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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
APRIL 7-13, 2019

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REMEMBERING Harvey Clement



LPPLibrary is remembering beloved Board Member Harvey Clement, who passed away in 2018. Mr. Clement's family was presented with a plaque honoring his 10+ years of service to our libraries at our February Library Board of Control Meeting. Pictured from left to right are Daniel Lorraine, Liaison; Hope, Shane, and Jennifer, Mr. Clement's children; and Robert Rome, Library Board President. LPPLibrary is greatly appreciative of all that Mr. Clement did for our library system throughout the years.

LIBRARY CLOSURES



EASTER

All LPPL branches will be closed Friday, 04/19 - Saturday, 04/20 in observance of Easter.

Our digital library is always open at www.lafourche.org



BLOGGING WITH LPPL

Libraries = Strong COMMUNITIES

Celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 7-13, 2019



HAPPY NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK!

National Library Week, which is sponsored by the American Library Association, got its start in 1958, & is observed annually by libraries across the country. During the week, libraries & their patrons celebrate the contributions libraries have made to our communities, & promote library use & support. The theme for National Library Week 2019 is "Libraries = Strong Communities," & Gates Foundation Co-founder Melinda Gates is serving as the 2019 Honorary Chair.

Did you know that libraries = strong communities? It's the theme of National Library Week 2019 for a reason. Lafourche Parish Public Library is proud to be a stalwart organization in our little bayou community & we are excited to give back to you this National Library Week through programming & the return of our Library Luck Scratch Off game! Attend programs & check out items during National Library Week to earn a scratch-off. Every ticket is an instant winner & will be entered into a Grand Prize Drawing for one of three special prizes donated by the South Lafourche Friends of the Library!



NORTH

THIBODAUX National Library Week Scavenger Hunt

Kids, ages 5+, are invited to pick up a scavenger hunt sheet, find the listed items hidden throughout the library, & return it to the Children's Desk for a treat.
Tuesday, 04/09 @ 3:30-5:30 PM, Kids

CHOCTAW Library Open House & Refreshments

We want to show our appreciation to you! Join us for refreshments during our annual National Library Week Open House. Door prizes donated by the Choctaw Friends of the Library will be awarded to each age group.
Tuesday, 04/09 @ 11 AM - 5 PM, All Ages

RACELAND Library Social

Come celebrate National Library Week by visiting your local library. We are more than just books!
Tuesday, 04/09 @ 4 PM, All Ages

CENTRAL

LOCKPORT Library Open House

Want to know more about your local library & the free services we provide? Celebrate National Library Week with us by attending our annual Open House celebration. We will be demonstrating some of our resources & items available for checkout. Refreshments served.
Monday, 04/08 @ 4 PM, All Ages

BAYOU BLUE "Library Fun" Story Time

Join us for themed rhymes, songs, activities, & stories in celebration of National Library Week!
Monday, 04/08 @ 10:30 AM, Kids

GHEENS Library Open House

Join the Gheens Library for refreshments & library resource demonstrations during National Library Week!
Wednesday, 04/10 @ 1-5 PM, All Ages

SOUTH

SOUTH LAFOURCHE Library Open House

Learn what your library has to offer during our National Library Week Open House! Refreshments served.
Monday, 04/08 @ 10 AM - 6 PM, All Ages

LAROSE Library Open House

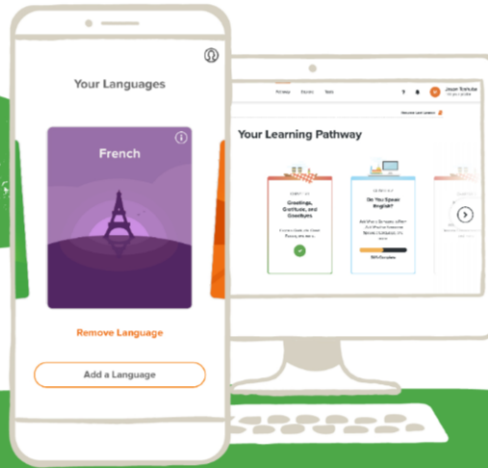
An Open House will be held for tours of the library, database demos, & refreshments. Stop by & learn what your library has to offer.
Wednesday, 04/10 @ 12-3 PM, All Ages

GOLDEN MEADOW Library Workers' Day Library Tour

Have you ever wondered what we do & how things work at the library? Join us on National Library Workers' Day for a tour of the library.
Tuesday, 04/09 @ 3:30 PM, All Ages

- Brooke, Public Relations Librarian

WHAT'S NEW!



Explore a new language today



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- 1 Sign-up for your FREE account at connect.mangolanguages.com/lalafo/start. You will need your library card number, PIN, & an email address.
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 Biblical Hebrew Hindi Hungarian Icelandic Igbo Indonesian Irish Italian
 Japanese Javanese Kazakh Korean Latin Malay Malayalam Norwegian
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 Serbian Shanghainese Slovak Latin American Spanish Spain Spanish Swahili Swedish
 Tagalog Tamil Teluga Thai Turkish Ukranian Urdu Uzbek Vietnamese Yiddish



RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

PLAYAWAY launchpAd



Playaway Launchpad tablets provide kids, teens, & adults with hours of interactive learning & fun! Choose a tablet with a subject or theme you love. Then, start exploring!

- Addition
- Adventure
- Algebra
- Alphabet & Letter Recognition
- Animals
- Around the World
- Art
- Brain Breaks
- Brain Games
- Casual Games
- Children's Television
- Christmas
- Comics
- Common Core Math
- Counting & Number Recognition
- Creative Thinking
- Creativity
- Critical Thinking
- Developmental Differences
- Dinosaurs
- Division
- Early Literacy
- eBooks
- English Language Arts
- ESL
- Fantasy
- Farm Life
- Fire Safety
- Food
- Fractions & Decimals
- Graphic Novels
- Halloween
- History
- Holidays
- Kindergarten Readiness
- Language Learning
- Languages
- Learn French
- Life Skills
- Little Explorers
- Logic & Puzzles
- Make Believe
- Marine Life
- Matching & Patterns
- Math
- Monkeys
- Monsters
- Movies
- Multiplication
- Music
- Nature
- Nursery Rhymes
- Occupations
- Painting & Drawing
- Parties
- Phonics
- Pirates
- Popular Characters
- Princesses
- Reading Adventures
- Real Life Heroes
- School Review & Prep
- Science
- Shapes & Colors
- Sight Words
- Space
- Space Math
- Spanish
- Spelling
- STEAM
- Storytelling & Reading Comprehension
- Subtraction
- Summer Reading
- Thanksgiving
- Time & Money
- Transportation
- Travel
- Under the Sea
- Vocabulary
- Witches & Dragons
- Zoo





WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING!



