

Off the Shelf:

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Clear the decks, clean out the basement, the Fall is here and the spirit of self-improvement blossoms in this season. Thoughts turn to the inside of your home. The garden has lost its allure, while the overstuffed closet becomes a focus for activity. Even when you cannot imagine how all this clutter will all get tackled, there is hope – advice is yours, free for the taking.

Just a few of the resources in book form available to you at the library:

The One-Minute Organizer: A to Z Storage Solutions by Donna Smallin

Clutter Busting: Letting Go of What's Holding You Back by Brooks Palmer

How to Cheat at Organizing: Quick, Clutter-Clobbering Ways to Simplify Your Life by Jeff Bredenberg

Kick the Clutter: Get Rid of Excess Stuff Without Losing What You Love by Ellen Phillips

And for that teenager in your life:

Where's My Stuff? the Ultimate Teen Organizing Guide by Samantha Moss

And many more – search the keywords “clutter”, for example, or “home storage” in our catalog (at <http://librarycatalog.pwcgov.org>) to find other useful titles.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Since October is National Book Month and the slogan this year is “Fall Into a Good Book”, it’s time to remind readers that book lovers have lots to choose from at the library, regardless of format. In addition to traditional printed books, here’s a short sample of what you can access to at your library:

- Ebooks – downloadable to your Kindle, Nook or other device
- Audio books –in downloadable format, to listen to on your MP3 player or iPod, or in CD format for the car
- Books to Go book kits – perfect for your book club, complete with multiple copies of the book and a notebook with suggested questions and discussion points. These could be called “Instant Book Group Devices”
- Board books – for the littlest ones
- Large print books – for the older ones!
- Electronic reference – should your taste in reading run to information retrieval, rather than plot.

And the list could go on and on...but instead of reading more lists, go to your local branch or to our website, and “Fall Into a Good Book” with our help.

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