



Books and Bytes *on the Bayou*

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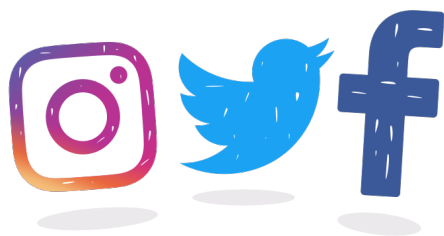
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STAFF STARS!



Pat Reed

Congratulations to Pat from our Thibodaux Branch for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!

"Pat goes above & beyond to make every person entering the library feel welcome. She knows everyone by name, enjoys interacting with patrons, & prioritizes helping each patron to the best of her ability every day."

- Anonymous, Thibodaux Patron

Bayou Blue Staff

Congratulations to Jacob, Lori, Jessica, & Ramona from our Bayou Blue Branch for being recognized as Staff Stars this month!



"Bayou Blue has the best kid art classes & the kids love them! The workers are always so kind. Please keep up the good work!"

- Regina, Bayou Blue Patron

**DO YOU KNOW A STAFF STAR?
ASK FOR A NOMINATION FORM AT ANY
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We ♥ our Friends!



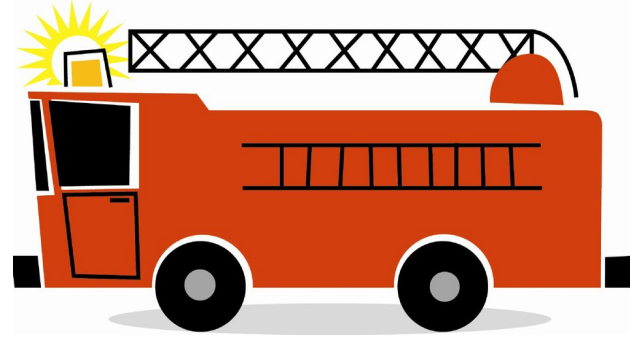
Thank you to our Friends of the Library

LET'S BE FRIENDS!

**Friends of the Library Week
Oct. 16-22**


Love your library & want to give back? Consider joining one of our Friends of the Library groups!

Friends support our branches by advocating for the library system, as well as by providing resources for programming, much needed equipment & supplies, Summer Experience prizes, & special events throughout the year. Contact your home branch for more details.



We are celebrating the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week at Lafourche Parish Public Library with visits from our local fire departments! Meet our Lafourche firefighters, learn fire safety, & explore the fire truck!

BAYOU BLUE: Bayou Blue Fire Dept. Visit - Mon, 10/10 @ 11 AM
CHOCTAW: Choctaw Fire Dept. Visit - Mon, 10/10 @ 1:30 PM
GHEENS: Vacherie-Gheens Fire Co. Visit - Wed, 10/12 @ 4:45 PM
LAROSE: Fire District #3 Visit - Thu, 10/13 @ 1 PM
LOCKPORT: Lockport Fire Dept. Visit - Thu, 10/13 @ 10:30 AM
RACELAND: Fire District #1 Visit - Tue, 10/11 @ 11 AM
THIBODAUX: Thibodaux Fire Dept. Visit - Tue, 10/11 @ 11 AM



READ. THIS IS THE WAY.

Find the force at your Lafourche Parish Public Library this October in celebration of Star Wars Reads Month!

A good book will take you on a galactic journey far far away, and our libraries are stocked full of stellar stories so check us out! As a bonus, you can upgrade your library card to a Baby Yoda library card for FREE with any check out at all branches this October, while supplies last. Plus while you're at the library, snap an epic selfie with Star Wars characters at all branches all month long. (Characters will vary by branch.) Strong at the library, the force is ...



READ LOCAL!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM @ THIBODAUX BRANCH

Book lovers and aspiring writers, join us for our Louisiana Author Fair this October in celebration of Louisiana Authors Month! Meet and network with your favorite local authors, learn about their books and creative process, get writing and publishing tips, and purchase autographed copies of their works to add to your personal library or give as gifts this holiday season!

FEATURED AUTHORS:

The Reverend Norman Edwards, Sr.
Trisha Hukins *Terry Lindsey*
Jamie Mayes *Diana Riley*
Scott Smallwood *Gwen St. Romain*
Gena Vitale *Myron Wright*

(ATTENDING AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



Halloween Happenings

Join us for a ghoulish good time!



