



THE BONIUK LIBRARY

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM HOUSTON

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Each year, tens of thousands of visitors have access to the resources of Holocaust Museum Houston's The Boniuk Library. From students to teachers to professional researchers examining the Holocaust and other genocides, HMH visitors can take advantage of more than 7,000 books and hundreds of DVDs and videos.

HOURS

Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Weekend appointments may be made at the librarian's discretion.
The library closes daily for lunch.

LOCATION

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 6:30 p.m. **Evening Book Club.** This April, Holocaust Museum Houston librarian Maria Harris facilitates a discussion of "The Inextinguishable Symphony" by Martin Goldsmith. A moving account of emotional strength under fire chronicles the true story of two Jewish musicians who fell in love under the Nazi regime and managed to keep their passion and their music alive through very difficult times. This event is free.

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 6:30 p.m. **Evening Book Club.** This May, Holocaust Museum Houston librarian Maria Harris facilitates a discussion of "The Sandcastle Girls" by Chris Bohjalian. This novel tells parallel stories of a woman who falls in love with an Armenian soldier during the Armenian Genocide and a modern-day New Yorker prompted to rediscover her Armenian past. This event is free.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 6:30 p.m. **Writing Workshop: Memoir as Monologue.** This writing workshop, which meets on four consecutive Thursdays, allows participants to express the challenges and achievements in their lives through creative form. Learn to write an effective, moving and personally meaningful dramatic monologue about your life, and prepare for the presentation of the monologue on July 21. Facilitated by Maria Harris, librarian. This workshop is free. Registration is limited to 12 participants.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 6:30 p.m. **Evening Book Club.** This June, Holocaust Museum Houston librarian Maria Harris facilitates a discussion of "The Optimists" by Andrew Miller. Clem Glass was a successful photojournalist, firm in the belief that photographs could capture truth and beauty, until he went to Africa and witnessed the aftermath of a genocidal massacre. Glass returns to London with his faith in human nature shattered and his life derailed. Nothing-work, love, sex- can rouse his interest and no other outlook can restore his faith. The one person Glass is able to connect with is his sister, who has made her own sudden retreat from reality into the shadows of mental illness, and he finds some peace nursing her back to health. This event is free.

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 6:30 p.m. **Memoir as Monologue Performances.** These short dramatic monologues, presented by recent writing workshop participants, offer an intimate look into the lives of the performers. The monologues celebrate performers' achievements and challenges and are sure to both excite and inspire the audience. Admission is free, but seating is limited, and advance registration is requested.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

De laaste zeven maanden: vrouwen in het spoor van Anne Frank

Willy Lindwer

"The Last Seven Months of Anne Frank" contains the poignant story of a number of Jewish women. These women, including Anne's childhood friend Hannah Goslar - 'Lies' from the Diary - let the reader know their life before the German invasion, their persecution, arrest and deportation, and their lives in the concentration camps of Westerbork, Auschwitz-Birkenau and Bergen-Belsen.

Terezin

This Special Collections item about Theresienstadt was published by the National Company in Prague for the Union of Antifascist Fighters in 1963. It was donated to the library in honor of Bill Morgan.

THE BONIUK LIBRARY WISH LIST

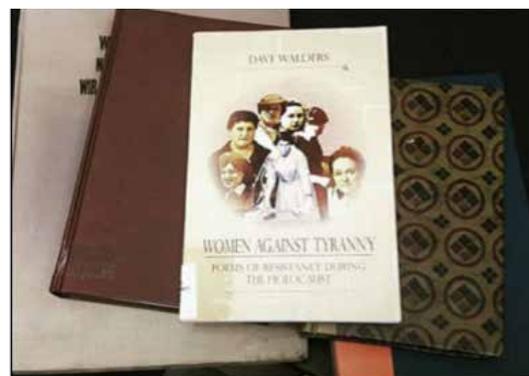
Wish List:

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Children's:

<http://amzn.com/w/386KJUB104G20>

All gift books will be acknowledged with a personalized bookplate on the inside front cover.



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BONIUK RESOURCE CENTER and LIBRARY

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM HOUSTON

ABOUT THE FRIENDS

The Friends of the Library was created to connect HMH members and the Houston community with The Boniuk Library's collection and resources. All funds raised by Friends of the Library will build the collection, increase visibility and expand public access to the collection.

Last year, more than 3,400 visitors used the HMH Library. HMH library staff spent more than 800 hours researching and answering 825 reference questions for personal, student and professional researchers. We must continue these important efforts, working to combat ignorance with education and replace disbelief with proof. Our work enables us to make positive strides to educate current generations about the Holocaust and other genocides, as well as the lessons to be learned from them.

