

Mauney Memorial Library included in 'Cultural Gems'

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Mauney Memorial Library has been selected for inclusion in a newly released book, "Cultural Gems: An Eclectic Look at Unique United States Libraries," by Richard J. and Mary Maturi. The book covers a panorama of libraries from coast to coast and will be a test for lovers of library architecture, local history, and American culture.

The idea for the book derived from a 1993 trip along the Lincoln Highway in the author's 1936 Oldsmobile. A life time lover of books and libraries, the authors make a point of visiting libraries on their travels. On this particular trip they noted several unique libraries with interesting and colorful histories, and the idea of the book was born.

Richard Maturi is a widely recognized author with more than 1,000 published articles and seven investment books. His articles have appeared in American History Illustrated, Akron Beacon Magazine, Cleveland Magazine, Denver Post, The Plain Dealer, Casper Star-Tribune, and Executive Living. Three of the author's books have been Money Book Club selections. Richard and Mary Maturi recently completed "Wyoming: Off the Beaten Path," due for release in 1996 by Globe Pequot Press.

"Cultural Gems" features over 90 libraries with black and white photographs to accent the architectural detail. Mauney Library was photographed by Ronnie Hawkins. A historical sketch of the library accompanies the photographs.

Selected libraries range from the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, DC to the rustic log cabin in Cooper Landing, Alaska. Other libraries featured include Pack Memorial Library in Asheville, the chateau type Princeton Public Library dating from 1882, the Halls Public Library, the renovated Sinclair Service Station in Halls, Tn., the Elbert County Library in Kiowa, Colorado, a renovated Catholic Church, Carnegie Libraries in various locations, and many more. The variety of architecture is amazing and includes classical, Gothic, and modern, and everything in between. The history of the origins of some of the libraries, and the buildings in which they are housed, is interesting and unusual.

Visit the library and enjoy this unique look at an important part of American culture. The book will be on the reference shelf and is available for browsing.

New books at Mauney Memorial Library: Gross, Leonard. "Strangers at the Gate" (Random House, 1995).

In anticipation of Communist China's take over of Hong Kong in July 1997, tens of thousands of residents are fleeing to other parts of the world. Focusing on this unprecedented wave of immigration, Gross has crafted a dramatic, fast paced thriller about an

ugly crime of racial vengeance that exposes an intricate underworld taking root on North America's west coast.

McCrumb, Sharyn. "If I'd Killed Him When I Met Him." (Ballantine Books, 1995).

For forensic anthropologist Elizabeth MacPherson, solving mysteries hardly seems the fun it used to be, even if she is the official, private investigator for her brother Bill's fledgling Virginia law firm. Then Bill and his feminist firebrand partner, A.P. Hill, take on two complex cases that will require Elizabeth's special participation.

MacDonald, Patricia. "Secret Admirer" (Warner, 1995).

Laura Reed feels safe and happy in Cape Christian, a little jewel of Victorian architecture and quaint structure on New Jersey's southern tip. She never dreams that this New Year's Eve



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her nearly perfect life will end. A man in a ski mask will break into her house, knock her out and fatally shoot her husband.

McInery, Ralph. "Law and Order" (Scribner, 1995).

Andrew Broom couldn't be happier living in his hometown of Wyler, Indiana where views extend for miles, and everyone knows everyone, and there's plenty of time for gold.

Unfortunately mischief and deception lurk even in the quietest of towns and on the most pristine of fairways.

O'Shaughnessy, Perri. "Motion to Suppress" (Delacorte Press, 1995).

From a tremendously talented new author, we have a first novel that rings with truth, a heart pounding story of crime and of two women risking everything for justice.

Parker, Robert. "Thin Air" (G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1995).

A beautiful woman vanishes, leaving Spenser to probe the mysteries of her checkered past, in a masterful work of detection that leads him on a trail of obsession and violence.

Pearson, Ryan. "Capital Punishment" (William Morrow and Company, Inc., 1995).

In a sparsely populated area north of

Los Angeles, the police are summoned to a medical emergency. They arrive to find a man sprawled on the sidewalk with no indication of injury or of life. What happens next sets off a deadly chain of events that takes the FBI on a desperate cross country investigation.

Walsh, Jill Paton. "A Piece of Justice" (St. Martin's Press, 1995).

Imogene Zuy, the school nurse at St. Agatha's College, Cambridge, is intelligent, compassionate, and inquisitive. She originally got messed up in murder when she solved the Wyndham Case. Here, another student may be in danger, and this time that student is her friend and border.

THRILLERS

Breeze, Paul. "In Harm's Way" (St. Martin's Press, 1994).

This is a gripping thriller that com-

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Fielding, Joy. "Don't Cry Now" (William Morrow and Company, Inc., 1995).

Once again Fielding unfurls her extraordinary talent to keep us turning pages - with all the lights on and the doors bolted. In this powerful domestic thriller she delivers a chilling story in which terror and devotion spar for a place in a mother's heart.

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