

## HILLSBORO COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

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### The Spy Master

Later this month the Sundance Film Festival is slated to be the venue for the release of the latest adaptation of the work of David Cornwell, more famously known as John Le Carré, whose novels of Cold War espionage are considered among the greatest of the genre. This novel, published in 2008, takes place in what may be an even darker, more frigid combat zone -- the war against terror post 9/11.

### Featured this Month

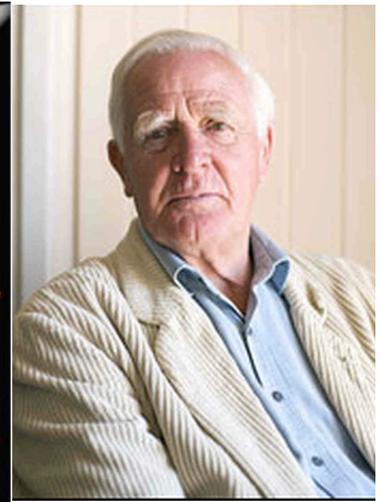
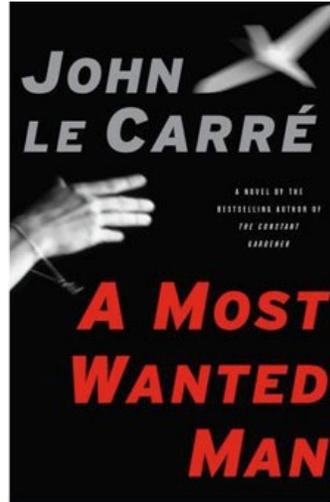
#### *A Most Wanted Man* by John Le Carré

Tommy Brue, ex-pat Briton, head of a private bank in Hamburg, Germany. is not the solid, contented, upright latter-day burgher he appears to be. His job is a bore; his marriage even more so, and he is hiding a guilty conscience about a money laundering scheme at the foundation of his bank that was passed down to him from his father.

Crashing suddenly into his moral ambivalence comes Annabel Richter, attorney for an organization representing immigrants who seek to be naturalized in Germany as citizens, many of them refugees from the turmoils of the Middle East. Tommy is immediately attracted. There is no moral ambivalence about Annabel; she is a champion of the wretched refuse of teeming shores, and her latest client --Issa - seems badly in need of a protector.

Issa is not, however, your typical refugee. A devout Muslim, often incoherent, perhaps even deranged, he has arrived in Hamburg from a murky past in Chechnya among terrorists in training camps and prisons, and though initially living on street, he has mysterious resources.

Money and terrorism are the business of intelligence agent Gunther Bachman, who lives within the shadow cast upon Hamburg, a liberal, tolerant city,



that just happened to have been a staging ground for the 9/11 plotters.

When Annabel comes to claim, on Issa's behalf, a fortune deposited at Tommy's bank by the shady Red Army General who was Issa's father, the enigmatic refugee becomes a "person of interest" to Bachman as well as the intelligence agents of several countries eager to enlist Tommy in their efforts to uncover the trail of terrorist financing no matter what or who gets trampled in the hunt.

As in his early masterworks, Le Carré once again weaves his tale around the treacherous heart of espionage: the desires, the dissembling, the confidence game of relationships between people who will ultimately, inevitably, betray one another.

*Review by Mary Anne Ciancia*

### Notes from the Library Board

After our holiday hiatus in January, the Library Bake Sale is coming back to its usual time and place next month. Look for our table in front of the post office on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 10 :00 -1:00. Come and get your goodies!

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## New at the Library

### Films on DVD

360  
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button  
Death Sentence  
Fetching Cody  
The Junction Boys  
New in Town  
Beowulf  
Monkey with 72 Magic & Ninja Untouchables  
Shogun Ninja  
Never Surrender  
Eastern Horror (*Robo Vampire; Devil's Dynamite*)  
Prehistoric Park (*T-Rex; Mammoth*)  
21  
American Chinatown  
Blackwoods  
The Darkest Hour  
Empire of the Wolves  
The Eye  
Fear  
Game 6  
Laurel Canyon  
Limitless  
Mary Reilly  
The Proposal  
Ring  
Risk  
Lost Voyage  
Snake Eater II: The Drug Buster  
Sci-Fi Invasion (4 movies)  
How Art Made the World

### 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

### Nonfiction

*The Shadow Catcher-a U S agent infiltrates Mexico's deadly crime cartels* by Hipolito Acosta with Lisa Pulitzer  
*The Politics of Experience and the Bird of Paradise* by R D Liang  
*Wisdom, Madness & Folly-the making of a psychiatrist* by R D Liang

### Mystery

*Still Life* by Louise Penny  
*Jewels of Paradise* by Donna Leon

### Books on CD:

*Broken Prey* by John Sandford

### Fiction

*One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus  
*The Old Lonesome* by Carol Benson  
*Sharp Objects* by Gilliam Flynn  
*Dark Places* by Gillian Flynn  
*The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt  
*Friend of My Youth* by Alice Munro  
*The Progress of Love* by Alice Munro  
*Doctor Sleep* by Stephen King

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

### Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, January 15

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

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