



Books and Bytes on the Bayou

A Lafourche Parish Public Library Publication

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HAPPY LIBRARY LOVERS MONTH!	

There's So Much to Love @ Your LPP Library!

- ON DISPLAY: READING THE WORLD TABLET TO TABLET
- BRAND NEW VOX BOOKS: HEY, THESE BOOKS TALK!
- LOVE YOUR LIBRARY: LIBRARY LOVERS' MONTH
- SMILE! IT'S CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH
- CHECK OUT EXCLUSIVE AUDIOBOOKS ONLY AVAILABLE THROUGH RBDIGITAL WITH YOUR LPP LIBRARY CARD
- NOVELIST: FIND YOUR PERFECT BOOK MATCH!
- LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROULER: MARDI GRAS 2019
- READ IT BEFORE YOU SEE IT: WE REVIEW THE BOOKS THAT INSPIRED NETFLIX'S YOU AND BIRD BOX

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STAFF STAR!

LUCAS GILBERT

Big congratulations go out to South Lafourche Staff Member Lucas for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!



"Lucas is a great help!"

- V. Richard

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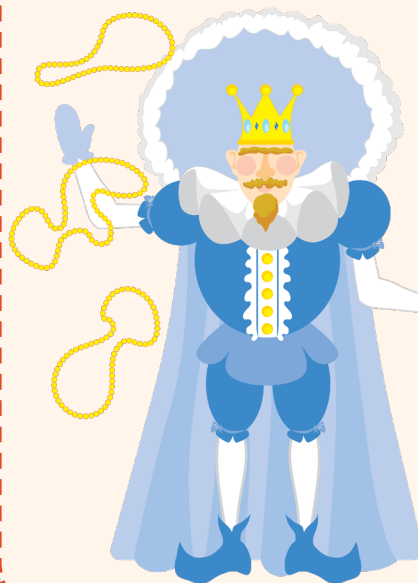
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LIBRARY CLOSURES

MARDI GRAS (MARCH)



All LPPL branches
will be closed
Saturday, 03/02 -
Tuesday, 03/05
for the
Mardi Gras
holiday.

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

WHAT'S NEW!

READING THE WORLD

TABLET TO TABLET



Showcasing in Our Branches this Winter & Spring!

LPPLibrary is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibit, "Reading the World: Tablet to Tablet." This traveling exhibition was organized by Common Ground/Culture Fest Louisiana, a non-profit organization celebrating diversity in communities, & the Calcasieu Parish Public Library System.

SCHEDULE:

Lockport
February 1-6

Thibodaux
February 6-27

Golden Meadow
February 27 - March 8

Larose
March 8-18

Bayou Blue
March 18-27



This visually stunning exhibit takes you through the evolution of books, from stone tablet to digital tablet, showing how different cultures have contributed to the world around us through the written word. The exhibit consists of ten panels, each with a specific medium of writing.



NEW TITLES!



WE HAVE
12 BRAND NEW
TITLES FOR YOU TO
CHECK OUT!





"CAN'T MISS" EVENTS!



Happy Library Lovers' Month!



Bayou Blue

***Library Lover Cricut Mug Craft**

Tuesday, 02/12, 1:30 PM, Adults

This event requires registration

Show your love for the library by making your own decorative mug using our Cricut.



Choctaw

Red Hot Family Bingo

Thursday, 02/14, 4:30 PM, All Ages

We are celebrating all of our library lovers this Library Lovers' Month with a Red Hot Family Bingo. How many "red, hot or Valentine-themed" prizes will your family win?



Gheens

Library Lovers' Little Free Library Design Class

Thursday, 02/21, 4 PM, Tweens/Teens

Ever wanted to have your own library right outside your doorstep? Tweens & Teens will be challenged to design a Little Free Library for their neighborhood.



Golden Meadow

Library Lovers' Month Pokeno

Thursday, 02/14, 11:30 AM, Adults

Play pokeno for a chance to win Valentine prizes in celebration of Library Lovers' Month.



Larose

Library Lovers' Bingo

Wednesday, 02/20, 4 PM, All Ages

Do you love the library? Do you love bingo? Get the best of both worlds with our Library Lovers' Bingo. All prizes will be Valentine's candy.



Lockport

***Library Lovers' Book Charms**

Saturday, 02/09, 11 AM, Teens & Adults

This event requires registration

We are celebrating Library Lovers' Month by creating a necklace using book pages.



Raceland

Library Lovers' Dance

Friday, 02/08, 3:30 PM, Teens

We know you love the library & that you can bust a move. Do both at the library today.



South Lafourche

Library Lovers' Bingo

Friday, 02/22, 10 AM, Adults

Play bingo for a chance to win small prizes.



Thibodaux

Library Lovers' Month Red Hot Bingo

Monday, 02/11, 10 AM, All Ages

With the theme of "Why do you love your library," this fun bingo game is for all ages! Red Hots will be awarded as prizes.

The entire month of February is dedicated to the people who love whole buildings dedicated to the reading, housing, organizing, categorizing, finding, studying, & otherwise loving of books! It's National Library Lovers' Month! Libraries provide so much more than a place for us to enjoy great novels or discover amazing adventures & untold history. Yes, they help us ace our research papers & provide a quiet space to study, but they do so much more. For preschoolers, libraries entertain them with theater & hands-on activities, exposing them to music, art, & their first friendships. Many communities rely on their libraries for meeting space for public forums, socials, & classes. Libraries lend not only books, but music & movies. Rotating displays give local artists exposure to the community. Larger libraries provide preservation services, preserving some of the most treasured books, periodicals, & documents for future generations.

- nationaldaycalendar.com



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"CAN'T MISS" EVENTS!



WE'RE ALL SMILES ... FEBRUARY IS CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH!



BAYOU BLUE

APPLE SMILES

Tuesday, 02/26, 4 PM, All Ages

To celebrate Children's Dental Health Month, visit the library to make a healthy smile you can eat.



