

Friends of the Library, Dearborn

Newsletter

April 2018

The purpose of this non-profit organization shall be to foster closer relations between the Dearborn Department of Libraries, the Dearborn city government, and the people of Dearborn; and further to promote knowledge of, and informed interest in, the functions, services, resources and needs of the public library.

Soldier, Spy Heroine:

A Novel Based on a True Story of the Civil War

Debra Ann Pawlak
Author

Tuesday, April 3, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Henry Ford Centennial Library

Debra Ann Pawlak will join us to relate the story of the woman who fooled both the Yankees and the Rebels during the American Civil War - Sarah Emma Edmonds. As a child, Sarah dreamed of faraway places and adventures, picturing herself as a man. When her abusive father traded her hand in marriage for a few head of livestock, she fled and took on the identity of a traveling salesman named Franklin Thompson, eventually settling in Flint, Michigan. There, as Thompson, she joined Company F of the Second Michigan Volunteer Infantry and went on to distinguish herself as a true Civil War hero.

Pawlak and her co-author of the book, Cheryl Bartlam du Bois, also wrote a screenplay based on Sarah Emma Edmonds and were named finalists in the Filmmatic Screenplay Competition at the Sundance Film Festival.

Among her other publications, Debra Ann Pawlak has authored a book about her hometown of Farmington, Michigan, as well as a children's book on the life of Bruce Lee. She will have books available for purchase and signing.

Kroger Rewards

You can help provide additional funds for library programming by signing up for the Kroger Community Rewards program to support the Friends of the Library-Dearborn. It won't cost you a cent - just shop as usual at your favorite Kroger store. Sign in to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to create an account and enroll. Many thanks to all of you who are already participating!

Used Book Sale

Well, this newsletter is going to the printer early this month, so I don't have results to post from our March sale. Hopefully all of our loyal supporters came out in droves. If not, we hope to see you all at our next sale on **April 4th**.

The April sale theme is "Bargains are Blooming" and great deals will be popping up everywhere! Our special features for the month will be...

1. Foreign language books, magazines and DVDs
2. Middle Eastern history and politics
3. Dictionaries and language tools
4. Fiction for teens and tweens

As always, we will have freshly stocked shelves of fiction (paperback, hardcover, mystery, western, short stories, large print, etc.), nonfiction (home repair, history, arts & entertainment, travel, religion, cookbooks, language & literature, poetry, pets, health & fitness, etc.), magazines, record albums, compact discs, audiobooks, DVDs, VHS tapes, and more. All of our media items are quite a bargain now with VHS tapes priced at 25 cents each (or five for \$1), DVDs at \$1 per disc, and CDs are priced 50 cents and up.

Please remember to check out the new "Best of the Best" section in the sale room which is chock-full of beautiful and interesting books.

The rotunda will be full of both featured and clearance items, with some magazines and children's books priced as low as 10 cents each. We have a very nice selection of bargain fiction books available for 25 cents each and bargain nonfiction books just 50 cents each. Our surprise grab bags for \$1 were very popular at the March sale, so come early if you want those.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to seeing everyone at the next sale, on **Wednesday, April 4th**, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Laura Litterio
FOLD Book Sale Coordinator

BLOCKBUSTER FILMS

7:00 p.m. Henry Ford Centennial Library

April 2 - The Namesake (2006)

Presented by Big Read Dearborn

Based upon the best-selling novel by Jhumpa Lahiri, this epic family saga “brims with intelligence, compassion and sensuous delight.” Kal Penn stars as Gogol Ganguli, a suburban teenager caught between his Indian roots and his American birthright. Gogol and his Indian-born parents must somehow strike a balance between age-old traditions and modern-day sensibilities as they search for a patch of common ground. An inspirational tale about the ties that bind us all. (PG-13, 122 mins.)

April 9 - The Immigrant (2013)

Ewa Cybulska (Marion Cotillard) and her sister sail to New York from their native Poland in search of a new start and the American dream. When they reach Ellis Island, doctors discover that Magda (Angela Sarafyan) is ill, and the two women are separated. Ewa is released onto the mean streets of Manhattan and quickly falls prey to Bruno (Joaquin Phoenix), a charming but wicked man who takes her in and forces her into prostitution. Can she escape her nightmare? (Rated R, 120 mins.)

April 16 - Essential Arrival: Michigan's Immigrants in the 21st Century (2014)

Presented by Big Read Dearborn

Produced by Professor Arifa Javed of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, this film is “a comprehensive, multi-angled inquiry. *Essential Arrival* features interviews with experts in fields such as law, sociology, and public policy, in addition to many families of Indian immigrants in Michigan, and paints a comprehensive, essential picture of Indian Americans.” Q & A with Professor Javed follows the film. (Not rated, 61 mins.)

