



Lewis & Clark Library Newsletter

December 2017

Meet Montana Military Fiction Author Peter Nealen

Lewis & Clark Library
Main Branch
406-447-1690
120 S Last Chance Gulch
Helena MT 59601

Mon.-Thurs. 10 AM-9 PM
Fri. 10 AM-6 PM
Sat. 10 AM-5 PM
Sun. 1 PM-5PM

Augusta Branch Library
406-562-3348
205 Main St / PO Box 387
Augusta, MT 59410

Sun. 3 PM-7 PM
Mon. 1 PM-5 PM
Tues. & Wed. 10 AM-5 PM
Thurs 10 AM-3 PM
Closed Fri & Sat

East Helena Branch Library
406-227-5750
16 E Main St / PO Box 1398
East Helena MT 59635

Tues. 10-7 PM
Wed. 10 AM-5 PM
Thurs. 1-7 PM
Fri. 10 AM-5 PM
Sat. 10 AM-3 PM
Closed Sun. & Mon.

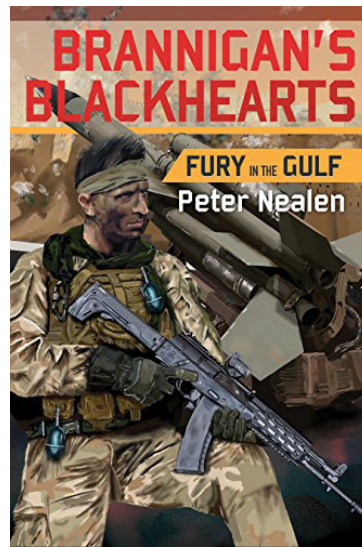
Lincoln Branch Library
406-362-4300
102 9th St / PO Box 309
Lincoln MT 59639

Sun. 1 PM-4 PM
Mon. 4-8 PM
Tues. & Wed. 1-6 PM
Thurs. 10:30 AM-2:30 PM
Fri. 3-6 PM
Closed Sat.

Thursday, December 7 at 6 PM in the Large Meeting Room. Peter will talk about and read from his most recent book, *Fury in the Gulf*, the first in the Brannigan's Blackhearts series. Books will be available for purchase and signing after the talk.

About *Fury in the Gulf*:

Iranian Fanatics, American Hostages. And The Clock Is Ticking! The tiny island kingdom of Khadarkh, strategically placed in the Persian Gulf, has swung back and forth between the Saudi and Iranian orbits for years. But when a mysterious force seizes control of the island, executes the tiny Khadarkhi Army, and takes any Americans they can find hostage, it appears that Khadarkh will be an Iranian puppet for the foreseeable future. The politicians are afraid of risking the hostages. And as the Western powers dither, some people start to look for another solution. They find that solution in John Brannigan, who already has a rep for pulling off the impossible, through a combination of audacity, ruthlessness, and



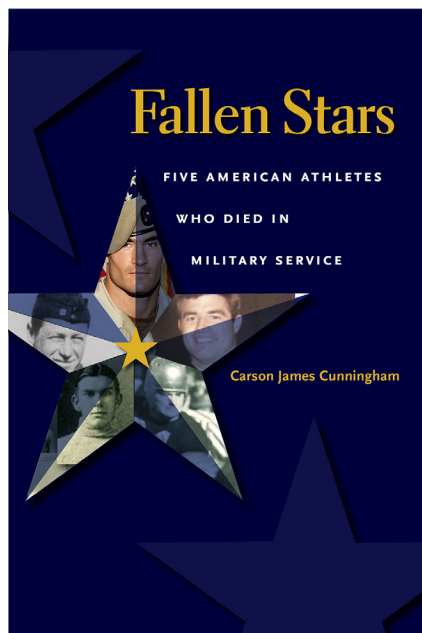
ferocious loyalty to his men. His military service is over, but now he will pick up a rifle again, putting together a squad of mercenaries to land on Khadarkh and rescue the hostages, in a hail of bullets and swift, sharp violence. Brannigan's Blackhearts are about to strike. *Fury in the Gulf* is the first in a new Action Adventure series by Peter Nealen.

