

News and Views from the Mindemoya Mice
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Hope this New Year brings everyone lots of good health and happiness. One of the things that bring me great pleasure is reading a good book and your library has many available for you to read.

Claire's Top 5 Picks for January

1. The Drop by Michael Connelly
2. V is for Vengeance by Sue Grafton
3. Red Mist by Patricia Cornwell
4. The Litigators by John Grisham
5. The Scottish Prisoner by Diana Gabaldon

The Drop by Michael Connelly - LAPD detective, Harry Bosch is investigating two murders, one a cold case and one that just has happened. First, DNA from a 1989 rape and murder matches that of a twenty-nine-year old convicted rapist. Was he involved in the crime when he was only eight, or has something gone terribly wrong in the new Regional Crime Lab? The latter possibility could compromise all of the lab's DNA cases currently in court. Then Bosch and his partner are called by the chief of police himself to a death scene fraught with internal politics. Michael Connelly is one of my favourite writers and he did not disappoint me. We have several of his books at your library.

V is for Vengeance by Sue Grafton – Another one of my favourite authors, I hope she doesn't quit writing when she comes to the end of the alphabet. Kinsey Millhone, private detective is investigating a woman with a murky past who kills herself – or was it murder? A spoiled kid awash in gambling debt who thinks he can beat the system; a lovely woman whose life is about to splinter into a thousand fragments and a professional shoplifting ring working for the Mob, racking up millions from stolen goods. Not only is Kinsey investigating all this for her thirty-eighth birthday her gift is a punch in the face that leaves her with two black eyes and a busted nose. Kinsey always says "I know there are people who believe you should forgive and forget. For the record, I'd like to say I'm a big fan of forgiveness as long as I'm given the opportunity to get even." A good read.

Red Mist by Patricia Cornwell – Kay Scarpetta. Chief medical examiner returns in a novel that will keep you turning the pages with lots of high-tension suspense and cutting-edge technology. This is Patricia Cornwell's nineteenth novel featuring Kat Scarpetta and I enjoyed every one!

The Litigators by John Grisham – David Zinc, a young but already burned-out attorney, walks away from his fast-track career at a fancy downtown law firm, goes on a serious bender, and finds himself literally at the doorstep of Finley & Figg, a two bit operation chasing ambulances and running after car wrecks, all the time waiting for their big break. When David sobers up and realizes he is now unemployed even the likes of Finley & Figg look like a chance for a job. This novel is a tremendously entertaining romp filled with courtroom strategies, theatrics and suspense that makes this is good read.

The Scottish Prisoner by Diana Gabaldon – Jamie Fraser returns in this novel and is another one of her books that I couldn't stop reading and hated when I came to the end. For those of you who are reading the Outlander series starting with Outlander and followed with Dragonfly in Amber and five others this latest novel will not disappoint. I recommend this series to all of you readers out there who wants a story that is filled with history and action, love and tears. The best!!

Several other books that I know you will want to read: Kill Alex Cross by James Patterson, The Accident by Linwood Barclay and It's Classified by Nicolle Wallace. Also several new DVD's – Friends with Benefits, Contagion, The Fighter and Harry Potter and lots more.

Have you all seen the new sign out front of the library/township building showing our progress in raising funds for the library addition? A special thanks to Keith Legge for donating this lovely sign. The large teddy bear was won by Patricia Pepper who donated it to the Children's Aid society and now we are selling tickets on a valentine chocolate treat package that will be drawn on Valentine's Day. We are hoping to hear the results of our grant applications in the near future and who knows this time next year and we could have a new addition to the Mindemoya library.

That's it for now – see you at your library!