

## HILLSBORO COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

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### Non-Traditional Western

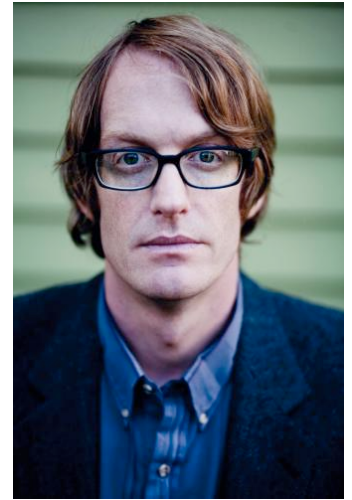
The western is a genre so quintessentially American with such strong archetypes that the temptation to tinker with its conventions must be irresistible to some writers. Occasionally the result is something as entertaining and genre-bending as *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*. Our featured book this month also stars a pair of ill-fortuned desperados, but the effect is rather more like a Coen brothers movie....

### Featured This Month

*The Sisters Brothers* by Patrick DeWitt

Shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize in 2011, this novel has all the typical pieces you expect in a western, but they have been assembled into a different picture --one slightly askew and curiously colored. Our heroes are the bad guys, Eli and Charlie Sisters, two rough-and-grumble brothers who are the chief enforcers for the Commodore, a mysterious land baron who has sent them out from Oregon City of 1851 to the gold prospecting camps around Sacramento, California to find and kill one Herman Kermit Warm. The Sisters brothers have not been told how Mr. Warm has offended --that's above their pay grade -- but it's really no matter to them -- killing people is just a job, and they have reputations to uphold, at least at the beginning of their picaresque adventure.

Their journey to find and dispense the Commodore's justice to Warm encounters a range of adventures and a cast of characters --the itinerant dentist, the boarding house maid, the orphaned farm boy and the accidental grizzly bear --that leave the reader alternately chuckling and cringing, largely due to the unique perspective of the narrator, Brother Eli, who is as unsure of the philosophical and ethical dimensions of his occupation as he is certain of its practical applications. He knows he's a cold blooded killer,



but he keeps on giving himself, and us, reason to question the temperature. Charlie, on the other hand, has no such doubts, and despite Eli's fraternal devotion, provides a less than sympathetic ear. The contrasts between Eli's and Charlie's world views, between their formal manner of speech and their brutish actions, between Eli's outer persona and inner monologue make for some hilarious passages.

When the brothers finally do catch up to Mr. Herman Kermit Warm, master of some very toxic assets, the brothers' path takes an unexpected turn and their last adventure does indeed dispense a kind of frontier justice to all.

A tale of the Old West seen through a glass darkly and smoked with black humor, *The Sisters Brothers* inhabits the same range as Louis L'Amour, but it's definitely on a different trail --kind of a twisty one and subject to mirages.

*Review by Mary Anne Ciancia*

### Notes from the Library Board

Just a reminder for bakers and buyers :

The Library Bake Sale is on hiatus for July.

We'll be back again on August 4th. See you then!

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## Non-Fiction

**A Midwife's Tale: *The life of Martha Ballard, based on her diary 1785-1812*** by Laurel Thatcher Ulrich  
**The Zen of Gardening in the High and Arid West: *Tips, Tools and Techniques*** by David Wann  
**National Geographic's Guide to the National Parks of the United States**  
**Horse Miracles** by Brad & Sherry Hansen Steiger  
**The Years of the Forest** by Helen Hoover  
**A Place in the Woods** by Helen Hoover  
**Behind the Scenes, or, thirty years a slave and four years in the White House** by Elizabeth Hobbs Keckley  
**Killing Custer: *The battle of Little Bighorn and the Fate of the Plains Indians*** by James Welch  
**One Year to Live?: *A nobody's guide to surviving cancer*** by Patch Rose  
**New Mexico Centennial: 1912-2012** published by the State of New Mexico  
**New Mexico's Living Landscapes: *A roadside view*** by William W. Dunmire  
**Mining Patagonia (Arizona)**  
**From Western Deserts to Carolina Swamps: *A Civil War Soldier's Journals and Letters Home*** ed. by John P. Wilson  
**Girl, Interrupted** by Susana Kaysen  
**In the Still of the Night: *The Strange Death of Ronda Reynolds and her Mother's Unceasing Quest for the Truth*** by Ann Rule  
**Reading Lolita in Tehran: *A Memoir in Books*** by Azar Nafisi  
**The Primal Mind: *Vision and Reality in Indian America*** by Jamake Highwater  
**Weekends with O'Keefe** by C. S. Merrill  
**Dark Star Safari: *Overland from Cairo to Cape Town*** by Paul Theroux  
**Here Comes Trouble *Stories from my life*** by Michael Moore  
**The Sledge Patrol: *A WWII Epic of Escape, Survival, and Victory*** by David Howarth  
**Down the River** by Edward Abbey

