

Are you ready to make a change in the way you use energy? *Solar Power for Your Home* may guide you to the answers you're looking for. Author Davis S. Finley believes we should be using more sunlight instead of coal, gas, and oil as a source of energy. His book talks about the future of energy and the benefits of solar power. Updating your home with solar power, and replacing old appliances, can make your home more energy efficient. Find out how to make an energy plan, and what kind of funding's available, including rebates and incentives, to help complete your project.

If you love birds, then check out the new *Atlas of Rare Birds* by Dominic Couzens. Inside you'll find over 200 colorful pages featuring 50 of the rarest birds, like the California Condor, and the Seychelles Magpie robin. This book also includes several maps to locate birds all over the world. Find out what you can do to help with conservation and the preservation of these beautiful birds.

Did you know that the library owns the 150th Anniversary Commemorative Book *Lost on the Lady Elgin*? This book highlights the disaster of the sidewheel steamer that sank in Lake Michigan. More than 300 people died in this maritime disaster. The book describes the debris field on the bottom of the lake to be larger than a football field. When Valerie Van Heest heard that the 150th anniversary was fast approaching, she took an interest in this vessel and began putting together a special commemorative book. Inside you'll find first hand accounts from some of the survivors of the shipwreck and witnesses involved in the story.

*As Always, Julia*, contains a compilation of letters Julia Child wrote to her pen pal Avis DeVoto. It was Julia who sent the first letter to journalist Bernard DeVoto, after reading an article he wrote on searching for the perfect kitchen knife. He had been looking for a carbon steel paring knife that could actually cut something, and that's exactly what she sent him. Acknowledging the gift with a thank you note was not Bernard, but his wife Avis. Soon the two women were corresponding back and forth and continued to do so for many years to come. This book is about gourmet food, friendship, and how the book *Mastering the Art of French Cooking* was born.

What happens when 28,800 bath toys become lost at sea? Find out in *Moby – Duck* by Donovan Hohn. The story begins in 1992, with a freighter named the *Ever Laural*. While traveling on the Pacific Ocean, it runs into a terrible storm and some of its cargo falls overboard. Several cardboard boxes begin to emerge and disintegrate in the pounding waves, with its content releasing in the ocean. Months later, rubber ducks, frogs, turtles, and beavers started to surface near Sitka Alaska. Some people found hundreds of these little toys along the beach near the Kayak Islands, while others found the little floaters near Siberia. Eleven years later, a couple of beachcombers found what appeared to be a rubber

duck while vacationing. Could this duck be a part of the lost cargo, or was it just someone's toy left on the beach? Find out in this light hearted interesting read.

The Complete Thyroid Book by Kenneth Ain, MD and M. Sara Rosenthal, PH.D contains a list of tests and scans you may need plus information about the diagnosis and treatment of Hypothyroidism, Hyperthyroidism, and Thyroid Cancer. It also includes information about complications and special circumstances surrounding this disease.

All of the above books mentioned can be found at the Manistee County Library. For more information please call 723-2519.