



# Noteworthy

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**Pat's Ponderings** *The only constant in life is change.* Said by the ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus centuries ago, and was he ever correct! The past 6 months have brought change, uncertainty and stress to most of us on a large scale, and has caused most of us to acutely feel change in our daily lives. At the library, we have surely felt this, too. From rethinking how we serve the public to learning how to safely re-open to re-imagining how libraries will move into the future – these have been challenging times. We are grateful to be open and serving the learning and informational needs of the community. We thank you for your continued support and together – even stronger – we will confidently walk into the bright future.

**AUTHOR TALK!** Join us on **Thursday, October 1, at 7:00pm** for a livestreamed talk with bestselling Minnesota mystery author Brian Freeman. Seating is limited, so you must preregister for this event.

Brian will talk about his career and answer questions which have been submitted to him. He will describe his 2020 releases, including the bestselling stand-alone Minnesota thriller, *Thief River Falls*, and the next novel in his Duluth based Jonathan Stride series, *Funeral for a Friend*. In addition he will discuss taking over Robert Ludlum's Jason Bourne series with his first Bourne novel, *The Bourne Evolution*.

**ERDMAN'S RECEIPTS** As part of the transition to Hy-Vee, the Erdman's receipt fundraising program has been discontinued. We will no longer be collecting grocery receipts. Thank you to everyone who brought in your slips to support the library.

After 95 years of service to Kasson and the surrounding area Erdman's County Market will bring their business day to an end for the last time on Wednesday, September 30. This grocery store has been an institution and a force for good in our community. KPL has been a direct recipient of the store's community mindedness as a result of their receipt donation program. Thank you, Erdman's, for the monetary donations which we received through this program. And, on behalf of our community, thank you very much for 95 years of dedicated effort in providing food and other products and services, employment, and a spirit of community in our town.

**CONTINUE TO CONTINUE** The Kasson Public Library has been open for several months for computer use, browsing and checkout. For those of you preparing for your first visit since March, here are a few things to know:

- + return all materials to the **outside** RETURN slots
- + do not bring items to be renewed into the library; when you check out tell the assistant what needs to be renewed
- + enter the building wearing a mask which completely covers your nose and mouth
- + sign in at the entrance table and use hand sanitizer
- + use the yellow tape marks on the floor to assist with distancing
- + hold your library card with the barcode up so it can be scanned "touch free"

When patrons and staff members are conscientious in following these procedures it increases the likelihood that the library will remain a healthy environment, open and available for all.

**“BUT I RETURNED THAT.....”** When materials are returned to the library, a masked and gloved staff member takes the items from the Book/Media Return and places them on tables in the Community Room. They remain there for three days to decontaminate. After that they are checked in and shelved or routed to their home libraries. Consequently, if you are a patron who checks your account, you may be puzzled or alarmed to see that books which you know you returned are still listed. And, they may even be designated as late, with accompanying fees. Not to worry! The SELCO policy at this time is to exempt fines in this situation. We really are trying to do our part to control the spread of COVID.

You may also want to know that after a patron uses a computer the keyboard, mouse, work area, and chair are all sanitized in preparation for the next user.

**HOW PUZZLING!** The Puzzle Cart has been doing a brisk business! Puzzles are available for takeout with no sign out necessary. Also, there are no return deadlines for jigsaw puzzles. We ask that you take just one puzzle at a time and, when returning, let us know if there were any missing pieces. Enjoy!

**“HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS”** When returning materials to the library, please let us know if anything has been damaged. Timely repairs can make a big difference in the lifespan of a book or DVD. Please let **us** take care of any taping, gluing, or other work which needs to be done.

Also, plan to use your library card when you want to borrow materials from the library. If you have lost your card a replacement is available for \$2.

**We are now open on Saturdays from 9:00am – noon**

**We cannot take donations at this time – no books, magazines,  
jigsaw puzzles, or DVDs**