



DEFENSE INFORMATION SCHOOL

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Memorial Library Newsletter


 Featured
Book
Review
Zoo by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge*Reviewed by Mike Gannon*

Zoo by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge is a book that gained a lot of notoriety with the recent CBS Television series of the same name. I don't believe that those who enjoyed the television series will be disappointed in the book, although the overall theme of the book is very different in terms of characters, scenes and development. There are ideas from the book used in the series, but in different settings and storylines.

The whole premise of Zoo could be described as a techno-thriller set in the present day that explores a mystery illness suddenly spreading around the world that is causing all sorts of mammals to inexplicably attack humans on sight (and smell). From domesticated pets to wild animals, people have suddenly become nature's favorite snack.

The story weaves its way to an interesting thought experiment: What happens when rats, bats, dogs, and lions (all lead by a single chimpanzee) take over the world and potentially lead to the fall of human civilization as we know it. The parts describing the animal attacks come directly from the traditional horror novel, while the portions describing how the humans react almost seem to be from science fiction.

Attacks by various animals are described throughout the story. For the most part, these are action packed and at least somewhat believable. There were parts that were so realistic, as best exemplified by the government responses to the on-going world-wide crisis and the bureaucratic run-around that ensued. However, there were also parts that were unrealistic, which I can't explain without spoiling the story. However, for the most part I liked the storyline, and the writing was good, and kept me interested.

I read this book solely because it is was made into a TV show -- and it sounded/looked intriguing - and it did end up being an interesting story. Overall, if you are interested in this book I'd recommended you go ahead and read it. It does have some good pseudoscience behind it, and a fairly compelling story.

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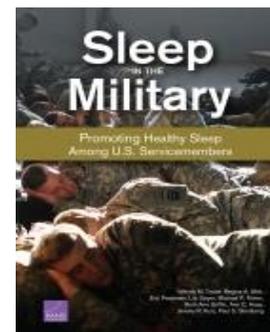
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We're Moving Back!

The DINFOS Library is moving back to its permanent location in Room 1161 near the school's entrance. The Library's temporary location in Room 1107A and the Library's Computer Lab in Room 2110 will be closed after Friday February 12,

2016. The target date for reopening the Library in Room 1161 is Monday February 22.

The Library has been in the temporary location for 15 months with 75% of the physical collection in storage. Recently all items in storage have been unpacked and shelved, furniture has been moved back, and computers are now being set-up.

If all goes well moving the remaining collections and furniture, the Library will reopen in Room 1161 earlier than February 22!

Help the Library move by checking out materials before February 12, and returning them after February 22!



LIBRARY HOURS		
Day	Date	Hours
Thu	2/11	0700-1700
Fri	2/12	0700-1700
Mon	2/15	Closed Federal Holiday
Tue	2/16	Closed
Wed	2/17	Closed
Thu	2/18	Closed
Fri	2/19	Closed
Mon	2/22	0700-1700
Tue	2/23	0700-1700
Wed	2/24	0700-1700
Thu	2/25	0700-1700
Fri	2/26	0700-1700
Mon	2/29	0700-1700
Tue	3/1	0700-1700
Wed	3/2	0730-1700
Thu	3/3	0700-1700
Fri	3/4	0700-1700



The Gigantic Magazine Giveaway!

The Library is cleaning out older copies of printed magazines and journals (2-5 years old) and making them available to faculty, staff, and students for classroom and educational use.

Beginning February 22, 2016, these items will be available for pick-up in the Library, Room 1161.

We also have 100 free magazine storage boxes to give away!

Please stop by the Library and pick up your favorites! Items not claimed by March 2 will be recycled.

Free magazine storage box, above.

Right, some of the free magazines available.



A Short Good-bye

This is the last Library Newsletter that I will be editing as I am retiring February 26 and going somewhere warm!!

Thanks to all of you who wrote book reviews - they made the Newsletter much more interesting.

And thanks to the talented and enthusiastic DINFOS students who made every day in the Library a good day.

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