

# Books and Bytes

## on the Bayou

A Lafourche Parish Public Library Publication

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## A UNIVERSE OF STORIES

### BLASTING OFF FOR SUMMER READING 2019

Your "Summer in Space" starts now - are you ready for blast off? Get the scoop on pages 2-6. From escape rooms to story times, be prepared to have the most stellar summer ever!

### STAR-STUDDED SUMMER READING PERFORMANCES

See the line-up on page 4!  
 Featuring:  
 The Science Tellers:  
 Aliens: Escape from Earth  
 James Wand Secret Agent Magic Show  
 Schoolhouse Safari  
 Exotic Animal Encounter  
 Jasper Price:  
 Zombie Asockalypse

### TOGETHER WE CAN CONQUER THE SUMMER SLIDE

Don't let your child suffer from learning loss this summer! Read our blog on page 7 to learn more about the summer slide, & be sure to check out page 8 for five ways you can beat the slide this summer!

### LET VOX BOOKS DO THE READING FOR YOU

They are our Resource of the Month this summer for a reason. Turn to page 10 to learn how VOX Books - books that read aloud to kids - can help your child with their Summer Reading goals by doing the reading for you.

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## STAFF STAR!



**RACHEL  
MARONGE**  
LOCKPORT  
BRANCH  
ASSISTANT

Big congratulations go out to Lockport Branch staff member Rachel for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!

"Rachel goes out of her way to make sure that our patrons have the latest DVDs & books. She takes initiative to put new items that she knows they will like on hold for them without them having to ask!"

- Leah Dardar, Lockport Branch Manager

**DO YOU KNOW A STAFF STAR?  
ASK FOR A NOMINATION FORM AT ANY  
BRANCH CUSTOMER SERVICE DESK!**

## MEET OUR COSMIC LIBRARY BOARD

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## HONORING BOARD MEMBER ANGELIQUE TORRÉS

Library Board Member Angelique Torres was honored at April's Board Meeting for her five years of service to our libraries. She is pictured with Library Board President Robert Rome & Council Liaison Daniel Lorraine. Thank you for everything you have done for our libraries, Angelique!



# WHAT'S NEW!

## A UNIVERSE OF STORIES

BLASTING OFF FOR SUMMER READING 2019



### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM IS OPEN TO ALL AGES!
- VISIT ANY OF OUR NINE BRANCHES TO REGISTER FOR OUR READING CHALLENGE AND FUN-FILLED EVENTS.
- **READ, READ, READ!** THE MORE YOU READ, THE MORE YOU WIN!
- ATTEND PERFORMANCES, CLASSES, WORKSHOPS, AND EVENTS.
- CHECK-IN WITH US ON YOUR READING CHALLENGE THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER TO WIN PRIZES.
- HAVE A BLAST! LPPLIBRARY IS THE PLACE TO BE IN THE SUMMER!



### FEATURING:

- READING CHALLENGES FOR ALL AGES
- PRIZE DRAWINGS
- SPACE-THEMED EVENTS
- ESCAPE ROOM EXPERIENCE
- STAR-STudded PERFORMANCES
- A VARIETY OF WORKSHOPS & CLASSES
- FUN, FUN, FUN!



SHOP EARLY FOR THE BEST SELECTION OF SIZES!

Get your "Exploring a Summer in Space" yard sign when you register for Summer Reading! Signs are limited to one per family, while supplies last.

### SHIRT & BAG SALES ARE ON SALE NOW!

#### Children's Shirts (Blue)

Available in the following sizes:  
2T, 4T, Youth S, Youth M, Youth L,  
Adult S, Adult M, Adult L

Price: \$6

#### Teen & Adult Shirts (Black)

Available in the following sizes:  
Adult S, Adult M, Adult L, Adult XL  
Adult 2XL, Adult 3XL

Price: S-XL \$6 2XL & 3XL \$8.50  
Bags \$1

### SUMMER READING STORY TIME SCHEDULE

(BEGINNING THE WEEK OF JUNE 10 - JULY 11)

BAYOU BLUE - Mondays at 10:30 AM  
 CHOCTAW - Thursdays at 10:30 AM  
 GHEENS - Thursdays at 10:30 AM  
 (At Comm. Center)  
 G. MEADOW - Wednesdays at 2 PM

LAROSE - Thursdays at 2 PM  
 LOCKPORT - Wednesdays at 2 PM  
 RACELAND - Tuesdays at 11 AM  
 SOUTH LAFOURCHE - Tuesdays at 10:30 AM  
 THIBODAUX - Wednesdays at 10:30 AM & 2 PM



There will be no story time the week of July 1 because Elephant & Piggie are visiting our branches instead! See page 6 for the schedule.



### THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER READING SPONSORS!

Domino's, Smoothie King, Jimmy John's, Raising Cane's, & Off the Hook





# WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING!



## ESCAPE TO OUTER SPACE

### LAFOURCHE PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING ESCAPE ROOM EXPERIENCE



LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE? ENJOY CRACKING CODES, PROBLEM SOLVING, & TEAMWORK? JOIN OUR INTERACTIVE ESCAPE ROOM CHALLENGE & RACE AGAINST THE CLOCK!

TEAMS WILL HAVE 30 MINUTES TO SOLVE PUZZLES, FOLLOW CLUES, & UNLOCK ACCESS TO ROCKET FUEL TO "ESCAPE TO OUTER SPACE!"

FOR AGES 8+  
\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED\*  
SIGN-UP AT YOUR LOCAL LPPLIBRARY BRANCH

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### JUNE 4

THIBODAUX  
1 & 3 PM

LOCKPORT  
2 & 4 PM

SOUTH LAFOURCHE  
1 & 3 PM

### JUNE 7

RACELAND  
1 & 3 PM

GHEENS  
11 AM & 2 PM

GOLDEN MEADOW  
12 & 3 PM

### JUNE 12

CHOCTAW  
10:30 AM & 2 PM

BAYOU BLUE  
10:30 AM & 12:30 PM

LAROSE  
12 & 2 PM





# WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING!



## SUMMER READING 2019 STAR-STudded PERFORMANCES!

COME ONE, COME ALL!  
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



### SCIENCE TELLERS

THIBODAUX  
Jean Lafitte Auditorium  
Thursday, 06/06  
10:30 AM

LOCKPORT  
Holy Savior Cafeteria  
Thursday, 06/06  
1 PM

SOUTH LAFOURCHE  
S. Lafourche Library  
Thursday, 06/06  
4 PM

**ALIENS: ESCAPE  
FROM EARTH**  
GET READY FOR  
AN ACTION-PACKED,  
OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD  
ALIEN ADVENTURE!