Through your membership in the Friends of the Library, you will be part of exclusive events and opportunities to learn about the library and its impact. Membership and events will allow you to meet others who share your interests.

MEMBERSHIP

Each new Friends of the Library member receives a personalized bookplate to be added to a new library acquisition. This is an excellent way to honor a family member or friend for generations to come. Members also have access to exclusive events and opportunities such as the Friends of the Library Breakfast Book Club, cocktail parties and more.

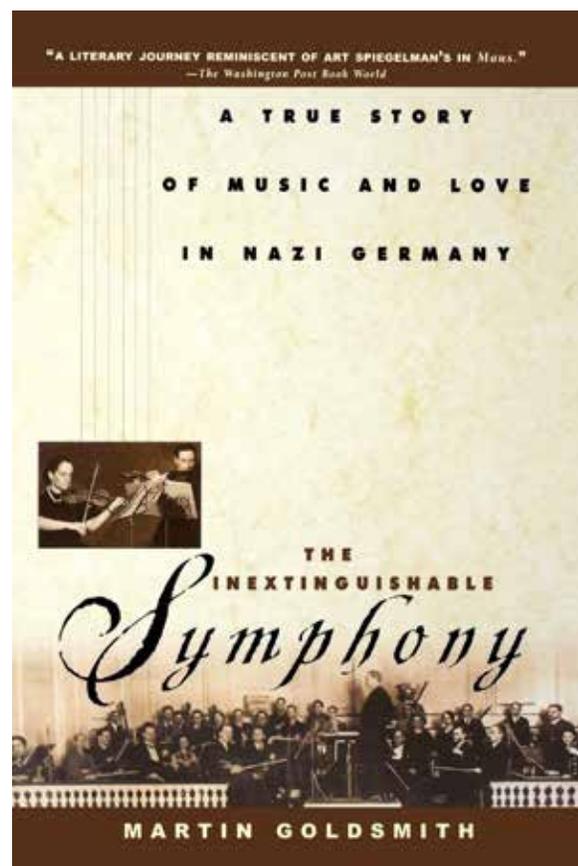
For more information or to become a member of the Friends of the Library, call Maria Harris, Librarian, at (713) 942-8000, ext. 110, or email friendslibrary@hmh.org.

UPCOMING FRIENDS EVENTS

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 9 a.m.

Friends of the Library Breakfast Book Club

This month, the Friends will meet at Harry's Restaurant and Café to discuss "The Inextinguishable Symphony" by Martin Goldsmith. This moving account of emotional strength under fire chronicles the true story of two Jewish musicians who fell in love under the Nazi regime and managed to keep their passion and their music alive through very difficult times. This event is free, but participants must pay for their own breakfast.

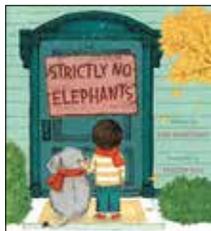


SPOTLIGHT ON...

THE BONIUK LIBRARY PICTURE BOOK COLLECTION

Books in The Boniuk Library's Picture Book Collection are specifically chosen for young children and do not directly deal with the Holocaust. Instead, their themes include family, friendship, dealing with bullies and being themselves. The picture book collection serves Holocaust Museum Houston's mission of teaching the dangers of hatred, prejudice and apathy in a way that's age-appropriate... and fun!

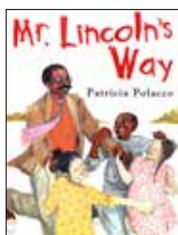
Highlights from The Boniuk Library Picture Book Collection:



THEME: ACCEPTANCE

“Strictly No Elephants” by Lisa Mantchev

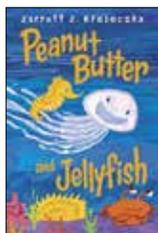
A boy is excluded from joining his friends' pet club because of his unusual pet.



THEME: BULLYING

“Mr. Lincoln's Way” by Patricia Polacco

When Mr. Lincoln, “the coolest principal in the whole world,” discovers that Eugene, the school bully, knows a lot about birds, he uses this interest to help Eugene overcome his intolerance.



THEME: FRIENDSHIP

“Peanut Butter and Jellyfish” by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

“Best friends Peanut Butter and Jellyfish are constantly being taunted by their neighbor, Crabby, until they help him out of a jam.”



THEME: STANDING UP FOR YOURSELF

“Don't Let the Pigeon Ride the Bus” by Mo Willems

When the bus driver decides to take a break from driving, a wild and wacky pigeon pleads and begs to take his place.