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When my husband and I got married, I informed him that it would be in his best interest to do something special for each of our future milestone anniversaries. Good man that he is, he obliged and for our 5th anniversary he wrote me a short story and bought me diamond earrings. For our 15th anniversary we went on a road trip out east to visit the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Fallingwater, and our upcoming 20th anniversary will include sunny beaches and tropical beverages. All very sweet and endearing but it's our 10th anniversary that conjures up memories of dark waters and near-death experiences.

You see, we went on a cruise with another couple also celebrating their anniversary. While docked at the island of St. Maarten, we decided to go snorkeling. Now, Phil is not what I would call a strong swimmer. In fact, water really isn't his friend at all. Luckily for him, we were each given a floatation device that we wore around our necks to help keep us from going under. Unluckily for Phil, his device had a slow leak. He didn't discover this until we were about 50 feet out from shore and another 25 feet away from the floating deck in the middle of the lagoon. So, he's struggling to keep his head above water and I'm telling him the floating deck is closer than shore, so he should swim further out. With that sounding completely counterintuitive to the drowning man, Phil assumed his wife was obviously trying to kill him and instead headed for shore. He finally got to where his feet could touch sand and he waded the rest of the way back. Needless to say, we haven't been snorkeling since and Phil all of a sudden has an aversion to islands...

But I think I could probably convince him to go to the Treasure Island Bash at the Beloit Public Library on Saturday April 26th. This fundraising event, hosted by the Beloit Library Foundation, coincides with our 5 year anniversary in the building and will be a wonderful way to show off our beautiful facility to the community. The event runs from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and the cost for admission is \$35 per person. Refreshments will be served and a cash bar will be available. For more information, visit www.beloitlibrarybash.com or www.beloitlibrary.info. In the meantime, be sure to check out these books coming soon to the Beloit Public Library:

The Lost Island: A Gideon Crew Novel by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child. Gideon Crew--brilliant scientist, master thief--is living on borrowed time. When his mysterious employer, Eli Glinn, gives him an eyebrow-raising mission, he has no reason to refuse. Gideon's task: steal a page from the priceless Book of Kells, now on display in New York City and protected by unbreakable security. (Book Description)

Through the Deep Waters by Kim Vogel Sawyer. ...timid seventeen-year-old Dinah Hubley was raised amidst the secrets held in every dark, grimy room of her home. Anxious to escape, Dinah pursues her dream of ... waiting tables along the railroad in an upscale hotel. But when she finds out she isn't old enough, her only option is to accept a job as a chambermaid... (Book Description)