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New Items

GRAPHIC NOVELS

- *Mike's Place: A True Story of Love, Blues and Terror in Tel Aviv* by Jack Baxter
- *Awkward*

by Svetlana Chmakora

- *Sons of Anarchy Vol. 3* by Ed Brisson



- *The*

Owner's Manual to Terrible Parenting by Guy Delisle

- *Everyday Matters: A Memoir* by Danny Gregory

- *Junior Braves of the Apocalypse* by Greg Smith

- *The Complete Chi's Sweet Home* by Konami Kanata

- *Honor Girl: A Memoir* by Maggie Thrash

- *Maximum Ride Vol. 9* by NaRae Lee

- *Drowned City:*

Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans by Don Brown

- *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson



- *Ms. Marvel Vol. 2: Generation Why* by G. Willow Wilson

Anime aijō

Fans of Japanese animation meet twice a month at Belt

Story by
Bobbie Dreier
Belt Branch
public services
assistant

To those of us anime fans – or *otaku*, the Japanese term for an avid enthusiast – anime is not just Japanese cartoons. Like with many films or television shows, anime consists of interesting plot lines, character development and various animation styles.

Anime came about during the occupation of Japan after World War II when U.S. troops introduced the Japanese to American comics and cartoons, inspiring Japanese artists to develop their own style. Cartoonist **Osamu Tezuka**, known as the “Godfather of Anime,” invented the distinctive large eyes prominent in both anime and manga. (Manga is the name for Japanese comic strips and books.)

Anime has a distinct look, although artists have their own styles. An overt display or exaggeration of emotion, often for comedic purposes, is one characteristic. A vein popping out of a character’s forehead is to display stress, and characters with “x” eyes have fallen ill or have been knocked unconscious.



This anime *otaku* dressed like her favorite character at the 2014 Kansas City Naka Kon, the annual convention for anime fans.

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LUCKY NUMBER

If your library card number is **22003000492866**, you’ve won a \$10 gift certificate to Books Revisited, the Friends of the Library store. Bring in your card to claim your prize by Feb. 29. Bookstore hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, noon-3 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

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*The board meets at 6 p.m. on
the fourth Tuesday of each month.*

Friends of the Library

The Friends support the library
through volunteer and fund-raising
efforts. Meetings are set for
January, April, July and October.

Rolling Hills Library Foundation

The Foundation strives to provide
financial support for large endeavors
and future growth of the library
by seeking substantial gifts from
patrons and supportive foundations.

Reading, friends help girl survive Nazi regime

“The Book Thief” by **Markus Zusak** is one of my all-time favorite books – and the saddest book I have ever read.

Enter the world of Liesel Meminger, a 10-year-old moving in with her new foster parents in Molching, Germany, as told by an unusual narrator, Death. The year is 1939 and the world is on the brink of war, but for Liesel, a war has begun already. Other children tease her for being unable to read. Her foster parents are harboring a Jewish refugee.

And sorrow constantly threatens to overtake her.

With the help of her new foster Papa, best friend Rudy, her hidden friend Max and a stack of stolen books, Liesel will survive this terrible time. She will learn to read and make new friends only to have everything taken away from her.

The main thing I liked about this

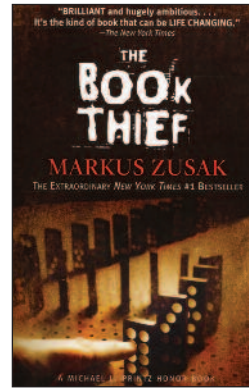
book is that it is a wonderfully well written story that brings the characters to life and allows you to feel their emotions. I could understand everything

Liesel was going through and gained perspective on what it was like to be a German school kid during Hitler’s rule. I also loved how the author wrote the book from Death’s perspective. That was an interesting twist.

The main thing I disliked about this book was that the story wasn’t that straight forward.

The narrator would jump from one scene to another so I had to mentally change perspectives to know what was happening. Also, there were some German words that were difficult to read if you aren’t familiar with the language.

– *Naomi Quedensley, age 12*
daughter of Marnie Quedensley,
library technical services assistant



Book review

Seniors to get taste of Rocky Mountain candy

If you like chocolate, the Belt Branch is the place to be Tuesday, Feb. 9, when Classy Seniors learn about the chocolate used by Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory. **Sarah McKay** from the St. Joseph store also will demonstrate how to make tiger butter bark. The program begins at 2 p.m.

Programs to feature natural cleaning supplies

Cheryl Mitchell of Miss Doyle’s Soapery in Savannah will discuss how to make home cleaning supplies that are free of chemicals in two programs at 1:30 and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the Savannah Branch. Participants will make a trash can spray and receive recipes to make other cleaners.

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Library scenes



On Jan. 22, the national touring exhibit “Discover Earth: Our Changing Planet” ended its three-month run in the Belt Branch Upper Story. Third-grade students from Skaith Elementary School visited the exhibit on Jan. 20 to learn about weather’s affect on the Earth.



