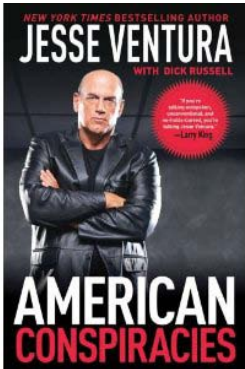


## From the Library

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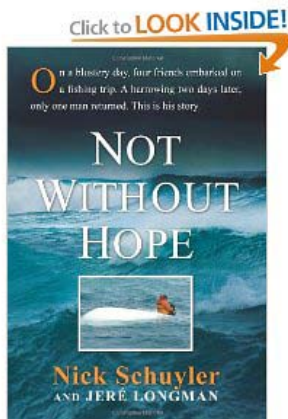
Here is a sampling of new books and movies at the City of Commerce Public Library. These and many more interesting materials can be found on the “New Books” and “Recent Arrivals DVD” shelves at the Central Library as well as the collections at the three branch libraries. Stop by the Reference Desk and ask the librarian!

### New Non-Fiction



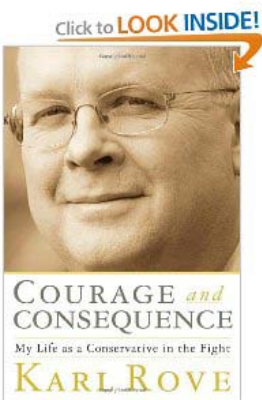
#### *American Conspiracies: Lies, Lies, and More Dirty Lies that the Government Tells Us*, by Jesse Ventura & Dick Russell

Jesse Ventura has had a colorful life as a navy SEAL, pro wrestler, and even governor of Minnesota. His latest project includes both television and print. Ventura hosts a television program on TruTV which covers conspiracy theories. Likewise, his book focuses on some of the major conspiracy theories related to American History. Ventura discusses the JFK, RFK, and MLK assassinations, as well as 9/11 and the fall of the Twin Towers. Read it... if you dare!



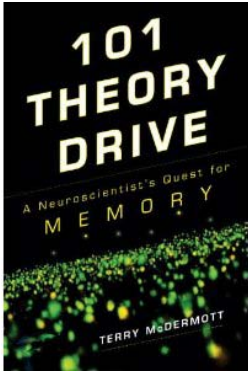
#### *Not Without Hope*, by Nick Schuyler & Jere Longman

It started out as a day of relaxation... Friends Nick Schuyler, Marquis Cooper, Corey Smith, and Will Bleakley went deep-sea fishing seventy miles west of Tampa. But these inexperienced boaters made a serious mistake—they tied the anchor to the boat and hit the throttle, causing the boat to sink. The four friends were alone, with no way to communicate with authorities. They did their best to salvage equipment and stay alive. This book chronicles their ordeal and the tragic consequences of their fishing trip.



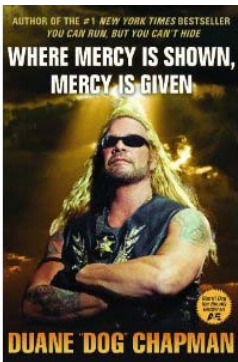
#### *Courage and Consequence*, by Karl Rove

Karl Rove is a paralyzing figure in politics. To many Republicans, he is known as “the architect” and credited with many political victories, including the placement of President George W. Bush in the White House. To many Democrats, he is a morally dubious and dangerous master of spin. Now, Rove tells his story and addresses some of the controversial events that have intersected his life. He talks about his family and work with President George W. Bush. He shares his frustrations regarding Hurricane Katrina and his legal issues. In the process, readers are given insight into Rove’s thoughts and concerns.



***101 Theory Drive: A Neuroscientist's Quest for Memory, by Terry McDermott***

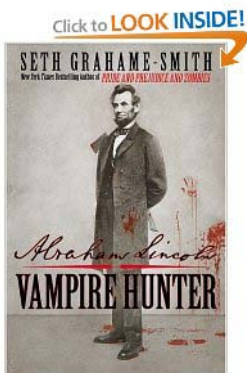
Terry McDermott is a former science reporter for the Seattle Times and Los Angeles Times. His latest book focuses on the adventures of Gary Lynch and his laboratory, located at 101 Theory Drive. Lynch is a psychologist by training, who turned to neurobiology in order to better understand the inner-workings of the brain. More specifically, Lynch is dedicated to discovering the mechanisms which underlie memory. He hopes to find out what makes us remember and what makes us forget. Such research could potentially help those with Alzheimer's or ADHD.