LOCKPORT

FAMILY STORY TIME: DENTAL HEALTH

Wednesday, 02/13, 4:30 PM, All Ages

We are celebrating Dental Health Month with a special story time. Join us to learn how to keep your teeth sparkling and healthy while enjoying stories, songs, activities, a game, & a craft.



CHOCTAW

DENTAL AWARENESS WORKSHOP

Monday, 02/18, 4 PM, Ages 4-10

We are celebrating Children's Dental Health Month with fun activities, a craft & freebies. Who will place all the "teeth" into the mouth first? Have you ever flossed your LEGOs? Join us for these fun & educational activities.



RACELAND

MORE! MORE! MORE! STORY TIME

Tuesday, 02/19, 11 AM, Kids

It's a library throwdown challenge between sugary snacks & your pearly whites. Help to answer the question: is this snack good for me?



GHEENS

APPLES & SMILES STORY TIME

Tuesday, 02/19, 4:30 PM, All Ages

Children will read about healthy eating & create apple smiles for Dental Health Month.



SOUTH LAFOURCHE

DENTAL HEALTH MONTH BABYTIME

Tuesday, 02/05, 10:30 AM, Kids

Join us for a teeth-themed story hour for infants & toddlers, ages 0-24 months.



GOLDEN MEADOW

A VISIT TO THE DENTIST STORY TIME

Wednesday, 02/20, 4:15 PM, Kids

Listen to dentist-themed stories & make a craft!



THIBODAUX

CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH STORY TIME

Wednesday, 02/20, 11:15 AM, Kids

Join us for a teeth-themed story hour for kids (all ages are welcome) that ends with a craft.



LAROSE

BRUSH YOUR TEETH STORY TIME

Thursday, 02/07, 1 PM, Kids

A teeth-themed story hour for children ages 0 to 5 that incorporates finger plays, song, dance, & crafts.



BRUSH YOUR TEETH LAPTIME

Thursday, 02/28, 10:30 AM

Join us for a teeth-themed interactive story hour geared towards infants & toddlers.



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HEARD
a good
book lately?



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The library makes available loads of eBooks & eAudiobooks through digital databases like cloudLibrary & hoopla. Easy-to-use, these digital resources allow library cardholders to check out items that can be downloaded to computers or digital devices for some reading & listening digital downtime.

The library has recently added another platform to enhance its digital offerings. Although cloudLibrary remains our go-to database for eBooks & eAudiobooks, RBdigital is now available to LPPLibrary cardholders.

RBdigital allows library cardholders access to exclusive Recorded Books eAudiobook titles from bestselling authors such as Danielle Steel, Iris Johansen, & more. So if you can't find a popular author on one of the library's other databases like cloudLibrary, check out RBdigital.

RBdigital is also a great place to search for classic titles in both eBook & eAudiobook formats from authors as varied as Charlotte Bronte & H.G. Wells to Charles Dickens & Henry James. This could come in handy if you are a fan of classic literature or a student or the parent of a student who needs to get his or her hands on a classic title for a school assignment.

The database is easy to use.

To get started, just go to your app store & install the RBdigital eBook app, which is available for iOS, Android, & Kindle Fire. An eAudiobook app is available for iOS, Android, Kindle Fire, & Nook.

For those wanting to use RBdigital on your computer, use Adobe Digital Editions to download eBooks & RBdigital Media Manager to download eAudiobooks.

Not only easy to use, RBdigital is also free to use with your library card.

Problems getting started?

Call or drop by your local library branch for help if you run into any difficulties using this newest database or any of the library's digital services.

One thing to note is that if you previously had a OnePlay account with us, that information is your log-in for RBdigital. If you need help logging in, ask us for assistance!

Our library staff members are knowledgeable & always eager to assist.

- Katina, Area Librarian



RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

Novelist

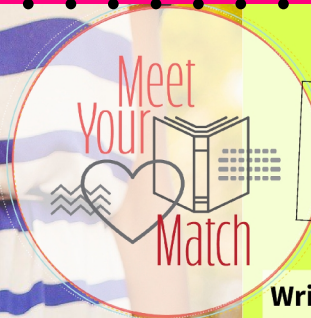
MATCHING READERS
TO BOOKS FOR OVER
20 YEARS!

ARE YOU TIRED OF SPENDING TIME WITH BOOKS THAT BORE YOU?
ARE YOU THROUGH WITH SEARCHING FOR YOUR PERFECT BOOK MATCH?

We can help! Our librarians are equipped with the matchmaking tools to pair you with a book you're going to want to spend forever with - and we do it all with Novelist Plus! Just tell us about some books you have loved and we will find your perfect match! Want to make your own match? Ask us for a demo of Novelist Plus!



TALK WORDY TO ME



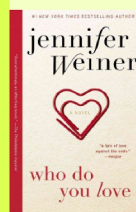
MATCHING
READERS
WITH BOOKS

Write down a few words that describe the types of books you like to read. Then show your librarian for help finding books that match YOUR interests using Novelist Plus!

Examples:

Romantic, heartwarming, witty.

Meet your match! Try these titles!





WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING!



MARDI GRAS

From parades, to crafts, to story times, we love to pass a good time at Mardi Gras at LPPLibrary! Are you ready to "laissez les bons temps rouler?" Put on your purple, green, and gold, and join us at the library!