**Hard Grass** by Mary Zeiss Stange  
**Handbook of the American Indians: California** by Alfonso Ortiz  
**Handbook of the American Indians: Great Basin** by Warren D'Azevedo  
**Handbook of the American Indians: Southwest** by Alfonso Ortiz (Vol. 9)  
**Handbook of the American Indians: Southwest** by Alfonso Ortiz (Vol. 10)  
**Gift of the Deer** by Helen Hoover  
**The Shetland Bus** by David Howarth  
**Jazz Basics** by James Shearer  
**Juh: An Incredible Indian** by Dan Thrapp  
**Victorio and the Mimbres Apaches** by Dan Thrapp  
**A Course in Weight Loss** by Marianne Williamson  
**SEAL Team Six** by Howard Wasdin  
**American Sniper** by Chris Kyle  
**To Hell on a Fast Horse - *Billy the Kid, Pat Garrett, and the Epic Chase to Justice in the Old West*** by Mark Gardner  
**J. Paul Taylor - The Man from Mesilla** by Ana Pacheco  
**The Carb Lover's Diet** by Ellen Kunes

## Classics

**Lord Jim** by Joseph Conrad  
**The Woman in White** by Wilkie Collins  
**The Virginian** by Owen Wister  
**Ship of Fools** by Katherine Anne Porter  
**Kipling-a selection of his stories and poems** edited by John Beecroft  
**Jungle Book 1 & Jungle Book 2** by Rudyard Kipling  
**Daniel Deronda** by George Eliot

## Library Hours:

Sunday & Monday: closed  
Tues. 3:30 - 5:30pm    Wed. 1:00 - 4:00pm  
Thurs: 3:30 - 5:30pm    Fri: 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm

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## New at the Library

### Mysteries

**Burying Field** by Kenneth Abel  
**Death at La Fenice** by Donna Leon  
**Queen of Ambition** by Fiona Buckley  
**High Water** by Lynn Hightower  
**Darkness on the Edge of Town** by J. C. Black  
**Fadeaway Girl** by Martha Grimes  
**Miss Dimple Disappears** by F.M. Ballard  
**Detachment Fault** by Susan Miller  
**The Man from Beijing** by Henning Mankell  
**The Troubled Man** by Henning Mankell  
**The Traffickers** by W.E.B. Griffin  
**Foreign Influence** by Brad Thor  
**In the Shadow of Gotham** by Stefanie Pintoff  
**The Inheritance** by Simon Tolkien  
**El Camino del Rio** by Jim Sanderson  
**The Debt Collector** by Lynn Hightower  
**Fatal Error** by J. A. Jance  
**The Sentry** by Robert Crais  
**Silent Thunder** by Iris Johansen and Roy Johansen  
**The Confession** by John Grisham  
**Blue Wall** by Kenneth Abel  
**Blood Trail** by C J Box  
**Mourning Gloria** by Susan Wittig Albert  
**Holly Blues** by Susan Wittig Albert  
**Love You More** by Lisa Gardner  
**The Chalk Girl** by Carol O'Connell  
**Bleeding Kansas** by Sara Paretsky

### Science Fiction

**The Lost Fleet: Victorious** by Jack Campbell  
**Amortals** by Mat Forbeck  
**At Empire's Edge** by William C. Dietz  
**State of Decay** by James Knapp  
**Plague Year** by Jeff Carlson  
**Monster Hunter Alpha** by Larry Correia  
**Pathfinder** by Laura E. Reeve  
**Peacekeeper** by Laura E. Reeve  
**Vigilante** by Laura E. Reeve

### Films

*(On DVD)* **Paul ... Prince of Persia ... The Road De-Lovely ... Far from the Madding Crowd The King's Speech ... Hit the Deck ... Kismet True Grit ... War Horse ... Deep in My Heart The Great Gatsby ... Beautiful ... Bridesmaids Groundhog Day ... J. Edgar ... Moneyball (Sets) Born to Dance / Lady Be Good Nancy Goes to Rio / Two weeks with love Broadway Melody 1936 / Broadway Melody 1938 The Gambler Returns / The Gambler V**  
*(On VHS)* **Top Gun ... Bugsy ... Tagget The Hunt for Red October ... The Mighty Quinn Secret Agent ... Triumph of Life (PBS series)**

### Fiction

**Fall of Giants** by Ken Follett  
**Live Wire** by Harlan Coben  
**State of Wonder** by Ann Patchett  
**Black Hills** by Nora Roberts  
**Songdogs** by Colum McCann  
**Wait until Spring** by Bandini  
**Embers** by Sandor Marai  
**Beatrice and Virgil** by Yann Martel  
**Rescue** by Anita Shreve

### Bookmobile Schedule

**Wednesday, June 20**

Hillsboro: 1:00 – 2:00 pm    Kingston: 2:30-3:30 pm

For a complete listing of Library materials, visit  
<http://www.hillsborocommunitylibrary.com>

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