

## HILLSBORO COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

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### Featured this Month

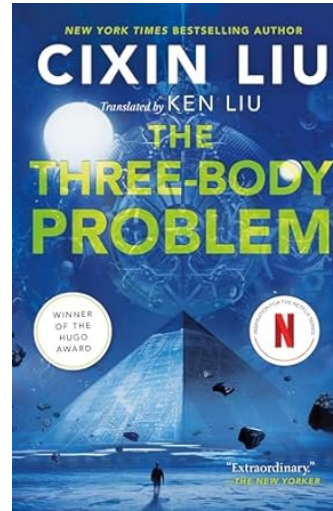
**The Three-Body Problem** by Cixin Liu, Translated by Ken Liu

*The Three-Body Problem* is the first book in the *Remembrance of Earth's Past* trilogy. It is a 2008 novel by the Chinese *hard science* fiction author Liu Cixin. The first season of a three-part American television version of the trilogy debuted on Netflix in March of 2025. The *Three-body Problem* received the Chinese science fiction Galaxy Award. It was published in English in 2014. The translation was the first novel by an Asian writer to win a Hugo Award for Best Novel; it was also nominated for the Nebula award.

I enjoyed the Netflix series and decided to read the books as movies and television series seldom compare well to the book. Each book in the trilogy is more than 500 pages in length, as you can imagine much has been left out or even changed in the television series.

The series centers upon Earth's first contact with an extraterrestrial civilization. During China's Cultural Revolution, astrophysicist Ye Wenjie witnesses her father beaten to death during a struggle session when he refuses to denounce the Theory of Relativity. Shortly thereafter, she's falsely charged with sedition for promoting the works of environmentalist Rachel Carson. Ye is initially sentenced to a labor camp, but is then recruited to "Red Coast", a secret military initiative attempting to search for and communicate with extraterrestrial life.

At Red Coast, Ye discovers a method to amplify radio frequency transmissions and she secretly broadcasts a message. She receives a reply from the planet Trisolaris. With the message "I am a pacifist of this world. I am warning you do not answer." Disillusioned by humanity's inability to live harmoniously with itself and nature, Ye invites the Trisolarans to Earth.



Trisolaris, it turns out, is a harsh world: it orbits three stars in an unpredictable pattern (the *Three-Body Problem*), destroying civilizations over and over again. Now, that the Trisolarians know where a stable, habitable planet is they begin planning the 400-year journey to Earth.

The stage is set for you reader, this introduction is just a small taste of a story that will take more than 400 years to reach its conclusion. This is not a "Star Wars" type of science fiction this is hard science and pseudo-science with many political and moral questions explored. Critics praise the trilogy for its ambitious scope, meticulous research, and the profound philosophical questions it raises about humanity's place in the universe and its worthiness of salvation.

The series is a fascinating exploration of Earth's "First Encounter" and how each side plans/strategizes/fails. Even the note from the translator is interesting.

Your library owns all three books in this series. Check them out and take a break in the coolness of your home during the summer's afternoon heat that will soon be upon us, and be transported.

*Review by Lisa Curt*

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## New at the Library

### Mystery

**A Carrion Death** by Michael Stanley  
**Storm Front** by John Sandford  
**Blood Mountain** by Alisa Lynn Valdés

### Fiction

**The Deserter** by Nelson DeMille  
**Nine Perfect Strangers** by Liane Moriarty  
**The Bear and the Dragon** by Tom Clancy  
**The Husband's Secret** by Liane Moriarty  
**The Dream of Scipio** by Iain Pears  
**Into the Beautiful North** by Luis Alberto Urrea  
**The Templar Legacy** by Steve Berry  
**The Queen's Gambit** by Walter Tevis  
**Matterhorn** by Christopher Reich  
**Faraway Blue** by Max Evans  
**Barrell Fever- *Stories and Essays*** by David Sedaris

### Nonfiction

**Buddhism is Not What You Think** by Steve Hagen  
**Wood Handbook- *Wood as an Engineering Material*** by Forest Products Laboratory  
**The Winning Life- *An Introduction to Buddhist Practice*** by World Tribune Press  
**Ninth Street Women- *Lee Krasner, Elaine de Kooning, Grace Hartigan, Joan Mitchell, and Helen Frankenthaler: Five Painters and the Movement That Changed Modern Art*** by Mary Gabriel  
**A Voyage Long and Strange- *Rediscovering the New World*** by Tony Horwitz

### Jigsaw Puzzles

**Vermont...It's a Ruff Life...Great Blue Heron ...**  
**Nature's Awakening...Huddle of Cuddles**

### Bake Sale

The Library Bake Sale is on for  
**Saturday May 10, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**Saturday June 7, 10:00am -1:00pm**  
Come and get your goodies!

### DVDs

**M:I-3 Mission Impossible 3...Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism...Hearts in Atlantis...The Bourne Legacy...Big Fish...Robin Hood...Missions...Almost Famous...Fearless...French Kiss...Grease...Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children...Olympus Has Fallen...Seven Years in Tibet...The Best of John Belushi... Cougar: Ghost of the Rockies...O Pioneers!... Chasing Ice...Finding Vivian Maier...Kitchen Stories...K-PAX...Waking Life...American Dream...Band of Brothers...Bowling for Columbine...Mr. Deeds Goes to Town...Mr. Smith Goes to Washington...You Can't Take It with You**

For a complete listing of Library materials, visit  
<https://hillsborolibrary.org>

### Library Hours:

Sunday ~ closed

**NEW!!-Monday ~ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm-NEW!!**

Tuesday ~ 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Friday ~ 10:00am -1:00pm

Thursday~ 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Friday ~ 10:00am -1:00pm

Saturday ~ 9:00am - 2:00pm

### Bookmobile Schedule

**THURSDAYS: May 22 and June 26**  
Kingston Fire Station 4:15-4:45

**FRIDAYS: May 23 and June 27**  
Hillsboro Post Office 8:30 am – 9:00 pm  
Lil Abner's, Caballo 9:30 am- 10:00 am

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

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## Join Us For the Library Grand Reopening!

Saturday May 10 shop the Hillsboro Community Street Sale, satisfy your sweet tooth at the Library Bake Sale AND come up to the Library from 10-2 to help celebrate the grand reopening. We have shiny, refinished floors, new computers and new furniture to make your visits to the library a more enjoyable experience.

If you check out item(s), sign up for a free library card, and/or update your contact information during the grand reopening, you will receive a free HCL tote (while supplies last)!



## New Hours

The library will be reopened for all your needs beginning Wednesday May 7. We are also extending our hours to include Monday evenings from 5-8.

## Don't Forget to Tell Us...

What was your favorite book in the last year? Tell us why it was your favorite in a few sentences. We'd like to compile a list to share with all our readers in an upcoming newsletter. Send an email to [hbolib@gmail.com](mailto:hbolib@gmail.com).

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