### JAMES WAND

THIBODAUX  
Thibodaux Library  
Wednesday, 06/19  
10:30 AM

LOCKPORT  
Lockport Library  
Wednesday, 06/19  
1 PM

SOUTH LAFOURCHE  
S. Lafourche Library  
Wednesday, 06/19  
4 PM

**SECRET AGENT  
MAGIC SHOW**  
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO  
BELIEVE YOUR EYES  
AT THIS SUPER SPY  
MAGIC SHOW!



### SCHOOLHOUSE SAFARI

THIBODAUX  
Thibodaux Library  
Tuesday, 07/09  
10:30 AM

LOCKPORT  
Lockport Library  
Tuesday, 07/09  
1 PM

SOUTH LAFOURCHE  
S. Lafourche Library  
Tuesday, 07/09  
4 PM

**EXOTIC ANIMAL  
ENCOUNTER**  
GEAUX WILD FOR THIS  
ENTERTAINING, HANDS-ON  
EXOTIC ANIMAL  
EXPERIENCE!



### JASPER PRICE

SOUTH LAFOURCHE  
S. Lafourche Library  
Wednesday, 07/17  
10:30 AM

LOCKPORT  
Lockport Library  
Wednesday, 07/17  
2 PM

THIBODAUX  
Thibodaux Library  
Thursday, 07/18  
10:30 AM

**ZOMBIE  
ASOCKALYPSE**  
JOIN AUTHOR JASPER  
PRICE FOR SOME RATHER  
SMELLY STORYTELLING  
AND PUPPET MAKING!



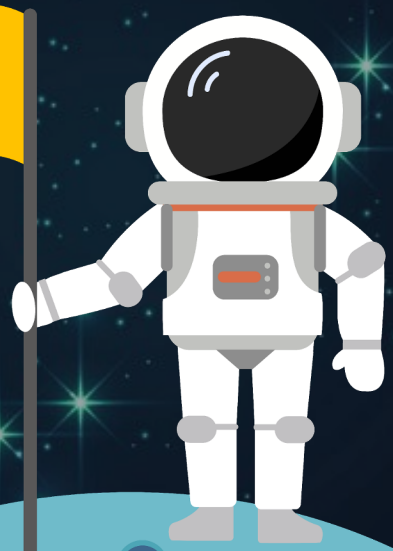
# WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING!



## 50 WAYS YOU CAN HAVE A STELLAR SUMMER WITH LAFOURCHE PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY!



- READ LOTS OF BOOKS
- HAVE AN ALIEN ADVENTURE WITH THE SCIENCE TELLERS
- MEET ELEPHANT & PIGGIE
- WIN PRIZES
- SET A READING GOAL
- PLAY BINGO
- ESCAPE TO OUTER SPACE IN THE ESCAPE ROOM CHALLENGE
- PLAY WITH DRONES
- ATTEND A STORY TIME
- ENTER TO WIN A BIKE
- MAKE ART
- CELEBRATE FLAG DAY
- GET YOUR SUMMER IN SPACE YARD SIGN
- PAINT & SCULPT WITH ELLEN MCCORD
- SIT DOWN WITH STEAM
- MAKE SLIME
- WORK WITH CLAY WITH ANGELE DRUEN
- CREATE COSMIC ART WITH TISA HILL
- TRAIN YOUR BRAIN WITH BRAINHQ GAMES
- CHECK OUT EBOOKS & EAUDIOBOOKS WITH CLOUDLIBRARY
- PLAY A BOARD GAME
- ENCOUNTER EXOTIC ANIMALS WITH SCHOOLHOUSE SAFARI
- DISCOVER A NEW AUTHOR
- RE-READ YOUR FAVORITE BOOK
- RESEARCH YOUR FAMILY TREE WITH ANCESTRY.COM
- EXPERIENCE A ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE WITH JASPER PRICE
- SEE A SPACE MOVIE
- CHECK OUT THE NEWEST MOVIE AND TV DVDS
- GET FIT WITH EXERCISE CLASSES
- DO SOME SUPER SPY MAGIC TRICKS WITH JAMES WAND
- TRY OUT NEW FOODS
- READ DIGITAL MAGAZINES WITH FLIPSTER
- CHECK OUT A PLAYAWAY LAUNCHPAD
- BORROW MOVIES, MUSIC, & MORE WITH HOOPLA
- MAKE A FATHER'S DAY GIFT
- DISCOVER NEW BOOKS & AUTHORS WITH NOVELIST PLUS
- PLAY WITH MAGNA TILES
- MAKE A WREATH
- GO ON A PICNIC
- ENJOY MOON DAY
- CELEBRATE BASTILLE DAY
- SNAP A SELFIE
- CHECK OUT AN AUDIOBOOK
- LEARN A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE WITH ROSETTA STONE OR MANGO
- PLAY GIANT CONNECT FOUR
- CHECK OUT VIDEO GAMES
- LISTEN TO BOOKS ON-THE-GO WITH PLAYAWAY AUDIOBOOKS
- LISTEN TO A VOX BOOK
- BUILD WITH LEGOS
- MAKE A NEW FRIEND



# HAVE A BLAST DOING WHAT YOU LOVE!



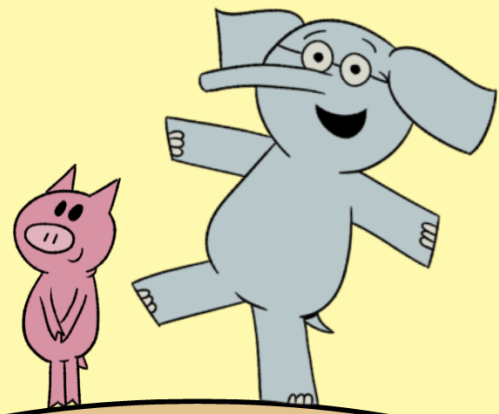


# WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING!



## An ELEPHANT & PIGGIE Event

### We're Going to the Library!



MEET ELEPHANT & PIGGIE THIS SUMMER!			
<b>Monday, July 1</b>	<b>Raceland Branch</b> 10:30 AM	<b>Choctaw Branch</b> 2 PM	<b>Thibodaux Branch</b> 4:30 PM
<b>Tuesday, July 2</b>	<b>Bayou Blue Branch</b> 10:30 AM	<b>Gheens Branch</b> 2:30 PM	<b>Lockport Branch</b> 4:30 PM
<b>Wednesday, July 3</b>	<b>Larose Branch</b> 10:30 AM	<b>G. Meadow Branch</b> 2 PM	<b>S. Lafourche Branch</b> 4:30 PM

# COSMIC CRAFT WORKSHOPS

LEARN, EXPLORE, & CREATE IN OUR ART WORKSHOPS HOSTED BY LOCAL ARTISTS!  
 \*WORKSHOPS REQUIRE REGISTRATION. SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTER AT YOUR HOME BRANCH\*

