For Saturday, October 3, 2015
At the Library

Upcoming Book Clubs: *The Imperfectionists* by Tom Rachman, Wednesday October 21 at 2:30 p.m., and *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini, Tuesday October 27 at 7:30 p.m.

New books recently received at the Welland Public Library:

“*Eileen*” by Ottessa Moshfegh

This psychological thriller follows Eileen, a secretary at a juvenile detention centre in New England. Living in a squalid house with her alcoholic father, 24 year old Eileen’s life is bleak. With no friends and no love interests, Eileen has little to live for. When young and pretty Rebecca, shows up at the prison to work with the boys, Eileen is desperate to get her attention. As their unlikely friendship buds, Eileen is sucked into Rebecca’s dark and secret world.

“*A Free State*” by Tom Piazza

In 1855 runaway slave Henry Sims performs on street corners in Philadelphia to earn a meagre living. Only 19 years old Henry possesses great musical talent on the banjo. When white musician James Douglass catches one of Henry’s acts he wants to put him on stage with his minstrel group, but black men are strictly forbidden from performing on the minstrel stage. Hiding behind blackface makeup, Henry tries to pass for a white musician in James’ minstrel troupe.

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“Beyond: Our Future in Space” by Chris Impey

Space Elevators, colonies on Mars, and interstellar travel. University of Arizona Astronomy professor Chris Impey explores these topics and more in his new book chronicling man’s past, present, and future ventures into space. With private entrepreneurs like Elon Musk competing with NASA the space race is quickly heating up, propelling man ever further into the heavens.

“Paradise of the Pacific: Approaching Hawaii” by Susanna Moore

Susanna Moore’s new book tells a concise history of the Hawaiian Islands from the 6th Century up until it was annexed by the United States in 1898. Set apart from the next nearest landmass by more than 2,000 miles, Hawaii became home to a unique warrior culture which was untouched by outside influence for more than 1,200 years. When explorers and missionaries reached the islands in the late 18th Century they brought about great change to the native Hawaiian way of life.