



# Books and Bytes on the Bayou

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## STAFF STARS!



### RACELAND STAFF

Big congratulations go out to Raceland staff members Kristen, Brenda, & Kaina for being recognized as Staff Stars this month!

"The three ladies who run the library in Raceland are very helpful & thoughtful, & they go above & beyond their duty to help people. They always keep a wonderful smile on their faces, & I wish there were more people like them in this world."

- Aaron Triggs, Raceland Patron

**DO YOU KNOW A STAFF STAR?  
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### LIBRARY CLOSURE

All LPPLibrary branches will close at 4 PM on Wednesday, 11/27, and will remain closed through Saturday, 11/30 for Thanksgiving. We will re-open Monday, 12/02.

Our digital library is always open at [www.lafourche.org](http://www.lafourche.org)

# WHAT'S NEW!

**WE'RE BRINGING YOU A BETTER LPPLIBRARY!**

You may have noticed construction activity at several of our branches in recent months, & we are excited to share with you that we have begun renovations at our Thibodaux, Raceland, Gheens, Choctaw, Bayou Blue, & Larose branches! We ask that you please pardon our progress, & be on the lookout for changes because a better LPPLibrary is headed to you in the near future!

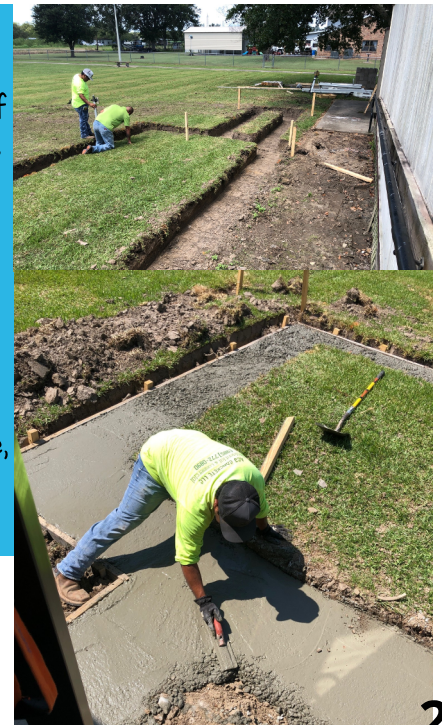
## THIBODAUX

You are going to love the changes we are making to our Thibodaux Branch! A 6,680 square foot addition is being built above current staff parking & will be the new home for Adult Services. The existing Adult section on the 1st floor will be reworked to accommodate a larger & friendlier area for children & teens.



## MULTI-BRANCHES

Renovation projects are starting at several of our satellite branches, & these improvements are going to help us serve you better! Gheens (pictured) & Raceland are getting new computer labs. The computer labs will be added on to the back of the branches. Our Raceland branch is also getting a new roof, along with our Bayou Blue & Choctaw branches. Finally, we are opening up the Children's area in Bayou Blue, Choctaw, Larose, & Raceland, where we will be installing additional children's computers.



**PLEASE PARDON OUR PROGRESS!**



# WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING!



## SCHOOLHOUSE SAFARI'S Exotic Animal Encounter!



Immerse yourself into a world of adventure with Schoolhouse Safari's Exotic Animal Encounter! You're going to geaux wild for this entertaining, hands-on animal experience!

**NO REGISTRATION!**



**TUESDAY, 11/26**

**S.LAFOURCHE LIBRARY**  
10:30 AM

**LOCKPORT LIBRARY**  
1 PM

**THIBODAUX (Jean Lafitte Auditorium)**  
4 PM



## THE GREAT TURKEY ESCAPE! Thanksgiving Escape Room Experience

An escape room experience is back at your library! Should you accept the challenge, you must discover clues, solve puzzles, & complete other tasks to help the turkey escape from being the main course for Thanksgiving. Bring friends to form a team or join a team at the library. Registration is not required, but is encouraged.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

