

News and Views from the Mindemoya Mice
June 2014 by Chief Librarian Claire Cline

Claire's Top 5 Picks

1. Balancing Act by Joanna Trollope
2. Natchez Burning by Greg Iles
3. Unlucky 13 by James Patterson
4. Ghostwritten by Isabel Wolff
5. The Director by David Ignatius

Balancing Act by Joanna Trollope - Susie Moran is a success. Runs her own pottery company, has three daughters, all who are involved in this successful business. Everything is going well but nothing can stay the same for ever. The daughters are continually finding themselves in conflict with their mother and then the estranged father comes into the picture wanting to build bridges with a family he has never known. All of their lives are being turned upside-down. Everything is changing and Susie's world will never be the same again. In wanting to preserve her business, will she lose something much more precious.

Natchez Burning by Greg Iles – Penn Cage, prosecuting attorney in Natchez, Mississippi learned all he knows of honour and duty from his father, Dr. Tom Cage. But now his father is accused of murdering an African-American nurse with who he worked in the early 1960's, when racist violence was at its peak. Penn is determined to save his father, but Tom refuses to speak – even in his own defence. Penn's hunt for the truth sends him deep into his father's past – towards a long-buried secret that could place his family in mortal danger. Uncovering a conspiracy of greed and murder connected to a vicious sect of the KKK, Penn finds himself up against the most powerful men in the state. I couldn't put this book down, it was one of my best reads – thoroughly enjoyed it.

Unlucky 13 by James Patterson – This is another Women's Murder Club mystery story that is a really good read. San Francisco detective Lindsay Boxer loves her life as a new mother. Life is great and then the FBI sends Lindsay a photo of a killer from her past, and her happy world is shattered. The photo is of Mackie Morales, the most deranged and dangerous mind the Women's murder club has ever encountered.

Ghostwritten by Isabel Wolff - This is a lovely, tender and compelling story about a childhood mistake and a lifetime of regrets. Jenni loves her job as a ghostwriter – it satisfies her insatiable curiosity about people, and she’s helped create everything from cookbooks to celebrity biographies. But when she starts work on the wartime memoirs of a survivor from the Japanese internment camps in Java, striking coincidences force Jenni to examine her role in a tragedy that has haunted her since childhood. This is a lovely story which sheds light on a forgotten chapter of history.

The Director by David Ignatius – Graham Weber has been the director of the CIA for less than a week when a Swiss kid walks into the American consulate in Hamburg and says the agency has been hacked, and he has a list of agent’s names to prove it. This is the moment a CIA director most dreads.

Buzz into Mindemoya library for a Children’s Reading & Craft Time for 3 to 8 year olds. Saturday June 21st & 29th 10:30am to 11:30am and every Tuesday in July and August. Join us and get to know your library.

We are looking for volunteers again this summer to sell books at the Farmers Market at the arena in Mindemoya – Saturday mornings. Please let us know if you are willing to work one Saturday morning. Thanks for your help.

Our summer hours will start Wednesday, July 2nd. The Mindemoya library will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Saturdays 10am to 4pm and Thursdays 1pm to 8pm and Fridays 10am to 3pm. The Providence Bay library hours remain the same Tuesdays 6:30 to 8:30pm, Wednesdays 1:00pm to 3:30pm and Fridays 1:00pm to 4:30pm.

See you at your library!