BAYOU BLUE

Monster Bookmarks for Teens - Mon, 10/3 @ 3 PM
 Black Cat for Kids - Wed, 10/5 @ 4 PM
 Pumpkin Man Painting for Adults - Mon, 10/17 @ 1:30 PM
 Monster Wreath for Teens - Mon, 10/24 @ 3 PM
 Halloween Bingo for All Ages - Wed, 10/26 @ 3 PM
 Happy Halloween Story Time for All Ages - Mon, 10/31 @ 10:30 AM

CHOCTAW

*Eek Door Hanger for Adults - Mon, 10/3 @ 10 AM
 Smoky Witch Cauldrons for All Ages - Wed, 10/5 @ 3-5 PM
 *Hanging Bat Canvas Art for Ages 5-11 - Tue, 10/11 @ 1 PM
 Not-So-Spooky Shindig for All Ages - Tue, 10/11 @ 2 PM
 Hanging Bats for Ages 12-18 - Thu, 10/13 @ 3 PM
 Spider Web Art for Ages 5-11 - Tue, 10/18 @ 4:30 PM
 Pumpkin Catapult for Ages 12-18 - Thu, 10/27 @ 3 PM

GHEENS

Spiderweb Candle Wraps for Adults - Thu, 10/6 @ 10 AM
 Halloween Spooky Tree Art for Adults - Thu, 10/20 @ 10 AM
 Hocus Pocus Movie Matinee for Ages 10-17 - Tue, 10/25 @ 4 PM
 Halloween Bingo for All Ages - Wed, 10/26 @ 4 PM
 Crafty Coloring & Trick-or-Treat for Ages 5-12 - Mon, 10/31 @ 4 PM

LAROSE

It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown for All Ages - Wed, 10/12 @ 4:30 PM
 Painted Monster Rocks for Ages 4-12 - Wed, 10/19 @ 4:15 PM
 Halloween Story Time for All Ages - Thu, 10/27 @ 1 PM
 Candy Corn Guessing Jar Contest for All Ages - Mon, 10/3 - Thu, 10/27

FIND A COMPLETE LIST OF FANG-TASTIC PROGRAMS ON OUR CALENDAR @ LAFOURCHE.ORG!

*Programs with an asterisk require registration.
 Stop by the branch, call, or register online at lafourche.org.

LOCKPORT

Black Cat Mixed Media for Adults - Mon, 10/3 @ 1 PM
 Mason Jar Mummies for Teens & Adults - Tue, 10/4 @ 3 PM
 Cat on the Moon Craft for Ages 0-4 - Thu, 10/6 @ 4 PM
 *Spooky Halloween Painting for Teens & Adults - Tue, 10/11 @ 1 PM
 Paper Plate Skulls for Ages 5-12 - Mon, 10/17 @ 4 PM
 *Pumpkin Wine Bottles for Adults - Tue, 10/18 @ 1 PM
 *Halloween Shirt Cricut Demo for Teens & Adults - Mon, 10/31 @ 3 PM

RACELAND

DIY Costume Creation for All Ages - Tue, 10/11 @ 2 PM
 DIY Witch Hat for Kids - Wed, 10/12 @ 4 PM
 Pumpkin Wine Glass for Adults - Wed, 10/19 @ 4 PM
 Ghost Windsock for Early Learners - Wed, 10/26 @ 4 PM
 Monster Mash Dance for Teens - Thu, 10/27 @ 4 PM
 Handprint Zombie Craft for Early Learners - Mon, 10/31 @ 4 PM

THIBODAUX

*Halloween Wine Glasses for Adults - Mon, 10/10 @ 5 PM
 *Perler Beads Halloween Craft for Teens & Adults - Thu, 10/13 @ 5 PM
 *Paper Plate Vampire for Ages 4-10 - Tue, 10/18 @ 5 PM
 *Family Pumpkin Painting for All Ages - Tue, 10/25 @ 5 PM
 Not-So-Spooky Story Time for All Ages - Sat, 10/22 @ 10:30 AM
 *Halloween Garland for Teens & Adults - Thu, 10/27 @ 5 PM
 Trick-or-Treat @ the Library for All Ages - Mon, 10/31 @ All Day

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Golden Meadow Trunk or Treat @ Oak Ridge Park - Fri, 10/14 @ 6:30 PM
 Trunk or Treat @ Choctaw Fire Dept. Fairgrounds - Sun, 10/16 @ 2-4 PM
 Trunk or Treat @ Lafourche Central Market - Fri, 10/21 @ 6-8 PM
 Hurricane Halloween @ COYC - Sat, 10/22 @ 6 PM
 Gheens Monster Mash @ Gheens Rec. Center - Sat, 10/22 @ 5-8 PM

*LPPL will have a booth at these Community Events, but the events are not sponsored by the library. Community schedule subject to change.



