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**Off the Shelf:**

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Did You Know?

The Library System's Web page (<http://www.pwccgov.org/library>) offers a variety of services that can easily be accessed from the comfort of your home or office!

The Library's **e-mail notification service** notifies you when the title you've been waiting for arrives at your favorite library and sends you e-mail reminder notices, several days in advance, of any items that you need to return! Filling out the form is easy (<http://www.pwccgov.org/libraryemailnotification>) and the service is free! Of course, you can start and stop this option at any time!

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Wondering what clubs or organizations are available in the community? Just click on **Clubs & Organizations** under Library Topics on the left side of our home page! The Library System provides information on non-profit clubs and organizations that serve the citizens and residents of Prince William County and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. In addition to general community organizations of interest, the file includes religious, political, support and sports groups. Every effort has been made to provide current and correct information about the clubs and organizations listed. As a public service, the Library offers this information, but does not endorse the clubs and organizations listed. For membership, meetings, events, and other information, please contact the club or organization directly. If you would like to have your club included in this database, simply e-mail our Library Webmaster (librarywebmaster@pwccgov.org).

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Last, but not least, we welcome your comments and suggestions! Please e-mail our Library Webmaster (librarywebmaster@pwcgov.org) with questions, comments and suggestions at any time!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: From the Printed Page to the Big Screen

Hollywood often finds inspiration in books, adapting an existing story for the big screen. While readers and movie-goers can argue whether the book or the movie is better, some books have been developed into very successful movies. *Slumdog Millionaire* (Fic Swarup), which won this year's Academy Award for best picture, was originally published as a novel called *Q & A* by author Vikas Swarup. Several other films nominated for awards this year, including *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* (Fic Fitzgerald) and *The Reader* (Fic Schlink), were published as novels prior to becoming feature films. Many movie-goers enjoy reading the original novel when the movie is released. Here's a sneak peek at recent and forthcoming films based on books.

Children's picture books and youth novels can be developed into films that appeal to a wide range of ages. Two recent movies were developed from picture books. Be sure to check out *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs* (E Bar) by Judi Barrett and *Where the Wild Things Are* (E Sen) by Maurice Sendak. Older kids and teens may be more familiar than their parents with *The Vampire's Assistant* (J Fic Shan) by Darren Shan, *Fantastic Mr. Fox* (J Fic Dahl) by Roald Dahl, and *New Moon* (YA Fic Meyer) by Stephenie Meyer, all of which will appear in theaters this fall. Fans will have to wait until late winter for the movie adaptation of Rick Riordan's *The Lightning Thief* (YA Fic Riordan) and for Tim Burton's version of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* (J Fic Carroll).

This winter, adults can see films developed from *The Road* (Fic McCarthy) by Cormac McCarthy, *The Lovely Bones* (Fic Sebold) by Alice Sebold, *Sherlock Holmes* (M Doyle) by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, *Dear John* (Fic Sparks) by Nicholas Sparks, and *Shutter Island* (Fic Lehane) by Dennis Lehane. The Library has many biographies about Amelia Earhart, if you want to learn more after seeing *Amelia* (search for the subject "Earhart, Amelia" in the Library's online catalog). There was increased interest in books about Michael Jackson after his unexpected death in June. If the documentary about the King of Pop, *Michael Jackson's This is It*, generates additional interest, the Library has several new and updated books about Jackson (search for the subject "Jackson, Michael"). Interested readers can learn more about the ancient Mayan calendar and the various predictions that have been made about 2012 before seeing the movie *2012* in a few weeks (in the Library's catalog, search for either of these subjects: "Two thousand twelve, A.D." or "Mayas - prophecies").

If you missed some of this summer's blockbusters, be sure to visit the Library's catalog (<http://librarycatalog.pwcgov.org/#focus>) and add your name to the waiting list for the DVDs. The Library has ordered the following DVDs, all of which were adapted from books: *My Sister's Keeper*, *Angels & Demons*, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, and *Julie & Julia*.

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