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What's new in April – everything for your reading pleasure

Often this column says that the library has something for everyone. Why am I so sure? Because the library catalogues around 300 – 400 new resources (by far and away, mostly books) that you can check out -- every month, month after month, year after year. If you're wondering why we don't run out of shelves, that's another (and pretty interesting) column for the future. But we don't.

I just want to emphasize when we talk every month about "what's new," this column has a very small (but normally popular) sampling. Here goes.

Wild Card by Stuart Woods is his latest in the Stone Barrington series. There's a paramour, a resourceful enemy, and the country's future at stake. Yes, Woods has a bit of a formula, but does a good job with it. Woods fans will be happy.

The Cornwalls Are Gone by James Patterson is interesting because you've probably heard about it on TV. It's unusual to see a new book being advertised by its publisher in expensive prime time ads, but such is the Patterson industry. Amy Cornwall, an Army Intelligence Officer, finds that her husband and daughter have been kidnapped, and the price for their return isn't money.

Black and Blue by David Rosenfelt is the newest Doug Brock publication, characterized as "a fiendishly twisting serial killer thriller."

A Faint Cold Fear is by Karin Slaughter whom Gillian Flynn calls "one of the best thriller writers working today." A rash of suicides at a college campus in Georgia turns out to be the work of a serial killer.

Author William Kent Kreuger has a smaller, perhaps, but enthusiastic following, and I think he deserves a great big following. His northern Midwest setting in Minnesota has a familiar feel for Michiganders, and his depiction of the Native American population's interaction and integration is a feature of his writing. **Tricksters Point** is Cork O'Connor mystery number 12. If you don't know this series, the good news is there's an even dozen to read. In this one, the first Native American governor is ready to take office, but O'Connor ends up accused of his murder instead.

Cozy mystery, anyone? I might have to read this one, too. It is M.C. Beaton's Agatha Raisin book 8, **The Wizard of Evesham**. Agatha's bad hair dye results leads her to seek a new stylist in a nearby town, Mr. John. But the talk is growing mean, because Mr. John just might be

a blackmailer. Of course, there is at least one murder (and I'm betting it's Mr. John who bites the dust in this one). Beaton has a fun style, not to mention a lot of us can appreciate the importance of who does our hair.

Last is non-fiction from Dave Barry, called **Lessons from Lucy**. Barry makes the case that he's learned a lot from his old dog Lucy when it comes to learning how to age gracefully. Such lessons as "letting go of minor grievances, being comfortable in your own skin, and how to live in the present," Barry plays for what you might call serious laughs. If you love humor and dogs, this is a book for you.

If none of these calls out to you, we really do have something for everyone. Stop in. We love it when you do.

See you at the Library!

Upcoming Events: Tues., May 9 is **Books for Lunch** at 12:30. **Our Living Constitution Series** begins again. April 10 and 24 at 6:30 will kick off the spring start of interesting topics with Judge Chris Nuechterlein. **The Spring Gardening Workshop** is April 17 at 6:30. Abele's will be there as always. Follow us on FB and Twitter and check the library's website calendar for all events.