CHOCTAW

Mardi Gras Painting
This event requires registration
Friday, 02/15, 10:30 AM, Adults

Throw Me Something Mister! Craft

Tuesday, 02/26, 4 PM, Ages 4-11



GOLDEN MEADOW

Mardi Gras Bead Bottle Craft
This event requires registration
Tuesday, 02/26, 1 PM, Adults

Throw Me Something Mister! Story Time

Wednesday, 02/27, 4:15 PM, Kids



THIBODAUX

Mardi Gras Craft
This event requires registration
Tuesday, 02/26, 4 PM, Ages 5-10

PARADES

KREWE OF ONCE UPON A TIME
Thursday, 02/21 at 10:30 AM
Lockport Parade
BayouSIDE Park

KREWE OF BOOKWORMS
Wednesday, 02/27 at 10 AM
Thibodaux Parade
Warren Harang Auditorium

KREWE DE LES PETITS ENFANTS
Friday, 03/01 at 10:30 AM
South Lafourche Parade
Library Parking Lot

KREWE DU GHEENS
Friday, 03/01 at 4:30 PM
Gheens Parade
Library Parking Lot



LAROSE

Mardi Gras Wreath
This event requires registration
Tuesday, 02/05, 1 PM, Adults



Mardi Gras Story Time
Thursday, 02/28, 1 PM, Kids



LOCKPORT

Mardi Gras Wreath
This event requires registration
Friday, 02/08, 1 PM, Adults

SOUTH LAFOURCHE

DIY Mardi Gras Glassware
This event requires registration
Wednesday, 02/13, 10:30 AM, Adults



DIY Mardi Gras Paper Squishy
This event requires registration
Wednesday, 02/20, 4:30 PM, Teens

Mardi Gras Float

This event requires registration
Tuesday, 02/26, 4:30 PM, Kids



WANT TO ATTEND A PROGRAM THAT REQUIRES REGISTRATION?

Register in three ways:

1. Online at www.lafourche.org
2. Give us a call.
3. Sign-up in the branch.



WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING!



Lafourche Parish Public Library's Bayou Blue Branch Makes Donation to Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter

Lafourche Parish Public Library's Bayou Blue Branch made a heartwarming donation to the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter in Thibodaux on 12/20/18, thanks to the branch's Ezra Jack Keats grant-funded community project, Cause for Paws. Bayou Blue Branch Librarian Crystal Robichaux & Branch Manager Lori Olin received notice earlier in 2018 that their Cause for Paws community project idea had been awarded a grant by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation.



The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation awards up to 70 grants nationwide to libraries & schools who develop a creative & innovative activity that benefits their community. According to the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation's website (ezra-jack-keats.org), "Ezra Jack Keats (1916-1983) was a pioneer in American children's literature. He based the lives of his multiracial characters on his childhood, but added loving parents, friends & pets. He wanted no child to be an outsider."



Lori got the idea for the grant proposal from Ezra Jack Keat's book, My Dog is Lost. In the book, a community helps a little boy find his lost dog. Lori had worked with rescue groups in the past, & was aware that shelters are in constant need of supplies & materials. After researching what was most needed in local shelters, Lori decided that the Cause for Paws project would focus on making pet beds & bandannas for the shelter animals. Lori explains, "We wanted a project that all age groups could take part in, & pet beds & scarves fit our vision perfectly."

Over the course of two months, Bayou Blue patrons & staff came together several times a month to make pet beds & bandannas for the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter. Crystal shares, "I was really excited about this project. It was wonderful to see members of the community working together & giving their time to benefit our parish's animal shelter." Bayou Blue staff member Ramona Gregoire & her sisters were especially helpful in showing patrons how to make the pet beds. They gave lots of advice & tips on how to make the beds different shapes & sizes for a variety of animal types & breeds.



On 12/20/18, Bayou Blue staff & patrons delivered 58 beds and 76 scarves to the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter in Thibodaux, just in time for the holidays. Lori shares, "It was very satisfying to see the project fulfill its intended outcome. The shelter personnel & the pets seemed to appreciate our donation."



Animal shelter staff immediately distributed beds to the animals currently housed in the shelter. The animals were interested in exploring the new additions to their home, & some curled right up on the beds & took a cat nap! Ramona shares, "It felt great to see the animals using the beds right away!" Indeed it was uplifting to see the animals appreciating the hard work of the Bayou Blue library community.

The Cause for Paws Project was a lot of fun for all involved & turned out to be a great success. Crystal shares, "There have been a number of requests for us to do this as a library program where patrons can make their own personal pet beds, so we are looking into the idea for 2019."

The Lafourche Parish Public Library would like to thank everyone who was involved in Cause for Paws, as well as the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation for funding the project. Everyone's work & dedication is sure to be appreciated by the shelter animals for a long time to come.



Book Reviews

READ IT BEFORE YOU SEE IT!

"Imagine my excitement recently when I learned that not one, but two of my favorite books were being adapted for TV. Years ago, I read Bird Box and You, both now streaming on Netflix, & fell in love with these page-turning novels, giving both books 5 stars. Are you interested in reading the novels before seeing the adaptations? Or maybe you saw the shows, but now want to read the books (because the book is always better, right?!) If so, check out my reviews of these two compelling thrillers!"

- BROOKE, PR LIBRARIAN



YOU CAROLINE KEPNES

The opening chapter of You is so vividly creepy & memorable, & quite frankly, I was hooked after the first paragraph. Have you ever wanted to get into someone's mind? To know what they are thinking & what makes them tick? After you've learned about what goes on in Joe Goldberg's head, you may never have that desire again.

It all starts with a name on a credit card. Guinevere Beck. "Beck" caught Joe's eye the minute she walked into his bookstore & she is now the object of his obsession. Armed with only her name, Joe tracks down Beck on the Internet, finding her address, going to her apartment, & spying on her from across the street. Joe also uncovers Beck's Twitter, where Beck, an aspiring writer, pours out her heart & all the details of her life. Because of Beck's very public presence on social media, Joe knows where she is going to be & when. Soon enough, what started as a chance encounter in a bookstore turns into Joe purposely placing himself in locations he knows Beck will be, so it is no surprise that he is conveniently there to save her life one night. As Beck's savior, Joe now has the ammunition he needs to work his way further into her life, but little does Beck know that she has started to date her stalker. As the relationship between Joe & Beck deepens, it becomes apparent he will not let anyone or anything stand in the way of him owning her, body & soul.

