



# OFF THE SHELF

NEWSLETTER OF THE HUDSON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## T.A.B. (TEEN ADVISORY BOARD)

At the Hudson Area Library, we believe teens hold the key to the future. We want to help them unlock it by offering fun leadership opportunities.

We're looking for active members for our Teen Advisory Board (TAB), a group comprised of teens in grades 6-12. The board meets one Friday each month, and members also participate in programs. We count on TAB members to tell us about the kinds of books, magazines, movies and music they'd like to see at the library.

We believe teen involvement gives youth a more authentic library experience. TAB members help ensure the library is a teen-friendly place and that we're planning programs teens actually want to attend with their friends.

For teens, TAB service boosts their confidence, teaches them how to manage time and resources, gives them a sense of ownership in the library, and offers a chance to acquire community service hours. Teens can make new friends and mentor younger members.

We ask TAB applicants to fill out a short form that asks about their interests, ideas, favorite genres and special skills.

Get the application and more information at [www.hudsonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.hudsonpubliclibrary.org). Click on the "Teens and Tweens" button.

## SPRING CLEANING

When it comes to organization, most people love the result but dread the process. At the Hudson Area Library, we've invited a professional organizer to share her best strategies to take the stress out of spring cleaning.

Valerie Cady, who runs Winnow and Spruce Organizing, will share the psychological benefits of getting organized, how to overcome organizational hurdles, how to make decisions about what to keep, and creative ways to store and enjoy what we love. Her program "Clear the Clutter, Keep the Joy" is Thursday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. Space is limited, so please register for this event.

Whether you own too many things, are surrounded by an abundance of items you've inherited from loved ones, or you simply want to downsize, we've asked Cady to share her strategies that will take you from feeling overwhelmed to feeling overjoyed. Cady has tackled projects as small as a closet and as large as a 50-foot storage trailer. She also does special projects such as setting up a filing system, organizing a computer, creating digital photo albums or organizing recipes.

Learn more about Cady at her website: [www.winnowandspruceorganizing.com](http://www.winnowandspruceorganizing.com).

## GARDENING AT THE LIBRARY

In anticipation of summer, the Hudson library will be hosting two special gardening programs this month.

On Saturday, May 12 at 10:30, you can join us for a program about Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). CSA has become a popular way for consumers to buy seasonal food directly from a local farmer. Megan Greeson from Sweet Top Farm will be leading a presentation and discussion about CSA, its history in our region, what it is, its importance and how you can participate. Her farm in Deer Park, Wisconsin grows more than 75 varieties of vegetables using sustainable, chemical free practices and delivers to Hudson, North Hudson, River Falls, and Woodbury.

The library is also very fortunate to be hosting multi-award winning author Heather Holm on Saturday, May 26 at 10:30 for a program entitled "What You Can Do for Pollinators." Roughly one third of the agricultural output in the U.S. is dependant on pollinators like butterflies, bees, bats and ants. Much of the food we eat and plants we enjoy are dependant on their work and industry. Holm will be sharing her insight and knowledge to help you grow a pollinator-friendly garden this summer. To find out more, check out her website - [pollinatorsnativeplants.com](http://pollinatorsnativeplants.com).

Everyone is welcome and there's no registration required for either of these programs.

Hope you can join us!

## NEW FICTION

IN MAY:

*THE FORGOTTEN ROAD*  
BY RICHARD PAUL EVANS

*THE CROOKED STAIRCASE* BY DEAN KOONTZ

*HOW IT HAPPENED* BY MICHAEL KORYTA

*THE DARK ANGEL* BY ELLY GRIFFITHS

*BEFORE AND AGAIN* BY BARBARA DELINSKY

*TWISTED PREY* BY JOHN SANDFORD

*THE CAST* BY DANIELLE STEEL

*LOVE AND RUIN* BY PAULA MCLAIN

*SHELTER IN PLACE* BY NORA ROBERTS

*A COURT OF FROST AND STARLIGHT*  
BY SARAH J. MAAS

*LEGENDARY* BY STEPHANIE GARBER

*WAR STORM* BY VICTORIA AVEYARD

*A REAPER AT THE GATES* BY SABAA TAHIR

*THE BURNING MAZE* BY RICK RIORDAN

*ON THE COME UP* BY ANGIE THOMAS