In January, the library began its 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program to encourage parents to read to their children. This

family came out Jan. 21 for the Belt Branch’s kickoff. Families may join this ongoing program at any time, and the library will have special events to encourage participation.



These kids learned you don’t have to wait on the weather when they made their own snow using shaving cream, baking soda and glitter in a special Discover Earth program for children on Jan. 14.

For more pictures of library events, visit www.facebook.com/RollingHillsLibrary.

Dining Discounts

Use your Rolling Hills Library card to receive 10 percent discounts at Le Peep Restaurant and Lino’s Original Pizza in St. Joseph.

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courses free through
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Anime stories can be funny, serious

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One popular genre is *shounen*, which is typically targeted toward boys and their love for action and adventure. *Shoujo* features romance and drama, while *mecha* is for science fiction lovers.

I didn't realize how great anime could be until I was about 18 years old. I was reluctant to try it in the beginning because, unfortunately, there is a stigma that anime are cartoons for nerdy kids. The first series I really sat down with was "Trigun," which some consider to be a classic. The series made me realize how funny and entertaining anime could be while addressing adult themes.

Wanting to share our interest in anime with others is why a former coworker and I started the library's Anime Club several years ago. We meet 6:30-8 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the Belt Branch to watch and discuss anime. If there's a fifth Thursday in a month, we'll have a gaming session. The minimum age to participate is 14.

A few months after discovering anime, I made my first visit to Naka Kon, the annual anime convention in Kansas City. It was a bit overwhelming - there were hundreds of people in costume everywhere!

Naka Kon offers panel discussions with manga artists and anime voice actors, convention rooms for gaming and anime viewing and contests for convention-goers to test their knowledge and show off their costumes.

For *otaku*, conventions are a great way to connect with others and get a glimpse into this popular subculture. This year's convention is set for March 11-13 at the Overland Park Convention Center, and I plan to be there. You should join me.



Bobbie Dreier (far left) leads the Belt Branch Anime Club, which has about a dozen regular members.

Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, Feb. 1

Cosby - 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 4

Rushville - 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 5

Avenue City School - 9-11 a.m.

Tuesdays, Feb. 9 & 23

Savannah - 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Cedar Tree Apartments

Wednesdays, Feb. 10 & 24

Amazonia Elementary School - 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 12

Union Star Elementary School - 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

Faucett - 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Easton - 2-3:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Friday, Feb. 19

Helena Elementary School - 8-11 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20

Rosendale - 9-10:30 a.m.; Bolckow - 11 a.m.-1 p.m.;

Fillmore - 2-3 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 26

Gower City Park - 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Visits may be canceled because of inclement weather.
Call 205-7100 to verify visits.

Books Revisited

The Friends of the Library's new bookstore located next door to PepperJax Grill upstairs from the Belt Branch! Bigger space, more items!

Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday

1-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday

Friend us on Facebook!

205-7125


February Calendar

General programs in Blue Senior programs in Red Children's programs in Green Teen programs in Orange Craft programs in Purple