**CLAY WORKS WITH ANGELE DRUEN**  
(Ages 8-12)

**BAYOU BLUE**  
06/12, 3 PM

**CHOCTAW**  
06/13, 3 PM

**G. MEADOW**  
06/10, 1 PM

**LAROSE**  
06/11, 3 PM

**LOCKPORT**  
06/11, 1 PM

**RACELAND**  
06/12, 1 PM

**S. LAFOURCHE**  
06/10, 3 PM

**THIBODAUX**  
06/13, 1 PM

**PAINTING WITH ELLEN MCCORD**  
(Ages 8-12)

**BAYOU BLUE**  
06/19, 1 PM

**CHOCTAW**  
06/20, 3 PM

**G. MEADOW**  
06/17, 11 AM

**LAROSE**  
06/18, 11 AM

**LOCKPORT**  
06/17, 3 PM  
06/18, 3 PM

**RACELAND**  
06/19, 11 AM

**S. LAFOURCHE**  
06/17, 1 PM  
06/18, 1 PM

**THIBODAUX**  
06/19, 3 PM  
06/20, 1 PM

**SCULPTING WITH ELLEN MCCORD**  
(Ages 8-12)

**BAYOU BLUE**  
07/10, 1 PM

**CHOCTAW**  
07/11, 3 PM

**G. MEADOW**  
07/08, 11 AM

**LAROSE**  
07/09, 11 AM

**LOCKPORT**  
07/08, 3 PM  
07/09, 3 PM

**RACELAND**  
07/10, 11 AM

**S. LAFOURCHE**  
07/08 1 PM  
07/09, 1 PM

**THIBODAUX**  
07/10, 3 PM  
07/11, 1 PM

**COSMIC ART WITH TISA HILL**  
(Ages 13-18)

**BAYOU BLUE**  
06/26, 3 PM

**CHOCTAW**  
06/27, 3 PM

**G. MEADOW**  
06/24, 1 PM

**LAROSE**  
06/25, 3 PM

**LOCKPORT**  
06/25, 1 PM

**RACELAND**  
06/26, 1 PM

**S. LAFOURCHE**  
06/24, 3 PM

**THIBODAUX**  
06/27, 1 PM

**CLAY WORKS WITH ANGELE DRUEN**  
Adults

**LOCKPORT**  
06/27, 1 PM

**S. LAFOURCHE**  
06/26, 1 PM

**THIBODAUX**  
06/25, 1 PM





## SUFFERING FROM THE SUMMER SLIDE?

LPPL's "A Universe of Stories" Summer Reading Program has the Cure!



The last day of school. One of the best things about childhood. No more getting up early, no homework or after school practice. What more can a kid ask for? But along with all of the relaxation and fun, there is an important aspect of learning that needs consideration during the summer months and it's called the "summer slide."

The summer slide, simply put, is the tendency of school children to lose some of the knowledge and skills they've gained from the previous school year over the summer.

Fortunately, there is a cure for the summer slide and it's called the LPPL Summer Reading Program! The Lafourche Parish Public Library offers a summer reading program each year designed with combating the summer slide in mind. And this year's theme, A Universe of Stories, with an emphasis on space, can help sustain those vital STEAM skills in science, technology, engineering, art, math, and so much more.

### Read on for more reasons why summer reading programs are so important and how they help with summer slide:

- The benefits of Summer Reading programs are clear. National research finds that students who participate in public library summer reading programs scored higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year than those who did not participate.
- Parents of children enrolled in their local library's Summer Reading program reported that their children spent more time reading over the summer, read more books, were well prepared for school in the fall, and read more confidently.
- Young people experience learning losses when they don't engage in educational activities during the summer. Research spanning 100 years shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer. Libraries are part of the solution.
- To succeed in school and life, children and young adults need ongoing opportunities to learn and practice essential skills. Summer Reading reminds kids that reading is for fun - as well as for learning.
- There's so much to see, so much to do at your library! There's no better place to take your kids. The library is a place to learn, read, and have fun ... a place the whole family can enjoy. In fact, more than 82 million children attend library programs every year.
- Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning. ©2015 iREAD

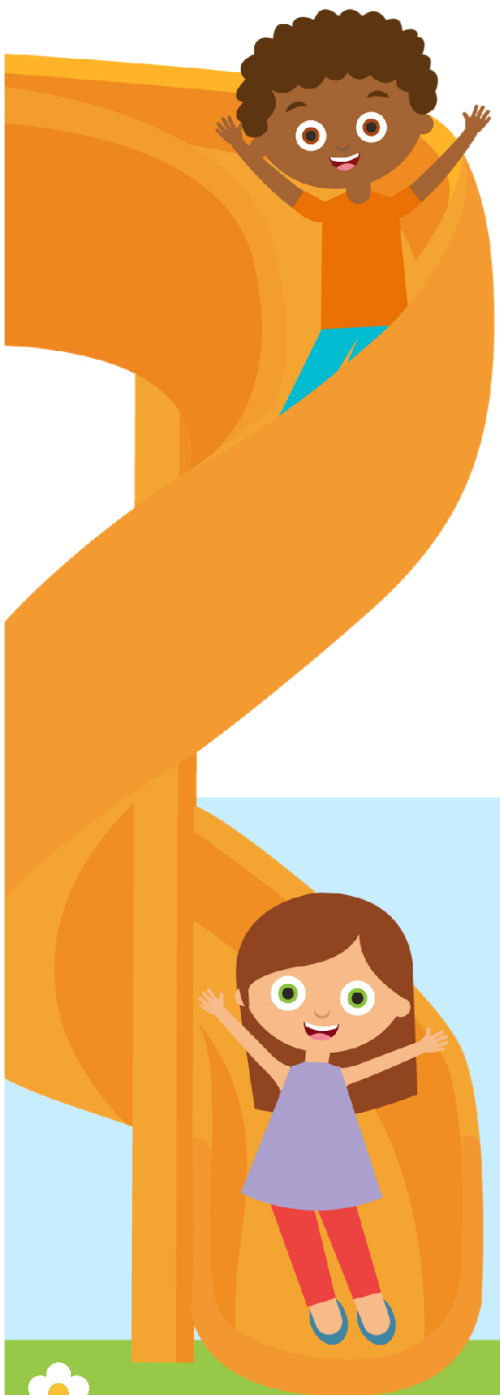


Please join us this summer! We're looking forward to seeing you and are so excited to offer the activities and special programs for all ages that are coming your way. And check out page 6 to discover "50 Ways You Can Have a Stellar Summer with Lafourche Parish Library!" ... and beat the summer slide.





