



## HILLSBORO COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

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### Holidays with the Family

What could be a more typical holiday sentiment than the yearning of the grand matriarch to reunite the whole family for one glorious Christmas at home? That's the aspiration of Enid Lambert, one of the five main characters of Jonathan Franzen's acclaimed novel of a truly dysfunctional American family. But the journey to a family reunion requires a few corrections in course by all of the Lambert clan.

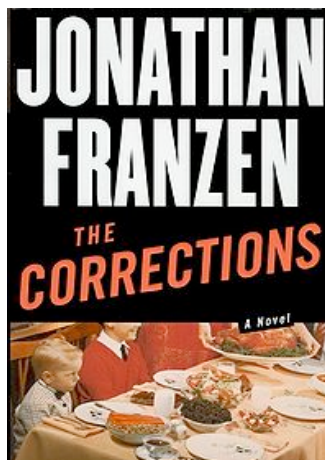
### Featured This Month:

#### **The Corrections** by Jonathan Franzen

Alfred Lambert, a retired railroad engineer, is slowly succumbing to dementia and Parkinson's disease, though his wife Enid is in fervent denial that anything is wrong in a relationship that has not been relating for years. However, there is enough grasp of reality to lend urgency to Enid's appeal to their three children that they return to their Midwest hometown, St. Jude (the patron saint of the hopeless), to celebrate one last Christmas together. Unfortunately, none of kids is very enthused about coming back to the home they had been too happy to escape--even though for all of them, it seems they jumped out of the frying pan and into the fire.

The oldest son Gary *seems* quite successful -- a banker who has caught the wave of the 1990's tech boom. It's too bad that he's married to a manipulative wife, who in the guise of caring about his being depressed, feeds his paranoia that his whole family is plotting against him. They are. The middle son Chip has philandered himself out of a tenured professorship at a college and winds up running an internet fraud in Lithuania. Hey, it's a living. The youngest child, daughter Denise, is the chef of a hot new Philadelphia restaurant (signature dish: sauerkraut) until she, too, sabotages herself in a love affair with her patron. And his wife.

The plot follows the misadventures of the family members as they lurch toward the denouement of the



reunion at Christmas, particularly through a hilarious disaster on a vacation cruise that Enid and Alfred take to admire the fall foliage in Nova Scotia. More than the leaves fall.

Winner of the National Book Award for 2001, Franzen's novel is also a portrait of that time in the 1990's when America was characterized by extravagance, economically and culturally, until at last the correction arrived and the bubble burst.

*Review by MaryAnne Ciancia*

### Notes from the Library Board

Announcing: **NEW WINTER HOURS!** The Library is changing its Tuesday and Thursday evening hours to the afternoon, opening at 3:30 pm and closing at 5:30 pm. Please plan on coming earlier (and getting home before dark)!

The Annual Meeting of the Hillsboro Community Library will take place on Friday, February 11, at 1:30 pm in the Betty Reynolds Reading Room. Business will include elections to the Board, financial information, and a review of Library activities over the past year. Anyone interested in running for the Board should contact Cindy Cornell at [cindycornell@hotmail.com](mailto:cindycornell@hotmail.com) or 895-5090.

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## New at the Library

### Non-fiction

**Blood Desert** by Renny Golden  
**How to Draw What You See** by Rudy De Reyna  
**The Silent Passage Menopause** by Gail Sheehy  
**The Evolution of God** by Robert Wright  
**Sarah Johnson's Mount Vernon-The Forgotten**  
**History of an American Shrine** by Scott Casper  
**Stiff** by Mary Roach  
**Glenn Beck's Common Sense** by Glenn Beck  
**The Black Swan** by Nassim Taleb

### Large Print Fiction

**Just One Look** by Harlan Coben

### Mystery

**Coyote Wind** by Peter Bowen  
**Notches** by Peter Bowen  
**Thunder Horse** by Peter Bowen  
**Killing Critics** by Carol O'Connell  
**The Black Book** by Ian Rankin  
**Knots and Crosses** by Ian Rankin  
**Plum Lovin'** by Janet Evanovich

### Fiction

**The Dark Tide** by Andrew Gross  
**Twenty-Seven Bones** by Jonathan Nasaw  
**Double Cross Blind** by Joel N. Ross  
**Let the Great World Spin** by Colum McCann  
**Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet** by J.Ford  
**Just One Look** by Harlan Coben  
**Promise Me** by Harlan Coben  
**The Woods** by Harlan Coben  
**Can't Wait to Get to Heaven** by Fanie Flagg

### Juvenile Non-Fiction:

**Visual Encyclopedia of Science** by var. authors  
**The Way Life Works** by M. Hoagland & B.Dodson

### Films

**Lagaan: Once upon a Time in India** (DVD)  
**Angels in America** (DVD)  
**Ulee's Gold** (Video)

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  
**No Holiday closures this month**

### Bookmobile: Wednesday, January 19

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

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