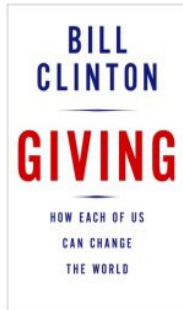


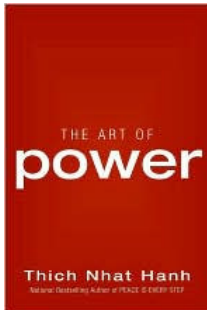
Here is a sampling of new books and movies at City of Commerce Library. These and many more interesting materials can be found on the “New Books” and Recent Arrivals DVD” shelves at the Central Library as well as the collections at the three branch libraries. Stop by the Reference Desk and ask the librarian!

New Non-Fiction



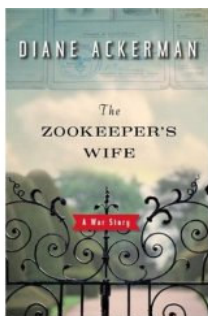
Giving: How Each of Us Can Change the World, by Bill Clinton

We called him “Mr. President” for eight years. Now, Bill Clinton once again turns his focus to the state of the country. He not only points out what he views as problems, but he also provides stories of people who are actively taking steps to minimize or eliminate those problems. There are stories you probably would expect (e.g., Microsoft’s Bill Gates) and some that you wouldn’t... the story of a six-year-old girl who organized a drive to clean up the beach in her community. What can *we* do to change the world?



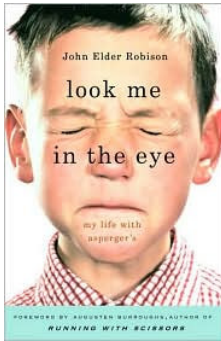
The Art of Power, by Thich Nhat Hanh

Are you happy? A seemingly simple question, yet one which some of us find difficult to answer. We’ve sometimes been told that the way to be happy is to obtain power, where power is defined as “wealth, professional success, fame, physical strength, military might, and political control.” Hanh, a Buddhist monk, argues that this notion of power is greatly limited and can actually interfere with our ability to be happy. What, then, constitutes true power? And can achieving this revised notion of power make you happy?



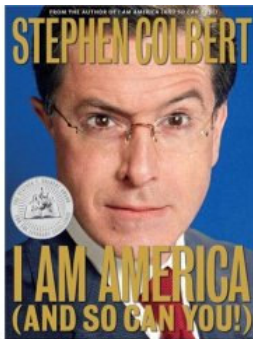
The Zookeeper’s Wife, by Diane Ackerman

The Warsaw Zoo was badly damaged by Nazi bombing in World War II. While that may have been the end of the story, that’s more or less the beginning of a new one. The zoo’s director, Jan Zabinski, was asked to work towards the Nazi ideal by resurrecting “pure blooded species.” But Zabinski and his wife, Antonia, had other plans. They used the zoo—and even their home—to hide and feed refugee Jews and resistance activists. Even the Zabinskis’ son joined the cause, risking his life by bringing food to the zoo’s guests. How did the Zabinskis outwit the Nazis?



***Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's*, by John Robison**

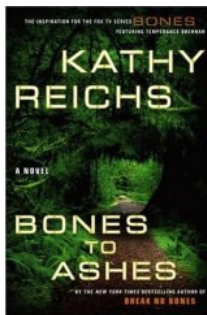
Those of you who have read or seen *Running with Scissors* may already be familiar with John Robison. While people are unaware of this at the time, John suffers from Asperger's syndrome. Those afflicted with Asperger's often fail to recognize social cues that the rest of us take for granted. The result is not only a failure to communicate with others, but for others to make incorrect assumptions about the sufferer's intelligence. This is a book for anyone who has ever felt different... and a reminder that we should treat each other with patience and understanding.



***I Am America (And so Can You)*, by Stephen Colbert**

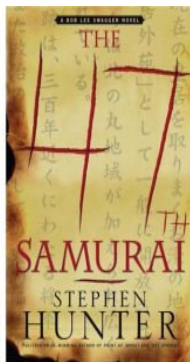
Perhaps you've heard of Stephen Colbert and his popular political program, *The Colbert Report*? Well, 30 minutes is simply not enough time for Stephen to share his "most deeply held knee-jerk beliefs," so Colbert now brings you this book. Stephen talks about such things as race, religion, evolution, and other topics of vital interest. "You may not agree with everything Stephen says, but at the very least, you'll understand that your differing opinion is wrong."

New Fiction



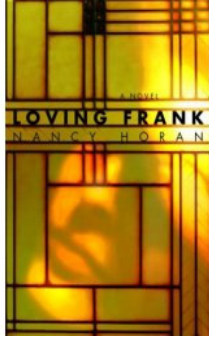
***Bones to Ashes*, by Kathy Reichs**

Is the book better than the television series? You be the judge! *Bones to Ashes* is the latest in the Temperance Brennan book series, on which the television program, *Bones*, is based. Brennan is a forensic anthropologist, often called upon to put her scientific expertise to use in catching killers. But this time, Brennan thinks the crime she has been asked to solve might relate to a childhood friend who disappeared at age 15. Is it Brennan's friend? Can she bring the killer to justice?



