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## Book 'Em



### Books and Publishing News

for the Hiram College Library Community

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Any comments, questions, or requests can be sent to [Jessica Olin](#).

Fiction			
Author	Title	Call #	Comments
Benjamin Hale	<i>The Evolution of Bruno Littlemore</i>	<a href="#">F H130e</a>	Bruno Littlemore, the narrator of this novel, is the first chimpanzee to be able to speak.
Elmore Leonard	<i>Djibouti: A Novel</i>	<a href="#">F L5524d</a>	Beyond the fact that this is Leonard's latest, do you really need more? Really? Okay, I'll also tell you this: it's a pirate story.
George R. R. Martin	<i>A Game of Thrones</i>	<a href="#">F M3639g</a>	Yes, that <i>A Game of Thrones</i> .
Josh Ritter	<i>Bright's Passage: A Novel</i>	<a href="#">F R5146b</a>	Henry Bright, after returning home from World War I, loses his wife and his home. He also gains an angel and a cantankerous goat. With the <a href="#">kind of lyrics</a> this singer/songwriter produces, nobody should be surprised that Ritter's novel is getting a lot of praise.

**Juvenile**

Author	Title	Call #	Comments
Jonathan Maberry	<i>Rot &amp; Ruin</i>	<a href="#">JF M113r</a>	Being a teenager is hard, but it's even harder when you have to take a job as a zombie killer or risk losing your food rations. (Reading level: young adult.)
Colin Meloy	<i>Wildwood</i>	<a href="#">JF M492w</a>	The protagonist's younger brother gets kidnapped by crows, which lands her in the middle of a war among the inhabitants of the nearby forest. (Reading level: ages 9 and up.)
Amos Oz	<i>Suddenly in the Depths of the Forest</i>	<a href="#">JF Oz1p</a>	With no animals in their village, of course Maya and Matti would pay attention when they spot a fish. It caught their attention so completely that they followed the fish into the forest, despite having been warned against going in there. Translated from the Hebrew by Sondra Silverston. (Reading level: ages 10 and up.)
Maurice Sendak	<i>Bumble-Ardy</i>	<a href="#">JF Se558b</a>	A somewhat nonsensical story about a pig's birthday party. Illustrated by the author. (Reading level: ages 4-8.)
Shel Silverstein	<i>Everything On It</i>	<a href="#">J 811.54 Sil 2011</a>	Since I know I don't need to explain Silverstein to you, here is a poem from his second posthumously published book instead:  WALENDA THE WITCH  Walenda is the weirdest witch-  And maybe you have seen her.  She uses her broom to sweep her room-  And flies on her vacuum cleaner.
Lane Smith	<i>Grandpa Green</i>	<a href="#">JF Sm618g</a>	A young man gets to know his great-grandfather through the elder man's topiary garden. Illustrated by the author. (Reading level: ages 4-8.)

**Graphic Novels**

Author/Artist	Title	Call #	Comments
Joyce Farmer	<i>Special Exits: A Graphic Memoir</i>	<a href="#">F F2296s</a>	The slightly fictionalized account of the last years of Farmer's parents lives. It's gotten amazing reviews, even from that god of graphic novels, <a href="#">R. Crumb</a> .
Paul Hornschemeier	<i>Life with Mr. Dangerous</i>	<a href="#">F H7848L</a>	A young woman is stuck in a life she doesn't like.
Harvey Pekar	<i>Hunting, West Virginia "On the Fly"</i>	<a href="#">741.5973 Pek 2011</a>	This posthumously published book is a collection of shorts written by Pekar and illustrated by Summer McClinton.

**Memoir/Biography**

Author	Title	Call #	Comments
Bill Bryson	<i>Notes from a Small Island</i>	<a href="#">914.104859 Bry</a>	This is Bryson doing what Bryson does best: wandering around a place and writing about what he sees and whatever else occurs to him. This book considers Great Britain.
Matthew Dennison	<i>Livia Empress of Rome: A Biography</i>	<a href="#">937.07 Liv-D</a>	She was Augustus' consort, Tiberius' mother, Claudius' grandmother, Caligula's great-grandmother, and

			infamous in her own right.
Lev Loseff	<i>Joseph Brodsky: A Literary Life</i>	<a href="#">891.7144 Bro-L</a>	The life of one of Russia's greatest modern poets. Translated by Jane Ann Miller.
Howard Means	<i>Johnny Appleseed: The Man, the Myth, the American Story</i>	<a href="#">634.11092 App-M</a>	This is one where the title tells you everything you need to know.

## Nonfiction

Author	Title	Call #	Comments
Andrew Bleiman and Chris Eastland	<i>ZooBorns: The Newest, Cutest Animals from the World's Zoos and Aquariums</i>	<a href="#">591.39 Ble</a>	Extended review below.
Erik Larson	<i>In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin</i>	<a href="#">943.086 Lar</a>	This tells the story of William E. Dodd (the first American ambassador to Hitler's Germany), his family, and of that point in our history.
Naomi Shihab Nye (selector)	<i>Time You Let Me In</i>	<a href="#">811.608 Tim</a>	Highlights the work of 25 poets who are all under 25.
Dale Peterson	<i>The Moral Lives of Animals</i>	<a href="#">156 Pet</a>	From the book flap: "Wild elephants walking along a trail stop and spontaneously come to the aid of a weak and dying fellow elephant. Laboratory rats, finding other rats caged nearby in experimentally induced distress, proceed to rescue them. A chimpanzee in a zoo loses his own life trying to save an unrelated infant who has fallen into a watery moat." The author uses animal morality to look at human morals.
Sonia Shah	<i>The Fever: How Malaria Has Ruled Humankind for 500,000 Years</i>	<a href="#">616.9362009 Sha</a>	A biography of the disease.

## Awards

Award	Details	Comments
Nobel Prize for Literature	Tomas Tranströmer	The <a href="#">New York Times piece</a> has more details, and <a href="#">OhioLINK</a> has his books.
National Book Award	The <a href="#">finalists</a> have been announced.	We own some, but not all. If there is something you'd like for us to purchase, please <a href="#">let me know</a> .
Man Booker Prize	Julian Barnes, for <i>The Sense of an Ending</i> .	We have many <a href="#">other books by Barnes</a> , but for this one in particular you'll have to turn to OhioLINK.

## Obituaries

Norman Corwin, 101	Corwin was also a poet, but he was best known as the writer and director of radio plays that were produced on CBS Radio during the 1930s and 1940s. The <a href="#">LA Times obituary</a> has more details.
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## Featured Review

### *ZooBorns*, written by Andrew Bleiman and Chris Eastland, published in 2010 by Simon & Schuster.

This is a book created from a blog. For some, that would be an attraction, but for others (most others I'd guess), the blog to book phenomenon is a turn off. But wait! You can't dismiss this book without understanding what kind of blog it is.

You see, [ZooBorns](#) does exactly what it sounds like: it "showcases the newest and cutest animal babies from accredited zoos and aquariums around the world." One of the creators of the blog, Andrew Bleiman, calls himself an animal nerd. Sure, there are [lots of adorable animals featured on the blog](#) and in the book, but it's done to focus attention on wildlife preservation and animal conservation. The cute fuzzies (and scabies and featheries) are a bonus. Adorable animals presented for educational purposes? Yes, please.

Unless this happy pill in book form has been checked out, you will find it, and many others, on the new bookshelf on the first floor of the library. Once it has moved to its permanent home, you will find it in the second floor with the rest of the zoology books, under [591.39 Ble](#).

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