## WAYS TO HEAD OFF THE *Summer Slide*



### FILL KIDS' SUMMER BREAK WITH READING!

It's a fact: Kids who don't read over the summer fall behind their peers when school starts up again, and the effects of this "Summer Slide" can last a lifetime.



Kids can lose about **two months** of grade level equivalency in math and reading over the summer.



Summer Slide hits **low-income** kids the hardest, resulting in a significant achievement gap.



Over time, this loss can create a gap of **2 to 5 years** by the time kids reach high school.



Teachers spend **4-6 weeks** of a new school year re-teaching older material.

### TIPS to Prevent Summer Slide:

- 1** Keep them engaged and learning while they're out of school. LPPLibrary's Summer Reading program is the perfect way to do just that - it is both fun and educational at the same time!
- 2** Encourage kids to read at least 20 minutes every day. Need ideas? Ask one of our knowledgeable staff members for suggestions or check out Novelist on our website - click on the "Digital Library!"
- 3** Read to your kids! Reading to your kids not only helps you bond over books, but also teaches fluency and new vocabulary!
- 4** Transform car rides into reading time. We have a wide variety of audiobooks perfect for short or long car rides.
- 5** Visit your LPPLibrary with your kids to find new books. Let them pick out books on their favorite topics and they'll read more often!



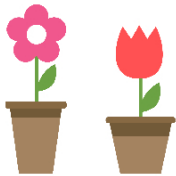


# "CAN'T MISS" EVENTS!



## FATHER'S DAY FUN!

Happy Father's Day to All of Our Lafourche Dads!



### BAYOU BLUE

#### \*Father's Day Craft

Thursday, 06/13, 2 PM, Ages 10+

**\*This event requires registration\***

Paint a clay pot for a special gift for Dad.



### LOCKPORT

#### Donuts with Dad Father's Day Celebration

Saturday, 06/15, 10 AM, All Ages

We are celebrating Father's Day with stories, games, a craft, & of course, donuts! Celebrate your dad with us!



### CHOCTAW

#### Father's Day Craft

Friday, 06/14, 2 PM, All Ages

Let your dad know he is out-of-this-world with painted galaxy rocks for Father's Day!



### RACELAND

#### Out of This World Father's Day

Friday, 06/14, 3 PM, All Ages

Show your love to the moon & back. Make Dad a Father's Day card.



### GHEENS

#### Out of This World Father's Day Craft

Wednesday, 06/12, 3 PM, All Ages

Learn how to make a unique gift for Dad by creating a crayon resist canvas craft.



### SOUTH LAFOURCHE

#### Father's Day Galaxy Handprint Art

Thursday, 06/13, 10:30 AM, Kids

Create a galaxy-inspired Father's Day gift using your handprint.



### GOLDEN MEADOW

#### Father's Day Bow Tie Craft

Thursday, 06/13, 2 PM, All Ages

Join us as we make a fashionably sweet bow tie craft for Dad.

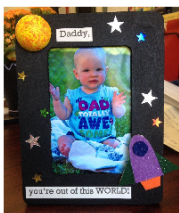


### THIBODAUX

#### Make "Dad" a Card

Saturday, 06/15, 1 PM, Kids

Make a Father's Day card for your dad or grandfather using various media. Snowballs served.



### LAROSE

#### \*Father's Day Out of This World Frame

Thursday, 06/13, 11 AM, Kids

**\*This event requires registration\***

Decorate a picture frame to give to your dad for Father's Day!

**FATHER'S DAY IS SUNDAY, 06/16**



## Lafourche Parish Public Library

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Thibodaux, Louisiana 70301 | (985) 446-1163

[www.lafourche.org](http://www.lafourche.org)





# RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT



# Vox™ Books

## Books that Talk!

**LET VOX BOOKS DO THE READING THIS SUMMER!**



There's no doubt about it - the benefits of hearing a book read aloud are immense. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends daily reading aloud from birth to grow vocabulary and promote healthy brain development. But let's face it - in today's busy world, some days it is difficult to find time to read books aloud to your child.

**VOX Books are here to help.**

**VOX Books are your favorite print books, but with the added benefit of a built-in speaker! Hear a professional read aloud popular fiction and nonfiction titles. Listen to the books you love over and over again, as many times as you want - this reader never gets tired!**

**VOX Books are available at all LPPL branches, with new titles added every few months. Check out VOX Books today!**





# IN THE KNOW

with LPPL Staff



Allison Clark  
Youth Services



Lisa Whitman  
Youth Services



Nalon Baker  
Youth Services

## AS A YOUTH SERVICES STAFF MEMBER, YOU ARE INVOLVED IN MANY ASPECTS OF SUMMER READING. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THE EXPERIENCE?

My favorite aspect of Summer Reading is the story time performances. The children & their families are so excited to see what's behind the meaning of each week's theme. Also dressing up weekly to bring those themes to life is my own personal fun! I love being able to interact with children & encourage a new love of reading.

Honestly, my favorite part is the planning & researching. I love researching! I enjoy learning about the different subjects we will be covering & sharing the knowledge.



What I love best is coming up with crafts & games for our story times, as well as seeing the crafts that other branches plan. We have such creative staff, & to see us all work together to make each summer a success makes all the hard work worth it.



## WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT FOR THIS YEAR'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM?

I'm really excited to do my own space explorations. I've never been the biggest fan of space & aliens, but in order to present it this summer, I have to know this stuff!



I'm most excited about seeing all of the new & old faces. I love to see the older kiddos who I don't get to see in the schools anymore - to see that they still have a love of reading really makes me happy! I also love to see the excitement & joy of our newest readers & listeners is what makes it all worthwhile!

I can't really choose just one thing. I love science & outer space, so this year's theme is so exciting for me. The books, crafts, games, & programs are going to be so much fun!



## WHAT IS ONE EVENT THAT IS HAPPENING THIS SUMMER AT LPPLIBRARY THAT OUR COMMUNITY SHOULD NOT MISS?

I'm biased, so I don't want you to miss any of our events, but if you or your kids are escape room fans, then our libraries are the place to be this month! Sign-up now for our "Escape to Outer Space" Escape Room Experience! (Details on p. 3)

Well, if I HAVE to choose just one, then ... Elephant & Piggie, of course! They are the two favorite characters of pretty much every kid I know ... including myself! You definitely don't want to miss this fun-filled event.

You should not miss the visit with Elephant & Piggie this July! Mo Willems is my favorite author, & having his characters come to life & interact with the children will be an amazing experience.





