

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.](#)

This Month!

Book Talks/Discussion Groups for January
Updated and Featured Booklists
Web feature for Readers: **Science Fiction Resources & Romance Fiction Resources**
This month's spotlight is Diet and Exercise

Book Talks & Book Discussion Groups

Bethany Books Talk [Fridays 10:30 a.m.] [441-8550]

January 12 – Memoirs and Biographies
January 19 – T.B.A.
January 26 – T.B.A.

Gere Books Talk [Mondays 2:30 p.m.] [441-8560]

January 22 – Book sharing day to start the new season!
January 29 – Marcy Graybill from the Anderson and Bethany branches will be our host today

Just Desserts Mystery Fiction Discussion Group – Downtown [last Thursday each month. 7 p.m.] [441-8530]

January 25 – The *Hamish Macbeth* series by **M.C. Beaton**

Great Books Discussion Group [Gere Branch, Thursdays 6:45-8:45 p.m.] [co-sponsored by the Lincoln City Libraries]

January 11 – "Genesis" from The Bible
January 25 – "Civilization and Its Discontents" by Freud

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

Visitors to the BookGuide web site have been enjoying our online book clubs, via [DearReader](#), for two years now. At last count, over 1,070 individual subscribers had signed up for at least one of the 11 categories of DearReader book clubs. [DearReader](#) delivers a sizeable section of a book to you – *free!* – via your e-mail each weekday. By the end of an average week, you will have received 1 to 2 chapters of a book, giving you a good feel for whether or not you would like to purchase that book or check it out from the library. If you haven't tried [DearReader](#) yet, give it a shot – it's a quick way to get a taste of some newer titles, without committing to the entire books if they don't end up capturing your fancy!



DearReader book clubs are available in the following categories: **Fiction, Mystery, Romance, Science Fiction, Teen, Non-Fiction, Good News, Horror, Business, Pre-Publication** and **Audiobooks**. For more info, or to sign up, click on the logo above, or any of the [DearReader](#) links in this article!

New Year's Resolution: Lose Some Weight

January is the month in which many of us attempt to make up for serious holiday-time overeating by resolving to exercise and lose weight. The libraries own a variety of materials related to both of these topics, including the following new titles added in 2006:

- > *3 Fat Chicks on a Diet* by Suzanne Barnett [613.25 Bar]
- > *The Best Life Diet* by Bob Greene [613.25 Gre]
- > *You: On a Diet* by Michael F. Roizen [613.25 Roi]
- > *Eat Smart, Walk Strong* by Leslie Sansone [613.7 San]
- > *Advanced Yoga* by Rodney Yee [DVD 613.7 Yee]
- > *The Abs Diet Get Fit, Stay Fit Plan* by David Zinczenko [613.7 Zin]
- > *One Body, One Life: Six Weeks to the New You* by Gregory Joujon-Roche [613.71 Jou]
- > *Core Performance Essentials* by Mark Verstegen [613.71 Ver]
- > *Fat-Burning Kick-Boxing Workout for Dummies* [DVD 613.714 Fat]
- > *The Way We Eat: Why Our Food Choices Matter* by Peter Singer [664 Sin]

New Booklists

The following are either "new" booklists added to the BookGuide site recently, or older lists we'd like to shine a light on!

Mistletoe Mysteries UPDATED!!

Are you still coming down off the holidays, and looking for some seasonal mystery fiction? Try out this list of holiday-themed murder mysteries.



Love & Danger: The Gothics

Sample some Classic and contemporary gothic romances and romantic suspense novels.

If You Like...Janet Evanovich

Can't wait for the latest wacky, romance-filled Stephanie Plum adventure? If so, then you might want to browse some of the authors considered to be "readalikes" to Janet Evanovich.

Award Winners: The Christy Awards UPDATED!!

Named for the classic 1967 Catherine Marshall novel, the **Christy Awards** honor Christian Inspirational fiction, in a variety of annual categories.



Readers of *The BookGuide Bulletin* have made our new **NextReads** newsletters service a smash success! The Lincoln City Libraries' BookGuide service launched this new feature in October 2006, and by the end of November, over 95 people had subscribed to one or more of the NextReads newsletters.

If you haven't tried this new series of thematic booklists, we encourage you to visit the [BookGuide](#) site, click on the **NextReads** logo (at right), and sign up to receive regular e-mail newsletters in any of the 24 popular categories. [Shortcut: [click here to go directly to our NextReads information page](#)]

In addition to the 20 newsletters provided by the NextReads organization, BookGuide staff are creating four original new newsletters tailored to the interests of our local readers. Those "original" newsletters are:

Award Winners BookGuide Staff Faves From Nebraska Large Type

Over the next few months, we'll be bringing you news of some interesting changes for the NextReads newsletters, including the addition in March of two children's literature newsletters – **Picture Books** and **Kids Books!**

Our top five newsletter categories so far are: **Fiction A-to-Z, Mystery, BookGuide Staff Favorites, Thrillers & Suspense and Historical Fiction**. We especially thank you for such strong support for the BookGuide Staff Favorites – it's nice to know you're interested in what **we** think!

Sci Fi Resources

<http://www.lincolnlibraries.org/depts/bookguide/web/sf.htm>

Looking for information about your favorite science fiction or fantasy author? Want to see reviews of recent SF or fantasy novels? Looking for background information about classic SF pulp cover artists? Or are you a non-genre reader who just wants a clearer picture of what science fiction and fantasy are all about?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, then we recommend trying out the **Science Fiction Resources** page on the BookGuide web site. It is filled with links to (and descriptions of) over 20 recommended websites filled with information about this thought-provoking field of literature.

Romance Resources

<http://www.lincolnlibraries.org/depts/bookguide/web/romance.htm>

Looking for reviews of the latest hot romance novels? Trying to find a good paranormal romance? Want some more information about one of the authors in the Harlequin American line? Seeking advice on how to break into the romance fiction publishing business? Looking for ways to contact your favorite author?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, you may want to visit our **Romance Fiction Resources** page on the BookGuide web site. It is filled with links to dozens of internet resources for romance fiction readers and writers, including contact information for most of the major publishers of romance fiction.

Coming Up...

Staff Review Profiles, **Celebrity Guest Reviews** and **The Writing Life** (author interviews) will return in upcoming issues. We have several upcoming Guest Reviewers and author interviews in the works!

We're interested in hearing from you regarding what you'd be interested in seeing here in this our e-newsletter each month. What have you enjoyed in our first year's issues? 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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