JOIN US IF YOU DARE:
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 @ 10:30 AM
CUT OFF YOUTH CENTER



WORLD BOOK ONLINE

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Need a reliable information source to support research projects & assignments? Look no further than World Book Online! You get free access to World Book's suite of encyclopedic products, each designed with a different type of student in mind. Check out the details below & then head over to our Digital Library at lafourche.org to start your free research journey today.

Kids

- Premier reference website developed especially for elementary-aged users, featuring image-driven navigation and an intuitive user experience.
- Thousands of easy-to-read articles packed with stunning illustrations, videos, interactive maps, and a wealth of engaging games and activities.
- World of Animals*: Fun and easy-to-use tool to help kids research their favorite animals.
- Use the *Compare Places* feature to explore and compare countries, states, and provinces.
- Hands-on science projects and experiments cater to many different levels and interests.
- Correlations to Common Core, state, and provincial standards.
- Age-appropriate webquests provide exploratory print-and-go activities.



Timelines

- Optimized for iPads and the most popular Android devices.
- 650+ unique Timelines spanning the arts, science and technology, society and culture, sports, world history and geography, and more.
- Create, customize, collaborate, and share your Timelines.
- More than 14,000 events built directly into the product.
- Build Timelines for any purpose, from school research projects to family histories and just for fun.
- Timelines includes synopsized historical notes and a wealth of engaging images and videos to craft stunning presentations.
- Great for visual learners.
- Perfect for all ages.

Student

- Tens of thousands of encyclopedia articles featuring high-interest, readable content.
- Rich multimedia, including nearly 700 videos and original animations and 17,000+ photos and illustrations.
- My Research* offers individualized accounts, allowing users to compile content that can be accessed from home or school.
- World Book Biography Center*, with more than 10,000 biographies of both historical and contemporary figures.
- Google Drive and Google Classroom integration.
- Trivia quizzes make learning fun.
- Lexile® measures on Student's most popular articles deliver a "targeted" reading experience.
- Extensive built-in dictionary and an easy-to-navigate atlas.
- Translation tool with 100+ languages!
- Correlations to Common Core, state, and provincial standards.
- Age-appropriate webquests provide exploratory print-and-go activities.



Discover

- World Book Explains* videos feature experts answering questions on high-interest topics.
- How to Do Research* feature contains invaluable resources for both students and educators.
- Visual Dictionary*—in English, Spanish and French—displays a label next to an image to make content more accessible to readers of all levels.
- Citation Builder* creates flawless citations in MLA, APA, and Harvard formats.
- Translate articles into 100+ languages or have them read aloud in English.
- Correlations to Common Core, state, and provincial standards.
- Rich, interactive Life Skills 101 offers practical tips on such topics as applying for jobs, budgeting, arranging housing, health care issues, social skills, and more.

Advanced

- Integrated search of articles, media, primary sources, eBooks, dictionary, back in time articles, and special reports.
- Advanced research tools include dictionary, atlas, and more.
- Teaching with Primary Source Documents include advanced lesson plans.
- Pathfinders of pre-generated content sets aid in research and subject matter understanding.
- My Research* offers individualized accounts, allowing users to compile content that can be accessed from home or school.
- Thousands of fiction and nonfiction online books.
- World Newspapers of more than 400 periodicals from around the globe.
- Citation Builder* creates flawless citations in MLA, APA, and Harvard formats.
- Correlations to Common Core, state, and provincial standards.
- Age-appropriate webquests provide exploratory print-and-go activities.



Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos

- Highly visual articles written in Spanish at an easier reading level.
- Mundo de Animales (World of Animals)* feature provides younger readers with a fun and easy-to-use tool for learning about their favorite animals.
- Integrated with World Book Kids so users can toggle back and forth between Spanish and English.
- Appealing Spanish visual dictionary helps readers identify word meanings and build vocabulary.
- Hands-on learning activities.
- Colorful photos, illustrations, and videos.
- Spanish language news from around the world.



Brooke



Read-Alike



Counterfeit By Kirstin Chen

Follows the story of two Asian American women who band together to grow a counterfeit handbag scheme into a global enterprise.

