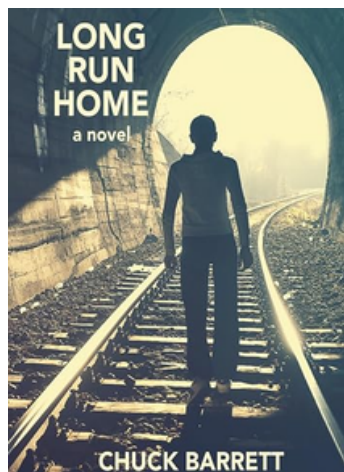


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Featured

Former Hillsboro resident Chuck Barrett's 4th novel, "Long Run Home" will be of particular interest to local readers as our beloved little town is the sought after destination for two men on the run.

The protagonist of the story is Lewis Pearson, an African-American, blind from childhood. Lewis was sentenced to death at age 17 by an all-white southern jury. The tale begins with his escape from death row and the remarkable journey against impossible odds to evade capture. The novel is written through several points of view from Lewis's sister, the obsessed bounty hunter Branagan, his love interest Rose, and old man Cob, who is seeking refuge in a small town he once visited. We also meet Louella Cheney, the wife of the deceased Mr. Cheney, Lewis's former employer. Lewis and Mrs. Cheney's lives are linked through Mr. Cheney's violent disregard for others which

has had lifetime consequences for both of them. Lewis teams up with Cob as the two unlikely companions travel on an epic adventure across the country and into Mexico before finally arriving at the edge of "cemetery hill" in Hillsboro. The journey is filled with vivid imagery and tidbits of cultural identifiers. It's a smorgasbord of events which echo the author's life experiences while expanding the story of Lewis and what got him in his legal predicament.

Those familiar with Hillsboro will recognize people and places although the author notes this is a work of fiction. There just might be a retro trailer park where Lewis and Cob seek housing and a café where townspeople gather for food and conversation. The heart of Hillsboro shines brightly as a place that welcomes others with its culture of tolerance.

I enjoyed this novel immensely. It's an enjoyable read with themes of redemption and justice. Lewis does not settle with escaping capture, he seeks to amend his past with those his actions affected. While not revealing the ending, I will say the ending is satisfying on a deeply human level.

The novel "Long Run Home" is available at the Hillsboro Community Library and on Libby through the Library or for purchase through Amazon or Kindle.

Review by Kristen Boren

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New at the Library

Mystery

Blind to the Bones by Stephen Booth
The Brothers McKay by Craig Johnson
Dead Mountain by Douglas J. Preston
The Glacier Murders by Cristian Perfomo
The Impossible Fortune by Richard Osman
The Keeper by Tana French
The Last Mandarin by Louise Penny
A Line To Kill by Anthony Horowitz
Long Run Home by Chuck Barrett
The Sentence is Death by Anthony Horowitz

Young Readers

A Light In The Attic by Shel Silverstein
Addy's Surprise by Connie Rose Porter
Antics! by Catherine Hepworth
The Catalog by Jasper Tomkins
Dinosaur Stomp by Paul Stickland
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! by Mo Willems
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Sleigh! by Mo Willems
Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late! by Mo Willems
The Duckling Gets a Cookie! by Mo Willems
Everyone Poops by Taro Gomi
Falling Up by Shel Silverstein
A Giraffe and a Half by Shel Silverstein
Happy Birthday, Addy! by Connie Rose Porter
Happy Birthday Felicity! by Valerie Tripp
The Holes in Your Nose by Genichiro Yagyu
Josephina's Surprise Vol. 3: A Christmas Story by Valerie Tripp
Kirsten's Surprise: A Christmas Story by Janet Beeler Shaw
Lafcadio, the Lion Who Shot Back by Shel Silverstein
Meet Felicity by Valerie Tripp

Teaching Aides

Sight Words Flash Cards: Grade Two

Non-Fiction

Agaves, Yuccas and Their Kin by Jon L. Hawker
Apocalyptic Planet by Craig Childs
The Art of Natural Building by Joseph Kennedy
Cataract Canyon by Robert H. Webb
Cold Warrior by James O. Jackson
Eager by Ben Goldfarb
The Finest Hotel in Kabul by Lyse Doucet
The Golden Spruce by John Vaillant
The Lipan Apaches by Thomas A. Britten
Maria Mitchell and the Sexing of Science by Renee Bergland
Matachines! Claude Stephenson, editor

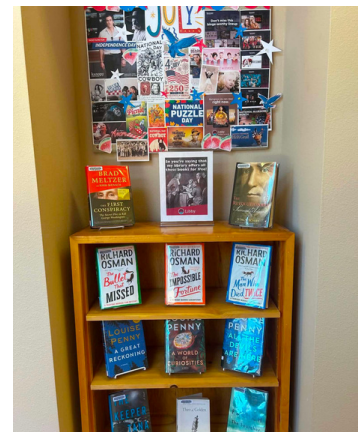
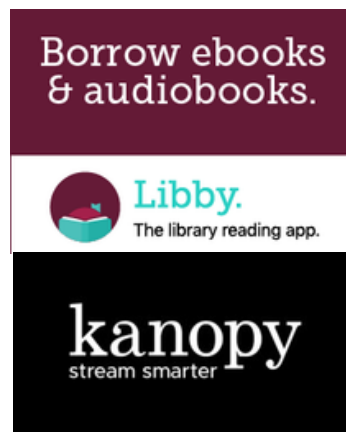
General Fiction

The Making of Another Major Motion Picture by Tom Hanks
My Friends by Frederik Backman
The Renovation by Kenan Orhan
Seventh Son by Sebastian Faulks

DVDs

Ferris Bueller's Day Off, Fight Club, Clerks, Lolita, Pirates of the Caribbean, Spirited Away

Bulletin Board & Book Recommendations



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**For a complete listing of
HCL materials, visit:**

<https://hillsborolibrary.org>

Library Hours:

Sunday, Monday: Closed
Tuesday - Saturday: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Wi-Fi available 24 hours a day

Notes from the Library Board

The Library is still in the midst of it's remodel, with new, more comfortable seating in the Reading Room and both restrooms have been remodeled. The cracked plaster wall area have been repaired and the interior walls have received a fresh coat of paint.

The bulletin board and book display in the entrance hallway feature special July events and books of special interest. Please come visit and ask your Librarians and Volunteers about new books that may interest you, and how to access the online books and movies.

The next monthly movie in the Hillsboro Community Center auditorium will be on Sunday, June 26, at 3 PM in the Hillsboro Community Center. The film, ***The Farewell***, is a funny, uplifting tale about a Chinese-born, U.S. raised woman who returns to China uniting with other family members as her Grandmother has mere weeks to live. Everyone has decided not to tell Grandmother of her impending death. They reunite under the joyful guise of an expedited wedding. Rotten Tomatoes rating is 89 and Metacritic rating of 89. There will be a **free** snack bar and new comfortable seating. Closed Captions as not all of us have perfect hearing :-)

Bake Sale

Library Bake Sale

The next Library Bake Sale will be on
Saturday, August 1 from
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
in front of the Post Office
Come and get your goodies!

Bookmobile Schedule

Caballo at Caballo Country Store and RV Park

Thursday, July 16 and
Thursday, August 13
10:30 to 11:00 AM

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

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