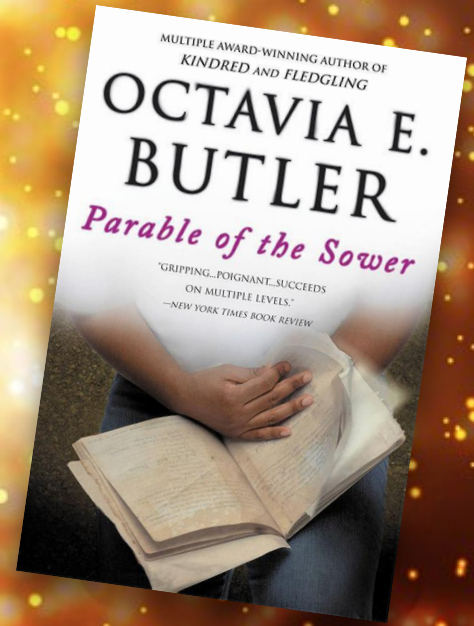
# Book Reviews



AFTER A GLOBAL NUCLEAR WAR BEGINS, JON KELLER AND A SMALL GROUP OF SURVIVORS AT A HOTEL IN SWITZERLAND TRY TO MAINTAIN SOME SEMBLANCE OF CIVILIZATION. ONLY TO DISCOVER THE MURDERED BODY OF A YOUNG GIRL IN THE HOTEL'S WATER TANKS.

## DISCOVER DARING DYSTOPIAN FICTION

THIS GENRE INCORPORATES ELEMENTS OF SCIENCE FICTION, APOCALYPTIC FICTION, AND SPECULATIVE FICTION TO DEPICT FUNDAMENTALLY BROKEN SOCIETIES. DYSTOPIAN FICTION IS MOST OFTEN SET IN THE NEAR FUTURE WHERE READERS CAN RECOGNIZE A TWISTED VERSION OF THE PRESENT.



IN 2025 CALIFORNIA, AN EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN, SUFFERING FROM A HEREDITARY TRAIT THAT CAUSES HER TO FEEL OTHERS' PAIN AS WELL AS HER OWN, FLEES NORTHWARD FROM HER SMALL COMMUNITY AND ITS DESPERATE SAVAGES.



### LAURA

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

IT'S BEEN TWO MONTHS SINCE THE NUCLEAR BOMBS WENT OFF, AND THERE ARE TWENTY SURVIVORS AT THE L'HOTEL SIXIEME IN SWITZERLAND. AFTER THE SURVIVORS NOTICE LOWER THAN NORMAL WATER PRESSURE, A GROUP OF MEN GO IN SEARCH OF WHAT COULD BE CLOGGING THE TANKS. INSIDE ONE OF THE TANKS IS THE BODY OF A LITTLE GIRL. HOW LONG HAS SHE BEEN THERE? IS ONE OF THEM A MURDERER? ARE PEOPLE HIDING THAT THEY AREN'T AWARE OF?

AS THEIR SUPPLIES START TO DWINDLE AND STRESS BEGINS TO TAKE ITS TOLL ON THE SURVIVORS, IT BECOMES EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF. SHOULD THE SURVIVORS STAY IN THE HOTEL WHERE IT IS SAFE, BUT WHERE THEY'LL EVENTUALLY RUN OUT OF FOOD? OR DO THEY GO IN SEARCH OF WHAT IS OUT THERE? WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO SURVIVE?

**THE LAST IS A DYSTOPIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER THAT CATCHES YOUR ATTENTION FROM THE START AND DOESN'T LET GO UNTIL THE THRILLING END.**

**IF YOU LIKE THESE DYSTOPIAN NOVELS, YOU MAY ALSO ENJOY THESE TITLES:**

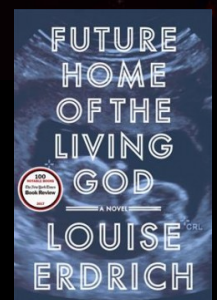
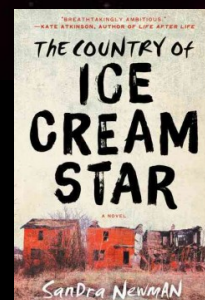
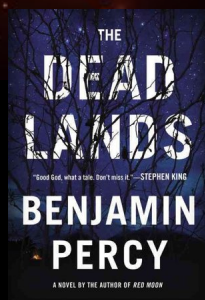


### CATHERINE

LIBRARIAN

**PARABLE OF THE SOWER** BY OCTAVIA E. BUTLER IS CONSIDERED A MODERN CLASSIC FOR A GOOD REASON. WRITTEN IN THE FORM OF A JOURNAL OF A YOUNG AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN, ITS SETTING OF CALIFORNIA FROM 2021-2027 WAS MUCH DISTANT WHEN THE BOOK WAS FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1993, BUT MUCH OF IT STILL FEELS RELEVANT FROM OUR CURRENT VANTAGE POINT OF 2019.

**PARABLE OF THE SOWER IS A SPARE, HAUNTING BOOK THAT STANDS A CHANCE OF GIVING SOME READERS THOUGHTS WORTH CHEWING ON, AND MAYBE EVEN INSPIRING SOME ACTIONS WORTH TAKING. THAT IS, AFTER ALL, WHAT THE BEST OF SCIENCE FICTION SHOULD ALWAYS DO.**







# STAFF PICKS

#ourfavorites  
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## Freefall

By Jessica Barry

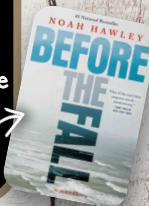


Crystal's Pick: ★★★★★

"If you're looking for a fast-paced, suspenseful book with a survivalist theme, *Freefall* needs to be on your 'to-read' list. This book is told from the alternating points of view of Allison & her mother, Maggie. The book opens with Allison being the sole survivor of a plane crash in the Colorado Rockies. Maggie has been informed that her daughter is presumed dead because her body was not found at the crash site. Maggie & Allison are both strong-willed & determined women. Maggie is focused on getting to the truth about her daughter, & Allison's goal is to survive her predicament. *Freefall* is well-written, stockpiled with secrets, & filled with enough suspense that you won't want to put the book down."

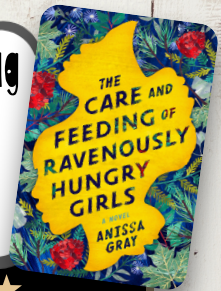
GENRE: Multiple Perspectives; Psychological Suspense  
PACE: Fast-Paced  
TONE: Suspenseful  
CHARACTER: Well-Developed

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## The Care & Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls

By Anissa Gray

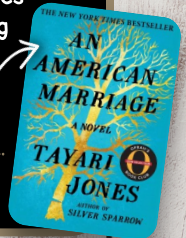


Brooke's Pick: ★★★★★

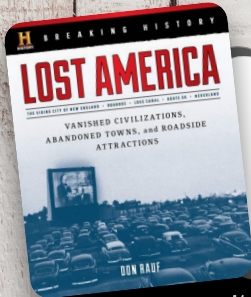
"What happens to a Michigan family when both parents are sent to prison? This is the 'ripped from the headlines' story explored in Anissa Gray's debut novel. At its heart, this is a novel about family sticking together & supporting one another through the toughest times. Reading as a work of literary fiction, Gray has written a beautifully heartbreaking story about love & loss that is perfect for readers who prefer strong character development over plot."