You is a terrifying thrill ride into the mind of an obsessed & psychotic man. Told completely from Joe's POV, we watch him follow & analyze Beck's every move, every word, every breath. The story is scary, the writing is engaging, & the characters are surprisingly likable. It is quite evident that Joe is a monster, but he doesn't see himself that way, which is what makes this read so delightfully chilling.

If you're like me & love a book that keeps you turning the pages late into the night, then You might just be the read for you! And if you're into psychological thrillers & books that explore the mind of a twisted character, You delivers, as long as you don't mind some violence, graphic language, & scenes. Lastly, if you enjoy a true-to-life scare, You doesn't disappoint. This may be the first book that seriously made me pause & reassess my presence on the Web & in the world. After the first chapter, it made me want to pay with cash instead of "plastic," & after the second, I was ready to delete my social media accounts. You shows just how easily the Internet can play into the hands & schemes of the wicked.

HOW DOES THE TV SERIES MEASURE UP?

The You TV series really brings this chilling novel to life. The story is portrayed exactly how I imagined it to be when reading the book. Even better, the novel & series are nearly identical. As an added bonus, Penn Badgley does a phenomenal job as Joe, & Elizabeth Lail makes for a very convincing Beck.

BIRD BOX JOSH MALERMAN

There's "something" out there. The news is reporting that when people see this "something," they go crazy, attacking & killing the people around them, & later themselves. People are barricading themselves indoors, covering their windows, & checking, checking, checking to make sure their doors are locked. That knock on the door? Don't answer it, & if you do ... don't open your eyes.

Bird Box by Josh Malerman is the stuff of nightmares. The novel follows a young pregnant woman named Malorie as she grapples to survive in a world where opening your eyes may mean death. Bird Box opens on Malorie learning about some strange happenings in the world - her sister, Shannon, tells her that people are going mad when they gaze upon these "creatures." The thing is, no one knows what these creatures are or what they look like because anyone who sees them commits suicide. As the impending & terrifying threat gets closer & closer to home, Malorie & Shannon hide out, not daring to so much as peek outside. When Malorie finds Shannon dead, she assumes that the creatures are HERE in her house & she must RUN. Malorie flees to a refuge that she saw in a newspaper advertisement. A nearby safe house ... there is safety in numbers, right? From here, we follow a closed-eyed Malorie as she attempts to reach this safe house without encountering any of the creatures. What happens next is utterly terrifying & will keep everyone guessing. If you think that living in a house with a group of blindfolded strangers, not knowing who you can trust, is scary, just wait until you discover what it takes to survive.

Bird Box is the perfect novel to pick up if you're looking for a scary, psychological read set in an apocalyptic world. I very rarely rate a book 5 stars, but Bird Box takes the cake. This book is like nothing I have ever read before, & I thoroughly enjoyed the chills & thrills! I have read few novels that actually scare me, but this book had me terrified for what was coming next. Plus, the story puts a whole new spin on the idea of a crumbling world - with the advent of creatures, this isn't your typical apocalyptic fiction. With rich, interesting, likable characters & a fascinating storyline (& the creatures - let's not forget the CREATURES), Bird Box will have you completely engrossed. As a human study, it was also fascinating to learn about the impact the creatures have on the way people must now live & attempt to survive. This book will definitely have you pondering what you would do in a similar situation, as most dystopian & apocalyptic fiction does.

HOW DOES THE MOVIE MEASURE UP?

The Bird Box film & novel have very little in common apart from some minor details. The movie changes so much of the plot line that it is almost unrecognizable from the book. The novel is much more sparse & focused on the survival of the characters. It just does a better job of portraying this apocalypse, whereas the film is more action-packed.



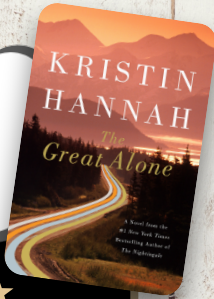


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The Great Alone By Kristin Hannah

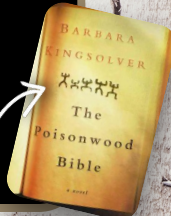


Crystal's Pick: ★★★★★

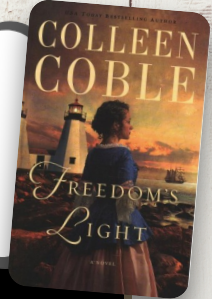
"The Great Alone was the first book I'd ever read by Kristin Hannah, & it definitely won't be my last. This absolutely amazing book blew me away. I had an extremely difficult time putting it down, & I became so emotionally attached to the story & the characters that I actually cried at the end. This is a story of survival, not only in the harsh Alaskan wilderness, but within the characters' relationships. It is a book about confronting your fears & realizing how strong you are. It is about courage, the power of love & friendship, & an unshakable bond between parent & child. This book was actually recommended to me by one of my patrons & is a well-written, must-read!"

GENRE: Domestic Fiction
THEME: Novels of Place
CHARACTER: Well-Developed
TONE: Strong Sense of Place
WRITING STYLE: Descriptive; Engaging

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



Freedom's Light By Colleen Coble



Lynette's Pick: ★★★★★

"Set during the American Revolution, this love story unfolds at a lighthouse in a strict Puritan Massachusetts community. Hannah, a young lighthouse keeper, recently widowed, faces war & deprivation to find happiness with a shipwrecked captain who's a spy for George Washington. Accurate historical detail, espionage, family treachery, Puritan values, romance, & community politics woven around a strong central character make this a must-read for both historical & inspirational fiction readers. The main character, Hannah, is a godly woman whose strong commitment to faith brings other characters closer to becoming their best. She seeks freedom for a founding nation, for herself, & for those she pledged to serve."