**THIBODAUX - 1 PM    LOCKPORT - 2 PM  
SOUTH LAFOURGHE - 1 PM**

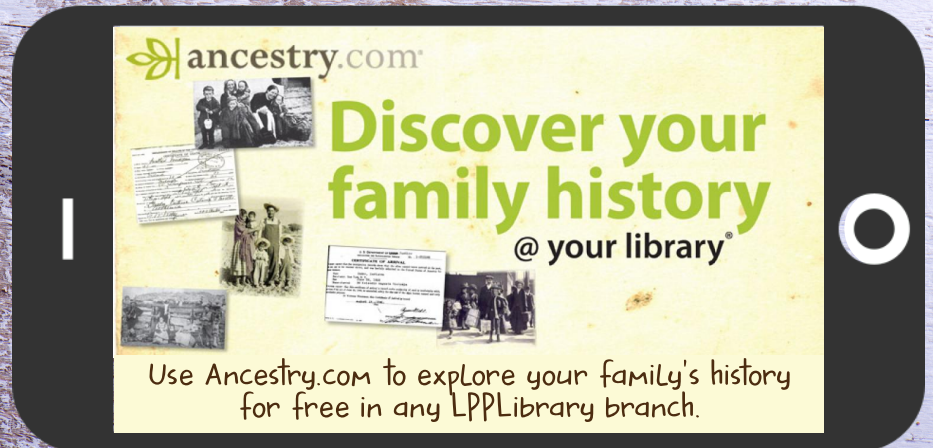


# RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT



## "LEAF" IT TO US!

Enjoy films & explore your family tree this fall for FREE with your LPPLibrary card!



## Meet Sommer Knight!

Sommer is one of our newest staff members at the Thibodaux Branch - she joined the team in August! Sommer, who is currently going to school for Allied Health Science & who previously worked at Touchstone & Thibodaux Regional Medical Center, says that her favorite thing about her new position is helping others with something they may struggle with, but she excels in. You may also find Sommer shelving books, pulling items off the shelves that patrons have requested, working the circulation or reference desk, and teaching computer classes at the branch.

Outside of work, Sommer enjoys spending time with her family, friends, & boyfriend, as well as her Yorkipoo & two nieces. She also loves to watch Grey's Anatomy. When asked if she had any exciting news to share, Sommer said, "My projected graduation date is December 2020!" We're glad you're here, Sommer - welcome to the LPPLibrary family & congrats on your upcoming graduation!





# STAFF PICKS

#ourfavorites  
#checkitout



## Only in Louisiana

By Susan Nichols



Kathy's Pick: ★★★★★

"The Quilt Trail movement began in Adams County, Ohio in 2001, & there were 20 'Quilt Blocks' throughout the county by 2003. These were 4' x 4' blocks, outside art depicting traditional quilting patterns, which were painted on the sides of barns & other buildings. The movement has spread across the United States & into Canada. The Louisiana Northshore Quilt Trail is one of the newest, which had its start in 2011. Susan Nichols gives the background of the movement in her book & describes the formation process of the Louisiana Northshore Quilt Trail, which encompasses five parishes: St. Tammany, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Washington, & Livingston. Adorning welcome centers, businesses, churches, private homes, & even a university, these Louisiana quilt blocks have begun to move away from traditional quilt designs to incorporate images & patterns that reflect the local area's history & culture. Color photographs of the blocks, with clear explanations of what certain designs represent, enhance the appeal of this book. Full of interesting tidbits of info & local history, this volume is what you need to start your adventure to follow Louisiana's Quilt Trail."



## Uzumaki

By Junji Ito



Catherine's Pick: ★★★★★

"This graphic novel tells the story of the isolated Japanese town of Kurouzu-cho, mostly from the perspective of a teenage girl named Kirie. Kurouzu-cho is a town infested by spirals. Soon the spirals begin to warp the minds & then bodies of the people of the town, eventually extending to warping time & reality itself. Junji Ito's art renders the impossible in exquisite detail, forcing the reader to grapple with sights that should not be, drawing the eye in even as revulsion begs the eye to look away. Like a spiral working towards its center, the build begins slow, like the large outer loop, before speeding up in tightening turns as the narrative goes on. At over 600 pages, *Uzumaki* is a hefty tome for a graphic novel, but with the swift pacing in the back half, it shouldn't intimidate you. If you have any fondness for or curiosity in Japanese horror, this is considered a classic in the genre for good reason.

GENRE: Comics & Graphic Novels; Horror Comics; Manga; Translations  
THEME: Cursed!; Small Town Horror  
TONE: Creepy; Darkly Humorous  
ILLUSTRATION: Detailed



## The Last House Guest

By Megan Miranda



Laura's Pick: ★★★★★

"When her longtime best friend Sadie is found murdered, Avery Greer combs through her idyllic Maine tourist community to uncover local secrets & clear her name of suspicion. *The Last House Guest* starts out with immense promise & is about a mystery that unravels slowly. There were not a lot of clues, so the ending was a surprise for me! As Avery found out certain revelations, I had a hard time following the story, as it just didn't seem to flow, but that was only a couple of times. There were twists & turns that kept the story interesting, & I wanted to find out what really happened to Sadie, but the story just lacked pizzazz for me. *The Last House Guest* has a run-of-the-mill plot with resurfaced memories & a few awkward interactions thrown in. However, the novel had a great premise & kept me entertained. If you like the suspense genre, I think this is a good beach-type read to keep you entertained."

