

News and Views from the Mindemoya Library Mice  
Central Manitoulin Public Libraries  
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Claire's Top 5 Picks

1. The Illegal by Lawrence Hill
2. Super Fresh by Jennifer Houston
3. Hyena Road by Paul Gross
4. Patriot by Ted Bell
5. Unflinching by Jody Mitic

The Illegal by Lawrence Hill – This is the same author that wrote The Book of Negroes which can be found at your library, which won several prestigious awards. He has returned with another impressive work. Like every boy on the mountainous island of Zantoroland, running is all Keita's ever wanted to do. In one of the poorest nations in the world, running means respect. Running means riches-until Keita is targeted for his father's outspoken political views and discovers he must run for his family's survival. Fast moving and compelling, The Illegal casts a satirical eye on people who have turned their backs on undocumented refugees struggling to survive in a nations that does not want them. A good read.

Super Fresh – Super Natural, Super Vibrant Vegan Recipes by Jennifer Houston – Over 200 energizing juices, smoothies and meals. Lots of delicious sounding soups for those cold winter days such as curried lentil soup with sage and Jamaican spinach soup as well as brussel sprout fritters. Lots of different recipes to try.

Hyena Road by Paul Gross – This book has been made into a major motion picture. The story plunges deep to the heart of the Afghanistan war zone. Three men stand at the intersection of modern warfare, thrown together are Pete, a veteran ISAF intelligence officer; Ryan, a

Canadian sniper; and the Ghost, a legendary mujahedeen warrior who has mysteriously reappeared. Three different men, three different worlds, three different wars. A story of on-the-ground combat, impossible choices, and the personal costs of war.

Patriot by Ted Bell – Intelligence officer Alex Hawke takes on power-hungry Russian President Vladimir Putin, who is wielding a terrifying new weapon. Only one man can bring the world back from this apocalyptic brink. Can he evade stalking assassins while finding a way to neutralize Russia's threat?

Unflinching by Jody Mitic – A twenty-year veteran in the Canadian forces, Jody Mitic was known for his deadly marksmanship, his fearlessness and his “never quit” attitude. In this no-hold-barred memoir, Jody recounts his childhood dream of being in the military. On the war front, Jody experienced the valour, the chaos and the battle scars firsthand-including the tragic losses of fellow soldiers. One day in 2007, Jody stepped on a land mine, and the course of his life was changed forever. This is his story.

Exciting things happening at the Central Manitoulin Public Libraries! We have received a grant from the Ontario government that is enabling us to present to you “Workshops for Seniors”. We are starting off with a big bang having Ted Smith “the garden guru” coming to the Mindemoya library Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to talk to us about preparing our gardens for winter and spring. There will be a question and answer period so you can ask Ted for his advice on growing different vegetables. I will be asking why my onions, at the end of the season are not much bigger than when I planted them. As many of you know Ted writes a column for The Recorder called Garden Gossip of which I am an avid follower.

We also will be having Colleen from the Bank of Montreal discussing Financial Planning & Banking Services on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at

6:30pm and last but certainly not least on Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm Jan McQuay a well-known Island photographer will be here discussing "Taking Great Pics".

There will be a monthly calendar that can be picked up each month at the Mindemoya or Providence Bay library and a sign-up sheet for the craft workshops. In November we will have David coming to the Mindemoya library to explain to us How to Prepare Your Home to Sell. VON will be coming in November also to let us know what services are available for us. A favourite artists of ours "Leslie Morin will be coming to teach us how to paint our own masterpiece to take home. Nancy will also be coming to help us make a Xmas ornament. Lots to look forward to in the coming months. Have you wanted to learn how to do calligraphy, we have someone coming in January to show us how to do this! So many talented people that are willing to come and share their knowledge, now we need you to attend these different workshops. There is no charge for any of these classes, although we do ask you to become a library patron. Pick up your calendars, watch for flyers and read The Expositor to find out the many more people that are coming to your library.

One last note: we give a warm thank you to Douglas Chmielak for his very generous donation to our library. Thank you! Thank you!  
See you at your library!