GENRE: African American Fiction; Domestic Fiction; Literary Fiction; Multiple Perspectives  
THEME: Dealing with Mental Illness; Surviving Abuse; Life in Small Towns  
WRITING STYLE: Engaging; Lyrical  
TONE: Moving  
STORYLINE: Own Voices

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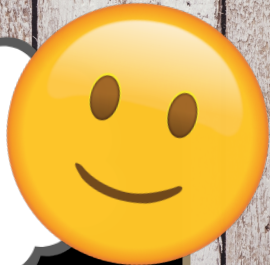


LibraryReads Favorite of 2019



## Lost America

By Don Rauf



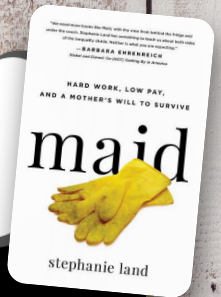
Katina's Pick: ★★★★★

"Local history alert ... I wasn't expecting to find south Louisiana locales treated in a book on lost America despite the fact that south Louisiana has been disappearing at an alarming rate. We just seem to be often overlooked that way. But in *Lost America: Vanished Civilizations, Abandoned Towns, & Roadside Attractions*, there we are. Author Don Rauf details the calamities - natural and man-made - & mysteries surrounding many of America's lost places, quite a few of them local. There are many more locations to learn about, such as Louisiana small towns & island communities devastated by storms such as Isle Derniere, or 'Last Island,' once a thriving summer resort in nearby Terrebonne Parish, which was destroyed by a hurricane in 1865. *Lost America* is an interesting read not only because it enlightens, but because it 'remembers' places long gone. It's a good book to entertain if you're a fan of history & want to spend a half hour or so here & there on historical places."



## Maid

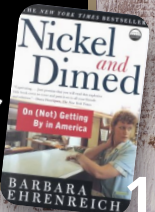
By Stephanie Land



Ann's Pick: ★★★★★

"In her debut memoir *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, & a Mother's Will to Survive*, Stephanie Land tells about her life cleaning houses. As I read the book & the author detailed her negative experiences, I inevitably thought of the many people in my life who have had to work just as hard as she did. After a while, instead of concentrating totally on negative aspects, I thought about the positive messages I could glean from the book. The fact that we all have our own place in this world rings especially true. Like characters in a story, we might not always like our setting, but sometimes we have to be there & experience & overcome conflict before we can move on, like Land does. This book will interest those who enjoy reading memoirs & slice-of-life stories. Although I feel Land complains about too many situations & people in her book, I do admire her tenacious spirit regarding the commitment to her goals."

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### Evvie Drake Starts Over: A Novel by Linda Holmes

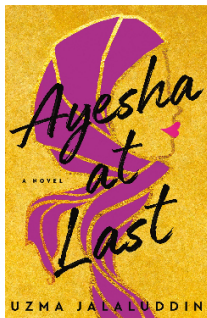
(Ballantine Books)

"Relationships are hard, whether with a spouse, a best friend, a new love interest, or ourselves. Evvie navigates all of these after a life-changing series of events. An engaging novel that explores relationship nuances without being too dark or too cutesy. For fans of Jenny Colgan, Cecilia Ahern, and Sophie Kinsella."

—Maribeth Fisher, Scotch Plains Public Library, Scotch Plains, NJ



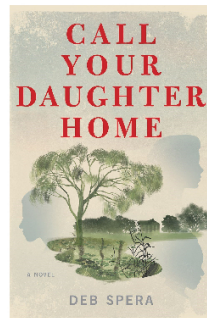
June 2019 - The top ten books published this month that librarians across the country love.



### Ayesha at Last by Uzma Jalaluddin (Berkeley)

"Ayesha puts aside dreams of poetry and works in Toronto as a teacher to repay debts to her family. A deep-rooted family trauma ties Khalid to his controlling mother and gives him a rigid understanding of the world. Can these two young Muslims forge a healing path? A sweet modern romance perfect for readers of *The Wedding Date* and *The Kiss Quotient*."

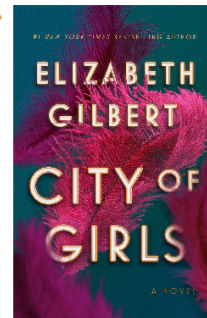
—Ariel Yang, Forest Grove City Library, Forest Grove, OR



### Call Your Daughter Home A Novel by Deb Spera (Park Row)

"Three strong women support each other through tough times in 1924 South Carolina. Gertrude, Retta, and Annie unite against injustice in their small town in this beautifully written story in which time and place come to life. For readers who enjoyed *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie* and *The Invention of Wings*."

—Suzy Card, Grapevine Library, Grapevine, TX



### City of Girls A Novel by Elizabeth Gilbert (Riverhead)

"Free-spirited Vivian recounts her life, focusing on her formative years in the 1940s. Nineteen and new to NYC, she became the costumer for her aunt's struggling theater company. Colorful characters, misadventures, triumphs, and trials populate this fun, frolicking read. For fans of *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*."

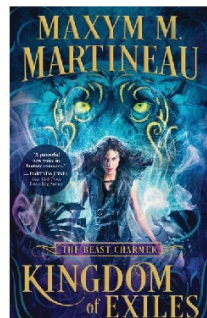
—Sonia Reppe, Stickney-Forest View Public Library, Stickney, IL



### Fix Her Up A Novel by Tessa Bailey (Avon)

"After her brother's best friend (and her longtime crush) Travis is injured, Georgie makes it her goal to bring him back to the land of the living. When he needs help cleaning up his wild image, she is happy to help...and maybe score some action on the side. A funny, endearing, and spicy romance. For readers of Christina Lauren."

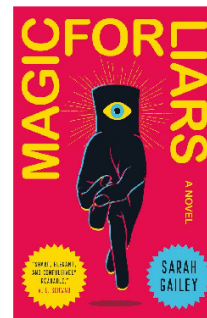
—Jessica Batten, Marion County Public Library, Fairmont, WV



### Kingdom of Exiles by Maxym M. Martineau (Sourcebooks Landmark)

"An epic fantasy love story that hooks readers from the beginning with its expert world-building. The characters are skillfully crafted, realistic and sympathetic. Readers will look forward to continuing the journey in this new series. For fans of *Whims of Fae* by Nissa Leder and *Blood Oath* by Raye Wagner."