EXCITING THINGS ARE COMING TO LPPL!



COLLECTING STORIES: VOLUNTEERS WANTED!



“
Love hearing stories?
Want to help preserve
our local history?
”

Train as a volunteer interviewer to collect stories about life here on the bayou for the StoryCorps Archives.

The National Park Service and Lafourche Parish Public Library are working together to reach out in our community to collect stories about life here on the bayou. Collected stories will be added to the StoryCorps Archives, which is one of the largest digital-born collections of human voices, featuring more than 200,000 conversations recorded in all 50 states and around the world.

We are looking for volunteers to train as interviewers to help us preserve our local history:

Thibodaux Wednesday, April 10 @ 5 - 7 PM 705 West Fifth Street, Thibodaux, LA (985) 447-4119, thibodaux@lafourche.org	South Lafourche Tuesday, April 16 @ 4:30 - 6:30 PM 16241 East Main Street, Cut Off, LA (985) 632-7140, southlafourche@lafourche.org
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Interested in attending one of our volunteer interviewer trainings?
Register online at www.lafourche.org, in the branch, by phone, or by email.



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Summer Reading Registration Begins May 28



"CAN'T MISS" EVENTS!



LET'S GO ON A PICNIC!
April 23 is National Picnic Day



BAYOU BLUE

Picnic Story Time

Monday, 04/22, 10:30 AM, Kids
Join us for picnic-themed rhymes, songs, activities, & stories!



LAROSE

Let's Have a Picnic Story Time

Thursday, 04/11, 1 PM, Kids
Join us for picnic-themed finger plays, songs, dances, stories, & a craft!



CHOCTAW

Picnic Story Time

Tuesday, 04/23, 10:30 AM, Ages 0-4
Join us for picnic-themed stories, games, & a craft!



LOCKPORT

Spanish Night: El Dia de la Merienda

Tuesday, 04/23, 5 PM, Ages 8-12
We're celebrating National Picnic Day by gettin' bilingual with Spanish Night! Join us to learn the Spanish language & make a special craft.



Picnic in the Library

Tuesday, 04/23, 4 PM, All Ages
In celebration of National Picnic Day, join us as we picnic in the library. We will enjoy tasty picnic foods in a traditional picnic setting.



RACELAND

Going on a Picnic Story Time

Tuesday, 04/23, 11 AM, Kids
Join us for picnic-themed books & a craft!



GHEENS

Picnic Day Springtime Edibles

Tuesday, 04/23, 4:30 PM, All Ages
For National Picnic Day, we will be making healthy butterfly snacks to take on a picnic.



SOUTH LAFOURCHE

Teddy Bear Story Time & Picnic

Tuesday, 04/23, 10:30 AM, Kids
Join us for picnic-themed finger plays, songs, dances, stories, & a craft!



GOLDEN MEADOW

*Picnic Day Fan Craft

Tuesday, 04/23, 3:30 PM, Kids,
Registration Required Create a festive fan in celebration of National Picnic Day.



THIBODAUX

A Picnic in PJs Movie

Tuesday, 04/23, 4 PM, All Ages
You're invited to wear PJs & participate in a "picnic" setting while enjoying the Disney movie *Ralph Breaks the Internet*. Snacks provided!

April 23 is a day for everyone to enjoy a meal outside - it's National Picnic Day! Picnic comes from the French word *pique-nique*, meaning a meal eaten outdoors. From BBQ to simple cold plates, picnics are light, informal affairs intended to be relaxing & fun for everyone!

- nationaldaycalendar.com



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"CAN'T MISS" EVENTS!



Celebrating Earth & Arbor Day 2019



BAYOU BLUE

Earth Day Craft

Wednesday, 04/17, 2:30 PM, Ages 5-10

Celebrate Earth Day at the library by making a craft from recyclables.

Green Thumb

Thursday, 04/25, 4:15 PM, All Ages

Celebrate Arbor Day at the library by planting your own plant.



CHOCTAW

Earth Sun Catchers

Monday, 04/22, 1 PM, Ages 4-9

Enjoy family time & create Earth-inspired sun catchers. Everyone will create a unique sun catcher using recycled plastics.

Arbor Day Craft

Friday, 04/26, 4 PM, Ages 4-9

Tree cuttings will be painted to celebrate Arbor Day.



GHEENS

Biodegradable Seedling Pots

Monday, 04/22, 4:30 PM, All Ages

To celebrate Earth Day, we will use recycled materials to create biodegradable seedling pots.

Arbor Day Tree Seed Giveaway

Friday, 04/26, All Day, All Ages

For Arbor Day, we are giving away tree seeds when you check out a book (while supplies last)!



GOLDEN MEADOW

*Earth Day Papier Maché Globe Craft

Monday, 04/22, 4 PM, Kids, *Registration Required*

In celebration of Earth Day, decorate papier maché globes with us.



Arbor Day Bingo

Friday, 04/26, 11:30 AM, Adults

Join us for an Arbor Day-themed bingo for a chance to win small prizes!



LAROSE

Live Tree Giveaway (While Supplies Last)

Monday, 04/15 - Thursday, 04/18, All Day

We are giving away small live oak trees courtesy of the NRCS Golden Meadow Plant Materials Center.

"Little Green Thumbs" Story Time

Thursday, 04/25, 1 PM, Kids

Join us for an Arbor Day-themed story hour!



LOCKPORT

"Love the Earth" Story Time

Thursday, 04/18, 10:30 AM, Kids

Read stories, sing songs, & learn rhymes related to an Earth Day theme. Playtime is included after story time.



*Plant TLC with Rachel

Monday, 04/22, 11 AM, Adults, *Registration Required*

We are celebrating Arbor Day! Come get demos & tips for growing a great garden & giving your plants some "TLC!" Participants will pot a plant or complete a garden project to take home.



RACELAND

Chia Pets

Friday, 04/26, 4 PM, All Ages

Stuck on ideas to celebrate Earth Day or Arbor Day? How about taking home a (grass) haired little friend.



