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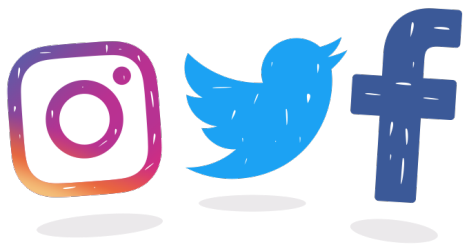
THANKSGIVING

SAVE ROOM FOR THIS!

- A Thanksgiving Feast with Schoolhouse Safari
- Online Registration for In-Person Programming Returns This November at lafourche.org
- Immersive Reality Books Now Available at a Branch Near You
- Discover Your Family's Story with Our Resource of the Month - Ancestry.com - It's FREE to Use from Home through the End of the Year with Your Library Card

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PAT REED

Big congratulations go out to Thibodaux Branch Manager Pat for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!

"Ms. Pat always goes beyond the call to help & ALWAYS has a bright, friendly smile. She is the ABSOLUTE best!"

- Jammy Medlen, Thibodaux Patron

LOCKPORT STAFF



Big congratulations go out to our Lockport staff for being recognized as Staff Stars this month!

"Your Lockport branch staff are excellent. They are a great help & are always kind. I've never been to a library & been treated so good. I wish they worked for me!"

- Myra Craven, Lockport Patron

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

LIBRARY CLOSURE



All LPPL branches will be closed on Tuesday, November 3 for Election Day. Branches will close at 4 PM on Wednesday, November 25 & will remain closed through Saturday, November 28 for Thanksgiving.

ONLINE REGISTRATION RETURNS

Online program registration returns this month!
 Register for programs at lafourche.org.
 Learn more on page 2.





WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING!



A THANKSGIVING FEAST WITH SCHOOLHOUSE SAFARI!



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 AT 10:30 AM

Watch on Facebook, YouTube, and at lafourche.org.
Show is available to view for one week after the premiere.



IN-BRANCH PROGRAMMING CONTINUES THIS MONTH & YOU CAN NOW REGISTER FOR EVENTS ONLINE AT LAFOURCHE.ORG!



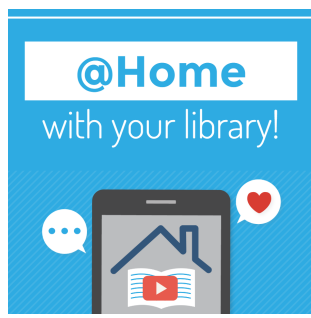
Register for upcoming events from home this November! Here's how:

- Head over to lafourche.org and click the Calendar button.
- Programs with an *asterisk require registration.
- Click "View More" on any registration-required program and then fill out the registration form to reserve your spot.

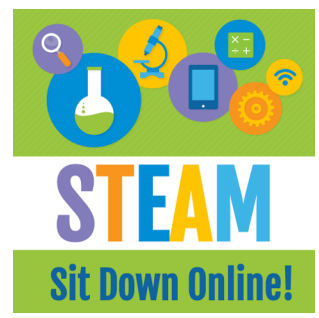
ONLINE PROGRAMMING CONTINUES ON FACEBOOK, YOUTUBE, & AT LAFOURCHE.ORG!



New Online View & Do Story Time premiering Tuesdays at 10:30 AM



New @Home workshop premiering Wednesdays at 4 PM



New STEAM Sit Down Online premiering Thursdays at 4 PM



Play on Twitch @ twitch.tv/lafourcheparishlibrary Fridays at 3 PM



New Bedtime Story Time premiering Saturdays at 4 PM

WHAT'S NEW!

IMMERSIVE REALITY

Books Now Available!



Immersive Reality (IR) Books are the first of their kind! Combining cutting edge VR (virtual reality) & AR (augmented reality) technology with traditional children's books, IR Books redefine the learning experience, allowing kids to delve into new & exciting topics like never before.



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Explore your Story



Your ancestors left clues along the way.

Now you can trace them online with your library card.

Our staff have learned about their family's past using Ancestry.
What will YOU discover?



"I love exploring Ancestry.com to discover interesting facts about my family! During my research, I discovered that the male line of my dad's side of the family migrated over from France with the Acadians to Canada & eventually settled in Edgard, LA." - Heather Gros, Golden Meadow Branch Associate I

"I discovered the ships & routes one of my ancestors used to travel to America. Antoine Angeletti, the first Angelette ancestor in America, was a passenger on the Marseilles, which disembarked from France to Mexico, & the Little Sally from Mexico to New Orleans. The ship records confirm he was originally from Rome, Italy." - Kristen Angelette, Raceland Branch Assistant



"I have found tons of interesting information about my family through Ancestry. I was able to find photos of my mom from her high school yearbook, marriage certificates for my great aunts & uncles, and even a copy of my paw paw's WWII draft card." - Brooke Savoie, Public Relations Librarian

Visit our Digital Library at lafourche.org to access Ancestry today!



STAFF PICKS

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What Was Mine By Helen Klein Ross



Crystal's Pick: ★★★★★

"Can you imagine being twenty-one years old & discovering that the mother who raised you committed a crime so that she could be your mother? Lucky Wakefield desperately wants to be a mother. She is so consumed with this desire that she does the unthinkable. She kidnaps a four-month old baby from a shopping cart in a local department store & gets away with it. *What Was Mine* is a suspenseful page-turner that will keep you reading late into the night. The chapters are short & are told from the point of view of different characters, evoking many different emotions in the reader. Even though this book is mostly about a kidnapping, it's also about love, loss, sympathy, anger, desperation, & forgiveness. If you haven't yet read *What Was Mine*, I highly recommend this book. Add it to your To-Be-Read list - this is one you don't want to miss!"

