

Highland Beach Library

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Hours

Mon - Thu	10 am - 8 pm
Friday	10 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday	9 am - 1 pm

Thanksgiving Facts to Entertain Your Dinner Companions



The first Thanksgiving was eaten with spoons and knives; forks not invented til the 18th century. The *Guiness Book of Records* says the heaviest turkey at that time weighed 86 pounds and the biggest pumpkin pie was 12 feet in diameter and weighed 2020 pounds.

Thanksgiving is the reason for TV dinners. In 1953, Swanson had so much extra turkey (260 tons) that a salesman told them they should package it onto aluminum trays with sides like sweet potatoes — and the first TV dinner was born! The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924 with 400 employees marching in New York City, and featured only live animals from Central Park Zoo. The first department store to sponsor a parade was Gimble's in 1920. Football on Thanksgiving is pretty much as old as the sport itself. The American Intercollegiate Football Association held its first championship game on Thanksgiving Day in 1876. By the 1890s, more than 5,000 club, college and high school football games were taking place on Thanksgiving. The NFL took up the tradition in 1934 when the Detroit Lions played the Chicago Bears.

Art Exhibit
Corey Johnson—Gilded Art
(no paint or pigment!)

on display til December 23



Now available for your daily enjoyment!



PROGRAMS FOR KIDS



Small Fry Story Time plus Crafts

Wednesdays at 4:30, Ages 4 and up

Create a love of reading with stories that captivate the imagination followed by crafts that encourage originality and help develop fine motor skills.

Toddler Time: Stories and Rhymes

Saturdays at 10:30, Ages 2 and 3

Introducing stories that open windows to the world along with new and classic songs.

Take home craft available upon request: Turkey puppet



Registration for programs is appreciated. Email lladner@highlandbeach.us



A “paint by number” with stickers is hanging in the children’s room.

Check the posted color code and add a few stickers to the poster on your next visit to the library! What will it be?

E-Reader Help - first Tuesdays 5:00-7:00pm

Libby and **CloudLibrary** can be used to read e-books on your device.

If you need help using these applications, you can now drop by without an appointment at the above time. This is for ebook training only – we cannot help with general computer questions, iPad setup, etc. See the Library bulletin boards for additional information on how to get the most from these sessions. Remember to bring your passwords! (One-on-one appointments are still available.)



A Book by Every Chair...by Phyllis

I don't have words to characterize **HAPPINESS FALLS**, a novel by Angie Kim; it was engaging on so many levels. A father is missing. One child is autistic with a rare variant. Older 20 year olds are fraternal twins but unlike in surprising ways. The meaning of happiness is explored throughout. The central family is a highly functional one. There are footnotes throughout. I could not put the book down once started, and came away informed and aware, and not quite sure, for sure, of the ending.

BLIND SPOTS, a novel by Thomas Mullen, caused me to suspend belief and just go with the flow of this police procedural tale set sometime in a not too distant future where everyone in the entire world has been struck Blind. Technology has come to the rescue and developed workarounds. Cops who have been on the job since way back before the Blinding, Owen and his partner find policing more challenging than ever, plus both men are grieving the loss of their wives. Confusion intensifies when Owen himself becomes a suspect. This is a sci-fi novel that contains much technology already in use, or in development today—which gave me pause, but was a fun, fanciful and chilling *whodunit*.

*Disclaimer: I was first hooked on novels about what really goes on after politicians get elected and embark on the real work of governing back when I read **Advise and Consent**, by Allen Drury.* And political satire is my favorite kind of fun. Multi-tasking, award winning author, Lawrence Wright, began writing **MR. TEXAS** way back in Ann Richards' time, but in a different format. One format led to another over the years until he finally settled on telling this Texas sized tale of a nobody-special cowboy as a novel. It is peopled with characters who deal with issues that provide plenty to love or hate no matter what side of the red/blue/independent side you hail from; but mostly it is filled with sharable laugh out loud lines, and new ways to look at familiar issues.

NORTH WOODS, by Daniel Mason, was a unique departure from normal stories in which we follow the interactions, emotional ups and downs, and character development of people. This novel's main character is a particular plot of land in western Massachusetts evolving from Colonial to modern times—and the cast of people, unknown to each other, who cycle through their lifetimes there—taming, shaping, changing, using the landscape as they find and describe it. And it is that soil, those plants and creatures who inhabit the land that Mason allows the reader to experience vividly. It provided a wonderful change of pace.

I read the disclaimer on the opening page and could not resist reading Ashley Winstead's new novel, **MIDNIGHT IS THE DARKEST HOUR**. Set in a small backwater Louisiana town named Bottom Springs where a fire and brimstone preacher has the residents in his thrall, it reads like a campy cautionary tale highlighting the power of reading. It is a coming of age story of a 32 year old woman; a thoughtful examination of the terms—right/wrong/evil/justice/vengeance & woman's rightful role in life; a come-alive fairy tale complete with swamp creatures, skulls and bad guys. Truly an allegory for our times complete with laugh out loud satire and a do-it-yourself ending.

New Releases on DVD

Movies	Series
Nomadland	The Hill
Haunted Mansion	Barbie
God Is a Bullet	Joy Ride
The Boogeyman	Strays
Transformers: Rise of the Beasts	
L'immensita (<i>Foreign</i>)	
The League (<i>Documentary</i>)	
Something to Talk About	
	Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan: season 3
	George & Tammy
	The Lincoln Lawyer: season 1
	Father Brown: seasons 1-8
	Yellowjackets: seasons 1 and 2
	Rabbit Hole: season 1

Book Discussion - November 15

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
in person or online

note: no meeting in December



Concerts 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Nov 9 Volta classical quartet - violin, cello, piano, double bass
Nov 30 Heart & Soul Duo - pop/jazzy/bluesy vocal & piano
Dec 21 Con Brio Quartet - classical chamber group

Activities Schedule

Book Discussion

3rd Wednesdays 5:30 pm

Concerts

selected Thursdays

Current Events Discussion

Saturdays 10:30 am