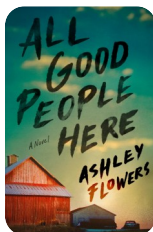
"Counterfeit, Kirstin Chen's new novel about the world of knockoff upscale handbags, is a total guilty pleasure read! I devoured this book & looked forward to picking it up each day. *Counterfeit* reads as if you are being let in on a scandalous secret. Chen keeps her writing distinctly intimate & lets readers experience the chills & thrills that accompany pulling off a ruse of this magnitude. Learning about the counterfeit luxury handbag market was also entirely intriguing! I loved the parts of the book where the narrator described how exactly 'superfakes' are produced & sold as the 'real thing.' Chen also introduces us to a wide variety of high-end handbags, & you can rest assured that I Googled every bag mentioned in the book so that I could feast my eyes upon these luxury goods in all their 'un-counterfeited' glory. This story is as sumptuous as the handbags at the center of its plot, & will delight those who have even a vague interest in the industry. Chen has written an alluring novel of fashion & deceit that never gets bogged down or boring. Moving at a fast pace, *Counterfeit* will appeal to readers who enjoy books that show the dark, insidious side of everything glittering & gold."

GENRE: Caper Novels
TOPE: Sardonic; Suspenseful

WRITING STYLE: Compelling; Incisive; Witty
STORYLINE: Intricately Plotted; Own Voices



Crystal



Read-Alike



Thin Ice By Paige Shelton

A best-selling writer escapes from an obsessed fan by hiding in Alaska, where she is embroiled in a local murder case.

"*Thin Ice* is the first book in the *Alaska Wild* series by Paige Shelton. I was drawn to this book because it was a mystery set in Alaska. This was the first Paige Shelton book I've read & it won't be the last. With a cast of colorful characters & two mysteries, this book held my interest throughout its entirety. Beth Rivers, who authors books under the name Elizabeth Fairchild, was abducted by Levi Brooks. She's able to escape his entrapment & is hiding out in a tiny Alaskan village until he's caught. That's the first mystery. The second mystery involves the death of Alaska resident Linda Rafferty. Was Linda murdered or did she commit suicide? And what about Beth's abductor? Will he be caught or is he still freely lurking around? Will he find Beth? To answer these questions, you'll have to read *Thin Ice* by Paige Shelton. Oh, one more thing, the cliffhanger at the end will surely make you want to read the second book, *Cold Wind*."

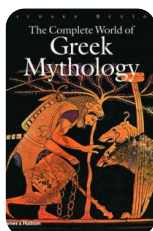
GENRE: Mysteries
SERIES: Alaska Wild Mysteries #1

THEME: Missing Memories
CHARACTER: Well-Developed

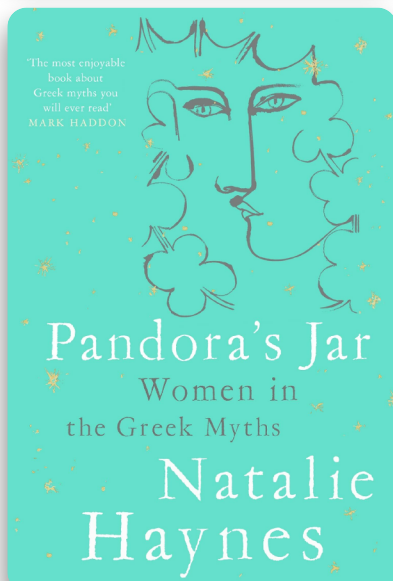
TOPE: Atmospheric; Suspenseful
WRITING STYLE: Compelling



Catherine



Read-Alike



Pandora's Jar By Natalie Haynes

The national best-selling author of *A Thousand Ships* returns with a fascinating, eye-opening take on the remarkable women at the heart of Greek mythology.

"I have always been fond of Greek mythology, dating back to when a small collection of them caught my attention at an elementary school book fair. It wasn't until I was older that I noticed that, while the Greeks had as many fascinating goddesses as they did gods, their human heroes far outnumbered their heroines. A human woman in a Greek myth seemed more likely to become the mother of a demigod than to have any other fate. But recently, I came across *Pandora's Jar*. A chapter each in this book is devoted to Pandora, Jocasta, Helen of Troy, Medusa, the Amazons, Clytemnestra, Eurydice, Phaedra, Medea, & Penelope. Don't feel intimidated if you don't know the stories linked to all of those names. I was a little rusty on Greek tragedies myself. Haynes takes the time to review the best-known versions of their stories, but I am recommending this book because of what she does next - talks about the lesser known versions that only classic scholars like herself got around to exploring. She calls artwork to the reader's attention that gives a wider scope of how the ancient Greeks viewed these women. She also gives social context that adds depth to the actions of the characters across every version of their stories. I came away from *Pandora's Jar* with quite a list of plays & epics to seek out & read."

