

Eileen

Cleaning the Gold by Karin Slaughter and Lee Child

It's the crossover event we've all been waiting for! Reacher, the 6'5" ex-MP and current vigilante, meets Will Trent, the 6'3" GBI agent working undercover at Fort Knox. That's right, the place with all the gold. And the only option is for Reacher and Will to team up and play nicely. If they can . .

As a fan of both series, I was delighted to see these two meet each other.

Platforms: book, hoopla (ebook & audio), Libby (ebook & audio)

Erica

The Library Book by Susan Orlean

"Susan Orlean reopens the unsolved mystery of the most catastrophic library fire in American history, and delivers a dazzling love letter to a beloved institution--our libraries" -publisher

As a lifelong library patron I found this book about the history of a big city library fascinating.

Platforms: book, Libby (audio)

Kelly

The Lord God Made Them All by James Herriot and read by Nicholas

This is book #4 of his 5 books about life as a country large and small animal vet in the Yorkshire Dales in England 1940-1970's. I opted to enjoy this as an audio book, borrowing it from our NH State Library using the FREE (with your library card) Libby App. I routinely borrow via Libby to enjoy books while doing housework, gardening and of course driving. I am able to enjoy more books this way and like to say I am happily double dipping or multitasking. I must also mention that while we don't currently have all 5 books, they are readily available via inter library loan also courtesy of the NH State Library van and the cooperation of over 240 libraries in NH. And then there are the 2 BBC TV series available on DVD that we do have on the shelves here at BPL.

I fell in love with James Herriot books decades ago and have reread them more than once, enjoying his often humorous and sometimes very dramatic descriptions of

treatments, the people he met during his years practicing and of course the animal patients themselves. His writing is just perfection which makes all of the books such great company. This particular book takes place when his two children are school aged and accompany him daily on his rounds. No more details about the stories here - you'll just have to borrow it to either read or listen to. And do check out the newest TV series of All Creatures Great and Small that has been filmed just in the past few years. I do hope young families in particular introduce their children to this cast of characters and pleasing stories as it and the books are truly timeless. Oh and one more thing, these are all based on a real vet but names (including the author's) were changed to protect privacy.

Platforms: book, Libby (audio), DVDs (TV series)

Linda

The Hello Girls

It's not a faith in technology. It's faith in people.

Steve Jobs - Co-founder of Apple

It's 1918 and you are on the frontline of technology. You are a switchboard operator! The technology coupled with the highly skilled operators become part of the equation that will determine the outcome of World War I.

Women demonstrated a particular proficiency that male switchboard operators did not possess. At General Pershing's request, the U.S. Army Signal Corp sent 223 switchboard operators – women -- to France. “[These] operators eventually became the first American women to serve any sort of combat role with the U.S. military in an official capacity.”

Discharged in 1920 the women almost vanished into obscurity. This film documents the important contributions made by these women and their 60-year-struggle for recognition by the Army. Victory was bittersweet.

Platforms: DVD, book

Rebecca

This One Summer by Mariko Tamaki

Every summer, Rose goes with her mom and dad to a lake house in Awago Beach. It's their getaway, their refuge. Rose's friend Windy is always there too, like a little sister she never had. But this summer is different. It's a summer of secrets and sorrow and growing up, and it's a good thing Rose and Windy have each other. This graphic novel is a great coming of age piece. Summer with friends are important learning experiences. The illustrations are excellent.

Rating: 4/5 stars.

Platforms: book, Libby (ebook & audio)

Samantha

Princess Mononoke

"Princess Mononoke", directed by Hayao Miyazaki, is a breathtaking fantasy masterpiece filled with action and thought-provoking themes, such as conflict between humanity and nature. With complex characters, rich storytelling and vivid animation, "Princess Mononoke" is a timeless classic that will resonate with watchers long after they've seen it.

Platforms: DVD