SOUTH LAFOURCHE

Live Tree Giveaway (While Supplies Last)

Monday, 04/22 - Friday, 04/26, All Day

Get a free Louisiana tree to celebrate Earth & Arbor Day, thanks to the NRCS Golden Meadow Plant Materials Center.



THIBODAUX

*Earth Day Craft: Bottle Décor

Monday, 04/22, 5 PM, Adults, *Registration Required*

Participants will recycle wine bottles by decorating them with various nature-oriented stencils.



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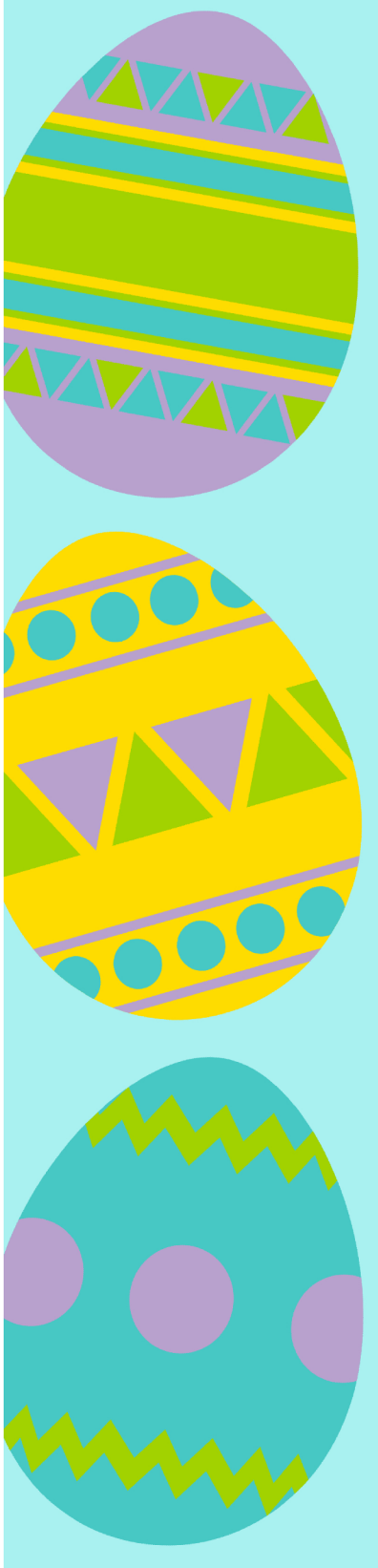
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"CAN'T MISS" EVENTS!



EASTER EGG HUNTS & BUNNY PHOTOS!

BAYOU BLUE: Easter Story Time

Monday, 04/15 @ 10:30 AM, Kids

Join us for a special story time with the Easter Bunny!

CHOCTAW: Easter Bunny Visit & Craft

Wednesday, 04/03 @ 4 PM, All Ages

Join us as the Easter Bunny visits the library for photos. A simple craft will also be enjoyed & treats will be shared. Parents, don't forget your camera!

GHEENS: Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, 04/12 @ 4:30 PM, All Ages

Join us for a community Easter Egg Hunt for all ages. Bring an Easter egg basket to participate in the festivities. Refreshments will be served.

GOLDEN MEADOW: Bunny Story Time & Egg Hunt

Wednesday, 04/17, Story Time @ 1 PM & Egg Hunt @ 2 PM, Kids

Join us for an Easter Bunny story time & then an egg hunt! Search high & low & find as many eggs as you can in our egg hunt right after story time.

LAROSE: Easter Bunny Visit & Egg Hunt

Thursday, 04/18 @ 1 PM, Kids

Join us for a visit with the Easter Bunny & an egg hunt!

LOCKPORT: Pictures with the Easter Bunny (2 Dates)

Wednesday, 04/10 @ 4-6 PM, All Ages & Thursday, 04/11 @ 4-6 PM, All Ages

Hippity, hoppity, Easter's on its way, so come take your picture with the Easter Bunny! The Easter Bunny will be visiting us for two photo sessions this year, so pick the one that best fits your schedule! The library will provide one free print of your photo.

LOCKPORT: Easter Egg Hunt @ The Bayouside Park

Thursday, 04/11 @ 10:30 AM, Kids

Join us to hunt for eggs at the Bayouside Park!

RACELAND: Bunny Hop Story Time

Tuesday, 04/16 @ 11 AM, Kids

Join us for a special story time with the Easter Bunny & an egg hunt!

SOUTH LAFOURCHE: Pictures with the Easter Bunny

Thursday, 04/11 @ 4:30 - 6 PM, All Ages

Take a photo with the Easter Bunny. The library will provide one free photo, but parents are welcome to bring their own cameras.

SOUTH LAFOURCHE: Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday, 04/16 @ 10:30 AM, Kids

Kids can bring their own baskets & search for Easter eggs during our annual egg hunt!

THIBODAUXX: Easter Egg Hunt Story Time with Surprise Guest

Wednesday, 04/17 @ 11:15 AM, Kids

Join us for an Easter egg hunt story time with a special surprise guest!



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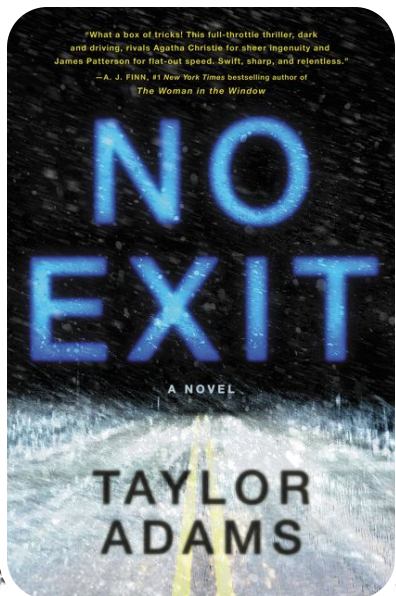
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Book Reviews

TWO READERS, ONE BOOK!



A brilliant, edgy thriller about four strangers, a blizzard, a kidnapped child, & a determined young woman desperate to unmask & outwit a vicious psychopath. A kidnapped girl locked in a stranger's van. No help for miles. What would you do? On her way to Utah to see her dying mother, college student Darby Thorne gets caught in a fierce blizzard in the mountains of Colorado. With the roads impassable, she is forced to wait out the storm at a remote highway rest stop where she makes a horrifying discovery. In the back of the van parked next to her car, a little girl is locked in an animal crate. Who is the child? Why has she been taken? And how can Darby save her? There is no cell phone reception, no telephone, & no way out. One of her fellow travelers is a kidnapper. But which one? Trapped in an increasingly dangerous situation, with a child's life & her own on the line, Darby must find a way to break the girl out of the van & escape. But who can she trust?



