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Pictured: Morden Branch

What's New?

Here's your reminder that Winklers Book & Bake Sale is coming up! Grab a gift for Mothers Day weekend or maybe grab some tasty treats to snack on while you browse!

Hours:

May 5th: 12:00pm-8:00pm

May 6th: 10:00am-5:00pm

May 7th: 10:00am-3:30pm

This years sale is a fundrasier for the creation of a Library Reading Garden! If you're interested in hearing more, be sure to ask the staff-they'll be happy to share!



Thanks for your support!

🇺🇦 Fines for Ukraine 🇺🇦

Pay it Forwad this May and help support Ukraine.

At SCRL we will be collecting fines and taking donations on **May 11th** to give towards a local Ukraine fundraising group.

For more informaton on the organizations, please visit:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/helpukrmorden>

Featured Articles

SCRL Book Review

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

By John Boyne

Young Adult Fiction

Reviewed by Gail - Morden Branch Administrator

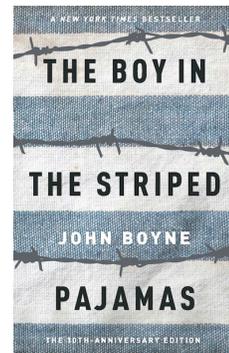
I chose to read this book when I saw that the movie was on Netflix. The book is almost always better than the movie so I try to read before I watch. I have not watched the movie yet, but the book did not disappoint.

"The Boy in the Striped Pajamas" tells the story of Bruno, a young boy living during the Holocaust. His life so far has been largely unaffected by the events that lead up to his father being promoted to Commandant. This changes when the family moves from Berlin to a place he calls "Out-With". Here, Bruno finds life lonely because theirs is the only house around. Young Bruno likes to think that he will someday be a great explorer, so he decides to make the best of his situation and explore his new surroundings. When he goes beyond the boundary given to him by his parents, he is happily surprised to find a large group of people milling around behind a fence. Bruno continues to explore the area until he meets another young boy.

The rest of the story is about how the friendship grows between the two boys, even though there is a fence between them. It presents the Holocaust in an innocent way, but with enough reality to keep an adult's interest and give them the ability to recognize the events for what they really are. The author captures what it's like to think simply like a child but also presents the reality of what it could have been like to be a child on either side of that fence in Auschwitz. While this is not a true story, it so easily could have been...

The story does not have a happy ending but it does have a surprise ending that sends a very clear message to the reader.

I have recommended this book to anyone who will listen to me, it's an important story that deserves to be read again and again.



For more book reviews and suggestions, check out the SCRL blog *Novel Experiences*

Covid Tests

All five SCRL branches now carry Covid-19 rapid tests. Please visit your nearest location to receive yours. Each kit comes with 5 tests. Please note that there is a limit of two kits per family.

Watch out for...

Our new and improved *Bookland Explorers* program (previously summer reading program) will be taking online applications for our summer students. Please check out the link on our website "South Central Regional Library" to find the link to the job ad. You must apply through the link to be considered.