***Where Mercy is Shown, Mercy is Given, by Duane Dog Chapman***

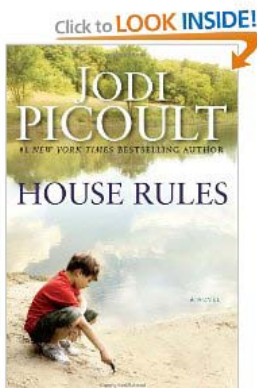
He's known as "Dog"—the bounty hunter—and is considered to be an expert on criminal behavior. But Chapman has seen his share of controversy. In 2006, he was arrested for an old kidnapping charge. When things finally seemed to be going his way, a tape was released with Chapman using the "n-word." The fallout was so strong, that production of his television show on A&E was immediately halted. This book focuses on Chapman's effort to deal with both his legal troubles and his social ones, with occasional stories of criminal capture.

## New Fiction



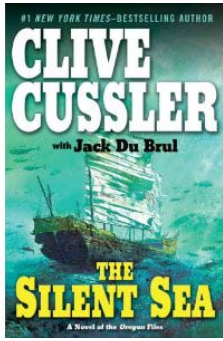
***Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter, by Seth Grahame-Smith***

Perhaps you've been told that Abraham Lincoln was the sixteenth President of the United States. You may have even been told that he struggled to keep the Union together and worked to abolish slavery. But did you also know that Lincoln was a vampire hunter? In the spirit of *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*, Grahame-Smith re-writes history—delivering an exciting tale of the undead. Nine-year-old Lincoln's mother purportedly dies of "Milk Sickness." When he discovers that her death was due to vampires, he makes it his mission to stop them.



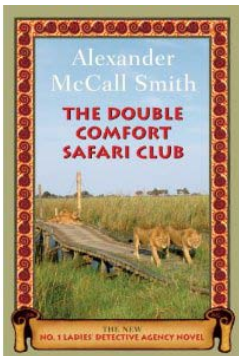
***House Rules: A Novel, by Jodi Picoult***

Jodi Picoult is well-known for her fiction, which tends to focus on cases of medical and legal ethics. Her latest work involves a family dealing with Asperger's syndrome. Emma is a single mother, struggling to keep her family together. Most of her attention is lavished on Jacob and finding ways to help with his Asperger's. This leaves her other son, Theo, feeling neglected and even resentful. Life can be challenging enough on a good day, but becomes all the more complicated when Jacob becomes the suspect in a murder investigation—and his Asperger's behavior makes him look guilty.



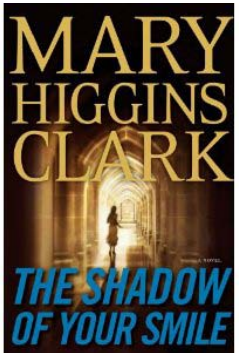
***The Silent Sea, by Clive Cussler & Jack Du Brul***

Cussler and Du Brul return with the seventh Oregon Files adventure. Captain Juan Cabrillo is a former CIA agent who now works in private security. His ship, the Oregon, looks like a dilapidated vessel but hides high tech machinery and a well-trained crew. In their latest outing, Cabrillo and company are hired by the CIA to recover a NASA satellite in the jungles of South America. But their task won't be easy, as there are those who don't want this matter to be investigated. Cabrillo and his crew travel from Washington to South America to Antarctica, as they close in on the truth.



***The Double Comfort Safari Club, by Alexander McCall Smith***

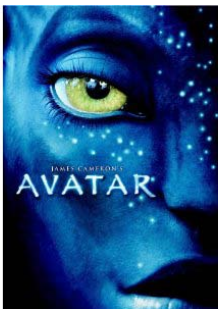
Smith returns with his eleventh book in the *No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* series. Precious Ramotswe is a detective in Botswana. With the help of her friend, Mma Makutsi, she tries to help people. She takes on several cases this time around. There is a kind safari guide, who was left some money by a former tourist. There is a man who is being swindled out of his money. As they investigate, everyday concerns also become an issue, as Mma Makutsi's fiancé is in an accident.