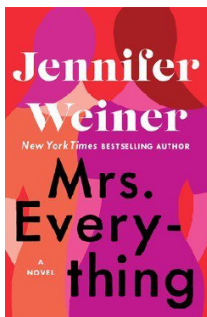
—Leanna Frankland, New York Public Library, New York, NY



### Magic for Liars A Novel by Sarah Gailey (Tor Books)

"A blend of fantasy and murder mystery. Magic meets noir, throw in some romance and some witty dialog and you have a great pick for summer reading. For fans of Jasper Fforde and the Charley Davidson novels."

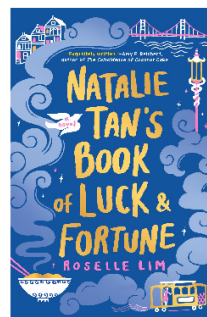
—Joseph Jones, Cuyahoga Public Library, Cuyahoga, OH



### Mrs. Everything A Novel by Jennifer Weiner (Atria Books)

"A sweeping story about sisters Jo and Bethie, following them from their 1950s roots in Detroit to the present day. This novel is both heartwrenching and funny, and readers will cry and laugh with them along the journey. For fans of Juliet McDaniel's *Mr. and Mrs. American Pie*."

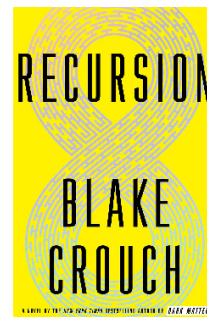
—Cari Dubiel, Twinsburg Public Library, Twinsburg, OH



### Natalie Tan's Book of Luck & Fortune by Roselle Lim (Berkeley)

"Natalie inherits her grandmother's restaurant in quickly-gentrifying Chinatown in San Francisco. A tea leaf reading tells Natalie she must cook three recipes from her Grandmother's cookbook for her neighbors who are being pushed out in order for the restaurant to succeed. For fans of *The Recipe Club: A Tale of Food and Friendship* and *Like Water for Chocolate*."

—Meghan Marong, Lackawanna Public Library, Lackawanna, NY



### Recursion A Novel by Blake Crouch (Crown)

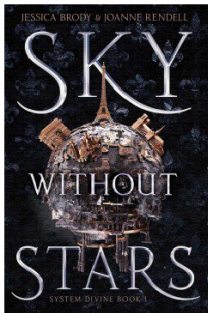
"Compelling and accessible to the non-science-fiction reader. It is a suspenseful, thought-provoking book about altered memories, and how technology can be used for good, or for ill, or should never be used at all. For fans of Michael Crichton."

—Will Harbauer, Toledo Library, Toledo, OH





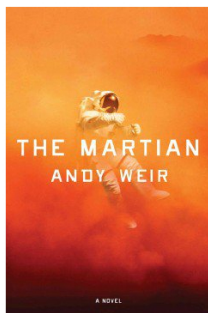
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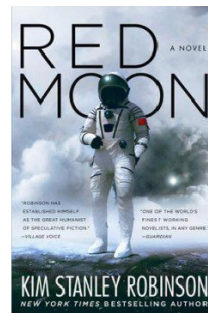
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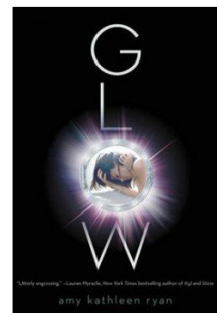
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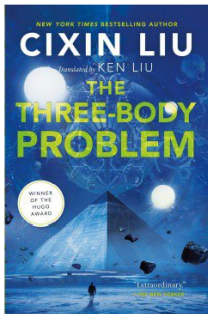
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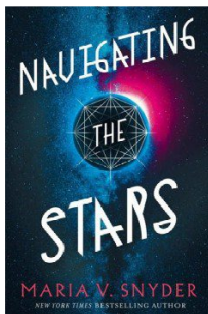
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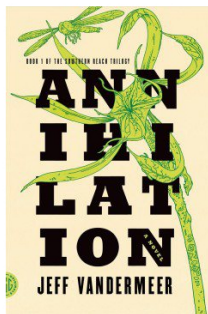
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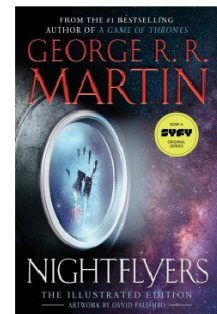
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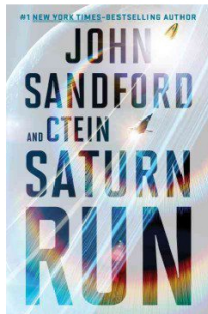
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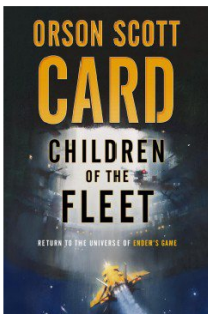
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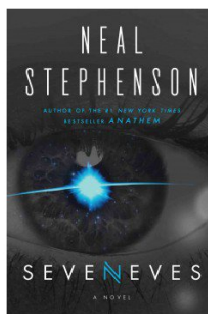
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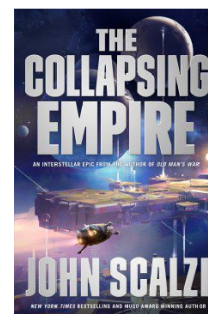
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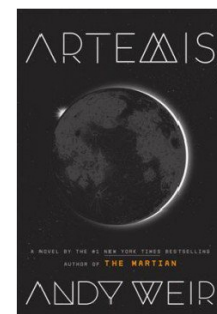
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Lost in Space



Space Colonization

**Alien Invasions:** Extraterrestrial lifeforms attack Earth, intending conquest, colonization, or total destruction.

**Generation Ships:** Space is BIG. Spacefarers in these stories cross its vast expanse aboard ships designed to house them across lifetimes.

**Boldly Go:** Humans set out to explore the cosmos, seeking greater understanding rather than new homes or resources.

**Lost in Space:** Characters in these stories have lost their way in the vast emptiness of space or been stranded on alien soil. First priority: survival; next on the agenda: getting home.

**First Contact:** Humans discover they are not alone in the universe after all.

**Space Colonization:** Venturing out into the solar system & beyond, humans in these books establish settlements off-world.