GENRE: Arts & Entertainment; History Writing

TOPE: Thought-Provoking



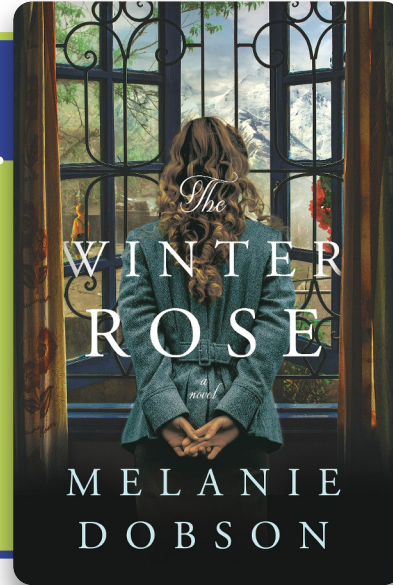
The Winter Rose By Melanie Dobson

Grace Tonquin, an American Quaker who works in Vichy France rescuing Jewish children from the Nazis, returns home to Oregon and finds echoes from her past and trauma from the Holocaust risk tearing her family apart.

"This time slip novel offers a glimpse into the effects of WWII in the post-war lives of refugee children. This is a multi-layered story of second chances & new beginnings. It starts in 1943 France with the French Resistance working to save as many Jewish children as possible from sure death at the hands of the Nazis. An American Quaker named Grace risks everything for the sake of eleven children who make a perilous escape across the Pyrenees into Spain. Fast forward to 2003 & discover the effects of the horrors of war on the children's lives & the struggles they face in finding their places in a different country without their families. Characters' captivating stories reveal how tragic circumstances are sometimes foundations for new & beautiful outcomes. True to life, efforts to rescue victims don't always bring desired outcomes, & sometimes there is great loss. Unforgettable characters & a strong redemptive message make this a deeply touching story offering an unusual perspective of the WWII time period. Available in Hoopla."

GENRE: Christian Historical Fiction; Parallel Narratives
TONE: Moving

WRITING STYLE: Engaging
STORYLINE: Intricately Plotted



Lynette



Read-Alike

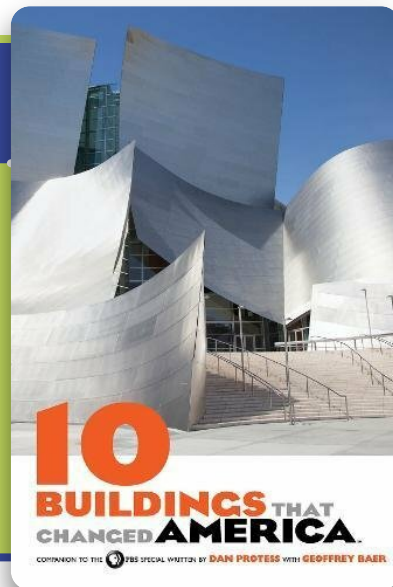


10 Buildings That Changed America By Dan Protes

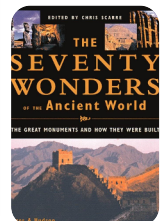
Tells the stories of ten influential works of architecture, the people who imagined them, and the changes they brought to the American landscape.

"As a companion book to the CBS special TV show of the same name, this volume showcases the ten buildings that made Dan Protes' list. His criteria for choosing these architectural marvels included revolutionary designs which had an influence on American lives. Other criteria included buildings which were still standing, only one building per city, only one building per architect, & examples from various historical periods, geographical areas, & building types. Richmond, VA is the site of the Virginia State Capital, designed by Thomas Jefferson in 1788. His design was a recreation of an actual Roman temple, an inspiration to give a new face to a new nation's government buildings. The Wainwright Building in St. Louis, MO is at the forefront for very thick stone or brick walls to support the many floors of the building. The Seagram Building (1958), Dulles International Airport (1962), & the Walt Disney Concert Hall (2003) are also showcased in this thought-provoking book. Beautiful photographs spotlight key features of the innovative architectural designs. This quick read has interesting side notes & quotes from outside sources which add to the overall appeal."