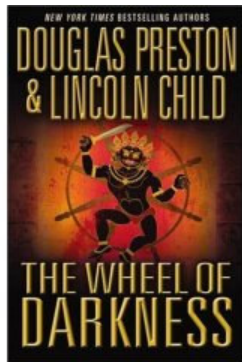
***The 47th Samurai*, by Stephen Hunter**

The film, *Shooter*, has been a very popular DVD title here at Commerce. What you may not know, however, is that the movie (which features the character Bob Lee Swagger) is based on a series of books by Stephen Hunter. This time, Swagger is asked to find a missing sword... a sword that may have ended up with his father. Swagger returns the sword to the Yano family. But someone is willing to kill for the sword... and the Yano family ends up dead. Swagger seeks to avenge their deaths, but can only succeed if he can learn the way of the samurai. Has Swagger met his match?



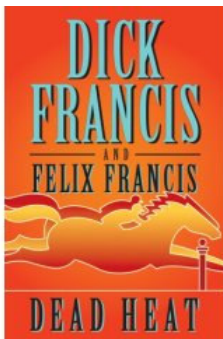
***Loving Frank*, by Nancy Horan**

Ever wonder about the lives of artists or architects? Nancy Horan asks that we imagine the life of the architect Frank Lloyd Wright. She offers a fictionalized account of what life may have been like for Wright and those that were part of his life. Horan focuses on Wright's relationship with Mamah Borthwick Cheney. Cheney was an independent, educated, and married woman, dealing with the restrictions of society. Wright and Cheney have an affair and begin a new life together. Can they find happiness? And what about the other people in their lives?



***The Wheel of Darkness*, by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child**

The Agozyen has been stolen! While this might not seem too distressing, the Agozyen is actually a cryptic relic, protected by Tibetan monks. In the wrong hands, it can wipe out humanity... Enter FBI agent Aloysius Pendergast and his ward, Constance Greene. The two sought peace and tranquility, but now that that has been interrupted, they are asked to help recover the artifact. A series of murders has already been committed on the luxury cruise ship, the Britannia. Is the relic responsible? Can they recover the artifact and prevent further loss of life?



***Dead Heat*, by Dick Francis & Felix Francis**

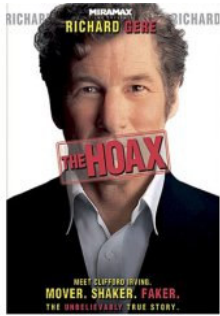
Felix Francis often assisted his father with the research of his novels, but this book marks their first true collaboration. They introduce us to a new character, Max Moreton. Moreton is an up-and-coming chef, whose latest catering event was a disaster. Nearly all of his guests come down with severe food poisoning. Moreton is determined to see that his next event goes more smoothly. While there is no problem with the food, a bomb explodes in the private box at the race Moreton was catering. Is someone out to kill him? Can Moreton find the culprit and save his own life?

New DVDs



***Spider-Man 3*, with Tobey Maguire**

He's protected us from the likes of the Green Goblin and Doctor Octopus. He's protected us from all sorts of crime. This time, Spider-Man may need to protect us from... himself? A symbiote has bonded with Spider-Man, increasing his strength, but decreasing his self-control. Spider-Man, as well as Peter Parker, begins behaving uncharacteristically—sometimes without compassion and sometimes with excessive force. Can Spider-Man give up the power of the symbiote and reclaim his true self?



***The Hoax*, with Richard Gere**

What is the hoax? Based on a true story, it's the account of Clifford Irving's effort to con people into believing that he was writing the authorized biography of the billionaire, Howard Hughes. But Irving seems to get caught up in his own tales and begins to believe that there is a vast conspiracy plotting against him. How far can Irving go before people begin to doubt his story? And what will happen to Irving when people learn of the hoax?



***1408*, with John Cusack and Samuel Jackson**

Mike Enslin doesn't believe in ghosts. In fact, he specializes in debunking the supposedly paranormal. In his latest effort, Enslin checks into room 1408 of the Dolphin Hotel. But here, the paranormal seems to be the normal. Can Enslin survive the hour, let alone the night? If you're looking for a supernatural thriller, look no further... it's based on a short story by Stephen King.



***Reign Over Me*, with Adam Sandler and Don Cheadle**

We've heard our political leaders tell us that 9/11 changed everything—often speaking about how we handle policy issues. This movie, however, shares a more personal take on the aftermath of 9/11. It's the story of Charlie Fineman (Sandler), who lost his wife and children as one of the airplanes crashed on 9/11. Fineman is devastated by their loss and has retreated into himself. He's quit speaking to his in-laws and even one of his oldest friends doesn't recognize him. Can Fineman find a way to cope with his loss?



***Evan Almighty*, with Steve Carrel and Morgan Freeman**

We first met Evan Baxter as the news anchor in the movie, *Bruce Almighty*. This time, Evan has a movie of his own! Evan has moved beyond the anchor seat and into politics. Evan makes a wish to change the world... and God is listening. Evan is asked to build an ark and animals seem to be flocking to him. Evan doesn't get to borrow God's powers; instead, he seems to be given the role of a modern day Noah. Is a flood coming? Is there still time to save the human race?