

BookGuide Bulletin



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

Newsletter

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Looking for a good book? Each month the [BookGuide](#) site has new fiction and non-fiction reviews.!

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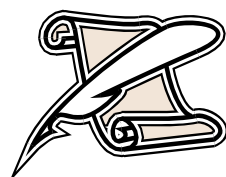
Cinnamon Dokken & Katherine Bergstrom

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PEARLS – Personalized Reading Lists service

National Inventors Month

[The Writing Life...Author Interviews](#) and [Celebrity Guest Review](#) will hopefully 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 issues!



PEARLS

Personalized Adult Reading Lists

Patrons of the Lincoln City Libraries who are looking for some good suggestions for future reading possibilities are encouraged to take advantage of BookGuide's specialized PEARLS service – **Personalized Adult Reading Lists!**

From its first appearance in April 2004 through the end of July 2006, over 220 customers have received PEARLS lists, with several repeat visitors.

Interested readers need only visit the [PEARLS page](#) on the BookGuide site, and fill out our automated form, and you'll receive a list – personalized to your reading interests – by e-mail or through the regular mail within the next 1-to-2 weeks.

Simply by providing us with a little personal information and a profile of your reading likes and dislikes, you, too, could receive a list that will help you pursue author readalikes, books that are similar in style to your favorite quirky title, or recommendations on where to start if you're interested in experimenting a little with your next reading choices.

Our PEARLS program has been profiled in Reference Users Services Quarterly, and is serving as a springboard for similar services starting in other libraries around the U.S.!

So...if you haven't tried requesting a PEARLS list before, and are looking for some good reading suggestions, give PEARLS a try. And, if you're one of our past PEARLS customers – Thanks for helping our PEARLS service become such a big success!

August is National Inventors Month

Here is a short list of some popular books, available from the library, about inventors, inventing and inventions. The libraries own numerous titles on these subjects – search our online catalog under "Subject: Inventions" or "Subject: Inventors":

- *Scientific American Inventions & Discoveries* by Rodney P. Carlisle [609 Car]
- *A History of Great Inventions* edited by Robert Uhlig [609 qHis]
- *Inventing the 20th Century: 100 Inventions That Shaped the World* by Stephen VanDulken [609 Van]
- *The Greatest Inventions of the Past 2000 Years* by John Brockman [609 Bro]
- *Why Didn't I Think of That!* by Allyn Freeman [609 Fre]
- *The Pinball Effect: How Renaissance Water Gardens Made the Carburetor Possible, and Other Journeys Through Knowledge* by James Burke [609 Bur]
- *The Evolution of Useful Things* by Henry Petroski [608 Pet]
- *What Every Inventor Needs to Know About Business and Taxes* by Stephen Fishman [344.01 Fis]
- *The Scientists: A History of Science Told Through the Lives of Its Greatest Inventors* by John Gribbin [509.22 Gri]
- *Madness in the Making: The Triumphant Rise and Untimely Fall of America's Show Inventors* by David Lindsay [609 Lin]
- *Inventing for Dummies* by Pamela Riddle Bird [609 Bir]
- *Patently Female...Stories of Women Inventors and Their Breakthrough Ideas* by Ethie Ann Vare [609 Var]



Book Talks & Book Discussion Groups

Courtyard Book Chats – Downtown [Tuesdays Noon]

August 1 – "New Mystery Authors"

August 15 – "Post 9/11 Fiction"

August 29 – 2006 Courtyard Book Chats Finale!

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

August 31 – "*Daughter of Time*" by Josephine Tey

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

The Bethany Books Talk sessions will return in September!

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

The Gere Books Talk sessions will return in September!

Great Books Discussion Group

[co-sponsored by the Lincoln City Libraries]

A new series of Great Book Discussions returns in September!

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

New Booklists

The following are either "new" booklists available on the BookGuide site this past month, or existing lists we'd like to shine a light on!

[Books for the Dog Days of Summer](#)

Some cold-themed fiction and non-fiction to carry you through the hot-weather months.

[Anchors Aweigh!](#)

Fans of the Horatio Hornblower saga or the Aubrey & Maturin books by Patrick O'Brian will enjoy this collection of Naval Adventure fiction.

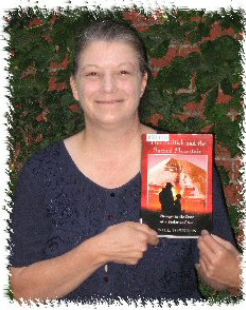
[Murder Multiplied](#)

Looking for a murder mystery or thriller novel featuring a serial killer? Then check out this booklist for some suggestions!