GENRE: Thrillers & Suspense  
STORYLINE: Intricately Plotted  
CHARACTER: Well-Developed  
TONE: Menacing; Strong Sense of Place  
WRITING STYLE: Compelling; Descriptive

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## The Yellow House

By Sarah M. Broom

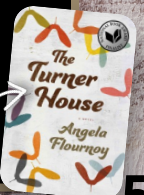


Helen's Pick: ★★★★★

"*The Yellow House* is a fascinating memoir of home & the struggle to find one's place. Yet, this description does not do justice to the storytelling that Sarah Broom so eloquently, yet powerfully, uses to tell her & her family's story of a yellow house in New Orleans East. Sarah Broom comes from a family of strong-minded women born in South Louisiana who put down roots in New Orleans. Featured lovingly is her intrepid mother who longs to have a home of her own, & finally does so as a result of one of the many tragedies that befall her family. This is not a story about surviving Katrina, although that event is an important part of the narrative. As you read Broom's words, you soon realize that the yellow house is a metaphor for so much more than just a place to live. It embodies the spirit & essence of a family & what yearning, shame, & devastation can do to the soul of a place & the people who reside there."

GENRE: Autobiographies & Memoirs; Family & Relationships; Life Stories  
WRITING STYLE: Engaging; Lyrical  
TONE: Moving

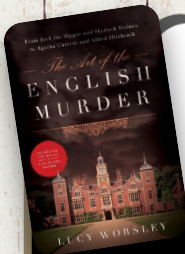
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## The Art of the English Murder By Lucy Worsley

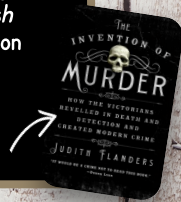


Katina's Pick: ★★★★★

"Who doesn't enjoy a good whodunit? In *The Art of the English Murder*, noted historian Lucy Worsley expands on that sentiment with basically, 'Who doesn't enjoy a good murder?' In her latest volume of enlightening English history, Worsley throws light onto the English back to the 1800s through more modern times (around the end of World War II) & what she terms as 'the grand British tradition of art inspired by crime.' In this book, Worsley not only introduces us to some of the key players in some of Britain's most notorious crimes, from both fact & fiction, but also to many of the writers who made crime writing their specialty. Lucy Worsley excels at making history interesting. She loves history & making history accessible, & that shows in her writing. For those who enjoy English & literary history or true crime, *The Art of the English Murder* will captivate, much like the subject matter on which Worsley researches & writes."

GENRE: History Writing; True Crime  
WRITING STYLE: Engaging  
TONE: Thought-Provoking

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## The Testaments By Margaret Atwood

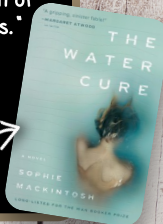


Brooke's Pick: ★★★★★

"In the world of Gilead, it has been 15 years since the Handmaid Offred was led to a waiting van & whisked away to an uncertain future. In the real world, it has been 34 years since Atwood's classic dystopian novel *The Handmaid's Tale* was published. However, readers who were hoping for another novel following Offred, or even another Handmaid, may find themselves disappointed with *The Testaments*, which is instead told in alternating chapters by three women with different ties to Gilead. However, I found this new perspective refreshing - as the characters become more entrenched in the corruption & treachery that is engulfing Gilead, their stories connect, weaving together a tale of determination, rebellion, & heroism. Compelling & suspenseful, *The Testaments* is must-read material for any fan of both *The Handmaid's Tale* novel and the Hulu TV series."

