



Russell D. Cole Library • Mount Vernon Public Library  
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## **Adult Library News**

### **New Books**

You may have noticed 3 additional documents to open along with the newsletter. These are book highlights to help you see and select some new items at Cole Library. We have divided them into Browsing Room, Young Adult and Children's Room. Take a peek and then request them for curbside pickup.

<https://colelibrary.org/home/curbside-pickup/>

### **Daytime Adult Book Discussion Group**

Daytime Adult Book Discussion Group is taking January off. The February meeting will be on Zoom only. Ballots for upcoming books to discuss will be going out soon. The title for February will be emailed out once it has decided. This is the perfect time to join. If you would like to be a part of this group please reach out to Sherene Player at [sherene1968@gmail.com](mailto:sherene1968@gmail.com).

### **Yarn Squad**

Join us for Yarn Squad EVERY Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Zoom. Contact Cathy Boggs at: [cboggs@cornellcollege.edu](mailto:cboggs@cornellcollege.edu) for the

Zoom link. All fiber enthusiasts welcome – knit, crochet, felt...

### **PODClub**

Monday, **January 18**, 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Zoom

Podcast: You Must Remember This – Polly Platt: The Invisible Woman

This month, PodClub is listening to the "Polly Platt: The Invisible Woman" series from the podcast *You Must Remember This*.

As an Oscar-nominated production designer, screenwriter, producer and executive who put her stamp on some of the greatest and most loved films of the 1970s and 80s – including Paper Moon, Terms of Endearment, Broadcast News and more—Polly Platt had a major impact on the careers of Barbra Streisand, Tatum O'Neal, Garry Marshall, Cameron Crowe and Wes Anderson. She also lived an epic Hollywood life off-screen; her personal life was the stuff of a Great American Novel, full of romances, heartbreak, alcoholism and the challenges of adapting to cataclysmic cultural change as an independent, professional woman – and single mom. And yet, despite all of this, if you know Polly Platt's name today, it's probably because, in 1970, her husband and creative collaborator Peter Bogdanovich had an affair with Cybill Shepherd while shooting the film that made both Bogdanovich and Shepherd major stars of their era, *The Last Picture Show*. But Platt was much more than a jilted wife: she was the

secret, often invisible-to-the-public weapon behind some of the most loved American "auteur" films (many of them comedies, directed by men) of the last decades of the 20th century. A trailblazer in jobs rarely held by women in Hollywood to that point, Polly Platt's story helps us understand the obstacles preventing gender equality behind the scenes in Hollywood — in the 1970s through the 1990s, and in the present day — and allows us to contemplate what it was like to be a woman in Hollywood during a time when the feminist movement may have been remaking American society to some extent, but failed to make major inroads in the movie industry.

- You Must Remember This

This podcast contains adult language and themes, listener discretion is advised. PodClub members should listen to all 10 episodes of the podcast.

## **Teen Library News**

### **Teen Book Groups –**

#### **Middle School Book Group**

Saturday, **January 16**, 10:00-11:00 a.m. on Zoom

Currently reading: *Big Nate: Blow the Roof Off* by Lincoln Peirce

If you would like to join the group please email Grace at: [gchamberlain@cornellcollege.edu](mailto:gchamberlain@cornellcollege.edu).

#### **High School Book Group**

Saturday, **January 16**, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Zoom

Currently reading: *The Ember in the Ashes* by Sabaa Tahir  
If you would like to join the group please email Grace at:  
[gchamberlain@cornellcollege.edu](mailto:gchamberlain@cornellcollege.edu).  
The books for these two discussion groups are provided by Hills Bank and Trust.

## **Youth Library News**

### **Book Bundles for All our Readers**

Want materials from the Children's Room to read? On the curbside pickup form put Book Bundle and then the age, gender, and types of books enjoyed by the reader. We will put together a bundle of books that we think will appeal to them. You can also request movies in the same way.

### **Story Time to Go**

Missing Story Time? We have put together Story Time packets for you and your preschooler to enjoy. Each packet has a theme and contains 3 books, fingerplays, and a simple craft. When you request Story Time to Go on Curbside pickup don't forget to let us know how many crafts to include.



## **Calendar of Library Events**

January 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Yarn Squad, Zoom Room

January 11, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Curbside Pickup

January 12, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Curbside Pickup

January 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Yarn Squad, Zoom Room

January 13, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Curbside Pickup

January 16, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Middle School Book Discussion Group

January 16, 11:00-Noon

High School Book Discussion Group

January 18, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Curbside Pickup

January 18, 7:00- 8:00 p.m.

PodClub, Zoom Room

January 19, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Curbside Pickup

January 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Yarn Squad, Zoom Room

January 20, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Curbside Pickup

January 25, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Curbside Pickup

January 26, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Curbside Pickup

January 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Yarn Squad, Zoom Room

January 27, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Curbside Pickup

## **Happy Winter**