[Nebraska Author: Terry Goodkind](#)

Former Nebraska author Terry Goodkind starts August with his latest book at the #1 position on the [New York Times bestseller list](#). Take a look at his other books in this booklist!

Reviewer Profile



Our featured Reviewer for August 2006 is **Patty L.**, who works at the Bess Dodson Walt Branch Library in SW Lincoln. Patrons of the downtown Bennett Martin Public Library may also remember her for the years spent working at the Checkout desk there. Patty has been a regular contributor to the Staff Recommendations displays in the library. Reading is an important part of her life, as you can tell from her responses to our

profile questions below:

"As a child, I enjoyed spending most of my time outside, climbing trees in the vacant lot just down the street, playing kick the can or building a snow fort after a snowfall. In between my outdoor adventures I would read. My favorite picture book was "The Color Kittens." As a parent I read it to my own children. I loved "Highlights" magazine and read every issue cover to cover. My favorite chapter books were The Box Car Children and Charlotte's Web.

I have been an active reader since college. It was in college that I developed a love for children's picture books, and enjoyed reading adult fiction (realism and existentialism) and non-fiction books on a daily basis. As I grew older, it was the author Beryl Markham and her autobiography "West with the Night" that inspired me to read books that focus on the beauty and passion found in life. While attending college I enjoyed reading the short stories "Bartleby the Scrivener," "Metamorphosis," and "The Myth of Sisyphus." I also enjoyed the authors Hamlin Garland and Jean Paul Sartre.

How important are books and reading to me?

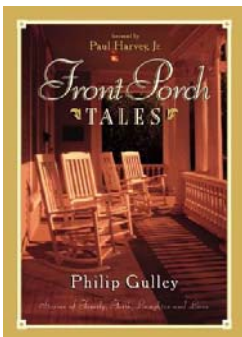
Books and reading help fuel my creative and spiritual world.

I select books in many different ways. Often times, a book jumps off of the shelf at me. There are other instances when an author I am reading refers to other authors and so I will browse those suggestions and possibly read one of those books. Conversations with people in coffee houses might lead me to read a certain author or subject.

I read mainly non-fiction, so it's pretty easy to walk to a certain subject area and find books that I like and hopefully will inspire me. For fiction it is much more difficult..."

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

Staff Reviews



Philip Gulley's "Front Porch Tales" is a humorous and sensitive accounting of his life growing up in rural America. You'll laugh out loud when you read about Doctor Gibbs smacking his newly planted saplings with a rolled up newspaper, just to get their attention and resonate with Mr. Gulley's loving observations such as "Community isn't so much a locale as it is a state of mind. You find it whenever

folks ask how you're doing because they care, and not because they're getting paid to inquire." His stories will lift your spirit and remind you of your purpose for living.

--Reviewed by Patty L.
Walt Branch Library

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

Web sites for Readers

August features the wrap-up of events in our **2006 Summer Reading Program** for kids, teens and families. Although this year's events may have concluded, you can still see photos from the activities (and download "READ" posters featuring Saltdogs mascot Homer) here: [Summer Reading Program](#).

We'll take a break from promoting our own subscription databases this month to point you towards a worthwhile resources for mystery readers on the internet:



Stop, You're Killing Me! – www.stopyourekillingme.com – is a treasure trove of information for fans of all types of mystery and thriller fiction, particularly novels featuring recurring series characters. In addition to detailed lists of mystery fiction Award-winners, and numerous author or series readalike lists, the main strength of the SYKM Web site is the ability to search for mystery series by character name (as well as author name), and see a complete chronological list of all books in a particular mystery series. The site editors are slowly building a geographical index of mystery series as well, and have mostly completed their United States entries – you can now search by States to find which series are set in which of the 50 United States.

For voracious readers merely wanting to know what new books have been published lately, SYKM has extensive lists of Hardback and Paperback new edition lists each month.

And finally, if you're interested in signing up for their twice-per-month electronic newsletter, you can fill out a quick form and get useful updates on a regular basis via your e-mail!



The five finalists for the 2006 **One Book – One Lincoln** community reading program have proven to be extremely popular this year.

The libraries have stocked up on extra copies of all of them – and you can still reserve them for free! You can expect the announcement of the final selection to be made in late August :

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...

We're very 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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