

HILLSBORO COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

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Story Within a Story

Cloud Cuckoo Land is a story of the importance of preservation and communication, of literacy and libraries. This novel relates happenings from the ancient past to a far-off future. It may all appear to be completely unrelated at the onset, but the end satisfies any curiosity. Cloud Cuckoo Land is a Greek play that has survived for possibly thousands of years and purportedly was written by Diogenes. The play relates the adventures of a dimwit shepherd who has decided he wants to be a bird and fly off to live in a beautiful world in the heavens. The shepherd finds a magician who says he can help. But it just generates one mishap after another. It is this play that some students are rehearsing in the Lakeport, Iowa public library at the book's onset.

Featured this Month

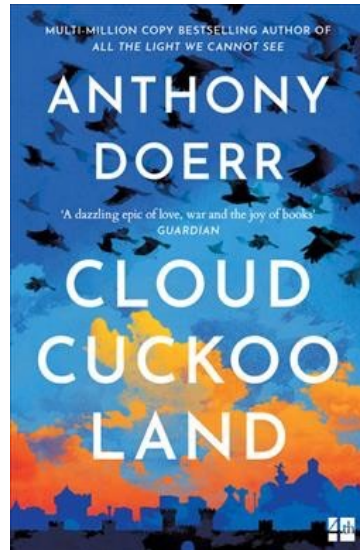
Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr

Anna, a young orphan working as an embroiderer in an ancient city thought to be Constantinople dreams of reading and eventually happens upon a Greek instructor who teaches her the alphabet. She is consumed with the search for knowledge.

Omeir, born with a cleft lip, is cast from his village and conscripted into the service of a young ruler whose desire is to conquer the city known as Constantinople.

Seymore, a very troubled autistic teenager, lives with his mother near some undisturbed, beautiful forest in Lakeport, Iowa. He is conned into believing he can save this land from destruction by bombing the company that is clearing it. He plants a bomb in the Lakeport Library near a wall that is shared with the construction company on the night of the play's rehearsal.

Zeno, a former prisoner of the Korean war and now the director of the Lakeport library, has spent his life searching for and translating ancient Greek scripts. He



learned Greek from another prisoner in Korea. He is the translator of the play and the director of the students who will perform it.

Konstance is a teenager in a spaceship called Argos. Her parents, with other capable individuals were chosen to be on a voyage to a planet that could support human life. The world was in chaos. The trip would take many generations. Konstance has never set foot on earth and only knows it from films taken during the preparation for the exodus. The entire ship is controlled by Artificial Intelligence named Sybil. Sybil's library is said to hold all the information ever given on earth.

Please read the book to discover how all these characters can be related to the conclusion of the story. I believe it to be a fun and satisfying experience.

Introduction and review by Robbin Brodsky

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

The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn
The Power of the Dog by Thomas Savage
Shutter by Ramona Emerson
The Order by Daniel Silva
The Other Woman by Daniel Silva
House of Spies by Daniel Silva
Portrait of an Unknown Woman by Daniel Silva
The Cellist by Daniel Silva
The New Girl by Daniel Silva

Nonfiction

The Secret Knowledge of Water by Craig Childs
The Gray Notebook by Joseph Pla

Mystery

Sulfur Springs by William Kent Krueger
Vermilion Drift by William Kent Krueger
Fox Creek by William Kent Krueger
Manitou Canyon by William Kent Krueger
Trickster's Point by William Kent Krueger
Northwest Angle by William Kent Krueger
Lost by James Patterson
The First Fiancée by Rita Popp
A World of Curiosities by Louise Penny

Books on CD

Eventide by Kent Haruf
Migrations by Charlotte McConaghy

Notes from the Library Board

We wish to take a little space in our first edition of the New Year to celebrate the revival of the Hillsboro community's Holiday Festival — Christmas in the Foothills. Many thanks to the Community Center and the CITF Committee for all their work to bring back a beloved traditional event.

And a special thank you to our Library members: Robbin Brodsky, who organized the Library's offering in the \$49.99 Auction, and Frances Chudy and her "sidekick" Bruce Murphy, who with a cast of marvelous volunteer bakers have provisioned and run the Library's regular fundraising — the CITF Bake Sale and the monthly First Saturday Bake Sales. You are truly our angels. Thank you!

Bake Sale

The Library Bake Sale will resume on
Saturday, February 4
10:00am -1:00pm
Come and get your goodies!

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesdays: January 25, February 22
Lil Abner's, Caballo 9:45am- 11:00am
Hillsboro Post Office 1:00pm – 2:00pm
Kingston Fire Station 2:30-3:30 pm

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