LAURA, DIRECTOR

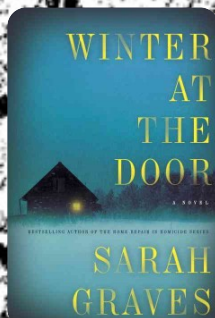
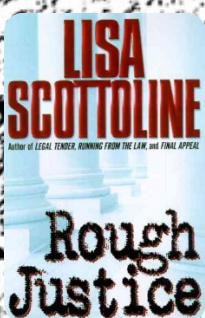
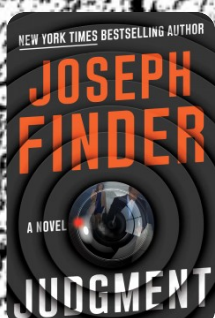
No Exit is an edge-of-your-seat psychological suspense & modern horror story. No Exit runs full steam ahead, & its tense storyline & questionable characters take you on a wild ride that doesn't let you go. There is something to be said for a storyline that is this edgy, dark, & action-packed. You don't want to look, but oh my gosh, you can't stop reading. I was on the edge of my seat reading with one eye closed! I really don't think I will be able to look at another rest stop again without being reminded of Darby & her fight to survive. I see a major motion picture in No Exit's future. Highly recommended!



CRYSTAL, LIBRARIAN

If you enjoy suspenseful books filled with twists, turns, & a few flips like you're riding The Incredible Hulk at Universal's Islands of Adventure, you certainly do not want to miss No Exit. A heart-pounding, suspenseful, edge-of-your-seat thriller is the best way I can describe No Exit. There are a few violent scenes in this book, but after all, it isn't a romance. I have an extreme dislike for books that give you pages & pages of boring blah-blah. Taylor Adams did a fantastic job of holding my interest. Just as he was getting a little too wordy, BAM! He would throw in another twist.

IF YOU LIKE
NO EXIT, YOU
MAY ALSO
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TITLES:



NO EXIT by TAYLOR ADAMS

GENRE: Thrillers & Suspense
STORYLINE: Intricately Plotted
PACE: Intensifying
WRITING STYLE: Compelling



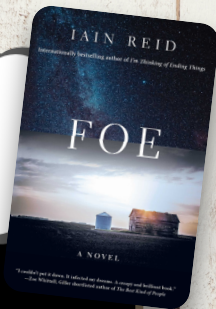
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Foe

By Ian Reid



Van's Pick: ★★☆☆

"Foe is a slow-moving science fiction piece that takes a deep look at human relationships. Some critics have compared it to an episode of *The Twilight Zone* or the Netflix series *Black Mirror*. While this is not a thriller with a lot of action, the surprise twist at the end is an excellent payoff for the reader's attention. The mood is foreboding & mysterious. The reader might begin to doubt the main character's mental stability & reasoning. The novel is also an excellent character study. The dynamics of the relationships between the characters will keep the reader wondering."

GENRE: Science Fiction

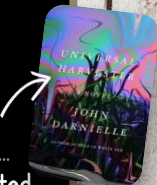
THEME: Send in the Clones; Space Colonization

CHARACTER: Well-Developed

TONE: Atmospheric; Suspenseful

STORYLINE: Character-Driven; Intricately Plotted

WRITING STYLE: Compelling; Spare; Stylistically Complex; Well-Crafted Dialogue



If you like this book, you may also enjoy ...



The Best of Us

By Robyn Carr



Diane's Pick: ★★☆☆

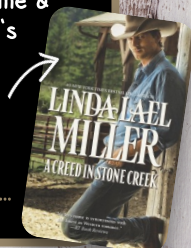
"Robyn Carr's latest entry in her best-selling *Sullivan's Crossing* series continues the story of the beloved three-generation family on the rustic campground crossroads of the Colorado & Continental Divide trails. Robyn Carr has the unique ability to create fictional places & people that touch my heart. I want to live in these communities & socialize with these characters. I feel like I know them & I'm invested in their lives. Her newest *Sullivan's Crossing* book, *The Best of Us*, delivers another feel-good story. This book wrapped me up in the story like a warm blanket on a cold day. I lost track of time & place with my favorite characters of Sullivan's Crossing. I recommend this book to any contemporary romance fans."

GENRE: Women's Romantic Fiction

TONE: Atmospheric

PACE: Leisurely Paced

WRITING STYLE: Engaging



If you like this book, you may also enjoy ...



The Girls at 17 Swann Street

By Yara Zgheib



Brooke's Pick: ★★★★★

"Yara Zgheib's eye-opening debut novel follows Anna, a Parisian ballerina suffering from anorexia, on her difficult & harrowing journey inside a residential treatment facility. The book follows Anna day in & day out as she agonizes over every morsel that she puts into her body, & celebrates the days that she makes it through okay. Zgheib's novel opens readers' eyes & minds to what it is like to be a young woman desperately trying to control her life by controlling her body. If intriguing character studies are your cup of tea, then you will likely thoroughly enjoy this compelling, heartfelt story & its memorable characters."

GENRE: Mainstream Fiction; Psychological Fiction

THEME: Dealing with Illness

TONE: Haunting; Moving; Reflective

CHARACTER: Authentic; Introspective

WRITING STYLE: Compelling; Lyrical

STORYLINE: Character-Driven; Nonlinear

If you like this book, you may also enjoy ...



A Curse So Dark & Lonely

By Brigid Kemmerer



Katie's Pick: ★★★★★

"Ever since I was a child, the story of Beauty & the Beast has been my favorite. While I was attending a conference, I was delighted to find a copy of this book! Although the tale of a beautiful girl falling in love with a cursed prince is nothing new, I found Brigid Kemmerer's *A Curse So Dark & Lonely* difficult to put down. I especially enjoyed Kemmerer's heroine, Harper. Though Harper suffers from cerebral palsy, she is strong-willed & independent - she doesn't let her physical disabilities define her. When I wasn't reading this novel, I found myself wondering what was going to happen next. For fans of dark YA fantasy & classic fairy tales, this book is for you."

