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An End of Year Gift

The end of the year is always a season to reflect on the previous twelve months, both the good and the bad. It is also a season of hope for the future. The book “The Trail to Kanjiroba” and Kathleen’s review this month provide a gift of hope as we travel into 2025. Happy holidays to all.

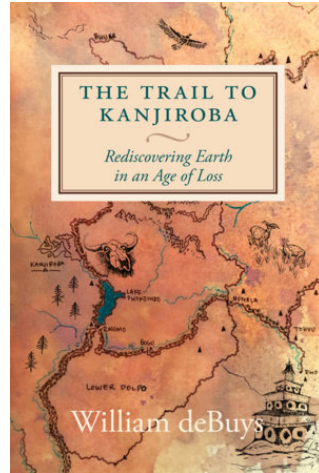
Featured this Month

The Trail to Kanjiroba – *Rediscovering Earth in an Age of Loss* by William deBuys

William deBuys is an award winning New Mexican writer (including a Pulitzer Prize finalist) keenly attuned to the people, ecosystems, lifeways, and history of our state. Among his 10 books are the deeply loved *River of Traps*, *The Walk*, and *Enchantment and Exploitation* telling the intimate history of northern New Mexico. He was also the founding chair of the Valles Caldera Trust and is an internationally respected conservationist.

This summer, I twice had the accidental privilege, and gift, of hearing Mr. deBuys speak at the Santa Fe Literary Festival and again at the New Mexico Native Plant Society. At the latter venue he was the Keynote Speaker and addressed his remarks to his most recent book – *The Trail to Kanjiroba: Rediscovering Earth in an Age of Loss*.

Mr. deBuys explained this is the third book in a trilogy he had no thought to write (starting with *A Great Aridness* followed by *The Last Unicorn*). In 2016 he found himself in a state of depression, grief, and anger, very nearly despair, over the human triggered alteration of Earth’s ecology and biosphere, including the eminent collapse of ecosystems our species and uncounted others depend on and love. Then he spontaneously joined a friend’s nomadic medical mission to ancient, isolated villages in one of the harshest places where humans can live - the Upper Dolpo of Nepal. The land he describes is of breathtaking, perhaps inhuman beauty, and the trail through it immensely difficult both physically and emotionally. What he learned on the way, however, was the grace of “earthcare”, the compassionate triage, hospice for the Earth, the species thereof, and its caregivers. Although Earth and all its life is not dying and only some species (perhaps ours) will be lost, life in some form will persist until the sun goes nova



or collapses into a frozen cinder. However, we are now a major force of changes that used to require a super volcano or an asteroid strike to equal. We will dictate which species make it onto the Ark, and which will not. Useful, beautiful, beloved, ancient, rare? And how to find peace with those eternal losses for ourselves.

In the final chapters deBuys discusses 7 possible processes which could alter, or at least ameliorate, the road of severe climate change – already harder and faster than originally projected (or hoped)- which we are on.

When he stopped speaking, there was silence in the auditorium for several moments before the whole place erupted into a long, standing, ovation. Behind me a woman said “That was not a conference keynote address. That was the Sermon on the Mount, and now I believe”. Me, too.

If planting one tree that will grow to shade one patch of ground and take one quart of CO2 from the air to grow one green leaf that makes one grasshopper happy that then feeds one bright kestrel’s nestling. That is one step on the trail.

Long journeys are made up of single steps.

Review by Kathleen Blair

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New at the Library

DVDs

A Man Named Otto...**Another Round**...**Black Panther**...**First Man**...**Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness** ...**Scrapper**...**Despicable Me**...**The Equalizer**...**King of Hearts**...**Minions:The Rise of Gru**...**Minority Report**...**Nobody**...**Mutant Chronicles**... **Dune**... **Live Free or Die Hard**... **Man on Fire**... **Blade Runner 2049**...**Morgan Freeman Collection**...**Alita: Battle Angel**...**The Hobbit: The Battle of Five Armies**...**Top Gun: Maverick**...**Fantastic Beasts**...**The Professor**...**Jurassic World Dominion**...**Inside Out 2**

Mystery

Spirit Crossing- by William Kent Krueger
The Secret- by Lee Child
Past Tense- by Lee Child
Flashback- by Iris Johansen
I Am Half Sick of Shadows- by Alan Bradley
The Red Herring Without Mustard- by Alan Bradley
The Weed That Strings the Hangman's Bag- by Alan Bradley
Den of Iniquity-*A J.P. Beaumont Novel* by J.A. Jance
On the Hunt- by Iris Johansen
The Thursday Murder Club - by Richard Osman
We Solve Murders- by Richard Osman
Lies He Told Me- by James Patterson and David Ellis
Bad Liar- by Tami Hoag
Downfall- by J.A. Jance
After That Night- by Karin Slaughter
The Kept Woman- by Karin Slaughter
The Last Widow- by Karin Slaughter
The Silent Wife- by Karin Slaughter
Unseen- by Karin Slaughter
Three- by Valerie Perrin
Crime and Parchment- by Daphne Silver

