A booktalk presented by Sandy Wallick
Librarian at Gere Branch Library
at Bethany Branch: 4/13/12 & Gere Branch: 4/16/12

* Lord, Walter.
A NIGHT TO REMEMBER c. 1955 (910.45 Lor) HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. If you read only one book about the Titanic, this should be it. This is the book that all other authors refer to.

THE NIGHT LIVES ON c. 1986 (910.453 Lor) Lord’s companion volume where he adds information that was either unavailable before or beyond the scope of his first book.

* Archbold, Rick.
LAST DINNER ON THE TITANIC: MENUS AND RECIPES FROM THE LEGENDARY LINER c. 1997 (641.57 Arc) This includes stories about the food served during the fatal voyage and includes recipes so that you can recreate menus and serve your own Titanic feast.

Ballard, Robert D.
RETURN TO THE TITANIC: A NEW LOOK AT THE WORLD’S MOST FAMOUS LOST SHIP c. 2004 (910.45 Bal) Returning to the Titanic 18 years after his first exploration of the wreck, Ballard documents the changes since her rediscovery and why he feels that she should not be salvaged (note: the latter argument was one he lost).

* Butler, Daniel Allen.
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE NIGHT: THE CARPATHIA, THE CALIFORNIAN AND THE NIGHT THE TITANIC WAS LOST c. 2009 (910.45 But) This is a very readable account of the other ships so closely tied to the Titanic — the Carpathia who rushed to her aid and the Californian who saw Titanic’s flares but did nothing. (also wrote “UNSINKABLE”: THE FULL STORY OF RMS TITANIC. 910.45 But)

Hopkinson, Deborah.
TITANIC: VOICES FROM THE DISASTER c. 2012 (j910.452 Hop)
The fateful voyage through the eyes of some of its survivors written for young people.

Hyslop, Donald.
TITANIC VOICES: MEMORIES FROM THE FATEFUL VOYAGE c. 1994 (910.45 qHys) This book focuses on first-hand accounts and oral histories to give the
perspective of the people and the town of Southampton, home to the majority of the Titanic’s crew.

* Jessop, Violet.  
**TITANIC SURVIVOR: THE NEWLY DISCOVERED MEMOIRS OF VIOLET JESSOP WHO SURVIVED BOTH THE TITANIC AND BRITANNIC DISASTERS**  c. 1997 (B J492) Violet Jessop served aboard all three sisters, Olympic, Titanic, and Britannic and survived a collision on the first and the sinking of the latter two.

McPherson, Stephanie Sammartino.  

* O’Donnell, E. E.  
**THE LAST DAYS OF THE TITANIC: PHOTOGRAPHS AND MEMENTOS OF THE TRAGIC MAIDEN VOYAGE**  c. 1997 (910.452 qOdo) Father Frank Browne travelled on Titanic’s maiden voyage as far as Queenstown, taking photographs before, during, and as he and the ship parted ways.

* Pellegrino, Charles.  
**GHOSTS OF THE TITANIC**  c. 2000 Dr. Pellegrino uses first hand accounts and the latest (at that time) technology to recreate the night of the sinking and offers insights into what is happening to the wreck

* Spedden, Daisy Corning Stone.  
**POLAR, THE TITANIC BEAR: A TRUE STORY**  c. 1994 (j910.45 Spe) As a Christmas gift for her son, Daisy Spedden wrote this story told by Douglas’ Steiff bear, Polar. The story includes their time on the Titanic, escaping on a lifeboat and rescue by the Carpathia.

* Stewart, David.  
**YOU WOULDN’T WANT TO SAIL ON THE TITANIC!: ONE VOYAGE YOU’D RATHER NOT MAKE**  c. 2001 (j910.452 Ste) Part of a series of books for young people that look at historical events through graphics and fact boxes so that quite of bit of information is shared in a way that is comfortable to children.

Wels, Susan.  
**TITANIC: LEGACY OF THE WORLD’S GREATEST OCEAN LINER**  c. 1997 (910.45 Wel) This book was published with the cooperation of The Discovery Channel, which filmed William F. Buckley, Jr.’s dive to the wreck site and RMS Titanic, Inc. which has jurisdiction over the wreck site and salvage rights.
Wilson, Andrew. SHADOW OF THE TITANIC: THE EXTRAORDINARY STORIES OF THOSE WHO SURVIVED c. 2012 (910.453 Wil) Those who survived the Titanic dealt with the tragedy in many ways. The author uses unpublished memoirs, letters and diaries as well as interviews with family members to explore how their lives were changed forever by that one night.

* Wilson, Frances. HOW TO SURVIVE THE TITANIC: THE SINKING OF J. BRUCE ISMAY c. 2011 (910.452 Wil) NOT RECOMMENDED unless you really like Joseph Conrad & literature comparisons. I include this because this was the title that first brought this book talk to mind and includes information on Ismay that is not covered in other titles.

Magazines:

* NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, April 2012 “The Titanic, Illuminated” by Hampton Sides & “Walking With Ghosts” by James Cameron

* NEBRASKA HISTORY, Summer 1997 (vol. 78, No. 2) “Nebraska Connections to a Titanic Disaster” by Edward R. Tyron. (p. 84-92)

* SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE. March 2012 “Shadow of the Titanic” by Andrew Wilson.

Compact Discs:

MUSIC ABOARD THE TITANIC (Compact Disc 781.63 Mus) Primarily selections of music available to the Titanic’s musicians arranged by different sections of the ship.

* Whitcomb, Ian. TITANIC: MUSIC AS HEARD ON THE FATEFUL VOYAGE (Compact Disc 781.63 Whi) This album includes “The White Star March” as well as familiar tunes of the era.

* -- These titles will be the focus of this book talk. The other titles listed are among a multitude of titles available on the Titanic and are suggested for further reading.

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