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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

TO GO WITH YOUR HIBISCUS TEA

In the Time of the Butterflies
by Julia Alvarez

The House of the Spirits
Isabel Allende

Love in the Time of Cholera
Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Caramelo by Sandra Cisneros

The Farming of Bones
Edwidge Danticat

Saving the World by Julia Alvarez

TOP BOOKS HOLDS AT THE WEST

1. *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah
2. *The English Spy* by Daniel Silva
3. *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee
4. *In the Unlikely Event* by Judy Blume
5. *The Rumor* by Elin Hilderbrand
6. *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr
7. *Murder House* by James Patterson
8. *Truth or Die* by James Patterson
9. *Speaking in Bones* by Kathy Reichs
10. *Cross Justice* by James Patterson

NEWS FROM THE BOOK WORLD

September is the month of Peabody's Big Read focusing on Julia Alvarez's *In the Time of the Butterflies*. Ten of the city's book groups will be reading and discussing the title. The author will give a special virtual presentation at the Main Library on Wednesday, September 2nd at 7pm. Other cultural and literary events will fill the month as well: the West Branch is hosting a personal storytelling workshop, the Main Library has a scholar led discussion on the documentary film *Code Name Butterflies* and the South Branch is offering a workshop on growing orchids. For a complete list of Big Read events, check out the Big Read brochure or go to the library's online event calendar.

The New York Public Library has launched a new website feature to make it easier for patrons to



discover new books they'll enjoy. Called "100 Books Every Month," it features a variety of adult, young adult and children's titles that are recommended by library staff members.

In book to screen news, Anne Hathaway has agreed to star in and produce a proposed limited run TV series based on *The Am-*

bassador's Wife by Jennifer Steil. Also, news is trickling in about the movie adaptation of *The Girl on the Train*. When adapted to the big screen, the bestselling novel will be set in New York State instead of England. The director of the film will be Tate Taylor, who helped reimagine *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett for Hollywood.

Fans of 007 will be interested to discover that the Ian Fleming estate has contracted best selling author Anthony Horowitz to write a new James Bond book. *Trigger Mortis* will be released on September 8th and includes original material written by Ian Fleming.

THIS MONTH'S TEA: HIBISCUS BLEND

This month's tea is a Hibiscus Blend. Tea made from the hibiscus plant is a popular beverage in the Dominican Republic.

The term "tea" has a broader meaning in the Dominican Republic than in many other countries. To Dominicans, tea can refer to the breakfast meal or to "bush teas," which

have medicinal properties, or to a drink made of cocoa beans. Both hot and "cooling" teas are popular in the Caribbean nation.

Dominicans believe hibiscus tea to have health benefits, including lowering blood pressure in those with hypertension. The Hibiscus Blend tea includes hibiscus flowers, wild

cherry bark, rose hips, orange peel, lemon grass, spearmint leaf and licorice root. An herbal tea, it does not contain caffeine.

Information on tea taken from *Wikipedia*.

This tea was purchased at Jolie Tea in S. Hamilton

WHAT WE'RE READING

Al Hayden, the Senior South Branch Librarian, is just finished reading Susanna Clark's *Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell*, of which she said, "words can't express how much I loved this book." She also recently read *Trigger Warnings* by Neil Gaiman and is currently reading Christopher Moore's *Practical Demonkeeping*.

Pam is currently reading *After the Storm* by Linda Castillo. In the last month, she also

read *Speaking in Bones* by Cathy Reichs and *Those Girls* by Chevy Stevens.

Sharon is currently reading *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough. She also recently read *The Other Typist* by Suzanne Rindell and *Those Girls* and she and Pam agree that it is one of the most disturbing books they've ever read.

Cheryl is currently reading *Catherine de' Medici, Her Daughter Marguerite de*

Valois and the Betrayal that Ignited a Kingdom by Nancy Gladstone and *Half a War* by Joe Abercrombie, which is the third in a series.

Dale is currently reading *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain. She's enjoying it so much that she stayed up until 3am last week to keep reading.

Melissa just finished reading *We Never Asked for Wings* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh,

which was name People Magazine's "Book of the Week."

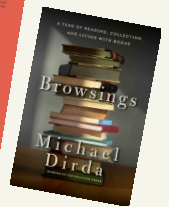
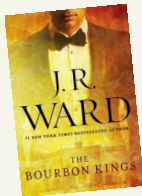
In addition to the various parenting books she is obsessively reading, she's also now reading *The Book of Unknown Americans* by Cristina Henriquez.

Russ has been reading *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins, *Flight of the Phoenix* by Elleston Trevor and *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee.

"There is no trouble so great or grave that cannot be much diminished by a nice cup of tea."
~ Bernard-Paul Keroux

A SAMPLING FROM THE AWESOME BOX...

- *The Paris Winter* by Imogen Robertson
- *A Path Appears: transforming lives, creating opportunity* by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn
- *The Secrets of Midwives* by Sally Hepworth
- *Dressmaker* by Kate Alcott
- *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks
- *An Officer and a Spy* by Robert Harris
- *The Lane: a young woman's tale of the heart in Dublin* by Maura Rooney Hitzenbuhler
- *Mr. Mac and Me* by Esther Freud
- *In the Kingdom of Ice:*
- *the grand and terrible journey of the USS Jeannette* by Hampton Sides
- *Broadchurch* by Erin Kelly
- *Stars Go Blue* by Laura Pritchett
- *Worthy Brown's Daughter* by Phillip Margolin



- NEW AND NOTABLE**
- *Coming of Age at the End of Days* by Alice LaPlante
 - *The Summertime Girls* by Laura Hankin
 - *Villa America* by Liza Klaussman
 - *The Girl Who Slept with God* by Val Brelinski
 - *The Race for Paris* by Meg Waite Clayton
 - *Dragon Day* by Lisa Brackmann
 - *In a Dark, Dark Wood* by Ruth Ware
 - *The Bourbon Kings* by J.R. Ward
 - *A Window Opens* by Elisabeth Egan
 - *The Taming of the Queen* by Philippa Gregory
 - *Browsings: a year of reading, collecting and living with books* by Michael Dirda
 - *Born Survivors: three young mothers, and their extraordinary story of courage, defiance and hope* by Wendy Holden
 - *Black-Eyed Susans* by Julia Heaberlin

For a list of the titles suggested by the Literatea bibliophiles at the September meeting, check out the library's blog: www.peabodylibrary.org/freeforall