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Oral History

If you listen to the NPR station on your radio, at home or while traveling in the car, you may have heard a recent article about a very unusual but very authentic American holiday tradition -- “The Great Thanksgiving Listen.” Around this time of year, when families gather to celebrate the holidays, the NPR StoryCorps works with students and teachers to encourage youngsters to talk to a family member of the older generation and record a story for the preservation of American history in the personal tales of everyday Americans. This month’s featured book is a selection from the treasure trove gathered so far.

Featured this Month

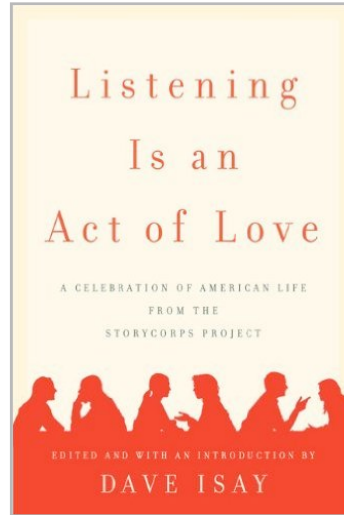
Listening is an Act of Love *edited by Dave Isay*

This book is exactly that.

Ever wonder about some of the other people out there besides Honey Boo-Boo, Kim, Khloe, Kourtney, and the Ducks? The *really* real ones? If your interests tend toward stories more uplifting than a Kardashian bustier --honest, straight-forward narratives from the heart and soul of Americans from all walks of life-- here’s a book for you.

Back in 1968, sanitation workers decided we weren't going to take (it) no more. I was tryin' to raised eight kids. You go deep into these backyards, dump the garbage out of these 55-gallon drums into these tubs, put the tub on your head or shoulder, bring it out to the truck, dump it, and move on to the next house. Most of these tubs had holes, and garbage would leak all over you.
--Taylor Rogers

The stories from **Listening Is an Act of Love** are transcriptions of recordings of interviews made under the National Public Radio StoryCorps Project.



StoryCorps was started in 2003 under the premise that everyone has an important story to tell. The accounts were collected from people young and old from various socio-economic and cultural backgrounds from all regions of the country. The speakers are ordinary people recounting personal and/or family stories. They tell of joy and sorrow, gains and losses, good times and bad.

“My brother died of AIDS,” I said.

“You don't have to whisper to me,” he said.

He came around the counter to hug me. And I didn't know him. But I loved him.

Some accounts are tragically painful; others, humorous; still others simply inspiring. But regardless of subject, each story rings with unvarnished honesty. And as personal as these stories may be, each one carries the kind of empathetic message that connects us all as human beings.

We all need to be listened to. To truly listen is indeed an act of love.

Review by Steve Siegfried

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New at the Library

Nonfiction

Foxcatcher by Mark Schultz with David Thomas

Films on DVD

The Constant Gardner

Mystery

Desert Places by Blake Crouch

Sister Eve, Private Eye by Lynne Hinton

Fiction

Remains by Tom McCarthy

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, December 16

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

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

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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Notes from the Library Board

Christmas in the Foothills

Many thanks to all of our bakers and volunteers who made the Bake Sale at Christmas in the Foothills such a success. The Library took in over \$400 which will enable us to keep up our collection, adding new materials as they come out from the publishers and fulfilling some of the long-standing items from our Patrons' WishList. (BTW, if you have a WishList request, please make sure you attach your name and contact information so we can let you know when we acquire that special item you've asked for.)

Membership Drive

The Library has shifted its annual membership drive to coincide with the calendar year. You can expect to receive renewal notices sometime around the third week of January. Help us celebrate the New Year with your renewal.

Library Hours

We are trying hard to serve the community at the most convenient times for folks to come by and browse the shelves, use the internet, make a long-distance phone call or get some copies made. When you next visit the Library, be sure to fill out our survey on Library hours so we can adjust our times to serve you better.

Bullocks Rebate Program

Don't forget to save your Bullocks receipts and turn them in at the Library or the Bake Sale. Every dollar earns 2¢ back for new books.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Hillsboro Community Library has been set for Saturday, February 6 at 2:00 pm at the Community Center. All members are invited to attend.