

Happy New Year to all! We have a few programs at the library this month and we hope you will join us!

Movie Night - *Moneyball*
Wednesday, January 18th at 7:30

Family Film Week during the holiday break was a big hit, so we are trying something new. The library will be showing popular new movies for a few months. On Wednesday, January 18th we will be showing "*Moneyball*" with Brad Pitt (PG-13) in the Community Room. Come and enjoy the movie!

Thursday Morning Book Club - *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See
Thursday, January 12 at 10:30 AM

In 1937 Shanghai—the Paris of Asia—twenty-one-year-old Pearl Chin and her younger sister, May, are having the time of their lives. Both are beautiful, modern, and carefree—until the day their father tells them that he has gambled away their wealth. To repay his debts, he must sell the girls as wives to suitors who have traveled from Los Angeles to find Chinese brides. As Japanese bombs fall on their beloved city, Pearl and May set out on the journey of a lifetime, from the Chinese countryside to the shores of America. Though inseparable best friends, the sisters also harbor petty jealousies and rivalries. Along the way they make terrible sacrifices, face impossible choices, and confront a devastating, life-changing secret, but through it all the two heroines of this astounding new novel hold fast to who they are—
Shanghai girls.

Wednesday Evening Book Club - *Lottery* by Patricia Wood
Wednesday, January 18th at 7:30 PM

When you read *Lottery*, you'll feel as if you've won the literary Lottery! You'll want to hole up in a comfy room without any interruptions so you can fully immerse yourself in each word, every phrase. It's the type of book where you tear through the pages, not getting through them fast enough but then you suddenly realize, "Wait! I don't want this to end!" so you try to draw out the experience. You fall in love with Perry L. Crandal, his life, and the people most important to him.

Perry is real. He could be your neighbor, a friend, an employee at the Dollar Tree. Your brother. A cousin. Your "cousin-brother" (you'll get that joke after you read the book). He walks down the street. Makes you laugh. Opens a door for you. Offers you a mint. Or a Tums, depending on the look on your face. He is sincere. He

is funny. He is ambitious. He is considerate, always putting others' needs before his. He is not retarded.

Perry doesn't channel-surf; he "channel-hikes" through the TV stations. His Gram taught him to study words from the dictionary every day. He listens. He bounces when he's happy. He discovers. He learns. He is smarter than any ten people you could put into one room together - his wisdom on life and love and happiness far surpasses the wisdom of most people you'll ever meet. The unlikely heroes—from witty Gram who tells Perry to "quitbellyaching!" to sea-faring, farting and beer-guzzling Keith, to Cherry, the pierced and tattooed Handy Mart gal Perry befriends—live vibrantly and realistically on the pages and the reader feels all of their inner motivations, whether good or bad. In Lottery you will find love in the most unexpected places, family when you think there was none. It is full of riches, and the message you get when you read and fall in love with Lottery has nothing to do with luck or money. Yet you come away richer after meeting Perry L. Crandall, a name you will not forget.

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