GENRE: Dystopian Fiction; Literary Fiction  
STORYLINE: Character-Driven; Intricately Plotted  
WRITING STYLE: Compelling; Lyrical  
TONE: Disturbing; Suspenseful  
CHARACTER: Complex  
PACE: Fast-Paced

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- ★★★★★ Loved It
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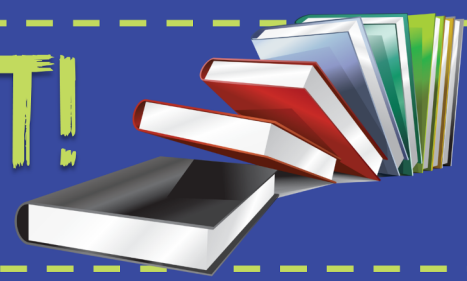
## The Everything Backyard Farming Book By Neil Shelton



Shannon's Pick: ★★★★★

"Self-sufficiency doesn't have to mean getting off the grid entirely. That level of independence isn't practical for most people. But even if readers aren't ready for complete self-sufficiency, a backyard farm can provide an abundance of inexpensive food. Whether readers are first timers who want to start growing vegetables or experienced gardeners looking to expand a small plot into a mini-farm, *The Everything Backyard Farming Book* has all they need, from growing fruits & vegetables, to raising animals, to preserving & storing food. With this common sense guide, readers will be able to take control of the food they eat - in an urban or suburban setting."

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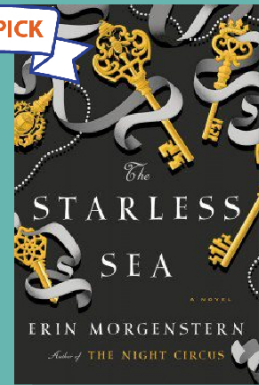


TOP PICK

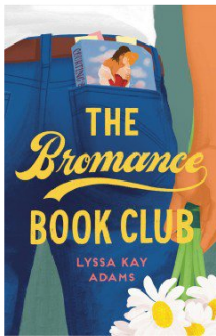
*The Starless Sea*  
A Novel  
by Erin Morgenstern  
(Doubleday)

"A moving labyrinth of a story, ever changing and evolving. What begins as a mysterious thread in a book, an opportunity taken or missed and the consequences of the choice, evolves into a story similar to a choose-your-own adventure tale or a mystical video game experience. For fans of Neil Gaiman, Susanna Clark, and Lev Grossman."

—Cynde Suite, Bartow County Library, Cartersville, GA  
NovelList read-alike: *Once Upon a River* by Diane Setterfield



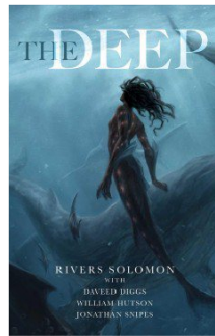
November 2019 - The top ten books published this month that librarians across the country love.



*The Bromance Book Club*  
by Lyssa Kay Adams  
(Berkley Jove)

"They gave up everything when she became Gavin's wife, and has been faking more than just her happiness. When the marriage is headed for divorce, Gavin's friends bring him into their secret book club to help him win his wife back. For readers who like romance with a little humor, and fans of Curtis Sittenfeld and Jennifer Crusie."

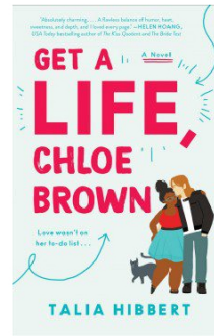
—Melissa McNeill, Montgomery County Memorial Library System, Conroe, TX  
NovelList read-alike: *Wooing Cadie McCaffrey* by Bethany Turner



*The Deep*  
by Rivers Solomon  
(Saga Press)

"An incredibly interesting reimagining of what happened to the slaves that got thrown off the ships while crossing the ocean. For fans of *She Would Be King* by Wayetu Moore and *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates."

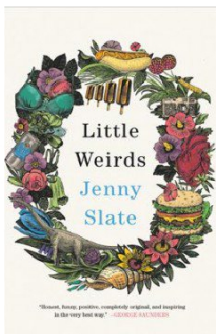
—Kelli Ponce, Mesquite Public Library, Mesquite, TX  
NovelList read-alike: *The Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler



*Get a Life, Chloe Brown*  
by Talia Hibbert  
(HarperCollins)

"Chloe is doing all she can to avoid being defined by her illness. Redford is a talented artist who was verbally abused by his former girlfriend. Smart and snarky, they find ways to help each other face their challenges. Snappy dialogue, dynamic characters, and a realistic story make this a good choice for fans of Alyssa Cole and Jasmine Guillory."

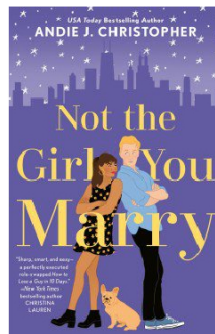
—Paula Pergament, Lincolnwood Public Library, Lincolnwood, IL  
NovelList read-alike: *The Kiss Quotient* by Helen Hoang



*Little Weirds*  
by Jenny Slate  
(Little, Brown and Company)

"Weirdly delightful and beyond compare. Essays that provide a look into the comedian's brain. For fans of Miranda July."

