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News from the Friends of the Robert Trail Library

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**Upcoming 2018
Meeting Dates:**

- September 10
- October 8
- November 6

Meetings are held in the Community Room of the Robert Trail Library and begin at 6:30 p.m. welcome all members, new and old. Not a member? Show up anyway, and we'll make you one!

Please join us!

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I have a confession to make. From the time I was reading chapter books through most of my adult life, I've felt compelled to finish a book, even if I didn't like it. I was one of those kids who read with a flashlight under the covers so I could at least finish a chapter before my mom caught me after lights out. Even now, I think maybe if I give it a few more chapters, the plot will grab me. These days, however, I look at the stacks of books by my night stand, the stack by my comfy living room chair and the 3 or 4 on the kitchen table, I think, why am I wasting my time with a book that doesn't engage me, inspire me, make me laugh or make me think? I heard someone being interviewed on Book TV recently who offered this approach: Subtract your age from 100. That number should be the number of pages the author has to engage you, inspire you, etc. Of course, as you get older, the author has more of a challenge to really grab your attention. So, where's your cutoff line? Do you give it the first chapter, the first 100 pages? Whatever it is, may you be blessed with the time to attack those stacks! Happy reading!

~Jo Gilbertson, President, Friends of the RT Library

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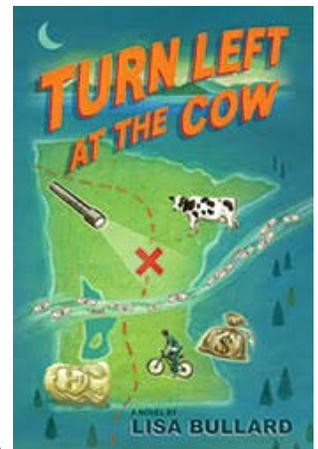
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ONE BOOK, ONE ROSEMOUNT

As you may have seen in our last newsletter, it's time for one of our favorite events. Every other year Rosemount comes together to encourage all area residents to read the same book. This fall we are reading **Turn Left at the Cow** by local author Lisa Bullard. A story for the whole family, this book transports the reader into a world of family secrets, an unsolved bank robbery, and the perplexing mystery of missing cash.

The author will appear at the Steeple Center on **October 24, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** After her presentation, she will be available to sign books. Watch for the new One Book brochures outlining other activities related to the book. The Friends of Robert Trail Library have purchased 100 copies of the book for distribution to the community free of charge. See a librarian for your copy today!



We hope you'll join us for this signature library event!

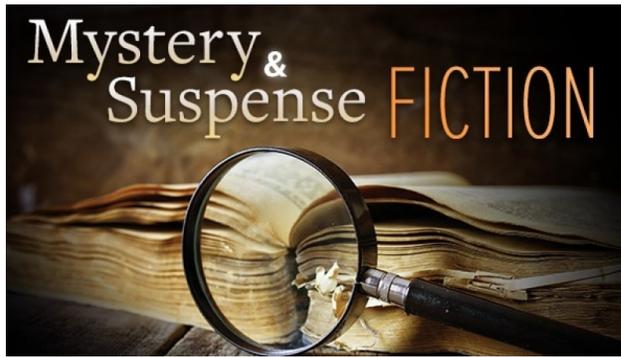
REPLACEMENT LIBRARY CARDS—GET YOURS TODAY!

Have you lost your Dakota County Library card? Well, you're in luck! Once again the Friends will pay for the cost of replacing your card during all of September. Ask your friendly Robert Trail librarian for details!





TOP TEN MYSTERY CHECK-OUTS AT RTL!



Are you a super mystery, crime, and who-dun-it fan, always able to sleuth out crafty clues and spine-tingling red herrings? Here are the **Top 10 mysteries checked out from the Robert Trail Library in 2018:**

Book/Library Trivia!

1. What two hobbits in Lord of the Rings share a birthday?
2. What became an established literary genre 50 years after *The Time Machine* was written?
3. What title character is carried away from his family by The Man With the Yellow Hat?

1. *The Midnight Line* by Lee Child
2. *Two Kinds of Truth* by Michael Connelly
3. *Hardcore Twenty-Four* by Janet Evanovich
4. *Sulfur Springs* by Minnesota's own William Kent Krueger
5. *The Wanted* by Robert Crais
6. *Unbound* by Stuart Woods
7. *The People vs. Alex Cross* by James Patterson
8. *Dark in Death* by J.D. Robb
9. *Count to Ten* by James Patterson
10. *Y is for Yesterday* by Sue Grafton

ANSWERS IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!

Last month's answers:

1. Who uses the name Jim Steele when talking to girls in *The Catcher in the Rye*? **Holden Caulfield**
2. What country awards the Pushkin Prize for Literature? **Russia**
3. What children's book digs up the most dirt from the bottom of Green Lake? **Holes by Louis Sachar**

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Congratulations to Robert Trail Library!

Comparing circulation figures for January through July of 2017 against figures for the same time period to date in 2018, Robert Trail Library has shown DOUBLE DIGIT INCREASES in every month except January. Figures for July of this year show an increase of an astounding 28.9%! Way to go, Rosemount!

Of course, as other neighboring libraries have had to close temporarily for some renovations, we have picked up more patrons. We are hoping they continue to come to the local jewel that is Robert Trail Library!

COUNTRY FAIRE: A FUN DAY FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

Saturday, September 15, 2018, 10 a.m.— 4 p.m. at the Rosemount Steeple Center

Join us for a fine fall day full of fun and activity!

There will be artist demonstrations, award-winning authors signing their books, live music, and local food vendors! This event is co-presented by the Rosemount Area Arts Council and the Friends of Robert Trail Library. We hope to see you there!



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