

Episode 11: Recommended Summer Reads with Lisa

Dia dhuit! (Hello!)

This is episode 11 of Podcrawl Podchroal, the podcast from the McClelland Irish Library. I'm your host, Lisa, the Assistant Librarian. With 100 degree days already here, I thought I'd share with listeners some books to read when you want to cool off and get out of the sun!

Fiction

1. Love and Summer-by William Trevor
 - a. Ellie is forced to choose between an uncertain future with the man she loves and the unfulfilled life she has with her husband.
2. A Death in Summer-by Benjamin Black
 - a. Doctor Quirke and Inspector Hackett soon realize that Richard Jewell's death is not suicide, but murder. (Part of the Quirke Dublin mystery series)
3. Last Summer in Arcadia-by Deirdre Purcell
 - a. Three couples have everything to lose: their marriages, their family lives, and their friendships after last summer when they all traveled to the south of France.

Non-Fiction

Cooking: Maybe this summer you'd like to learn how to make an Irish dish-the library has cookbooks with a variety of recipes to bring out your inner chef, including:

1. Real Irish Food-150 classic recipes from the old country-by David Bowers
2. Irish Cooking-more than 75 delicious recipes from pub fare to country classics
3. Elegant Irish Cooking-recipes from the world's foremost Irish chefs-by Noel C. Cullen

Music: Or maybe you're interested in Irish music-the library also has a collection of music books for you to start your band, including:

1. Celtic Music-A Complete Guide-by June Skinner Sawyers
2. The Music, Songs and Instruments of Ireland-by Karen Farrington
3. The Irish Fiddle Book-The art of traditional fiddle-playing-by Matt Cranitch

If you do check-out cookbooks and/or music books, let us know how it turns out. We'd love to hear all about it!

On Saturday, June 10 the library will be having a summer storyhour in the Castle keep beginning at 10:30 AM and ending around noon. Miss Diane will read two books to the kiddos, then everyone will do a craft. Miss Diane recommends the following books for your children to read over the summer:

Children

1. Finn MacCool and the Giant's Causeway-by Malachy Dolye
2. Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato-by Tomie DePaola
3. The Little Black Sheep of Connemara-by Elizabeth Shaw

The McClelland Library is a participating location for the Maricopa County Summer Reading Program. Between June and July children can earn points for visiting McClelland Library, completing a scavenger hunt, then entering the secret code online at maricopacountyreads.org. And they'll take home a craft!

Maricopa County Reads is an online summer reading program for all ages, even adults can participate! Its aim is to help maintain and improve literacy skills while emphasizing the fun of reading. For every minute spent reading, you earn one point and, after creating an account, enter them online. It's a great motivator for me, and I find myself reading more over the summer. So, come to McClelland Library and earn some summer reading points!

Every summer the library celebrates Bloomsday, the celebration of Irish writer James Joyce's life. June 16th is the day his novel Ulysses takes place in 1904, named after its protagonist Leopold Bloom.

Bloomsday is celebrated by fans of Joyce and literature across the world with readings, performances, music and more to commemorate a single day in Leopold Bloom's life in Dublin. Ireland has been celebrating Bloomsday since 1954, on its 50th anniversary.

<http://www.bloomsdayfestival.ie/whatisbloomsday#:~:text=Bloomsday%20celebrates%20Thursday%2C%2016%20June,James%20Joyce's%201922%20novel%20Ulysses.>

Bloomsday

1. Ulysses-James Joyce
2. The New Bloomsday Book-A Guide Through Ulysses-Harry Blamires
3. Yes I said yes I will yes: A Celebration of James Joyce, Ulysses and 100 years of Bloomsday

Come on down to the McClelland Library on June 16 and celebrate Bloomsday with us!

Thank you so much for listening! We hope to see you soon at McClelland Library! Slan!