

BookGuide Bulletin



A monthly "readers' services" newsletter from the Lincoln City Libraries

Newsletter

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Book Talks & Book Discussion Groups

Courtyard Book Chats – Downtown [Tuesdays Noon]

July 4 – [no Book Chat – Library closed for Independence Day]
July 18 – "Books That End With a Twist!"

Just Desserts Mystery Discussion Group – Downtown [Thur. 7 p.m.]

July 27 – "Catnap" by Carole Nelson Douglas

Bethany Books Talk [Fridays 10:30 a.m.]

The Bethany Books Talk sessions will return this Fall!

Gere Books Talk [Mondays 2:30 p.m.]

The Gere Books Talk sessions will return this Fall!

Great Books Discussion Group

[co-sponsored by the Lincoln City Libraries]

The current series has ended but will return in the Fall!

Visit [Book Talks and Book Discussion Groups](#) for more info

New Booklists

Nebraska Author David Wiltse

David Wiltse is an author with ties to Nebraska. His writing categories are mysteries and thrillers.

Nebraska Author David Winslow

Former Nebraskan David Winslow is the author of several thrillers, and at least one non-fiction military history book.

It's Academic

Murder mysteries with an academic setting remain a popular subgenre within the broader mystery field. Our list includes everything from "classic English mysteries" at such proper settings as Oxford and Cambridge, to more contemporary stories, featuring High School or Technical College teachers trying to uncover "who done it!"

If You Like...

Several new author-readalike or title-readalike lists have been posted to that section of the BookGuide site during the past month, including lists for Jean Auel, Ray Bradbury, Patricia Cornwell, C.S. Forester, Carl Hiaasen, [To Kill a Mockingbird](#), and the [Left Behind](#) series.



Mystery fans are invited to join like-minded readers at the **Just Desserts** mystery fiction discussion group.

Just Desserts meets on the 4th floor of the Bennett

Martin Public Library [14th & "N" Sts.], at 7:00 p.m. on the final Thursday of each month.

Attendees at **Just Desserts** meetings are encouraged to read the selected title in advance of the meeting. The majority of the discussion each session will focus on the assigned title, although there will also be time for general Mystery Fiction discussion. Attendees are also encouraged to bring along a homemade dessert to share with other participants – after all, our theme is "Death and Desserts!" [Coffee and Juice provided]

Our selected title for July 2006 is Carole Nelson Douglas' [Catnap](#), the first book in her Midnight Louie series. If you're looking ahead, our August selection will be Josephine Tey's classic mystery novel [The Daughter of Time](#).

If you'd like to sign up to receive updates by e-mail regarding meetings of the **Just Desserts** discussion group, you can do so here: [Signup Page](#).

One past feature of the *Lincoln City Libraries* that long-time customers still miss is our weekly printed "New Books List," a low-frills listing of all new titles added to the library collection in the previous seven days.



Although changes in cataloging software and processing procedures make it very unlikely that that type of list will return, we are going to try an experiment over the next three months. In August, September and October 2006, **BookGuide** staff will be producing genre-specific checklists, highlighting new releases added to the library collection in four reading categories: **Mysteries, Science Fiction & Fantasy, Romance and Business Writing**. Each checklist will feature the cover image, title, author, call # (in the case of NF) and a brief description of each title. We estimate each list will include 10-20 titles each month. Issues of each of these checklists will be sent by e-mail to subscribers about the same time of the month as the BookGuide Bulletin.

Interested in receiving any of the checklists? Please visit our [Signup Page](#).

July 3rd – 35th anniversary of Jim Morrison's death

Here is a short list of some popular books, available from the library, about this influential 1960's rock superstar and his famous group, *The Doors*. The libraries own over 40 titles about Jim Morrison and The Doors – search our online catalog under "Subject: Morrison, Jim" or "Subject: Doors, The (Musical Group)":

- > *Angels Dance and Angels Die* by Patricia Butler [Music 781.66 MorYb]
- > *Mr. Mojo Rising: Jim Morrison the Last Holy Fool* by David Dalton [Music 781.66 MorYd]
- > *Jim Morrison: Life, Death, Legend* by Stephen Davis [781.66 MorYd]
- > *Riders on the Storm* by John Densmore [Music 791.66 MorYd]
- > *Rimbaud and Jim Morrison: The Rebel as Poet* by Wallace Fowlie [Music 781.66 MorYf]
- > *No One Here Gets Out Alive* by Jerry Hopkins [Music 781.66 MorYh]
- > *Strange Days* by Patricia Kenneally-Morrison [Music 781.66 MorYk]
- > *Break On Through* by James Riordan [Music 781.66 MorYr]
- > *The American Night* by Jim Morrison [811 Mor]
- > *The Doors Companion: Four Decades of Commentary* by John M. Rocco [Music 781.66 DooY]



