

Louis L'Amour

Louis Dearborn L'Amour was born in Jamestown, North Dakota in 1908. He grew up in North Dakota, and left home at the age of fifteen. At one time or another, L'Amour worked as a lumberjack, an elephant handler, a cattle skinner, a miner, and an officer in the Army's transportation corps. He boxed professionally, circled the world as a merchant seaman, and sailed a dhow on the Red Sea. He was shipwrecked in the West Indies and stranded in the Mojave Desert. In other words, he'd seen it all.

L'Amour ended his peripatetic existence and settled in California where he began to write for a living. He set most of his stories in the post-Civil War American West. Although he seems to have had a softball-team-on-its-night-out kind of mentality, L'Amour drew quite successfully upon his many experiences. He authored several western adventure stories for pulp magazines before his first full-length novel, *Hondo*, was published. L'Amour went on to become one of the most successful authors in the history of western fiction, writing more than 120 popular novels. Nearly fifty of them have been made into feature films and TV movies.

L'Amour methodically described the American West, and the heroism of its occupants – both the new arrivals and the native Americans. His protagonists possess an admirable code of honor, a can-do attitude, and a laudable strength of character that, combined with a certain mental and physical toughness, sees them through the most harrowing of circumstances. During his writing career, L'Amour received a host of honors and awards including the Congressional Gold Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Louis L'Amour died in Los Angeles in 1988.

Essay by Bill Lounsbery

KRL has Hondo and many, many other Louis L'Amour novels

BOOK WORMS (3rd Monday, 7 pm)

On December 17th, we will be discussing *The Secret History of Wonder Woman* by Jill Lepore.

ONGOING SALE: Pre-owned Books are
On Sale every day during normal Library Hours.

One Book - One Community Imbolo Mbue's *Behold the DREAMERS*

Friday, Nov 23rd All Day

#BuyLessReadMore: One Book Kick Off Read In

Launch One Book, One Community...from your living room (or favorite reading spot!) –

REMEMBER. THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED

Grab a copy of this year's book and help us kick off our 11th annual community read event with a community-wide read in Black Friday. Share your #BuyLessReadMore photos and moments and show us where you are reading and who you are reading with. #OBOC2019, #LibraryInspired.

MORE LIBRARY ACTIVITIES For December

Special for Little Kids (ages 3-5):

EXPLORATION STATION

A fun, science-based program designed just for pre-schoolers. Topics and activities vary each month

Second Thursday: Dec 13th 1:30-2:30 pm

STEM

High-Tech Holiday Cardmaking Tuesday, Dec 18 3:30-5 pm

Simple circuitry meets art as we make dazzling light-up cards using multicolored LEDs! All ages and skill levels welcome.

LEGO CLUB: Wednesday Dec 19th
Grades K-5 5:30 - 7 pm

Use the Library's Legos to complete a challenge or construct from your imagination.

For Adults

Writers Cafe: Monday, Dec. 3rd 6-7:30 pm

Work on your own writing with quiet companionship. All genres, styles and levels of experience are welcome. Coffee and tea provided. *Repeats on 1st Mondays for 3 months*

Sunday Dec 2nd Christmas Tree Lighting 5 pm

The Manchester Grade School-ers will be singing carols, cookies and hot cider will be served by the Fathom's of Fun Princesses, **Santa will arrive by Fire Truck** and will be available for pictures by the tree and the MCA will be selling BEAUTIFUL Door Swags with wired bows for only \$15 to support buying new lights for the tree!

Contact Carrilu Thompson to buy Door Swags in advance
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