GENRE: Arts & Entertainment; History Writing; Media Tie-Ins
TONE: Strong Sense of Place; Thought-Provoking



Kathy



Read-Alike



It Happened One Summer By Tessa Bailey

After being cut off by her wealthy step-father, a partying Hollywood "It Girl" experiences culture shock when she moves to Washington to learn some responsibility and help her sister run their late father's dive bar.

"Piper Bellinger is fashionable, influential, & her reputation as a wild child means the paparazzi are constantly on her heels. When too much champagne & an out-of-control rooftop party lands Piper in the slammer, her stepfather decides that enough is enough. So, he cuts her off, & sends Piper & her sister to learn some responsibility running their late father's dive bar ... in Washington. Piper hasn't even been in Westport for five minutes when she meets big, bearded sea captain Brendan, who thinks she won't last a week outside of Beverly Hills. But Piper is determined to show her stepfather - & the hot, grumpy local - that she's more than a pretty face. Except it's a small town & everywhere she turns, she bumps into Brendan. The fun-loving socialite & the gruff fisherman are polar opposites, but there's an undeniable attraction simmering between them. Piper starts to wonder if the cold, glamorous life she knew is what she truly wants. LA is calling her name, but Brendan may have already caught her heart."

GENRE: Contemporary Romantic Comedies; Page to Screen
THEME: Fish Out of Water; Love in a Small Town; Opposites Attract

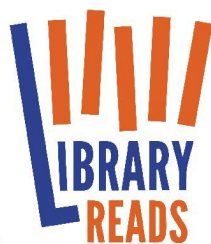
WRITING STYLE: Engaging
TONE: Heartwarming; Steamy; Upbeat



Shannon



Read-Alike



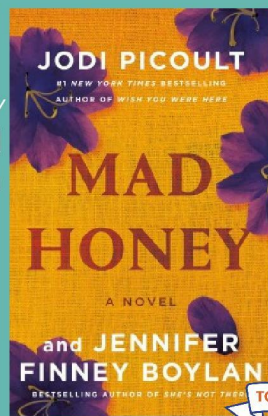
Mad Honey

by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan

(Ballantine Books)

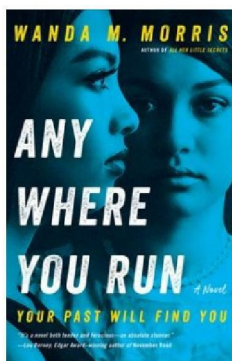
"First love between golden boy Asher and intriguing new girl Lily ends with one teen dead and the other under suspicion of murder. This stellar collaboration is more layered, surprising, and emotional than any story has a right to be— and readers should eagerly devour every page. For fans of: *The Bad Daughter*, and *Defending Jacob*."

—Sharon Layburn, South Huntington Public Library, Huntington Station, NY
Novelist read-alike: *Miracle Creek* by Angie Kim



TOP PICK

October 2022- The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.



Anywhere You Run

A Novel
by Wanda M. Morris
(William Morrow Paperbacks)

"This fast-paced heart stopper is set in Jim Crow Mississippi, where two sisters are on the run after a murder in their town. And as they run, their secrets follow. With pulse-pounding suspense that's also filled with empathy and hope, give this to fans of historical thrillers such as *Lady in the Lake* and *American Spy*."

—Carol Ann Tack, Merrick Library, Merrick, NY
Novelist read-alike: *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett

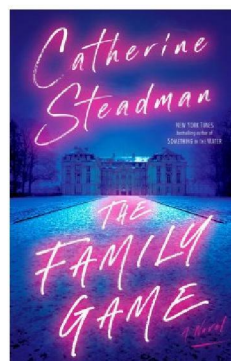


Demon Copperhead

A Novel
by Barbara Kingsolver
(Harper)

"From abusive foster homes to the collapse of the coal and tobacco industry and rise of the opioid epidemic, this masterpiece follows one of the most unforgettable characters in recent literary history, who comes-of-age in an Appalachian Virginia community filled with people of extraordinary character. For fans of *Dopesick* and *Raising Lazarus*."