GENRE: Christian Historical Romances
CHARACTER: Strong Female
TONE: Suspenseful

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



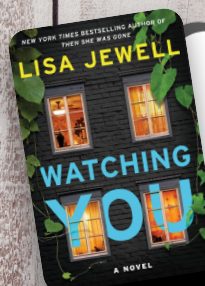
Comfort Food Shortcuts By David Venable



Bione's Pick: ★★★★★

"I love David Venable & QVC! On my last vacation, I took a tour of the QVC studios in Pennsylvania. It was amazing! The best part was that I actually met David Venable. He is just as engaging in person as he is on television. As the host of QVC's popular segment 'In the Kitchen with David,' Venable often shares his own recipes with the audience. His newest cookbook incorporates recipes with shortcuts to help the home cook minimize time spent in the kitchen. The book has 110 recipes ranging from breakfast to dessert. I read a lot of cookbooks & I truly appreciate when a recipe has a photograph - this book has a photo for every recipe! I also liked the way this cookbook uses ingredients I usually have on hand in my pantry. I made the 'Oh-So-Easy Pressure Cooker Mac 'n Cheesy' for Christmas & my family went bananas for it! It was a recipe that was unbelievably easy, with my Instant Pot cooking it in just six minutes."

GENRE: Cookbooks; Food Writing



Watching You By Lisa Jewell

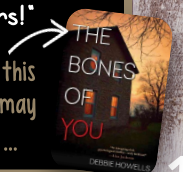


Laura's Pick: ★★★★★

"Watching You is the most recent in a large number of psychological thrillers out lately. This one has a more creepy feel & will keep you guessing as to who did it & why throughout the whole novel. The story starts off with a bang & then leads down a twisted path as you play a game of whodunnit. The plot starts in reverse - you know someone dies - & then you go to the beginning to see it all unfold. Although the plot is slow to build at first, it is never dull or boring. It has enough twists & turns to keep you guessing! The end of the book is hard to put down as everything comes together. Lisa Jewell is a masterful storyteller - she does a great job of creating a character study into the darker side of human nature. I highly recommend this book for thriller & suspense genre lovers!"

GENRE: Thrillers & Suspense
STORYLINE: Intricately Plotted
TONE: Suspenseful
WRITING STYLE: Compelling

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Whimsical Stitches By Lauren Espy



Kathy's Pick: ★★★★★

"Amigurumi is a Japanese art of crocheting, or sometimes knitting, small stuffed yarn creatures. In *Whimsical Stitches*, author Espy shares patterns for a number of super cute, easy-to-make creations. She organizes her book into sections such as In the Garden, At the Aquarium, & Down on the Farm. Beginning with the basics of specific materials needed, basic stitches, & adding features to finished projects, Espy combines photos & clear explanations to guide the novice or the expert. Each project begins with a comprehensive list of materials, finished size measurements, stitches used, & pattern notes. It had been a long time since I had tried to crochet anything, but the clear directions & the charming photographs inspired me to try. I made the Tomato creature & it came out so cute. It was easy, I learned some new skills, & ended up with a darling finished project. This book will spark your creativity to craft your own unique creations!"



The Ragged Edge of Night By Olivia Hawker



Helen's Pick: ★★★★★

"*The Ragged Edge of Night* is a WWII story about German citizens living in a small village in southwestern Germany & how they survive, & even resist, during a time of great peril & uncertainty under the rule of the totalitarian state of the Third Reich & Adolph Hitler. Based on true events from her own family, author Olivia Hawker shows the power that one man can have over seemingly insurmountable odds, & the will to do good when all else is against you. A plus for the unusual plot line is that the story is told from the POV of German citizens. The story does drag somewhat when Anton pontificates about his prior life & his struggles, & the author's remarks at the end of the book may not be to every reader's beliefs."

GENRE: Historical Fiction
LOCATION: Germany
TIME PERIOD: Second World War Era

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Tangerine By Christine Mangan



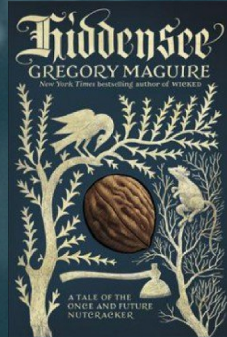
Van's Pick: ★★★★★

"If you are looking for an absorbing thriller with excellent character development, *Tangerine* is the novel for you. The book is full of plot twists, which will keep you reading with bated breath to see what evil machinations the main character Lucy will come up with next to finagle herself into her friend's life. The ending has the biggest surprise for the reader, which I won't reveal here. For a novel with many twists, not to mention an exotic locale, Tangier, I give this novel three out of five stars only because of its sluggish pace at the beginning."

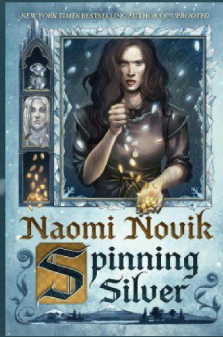
GENRE: Historical Fiction; Multiple Perspectives; Psychological Suspense
THEME: Toxic Relationships
CHARACTER: Complex; Twisted
STORYLINE: Intricately Plotted
WRITING STYLE: Compelling
TONE: Dramatic; Menacing; Strong Sense of Place

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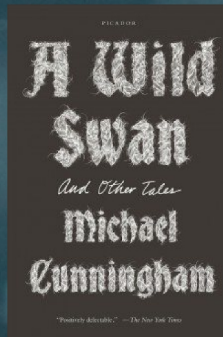




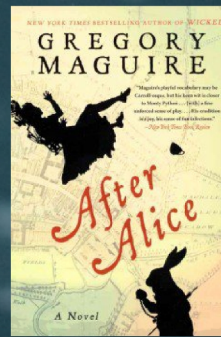
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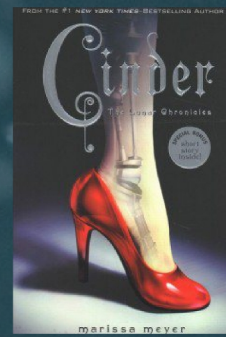
Rumpelstiltskin