"Peter writes brutal, believable action at a breakneck pace that will keep you turning pages." - Larry Correia, NYT Bestselling Author

About the Author:

Peter Nealen is a former Reconnaissance Marine and veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan. He deployed to Iraq in 2005-2006, and again in 2007, with 1st Platoon, Bravo Company, 1st Recon Bn. After two years of schools and workups, including Scout/Sniper Basic and Team Leader's Courses, he deployed to Afghanistan with 4th Platoon, Force Reconnaissance Company, I MEF. He has long been a reader of history, philosophy, folklore, science fiction, and fantasy, and is the author of eleven novels and several short stories in the action adventure and fantasy genres. There are three series: the American Praetorians, the Jed Horn Supernatural Thrillers, and the Brannigan's Blackhearts.

Meet Author Carson Cunningham and hear from his new book, "Fallen Stars: Five American Athletes Who Died in Military Service"



Saturday, December 9 at 1 PM, Small Meeting Room. Books will be for sale and signing after the talk.

About *Fallen Stars*:

"In his groundbreaking book, Carson Cunningham gives us examples of true valor and courage among athletes. Equally parts sports text, psychological study, and military history, this book entertains, informs, and gives readers much to consider. And if it causes us to be more judicious in lionizing athletes—differentiating fine performers from true sports heroes—so much the better." --Jon Wertheim, Executive Editor *Sports Illustrated*

In the spring of 2002, motivated by the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, National Football League stalwart Patrick Daniel Tillman turned down a multimillion-dollar contract to join the US Army. Two years later, he died while serving his country in the mountains of Afghanistan. In the process, he became an American icon.

Inspired by Pat Tillman's story, *Fallen Stars* captures the lives and times of Tillman (1976–2004) and four other war-hero American athletes: Hamilton "Ham" Fish (1873–98), Hobart "Hobey" Baker (1892–1918), Nile Kinnick (1918–43), and James Robert "Bob" Kalsu (1945–70), all of whom died while serving in the US military.

Why a focus on fallen war-hero athletes, and why these five? Because here we have over a century's worth of men who faced the fears and uncertainties that come with life and made the ultimate sacrifice. Their stories give us a kaleidoscopic picture of America over the course of more than one hundred years, and through them we can explore the wars America has participated in, the values that Americans have celebrated, and what it has meant, over time, to be an American hero.

About the Author:

Carson Cunningham is also the author of *21st Century Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *American Hoops: US Men's Olympic Basketball from Berlin to Beijing*, *Underbelly Hoops: Adventures in the CBA – AKA The Crazy Basketball Association* and *Before the Curse: The Chicago Cubs' Glory Years*.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, December 27 from 10:30 AM-5:30 PM in the Large Meeting Room. Save a life! Give blood! Sign up by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or going to <http://www.redcrossblood.org/>



Library Board of Trustees

Public libraries are required by Montana law to be governed by a board of trustees; specifically, this requirement and boards' responsibilities are spelled out in the Montana Code Annotated, 22-1-308.

Board meetings, held once a month, are open meetings subject to the provisions of Montana law (though they may be closed for the discussion of personnel matters.)

If you have questions about Lewis and Clark Library Board meetings or wish to be placed on the agenda, please contact the Library Director,

John Finn at 447-6699 or jfinn@lclibrary.org



Book Making Workshop

Sunday, December 3 from 1-4 PM, Large Meeting Room.

Great gift idea! Create a handmade book and add your own style and content! Free and open to the public.

Spanish Conversation Group

December 2 at 10 AM in the Small Meeting Room. ¿Cómo está? Practice your Spanish in this casual conversational setting. We'll discuss easy topics to encourage simple and interesting conversation.

Book Discussion Groups

All book discussions meet in the Mezzanine Meeting Room, unless otherwise noted, and are free and open to everyone. Copies of Premier, Mystery and Books & Brews titles are available at the Information Desk. Call 447-1690 for details.