Reviewer Profile



Our featured Reviewer for July 2006 is **Andrea S.**, the Loan Desk Supervisor at Anderson and Bethany Branch Libraries. Patrons of the Bennett Martin Public Library may also remember her for her years spent in the Reference Department downtown. Andrea has also been a "regular" among library staff appearing on KFOR's Book Chat episodes of *Problems & Solutions* in

2005 and 2006. Andrea is leaving the Lincoln City Libraries around the same time that the July issue of [The BookGuide Bulletin](#) is becoming available, however she has contributed so many reviews over the years that we wanted to say goodbye in a fitting way! Andrea's reading interests are varied, as you can tell from her responses to our profile questions below :

"I grew up on a farm in the outskirts of a tiny town called Huntley, in south central Nebraska, which probably influenced my life as a reader, too. We didn't have any stores, swimming pools, skating rinks, and NO library. Our tv only picked up three channels. And the only kids who lived near us were weird. So, once a month, the bookmobile came to town and my mother and I would load up on books. Which was great, until the bookmobile quit coming to Huntley. Then I had to resort to hanging out with weird kids. I'd rather read a book.

I have been "actively" reading for as long as I can remember. I cannot remember learning to read. I do remember reading my picture books to my dogs and cats and hoping they'd learn to read, too!

There haven't really been people or authors who have made me into a reader. For me, it's been the challenge of reading something difficult or long or outside of my comfort zone that has turned me on to reading. I remember my oldest brother had this "huge" book (it probably had 200 pages) his teacher had given him -- it was actually a reading textbook with several short stories and poems and learning exercises. It was fairly advanced reading for a kid. But I wanted to read it in the worst way! So I worked at it for months. And when I'd finished it, it felt like a great accomplishment. Even now, I love reading stuffy old classics and books which have been translated and nonfiction books about subjects I know little about..."

[See the complete profile, and a list of Andrea's reviews on the BookGuide Web site](#)

Web sites for Readers

The **2006 Summer Reading Program** for kids, teens and families remains in full swing during July! To find out more about this year's activities and special events, visit the [Summer Reading Program Information](#) and [Teen Summer Reading Information](#) Web sites, or stop in at any of the Lincoln City Library locations to pick up this year's handouts.



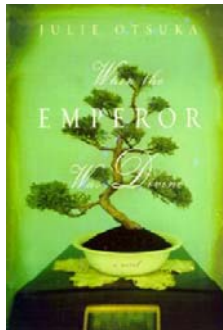
NoveList K-8

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specialized readers tool for younger readers from the folks who bring us NoveList.

NoveList K-8 gives younger readers, and teachers of younger readers, a variety of search tools to find readable novels and picture books. Interested readers can explore in a variety of ways – pre-packaged thematic booklists, award-winners, searches by author, title or the extremely use "search by plot description." If you're a teen, pre-teen or parent of one of these types of readers, you should check out the NoveList K-8 service, available via our [Databases Page](#).

Staff Reviews



The author I'm currently excited about is Julie Otsuka. I believe she has only written one book, [When the Emperor was Divine](#). She is an amazing writer! This is the story of a Japanese-American family living in California during World War II. The father gets sent to some sort of prison for reasons unknown and the rest of the family has to spend three years living in a relocation camp. It's kind of a quiet, haunting story, told from the viewpoints of the mother, and the daughter and son, who are young children. It's a rather confusing time for them—they don't know when they will see their father again, they wonder about the life they left behind for three years, they see things at the camp they don't quite understand, they don't know when they will be allowed to return home and they wonder what life will be like when that happens. I recommend

it because it's a book anyone can read—it's short, succinct, well written, very human and readable. But it's also one of those books that makes you think. It's powerful.

--Reviewed by Andrea S.
Anderson & Bethany Branches

Check out additional [Staff Recommendations](#) each month at the BookGuide Web site!



The five finalists for the 2006 **One Book – One Lincoln** community reading program were announced on May 22nd in the *Lincoln Journal Star* and on the library's Web site. The libraries have stocked up on extra copies of all of them – and you can reserve them for free! The final selection will be announced in the Fall :

Broken For You – by Stephanie Kallos [NE author]
Prodigal Summer – by Barbara Kingsolver
Devil in the White City – by Eric Larson
Crow Lake – by Mary Lawson
Glass Castle: A Memoir – Jeanette Walls

In the Future...

[The Writing Life...Author Interviews](#) and [Celebrity Guest Review](#) will both return in our next issue. We have several author interviews in the works, and are lining up a series of guest reviewers which should be finalized over the next couple of weeks!

We're interested in hearing from you regarding what you'd be interested in seeing here in this short e-newsletter each month. If you have any suggestions or comments to offer us about **BookGuide** or the **BookGuide Bulletin**, please drop us an e-mail at:

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