

dom. The suspects are numerous, and through the eyes of one of them many years later, we see how a life can be irreversibly transformed by heartbreak, by guilt, and by love.

The Last Bookaneer

By Matthew Pearl (Penguin Putnam) \$16

In 1890, Bookaneers, or literary pirates, thrived, and Pen Davenport was the most infamous one in Europe. For a hundred years, loose copyright laws allowed books to be easily published abroad without an author's permission. Yet a new international treaty was about to grind this literary underground to a sharp halt. The astonishing story of the literary thieves' final heist on the island of Samoa

involves a dying Robert Louis Stevenson laboring over one last novel. Stevenson's assistant Fergins, bookaneer Davenport, and his longtime adversary, Belia, soon find themselves embroiled in a conflict larger, perhaps, than literature itself.

The Good Girl

By Mary Kubica (Mira Books) \$14.95

When Mia Dennett's on-again, off-again boyfriend doesn't show up for their meeting at a bar, she unwisely leaves with an enigmatic stranger. Following Colin Thatcher home turns out to be the worst mistake of her life. When Colin decides to hide Mia in a secluded cabin in rural Minnesota instead of delivering her to his employers, Mia's mother,

Eve, and detective Gabe Hoffman will stop at nothing to find them. But no one could have predicted the emotional entanglements that eventually cause the family's world to shatter in this suspenseful thriller.

The titles listed are only a sampling of the many captivating new fiction and nonfiction paperbacks just waiting to delight readers. Why not add one to your summertime relaxation and enjoyment?

Until next month, happy reading.

The staff at Covered Treasures can be reached at books@ocn.me.

June Library Events

Summer reading is here! Read for prizes and enjoy programs

By Harriet Halbig

The teen volunteers have all been trained and the prizes are sorted and ready to go. Come to your library to participate in this year's summer reading program!

There are three programs this year: the baby program for children up to 3 years old involves activities with parents and reading aloud. The children's program is for those 3 years old up to those entering sixth grade, and the teen program is for those in sixth through 12th grade. Those entering sixth grade may choose to participate in either the children's or teen program.

Regularly scheduled adult programs will continue during the summer. AfterMath math tutoring, Peak Reader reading tutoring, and yoga have been suspended until school begins again in late August.

Family programs

Tuesday, June 7 from 10:30 to 11:30 will be a Zumba for kids program for ages 4 to 11 to have a chance to be active with friends. The program is sponsored by My Gym of Colorado Springs.

On Mondays from 2:30 to 3:30 will be art programs for ages 7 and up. June 13 will be Zentangle Scratch Art, June 20 will be painting (wear an old t-shirt), and on the 27th will be Mondrian art.

On the first Friday of June will be a Coloring for Everyone session from 3 to 5:45. We will supply coloring pages, pencils, gel pens, and crayons. Drop in any time.

Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30, instead of the regular story time, will be a special program each week. June 14 will be a magic show, June 21 will be a juggling class, and June 28 will be a program about Johnny Ap-

pleseed.

Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:30 will be Stories and Stuff, a session of stories followed by hands-on activities for school-age kids. June 9 will be Brainiac, June 16 will be a Yoga theme, June 23 will be Robots, and June 30 will be Slightly Scary.

Teen programs

Come play Superfight and other board games in the library community room on Wednesday, June 8 from 3 to 5. This program is for grades six to 12 with no registration required.

The Teen Advisory Board will meet from 4 to 5 on Friday, June 10. Help us plan future events and parties for teens at the library. Meet us in the study room.

Make Smoothies is a program on Wednesday, June 22 from 3 to 5. We'll talk about healthy choices for making one of the yummiest foods around. Registration is required.

Adult programs

The Second Thursday Craft on Thursday, June 9 from 2 to 4 is Adult Coloring. We will provide all materials. No registration is required. Materials will be located on the tables by our magazines.

Need help with your computer? Come in every second Friday of the month (June 10) from 9 to 10 a.m. for help with your questions. Registration is required and begins a week before the class.

Also on June 10, from 2 to 3, will be Healthy Living: Honoring Caregivers of all Kinds. Thousands of members of our community depend on the services provided by dedicated professionals, volunteers, and family members.