April 23 - An American Tail (1986)

An *American Tail* chronicles the wide-eyed adventures of a courageous little mouse named Fievel. Journeying by ship from Russia to turn-of-the-century America, Fievel is lost at sea during a ferocious storm. Washing ashore in New York harbor, Fievel braves the perils and wonders of a strange new world in a thrilling quest to find his family. Featuring the voices of Dom Deluise, Madeline Kahn and Christopher Plummer, it's a rousing, heartwarming animated adventure for the entire family. (Rated G, 80 mins.)

April 30 - West Side Story (1961)

The film sets the ageless story of Romeo and Juliet against a backdrop of gang warfare in 1950s New York. A love affair is fated for tragedy amidst the vicious rivalry of two street gangs - the Jets and the Sharks. When Jets member Tony (Richard Beymer) falls for Maria (Natalie Wood), the sister of the Sharks leader, it's more that these two warring gangs can handle. (Not rated, 153 mins.)

Library News

As always, there is a lot going on at the library - check the website at www.dearbornlibrary.org for a complete listing.

Keynote Lecture - The Namesake

Henry Ford Centennial Library Auditorium

Thursday, March 22, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Join us as University of Michigan-Dearborn Sociology Professor Arifa Javed will lead a lecture focusing on the book *The Namesake* and the author Jhumpa Lahiri.

Classics Revisited - The Namesake Discussion

Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

As part of the regular Classics Revisited Book discussion, *The Namesake* will be the focus of discussion for March. A free copy of the book is available at the Kickoff event March 18 OR start reading now with an ebook copy available on the Overdrive link on the library's website.

Upcoming Classics Revisited titles are:

April 18, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ordinary People by Judith Guest

May 16, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ulysses by James Joyce

Classics Revisited meetings are held in the Ford Collection Room at Henry Ford Centennial Library.

Researching your Family Name

Henry Ford Centennial Library Room 30

Thursday, April 12, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Kierstan Gawronski will give a presentation on how to research your family name. Ms. Gawronski is a genealogy expert. Registration is required.

Call 313-943-2330.

Food Around the World - Big Read Fundraiser

Henry Ford Centennial Library Mezzanine

Friday, April 20, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Join the library staff as we sample a diverse range of culinary food and beverages from area restaurants. This event requires tickets and the cost is \$25.00/ticket or two for \$45.00. Tickets will be available by early April. Call 313-943-2330 for more information.

Stay Updated - The Big Read

Check the Big Read website often to stay on top of all of the exciting programs and offerings connected with this all community program! Bigreaddearborn.org is the web address for this multi-program event. Or check the library's page at dearbornlibrary.org and click on “Big Read” under “Announcements.”

Spring Holiday Hours

All Dearborn Libraries will be closed from Friday, March 30 thru Sunday, April 1 for the Easter holiday weekend. All locations will be open for regular hours on Monday, April 2.



Soldier, Spy, Heroine:

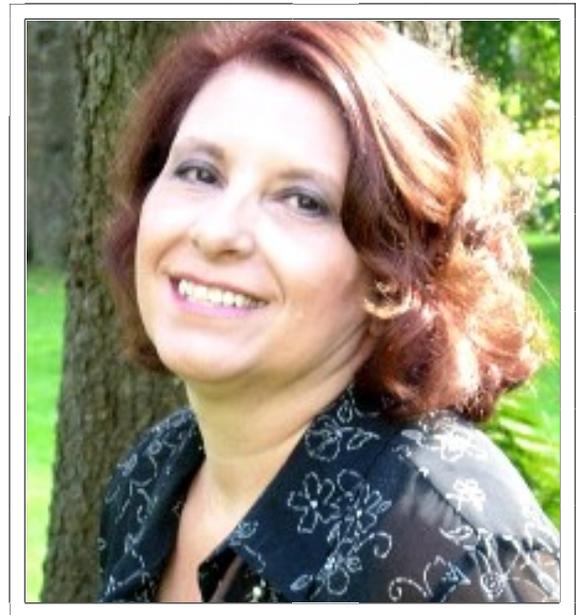
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**Tuesday
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Dearborn, MI 48126**

For more information, please call: 313-943-2330.

Or visit: <http://dearbornlibrary.org>



Our program is free and presented as a community service.

Light refreshments will be served in the rotunda following the program.



BARGAINS ARE BLOOMING!



**SPECIAL FEATURES
FOR THIS MONTH:**

- **MIDDLE EAST HISTORY & POLITICS**
- **FOREIGN LANGUAGE BOOKS & DVDs**
- **DICTIONARIES and LANGUAGE TOOLS**



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
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All sale proceeds benefit Dearborn Public Library.

