

Check It Out Column for week of July 5-11

Take a Journey With Us

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The travel months are coming upon us. Unfortunately, many of us will not be able to travel far from home due to the troubling economy. Forget the costly air fares, expensive hotel rooms, and out-of-sight menus!

From the United States to the different parts of the world, all are within an arm's reach in the Warsaw Community Public Library. Experience the thrill of walking through medieval castles and envisioning the past. Discover the romance and history of the "City of Light". Cross the hills and glens of the Scottish Lowlands. Be awed by the landscape in Jerusalem, from the nomads to the rocky hillsides. Allow India to weave its spell around your heart.

Throw out the dry, fact-based tourist guides and discover the world by reading first-hand accounts of traveling through the world.

Europe Without George by Irene Kampen: Delve into the fearless account of a mother traveling six weeks in Europe with a six-foot blonde daughter.

Chasing the Monsoon by Alexander Frater: Journey with the author as he follows the Indian monsoon's unpredictable course through Delhi, Calcutta, Bangladesh and others. Get a personal perspective of this evocative country.

River Town by Peter Hessler: Hear the voice of the citizens of China, from the priests to prostitutes and peasants to professors. An intimate personal account of this country's citizenry and landscape.

Off the Beaten Track in Israel by Ori Devir: This book includes archaeological and historical sites as well as scenic areas. Having visited Israel, my favorite locations were the Caesaria area with the remains of aqueducts, the ancient town of Bet She'an displaying the remnants of an old theater, and the Masada (skip the cable car and walk up).

Paris Discovered by Mary McAuliffe: An engaging account of the City of Light. The author takes the reader from medieval aqueducts that lie beneath the city's streets to a hidden medieval chapel. This book is full of little-known facts and off-the-beaten path excursions.

My Heart's in the Lowlands by Liz Curtis Higgs: Take an entertaining journey where you will explore quaint villages, crumbling castles, old bookshops and charming teashops. Discover the charming, offbeat parts of Scotland.

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