—Jennifer Schultz, Fauquier Public Library, Warrenton, VA
Novelist read-alike: *Night of the Living Rez* by Morgan Talty

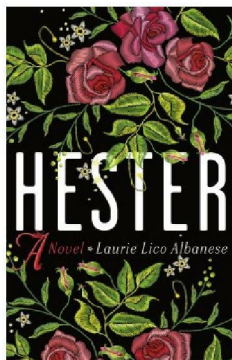


The Family Game

A Novel
by Catherine Steadman
(Ballantine Books)

"Novelist Harriet 'Harry' Reed is blissfully engaged to the scion of the Holbeck family, a clan with the money and power to hide the darkest secrets. Harry knows something about secrets herself, but when she embarks on a mysterious game with the Holbecks, she realizes they're stranger, and more dangerous, than fiction. For fans of Ruth Ware."

—Jennifer French, Shreve Memorial Library, Shreveport, LA
Novelist read-alike: *The Perfect Guests* by Emma Rous

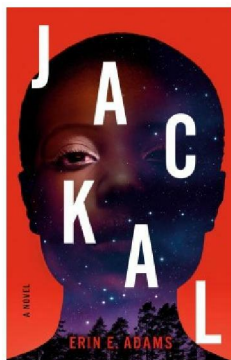


Hester

A Novel
by Laurie Lico Albanese
(St. Martin's Press)

"This darkly bewitching reimagining of *The Scarlet Letter* centers Isobel Gamble as Hester. Estranged from her poppy-addled husband, Isobel works as a talented seamstress in puritanical Salem. A friendship with Nat Hathorne blooms into forbidden intimacy, highlighting America's cruel and dangerous double standards. Try *The Daughter of Dr. Moreau* or other new takes on classics."

—Lori Hensch, Baltimore County Public Library, Towson, MD
Novelist read-alike: *The Whale* by Mark Beauregard

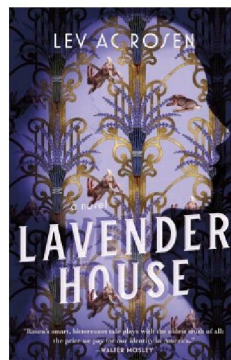


Jackal

A Novel
by Erin E. Adams
(Bantam)

"Liz goes back to her small hometown for a wedding, but then Caroline, her friend's biracial daughter, goes missing. Liz discovers that black girls go missing yearly, but the police don't care, so she hopes to uncover this serial killer. This is a well-written suspense novel with supernatural elements. The plot was well-paced, and there were enough twists."

—Claire Sherman, Clearwater Countryside Library, Clearwater, FL
Novelist read-alike: *Red X* by David Demchuck

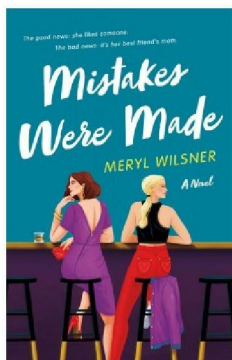


Lavender House

A Novel
by Lev AC Rosen
(Forge Books)

"This mystery, just a step past cozy, is set in 1950s San Francisco, where a PI is hired by a woman who needs to know the truth about the death of her wife. When he discovers their home is a protective haven for a found family of queer couples, it opens his eyes. This is an absorbing, locked-room mystery that works in commentary."

—Rebecca Swanson, Fitchburg Public Library, Fitchburg, WI
Novelist read-alike: *Last Call at the Nightingale* by Katharine Schellman

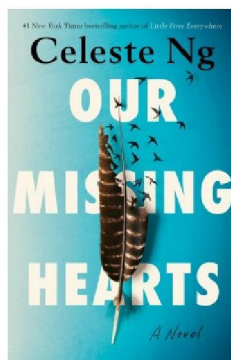


Mistakes Were Made

A Novel
by Meryl Wilsner
(St. Martin's Griffin)

"Cassie and Erin hook up at a bar, but then unexpectedly meet again the next morning at breakfast with Parker, Erin's daughter and Cassie's friend. This affecting romance is steamy. The tension is from their 'forbidden' relationship—and it's because they're lying to Parker, not because they're bi or the age gap. For fans of Alexandria Bellefleur."

