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## The Paris Wife



To be an American during the 1920s in Paris? What could be more trendy and romantic? Especially, if you've just married the dashing young fiction writer, Ernest Hemingway. This absorbing novel introduces you to all the famous ex-pat writers of the time period: everyone from Gertrude Stein ("a rose is a rose is a rose") to Scott Fitzgerald with the wild Zelda on his arms to Ezra Pound and John Dos Passos.

But it's not primarily a biographical novel about Papa Hemingway; it's more the story of a marriage between two smart, witty people who each possess an incredible zest for life and adventure.

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## Best Seller Express



Part of offering library services is asking for, listening and responding to feedback from the community. One comment we hear often is that the wait is long for the new and popular materials.

We hear ya. This spring, MCPL started offering a new feature called Best Seller Express in our Movies and Music department. Patrons who came to the Main library or Ellettsville were able to check out one brand new DVD. The catch is that they aren't holdable, you can't renew them and they only check out for three days. Despite these limitations, the new service has proven to be extremely popular. We've heard from patrons that they love coming to the library and seeing a DVD on the shelf that they might have been on a very long wait list for. **[Read more »](#)**

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## The Green Lantern



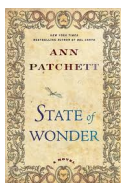
For some reason The Green Lantern was panned by most critics and many comic book fans. For my part I don't understand why. I've long awaited a movie version of The Green Lantern and this film fit the bill as far as I was concerned. **[Read more »](#)**

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## Fiction! Fiction! Fiction!



I admit to being a streaky reader and will often go through several books on the same subject over the course of a month or so. While not as exotic as reading books about bananas (What? Not exotic either? Well you get the point), I have lately been reading some excellent literary fiction.

### State of Wonder by Ann Patchett

I have read some critiques of this book that there are plot holes and lapses of logic. Upon reflection, I would have to agree with this, however it in no way changes my reading experience. I loved this book and was completely emotionally invested in the characters and outcome of this story. I both devoured the last pages, and didn't want the book to end. **[Read more »](#)**

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## In the Dog House, Season One

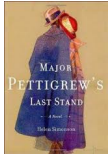
Are you having trouble training your dogs to behave in public or at home? Well here's another reality television show about dog training. Also, if you haven't seen the [Dog Whisperer](#) you might want to check it out. I like Cesar Millan's personality much more in the Dog Whisperer than I like Brad Pattison's in the Dog House. As far as techniques go, they are both excellent in providing tips and tricks to get your dog properly trained. **[Read more »](#)**

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## September's Books Plus Discussion



Both a British comedy of errors and a sweet love story, *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* has enough to please a wide range of readers. Major Pettigrew is retired and living a quiet widow's life in a small town in Sussex. As his friendship with Mrs. Ali, the Pakistani shopkeeper, becomes something more, complications - both large and small, funny and serious - arise. Join us to discuss Simonson's first novel next week during our monthly Books Plus book discussion.

For more details of this and future programs, please see below.

Books Plus meets the first Sunday of each month. All are welcome. Join the discussion or simply come to listen.

2 p.m., First Sundays

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## Turn of Mind



This week Tennessee Lady Vol's basketball coach, Pat Summitt, made headlines with her announcement that she had developed Alzheimer's disease. Coincidentally, I was reading this very readable novel on the same subject.

But how do you write a book from the viewpoint of someone suffering from this disease? Not only write it but combine it with a family drama and a murder mystery? This engrossing book does all of these beautifully.

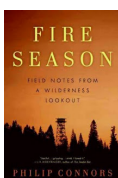
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## Fire Season: Field Notes from a Wilderness Lookout



This book describes my dream job, being a fire lookout out west. I could handle the wild

creatures, the solitude, even the lightning strikes, but maybe not cleaning out the cistern after vandals pollute it. In the tradition of writers, Jack Kerouac, Gary Snyder, Edward Abbey and Norman Maclean. Philip Connors leaves his job as a *Wall Street Journal* editor and while on vacation signs up on the spot to detect fires for the National Forest Service, or as he jokingly calls it "The National Forest Circus."

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## Mark Twain Tonight w/Hal Holbrook



"I haven't a particle of confidence in a man who has no redeeming petty vices." Mark Twain -- *A Biography*

Hal Holbrook's recreation of Mark Twain in the one man show *Mark Twain Tonight* has long been a favorite of mine. Mark Twain was controversial in life and has remained so long after his death. One of his most famous books *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* has been called everything from the father of the American novel to trash, though the latter has been for differing reasons through the years. Often we forget that Mark Twain was not just a writer. He was, in his time, highly regarded and in demand on the lecture circuit. Today we might think of him as a standup comic. **[Read more »](#)**

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## Forbidden Lie\$

Here's another "WOW!" alert. Talk about a web of lies, deceit and confusion; they most certainly exist in this new documentary called, [Forbidden Lie\\$](#). There are as many twists and turns as there are in just about any action-packed thriller. First though, you need to understand the background information.

In 2003, a Jordanian woman known as Norma Khouri published a book called, ["Honor Lost: Love and Death in Modern Day Jordan."](#) **[Read more »](#)**

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