Fiction

The Women- by Kristin Hannah
Heads You Win- by Jeffrey Archer
The Housemaid- by Freida McFadden
Red Winter- *A Jack Ryan Novel* by Marc Cameron
Tell Me Everything- by Elizabeth Strout
House Made of Dawn- by N. Scott Momaday
The Waves- by Virginia Woolf
The Mighty Red- by Louise Erdrich
By Any Other Name- by Jodi Picoult
The God of the Woods- by Liz Moore
The Nanny- by Gilly MacMillan
Ready Player One- by Ernest Cline
My Friends- by Hisham Matar
James- by Percival Everett
Enlightenment- by Sarah Perry

Nonfiction

A History of America in 100 Maps- by Susan Schulten
Giovani Maria de Agostini Wonder of the Century- *The Astonishing World Traveler Who Was a Hermit*- by David G. Thomas
The Trial of Billy the Kid- by David G. Thomas
"Dirty Dave" Rudabaugh- *Billy the Kid's Most Feared Companion*- by David G. Thomas
The Backyard Bird Chronicles- by Amy Tan
My Beloved Monster- *Masha, the Half-Wild Rescue Cat Who Rescued Me*- by Caleb Carr
Untamed- by Glennon Doyle
The African Origin of Civilization -*Myth or Reality* by Cheikh Anto Diop
The Essays of Virginia Woolf -*Volume One*- by Virginia Woolf
The Folk Healer -*The Mexican-American Tradition of Curanderismo*- by Eliseo Torres
Green Medicine-*Traditional Mexican-American Herbal Remedies*- by Eliseo Torres
Not For Ourselves Alone-*The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony*- by Geoffrey C. Ward

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Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl - *An Authentic Historical Narrative Describing the Horrors of Slavery as Experienced by Black Women*- by Linda Brent

Slow Travel New Mexico- by Judith Fein

Woman Warrior-Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts- by Maxine Hong Kingston

Agent Josephine- *American Beauty, French Hero, British Spy*- by Damien Lewis

Ghost Burglar- *The True Story of Bernard Welch*- by Jack Burch and James D. King

Stolen Pinkerton Reports of the Colonel Albert J Fountain Murder Investigation- by David Thomas

Scroll Saw Handbook- by Patrick Spielman

An Immense World- by Ed Yong

Audio CDs

Chiefs- by Stuart Woods

Deep Lie- by Stuart Woods

Heaven and Earth Grocery Store- by James McBride

Toys

Crayfishing-1000 piece puzzle

Birds of Prey and Owls- 1000 piece puzzle

Mancala Game Set

Library Hours:

Sunday, Monday: closed

Tuesday ~ 2:00pm - 5:00pm **New Hours!**

Wednesday ~ 10:00am -1:00pm

Thursday~ 2:00pm - 5:00pm **New Hours!**

Friday ~ 10:00am -1:00pm

Saturday ~ 9:00am - 2:00pm

Bake Sale

The Library Bake Sale is on for
Saturdays

November 2, from 10:00am-1:00 pm

December 7, at Christmas in the Foothills

Come and get your goodies!

Have You Checked Out Our New Website?

Go to our site, Hillsborolibrary.org, to find links for:

- Our new, searchable catalog. Here you will find out what is new in the library. Included are brief descriptions of materials and a button to reserve any materials.
- To reserve an item or view your checkout history you will need a login and a virtual library card number. If we have your email address, we sent it to you. If you have not received them, please update your email address with us
- Access to the New Mexico State Library. Here you will find a number of digital resources including New Mexico Reads, The Palace Project and access to the New York Times.
- Other websites that provide access to digital resources
- Also, look for events which the library will be helping to host in the Hillsboro area
- And finally, check out the “About Us” section. Here you will find out who your board members are and be able to read agendas and minutes from our meetings and copies of previous newsletters.

Bookmobile Schedule

Thursdays: Oct 31, Nov 21 and Dec 19

Kingston Fire Station 4:15-4:45 pm

Fridays: Nov 1 & 22 and Dec 20

Hillsboro Post Office 8:30am – 9:00am

Lil Abner’s, Caballo 9:30am- 10:00am

<https://nmstatelibrary.org/bookmobiles/west-bookmobile/>

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Notes from the Library Board

Say farewell to Robbin and Stan Brodsky. This dynamic duo have served your library in many capacities for 17 years! They will be heading to a new life in the warmer clime of Las Cruces. Please stop by the library on November 1 or grab them in the street to voice your thanks to the many things they have done over the years for our community. We will all miss them sorely.

Not only will the departure of Robbin and Stan tear a hole in our hearts, they will also leave a big empty spot in our library schedule. Please welcome back our library board secretary/treasurer Cindy Cornell who will frequent the Friday shift of 10-1. And visit Susan and Laurie on Tuesday or Garland on Thursday for new extended hours. We still need volunteers to help keep our library running. Please consider volunteering for a regular weekly shift or to be available as a substitute when our regular volunteers cannot be present. We want to keep the library open for the needs of our community members.

Please considering running for a library board position in 2025. Positions that will be up for election are:

- The Library Volunteer Coordinator
- Liaison to the Hillsboro Community Center Board
- Secretary/Treasurer
- President

For more information regarding the library board, please contact John Cornell

This is an exceptionally exciting time to serve on the library board. We have moved to the status of “emerging library”, the first step in becoming a public library. With that status comes the opportunity to obtain funding from grants. Those grants give us money for library resources, infrastructure, and programs to enrich the lives of our community members.

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