—Cari Dubiel, Twinsburg Public Library, Twinsburg, OH
Novelist read-alike: *You Made a Fool of Death with Your Beauty* by Akweze Emezi

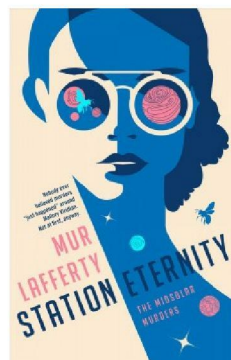


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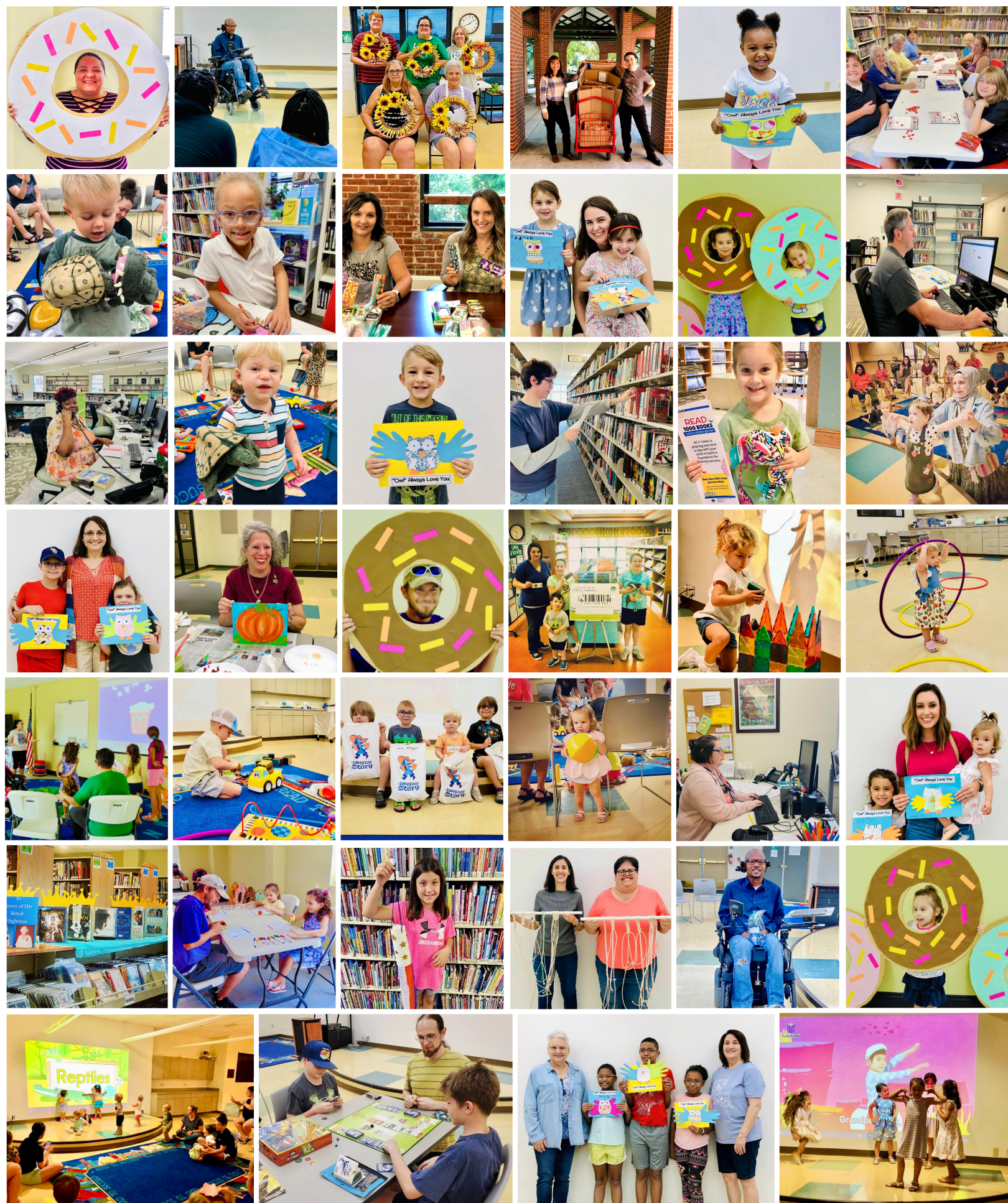
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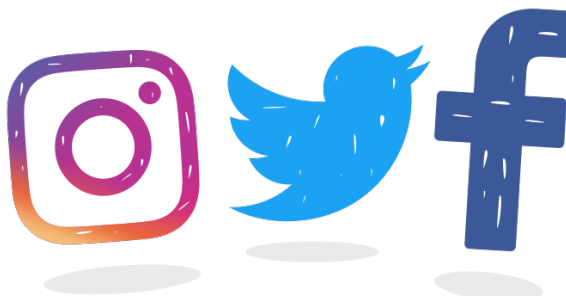
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