

Central Presents – December 2009

Adult and Family Programs

Central Community Library
8601 Mathis Avenue, Manassas, Virginia
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Adult Programs

Speaking of Spanish!

Thursdays, December 3, 10, 17, 31, 12:00 noon–2:00 p.m. No registration is required.

Whatever your level of fluency, come hone your conversation skills by chatting with others who are practicing their Spanish. Drop in to Central Library's Community Room any Thursday afternoon, bring your lunch and habla Espanol!

***Mystery Book Club: *Where There's a Will* by Aaron Elkins**

Monday, December 14, 7:00 p.m. No registration required.

Gideon Oliver's Hawaiian vacation turns into a busman's holiday, as he and close friend John Lau, an FBI agent who's also enjoying some downtime, get involved in a decade-old mystery surrounding the deaths of two elderly Swedish brothers who owned a huge cattle ranch. One night in 1994, hit men acting for an unknown client murdered Torkel Torkelsson, then attempted to conceal the corpse with an act of arson; that same night, Magnus Torkelsson and a pilot took off in a small plane, never to be heard from again. Now divers have discovered the wreckage of the long-lost plane in a lagoon, with some skeletal remains. Soon learning that none of the original police investigation's conclusions may be valid, Oliver and Lau find themselves intrigued and frustrated by the lies and evasions pitched rapidly at them by the Torkelssons' heirs, all of whom have different motives for obscuring the truth.

***Central Reads Book Club: *A Reliable Wife* by Robert Goolrick**

Wednesday, December 16, 1:00 p.m. No registration required.

In the winter of 1907, Ralph Truitt, a wealthy small-town businessman, advertised in a newspaper for "a reliable wife." Well, he got more than he bargained for when Catherine Land, a mysterious woman with a desire for riches and widowhood, arrived at his remote Wisconsin home. Join us to discuss this story of deception, vengeance, and murder.

***Science Fiction Book Discussion: Hugo Award for Best Novel**

Saturday, December 19, 2:30 p.m. No registration is required.

Pick Your Favorite Hugo Winner and justify the award! For December, the Science Fiction Discussion Group will participate in a round table discussion. Pick a Hugo winner, read or re-read it and come to the discussion prepared to defend the award or explain why you think the fans made a big mistake. Lists of Hugo winners will be available at the Information Desk of all Prince William Public Library System Libraries starting November 1, 2009 or you can visit Hugo Award for Best Novel Wiki.

Computer Programs: Computer Connection @ Central

Space is limited and registration is required. A \$10.00 deposit is required to reserve a space in class. This deposit will be returned at the end of class, or if the reservation is canceled at least 48 hours prior to class. Register at the library or by calling 703-361-8211.

PowerPoint: Parts 1 & 2

Wednesday, December 2 and Thursday, December 3, 9:00–10:30 a.m.
Registration for both parts begins 11/18/09.

PowerPoint is a software package used for creating presentations. Join us as we prepare PowerPoint slideshows containing text, graphics and animation. *Prerequisite: Familiarity with Microsoft applications and the ability to type and use a mouse.*

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