

If you've ever traveled to Disneyland or Disney World, you've probably seen the uniquely shaped bushes on the property. How did they do that? Find out how to make similar designs with *The Art of Creative Pruning* by Jake Hobson. Trimming hedges and pruning trees isn't an easy task. Trying to turn them into something creative is even more difficult. This book is full of designs, photographs, and "how to" instructions, to create some amazing yards, and landscapes.

Being a caregiver can be demanding, emotional, time consuming, and more. The task of caring for a loved one can also be rewarding and inspiring. Every now and then you may be faced with the challenge of exhaustion and look to others for support and guidance. Author Lori Hogan has written a book filled with inspirational stories, scripture, and prayer called *Strength for the Moment*. Inside you'll read a story about an elderly man, faced with going to a nursing home just because he was having some difficulty hearing, seeing and eating. Find out how family members come together to resolve some of these pressing issues.

Woodworking is a great hobby. The library has a collection of books from beginning basics to more complex ideas and projects. *Natural Wooden Toys* by Erin Freuchtel–Dearing, contains 75 easy to make projects that are inspiring to the mind, promote creative play, and are safe for the children. You can make magic wands, helicopters, puzzles, and more. If you enjoy working with small cutting tools, this book will show you how you can make some pretty unique toys.

Tori Spelling says “she has been planning parties since she was eight years old”. Over the years she has collected her thoughts and ideas and put them together in a book called *CelebraTORI*. This book is a must have for anyone who loves to plan great parties. Inside you'll find creative, fun, and exciting things to make and bake. Entertaining friends and family can be hectic, but with some help and guidance, you too can have an elegant, fun, on a budget and unforgettable bash.

*The Six Husbands Every Wife Should Have*, by Dr. Steven Craig, shows how change can be good for marriages. He states that “marriages don't fail when people change ; they fail when people don't change.” You may be dealing with older children coming home, suddenly taking care of elderly parents, or facing an empty nest, all these things and more bring change into your life. How do you handle some of life's biggest challenges? This book may help as it shows new skills for couples to learn and effective ways to communicate to have a successful marriage.

Other books of interest include ; New York Times Bestseller, *The Dressmaker Of Khair Khana*, written by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon ; a story about five sisters, one remarkable family, and the woman who risked everything to keep them safe.

*Thunder dog* by Michael Hingson and Susy Flory, a true story of a blind man, his guide dog & triumph of trust at Ground Zero.

*Making A Difference* by Captain Chelsey “Sully” Sullenberger contains stories of vision and courage from America's Leaders.

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