

Central Manitoulin Public Libraries
News & Views
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Claire's Top 5 Picks

1. Written in My Own Heart's Blood by Diana Gabaldon
2. The Competition by Marcia Clark
3. On Sal Mal Lane by Ru Freeman
4. Remains of Innocence by J.A. Jance
5. The Enchanted by Rene Denfeld

Written in My Own Heart's Blood by Diana Gabaldon

A fantastic series my favourite author ever -

The story continues in 1778 France declares war on Great Britain, the British army leaves Philadelphia and George Washington's troops leave Valley Forge in pursuit. At this moment, Jamie Fraser returns from a presumed watery grave to discover that his best friend has married his wife, his illegitimate son has discovered (to his horror) who his father really is, and his beloved nephew, Ian, wants to marry a Quaker. Meanwhile Jamie's wife, Claire and his sister Jenny is busy picking up the pieces. The Frasers can only be thankful that their daughter Brianna and her family are safe in twentieth-century Scotland. Or not. I laughed; I cried....hated to come to the end of the book and yet couldn't stop reading it. Now I wait once again (for up to 4 years) for the next book to come out. But it is far worth waiting for.

The Competition by Marcia Clark – A Rachel Knight novel. Many of you will remember Marcia Clark as the prosecutor in the O.J. Simpson case but she retired and started writing and I really enjoy her novels. This is her fourth novel starring Rachel Knight. This is her most electrifying thriller yet. Los Angeles District Attorney Rachel Knight investigates a horrifying high school massacre. A good read.

Sight Unseen by Iris Johansen – Before Kendra Michaels had experimental surgery her other senses were developed in an amazing capacity. Now she can identify a Nissan by the sound of its engine, a Norelco electric razor by the pattern of stubble it leaves behind, or an obscure colorless fire accelerant by its sweet smell. Law enforcement agencies clamor for her rare powers of perception and observation, too often disrupting the life she has built helping others through music therapy, because very often, only Kendra can get the job done. An apparent traffic accident is found to be a murder scene and as the body count rises and one murder unveils another, a gruesome pattern emerges. Someone is killing people in ways that mirror Kendra's most notorious cases.

On Sal Mal Lane by Ru Freeman – A powerful portrait of a troubled time in Sri Lanka. A novel that witnesses the daily lives of children on a single lane called Sal Mal Lane as the tremors of civil war mount and the conflict threatens to engulf the families. In a heart-rending novel the innocence of children – a beloved sister and her over-protective siblings, a rejected son and his twin sisters, two very different brothers – contrasts sharply with the petty prejudices of the adults charged with their care.

Remains of Innocence by J. A. Jance – Sheriff Joanna Brady must solve two perplexing cases that hit close to home, a thrilling tale of suspense. Investigating a death and animal abuse and then becoming involved with a shocking murder. Johanna's department stretched to the limit must solve these two disturbing cases fast, before more innocent blood can be shed. A good read.

The Enchanted by Rene Denfeld – This is a stunning first novel, one of the grimmest settings in the world – a dank and filthy death row in a corrupt prison – gives us a most beautiful, heart-rending, and riveting novel. This novel is about redemption and the human capacity to transcend and survive even the most nightmarish reality. Beautiful and unexpected, this is a memorable story.

Summer is almost done, Fall is on its way and then we have Winter to look forward to. But as long as there are books to read, life is good. Hope everyone had a good summer.

Technology for Seniors is still going strong. The next session will start September 17th and will run for 5 weeks. If you would like to know how to navigate on Skype or Cloud, or learn how to scan, do emails and enjoy Facebook there are a few openings still available. Sign up at the Mindemoya library. These classes are free and take place on Wednesdays 6pm to 9pm in the Resource Room at the Mindemoya library. You are welcome to attend.

Remember the library has a table at the Mindemoya Farmers Market every Saturday. Lots of books for sale. Central Manitoulin Libraries cookbooks are also available here.

Providence Bay library is closed until further notice. There is a problem with the hall building but hopefully will be fixed and up and running soon. Until then any books checked out from the Prov library can be returned to the Mindemoya library and you are welcome to take out any books from the Mindemoya library.

See you at your library!