



Fruitland Park Library

NEWSLETTER

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Sorry about your sleep...

It's that time of the year again. I dread it as do so many of us. Daylight saving time. That is not a typo. The most common misconception is the name itself. Many people in the U.S., Canada, and Australia refer to it as "daylight savings time", which is incorrect, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Officially, the name for turning the clock forward an hour in March is daylight saving time, using the singular version of the word "saving." European countries refer to it as "summer time."

The U.S. government did not create daylight saving time to provide America's farmers with additional daylight hours. The truth is, farmers were against the idea of daylight saving time when it started in 1918. The changeover caused significant interruptions in their harvesting and shipping schedules, as well as an increase in their labor costs. American farmers and the agriculture industry led the fight to end daylight saving time in 1919, pressuring their government leaders to repeal the act.

Many credit Benjamin Franklin for daylight saving time thanks to a satirical letter he wrote for the *Journal de Paris* in 1784. Others credit the idea to George Hudson, an entomologist from New Zealand, who in 1895 suggested a two-hour shift to allow more time for more post-work bug hunting. Soon after, a British activist named William Willett proposed a similar idea to prevent wasting daylight, bringing the concept to England's Parliament in the early 1900s. Germany implemented the first daylight saving time in 1916 and the United States soon followed in 1918.

Not everyone is in on the clock-changing frenzy. In the United States, Hawaii, most of Arizona (excluding the Navajo Nation), and the territories of Guam, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands all opt out of daylight saving time. Europe's participation, however, soon may change. In 2019, the European Union voted to end the mandatory time shift, which previously spanned March and October. That plan seems to be on hold for now. Member states were expected to decide by 2021 whether to stay on summer or winter time, but negotiations have stalled as they deal with the fallout from both Brexit and the Covid-19 pandemic. I hope you found this interesting, but either way we're still losing an hour of sleep beginning March 13th.

Jo-Ann



BOOK CLUB PICKS FOR

MARCH

From time to time we like to see what the other book clubs are reading. Here are some we like to follow:

Jenna Bush Hager
"Black Cake"

By Charmaine Wilkerson

Reese's Hello Sunshine
"The Christie Affair"

By Nina de Gramont

Oprah's Book Club
"The Way of Integrity"

By Martha Beck

New to the Library!

Throughout the month, new fiction and non-fiction books arrive at the library for your enjoyment.

Please stop in and "check-out" our New Book Display.

New and Recently Added DVDs are located in the front of the library by the New Books display



We have the best selection of Hallmark movies in the county!

Always a family friendly favorite.

Fruitland Park Library Book Club

"The Mountain Between Us"

by Charles Martin

When a blizzard strands them in Salt Lake City, two strangers agree to charter a plane together, hoping to return home; Ben Payne is a gifted surgeon returning from a conference, and Ashley Knox, a magazine writer, is enroute to her wedding. But when unthinkable tragedy strikes, the pair find themselves stranded in Utah's most remote wilderness in the dead of winter, badly injured and miles from civilization. Without food or shelter, and only Ben's mountain climbing gear to protect themselves, Ashley and Ben's chances for survival look bleak, but their reliance on each other sparks an immediate connection, which soon evolves into something more.

If you are interested in joining this group, please call the library at 352-360-6561, for more information.



March 21st
selection



Collection of new and gently worn shoes continues through March 11th.