Great Books Group, First Wednesday of the month, 7 PM

December 6: *The Charterhouse of Parma* by Stendhal

January 3, 2018: *Memoirs of Hadrian* by Marguerite Yourcenar

Premier Book Group, First Thursday of the month, 7 PM

December 7: *Radium Girls* by Kate Moore

January 4: *1984* by George Orwell

Books & Brews, Third Monday of the month, 5:30 PM at the Staggering Ox, 400 Euclid Avenue, in the Lundy Shopping Center

December 18: *The Shadow Land* by Elizabeth Kostova

January 15, 2018: *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline

Daytimers Book Group, 3 PM, Small Meeting Room

December 21: *The Gustav Sonata* by Rose Tremain

January 18 *The All Of It* by Jeannette Haien

Mystery Book Group, Last Wednesday of the month, 7 PM, Large Meeting Room

December 6: *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie

January 31: *Reservations* by Gwen Florio

Board Members

Helen McCaffrey,
County Position
Chair
Jan 2014-
Dec 2018

LeRoy Schramm
County Position
Vice-Chair
January 2017-
December 2021

Jesse Franzen,
City-County
Joint Position
Jan 2015-
Dec 2019

Niki Whearty,
City Position
Jan 2016 -
Dec 2020

Ron Waterman
City Position
January 2016
- December 2017

The next meeting is on Tuesday, December 19 at 5 PM in the Mezzanine Meeting Room.

December 2017 Events for Kids

NO PRESCHOOL STORY TIME DURING DECEMBER
NO MOVERS & SHAKERS DURING DECEMBER

Books & Babies

For babies, toddlers, & their grownups. Mondays, 10:30 AM. Large Meeting Room. Caregivers and their little ones, birth through 2 1/2 years old are invited to join us for songs, action rhymes, finger plays, stories, and play time! We will focus on the five early literacy practices: PLAY, READ, SING, TALK, & WRITE.

Holiday Story Time

For all ages. Saturday December 16, 10:30 AM in the Large Meeting Room. Come and hear a holiday story or two, and try your hand at a holiday craft. We might just have a special visitor...one of Santa's helpers may make an appearance.

Minecraft for kids in Grades 2-5

Saturday, December 16, 3-4 PM. In the Computer Lab. Build with your friends and show off your skills! Registration Required.



Game Night

Tuesday, December 26 from 6-8 PM in the Large Meeting Room (Fourth Tuesday of the Month). Drop in for board games and fun! Free and open to all ages.

Ukulele Club

On December 18 from 6-8 PM, join the Helena Ukulele Club for their monthly Jam Session at the Lewis & Clark Library. Please bring, borrow, or purchase a ukulele for the event. Everyone 12 years old and up is welcome to join. Beginners are also welcome. Song books are available for pick up at the Information Desk at the main library all month long.

Who: Everyone 12 years old and older!

What: Helena Ukulele Club Monthly Jam Session

When: Monday, December 18, 6-8 PM

Where: Lewis & Clark Library in the Large Meeting Room

Why: Fun with ukulele music!





NEW this winter! I LOVE TO READ! READING'S MY FAVORITE!

DECEMBER READING CHALLENGE: TEENS IN LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY

When: December 1 – December 31.

Who: Middle and High School Students in Lewis & Clark County.

How:

- Read for pleasure for 15 minutes each day. Record via our easy web form, available on the Teen Page at lclibrary.org
- Complete 1 reading challenge: submit four dates when you read 15 minutes or more and earn an entry for the grand prize drawing.
- Complete 3 reading challenges: submit 12 dates when you read 15 minutes or more and earn a free book, plus 3 entries for the grand prize drawing.
- Complete 5 reading challenges: submit 20 dates when you read 15 minutes or more and earn a prize bag filled with goodies, plus 5 entries for the grand prize drawing.
- Complete 7 reading challenges: submit 28 dates when you read 15 minutes or more and earn the opportunity to plan a library party for you and your friends, plus 7 entries for the grand prize drawing.
- All readers will compete in the MVB (Most Voracious Bookworm) contest. The reader with the most minutes logged will earn a brand new book (up to \$25) of their choice.
- Grand prize drawing winner: will receive a \$100 gift card for Amazon, Target, or Wal-Mart (winner's choice).
- Successful challengers will be notified on a rolling basis; grand prize winners notified in early January 2018.