1M	BABYTIME 10 a.m. Belt	WINDOWS 10 10 a.m. SV	TODDLER STORYTIME 11 a.m. Belt	CHESS & CHECKERS CLUB 6:30 p.m. Belt Upper Story
2T	E-MAIL CLASS 3-4:30 p.m. Belt	TEEN ZONE 5-7 p.m. Belt		
3W	GLUTEN-FREE GROUP 10 a.m. SV	STORYTIME 10:30 a.m. Belt & 11 a.m. SV	MOVIE: "UNBROKEN" Noon, Belt	TEEN ADVISORY GROUP 4 p.m. SV
4T	STORYTIME 11 a.m. SV	PAINTING CLASS 2 p.m. Belt	AFTERSCHOOL CRAFTS 4 p.m. SV	FAMILY STORYTIME 6:30 p.m. Belt
5F	CHESS CLUB 3-5 p.m. Belt			MOVIE: 'ANNA KARENINA' 6:30 p.m. Belt Upper Story
6S				
7S				
8M	BABYTIME 10 a.m. Belt	TODDLER STORYTIME 11 a.m. Belt	K-5TH ADVENTURES 4:30 p.m. Belt Upper Story	AFTERSCHOOL CRAFTS 4 p.m. SV
9T	ALZHEIMER'S GROUP 9 a.m. Belt	READING PET PARTNERS 10:30 a.m. Belt	CLASSY SENIORS 2 p.m. Belt	WORD 101 CLASS 3-4:30 p.m. Belt
10W	STORYTIME 10:30 a.m. Belt & 11 a.m. SV	WORD 102 CLASS 3-4:30 p.m. Belt		HOBBY HAPPENINGS 6-8 p.m. Belt
11T	STORYTIME 11 a.m. SV	YOUTH WRITING CLUB 4:30 p.m. Belt	ANIME CLUB 6:30 p.m. Belt	FAMILY STORYTIME 6:30 p.m. Belt
12F	CHESS CLUB 3-5 p.m. Belt			
13S	SECOND SATURDAY STOCK TALK 10 a.m. Belt			
14S				
15M	LIBRARY CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY			
16T	NATURAL HOME CLEANING SUPPLIES 1:30 and 6 p.m. SV	PAINTING CLASS 6:30 p.m. Belt		
17W	GLUTEN-FREE GROUP 10 a.m. SV	STORYTIME 10:30 a.m. Belt & 11 a.m. SV	SUPER SPECIAL STORYTIME 4:30 p.m. Belt Upper Story	
18T	STORYTIME 11 a.m. SV	PAINTING CLASS 1:30 & 6:30 p.m. Belt	AFTERSCHOOL CRAFTS 4 p.m. SV	FAMILY STORYTIME 6:30 p.m. Belt
19F	CHESS CLUB 3-5 p.m. Belt	PAINTING CLASS 3:30 p.m. Belt		
20S				
21S				
22M	BABYTIME 10 a.m. Belt	DROP-IN TECH HELP 10 a.m.-noon SV	TODDLER STORYTIME 11 a.m. Belt	PAINTING CLASS 6:30 p.m. Belt
23T	READING PET PARTNERS 10:30 a.m. Belt	FACEBOOK CLASS 3-4:30 p.m. Belt	RHCL BOARD OF TRUSTEES 6 p.m. SV	TWIDDLEMUFFS 6 p.m. SV
24W	STORYTIME 10:30 a.m. Belt & 11 a.m. SV	ADULT READING GROUPS Noon and 6:30 p.m. Belt	DIY @ ROLLING HILLS 4:30 p.m. Belt	
25T	STORYTIME 11 a.m. SV	AFTERSCHOOL CRAFTS 4 p.m. SV	YOUTH WRITING CLUB 4:30 p.m. Belt	ANIME CLUB 6:30 p.m. Belt
26F	CHESS CLUB 3-5 p.m. Belt			FAMILY STORYTIME 6:30 p.m. Belt
27S				
28S				
29M	BABYTIME 10 a.m. Belt	TODDLER STORYTIME 11 a.m. Belt	K-5TH ADVENTURES 4:30 p.m. Belt	

FOR YOU, VALENTINE
 Chris Stiens from Family Investment Center will discuss "Investing for Your Loved Ones" and how to encourage young adults to begin investing early in life.

ESCAPE THE ORDINARY – AND WIN A KINDLE FIRE!
 Read three books in the 2016 Adult Winter Reading Program and you'll have a chance to win big! Sign up through March 5. Ask us how to participate!



The Cake Lady

We're just sure **Barb Dalrymple** loves us. How could she not when she sends us a recipe like this? Yum!

Frosted Chocolate Cherry Bars

1 box devil's food cake mix
1 21-oz. can cherry pie filling
3 tablespoons almond extract
2 eggs, beaten
1 cup sugar
5 tablespoons butter
½ cup milk
1 6-oz. package of semi-sweet chocolate chips
Dash of cinnamon (if desired)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 9x13-inch pan. In a large bowl, combine cake mix, pie filling, almond extract and beaten eggs. Mix well by hand. Pour into pan and bake 25-30 minutes.

While bars cool, mix together sugar, butter and milk in small sauce pan. Boil 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in chocolate chips until smooth. Pour over partially cooled bars and spread.

Afterschool programs to make bird collages

Youths of all ages can create colorful bird collages and make treats for wild birds in a series of afterschool programs during February at the Savannah Branch.

The programs are scheduled for 4 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 4, 18 and 25, and Tuesday, Feb. 9, and all supplies will be provided. Each program will feature a different bird (owl, parrot, peacock, penguin), and children can attend as many of the programs as they want.

Participants can sign up in advance at <http://rhcl.libcal.com/calendar/events>.

'Unbroken,' 'Karenina' to be shown at Belt

The Belt Branch adult reading groups Dine and Discuss and Discuss and Dessert will show two movies that are related to the books they are reading on Feb. 3 in the Belt Branch Upper Story. Anyone may attend the free movies.

"Unbroken," the drama about the life of Olympian and World War II hero **Louis "Louie" Zamperini** who survived in a raft at sea for 47 days and was then sent to a Japanese

prisoner-of-war camp, will be shown at noon.

The 1935 version of the tragic love story "Anna Karenina" starring Betty Grable will be shown at 6:30 p.m.

Twiddlemuffs can help dementia patients

Knitters can bring their extra yarn to the Savannah Branch at 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, to make colorful "twiddlemuffs" for people suffering from Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

Alzheimer's patients often have restless hands, and twiddlemuffs provide them items to touch while making their hands feel safe and warm. The large muffs have decorations inside and out for patients to feel and count.

Participants should bring sizes 8, 9 or 10 knitting needles or crochet hooks in sizes J, K, L or M and any stash of yarn or fun fur they have. Extra yarn, patterns and instruction will be provided.

Completed projects will be donated to a nursing home for use by residents or knitters can keep them for someone they know.

To sign up in advance, visit <http://rhcl.libcal.com/calendar/events>.

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