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There are moments in our lives that will forever be burned into our brains. We will never forget them because of the horror they inflicted upon us. Case in point. About a week before my first day of high school my mother convinced me that getting my very straight hair permed by someone who was learning to be a beautician would be a fantastic idea. I was skeptical but she's my mom and I believed she had my best interest at heart. Big mistake.

Mom dropped me off and I told the soon-to-be-beautician (I can't remember her actual name but let's call her Medusa) that I wanted big, soft, wavy curls. Medusa said no problem. Medusa then proceeded to wrap my hair with the tiniest little curlers I had ever seen. I didn't protest because I was a 14 year old kid who trusted her mom. What the heck did I know about curlers? For future reference, it just so happens that tiny curlers equal tight curls. I mean really tight curls. Curls so tight they gave me a headache and I couldn't see straight.

So, after seeing the end result I was practically in tears but gallantly holding back because heaven forbid I would hurt Medusa's feelings about the fiasco that was now my hair. My mom was waiting for me and I could see the horror on her face as I approached the car. Knowing full well that she was mostly (completely) to blame for this mess, she tried to make me feel better. Even had the gall to tell me my hair looked really cute. Mind you, I was now hiding on the floor of the front seat of the car (yes, I grew up in a generation that didn't use seat belts!) and by this time the tears were flowing. I looked up at her while she was driving and she had a pained expression on her face. Pained because she was valiantly trying to constrain herself. She actually turned to me and said "It doesn't look that bad" before being unable to resist any longer and bursting out in uproarious laughter. I still have nightmares...

But you can rest easy knowing you won't get a bad haircut (or a perm) at the Beloit Public Library's upcoming *Reading for Haircuts* event at First Class College of Cosmetology on Wednesday August 3rd from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Kids ages 5 to 18 are invited to read books while sitting in the barber's chair. And the haircuts are FREE! The library will provide the books and First Class will provide a team of highly trained, wouldn't-give-a-bad-haircut-if-their-lives-depended-on-it haircutting wizards!

For more information on this event and many others, call the library at (608) 365-2905, visit www.beloitlibrary.org, or "Like" us on Facebook. In the meantime check out these books coming soon to your Beloit Public Library.

Hair: A Human History by Kurt Stenn. ...a compelling read based solidly in historical and scientific research that will delight any reader who wants to know more about the world around them. (Book Description)

Broken Trust by W.E.B. Griffin. ...Philadelphia Homicide Sergeant Matt Payne is beginning to think nothing can shock him – until the case of a young socialite's death lands on his desk. (Book Description)