Calendar of Events for Teens:

12/7: Middle School Book Group, 4-5 pm, Mezz Meeting Room. Young people in grades 6-8 are invited to join our Middle School Book Group! We'll read all sorts of good books: you get to choose! Plus board games, excellent snacks, and really cool people. Try it out and bring a friend! Lisa, the Public Services Manager at Lewis & Clark Library, leads this group.

12/14: Second Thursday Teen Writers' Group with Beth, 4:30-5:30 pm, Small Meeting Room. Do you like to write? Fiction, poetry, nonfiction...? Join our totally revamped group celebrating teens and writing! Beth, Public Desk Expert and writer extraordinaire, leads this group. Come ready to write and learn new ways to make your words sing.

12/15: Interactive ELF! 6:30-8:30 pm, Lewis & Clark Library. What's better than watching Elf? Watching Elf while you shout, sing, and snack along with it! Attendees will receive prop bags full of surprises, treats, and instructions to interact with this classic holiday movie. Rated PG. 97 minutes. Registration required for this after hours program. For teens in grades 6-12.



December Bookmobile Stops 2017

Friday, December 1st, 2017

10:00-10:45 AM Child's Play Preschool

11:00-11:45 AM Lincoln Park

1:00-1:45 PM Edgewood Senior Living

Tuesday, December 5th, 2017

10:00-10:45 AM Rosetta Assisted Living

11:00-11:45 AM Helena Housing Authority

2:00-3:00 PM Eagles Manor

3:15 PM S.A.C.C. at Central-Linc

4:15-5 PM Little Fox Learning Center

Wednesday, December 6th, 2017

10:00-10:45 AM Skelton Park

11:00-11:45 AM Tree House Preschool

1:00 PM Son Heaven Assisted Living

2:00-3:00 PM Hunters Pointe

4:00-5:00 PM YMCA at Bryant Elementary

Thursday, December 7th, 2017

2:00-2:45 PM Lakeside General Store

3:00-3:45 PM Warren Elementary

4:00-4:45 PM Leisure Village

Friday, December 8th, 2017

10:30-11:30 AM Wolf creek Elementary

12:00-1:00 PM Milford Colony

2:00-3:00 PM Elk Creek Colony

Tuesday, December 12th, 2017

12:00-12:45 Canyon Creek Country Store

1:00-1:45 PM Trinity Elementary

2:00 PM Masonic Home of Montana

3:00-4:00 PM Jim Darcy Elementary

Wednesday, December 13th, 2017

10:00-10:45 AM The Legacy

11:00-11:45 AM Our Redeemer's Preschool

2:00-3:00 PM Touchmark

3:30-4:30 PM Rossiter Elementary

Thursday, December 14th, 2017

9:30-11:30 AM Helena Christian School

2:00-3:00 PM York Park

4:00-4:45 PM The Dam Bar Parking Lot

Friday, December 15th, 2017

10:00-10:45 AM Child's Play Preschool

11:00-11:45 AM Lincoln Park

1:00-1:45 PM Edgewood Senior Living

Tuesday, December 19th, 2017

10:00-10:45 AM Rosetta Assisted Living

11:00-11:45 AM Helena Housing Authority

2:00-3:00 PM Eagles Manor

3:15 PM S.A.C.C. at Central-Linc

4:15-5 PM Little Fox Learning Center

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Wednesday, December 20th, 2017

10:00-10:45 AM Skelton Park
11:00-11:45 AM Tree House Preschool
1:00 PM Son Heaven Assisted Living
2:00-3:00 PM Hunters Pointe
4:00-5:00 PM YMCA at Bryant Elementary

Thursday, December 21st, 2017

2:00-2:45 PM Lakeside General Store
3:00-3:45 PM Warren Elementary
4:00-4:45 PM Leisure Village

Friday, December 22nd, 2017

10:30-11:30 AM Wolf creek Elementary
12:00-1:00 PM Milford Colony
2:00-3:00 PM Elk Creek Colony

