

## ***OFF THE SHELF***

Newsletter of the Hudson Area Public Library  
December 2016

### ***Stitch Night***

We've been offering the program Stitch Night for a few months now, and it's become one of our favorite events. Attendees bring in whatever stitching project they're working on—knitting, crochet, paper-piecing, embroidery, quilting, cross stitch, or mending, and the group enjoys relaxed conversation, refreshments, and good company. There's plenty of room to spread out fabric or yarn in Room 219, and it's a great place to meet other crafters.

If you're looking for help with a project, or you're interested in a fun new group to join, try our Stitch Night at the Library, one Thursday a month, from 6:00-7:30pm.

### ***Abracadabra Magic Show***

We are so excited to present Magician Michael Madden at the Hudson Library! Children and families of all ages are invited to join us for an exciting and funny magical performance on Saturday, December 17th. Michael has over 30 years of experience, and people all over Minnesota and Wisconsin rave about his

performances. To learn more visit:

[www.maddenmagic.com](http://www.maddenmagic.com)

### ***January Preview***

We're excited for 2017...and we're planning events already! We're focusing on health and career advancements in January. Adults, look for a free 5-part career workshop series by SCORE on how to start a small business, beginning in January and running through March.

Learn to make healthy vegan soups, or learn how to manage long-term chronic pain in a hands-on workshop, and join us every Saturday for our Hayao Miyazaki Film Series. There are program options to suit everyone's tastes in the New Year, and we're looking forward to seeing you at the Library!

### ***Best Fiction Books of 2016***

*Born To Run* by Bruce Springsteen

*Everybody's Fool* by Richard Russo

*LaRose* by Louise Erdrich

*The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead

*Eligible* by Curtis Sittenfeld

*Truly Madly Guilty* by Liane Moriarty

*The Romanovs* by Simon Sebag

*The Whistler* by John Grisham

*What Is Not Yours Is Not Yours* by Helen Oyeyemi

*The Lovely Reckless* by Kami Garcia

*The Nest* by Cynthia Sweeney

*Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys

*The Serpent King* by Jeff Zentner

*Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett

*The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware

*Good Morning Midnight* by Lily Brooks-Dalton

*The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict

*The Martian* by Andy Weir