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**1ST WEDNESDAYS - VIRTUAL VERSION - FEBRUARY 3, 7:00 PM**

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**Tome Talk**

**February 16, 6:00 PM**

**Deep Creek: Finding Hope in the High Country, Pam Houston**

On her 120-acre homestead high in the Colorado Rockies, beloved writer Pam Houston learns what it means to care for a piece of land and the creatures on it. Houston’s ranch becomes her sanctuary, a place where she discovers how the natural world has mothered and healed her after a childhood of parental abuse and neglect. Contact renee.ursitti@ilsleypubliclibrary.org for information or to get a copy of the book.

**Writing for Work**

**David Weinstock**

**February 2, 9, 16 & 23 @ 7:30 PM**

Join David for a VIRTUAL series focusing on professional writing. In four 90-minute sessions, you will learn:

- How to write more clearly
- How to write more persuasively
- How to write more efficiently
- How to get your writing done on time.

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Contact David, david.weinstock@gmail.com, for more information.

**Yoga Philosophy with Prem Prekash**

**February 10, 17 & 24 @ 7:00 PM**

Join Prem Prekash for 3 discovery sessions. Topics discussed include:

- Yoga Philosophy
- Guided Meditation on Self Discovery
- Relaxation
- General Breathing Practices

Each session will be interactive and Prem Prekash plans to address specific questions from participants. Contact renee.ursitti@ilsleypubliclibrary.org to register.

**Middlebury Community Classic Film Club**

**New Virtual Series for Spring 2021:**

**A Question of Perspective: A Lot Depends on One’s Point of View.**

Thursday, February 11 Film 1: The Best Years of Our Lives (1946) Zoom Discussion to start: 7:00 PM

Visit our website for more details or email us at chris.kirby@ilsleypubliclibrary.org

**Inklings**

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**News and Events**

**CURRENT HOURS AND SERVICES**

Pick up at the side door for reserved materials is available on:

- Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Additionally, Wednesday 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

**Sarah Partridge** pick up on the front steps, Saturdays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support with the health and safety measures.

**Snowshoes!**

2 pair in child size and 4 pair in adult size

Snowshoes are available for a 1 week loan period. To borrow them, put them on hold using the same procedure as other materials. If you want to borrow them for a specific day you can do so. When placing them on hold, after you have “confirmed hold”, you can use the “suspend” option. Click suspend and put in a date a couple days before you wish to use them. This DOES NOT GUARANTEE the snowshoes will be available for that date. It only controls when your hold will be looked at by staff.
BOOKS ON STICKS
Riverfront Park & Harrow Way
Riverfront Park:
Jan 28 - Feb 11: The Nian Monster by Andrea Wang
Feb 11 - Feb 25: Over and Under the Snow by Kate Messner
Feb 25 - March 11: Tacky the Penguin by Helen Lester
Harrow Way:
Jan 21 - Feb 4: The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats
Feb 4 - Feb 18: Hug Machine by Scott Campbell
Feb 18 - March 4: Pancakes for Breakfast by Tomie DePaola

PROGRAMMING TO GO
Available While Supplies Last
TAKE & MAKES
Feb 2: STEM - Chromatography Flowers
Feb 9: Family Book Bag - Chinese New Year/Asian-American Literature & Teen Craft: DIY Duct Tape Flower Pens
Feb 16: Sew Together - Heart Pin Cushion
Feb 23: Preschool Craft

TEEN CRAFT: DIY DUCT TAPE FLOWER PENS
February 9th
What’s more beautiful than a flower that lasts forever? Come to pickup service and grab all the materials you need to make a gorgeous duct tape rose pen. Supplies limited.

SEW TOGETHER
February 16th
Sew Together kits are designed for kids and their adults to complete together. Look for a Heart Pin Cushion project Feb 9th.

FAMILY BOOK BAG: CHINESE NEW YEAR & ASIAN AMERICAN LITERATURE
February 9th
Family Book Bags are designed to provide an evening of family discussion around a theme. January’s theme is Japanese Internment Camps. The Family Book Bag will include:
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon - Grace Lin
The Nian Monster - Andrea Wang
Starzping - Jen Wang
Holidays Around the World: Celebrate Chinese New Year: With Fireworks, Dragons, and Lanterns - Carolyn Otto
Guided Discussion Questions
Snack Mix

How did we get here?
Do you want to understand the roots of systemic racism? We spoke with Renee Wells, Director of Education for Equity and Inclusion, at Middlebury College for a recommended reading list.

The End of Policing, Alex S. Vitale
This book attempts to spark public discussion by revealing the tainted origins of modern policing as a tool of social control. It shows how the expansion of police authority is inconsistent with community empowerment, social justice—even public safety.

Chokehold: Policing Black Men, Paul Butler
In this explosive new book, an African American former federal prosecutor shows that the system is working exactly the way it’s supposed to. Blackmen are always under watch, and police violence is widespread—all with the support of judges and politicians.

Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools, Monique W. Morris
Pushout exposes a world of confined potential and supports the growing movement to address the policies, practices, and cultural illiteracy that push countless students out of school.

Invisible No More: Police Violence Against Black Women and Women of Color, Andrea J. Ritchie
An eye-opening account of how Black women, Indigenous women, and other women of color are uniquely affected by racial profiling and police brutality.

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness, Michelle Alexander
In this incisive critique, Alexander provocatively argues that we have not ended racial caste in America; we have simply redesigned it. She shows that, by targeting black men and decimating communities of color, the U.S. criminal justice system functions as a contemporary system of racial control.

In this groundbreaking history of the modern American metropolis, Rothstein, a leading authority on housing policy, explodes the myth that America’s cities came to be racially divided through the fact of segregation—that is, through individual prejudices, income differences, or the actions of private institutions like banks and real estate agencies.

Sundown Towns: A Hidden Dimension of American Racism, James W. Loewen
In a provocative, sweeping analysis of American residential patterns, Loewen uncovers the thousands of “sundown towns”—almost exclusively white towns where it was an unspoken rule that blacks could not live there—that cropped up throughout the twentieth century, most of them located outside of the South.

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