GENRE: Fairy Tale & Folklore-Inspired Fiction

TONE: Romantic

PACE: Fast-Paced

WRITING STYLE: Richly Detailed

CHARACTER: Ability Diverse; Strong Female

THEME: Living with Visible Disability; Once Upon a Time

If you like this book, you may also enjoy ...





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The Other Sister By Sarah Zettel



Katina's Pick: ★★★★★

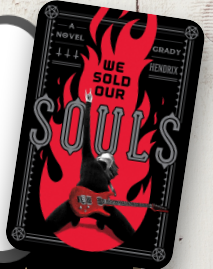
"Reunited after a 20-year separation triggered by their mother's mysterious death, a reckless woman & her obedient sister secretly plot to kill their cold-hearted, controlling father in order to correct the past. *The Other Sister* is a gripping, dysfunctional family odyssey that is replete with bad memories, questionable alliances, & familial distrust. This is a story of suffering & the hope of healing, however distant & improbable, that pulls the reader in from the very first sentence. Frequently changing points of view throughout the novel, author Zettel oscillates between the sisters' own perspectives at varying points in their lives, moving between the past & present effortlessly as the story develops."

GENRE: Psychological Suspense
TONE: Suspenseful
STORYLINE: Intricately Plotted
WRITING STYLE: Well-Crafted Dialogue

If you like this book, you may also enjoy ...



We Sold Our Souls By Grady Hendrix



Catherine's Pick: ★★★★★★

"In *We Sold Our Souls*, a has-been heavy metal artist discovers that her failed band's lead singer sold their souls in a Faustian exchange for his solo-career fame & fortune. There is no genre to call this novel but horror, but it is horror that ends with hope. A sparrow can only attack a mountain one pebble at a time, but with enough sparrows & enough time, that mountain can still fall. That is an important thought in our troubled times & part of why this book lingered with me for weeks after reading it. Pick it up for the times when you feel like it might be smarter to just give up the fight. The smart thing & the right thing aren't always the same."

GENRE: Horror

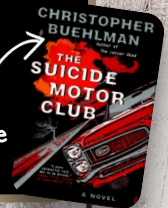
PACE: Fast-Paced

TONE: Creepy; Menacing; Suspenseful

THEME: Cursed!; Final Girls; Race Against Time

Library Journal Best Books: 2018 Fiction

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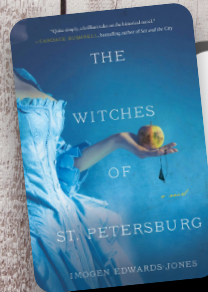
★★★★★ Loved It

★★★★ Really Liked It

★★★ Liked It



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The Witches of St. Petersburg By Irogen Edwards-Jones



Helen's Pick: ★★★★★

"Set in imperial Russia in the early twentieth century during the reign of Tsar Nicholas & Tsarina Alexandra, *The Witches of St. Petersburg* is a dark & fascinating tale of two sisters who practice black magic to further their position at court, only to find that they have conjured much more than they bargained for. Inspired by real people, this novel brings to life the intrigue, darkness, & madness that was so much a part of the Romanov court. Although we know the outcome of this story from history lessons, the book is a welcome change of pace from typical historical fiction. It has a touch of fantasy that is very realistic & helps expand the characters of well-known historical figures & brings to life the glory & excess of Imperial Russia."

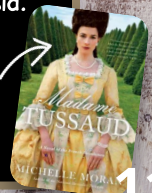
GENRE: Historical Fiction

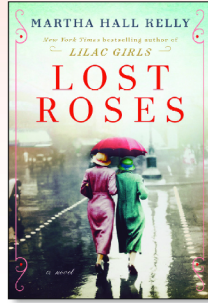
CHARACTER: Sympathetic

TONE: Strong Sense of Place

WRITING STYLE: Descriptive; Engaging

If you like this book, you may also enjoy ...





TOP PICK!

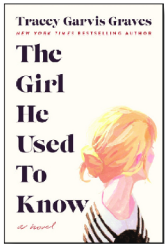
LOST ROSES
A Novel
by Martha Hall Kelly
(Ballantine Books)

"The Ferriday family (*The Lilac Girls*) returns in this story of love, loss, and triumph. The voices of four compelling female characters tell of the devastating effects of the Russian Revolution and World War I. Highly recommended for book clubs and fans of Anthony Doerr, Susan Meissner, and Lauren Belfer."

—Mamie Ney, Auburn Public Library, Auburn, ME
NovelList Read-alike: *The Women In The Castle* / *Jessica Shattuck*

The top ten books published this month that librarians across the country love.

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THE GIRL HE USED TO KNOW
by Tracey Garvis Graves
(St. Martin's Press)

"A college romance with an odd, quiet girl fades when she fails to follow him to New York after graduation as promised. Ten years later, a chance meeting in Chicago reunites them. An interesting story giving insight into the world of a high functioning autistic adult. For readers who enjoyed *The Rosie Project*."

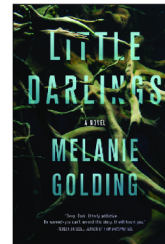
—Virginia Holsten, Vinton Public Library, Vinton, IA
NovelList Read-alike: *Ghosted* / *Rosie Walsh*



THE INVITED
A Novel
by Jennifer McMahon
(Doubleday)

"Nate and Helen leave their teaching jobs to build their dream home in rural Vermont. Helen begins seeing ghosts, and Nate becomes obsessed with a white doe. An unputdownable thriller about a house with a tragic past. Perfect for fans of Erin Kelly and

Attica Locke."
—Terri Smith, Cornelia Library, Mt. Airy, GA
NovelList Read-alike: *Mansion* / Ezekiel Boone

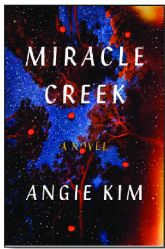


LITTLE DARLINGS
A Novel
by Melanie Golding
(Crooked Lane Books)

"A creepy, beautifully written story about a new mother of twin boys who claims to have seen a strange creature who wants to steal her babies. Doctors and the police are dismissive. Then the unthinkable happens. For fans

of modern myths, psychological suspense, and Fiona Barton."
—Amy Verkruijssen, Calcasieu Parish Public Library, Lake Charles, LA

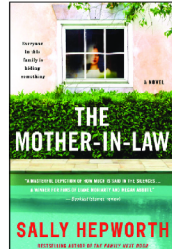
NovelList Read-alike: *The Other Mother* / Carol Goodman



MIRACLE CREEK
A Novel
by Angie Kim
(Sarah Crichton Books)

