

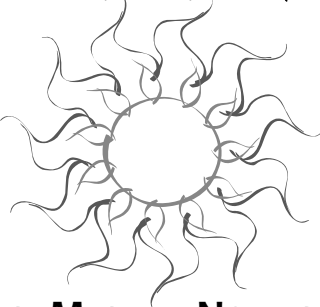
# Booktalking

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Sizzling  
Reads



## HEAT UP YOUR SUMMER WITH THESE MYSTERY NOVELS

Summer just wouldn't be summer without something great to read! Although great literature is truly within the eye of the beholder, fun reads are universal. Some of the following may stand the test of time, but who needs that? Summer is too short - get out there and read what you can while you have the time *and* the sun! Don't forget to sign-up for the **Summer Reading Program**, "READiscover Your Library." You'll win a beach mat/book-bag that will make reading even more enjoyable!

Nothing to Lose, by Lee Child

The Broken Window, by Jeffery Deaver

Fearless Fourteen, by Janet Evanovich

The Spies of Warsaw, by Alan Furst

Careless in Red, by Elizabeth George

Odd Hours, by Dean Koontz

Fresh Kills, by Bill Loehfelm

Sail, by James Patterson

Fidelity, by Thomas Perry

Devil Bones, by Kathy Reichs

The Last Oracle, by James Rollins

Child 44, by Tom Rob Smith

The Last Patriot, by Brad Thor

The Calling, by Inger Ash Wolfe

## ANNOUNCEMENT: TAILGATING: A SPORTS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Coming this fall

Hey sports fans, are you ready for some sports talk? A brand new book discussion group is in the works that will have you reading the best books about sports available anywhere!

Library Staff sports fanatic, Steve Hart, has created "Tailgating Sports Book Discussion Group," which will feature chips and salsa, great reads by great legends, and excellent discussion.

The group will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month, September through May, at 7 PM at the Fairmount Street Library. All registered members will be provided the book. Register by calling 563-328-6833. The "Tailgating" discussion group is the first of its kind, so be the first to join!

**READiscover** June 2 -  
**Your Library!**  July 24  
[www.davenportlibrary.com](http://www.davenportlibrary.com)

The Davenport Public Library's adult summer reading program, "READiscover Your Library" is a way for adults to experience all of the great materials, events, and services the Library has to offer!

Sign up for the program at the Main or Fairmount Street Library, read just 8 books between June 2 & July 24, and earn a great finishing prize! Take part in more than 100 Library events, and enjoy the summer on us.

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### **Postville: A Clash of Cultures in Heartland America Posted on May 15th, 2008 by Karen**

On Monday, May 12th, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), raided Agriprocessors Inc., a slaughterhouse in Postville, Iowa. This was not only the largest ICE raid in Iowa, but in fact the largest single-site enforcement operation of it's kind in the country. The over 300 detainees include Guatemalans, Mexicans, Israelis and Ukrainians. While this story has been widely reported in the local media, little has been said about Agriprocessors Inc., other than that it's the largest kosher meat packing plant in the country.

Although not a new book, Stephen Bloom's, *Postville: A Clash of Cultures in Heartland America*, is an especially timely read that explains much about what is occurring in the small northeastern Iowa town. In 1987 a Brooklyn butcher purchased an abandoned slaughterhouse just outside the city limits of Postville. The town of about 1500 people had become economically stagnant so they welcomed the opportunity for new business growth, and saw little concern that the new operators of this plant were Lubavitchers, ultra-Orthodox Hasidic Jews. By 1996, Postville, which had hardly ever had any Jews, now had more rabbis per capita than any other city in the U.S. The success of the plant also brought an onslaught of immigrant workers to the area. Relations between the the Midwestern Lutherans, who dominated Postville, and the Lubavitchers, who traditionally live and work within their own closely knit community, soon broke down.

Bloom, a University of Iowa journalism professor weaves the story of this small divided town into his own search for cultural and religious identity. He does an excellent job of exploring what it means to be an American, the limits of diversity and community, and the nature of community. In light of Monday's raid, Bloom's work provides an insightful history of Postville and Agriprocessors Inc.

## **NEW NAME, SAME AWARD: The Costa Book Award Winners Announced**

You may have heard about the Whitbread Book Awards, which have been around since 1971, but what about the "Costa" awards? Good news - they're the same thing!

Costa Coffee is the new sponsor of the awards, which celebrates the best writing found in Great Britain and Ireland.

There are five genre prizes awarded each year: best novel, best first novel, best biography, best book of poems, and best children's book. A "book of the year" is chosen from these five winners.

This year's winners include:

**Best Novel & Costa Book of the Year:  
*Day*, by A.L. Kennedy**

**Best Biography:  
*Young Stalin*, by Simon Sebag Montefiore**

**Best First Novel:  
*What Was Lost*, by Catherine O'Flynn**

**Best Poetry:  
*Tilt*, by Jean Sprackland**

**Best Children's Book:  
*The Bower Bird*, by Ann Kelley**

If you are interested in reading any of these fine books, contact our Reference Department at 563-326-7844 to check on availability and to place a reserve. For more information about the Costa Book Awards, visit [www.costabookawards.com](http://www.costabookawards.com).

They have a comprehensive website with great articles, author interviews, and short films of the award winners.

