

## HILLSBORO COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

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### Like the Plague

Our featured book this month might have been science fiction if the tale were projected into the future, but it is in fact taken from the past: a small, rural society seeks its preservation from its very isolation.

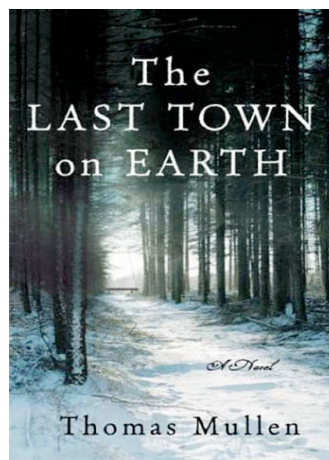
### Featured This Month:

**Last Town on Earth** by Thomas Mullen

In his debut novel, Thomas Mullen utilizes one of the most devastating events in our nation's history to create a morality tale: a tale affecting a town, a region, and especially a fifteen year old boy. As the events in this riveting story are based on historical events, the reader becomes fascinated with the unpredictable behaviors of the humans involved and breathlessly awaits the unknowable outcomes for these characters.

Philip Worthy, the focus of the tale, was adopted by the family who created the mill town of Commonwealth at the end of a road in northwestern Washington. Political unrest, labor/union clashes and the WWI draft were the motivations for creating an isolated self-sustaining environment for the Worthys and their followers. It was a utopian ideal which was doomed to fail.

When a wounded soldier from a nearby army cantonment accidentally stumbles into a massive barricade placed to protect the town, Phillip and his best older friend, Graham acting as guards for the night, have a crises on their hands. Their actions ultimately spell disaster for Commonwealth. Inspired by an historical footnote regarding towns that quarantined themselves during the 1918 epidemic, Mr. Mullen has skillfully plotted the story to make it believable and to keep us in high suspense until the very end.



A footnote: The human death toll for World War 1 was less than 10,000,000; the toll for the Spanish Flu Pandemic was over 19,000,000. Almost every family in the United States lost at least one member.

*Reviewed by Sandy Ficklin*

### Notes from the Library Board

The Annual Meeting of the Hillsboro Community Library was held at the Community Center on February 11, 2011.

Among the reports:

- There are 70 total memberships in the HCL
- The Library was open 256 days last year
- There were 641 patron visits (6.4 average/day)
- There were 484 new items catalogued
- There are now some 6,500 items in the Library
- Last year's income: \$5,441.08; Expenses: \$4,727.12

Library services continue to include: video lending, computer and internet access, copy facilities, free long distance phone service, WiFi access.

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## New at the Library

### Non-fiction

**Southwestern New Mexico Mining Towns-  
Postcard History Series** by Jane Bardal  
**Mother Earth, Father Sky: Pueblo and Navajo  
Indians of the Southwest** by Marcia Keegan  
**Too Late to Say Goodbye: A True Story of  
Murder and Betrayal** by Ann Rule  
**Looking for the Roses** by E Charlese Spencer  
**Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Celebrating Ten Years  
1997-2007** compiled by Barbara Lynes  
**Creative Tourism-A global conversation of How  
to Provide Unique Creative Experiences for  
Travelers Worldwide** edited by Rebecca  
Wurzburger  
**Coservation Politics-The Senate Career of Clinton  
P Anderson** by Richard Baker  
**The Place Names Of New Mexico**-revised edition  
by Robert Julyan  
**Dogs Never Lie About Love (Large Print)** by  
Jeffrey Mason  
**Capote** by Gerald Clarke  
**This Was Not Our War** compiled by Swanee Hunt  
**Around the Baobab Tree** by E Charlese Spencer  
**Welcome Madam** by E Charlese Spencer

### Mystery

**Roadside Crosses** by Jeffery Deaver  
**Purity of Blood** by Arturo Perez-Reverte

### Fiction

**Northern Lights (Large Print)** by Nora Roberts  
**Sisters (Large Print)** by Danielle Steel  
**The Silver Darlings** by Neil M. Gunn  
**The Spire** by Richard North Patterson  
**Hocus Pocus** by Kurt Vonnegut  
**The Great Lover** by Jill Dawson  
**Navajo Afterglow** by Melvin Eisenstadt

### Films

**The Front Page**  
**Grey's Anatomy: Season One**  
**Diner / Liberty Heights (a double feature)**  
**The Sopranos - The Complete Second Season**  
**The Sopranos - The Complete Third Season**  
**The Sopranos - The Complete Fourth Season**  
**The Sopranos - The Complete Fifth Season**  
**The Sopranos - Season Six, Part II**

### Classic

**Lust for Life** by Irving Stone

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

### Bookmobile: Wednesday, March 16

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

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