

Grape Leaf Book Nook

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Welcome

To the New Residents moving into the beautiful new villas and the main Vineyards building in the last few months, I hope you have found the Grape Leaf Book Nook on the third floor and have enjoyed some of the 2,700 books in the library, all donated by residents or friends of The Armenian Home/Vineyards. This edition of the Grape Leaf Book Nook is dedicated to you and to acquaint you with the library. Enjoy reading!

Meet Polly Brewer and Her Library Books

Having travelled to London twice, new Villa resident Polly Brewer fell in love with British history and mystery books and they formed a large part of her personal library, of which Polly has donated a significant number to the Book Nook. An introduction to British authors is attached. You'll find them in the recently added sections.

Polly, what attracted you to British history and mystery? "I appreciate the complexity of the history and how the various nationalities including the French, the Vikings, the Celts and others amalgamated into one people. They ultimately chose to be one people rather than enemies." **Do you have a favorite British author?** "I like the mystery writers P.D James and Reginald Hill and, of course, the classics of Charles Dickens and Jane Austin."

What Will You Find in the Library?

Sixteen bookcases, shelf after shelf and over 2,700 books of all kinds. Surely you can find something to your liking that will keep you turning pages deep into the morning hours.

Fiction includes tons of mystery—Tom Clancy, John Grisham, David Baldacci, Sue Grafton, John LaCarre, Jim Patterson and a host of other writers of your favorite "who done its." Historical fiction features James Michener, Philippa Gregory and Ken Follett. Your favorite religious fiction writers are there, as well as "other" classical and miscellaneous novels. The nonfiction section, although smaller, is equally interesting. Major sections include history and biography/memoirs with books on many of the most important personalities in American history as well as some cultural icons and religious figures. Religion and travel round out the nonfiction collection.

Vineyards residents have also authored books in the library. Jean Janzen has written several collections of poetry, Wilfred Martens, late husband of Erma Martens, has written *River of Glass*, a historical fiction account of Erma's parents' escape from Russia to the US.

How to Check Books Out and Check Books In

Checking books out and back in is as easy as signing your name. You'll find two clipboards on the Circulation Table in the Library. Our system is based on your honor. You check the books out and return them when you have completed them. There are no "due dates," so no fines for overdue books. But we do encourage you to read a bit everyday so you can return the books to be enjoyed by other residents.

Checking Out

On the table in the library is a clipboard labeled "Check Out." Simply put the date, your name, apartment number, book title, book author on this list. When a sheet is full, the sheet is moved to the "Check In" clipboard.

Take the book with you and enjoy reading.

Checking In

A second clipboard is labeled "Check In." Find the book you are returning on this list and write the date you returned the book. Place the books in the book return pile and find your next book to check out. Librarians will re-shelve the books.

We're Almost Full, Thanks to You

Residents of the Vineyards are very generous. When we began talking about a library in winter 2018, we had about 500 books donated. Today you will find over 2,700 volumes. Thanks to all residents and friends of residents who donated books.

Thanks also to The Vineyards management for providing space, bookcases and other furnishings, along with much encouragement and support.

All this to say that with space limitations, we are becoming very selective in the books we will accept for the library. We can no longer receive entire libraries of new residents as they move in. We will still accept recent books or books which have received prestigious awards or prizes as well as literary classics or authors. The librarians will still receive up to five books. More than five, let's talk.

We have a couple of places where we donate books that we do not accept for the library. If you have many books to dispose of, we can put you in touch with these sources.

Wishing you a *Very Merry Christmas and a Joyful 2021!*
Co-librarians, Dennis and Nancy Becker