Various Tales



Alice in Wonderland

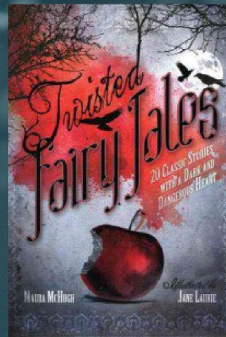


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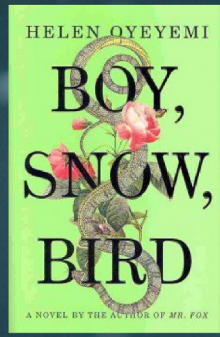
Fairy Tale Retellings, Adaptations, and Spin-Offs

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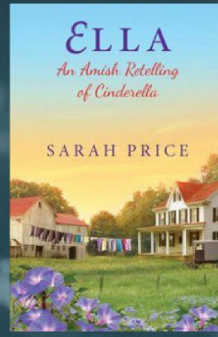
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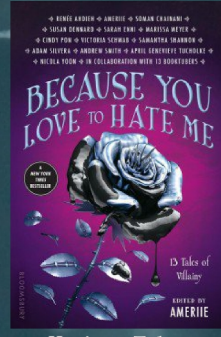
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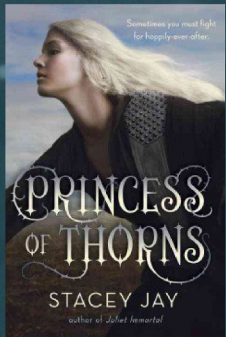
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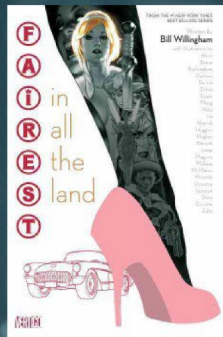
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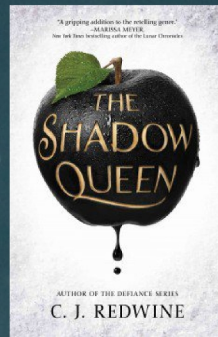
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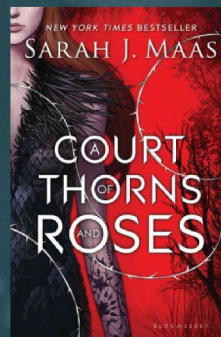
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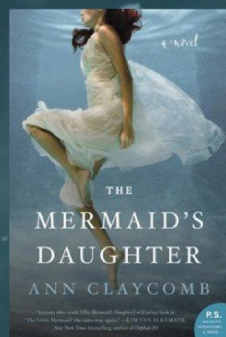
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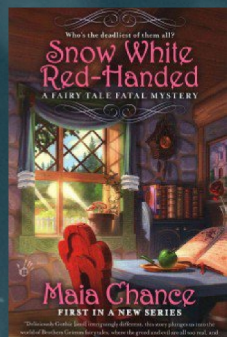
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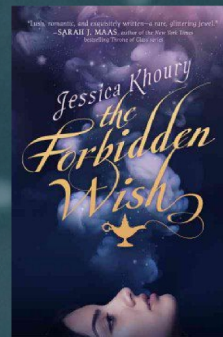
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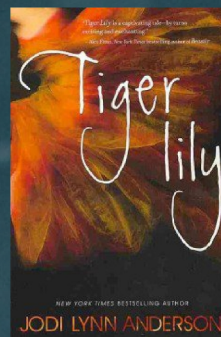
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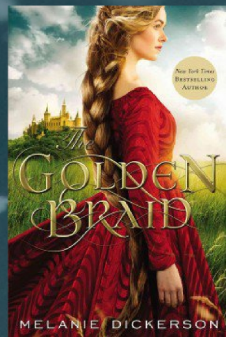
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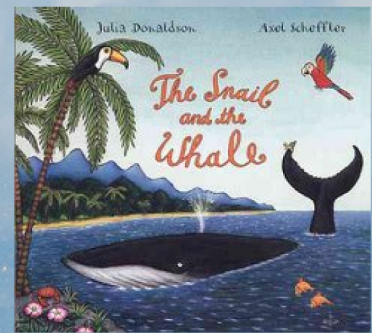
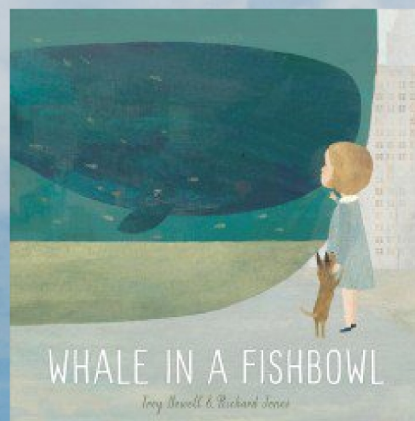
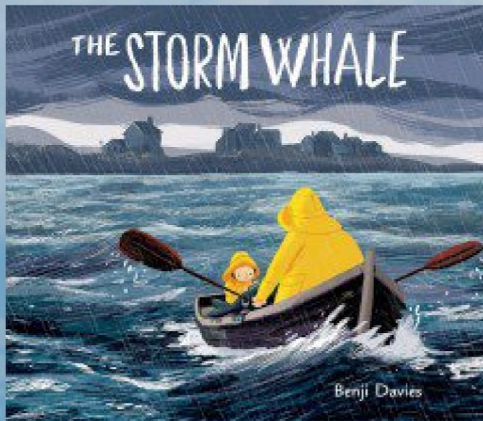
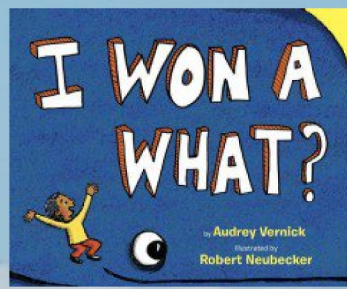
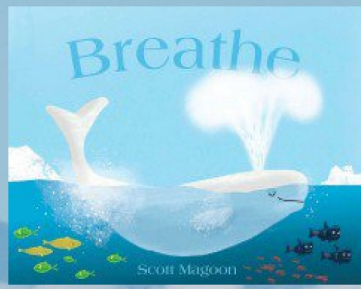
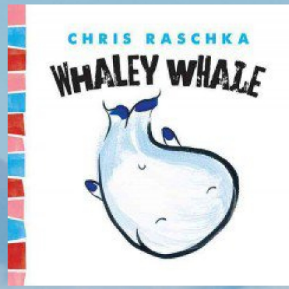
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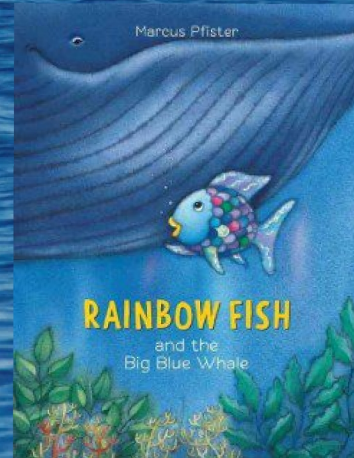
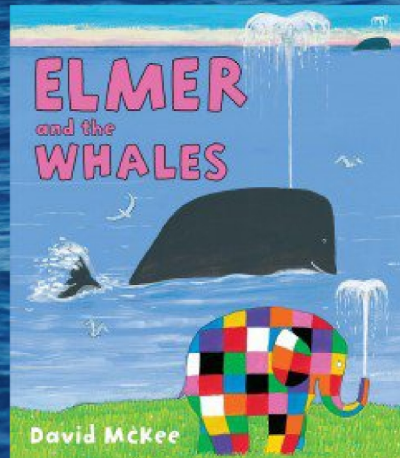
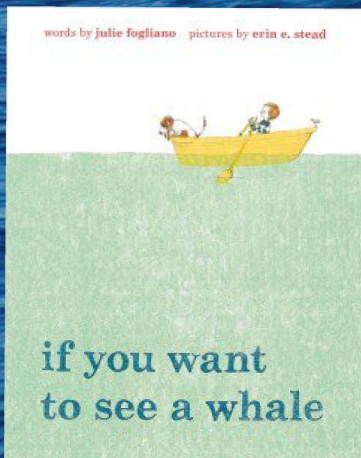
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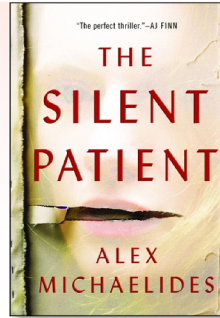
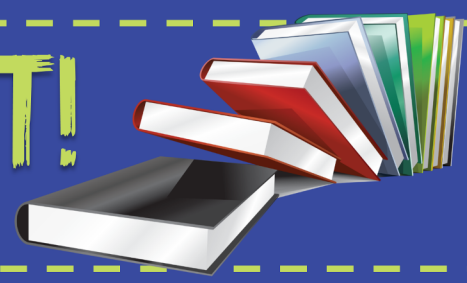
Children's Books of the Month



