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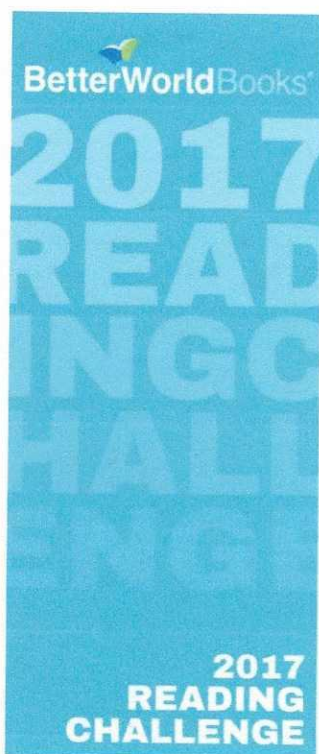
Friends of Crystal Lake Library (FOCLL)

January, February, March 2017

2017 Reading Guide & Challenge

This year I am borrowing from the Better World Books guide to reading for 2017. Better World Books describes itself as a social and environmentally aware business with a mission to promote literacy. Their online offerings include used books and textbooks from “over 2,300 college campuses and over 3,000 libraries nationwide.”

Read more about their purpose and contributions to worldwide literacy at www.betterworldbooks.com.



- A collection of short stories
- A young adult novel
- A book with a color in the title
- A book that's more than 100 years old
- A book you picked based on its cover
- A book set in a place you want to visit
- A book based on a fairytale
- A National Book Award Winner
- A book that takes place in a forest
- A romance that takes place during travel
- A book under 200 pages
- A book over 400 pages
- A banned book
- A nonfiction book about nature
- A fantasy novel
- A book by a person of color
- A book by a female writer
- A book of poetry
- A book set in Asia
- A book about immigrants
- A book about a historical event
- A book with a child narrator
- A book translated from another language
- A book that's been adapted into a movie
(Bonus: Watch the movie and compare)

Our Library's Future

Assistant Director Karen Migaldi is willing to talk with anyone regarding the future plans for a new library. The city council has indefinitely tabled the library board's request to put an advisory referendum on upcoming ballots. You may call Karen at 815-526-5130 or email her at kmigaldi@crystallakelibrary.org.

FOCLL's Future

Please consider adding your creative brainpower to new FOCLL fundraising possibilities. March and April will feel empty this year without the Used Book Sale's activity and we will greatly miss its revenue. In order to continue serving the library's Summer Reading Program and supplying funds for unbudgeted items, other projects must be considered.

Please give any thoughts to Circulation for our mailbox in an envelope marked "FOCLL," and the Friends' Board will consider their feasibility, or you may email them to me: raneestrawn@sbcglobal.net.

Thank You to Our Anonymous Donor

Over the past year, FOCLL has been receiving a donation each month through YourCause, an NPO that partners with companies to give their employees a means of donating to a cause of their choice. A check is sent to FOCLL from YourCause; however, we are unable to identify the donor by name.

Dear Donor, please consider this a most grateful thank you for your support of the Friends and our mission to promote the Crystal Lake Public Library's functions, resources, services, and needs.

Check Out Your Book Sense

(answers at end of newsletter):

1. In *The Hobbit* who or what is Smaug the Magnificent
 - a) A dragon
 - b) A dwarf
 - c) An elf

2. Who had a servant named Sancho Panza
 - a) Don Quixote
 - b) El Cid
 - c) Phileas Fogg

3. "It was a pleasure to burn" starts which novel
 - a) 2001: A Space Odyssey
 - b) Fahrenheit 451
 - c) Bleak House



Keep Up with All FOCLL News

Be sure to visit our website at www.focll.com. You'll like the intuitive format and ease of navigation. Double up for more FOCLL news by following both *Facebook* and www.focll.com. **Jan Polep** does an extraordinary job of keeping information current – with lots of pics. Check it out...as they say in library circles!

FOCLL Dues & Donations



FOCLL dues are payable annually, determined by initial month of membership. Forms are available at the library self-checks or at www.focll.com. You may place dues in an envelope marked "FOCLL Treasurer" and give

it to circulation to be placed in FOCLL's mailbox. Be sure your name is inside the envelope. Or mail to *Crystal Lake Library, FOCLL, 126 Paddock St. 60014.*

Donations are gratefully accepted using the same form. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Matching funds are a great way to donate for the support of lifelong learning right in our own community. Check with your employer about the availability of an employee tax deductible giving program.

The **PayPal** option on our website www.focll.com may be used for either dues or donations.

NOTE: If you would like to know the status of your dues, please email me at raneestrawn@sbcglobal.net.

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UPCOMING BUSINESS MEETINGS:

Mondays January 16 and March 20, 7pm, Ames Room, CL Library

All are welcome. You needn't be a member to attend.

NEXT SOCIAL MEETING:

Monday February 20. Location TBA.

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If you have any ideas you would like to share with Friends through this newsletter, please email or call me raneestrawn@sbcglobal.net 815-382-1187.

Answers to Book Sense multiple choice:

1. a 2. a 3. b