As America geared up to fight in WW II, there was a pressing need for military pilots, and women answered the call. More than a thousand women signed up to fly with the U.S. military. Wives, mothers, actresses and debutantes who joined the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPS) test-piloted aircraft, ferried planes and logged 60 million miles in the air. The WASPS were founded by a famous female aviator, Jacqueline Cochran, and after rigorous flight training at an all-female airbase in Texas, more than 1,000 of them ferried new aircraft to military installations around the United States. The women proved themselves capable, and they eventually wound up teaching men to fly the new B-29 bombers that were being rushed into service. The WASPs faced real danger while flying, had to battle discrimination and even while proving very useful, their unit was disbanded. Their opportunity to play a critical role in the war effort was abruptly canceled by politics and resentment, and it would be 30 years before women would again break the sex barrier in the skies. Thirty-eight women died in service. There is still no doubt that they paved the way for women in the military.

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These four female pilots leaving their ship, Pistol Packin’ Mama, at the four engine school at Lockbourne AAF, Ohio, are members of a group of Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPS) who have been trained to ferry the B-17 Flying Fortresses. L to R are Frances Green, Margaret (Peg) Kirchner, Ann Waldner and Blanche Osborn

DID YOU KNOW? by Renee Sanning

Someone at the desk asking for a recreational read?

We have a great tool, NoveList’s librarian-created read-alike suggestions and appeal mixer, that can help!

Match your mood. Appeal helps you find books to match your mood -- whether that’s witty, sassy, bleak, or something else. On the home screen, you’ll find pre-selected I’m in the Mood For combos. Select the level (adult, teen, ages 9-12, or ages 0-8) and decide what mood you’re in. If you don’t like the suggested moods, click on the Appeal Mixer and create your own match.

Find a read-alike. If you just finished a book you loved, try this. Type the name of the title (or author or series) into the search bar at the top. On the right side of the page are librarian-created Read-alike suggestions. If those aren’t enough, head to the bottom of the page and use Search for More to find what you love.

Browse your favorite genres. Whether you haven’t read a mystery in fifteen years or are looking for a new series, Genre Browse will show you what’s new in a genre, as well suggestions for popular subgenres. Look for it in the top menu under Browse By... Genre.

Need a recommendation? On the left side of the homepage the Recommended Reads lists in both fiction and nonfiction, for all ages, are a great place to start.

--From the NoveList Website

Find NoveList on the AF Portal!

Did you miss the on-site presentation for Cambridge Core and wish to learn more about its features?

Representatives from Cambridge University Press sent their PowerPoint presentation which can be viewed on the V: Drive under Reference – Training – Cambridge University Press.

Launched in September 2016, Cambridge Core is the online home of academic books and journals published by Cambridge University Press and its partner publishers. It brings together more than 34,000 books and 380 journals on one platform, and offers a wealth of services for researchers and library staff. If anyone would like a closer look, please visit https://www.cambridge.org/core/.

I am also available to show anyone how to search for book and journal content through Cambridge Core. Happy searching! Joe Barry
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RECOGNITION 2018

Beware the 8th of March as upper classmen storm the Library rounding up the Freshman. There will be hiding, yelling and a few snickers—and that’s just the Librarians!

“Recognition is the formal three-day finale of the fourth-class year (the freshman year at traditional universities) when the cadets are “recognized” as upper-class cadets and are allowed to wear the Prop and Wings insignia on their flight caps.

This is a vital and traditional step in the United States Air Force Academy experience. It is a ceremonial acknowledgment that the fourth-class has successfully met military training requirements and is prepared to continue the rigorous and rewarding Academy journey.

Recognition consists of several activities including a leadership course, an assault course and “The Run to the Rock.” In addition to challenging the fourth-class cadets, recognition provides the three upper classes with an opportunity to develop their leadership skills. Individual squadron ceremonies and a wing-wide celebratory evening meal mark the end of Recognition.”

[https://www.usafa.edu/about/traditions/recognition/](https://www.usafa.edu/about/traditions/recognition/)

When we asked several Juniors what the best thing was about being Recognized, their unanimous answer was “being able to wear civilian clothes.” And the worse thing? Getting “beat down” on the first day of Recognition. Their advice? Never leave a man behind. You’re only as fast as your slowest team member. It’s all about working as a team. Sounds like a good life lesson.

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If by chance I can help even just two people understand each other better by writing this column, my life is not in vain, for this is my purpose. When I eventually retire, I will combine library and information science management and intercultural communication techniques, into a type of higher educational environment, bring[ing] people together in hopes that once we got to know each other, we’d begin to respect one another.