"When a medical treatment facility explodes, killing two people, the ensuing murder trial rocks the town, while witnesses go to extremes to conceal their darkest secrets. Part family drama, part whodunit, *Miracle Creek* is a gripping debut. For fans of Celeste Ng and Liane

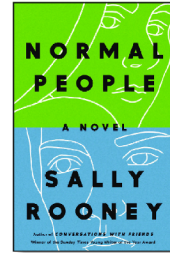
Moriarty."
—Portia Kapraun, Delphi Public Library, Delphi, IN
NovelList Read-alike: *Defending Jacob* / William Landay



THE MOTHER-IN-LAW
A Novel
by Sally Hepworth
(St. Martin's Press)

"Lucy hopes to have a good relationship with her husband Ollie's mother, but Diana makes it difficult. When Diana is found dead of an apparent suicide, Lucy reexamines everything she knows about Diana and the rest of the family. For fans of *The Perfect Couple* by Elin Hilderbrand and *The Lake House* by Kate Morton."

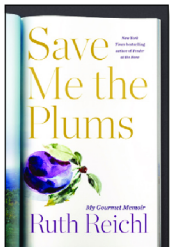
—Chris Markley, Kingsport Public Library, Kingsport, TN
NovelList Read-alike: *The Other Woman* / Sandie Jones



NORMAL PEOPLE
A Novel
by Sally Rooney
(Hogarth)

"Follows the complicated relationship between Connell, a popular boy, and Marianne, a lonely and private girl, through their high school years and college. A great book club pick. For fans of *Three Junos* by Julia Glass and *Idaho* by Emily Rushovich."

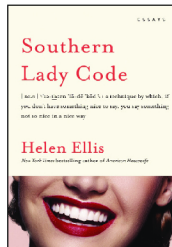
—Anbolyn Potter, Chandler Public Library, Chandler, AZ
NovelList Read-alike: *The Lesser Bohemians* / Eimear McBride



SAVE ME THE PLUMS
My Gourmet Memoir
by Ruth Reichl
(Random House)

"Reichl's captivating story about leaving her job as a New York Times restaurant critic to become Editor in Chief of *Gourmet* magazine. Her writing is as luscious as the food she critiques. For fans of *Kitchen Confidential* by Anthony Bourdain and *My Life in France* by Julia Child."

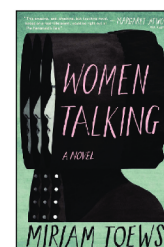
—Katelyn Boyer, Fergus Falls Public Library, Fergus Falls, MN
NovelList Read-alike: *My Soul Looks Back* / Jessica B. Harris



SOUTHERN LADY CODE
Essays
by Helen Ellis
(Doubleday)

"A funny, spot-on collection of essays on topics ranging from marriage and manners, three-ways, and how to be a good friend in the middle of a murder trial. For fans of *You Play the Girl* by Carina Chocano and *Thick* by Tressie McMillan Cottom."

—Linda Quinn, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT
NovelList Read-alike: *Look Alive Out There* / Sloane Crosley



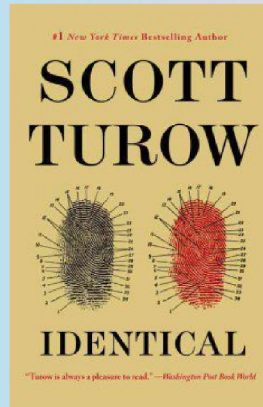
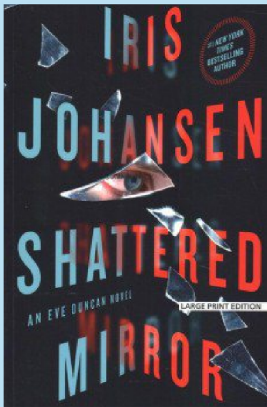
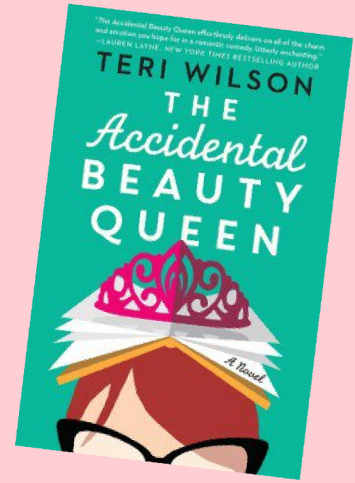
WOMEN TALKING
by Miriam Toews
(Bloomsbury)

"In a modern-day Mennonite community, eight women surreptitiously gather in a barn to decide their future after learning the truth behind two years of sexual assaults committed by neighbors and family members. Their circuitous, swooping two-day conversation touches on faith, autonomy, duty, anger, and their hopes for their lives and those of their children in this compelling and haunting read. For fans of Lauren Groff."