A WHALE OF A TALE!

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TOP PICK!

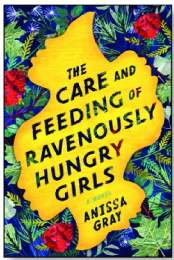
THE SILENT PATIENT
by Alex Michaelides
(Celadon Books)

"Led on a dark path, readers will quickly guess that there's more to Alicia's story than what meets the eye. But the big surprises lie in the deep betrayals and the shock of an ending. Dark, twisted, perfect for fans of Gillian Flynn, Paula Hawkins, and Ruth Ware."

—Amy Fellows, Multnomah County Library, Portland, OR

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

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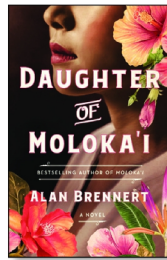


THE CARE AND FEEDING OF RAVENOUSLY HUNGRY GIRLS
by Anissa Gray
(Berkley)

"A beautifully written novel told from the viewpoints of three sisters whose dysfunctional childhood has left deep wounds. Family also serves as a source of strength as the women face the damage done

and try to heal their family. For readers who enjoy Tayari Jones and Jessmyn Ward."

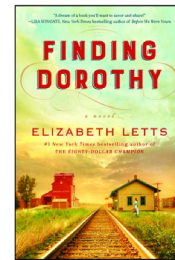
—Janine Walsh, East Meadow Public Library, East Meadow, NY



DAUGHTER OF MOLOKA'I
by Alan Brennert
(St. Martin's Press)

"Fans of *Moloka'i* and new readers will adore this interesting, heartfelt sequel. Taken from her parents as an infant, Ruth is adopted by a loving family who experiences more than their fair share of upheaval and heartache balanced with love and joy. Readers of Min Jin Lee's *Pachinko* may enjoy."

—Sharon Layburn, South Huntington Public Library, Huntington Station, NY

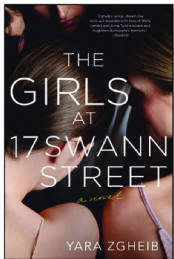


FINDING DOROTHY
A Novel
by Elizabeth Letts
(Ballantine Books)

"In examining the meeting between Judy Garland and Maud Baum, Letts weaves two narratives: Hollywood in 1938-39, and Baum's childhood and marriage to L. Frank Baum, author of the book that inspired the movie.

A fascinating behind-the-scenes story for Oz fans."

