

# The Bandera PROPHEET

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Book some time at the Bandera Library

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Merry Christmas to all and to all a good read in the New Year. The Bandera Library will resume normal hours on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday before the next holiday. The library will close at 3 p.m. on New Year's Eve and will be closed only on Jan. 1. Make sure you have enough books, DVDs and audio books to survive the holiday season. And they won't even be due until next year.

Here is a sneak peek at some of the new January releases coming to the library. Gregg Hurwitz's latest book in the Orphan X series arrives later this month. "Into the Fire" is the fifth in the popular thriller series. This vivid description from the dustjacket provides a clue to the latest adventure. "Evan Smoak lives by his own code. Once he was known as Orphan X. Trained as an off-the-books government assassin and spoken about only in whispers, Evan Smoak was one of the most talented - and most feared - men in the Program. But he broke free and reinvented himself as The Nowhere Man, a figure shrouded in mystery, known for helping the truly desperate. If anyone is truly desperate, it's Max Merriweather.

Max is at the end of his rope. His cousin has been brutally murdered, leaving Max an envelope that contains nothing but a mysterious key. However, someone really wants that key, badly enough that Max - and anyone he turns to - is in deadly danger. What seems like a simple job for The Nowhere Man turns out to be anything but. Behind every threat he takes out, a deadlier one emerges, and Evan Smoak must put himself

in greater danger than ever before as he heads once more “Into the Fire.” The Director recommends this series to thrill seekers.

“When You See Me” is the latest from Lisa Gardner. Author Gregg Hurwitz (Orphan X author) says, “This is another rocket-fuel-propelled thriller from Lisa Gardner. This culmination of her great talents sees the return of her finest characters Detective D.D. Warren, Kimberley Quincy and (including my favorite, Flora Dane), who collide with an intrigue that starts out chillingly intimate and explodes into a sky-high denouement that will leave you breathless.” Fans of Rennie Airth and his John Madden series will be excited by the sixth book, “The Decent Inn of Death.” Many readers liken his style to Agatha Christie.

Other new releases in January include a Danielle Steel book, “Moral Compass,” Joseph Finder’s “House on Fire,” Iris Johansen and her son Roy, deliver a Kendra Michaels tale “Hindsight” and Ellery Adams’ third book in the Secret, Bone and Scone Society series, “The Book of Candlelight.” Action fans will welcome the newest Brad Taylor book featuring his hero, Pike Logan in “Hunter Killer.”

And finally, “Overstory” by Richard Powers is the winner of the Pulitzer Prize in Fiction. It is a novel of activism and natural-world power presents interlocking fables about nine remarkable strangers who are summoned in different ways by trees for an ultimate, brutal stand to save the continent's few remaining acres of virgin forest.

Why not make more reading one of your New Year’s Resolutions? It just takes a library card and a little imagination. You won’t regret the decision. Great holiday wishes from the entire library staff and Board of Directors.