

## HILLSBORO COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

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### One Rocky Road

This month's book completes a trilogy of memoir from an author who is funny and tragic and finally uplifting in the completion of her tale of a life along a very rough road. The Newsletter is delighted to welcome guest reviewer and part time Hillsboro-ite, Diane Denish.

### Featured This Month

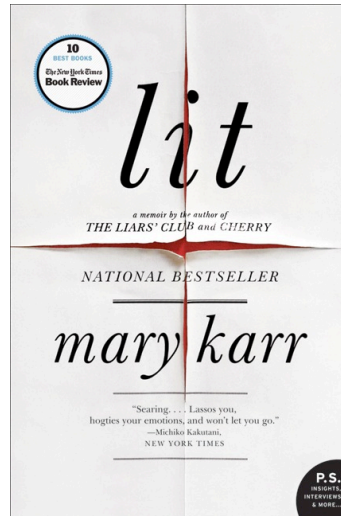
**LIT – A Memoir** by Mary Karr

This is a story about a drunk, from a family of drunks. If you read any of Karr's previous books -- **The Liars Club** or **Cherry** you may have always known there was room for "the rest of the story". **LIT** does that – and it pulls you in to be shocked, to laugh, and invites you into Karr's growing up, adult world of alcoholism, motherhood, marriage, and getting sober.

Karr is a memoirist – and a good one. Her use of memories and detail reveal her intimate secrets and at the same time, alcoholism has erased enough that forgetting has become a part of her story.

After she runs away from her Texas childhood – a drunken father who was a charmer and her drunken mother who was suicidal, life seems better. After a brief stint of drugs and drinking in California, Karr enrolls in a small Minnesota college at age 17. It is there she began to write, poetry, prose and as she said "the myth that if I could shuffle words in the right order, I could get my story straight."

When studying for her master's in Vermont, she meets Warren – someone from a world very different than hers who shared her love of language. He has a claim to aristocracy, which he is trying to escape, and she continues to try and escape the family lineage of alcoholism. She works to keep her drinking under control during youth and her pregnancy but the chaos



of marriage, motherhood, and work make it impossible.

It's a familiar story –promises to quit, "I'll just have one," the pressures which are used as excuses for drinking, sneaking around trying to remember where she hid the bottle, hiding the empty bottles from her husband, starting fights, accidents – finally heading to therapy.

Her marriage dissolves under the pressures – and it is then that Karr begins to write the Memoir that will become **The Liars Club** and then **Cherry**. This book, **LIT**, tells us all that was left out of those books. And even though forgetting is part of the memory, it is astonishing, it is funny, and it is serious. She grows up.

*Review by Diane Denish*

### 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

### Fiction

**The Help - Large Print** by Kathryn Stockett  
**A Changed Man** by Francine Prose  
**Avenging Victorio** by Dave DeWitt  
**This Is How I'd Love You** by Hazel Woods  
**The Kitchen House** by Kathleen Grissom  
**The Tiger's Wife** by Tea Obreht  
**The Septembers of Shariz** by Dalia Sofer  
**Jackalope CaSino** by Richard E. Peck

### Nonfiction

**The Stranger Comes at Sundown-Living and Dying with Parkinson's** by J. Awalt  
**America the Beautiful** by Ben Carson  
**The Road West** by Bertha Dodge  
**Losing Our Way** by Bob Herbert  
**Baking at High Altitudes** by Randi Levin  
**High Altitude Baking** by Patricia Kendall  
**River Days-Travels on Western Rivers A Collection of Essays** edited Jeff Rennie  
**Seed of Struggle-Harvest of Faith** by Thomas Steele  
**Gondola** by Donna Leon  
**General Ashcroft: Attorney at War** by Nancy V. Baker  
**Flash Boys: A Wall Street Revolt** by Michael Lewis  
**A Great Aridness** by William deBuys  
**Field Guide to Wild Herbs** by Rodale Press  
**Where Men Win Glory** by Jon Krakauer  
**Alzheimer's A to Z** by Lytte Lopkvig and John D. Becker

### Classics:

**Green Hills of Africa** by Ernest Hemingway  
**Mañana Man** by Irene McCain

### Films on DVD

**Black Narcissus**  
**City Lights**  
**I Am Yours**  
**The Manchurian Candidate**  
**Modern Times**  
**A Place in the Sun**  
**Stagecoach**

### Mystery

**Lily White** by Susan Isaacs  
**Spirit of Steamboat** by Craig Johnson  
**Any Other Name** by Craig Johnson  
**As the Crow Flies** by Craig Johnson  
**A Serpent's Tooth** by Craig Johnson  
**The Rules of Wolfe** by James Carlos Blake

### Notes from the Library Board

Thanks to all of our volunteers and patrons who came out to support the Library and all of our Hillsboro community at Christmas in The Foothills on Saturday, December 6 at the HCC.



### Bookmobile Schedule

**Wednesday, December 17**

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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