—Lauren McLaughlin, Wilton Library Association, Wilton, CT



THE GIRLS AT 17 SWANN STREET
A Novel
by Yara Zgheib
(St. Martin's Press)

"A mesmerizing glimpse inside a rehab program for victims of anorexia. This fictional account of one young woman's life-saving journey is eye-opening with its descriptions and statistics. For readers who enjoy fiction about social and

psychological issues, and books by Wally Lamb and Chris Bohjalian."

—Marilyn Sieb, L.D. Fargo Library, Lake Mills, WI



GOOD RIDDANCE
by Elinor Lipman
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

"An annotated yearbook is an interesting plot device, and Lipman populates it with likable characters that you can't help but root for and with "villains" so ridiculous that you can't help but laugh at them. Perfectly paced, engagingly written, and fun. For fans of Adriana Trigiani."

—Lorri Steinbacher, Ridgewood Public Library, Ridgewood, NJ

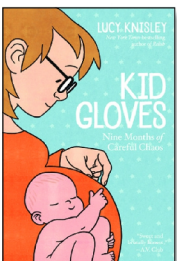


THE HUNTRESS
A Novel
by Kate Quinn
(William Morrow Paperbacks)

"This is a novel I can happily recommend to patrons who like historical fiction. It excels in both plotting and character development. Nina Markova, a bomber pilot stranded behind enemy lines, becomes the target of a Nazi assassin. For fans

of *Jackdaws* by Ken Follett and *Up In Honey's Room* by Elmore Leonard."

—Maria Gruener, Watertown Regional Library, Watertown, SD



KID GLOVES
Nine Months of Careful Chaos
by Lucy Knisley
(First Second)

"This wonderful graphic novel is also the most honest, comprehensive, revealing, and helpful book on pregnancy, miscarriages, birth, breastfeeding, and everything

in between that has ever been written. I wish I had had this book as I was leveled with morning sickness for nine months."

—Jessica Sweedler DeHart, Neill Public Library, Pullman, WA



THE LAST ROMANTICS
A Novel
by Tara Conklin
(William Morrow)

"A fresh look at family dynamics, this is the story of four siblings and their love for one another, spanning their entire lives. For fans of *The Nest* by Cynthia D'aprix Sweeny and *The Past* by Tessa

Hadley."

—Jennifer Dayton, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT



THE PRIORY OF THE ORANGE TREE
by Samantha Shannon
(Bloomsbury Publishing)

"Brilliant world building; multi-dimensional characters; magic; friendship; plots; secrets; romance; and battles between good and evil... this book has it all. The best new fantasy I've read in years. I eagerly await the next installment. For fans of Naomi Novik."

—Alexa Newman, Algonquin Area Public Library, Algonquin, IL



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CHILDREN'S AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS WEEK IS CELEBRATED FEBRUARY 4-8. WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE CHILDREN'S AUTHOR AND/OR ILLUSTRATOR?

"I love Miriam Koch's books because they are totally different shapes & sizes from regular children's books. I also like the pictures in them. She writes a great story, & I recommend that everyone reads her books!"

"My favorite children's author is Eric Carle. I loved reading his books to my children, especially The Very Hungry Caterpillar."



"I like quite a few children's authors & illustrators, but I love Jan Thomas & Brandon Dorman. Jan Thomas's books are funny & most are great interactive read alouds. Brandon Dorman's illustrations are beautifully realistic & colorful."

DIGITAL LEARNING DAY IS FEBRUARY 28.

WHAT IS ONE LPPL DIGITAL RESOURCE YOU WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW ABOUT?

"My favorite digital resource from the library is hoopla because of the amount of diversity in one app! You can find books, audiobooks, music, movies, & more. So every time I can, I let our patrons know about this app!"



"My favorite digital resource is so hard to choose, but if I HAVE to choose one, it would be cloudLibrary. On cloudLibrary, you can read or listen to the latest books & audiobooks. There are just so many to choose from, & if you don't see something you are specifically looking for, let us know & we will try to add it to our collection for you!"

"I'd like everyone to know about NoveList. It's a great resource for picking up your next read, exploring books in a certain genre, & learning which book 'appeals' ('personality traits' of books) you prefer or don't prefer."



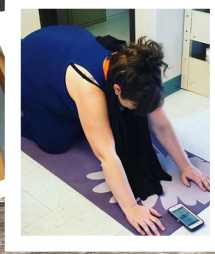
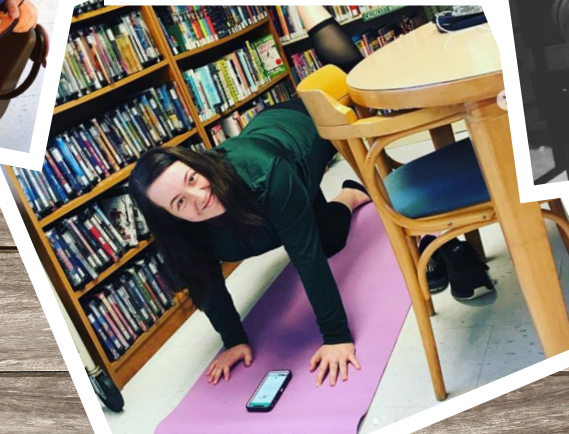
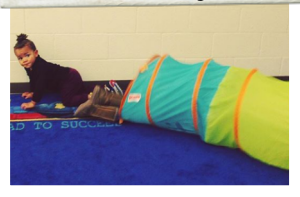


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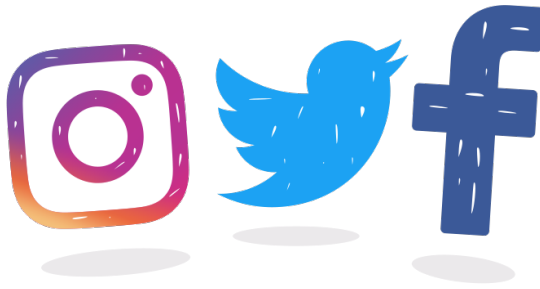
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