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## What's new in September

We have a bouquet of unusual non-fiction books this month. Punctuation, death, public typing, and more make a fascinating mix.

Bear with me on this first suggestion. We have **Semicolon: The Past, Present, and Future of a Misunderstood Mark** by Cecelia Watson. If you are thinking wow, that sounds unbelievably boring, a critic describes this book as, “a page turning, existential romp through the life and times of the world’s most polarizing punctuation mark.” At its essence, it appears this book is about understanding that communication and clarity are more important than changing grammatical dictates. I am optimistic. (And I’m also here to tell you almost no one uses semi-colons correctly.)

Michael Gustafson is a local author who wrote **Notes from a Public Typewriter**. Gustafson owns the Literati Bookstore in Ann Arbor where an old school typewriter sets out for anyone to say anything they like. Would people use it? And to what ends? Gustafson has collected the impromptu writings of people visiting Literati. From light humor to soul baring angst, the typewriter provided an outlet. Gustafson was interviewed on PBS’s All Things Considered about this project. (Note: We have had a public typewriter for going on a year at the library. Look for it when you come in and tell it whatever you like.)

**A Beginner’s Guide to the End: Practical Advice for Living Life and Facing Death** by B.J. Miller is on this list because of the more unusual sorts of advice the palliative care doctor/author chooses to give. Even the wry title shows a somewhat different tone. This book is full of practical advice like navigating the health care system as well as how to talk to your employer, essential paperwork, and grappling with the question of whether to tell family and loved ones secrets you’ve kept. As to survivors, advice on how to write a great eulogy as well as how to shut down social media accounts sounds useful.

Among several new biographies, **America’s Reluctant Prince**, about the life of John Kennedy, Jr., has the advantage of an author who is a respected historian as well as the vantage point of having been personal friends of the subject – Stephen M. Gillon. Those of us old enough certainly recall the photo of the small child saluting his slain father’s casket, but then we almost never saw a glimpse, his mother protecting her two children from attention. We know he died in a plane he was flying, along with his wife. And there’s a lot unsaid in between. Here’s a chance to put his entire life in unsensationalized prospective.

We also have a few of the newest books in favorite fiction series. Here are some that fans will certainly greet enthusiastically.

David Rosenfelt's **Bark of Night** (pretty clever title) is his 19th Andy Carpenter book. One critic noted this book is "a treat for those who love thrillers and dogs." Aside from Andy's dog, the book features a French bulldog in the story (but has pictured a Boston Terrier on the cover but no matter. They are highly photogenic and look a lot alike.)

William Kent Krueger's **Desolation Mountain** is the 17th in his Cork O'Connor series. Cork and his son investigate an airplane crash on the mountain in which a senator was killed and several first responders disappeared.

And last but never least, Louise Penny is back with her 15th Three Pines/Inspector Gamache book, **A Better Man**. We find our favorite Quebec inspector demoted as head of homicide, his son-in-law on his way to a new job in Paris, and many twists and turns from there.

Stop in and see what else might catch your fancy. See you at the Library!

**Upcoming Events:** **Coffee and Crafts** runs Fridays, from Sept. 20 – Dec. 20 at 10 – 12 a.m. Come work on any project you like. **Books for Lunch** will be Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 12:30. Watch for more announcements about Fall programming. Follow our calendar website and FB page.