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# The New York Dog



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There are dog people in this world and then there others! Sorry, cat *afionados*. But for you lovers of all things canine, this new book of photographs with New Yorker's "best friend" stories will charm you. When you think of it, what could be more counterintuitive than a Manhattan or Brooklynite pup? Imagine the crowds (*homo sapien* primarily), the honking horns, lights, and police and fire sirens. It's enough to set even a human howling.

The photos are lovely. They include: an endearing poodle with its mouth open leaning into the wind from a cab window, a Great Dane crossing a car-filled side street, and several mixed breeds running free past colorful graffitied walls. There's even a refreshing series of summer beach scenes with dogs coated in sand or racing into the surf. Famous photographer William Wegman is shown with four of his graceful dog models: Flo, Topper, Candy, and Bobbin. [Read more](#)

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## Monroe County Public Library Adds More Sunday Hours

Monroe County Public Library's hours are changing for the first time in 25 years, highlighted by 2 additional open hours on Sundays at the Main Library in downtown Bloomington. Beginning September 2, the Library's new hours will be:

### **Main Library Hours**

Monday-Thursday .... 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Friday-Saturday .... 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday .... Noon-6 p.m.

### **Ellettsville Branch Hours**

Monday-Thursday .... 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Friday?Saturday .... 10 a.m.?6 p.m.

Sunday .... 1?5 p.m.

The Library's decision to increase Sunday hours at the Main Library is driven by three factors: the request for "expanded weekend hours" in the Library's 2012 Community Survey, the recent addition of parking meters in downtown Bloomington that have created new barriers to Library service for many, and interest expressed by the Board of Trustees to review hours for the first time in 25 years.

"Our goal with the hour shift is to make it easier for people to visit the library," says Library Director, Sara Laughlin. "We'd like to see those people who have not been coming because of the parking or because of the schedule."

With the expansion of Sunday hours, the Library also hopes to make downtown Bloomington a Sunday destination for community members. The new Sunday hours will provide more opportunities for community organizations to host meetings and events at the Library. Downtown businesses and community organizations can contact the Library for partnership opportunities and to book meeting rooms or the auditorium.

With the newly renovated auditorium about to open, the Library will be hosting a greater variety of entertainers and programs. Sunday program highlights in the new auditorium this fall include:

- **Talk Like a Pirate, with The Pirate Flags** from 4?5 p.m. on Sunday, September 21. Live music with Bloomington's own band of scurrilous rogues, The Pirate Flags.
- **Silver Screen Sundays** at 3 p.m. every fourth Sunday: 9/28, 10/26, 11/23. Classic movies on the big screen.
- **"Good Night and May God Bless"** from 2?3:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 19. Storyteller Stephanie Holman on the early life of Hoosier Red Skelton.
- **Nutcracker Fantasy** from 2?3 p.m. on Sunday, November 16. Dancers from IU Jacobs School of Music perform *The Nutcracker* ballet.
- **Gustafer Yellowgold's Show** from 1:30?2:15 p.m. on Sunday, November 30. Morgan Taylor's multimedia performance featuring his character Gustafer.

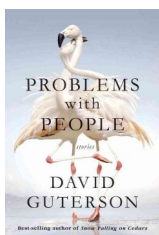
In order to add the additional hours on Sunday, the Main Library shifted its Friday and Saturday hours to 10 a.m.?6 p.m. The Ellettsville Branch hours also shifted slightly. The branch will now be open 10 a.m.?6 p.m. on Saturdays.

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## Problems with People



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This is Guterson's first story collection in nearly twenty years. Ignore the bland title for these stories set in his native Northwest and in foreign countries including Germany, South Africa, and Nepal are muscular, well-written, and anchored with a deep sense of place. An air of melancholy and of possible tragedy hangs over a few of them, especially two of my favorites, "Pilanesberg" and "Krassavitseh."

In "Pilanesberg" a brother visits his sister in Africa to go wildlife viewing, but you soon discover that the sister has cancer and her favorite thing to do is "sleep." They share a wonderful experience viewing big mammals: elephants, tigers, etc. but the trip is marred by the fact that they animals are fenced in, and the couple find themselves at dusk locked in as well. Next follows a humorous and ludicrous conversation with the gatekeeper who says he cannot let them out. [Read more](#)

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## Richard Attenborough: 1923 - 2014



This last Sunday brought us the passing of actor, producer and director Richard Attenborough. He is perhaps most recently remembered today as John Hammond, the eccentric founder of *Jurassic Park*. However, he has been involved in the movies since 1942. Besides being on screen as an actor he has produced thirteen films, including *Gandhi* and *Cry Freedom*. He directed twelve films including *Gandhi*, *A Chorus Line* and *A Bridge Too Far*. The library has a nice collection of his films. We hope you enjoy them.

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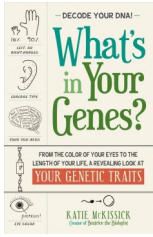
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## From the color of Your Eyes to Your Type of Earwax



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If the last thing you learned about genes was Gregor Mendel's pea pod experiments, you might want to try this easy to read science book to get up to speed about many fascinating changes in hereditary theory.

For instance, humans have only 20,000 to 25,000 genes, downgraded from a previous estimate of 100,000. In comparison, a tiny water flea--barely visible to our naked eye--has about 31,000. You've heard the word genome in the news and on PBS. Your genome is your full set of genes. Every cell in your body gets a copy of the full set although each cell cannot read all of them. By the way, the word "cell" came from Robert Hooke, the first person who saw them in the 1600s. When he first discovered them under a microscope, they reminded him of monks' cells.

Other interesting facts about your genome. The chromosomes scientists have discovered have something to do with either inherited diseases or traits. For instance, chromosome 1 is associated with deafness, schizophrenia and maple syrup disease. (You read that right!) If you have red hair, thank chromosome 2. Blue or green eyes? Chromosome 19 is for you. And yes, previously scientists thought that there were only two possibilities for eye color: brown or blue. Those green eyes, they just tagged as a variant of blue. [Read more](#)

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## The Book of Unknown Americans



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With immigration a hot button issue both politically and in the news, it was interesting to read Cristina Henríquez's second novel *The Book of Unknown Americans*. It tells the stories of various immigrants (from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and other Latin American countries) who have all landed in Delaware.

The book opens with a family's arrival at night from the border. A paid driver has brought Arturo, Alma, and their daughter Maribel to this immigrant enclave outside of Dover. They are legal immigrants given papers to work on a mushroom farm. Or at least Arturo will work there. They have come primarily to get special schooling for 15 year old Maribel who fell off a ladder at her father's construction site in Mexico and has brain damage.

The story of this family is the heartwood of the novel. But woven in are life stories of other

immigrants including a boxer, who came to the states to win matches but became instead a landlord, and an actress who worked hard to make it in New York City, but came to Delaware and formed her own theatre.

This beautiful books gives you a feel of how hard it is to start life over in a new place, not understanding the language or culture. It also explores issues of guilt and secrecy, and how they affect even the strongest of marriages. [Read more](#)

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