

“Librarian’s Shelf” by Heather St. Clair

Books you may have missed

Many books are published in the fall; so many that we were unable to keep all of the new books released in September and October on the new bookshelves for more than one month. Normally, the new books will be available right as you walk in the door for three to four months. Here are just a few of the many non-fiction books that arrived about six months ago.

If you like brewing, drinking or just want to know more about beer, take a look at Charles W. Bamforth’s “Beer is Proof God Loves Us.” Learn about the history and culture of beer, as well as how to distinguish “a great beer from a good one.” Also read about health research associated with beer, in addition to social issues.

Did you know that there was only a five percent chance that an Apollo mission could make it to the moon and back with the crew alive? At least according to General Electric when asked by NASA. Even though “Good Morning America” reported that blondes will be extinct by 2202, that isn’t true. “Proofiness,” by Charles Seife, discusses how math is unintentionally and intentionally being used to confuse the public into believing untruths, much to the detriment to society. You don’t need to be a math whiz to get value from this book.

In “The Match,” Susan Whitman Helfgot tells the stories of three men, Joseph Helfgot, who donated his face, James Maki, who would receive Joseph’s face, and Dr. Bohdan Pomahac, the man who performed the face transplant. Read about the paths that would eventually connect these three men and give a man a face.

If you are looking for some lighter fare, try Willie Geist’s “American Freak Show.” Read nineteen phony stories about people who made real headlines in 2010. Included are Sarah Palin’s presidential inauguration speech, Kim Jong-il’s 7th Annual Celebrity Golf Challenge, and Bernie Madoff’s introduction to Hell.

Just like any relationship, those with your coworkers take work. In “Toxic People,” Marsha Petrie Sue will guide you through the different types of people you may encounter at work and how to constructively deal with any situations that may occur in the office. Broken down in easy to manage chapters, this book will help you make the workplace less dreadful.

For the football fan, read about seven NFL games that help make the NFL what it is today. Ron Jaworski breaks down these seven games and what makes them important in “The Games That Changed the Game.”

In “The Lampshade,” follow Mark Jacobson on his journey to determine the origins of lampshade he acquired from a friend, who bought it in New Orleans, in the aftermath of Katrina. However, this is no ordinary lampshade; it is made of human skin and believed to be of Nazi design, created from a prisoner interned at the Buchenwald concentration camp, during World War II.

Finally, in “The Tiger,” learn of a man-eating tiger and the quest to kill it. Also in this book, read

about Siberian tigers, and how man has come to coexist with them.

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