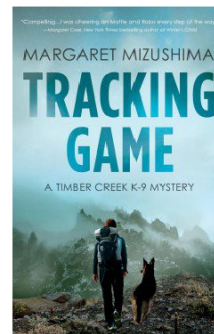
—Jessica Sweedler DeHart, Neill Public Library, Pullman, WA  
NovelList read-alike: *One More Thing* by B.J. Novak



*Not the Girl You Marry*  
by Andie J. Christopher  
(Berkley Jove)

"A perfect contemporary romance that will make you laugh, swoon, and maybe even get a little weepy. Hannah is a heroine for the ages, prickly, real, and worth fighting for. For readers who loved *How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days*."

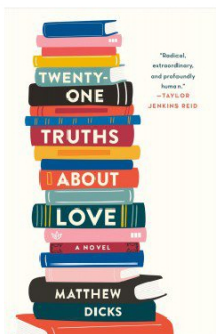
—Elizabeth Gabriel, Milwaukee Public Library, Milwaukee, WI  
NovelList read-alike: *The Perfect Date* by Evelyn Lozada



*Tracking Game*  
by Margaret Mizushima  
(Crooked Lane Books)

"This is a terrific series with characters that are constantly changing. I'm so excited to see what happens to them next! A good pick for fans of Nevada Barr."

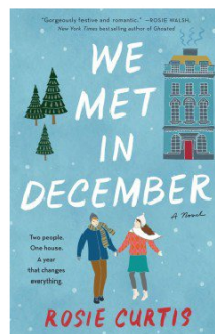
—Liz Kirchoff, Barrington Area Library, Barrington, IL  
NovelList read-alike: Ryder Creed series by Alex Kava



*Twenty-One Truths About Love*  
by Matthew Dicks  
(St. Martin's Press)

"Daniel Mayrock is struggling to find his way as a man, husband, and potential father. His story is told entirely in lists. Written as a form of therapy for himself, Daniel's lists show his sense of humor and feelings of inadequacy. Funny, sad, uplifting but always relatable. A must read for fans of Rachel Joyce and Gabrielle Zevin."

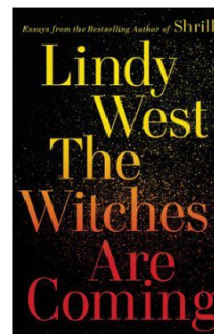
—Sam Sepulveda, Milford Town Library, Milford, MA  
NovelList read-alike: *The Lover's Dictionary* by David Levithan



*We Met in December*  
by Rosie Curtis  
(William Morrow Paperbacks)

"A lovely charmer of a book. Jess follows her dream and moves to London and rents a room in a big Notting Hill house with one rule - no dating your flatmates. For fans of *One Day* (even mentioned in the book), *Four Weddings and One Day in December*."

—Stephanie Chase, Hillsboro Public Library, Hillsboro, OR  
NovelList read-alike: *Covent Garden in the Snow* by Jules Wake



*The Witches are Coming*  
by Lindy West  
(Hachette)

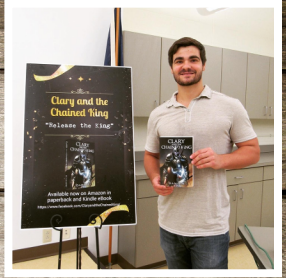
"West takes on rape culture, climate change, Hollywood, and toxic masculinity among other topics. It's funny, relatable and on-point. For fans of Rebecca Solnit and Roxane Gay."

—Shari Suarez, Genesee District Library, Goodrich, MI  
NovelList read-alike: *The Seven Necessary Sins for Women and Girls* by Mona Eltahawy





# PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



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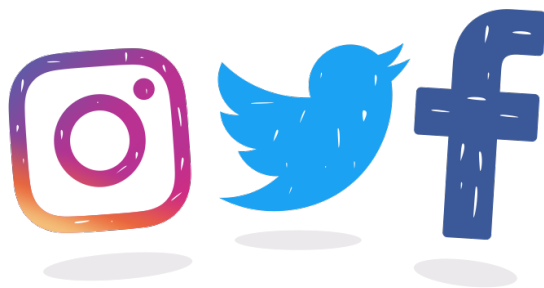
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