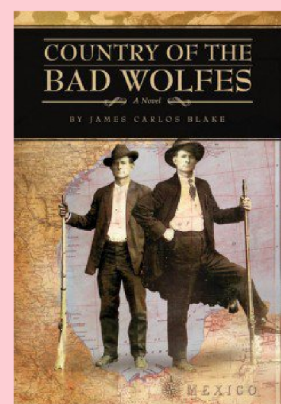
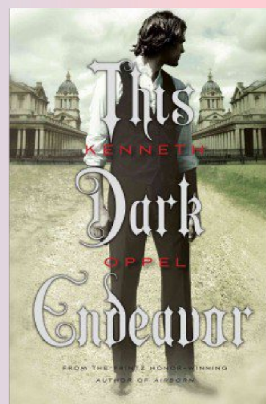
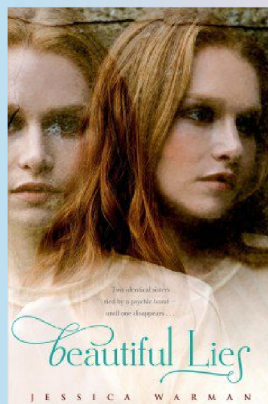
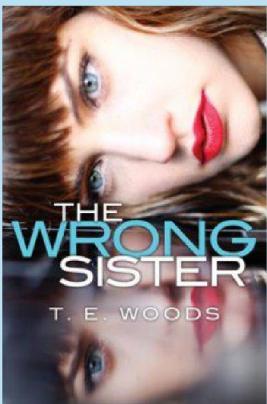
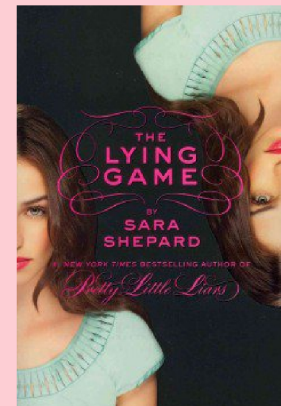
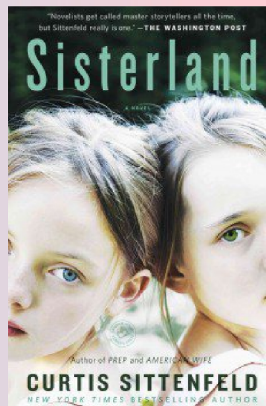
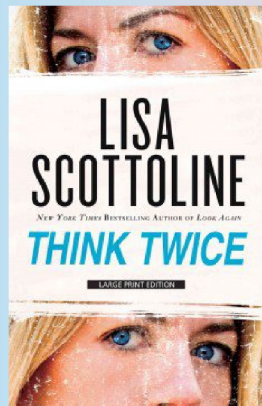
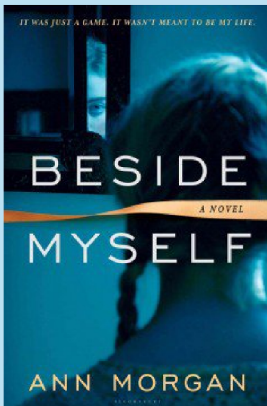
—Andrea Gough, The Seattle Public Library, Seattle, WA
NovelList Read-alike: *The Natural Way Of Things* / Charlotte Wood



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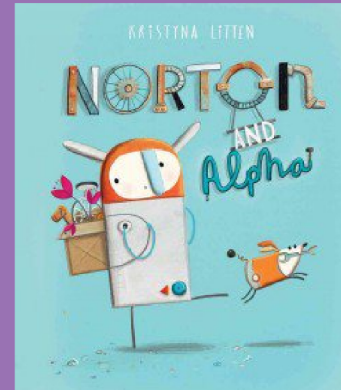
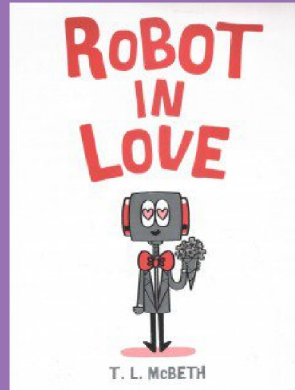
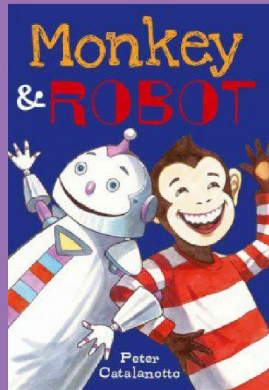
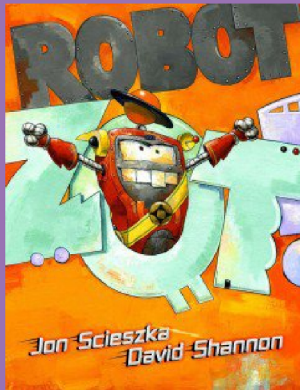


**TWIN STORIES TO CELEBRATE
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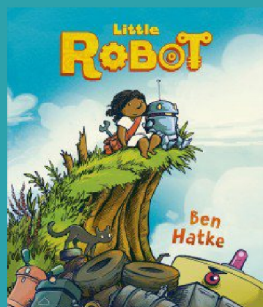
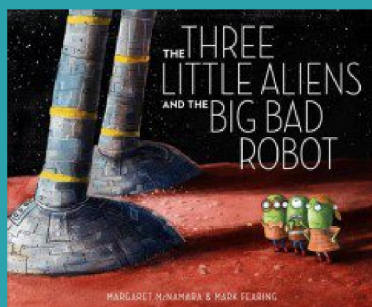
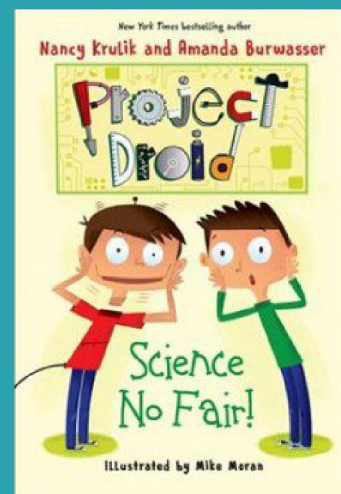
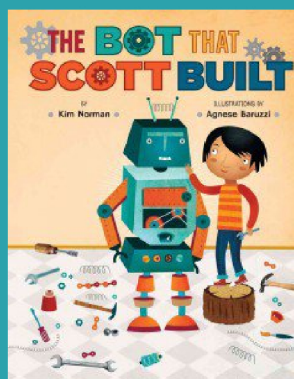
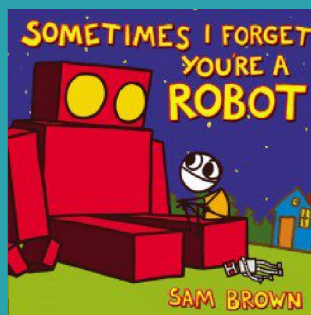
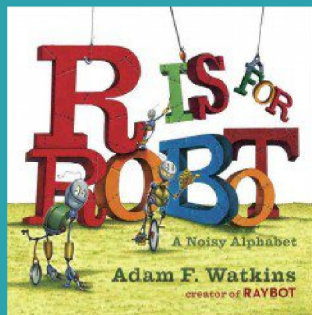
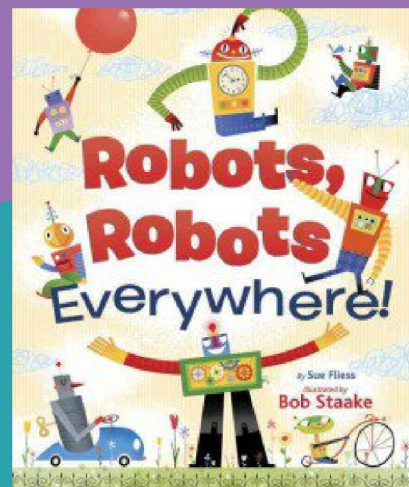
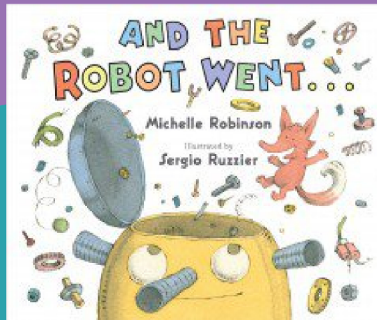
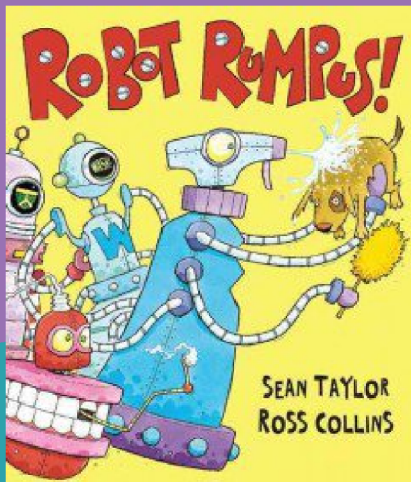
Children's Books of the Month