***The Shadow of Your Smile, by Mary Higgins Clark***

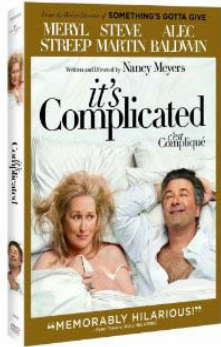
Mary Higgins Clark has written over 25 novels of suspense. Her latest focuses on a deceased nun. Sister Catherine is being considered for sainthood. To qualify, she must have committed two miracles. Monica Farrell is called to testify regarding two boys who became cancer-free. Was it due to Sister Catherine's prayers? As it turns out, before taking her vows, Sister Catherine had a son (Monica's father). If the truth comes out, Sister Catherine's name may be tarnished, but Monica could stand to inherit a fortune. It's a secret that some will kill to keep hidden.

**New DVDs**



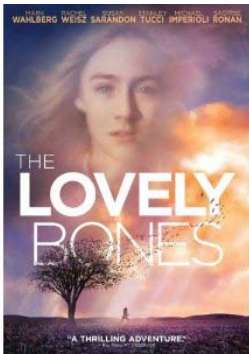
***Avatar, with Sam Worthington & Zoe Saldana***

James Cameron found movie gold with *Titanic*. More than a decade later, he returns with a technologically enhanced, sci-fi epic. *Avatar* takes place in the future, on the planet Pandora. The people there live full and peaceful lives... But, there are those who have no interest in the inhabitants of Pandora and would just assumed see them destroyed. Critics have been impressed with the visual imagery of the lush world created by Cameron. Others have found an allegory, which causes viewers to rethink the issue of colonization.



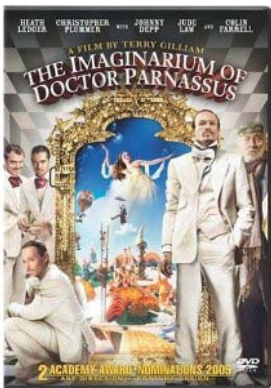
### ***It's Complicated*, with Meryl Streep & Alec Baldwin**

Jane and Jake have been divorced for a decade. While married, they had three children and those children have grown up. They seem to have reached a point where they're getting along well. So well, in fact, that even though Jake has remarried, the two begin having an affair. Now, Jane is "the other woman." To further complicate matters, Jane has been seeing a divorced architect, who seems to be truly interested in her well being. Can this couple find happiness the second time around?



### ***The Lovely Bones*, with Saoirse Ronan & Mark Wahlberg**

*The Lovely Bones* is loosely based on the book of the same name. It tells the story of Susie Salmon, a happy, 14-year-old girl. Unfortunately, Susie will never have the opportunity to grow up and do all of the wonderful things she wanted to—she's been murdered. The story focuses on how her family tries to cope with her loss and how Susie herself copes with life in a place somewhere between our world and heaven. Will Susie's murderer be caught and brought to justice? Will Susie and her family be able to move on? It's an intense and thought-provoking film.



### ***The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus*, with Heath Ledger & Christopher Plummer**

In a question to achieve immortality, Dr. Parnassus makes a deal with the devil. In return, Parnassus agrees that when his daughter turns 16, she will become his property. But Parnassus becomes greatly concerned when his daughter's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday approaches and manages to talk the devil into accepting a bet. Whoever manages to seduce the first five souls will get Valentina, Parnassus's daughter. Now, Parnassus must find a way to beat the devil at his own game... or lose his daughter.



### ***Fantastic Mr. Fox*, with Meryl Streep & George Clooney**

*Fantastic Mr. Fox* is a stop-motion animation film, based on the book by Roald Dahl (author of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *James and the Giant Peach*). It follows the story of Mr. Fox... a middle-aged animal, feeling the need for excitement of earlier days. So, he decides to plan a heist and steal from one of the meanest farmers around. But the farmer is not about to be out-manuevered by a fox and the resulting chaos looks like it could be a battle between farmers and animals. If they're to survive, the animals will have to find a way to work together.