

#### WHAT YOU'LL FIND

Commerce Public Library is located in the historic former Post Office in downtown Commerce, and is owned and operated by the Friends of the Commerce Public Library.

We serve people in Hunt County and its surrounding areas.

Our holdings include books, DVDs, audio tapes, CDs, public computer work stations

for internet access and desktop applications and free WiFi for your devices. We offer fax and copy services, IRS forms, newspapers (both current and archived) and a public meeting room. We are also a Passport Acceptance Agency and photos are available.

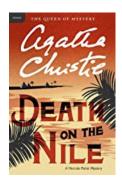
Our Local History and Genealogy collection contains books, photographs

and memorabilia dating back to the late 1800s. The Commerce Journal has been digitized an can be found at http://commerce.advantage-preservation.com

We offer tutoring in GED preparation, ESL and Adult Basic Education.

Our Children's programs include preschool story time, kids' computers, and a popular Summer Reading Club.

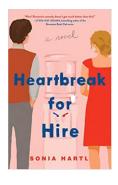
## ON THE SHELF



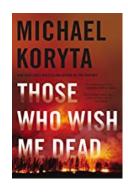
The tranquility of a cruise along the Nile was shattered by the discovery that Linnet Ridgeway had been shot through the head. She was young, stylish, and beautiful. A girl who had everything . . . until she lost her life. Hercule Poirot recalled an earlier outburst by a fellow passenger: "I'd like to put my dear little pistol against her head and just press the trigger." Yet in this exotic setting nothing is ever quite what it seems.



Mary Walker Clark barely knew her father. When he died, he left not only the obvious void, but took with him scores of Indiana Jones-style tales about flying the Hump, a treacherous series of US missions that transported supplies over the Himalayas to China during World War II. It would take a chance interview with a pilot who had flown with her father in the war for Clark to finally come to know the father whose absence had haunted her for decades.



Brinkley Saunders has a secret. Once a rising star following in her mother's footsteps, she's now an administrative assistant at an insurance agency—or so they think. In reality, Brinkley works at Heartbreak for Hire, a secret service that specializes in revenge for jilted lovers, frenemies, and long-suffering coworkers. But when her new coworker turns out to be a target she was paid to take down.



When fourteen-year-old Jace Wilson witnesses a brutal murder, he's plunged into a new life, issued a false identity and hidden in a wilderness skills program for troubled teens. The plan is to get Jace off the grid while police find the two killers.

#### **EXPLORING OUR HISTORY**

#### Focus on a Commerce Family

Nathaniel Stiggers moved to Commerce from Naples, Texas sometime after his birth in 1917. He married Ruth Nell Pitts, and they began married life with Nathaniel playing ball for the Black Sox Baseball Team in Commerce. He was so good that he played for teams in Oregon, Idaho, and New York State. After retiring from his baseball career, he returned home to Commerce to play and coach for ball teams in Commerce.

Douglas Stiggers, who had been born in 1936, helped his dad build a baseball field in the 1950s in the Norris Community so that they could practice and host other teams. Douglas and his two sisters, Arvessor and Annie, enjoyed basketball and played on winning teams for Norris High School. Douglas married Glenda Herring and much later married Eva Mae Martin. Both women also played basketball on winning teams for Norris High

School. Douglas was influential in the Norris Community, helping the Norris Community Club to improve the roads, parks, playground, and telephone service in the 1970s. Douglas just died this year in February. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

Nathaniel's grandchildren have also played sports for Commerce High School. Gary Stiggers played football for the Arkansas Razorbacks and Denver Broncos. He has been a teacher, referee and umpire. Sheena played basketball for Commerce High School and is now a laboratory technician for Saputo Laboratories. Vetti Hickson did not play sports and instead was a Junior Rotarian, member of the student council, FTA, and NHS at Commerce High School. She is in Human Resources for the Baylor Health Care System.

In 2003, Nathaniel Stiggers was honored with his name above the new ball field in Ivory Moore Park. Douglas threw out the first pitch and the crowd listened to the mayor proclaim

Nathaniel Stiggers Day! Just this month, the Commerce City Council voted to make improvements to the park where Douglas threw that pitch! We hope Nathaniel would be pleased.





### KID'S CORNER



When a black snake threatens to destroy the Earth and poison her people's water, one young water protector takes a stand to defend Earth's most sacred resource.



In this book about learning from failure, one family discovers what it takes to care for many kinds of plants. Even when it is hard or when things do not go as the children would like, they persevere in the face of adversity.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

# AUTHOR VISIT: *Linda Brandlo*Saturday, October 9



Linda is a multi-genre Christian author who first began to write during her years as a caregiver. After two memoirs about Alzheimer's caregiving, she ventured into the world of fiction.

## MUSIC TEACHER NATIONAL ASSOCIATION GROUP

Thursday, October 21 @ 5P

# CIRCUITRY WORK SHOP

Saturday, October 16 10A-12P @ City Hall

Join us for a fun workshop learning how to make simple circuits that can combine with art and stories! Great entry into learning about engineering or robotics.

https://tinyurl.com/getlitcpl
For ages 11+ - parents & adults welcome!

Lunch is provided to participants.

Registration is limited to the first 30!