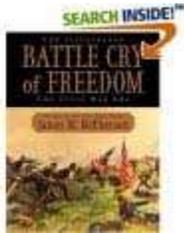


Consult the Cat

by Shannon Roy, Continuing Education Coordinator

The Cat's eyes flashed pure gold at the discovery of this wonderful treasure. The Cat is a fervent believer in showcasing the library collections. Resources from this website would make wonderful displays. But the real reason for her joy was that she wanted to read the books.

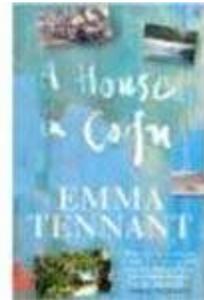


Battle Cry of Freedom
by
James McPherson

There was a thread on Publib on marketing non-fiction and suddenly there was a wonderful page from the website of the Palm Beach County Library System called “Nonfiction That Reads Like Fiction,” posted by Stacy Alesi. It can be found at:

<http://www.pbclibrary.org/non-fictionlist.htm>

Most of us really like the idea of learning and enjoying ourselves at the same time. The best way to do that is to find a really good nonfiction book that reads like a novel. There are few pleasures that exceed such a read and most of those are not good for people – or for cats.

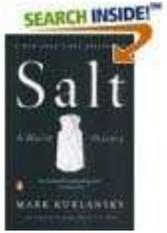


A House in Corfu: A Family's Sojourn in Greece
by
Emma Tennant

As the Cat opened links on horse stories, dog stories, cat stories, war stories, travel stories, weather stories, adventure stories and micro histories, she was delighted to find many titles that she already loved. She discovered many other titles that were either famous or simply sounded wonderful.

She feverishly printed off every page and headed across town. The Topeka and Shawnee County Reference and ILL staff began to moan, “Oh, no, here comes that blasted feline again. We have enough problems with human readers.” A fridge full of heavy cream couldn’t have made the Cat any happier.

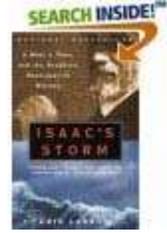
The Cat finds library stacks exasperating. They are all very well if you are trying to find something specific, but they take a lot of time if you are hunting for wonderful surprises. The Cat frequently lets out a Siamese-sounding yowl – “Don’t bury those wonderful stories in the tomb! Get them out of there!” Which, to be fair, more and more librarians are actually doing. Showcasing the collections in effective displays is an important part of library marketing.



*Salt: A World
History by Mark
Kuvlansky*

This is the season of the darkness and the cold, when all sensible beings sit by the fire. This is the season when heavy readers crave wonderful reads. The librarians who put together this wonderful Readers' Advisory Resource certainly deserve a purr from the

Cat



*The Drowning of
Galveston by
Erik Larson*