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Placentia Library Book Club: *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman

Placentia, CA- Join us for a lively discussion of *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman. *The Zookeeper's Wife* is a strange, but historically true story of WWII. It reveals the extraordinary efforts of Jan and Antonina Zabinski, Christian zookeepers horrified by Nazi racism, who capitalized on the Nazis' obsession with pureblood animals in order to save over 300 doomed people by hiding them in the bombed-out cages at the Warsaw Zoo. A tale of people, animals, and subversive acts of compassion.

After their zoo was bombed, Polish zookeepers Jan and Antonina Zabinski managed to save over three hundred people from the Nazis by hiding refugees in the empty animal cages. With animal names for these "guests," and human names for the animals, it's no wonder that the zoo's code name became "The House Under a Crazy Star." Best-selling naturalist and acclaimed storyteller Diane Ackerman combines extensive research and an exuberant writing style to re-create this fascinating, true-life story — sharing Antonina's life as "the zookeeper's wife," while examining the disturbing obsessions at the core of Nazism. Winner of the 2008 Orion Award.

Each month, our Book Club focuses on notable titles in a friendly lunchtime setting. The discussions are open to all readers, and the Library will provide extra copies of the selected titles for checkout prior to the discussion. Join other readers; bring your lunch and we will provide the dessert. This program is sponsored by the Placentia Library Friends Foundation.

When: Tuesday, February 9, 2016
12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Placentia Library
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