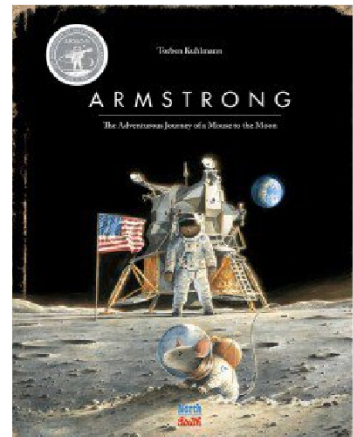
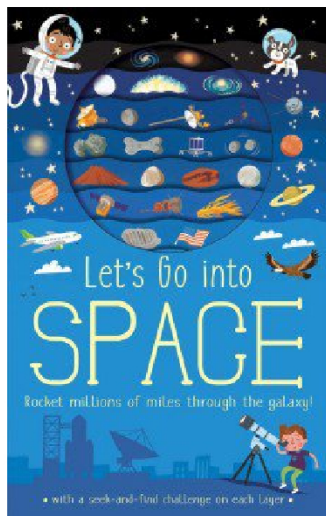
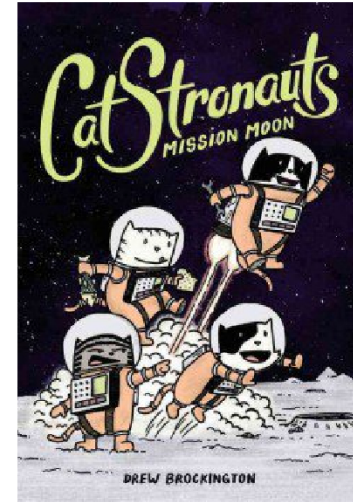
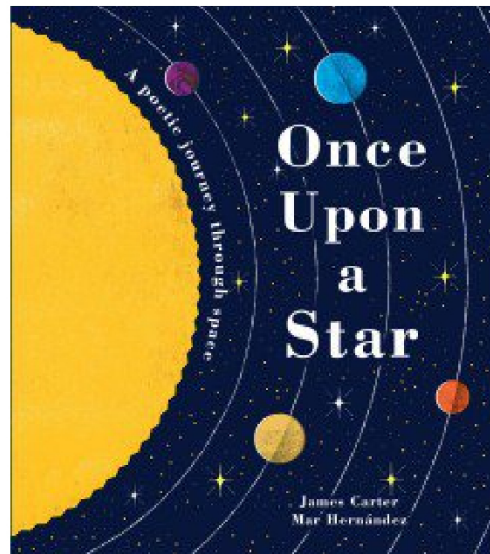
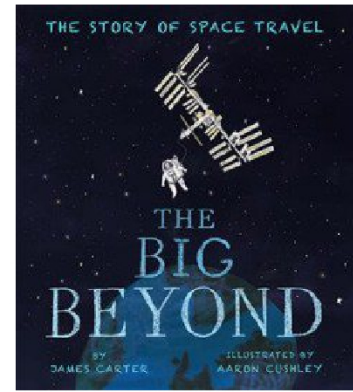
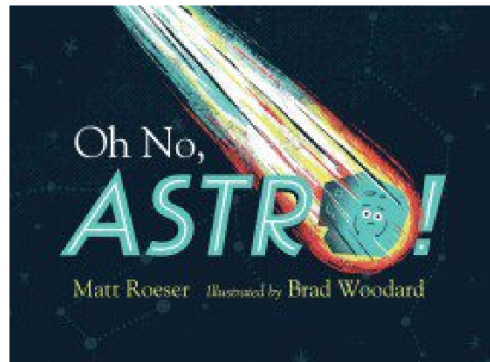
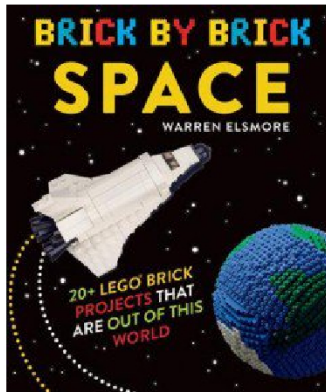




## A Universe of Stories

### Summer Reading 2019

### SPACEY SUMMER READS FOR KIDS

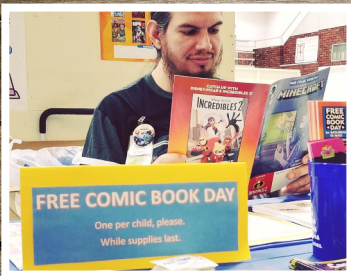
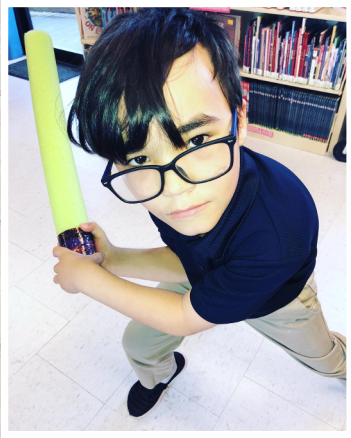




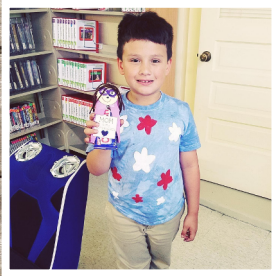


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1000 Books  
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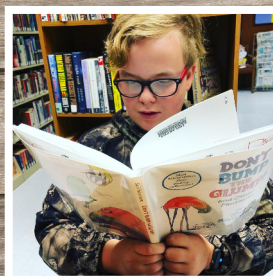
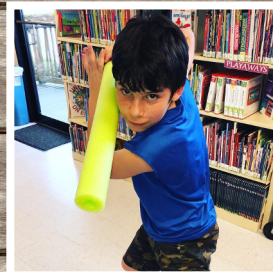
Anthony, Thibodaux  
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We want to give a monstrously HUGE shout out to NSU's Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society chapter for sponsoring a children's book drive that benefited LPPLibrary! Phi Kappa Phi's "Stock the Shelf" book drive collected over 600 books for kids. Phi Kappa Phi made fun alien monsters to help them collect the books, and then donated the alien monsters to us for use in this year's space-themed Summer Reading Program. Pictured are Celia Andresen, Dr. Brigett Scott, and Beth Johnson from Nicholls; and Kim Chiasson, Amy Cave, and Shannon Hubbell from LPPLibrary. Thank you so much, Phi Kappa Phi, for this cosmic donation - it is out-of-this-world!





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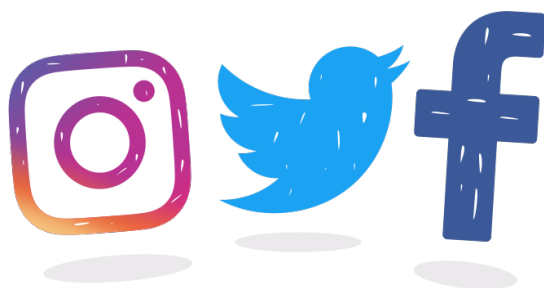
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