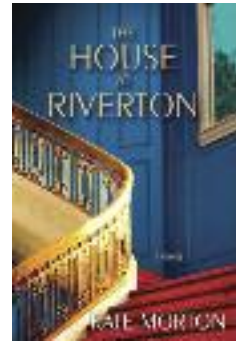


Book Review

The House at Riverton

by Kate Morton



The trick to enjoying a good read is in finding the right book. How lucky we are to have Julie LaSata as our shepherd to guide us to a book that will

make you put everything else on hold until the book is finished. Once you become a Bakerville Library regular, and you let her know what you're looking for, she's so good at keeping her eye out for you and keeping you in literary heaven.

Once again, she's done it for me with *The House at Riverton*. (Just happens the author is working on her PHD at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia where my daughter just spent the past semester.) It combines a fictional tale with an historical setting that is so ably described, you are transported back in time. Told through flashback, it is the story of a young serving girl, now a 98-year-old woman, and her relationship with the aristocratic family she served. It is set in England in the years around the time of World War I.

As she recalls and retells her story you grow attached to her as an old woman and intrigued by the life and times when she lived. Throw in a mystery, deep secrets that never come together until the end, characters that you genuinely grow to care about, and you won't be getting any chores done until you finish reflecting on the

final outcome. If you liked *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen, or *Dreamers of the Day* by Mary Doria Russell, this is a MUST read for you.

—Reviewed by Mary Lee Dunn 🏠

Interested in reviewing a book for the newsletter (or the blog! www.bakervillelibrary.blogspot.com)? E-mail jauclair@snet.net, or call 482-8168.



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We know you're looking for **an easy way to get involved**: take an hour shift at our booth at either New Hartford Day (Sunday, September 21) or the New Hartford Arts Festival (Sunday, October 5). Call Milissa Woodward, 482-7561, to sign up.

Library Hours (open every day except Sunday!):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2-6	10-8	2-5	2-6	2-6	9-12*

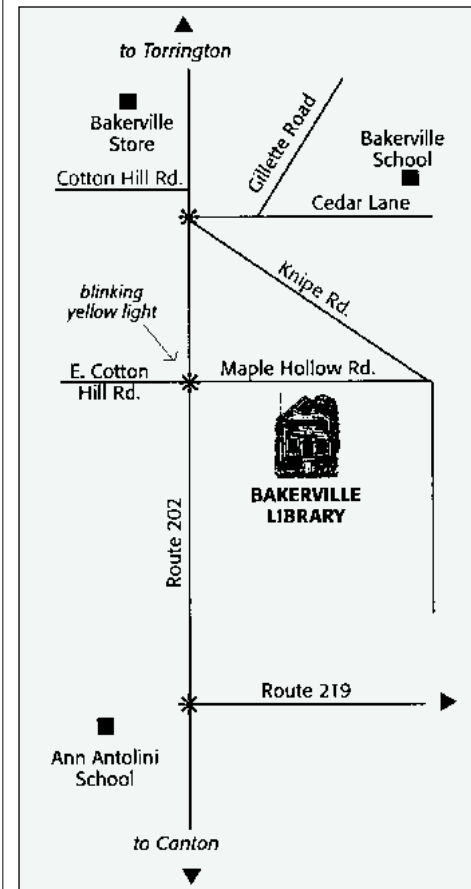
*Summer hours; in September, winter hours will resume (Saturday, 9 am-2 pm).

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NEWS FROM THE BAKERVILLE LIBRARY

Summer 2008

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Ready for a Good Time?

The summer is about to hit its zenith (no, not your 100th mosquito bite): the **Bakerville Marketplace, Saturday, August 2nd, from 9 am to 2 pm**, and the library's **Used Book Sale, from 9 am to 3 pm**.

We know you want to be part of them, so here's a step-by-step:



Step 1: Sign up for a booth. You have always wanted to; perhaps you just didn't recognize the longing. Call Milissa Woodward at 482-7561 to sell crafts, toys, food, treats for pets, plants, herbs and potpourri, jewelry cleaning, and on and on.



Step 2: Decide what you will **donate to the teacup auction**. This features gift baskets, gift certificates, toys, bottles of wine, bouquets of fresh flowers, plants, cakes, and other enticing items. You may donate something yourself, or ask your favorite business for a donation. Drop off your donation at the library any time during open hours, the week before the Marketplace.

Step 3: Clean out your bookshelves and bring to the library all the books you're finished with. As usual, there are a few limitations: no text books, computer books, condensed books, or magazines, and please make sure your donated books are clean, fragrant, and in good condition.



Step 4: Help sort books. You will remember from years past that our books are sorted within an inch of their lives and the categories clearly labeled with signs. That is the result of many volunteer hours. This is a big opportunity for the very literate community of the Bakerville Library to show their stuff. Call Pam FitzGerald at 496-9788 for more details.

Step 5: Sign up to **donate to our bake sale**. Yes, you heard correctly—we're bringing back the bake sale. This is your chance to try out the chocolate chip cookie recipe from the *New York Times* (remember? the one with the sea salt on top? where you refrigerate the dough for days?) with-

out having to eat the whole batch yourself, and you know that's what would happen without our bake sale. Find the sign-up sheet on the front desk in the library and add your John Hancock.