—Pierre de Cubertin
Creator of the Modern Olympic games

Ireland

March 17th is the day when all Irish folk celebrate the patron saint of their land, St. Patrick. But first, let’s talk a little about the culture of Ireland in general.

In Ireland, the pace of life is slow, methodical and averse to stress. A warm “Welcome” to visitors in the home is endemic to the culture. They love having family or friends over, and usually do so over a “cup of tea” or “going for a few drinks.” The individual is important.

So, who was this St. Patrick? How is the holiday celebrated in Ireland? Well, he was an honest, to goodness “Saint,” who lived from 373? – 463? (Library of Congress Authorities), and is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. He has a couple of books to his claim to fame: Confessio; and Liber epistolarum Sancti Patricii episcopi = The book of letters of Saint Patrick the Bishop /. If you were interested in reading these, you could find both in Patrick, the pilgrim apostle of Ireland: including St. Patrick's Confessio and Epistola; Author: De Paor, Máire. You can read more about St. Patrick, [here](https://www.usafa.edu/about/traditions/recognition/), and find the answer to the second question, on the second page [here](https://www.usafa.edu/about/traditions/recognition/).

Here are some really neat sources for Irish culture on the Web:

- Central Intelligence Agency’s (CIA) The World Factbook
- From Philip Casey
- From Brenda & Russ Haggerty
How long have you been at the library (both times)?
The first time I was here for 7 ¾ years. This time I started in Dec 2012. So that’s a total of 13 years.
Before working here, what was the most unusual or interesting job you’ve ever had?
The most unusual job that I had was when I was a carpenter’s helper/laborer on the Fort Carson Special Forces Complex. The most interesting job that I had, which I really loved, was being in the electrical trade.
Where are you from originally?
I was born in Frankfurt am Main, (West) Germany. My son says that I’m a true alien since my birth country isn’t on the map.
What is something people would be surprised to know about you?
HaHa! That’s a loaded question. Let’s see. I don’t know. I’m just me.
I know you like to binge-watch TV on occasion. What is your current show of choice?
I'm currently binge-watching Star Trek the Original Show with Capt. Kurt, Spock, Checkov, etc. My favorite guy, of course, is Scotty.
When you’re not working, what do you like to do for fun?
I've discovered the chainsaw! Wow! What a lot of fun. When I'm not cutting down trees and splitting the logs I like to pour candles, cross-stitch, read (always read), and crochet.
Congratulations on your promotion! SPC is LUCKY!

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**Corned Beef, a salt-cured and seasoned beef brisket, is a St. Patrick’s Day tradition. Whether you go the classic route and serve it with cabbage, sandwich it between slices of rye in a Reuben, or slice and dice it for a hash, you can’t go wrong!**

**Slow-Cooker Corned Beef and Cabbage**

**Ingredients**
- 1/2 head Savoy cabbage, cut into 1 1/2-inch wedges
- Grainy mustard, for serving

**Directions:**
1. In a 5-to-6-quart slow cooker, place celery, carrots, onion, potatoes, and thyme.
2. Place corned beef, fat side up, on top of vegetables and sprinkle with pickling spice; add enough water to almost cover meat (4 to 6 cups). Cover and cook on high until corned beef is tender, 4 1/4 hours (or 8 1/2 hours on low).
3. Arrange cabbage over corned beef, cover, and continue cooking until cabbage is tender, 45 minutes (or 1 1/2 hours on low).
4. Thinly slice corned beef against the grain and serve with vegetables, cooking liquid, and grainy mustard.
People born in the Year of the Dog are independent, sincere, loyal and decisive.

Undaunted by life’s challenges, they enjoy harmonious relationships with those around them.

Famous individuals who share this zodiac birthday are Winston Churchill, Mother Teresa, President Bill Clinton, Elvis Presley and Madonna.

Were you born in the year of the dog? Be the first to answer the question and win a puppy!! Just kidding.

2018 is the Year of the Dog

1. Name a US city with a zip code containing the first five digits of pi—beginning with the 3 (name the city and state.)

2. 4 Capital letters of the alphabet—in block style—with rotational symmetry (list the 4 letters.)

3. Three Geometric solids which have circular cross-sections (turn in pictures, labeled with the names of the solids.)

Meet Basil Tully. He’s a happy little guy. Here are a list of the things Basil loves: playing, getting mail and the newspaper, sparkly things, and going for long drives in the car (as a passenger). He’s a meat and potatoes kind of dog (hold the potatoes). His nemesis is the neighborhood squirrel.