when long-lost relatives from Poland arrive with a steamer trunk they claim holds the Cinderella's dresses, life gets complicated. Now, with a father missing in action, her new sweetheart shipped off to boot camp, and her great aunt losing her wits, Kate has to unravel the mystery before it's too late.

All The Bright Places

By Jennifer Niven (Random House \$17.99)

Theodore Finch is fascinated by death; Violet Markey lives for the future. When Finch and Violet meet six stories up on the ledge of the bell tower at school, it's unclear who saves whom. When the unlikely pair teams up to discover the "natural wonders" of their state, they go where the road takes them, from the bizarre to the beautiful. This is a heart-wrenching, unflinching story of love shared, life lived, and two teens who find one another while standing on the edge.

Prisoners of the Empire: Under the Blood-Red Sun

By Graham Salisbury (Random House \$9.99)

Tomi was born in Hawaii. His grandfather and parents were born in Japan and came to America to escape poverty. When Pearl Harbor is attacked by the Japanese, and the United States declares war on Japan, Tomi's father and grandfather are arrested and taken away. Tomi must be the man of his family and help his mother and little sister survive. It's a terrifying time to be Japanese in America, but it helps that Tomi's buddies remain loyal.

In this rapid-paced, high-tech world, there are still books that have the power to draw young people away to a quiet

March library events

Magician will present rabbit show

By Harriet Halbig

Family programs

The Lego Club will meet on Saturday, March 21 from 10 to 11:30. Bring your imagination and we will supply the Legos. Open to all ages; no registration required.

Up in the Air with Peter Davison, on March 24 from 3 to 4, features juggling, dance, and theater to transform the stage into a world of motion. From amazing interactions with ordinary objects to hilarious audience participation, this is a celebration of life to appeal to all ages.

On Wednesday, March 25 from 3 to 4 come to the library for Connie Elstun's Bunnies and Birdies. This family-friendly presentation features magician Elstun and her costumed rabbits as they invade the library to take their spring break.

Chickens in the Library is our program on Thursday, March 26 from 3 to 4. Laura Foye will teach you how to care for chickens, allow you to pet a soft (real) chicken, and visit the craft table to make your own chicken-y creations.

There will be a special story time on Tuesday, March 31 at 10:30 with a special guest storyteller from KCME

who will introduce us to stories with a classical music twist. There will be no 11:15 story time on this date due to this special presentation.

AfterMath free math tutoring continues each Monday from 3:30 to 7 through mid-May, excluding school and library holidays. Experienced tutors will work with all ages on any level of math. Bring your homework and drop in for some help. No appointment is necessary.

Adult programs

Local storyteller and writer John Stansfield will portray Charles Fox Gardiner, Colorado medical pioneer, at 1:30 on Saturday, March 7. Stansfield will capture the essence and adventure of practicing medicine in late-19th and early 20th century Colorado. No registration is required.

Local video producer Jim Sawatzki will show his film Voices of Cripple Creek on Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m. No registration is required.

The Monumental Readers will meet on Friday, March 20 from 10 to noon to discuss The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion. All patrons are welcome to attend this monthly book group.

Local firefighters will host a fire mitigation workshop

on Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. Learn how to be safe and protect your property during fire season. No registration is necessary.

On the walls of the library during March will be quilts by the Palmer Divide Quilters. The quilters will also have small items in the display case.

Palmer Lake Library programs

Palmer Lake's Family Fun program for March is Chickens in the Library. Meet some of the friendliest chickens ever, hear amazing chicken stories and make a gadget that sounds just like a chicken. Laura Foye will bring her favorite birds and will entertain and inform you about these interesting animals on Saturday, March 21 at 10:30.

During spring break, meet amazing arachnids, hissing cockroaches, scorpions, and who knows what! Tarantula wrangler Rowen Monks is back with an assortment of wild insects for you to see up close in Tarantulas and other Creepy Crawlies on Wednesday, March 25 at 10:30.

On the walls of the library will be small quilts by Harriet Halbig.

Harriet Halbig may be reached at harriethalbig@ocn.me.

Palmer Lake Historical Society

The Civil War battle at New Market

By Al Walter

Over 60 members of the local community met in Palmer Lake Town Hall on Feb. 19 to hear Palmer Lake Historical Society member Pat McCarthy present the results of his research of the Civil War battle at New Market, Va. McCarthy's presentation was part of the monthly History Series sponsored by the Historical Society that brings local historians to the Town Hall on the third Thursday of each month to discuss events or individuals that played a role in local, Colorado, or U.S. history.

McCarthy discussed highlights of the battle, which, in part due to the participation of cadets from the nearby Virginia Military Institute (VMI), resulted in a Confeder-

ate victory that pushed Union forces from the Shenandoah Valley. A landmark of the battle is the "Field of Lost Shoes," so named because many of the cadets lost their shoes as they charged Union forces across the muddy field. Several audience members were alumni of VMI and participated in the question- and-answer period after the presentation.

On Jan. 15, the Historical Society held its annual potluck dinner and membership meeting. During the business portion of the meeting, the members elected new officers for the 2015 Board of Directors. Those elected were Al Walter, president; Phyllis Bonser, vice president; Mike Walker, secretary; and Barbara Arbutnot, treasurer. Fol-

lowing the business meeting, attendees enjoyed a potluck dinner with musical entertainment provided by local artist Joe Bohler on the piano.

The next program in the History Series will be on Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at the Palmer Lake Town Hall. Noted author Ann Williams will discuss the history of the last ride of Kid Curry, one of the worst of the infamous "Wild Bunch." Ann's great-grandfather was the Colorado rancher who ended Kid Curry's crime spree. The event is free to the public. □