

HILLSBORO COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

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Welcome Back —Again!

2021 is proving to be a see-saw year, with the Library opening in June after Covid lockdown and then having to close once again for the County’s restoration work. It has been a time to pause, evaluate and renew ourselves, but even behind the scenes the Library is working to improve its service to you, our community. We are happy to announce that the Library will re-re-open on Tuesday, August 17. Please note the hours below and plan to come back and enjoy the browse! **Please remember to mask-up.**

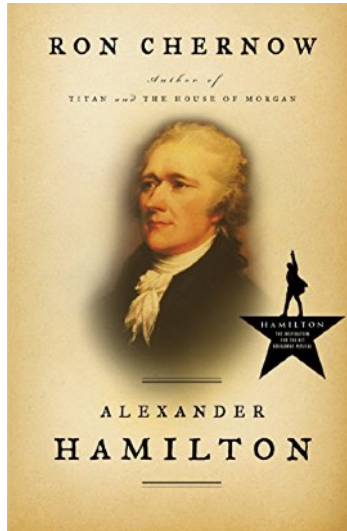
Featured this Month

Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow

The seeming paradox of a wildly popular hip-hop musical about a usually staid subject, one of the “Founding Fathers” of our nation, prompted my look into the source of Lin-Manuel Miranda’s inspiration, the 2004 biography by award-winning writer Ron Chernow. Within the pages lay another paradox: a serious work of scholarship that is readable and entertaining.

A densely detailed account of a remarkable life begins with the murky circumstances of Hamilton’s parentage and childhood in the West Indies, an illegitimacy that appears to have been a motivating force for good and ill during his entire career. A paradigmatic “lucky break” provides the funds for an education abroad, and Hamilton emigrates to the American British colonies where his famous career begins.

Chernow thoroughly covers all of the achievements from his early years at the bar, then as Washington’s aide de camp during the Revolution, to his work in the Constitutional Convention and on the Federalist Papers and as the first Secretary of the Treasury, and afterward when clashes with Thomas Jefferson engender the first political parties. There is much to illuminate a towering intellect, a profound sense of



duty and honor, and a mercurial temper. Chernow does not neglect for his political brilliance Hamilton’s foibles and mistakes nor Hamilton simply as a man within the orbit of family and friends. Hamilton’s long-lived wife, Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton was the grounded center in the whirlwind of his life and the keeper of his flame after death. Chernow writes history, but with a modern perspective. It is fascinating to see how many of our current national issues —deep distrust of political rivals, hyper-partisan media, fear of authoritarianism (a return to aristocracy then), and even sex scandals were as common and concerning in 1800 as now. In Chernow’s narrative, Hamilton’s short life and untimely death make a dramatic and informative story of our nation’s struggles for liberty and governance that endure to today.

Review by Mary Anne Ciancia

Library Hours:

Sunday, Monday: closed

Tuesday ~ 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Thursday ~ 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Friday ~ 10:00am -1:00pm

Saturday ~ 12:00pm - 2:00pm

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New at the Library

Fiction

What the Wind Knows by Amy Harmon
Kindred by Octavia E. Butler
Jurassic Dark by Elise Sax
All the Devils are Here by Louise Penny
Anxious People by Fredrik Backman
A Time for Mercy by John Grisham
The Bear and the Nightingale by Katherine Arden
Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly
Skeleton Sea by Toni Dwiggin
Betty by Tiffany McDaniel
The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah
A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende
Mr Darwin's Shooter by Roger McDonald
The Lamplighters by Emma Stonex
The Boy from the Woods by Harlan Coben
Unsaid by Neil Abramson
Wintering by Peter Geye
The Lighthouse Road by Peter Geye
Murmur of Bees by Sofia Segovia

Nonfiction

Aphrodite by Isabel Allende
The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore
The Soul of a Woman by Isabel Allende
Publish and Flourish by Tara Gray
Isabella, From Auschwitz to Freedom by Isabella Leitner and Irving A. Leitner
Seven Thousand Ways To Listen by Mark Nepo

DVDs

27 Dresses ... Definitely, Maybe ... Ex Machina
T'ai Chi Beginning Practice ... 13 going on 30
Hairspray... Finding Forrester ... Twilight
A Month by the Lake ... The Shipping News
Jumanji, Welcome to the Jungle ... 1917
The Age of Adaline ... Wonder Woman

Mystery

Less Than a Moment by Steven F. Havill
River Run by Toni Dwiggin
Coal Miner's Slaughter by Elise Sax
Wuthering Frights by Elise Sax
A Doom with a View by Elise Sax
Die Noon by Elise Sax
Not My Father's House by Loretta Miles Tollefson
Old One Eye Pete by Loretta Miles Tollefson
Valley of the Eagles by Loretta Miles Tollefson
Not Just Any Man by Loretta Miles Tollefson
No Secret Too Small by Loretta Miles Tollefson
The Old Gray Wolf by James D. Doss
A Dead Man's Tale by James D. Doss
The Widow's Revenge by James D. Doss
Coffin Man by James D. Doss
Princess Elizabeth's Spy by Susan E. MacNeal
The Prisoner in the Castle by Susan E. MacNeal
Mr. Churchill's Secretary by Susan E. MacNeal
Mrs. Roosevelt's Confidante by Susan E. MacNeal
Ice-Out by Mary Casanova
Frozen by Mary Casanova
Ocean Prey by John Sandford
Chaos by Iris Johanson
An Unwilling Accomplice by Charles Todd
Shattered Tree by Charles Todd
A Fine Summer's Day by Charles Todd
A Pattern of Lies by Charles Todd

Audio Books

Heat Rises by Richard Castle
The Bourne Ascendancy by Eric Van Lustbader

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Wednesday, August 18, September 15
Hillsboro Post Office 1:00pm – 2:00pm
Kingston Fire Station 2:30-3:30 pm