Tuesday, December 26th, 2017

12:00-12:45 Canyon Creek Country Store
1:00-1:45 PM Trinity Elementary
2:00 PM Masonic Home of Montana
3:00-4:00 PM Jim Darcy Elementary

Wednesday, December 27th, 2017

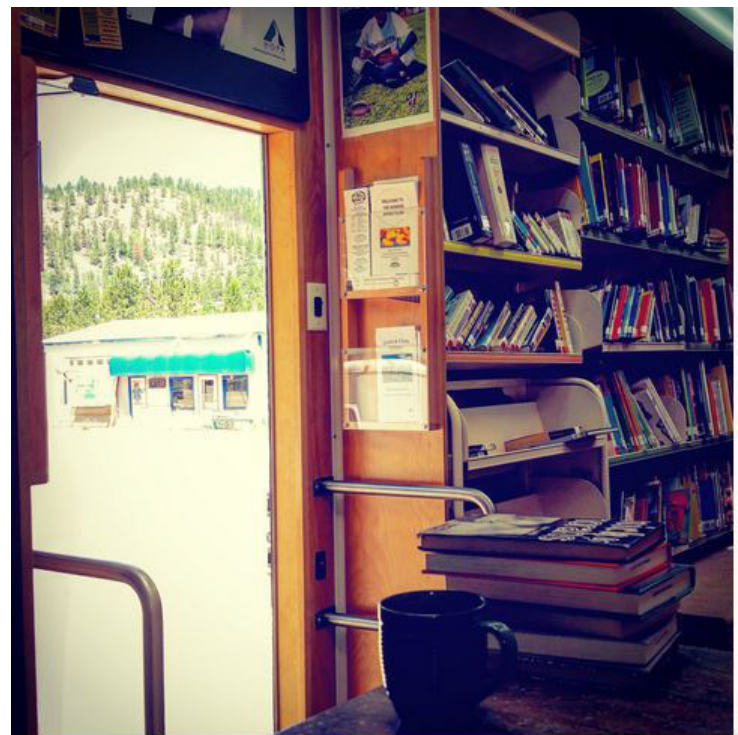
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11:00-11:45 AM Our Redeemer's Preschool
2:00-3:00 PM Touchmark
3:30-4:30 PM Rossiter Elementary

Thursday, December 28th, 2017

9:30-11:30 AM Helena Christian School
2:30-3:30 PM York Park
4:00-4:45 PM The Dam Bar Parking Lot

Friday, December 29th, 2017

10:00-10:45 AM Child's Play Preschool
11:00-11:45 AM Lincoln Park
1:00-1:45 PM Edgewood Senior Living





Lewis & Clark Library Helena Branch Events December 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>I LOVE TO READ! READING IS MY FAVORITE! Teen Reading Challenge December 1-31.</i>					1	2 <i>Spanish Conversation Group 10 AM</i>
3 <i>Book Making Workshop 1 PM</i>	4 	5 <i>Pinterest 10 AM</i>	6 <i>Mystery Group 7 PM</i> <i>Great Books Group 7 PM</i>	7 <i>Middle School Book Group 4 PM</i> Author Peter Nealen 6 PM <i>Premier Group 7 PM</i>	8	9 <i>Author Carson Cunningham 1 PM</i>
10	11 	12 <i>How to Download E-books 10 AM</i>	13	14 <i>Teen Writers Group 4:30 PM</i>	15 <i>Teens: Interactive ELF movie 6:30 PM</i>	16 <i>Story Time 10:30 AM</i> <i>Minecraft for Kids 3 PM</i>
17	18 <i>Books & Brews 5:30 PM @ Staggering Ox</i> <i>Uke Club 6 PM</i>	19 <i>Library Board Meeting 5 PM</i>	20	21 <i>Daytimers Book Group 3 PM</i>	22	23
24 LIBRARY CLOSED	25 LIBRARY CLOSED	26 <i>Game Night 6 PM</i>	27 <i>Blood Drive 10:30 AM</i>	28	29	30
31 LIBRARY CLOSED	= Books & Babies. Mondays @ 10:30 AM. In the Large Meeting Room					