

Sarah B.'s blog

End of an Era: Read on Hogwarts Grads, Read on.



14 years ago, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone was published in the United States.

Kids who started reading that book in elementary school are now onto college, or have even graduated from college. So Harry Potter and his wizardly friends mark the end of an era on Friday, with the opening of the final film.

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2011 RITA Award Winners



The 2011 [RITA Awards](#) were announced last week for excellence in the romance genre by recognizing outstanding published romance novels awarded by the [Romance Writers of America](#).

Some of winning titles that MCPL owns include:

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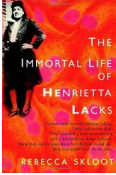
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July's Books Plus Discussion



Join us this Sunday, July 10 at 2:00 p.m. for July's Books Plus book discussion. Wendy

will lead a discussion on The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot. Scientists named a poor African-American tobacco farmer HeLa. Without her or her family's knowledge, they removed some of Henrietta's cells. They became the first so-called "immortal" cells grown in a laboratory and were used for many vaccines including the polio vaccine. Decades later, they also used her husband's and children's cells without their consent. The book brings up many interesting questions: do we own the rights to our own bodies, do scientists treat research subjects differently based on race and class, and why do scientists not always communicate what they are doing to the people most involved.

Please join us for an interesting discussion on a book that many have found fascinating.

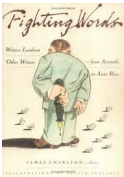
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Fighting Words



Not only do I spent a lot of time reading books, but I spend a lot of time reading *about*

books. I recently ran across Flavorwire's article The 30 Harshest Author-on-Author Insults In History' and I have to admit that I laughed out loud. Collected here are real quotes from authors about authors - disparaging in a cruel but also often funny way.

My favorite? Truman Capote on Jack Kerouac - "That's not writing, that's typing." Ha!

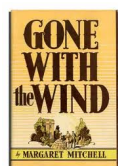
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Gone With the Wind turns 75



I ran across an article this morning that mentioned that Margaret Mitchell's Gone With

the Wind turns 75 this month. In June of 1936, Mitchell published this now classic saga while recovering from a broken ankle. It was an instant hit, and brought immediate fame to the Atlanta journalist.

What is it about? Well....er...I haven't actually read it. "I'll never go hungry again!", right? But I only know that from the movie. It is high time to put this book on my to-read list.

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2010 Bram Stoker Award Winners



The Horror Writers Association works to "raise the profile of the horror genre in the publishing industry and among readers in general." In an effort to support their mission, The Horror Writers Association every year awards prizes for the best in the horror genre. Last week the Bram Stoker Award Winners were announced.

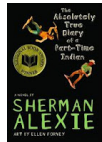
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Young Adult Fiction Debate - How Dark is Too Dark?



Several weeks ago, a contributor for the Wall Street Journal wrote an article entitled [Darkness Too Visible](#). The author's complaint was that contemporary YA literature, aimed at the broad range of 12-18 year-olds is inappropriate for it's heavy inclusion of "explicit abuse, violence and depravity".

Then the internet blew up. Several interesting responses have come from NPR, one from pop culture expert [Linda Holmes](#), and [another interview](#) with a YA librarian, YA authors, and the original author of the WSJ article.

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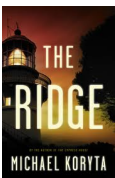
It's summer and that means Summer Reading at public libraries around the country - MCPL included! Teens in Monroe County have the opportunity to participate in The World in Your Hands, this summer's Reading Program from June 1 - August 17.

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Michael Koryta Author Event



Don't miss your chance to see local mystery and suspense author, Michael Koryta at Barnes and Noble next week to promote his newest book - [The Ridge](#). He will be there on Monday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. Full event details available on the [Barnes and Noble website](#), and also from [Michael's personal blog](#) too.

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