

## Osprey Library Newsletter – November, 2018

Happy Fall! (Florida style, with brisk afternoons in the 80s.) November is a month of gratitude and reflection, a month of pumpkin and nutmeg, and an especially good month to curl up with a stack of books or a pile of DVDs. Your library can help you with all of those pursuits and more!

“Diplomacy is listening to what the other guy needs.” -Colin Powell

### **SURVEY SAYS....**

Thank you all for your enthusiastic participation in the October survey. For those who have not returned the survey, it's never too late—feedback is always welcome!

Your suggestions were inspiring, informative, and very useful. This abundance of feedback will be put in the hopper of my imagination, distilled through the filter of the library system and all of its resources, and result in even better library services for the wonderful and deserving patrons of the Osprey Library.

For those of you who expressed concern that programming of any kind would interfere with patrons' use and enjoyment of our very small library, please rest assured that plans for programming will take your peace of mind into account. And for those who so graciously expressed their fondness for the Osprey library, thank you very kindly!

“If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking.”

-George S. Patton

### NOVEMBER DISPLAY

This month's theme is: American Veterans. Check out the books, movies, and audios exploring the diverse lives and experiences of U.S. veterans. Read about the remarkable life of John McCain in *The Restless Wave*; learn, in the book *8 Seconds of Courage*, about the events that earned veteran and immigrant Flo Groberg the Medal of Honor; or follow the lives of three women on their paths to becoming soldiers and their return from war, in *Soldier Girls*. Explore the Golden Globe winning mini-series *Band of Brothers*; or relish James Mason and Jessica Tandy in *The Desert Fox*. Looking for something to listen to while inching along Tamiami? Learn about the “Mata Hari of Minnesota” OSS agent Betty Pack, in *The Last Goodnight*, written by

Howard Blum and read by Tristan Morris; or to Gold Star father Khizr Khan read his book *An American Family*. Prefer a good novel to all of this nonfiction? Try *The Yellow Birds*, called "The All Quiet on the Western Front of America's Arab wars" by Tom Wolfe; *Forty Dead Men*, a mystery set after World War I exploring PTSD; or *Because I'm Watching* by Christina Dodd, featuring a woman unsure of reality and the veteran who lives next door.

What I find thought-provoking about this theme is how fully veterans represent America. In the library today, a veteran of the Vietnam War shared with me how the experience of serving connected him to people in ways that transcend social divisions like race, creed, ethnicity, gender, orientation or any other identity. While that may not be the case for all who have served in the military, it is certainly a fact that Veterans represent the entire spectrum of Americans; and, through courageous and measured leadership that has led to expanding inclusion, veterans have helped move the nation closer to fulfilling its ideals. Veterans' experiences are wide ranging and, as the veteran I mentioned above pointed out, should not be simply romanticized or generalized—it is well worth exploring the many, diverse stories of America's veterans, which is also to explore the profoundly varied experience of being American.

"War is wretched beyond description, and only a fool or a fraud could sentimentalize its cruel reality." -John McCain

"I shouldn't even be here, so if I'm here, I better do something good." - Tammy Duckworth

### **One Book Sarasota**

The new One Book Sarasota selection has been announced! The 2019 selection is *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann, a fascinating true-life murder mystery that explores the history of the Osage Nation, the birth of the FBI, and 1920s oil tycoons. Stay tuned for upcoming One Book events.

"Our love, our gratitude, our admiration for our men and women in uniform, our veterans and their families—all of that is bigger than any one party or any one election." -Michelle Obama

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