Step 6: Arrive early on August 2nd, prepared to start your holiday shopping at the teacup auction, browse the varied offerings at many booths, and get your face painted. We see that you've been dieting for a couple of years now—you look lovely. It's time to give in and try something from the bake sale. And look at all the books! We usually get around 5,000 of them for you to choose from. Get up for the **early bird opening** at 8:30 am—pay \$7, and get first pick! You have until 3 pm (an hour longer than the Marketplace) to find something you like.

Can you even wait? 🏠

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, August 2 – Bakerville Marketplace (9 am–2 pm) and Used Book Sale (9 am–3 pm, early bird 8:30 am)

Sunday, September 21 – Watch for our booth at New Hartford Day

Sunday, October 5 – Watch for our booth at the New Hartford Arts Festival

Join Us at Book Club



We will read *The Memory of Running*, Ron McLarty's quirky debut novel about a redemptive cross-country bike ride, for the next meeting—**Friday, August 8th, 6:30 pm** (special summer meeting time). Librarian Julie LaSata has copies of the book (hard copy and audio) at the front desk.

Everyone is welcome. We meet on Friday nights, approximately once a month, at different members' houses. For more information, ask at the library desk, or call Carmen Neale at 482-1428. 🏠

New for You on Our Shelves

Adult Fiction

- The Beach House* by Jane Green
- Chasing Harry Winston: A Novel* by Lauren Weisberger
- Curse of the Spellmans: A Novel* by Lisa Lutz
- Death Angel: A Novel* by Linda Howard
- The Host: A Novel* by Stephenie Meyer
- The Last Oracle: A Novel* by James Rollins
- Love the One You're With* by Emily Giffin
- Moon Shell Beach: A Novel* by Nancy Thayer
- Nothing to Lose* by Lee Child
- Scream for Me* by Karen Rose
- Skeletons at the Feast* by Chris Bohjalian
- The Tenth Gift: A Novel* by Jane Johnson
- The World Before Her: A Novel* by Deborah Weisgall

Adult Nonfiction

- Are You There, Vodka? It's Me, Chelsea*, by Chelsea Handler
- Audition: A Memoir* by Barbara Walters
- Home: A Memoir of My Early Years* by Julie Andrews.

- What Happened: Inside the Bush White House and Washington's Culture of Deception* by Scott McClellan
- A Wolf at the Table: A Memoir of My Father* by Augusten Burroughs

Sequels, Characters, Authors You've Been Waiting For Fiction

- The Broken Window* by Jeffery Deaver
- Fearless Fourteen* by Janet Evanovich
- The Front* by Patricia Cornwell
- Odd Hours* by Dean Koontz
- Plague Ship* by Clive Cussler
- Rogue* by Danielle Steel
- Sail* by James Patterson
- TailSpin* by Catherine Coulter

Nonfiction

- Bobby Flay's Grill It!* by Bobby Flay
- The Downhill Lie: A Hacker's Return to a Ruinous Sport* by Carl Hiaasen
- When You Are Engulfed in Flames* by David Sedaris 🏠

Story Hour continues through the summer this year on Tuesday mornings at 10:15. And be sure to check out the Story Hour planting at the base of the mailbox in front of the library. 🏠

Summer Reading Program Reminder

Everyone who fills out a reading journal, reads at least 10 books, and comes into the library at least three times by September 1st, receives the following:

- A paperback book of your choice, to be awarded at a Summer Reading Club party at your school in the fall—or if you're home-schooled, come pick up your book at the library. Thanks to the **New Hartford Women's Club**, who is sponsoring the reading program again this summer.
- A certificate for a kiddie-size ice cream from Hogie's Sweet Shoppe.
- A certificate for a kid's meal at Applebee's and at Bertucci's (after reading five books).
- Your picture on the annual poster.

The rewards of summer are great! 🏠



Bestsellers Club

Do you enjoy reading new hard-cover books, but hate having them hang around the house afterwards? Here's a deal!

Buy that latest book through the library, at the library rate (40% off). Be the first to read it, and then feel good when you donate it to the library so everybody else can read it, too. If you'd like, we can stick in a "Given by" bookplate with your name on it. Ask at the library desk. 🏠



Flowers

Thanks to **Gresczyk Farms** for supplying the plants for the windowboxes and pots. Also thanks to **Chris Moscarillo** for filling the planters in the back, to **Jeanne Phillips** for faithfully watering the window boxes and planters, and to **Nancy and Bob Pretak** for planting, weeding, and paying attention to it all. Everything looks lovely! 🏠



BOOKS NEEDED

for the Bakerville Library's Used Book Sale, Saturday, August 2nd.

Please drop off books* at the library. Call 482-8806 for more information.

*Books must be in good condition. Please, no text books, computer books, condensed books, or magazines—they don't sell.



Baking Help Needed

Saturday, August 2nd, the Marketplace's Bake Sale will need your delicious homemade cookies, brownies, cakes, and pies. Please drop off your contribution either Friday during the library's open hours (2–6 pm) or Saturday morning (9 am on).

