



Upcoming reads for the Berthoud Community Library District book club 2013-2014 season (reviews excerpted from Goodreads.com):

September 24, 2013: *Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter* by Tom Franklin (chosen to coincide with *Loveland Loves to Read*). The author's narrative power and flair for characterization have been compared to the likes of Harper Lee, Flannery O'Connor, and Cormac McCarthy. Now the Edgar Award-winning author returns with his most accomplished and resonant novel so far; an atmospheric drama set in rural Mississippi.—Barbara Boyd

October 22, 2013: *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larsen (chosen to coincide with the *Fort Collins Reads* program). Suffused with the tense atmosphere of Germany during the rise of the Nazi party, and with unforgettable portraits of the bizarre Göring and the expectedly charming—yet wholly sinister—Goebbels, the novel lends a unique, eyewitness perspective to events as they unfold in an era of surprising nuance and complexity.—Pam Martin

December 3, 2013: *Mrs. Miracle* by Debbie Macomber. Seth Webster's heart never healed after he lost his wife. Now, with Christmas approaching, wild twin boys to raise alone, a home in chaos, and the latest in a line of exasperated housekeepers quitting in disgust, Seth needs more than help to keep his family together...he needs a miracle.—Viola Cook

January 28, 2014: *Pioneer Women: Voices from the Kansas Frontier* by Joanna L. Stratton. From a rediscovered collection of priceless autobiographical accounts—never before has there been such a detailed record of women's courage or such a living portrait of the women who civilized the American frontier.—Doris Haave

February 25, 2014: *A Girl Named Zippy* by Haven Kimmel. Laced with fine storytelling, sharp wit, dead-on observations, and moments of sheer joy, Kimmel's straight-shooting portrait of her childhood gives us a heroine who is wonderfully sweet and sly as she navigates the quirky adult world that surrounds her. Facilitator: TBA

March 25, 2014: *The Second Hoeing* by Hope Williams Sykes. The backbreaking labor of German-Russian immigrants in the sugar beet fields of Colorado is described with acute perception in this novel first published in 1935.—Carole Becker

April 22, 2014: *Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage* by Alfred Lansing. The astonishing saga of polar explorer Ernest Shackleton's survival for over a year on the ice-bound Antarctic seas, as *Time* magazine put it, "defined heroism." Facilitator: TBA

May 27, 2014: *Five Little Pigs* by Agatha Christie. An infamous painter is murdered. Sixteen years earlier his jealous wife was tried, convicted and sentenced to life in prison. Now their daughter, Carla, convinced her mother is innocent, presents Hercule Poirot with a brilliant challenge: to clear her mother's name by returning to the scene of the murder and finding the fatal flaw in the perfect crime.—Charlotte Wollesen