



What's new in October

Three non-fiction books relating to sports stand out as especially interesting this month.

The first is **Shula: The Coach of the NFL's Greatest Generation** by Mark Ribowski. Don Shula began his head coaching career with three years in Detroit and moved on to seven years in Baltimore before going to the Dolphins. A famous coach with a Michigan connection smack in the midst of (fantasy) football season sounds like good reading.

The National Team: The Inside Story of the Women Who Changed Soccer by Caitlin Murray seems timely coming on the heels of the U.S. team's Third World Cup. This is the team that made a women's soccer television fan out of me. Despite four Olympic Gold medals, record television ratings, and as mentioned three World Cups, the women's team has worked for much less money in worse conditions. Murray bases her book, a complete history of the team, in part on the over one thousand interviews that she had with people at every level of women's soccer.

Much more of a local story than either of these two is Rachael Denhollander's book. **What Is a Girl Worth: My Story of Breaking the Silence and Exposing the Truth about Larry Nassar and USA Gymnastics.** Even in my limited experience, this story has been discussed in Frankenmuth in just about every social circle. Rather than saying anything about the basic facts of the story, suffice it to say that Denhollander – the first victim to come forward and report Nassar – was named Sports Illustrated's Inspiration of the Year Award winner as well as one of Time Magazine's One Hundred Most Influential People in 2018.

Now for some fiction. None other than Stephen King jumps feet first into the topic of kids confronting evil with his latest, **The Institute**. Children with special psychic gifts are kidnapped into the Institute, all in the same way – abducted from their homes after the bad guys murder their parents. The thriller aspect begins as kids start communicating and working to get out. Kids confronting evil isn't a new theme for King, and reviewers are comparing this one to **It** (the clown one).

The Perfect Son by Lauren North concerns a widow whose son is somehow lost. She's sure her brother-in-law and counselor are involved and must figure out the rest.

J.P. Delaney's **The Perfect Wife** has quite a premise. A husband whose wife is "gone" (he's supposedly a grieving widower) has her duplicated as a robot except one who irons out the imperfections of his real wife. Yet, even the bot smells a rat in this thriller.

As always, we have something for everyone. Stop in and we can help you locate just the right books.

See you at the Library!

Upcoming Events: **Regular Fall programming** has resumed. Toddler Story Time, Pre-K Story Time, Tuesdays after school Unplug and Play, and Thursdays after school Try This for Teens – it's all back. **Evening Mah Jongg's** first night play is Tuesday, Oct. 8 from 5:30 – 7:45. Whether you'd like to learn the game or have a play opportunity, just show up. If you have a set, bring it, but ones will be provided. **Coffee and Crafts** continue on Fridays from 10 – 12 until Christmas. **Luke Strider Jordan** is guest author this Thursday, Oct. 3, at 6:30. He wrote **Thru and Back Again**, about hiking the North Country Trail. **Movie Night for Adults** starts a new season Friday Oct. 18 at 6:30 with **On the Basis of Sex** about Ruth Bader Ginsberg. Lots is happening, so keep track on our website Calendar and FB posts so you don't miss anything.