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BOOKS FOR NATIONAL ROBOTICS WEEK

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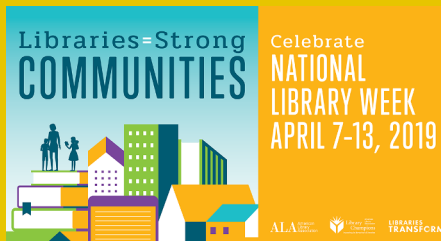


Tammy Pate
South Lafourche Branch

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IS CELEBRATED IN APRIL, AND THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "LIBRARIES = STRONG COMMUNITIES." HOW DO YOU THINK LIBRARIES BUILD AND SUPPORT STRONG COMMUNITIES?

"Since I went to the library every week as a child, I know from first-hand experience what a positive influence libraries were for me & my family. The benefits of making library visits a habit (just like going to the grocery store or visiting Grandma) are endless. In the big picture, libraries help increase reading comprehension, literacy, & knowledge. As an individual, libraries have supported my love of life-long learning, brought me to my career as a librarian, & helped me spread a love of libraries & learning to my daughter (who is a librarian married to a librarian!) & my three-year old grandchild who loves, books, music, & anything having to do with words. For me, Libraries = Families = Strong Communities!"

"We attract a great number of our users through our inventive programming & our friendly & communicative staff. By providing a special & unique location for our patrons to meet, we provide a safe & hospitable environment for our communities to flourish."



"To me, libraries are the heart of any community. We help so many people in so many different ways, from being a local directory to helping someone learn how to operate a computer. Libraries have changed so much over the years. I was here when Hurricane Katrina hit. We were one of the first places that re-opened. People came in daily for all kinds of help - even the FEMA personnel came to us for help! I watched this community come together at the library. New residents come in & are in awe of what we have to offer. Our veteran patrons take new patrons under their wing & promote all we have to offer. Our patrons make our library & community strong."

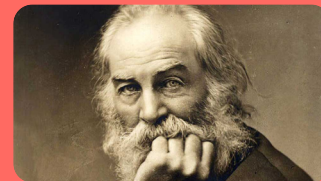
HAPPY NATIONAL POETRY MONTH! WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE POEM AND/OR POET?

"My favorite poet is E.E. Cummings because his poetry is deceptively simple. He is known for his lack of punctuation & unusual phrasing. One of my favorite poems of his is I Carry Your Heart with Me. I have found that to really enjoy poetry, you have to hear it read aloud so you can catch all of the nuances & turn of phrases in the way the poet meant the poem to be heard."

"My favorite poem is Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening by Robert Frost."



"My favorite poet is Mr. Walt Whitman. I have always liked his work. I even drew a portrait of him in high school art class!"



OUR APRIL RESOURCE OF THE MONTH IS LAUNCHPADS. WE HAVE LAUNCHPADS FOR KIDS, TEENS, AND ADULTS! WHY DO YOU THINK LAUNCHPADS ARE SO AWESOME?

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"The interactive & colorful features of the Launchpads & the various multifaceted materials that we have available as content make Launchpads a multi-sensory experience our users treasure!"



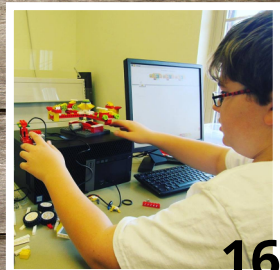
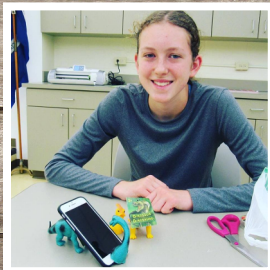
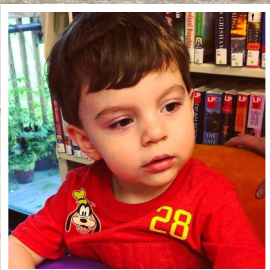
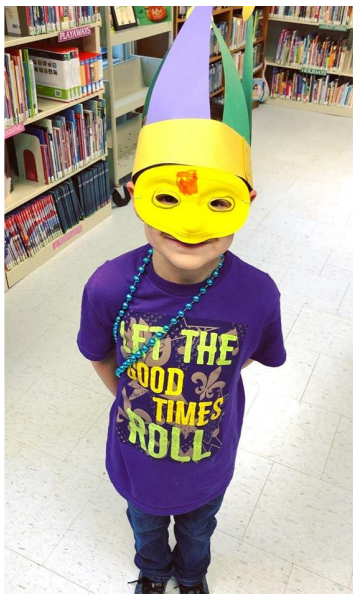
"Children are like sponges - they absorb everything! In the world we live in today, children are learning through technology. For us to provide an opportunity for kids who might not have access to learning tablets such as Launchpads to check them out & take them home is incredible."





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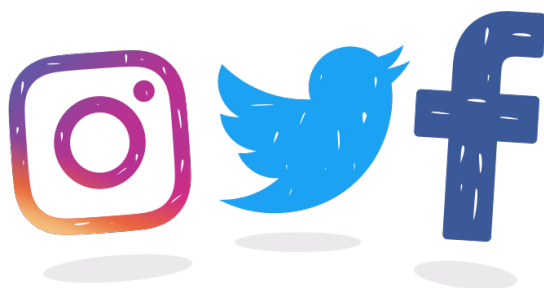
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