

# L I T E R A T E A

P E A B O D Y I N S T I T U T E L I B R A R Y W E S T B R A N C H

## NEWS FROM THE BOOK WORLD

### TO GO WITH YOUR STRAWBERRY WHITE TEA ...

*Summer Sisters* by Judy Blume

*Goodnight June* by Sarah Jio

*The Irresistible Blueberry Bakeshop and Café* by Mary Simses

*The Island* by Elin Hilderbrand

Fans of Jojo Moyes's *Me Before You* won't have to wait until the release of the movie version of the novel to be released in 2016 to revisit heroine Lou Clark. A sequel to the hit title, *After You*, will be released on September 29th. Moyes has said that she had no intention of writing a sequel, but so many readers have begged to find out what happens to Lou that she agreed.

Lagercrantz, another best selling Swedish author, to publish a follow-up book to the trilogy.



the Peabody Library selected for the Big Read is *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez. Set in the Dominican Republic during the 1960's, this acclaimed novel tells a fictionalized account of the Mirabel sisters, who became involved in the underground movement to overthrow the country's brutal dictator and ended up as national heroines. To celebrate this award winning novel, the library has planned book discussions, documentary film showings and scholar led discussions and a wide variety of cultural events. Perhaps most exciting, however, is the virtual visit with author Julia Alvarez. Alvarez will appear via Skype on Wed, September 2nd at 7pm at the Wiggin Auditorium.

The author of the wildly popular "Millennium Trilogy," Stieg Larsson did not live to see the popularity of *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* and its sequels. Larsson died of a heart attack in 2004 before the Swedish version of the first novel was published. Now his estate has contracted author David

*The Girl in the Spider's Web* comes out on September 1st.

In local book news, the Peabody Library is hosting a Big Read this September. The Big Read is a project of the National Endowment for the Arts that seeks to return reading to the center of American cultural life. The book

### TOP BOOKS HOLDS AT THE WEST

1. *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins
2. *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee
3. *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah
4. *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr
5. *The Rumor* by Elin Hilderbrand
6. *Alert* by James Patterson
7. *In the Unlikely Event* by Judy Blume
8. *Murder House* by James Patterson
9. *Luckiest Girl Alive* by Jessica Knoll
10. *The English Spy* by Daniel Silva

## THIS MONTH'S TEA: STRAWBERRY WHITE

The best white tea is harvested entirely from the buds of the tea plant, although commercial white teas often now include both buds and leaves. Traditionally, the harvest season for white tea is extremely short, only two weeks, so white tea was once considered the exclusive tea of emperors and aristocrats.

Too much handling can ruin white tea, which is dried to eliminate some of the moisture. Because it is one of the most refreshing teas, white tea is considered a summer beverage in China and according to Chinese medicine white tea will counteract excessive heat.

If white tea is served hot, the tea water should be about 175

degrees and the tea should steep for 5-7 minutes. This tea contains caffeine, but less than in a black or green tea.

Information on tea taken from *Tea: history, terroirs, varieties*

*This tea was purchased at Jolie Tea in S. Hamilton*

## WHAT WE'RE READING

Erik Bauer, the library's archivist is reading *The Real Frank Zappa* by Frank Zappa and *The Bully Pulpit* by Doris Kearns Goodwin.

Our Community Relations and Public Programming Librarian, Kelley Unger, is reading *Devil's Bride* by Stephenie Laurens, the *Happy Healthy Vegan Kitchen* by Kathy Patalsky and *The Satanic Verses* by Salman Rushdie.

Children's Librarian, Linda

Cappabianca, is taking a break from the wonderful world of picture books to read *Perdido Street Station* by China Mieville and *The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali*. She also recently read *Through the Woods* by Emily Powell.

Karen Vocino in our technical services department just finished reading and enjoying the family saga, *Perfect Heritage*, by Penny Vincenzi. Also in tech services is Gail Desmond who read and enjoyed

*The Truth According to Us* by Annie Barrows.

Reference Librarian and tech trainer extraordinaire, Mike Wick is reading *The Sound of the City: The Rise of Rock and Roll* by Charlie Gillett.

Priscilla Lavoie from the Circulation Department is reading *Follow my Lead* by Kate Noble.

Library Director, Martha Holden, is reading *Punk Rock Blitzkreig* by Marky Ramone,

*Lonesome Dove* by Larry McMurty, and *Rave On: the Biography of Buddy Holly*.

And finally, your West Branch Librarian, Melissa, is reading *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee and *The Girls' Guide to Homelessness* by Brianna Karp. She also re-read *To Kill a Mockingbird* this month and started, but didn't finish, *The Truth According to Us* and *The Anchoress* by Robyn Cadwallader.

## WORTH A TRY...

"Each cup of tea represents an imaginary voyage."  
-Catherine Douzel

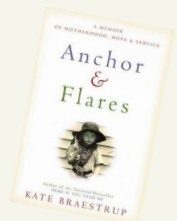
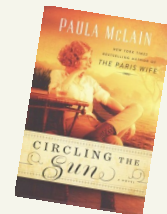
- *Contents May Have Shifted* by Pam Houston
- *Beautiful Ruin* by Jess Water
- *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich
- *The Last Runaway and Remarkable Creatures* by Jennifer Chevalier
- *The Fifth Gospel* by Ian Caldwell
- *Mrs. Grant and Madame Jule* by Jennifer Chilverini
- *The Panther* by Nelson DeMille
- *61 Hours* by Lee Child
- *The Scarecrow* by Michael Connelly
- *The Litigator* by John Grisham
- *Absolute Power* by David Baldacci
- *The King's Curse* by Philippa Gregory
- *Summer Island* by Kristin Hannah
- *Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister* by Gregory Maguire



- *We Never Asked for Wings* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
- *The Royal We* by Heather Cocks and Jessica Morgan
- *The Turner House* by Angela Flournoy
- *Discount* by Casey Gray

## NEW AND NOTABLE

- *The Dynamite Room* by Jason Hewitt
- *Pretty Is* by Maggie Mitchell
- *The Accidental Empress* by Allison Pataki
- *The Beekeeper's Daughter* by Santa Montefiore
- *Pretty Baby* by Mary Kubica
- *Circling The Sun* by Paula McLain
- *How to be a Grown-Up* by Emma McLaughlin & Nicola Kraus
- *Anchor and Flares: a memoir of motherhood, hope and service* by Kate Braestrup



For a list of the titles suggested by the Literatea bibliophiles at the August meeting, check out the library's blog:  
[www.peabodylibrary.org/freeforall](http://www.peabodylibrary.org/freeforall)