

The Reading Corner

New Books

Thank you to the Friends of Hortonville Library for the donation of young adult and children's books. This donation has enabled us to add or replace missing volumes in series and complete other series. Check the new materials in the online catalog for some of the new books that have been added.

Glued to their phone? May be reading a book!

According to a new Pew Research Center study, see pewresearch.org, young Americans are more voracious readers than other age demographics. Eighty percent of citizens ages 18-29 have read a book in the last year, compared to 71 percent of those ages 30-49, and 68 percent for those ages 50-64.

Though the study doesn't differentiate between books assigned for school and books read for pleasure, the numbers are still surprising. Perhaps the recent spike in books written for teens plays a partial role .

TumbleBooks Library!

TumbleBooks are animated, talking picture books that have been created from existing picture books from well-known publishers and authors and converted to the TumbleBook format. You can access the TumbleBooks through the library's catalog: infosoup.org

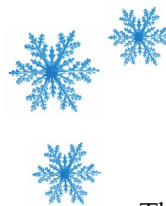
Also included in the TumbleBook Library are:

- TumbleReadables, a collection of Large Print chapter books and classic children's books created in the TumbleReadable format.
- TumbleTalking Books, a small (but growing) collection of children's audio books.
- Language Learning Library, a collection of children's books, mostly in French, and Spanish.
- TumblePuzzles, a set of puzzles and games to play after reading a TumbleBook.

Library Hours

Monday.....	9-6
Tuesday.....	9-6
Wednesday.....	9-6
Thursday.....	9-6
Friday.....	9-5
Saturday.....	9-12
Sunday.....	Closed

The library will be closed on:
December 24, 25 & 31, 2015
January 1, 2016



Have a happy and safe
Holiday Season

The staff of Hortonville Library
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Review Corner

By Carolyn Habeck, Library Director

The Mistletoe Promise by Richard Paul Evans

This year my Christmas read was the 2014 book “The Mistletoe Promise” by Richard Paul Evans, popular novelist and author of bestsellers such as “The Christmas Box” and “Grace.” I’ve read several of Evans books and I enjoy his writing. He’s a good storyteller and creates characters that draw you in. It seems that Evans’ books have a sentimental charm and a sense of hope.



From the official description of the book:

“Elise Dutton dreads the arrival of another holiday season. Three years earlier, her husband cheated on her with her best friend, resulting in a bitter divorce that left her alone, broken, and distrustful.

Then, one November day, a stranger approaches Elise in the mall food court. Though she recognizes the man from her building, Elise has never formally met him. Tired of spending the holidays alone, the man offers her a proposition. For the next eight weeks—until the evening of December 24—he suggests that they pretend to be a couple. He draws up a contract with four rules:

1. No deep, probing personal questions
2. No drama
3. No telling anyone the truth about the relationship
4. The contract is void on Christmas Day

The lonely Elise surprises herself by agreeing to the idea. As the charade progresses, the safety of her fake relationship begins to mend her badly broken heart. But just as she begins to find joy again, her long-held secret threatens to unravel the emerging relationship. But she might not be the only one with secrets.”

Elise has been hurt in her past and carries a lot of shame and self-loathing. But her heart is softened by Nicholas. She’s a pessimist and even when things are going well, she seems to always have a sense that the good situation will inevitably turn sour.

This is a story of compassion, forgiveness, hope and love. It’s a quick touching read.



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