But caregivers tend to be unsung heroes, often working in isolation. We'll learn four skills to enhance your effectiveness, find ways to refill your spirit, and have some fun. Registration is recommended but not required.

The Monumental Readers will meet from 10 to noon on Friday, June 17 to discuss Deadly Currents by Beth Groundwater. All patrons are welcome to attend this monthly book group.

Healthy Living: Sensible Exercises on Wednesday, June 29 from 1 to 2:30 will offer tips and strategies for including exercise in your everyday routine. As an added bonus, learn how choosing the right foods can make a difference in your energy, health, and weight. Registration recommended but not required.

On the walls during June will be Transparent Watercolor by Don Van Horn. In the display case will be items related to the Summer Reading program.

Palmer Lake Library events

Summer reading programs in Palmer Lake will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays during June and July.

Wednesdays will be activities such as racing, dancing, and Zumba. Thursdays will be art programs for ages 7 and up such as Zentangle Scratch Art, Painting, and Mondrian Paper Art. All programs begin at 10:30 a.m.

There will be a Family Fun program on Saturday, June 18 at 10 featuring the Heart of the Pines 4-H members with their adult and baby animals. Animals include bunnies, chickens, turkeys, an African goose, Oberhasli goats, and French and Holland lop rabbits.

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

Palmer Lake Historical Society, May 18

Spencer and Julie Penrose: Colorado's community collaborators

By Sigi Walker

On May 19, local author Joyce Lohse presented "Spencer and Julie Penrose: Colorado's Community Collaborators" to members of the Palmer Lake Historical Society and guests gathered for the May program of the 2016 Monthly History Series. Her PowerPoint presentation was beautifully illustrated with vintage, colorized post cards that she collects.

Lohse has now written a total of eight biographies, mainly of Colorado historical figures including Baby Doe Tabor, Gen. William Palmer, Molly Brown, Emily Griffith, and John and Eliza Routt. In her narrative of Spencer and Julie Penrose, she gave the audience a glimpse into the personal lives of the Penroses as well as their considerable contributions to the community of Colorado Springs and the state of Colorado. While we think of this couple as having a charmed life, Lohse gave us some insight into their personal hardships as well. Spencer lost his mother when he was only 15 years old; Julie Penrose lost her husband and son when she was a young matron. Their losses brought them together emotionally, and this "partnership"

was expressed in their many community-oriented contributions.

The Penroses built the Broadmoor Hotel, the Will Rogers Shrine of the Sun, the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, the Pikes Peak Highway, and many other important Pikes Peak area resources and attractions. They worked together as partners. Spencer, a colorful pioneer, invested his mining riches in building, developing, and promoting the community, while Julie supported culture, religion, education, and the arts. Their El Pomar Foundation continues to donate millions of dollars to Colorado nonprofit groups. Lohse's newly published book, *Spencer Penrose: Builder & Benefactor*, was available for purchase at the presentation.

There will not be a Monthly History Series program in June, but the Historical Society will host its annual Father's Day Ice Cream Social on June 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. This event continues the society's long-standing tradition of honoring fathers; it is free to the public. Rock House ice cream and Village Inn pie will be served. Singer/guitarist



Above: Joyce Lohse is shown with her book table following her presentation. Photo by Mike Walker.

Nick Davey will provide the entertainment. For more information, visit www.palmerdividehistory.org or call 719-559-0837.

High Altitude Natural Gardening

Dandy dandelion desserts and more

By Janet Sellers

Dessert to surprise your friends? Try dandelion cookies, syrup or jelly. FYI, the dandelion syrup is basically an overnight tea that you then make into a cooked sugar syrup after straining the flowers from the tea. Oh, and put those organic safe dandelion greens into your salads, your

quesadillas, and scalloped potatoes or potato salad. Enjoy the dainty flowers in a tea or shortbread cookies, regular or gluten free. Make sure to cut off any green, as that is bitter.

I'm going to try the cookies and other recipes I found online that take honey. The bees' first honey maker of the year is the dandelion, so keep them safe and let the plants

thrive—learn to love them and not poison the neighborhood with chemicals!

Here's the best hint, "Hold flowers by the tip with the fingers of one hand and pinch the green flower base very hard with the other, releasing the yellow florets from their attachment. Shake the yellow flowers into a bowl. Flow-