GENRE: First Person Narratives;
Psychological Fiction
THEME: Maybe Baby
CHARACTER: Flawed
STORYLINE: Character-Driven

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

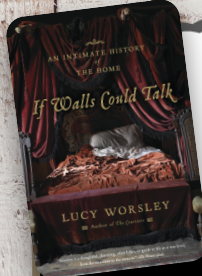


Shadows By Kristen Proby



Biene's Pick: ★★★★★

"I'm starting to believe that someone put a 'gris-gris' on 2020. With voodoo on my mind, I picked up a new book by one of my go-to authors, Kristen Proby. *Shadows* is the first book in Proby's new series called *Bayou Magic*, & is set deep in the mystical French Quarter of New Orleans, LA where voodoo reigns. This novel kicks off with powerful magic & horrific evil. Someone is killing women. Someone evil & depraved. It's not until Brielle Landry sees a new shadow on her French Quarter ghost tour that she realizes something is wrong. Brielle sees dead people as her shadow. Brielle realizes the shadow is a young woman who has been brutally tortured. As the days pass, more women begin following Brielle asking for help. Brielle teams up with a FBI profiler named Cash to help her find the killer. Proby is spot-on in her descriptions of both the French Quarter & surrounding bayous. I loved Brielle & Cash's exploration of a relationship while dealing with supernatural things & evil people. This was a perfect start to a series. I can't wait until the next book comes out. If you are looking for a paranormal thriller with a little romance thrown in, give this book a shot - you won't be disappointed."



If Walls Could Talk By Lucy Worsley

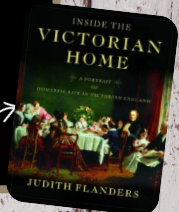


Katina's Pick: ★★★★★

"We think of a home as following a certain design to include a kitchen, living room, bathroom, & bedroom. It wasn't always this way. In *If Walls Could Talk: An Intimate History of the Home*, Chief Curator of Historic Royal Palaces Lucy Worsley tears down the walls to provide an intimate look at the evolution of the home from a rudimentary living space to that place comprising those distinct spaces that we've come to expect. These rooms are commonplace today, but in earlier times, the home was much different. With Worsley as our guide, we glance into these rooms, focusing not only on how they came to be, but also what's in them & what people do in them. Worsley details sleeping arrangements when bedrooms & beds weren't yet a constant, dodgy personal hygiene throughout the centuries, & the idea of a 'bathroom' as a relatively modern one, among other topics. The depth of her research is always impressive & the result, always illuminating. *If Walls Could Talk* is an exhaustively researched & insightful work & is highly recommended for fans of history."

GENRE: History Writing
WRITING STYLE: Accessible

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The Stand By Stephen King



Van's Pick: ★★★★★

"*The Stand* is one of horror master Stephen King's most monumental novels & many argue that it is one of his best. It was also released as a 1990 uncut & complete edition & as a television miniseries in 1994. I decided to revisit it when I heard that it will be released as a new miniseries for CBS Access sometime next year starring Whoopi Goldberg & Alexander Skarsgard. The majority of this novel consists of the survivors trying to live in a post-apocalyptic world. King fills his novel with a diverse set of interesting characters. King does an amazing job of creating a dark & foreboding atmosphere in his narrative. He is a master of dialogue & his writing is clear & concise. This novel is very timely, especially with the pandemic that is currently happening."



GENRE: Apocalyptic Fiction; Books to Movies; Horror
THEME: Band of Survivors; Pandemic Apocalypse
CHARACTER: Flawed; Introspective; Large Cast of Characters
TONE: Atmospheric; Creepy; Menacing
WRITING STYLE: Compelling
STORYLINE: Character-Driven; Intricately Plotted

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The Kingdom of Back By Marie Lu



Katie's Pick: ★★★★★

"Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is known the world over for his compositions during the classical period of music. He was a child prodigy, composing music at age five. What many people do not know is that his sister, Maria Anna, affectionately known as Nannerl, was also a child prodigy. Nannerl learned how to play the harpsichord at age seven, & often went on tour with Wolfgang. While on their travels, Nannerl & Wolfgang invented stories about an imaginary place called the 'Kingdom of Back.' Marie Lu's newest book is based on these stories the child prodigies told to one another while traveling for musical performances. Lu does an excellent job of expanding the story of these siblings, giving a unique insight into their early lives. The characters are very relatable. They struggle with doing what is right & what is easy. Lu provides insight into a lovely sibling relationship as well."

GENRE: Historical Fantasy
THEME: Be Careful What You Wish For; Faerie Realm
TONE: Moving
WRITING STYLE: Compelling; Well-Researched

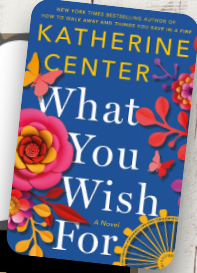
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FANTASY



What You Wish For By Katherine Center



Brooke's Pick: ★★★★★

"What You Wish For is my first Katherine Center book, & I will be making my way down her back-list because I truly enjoyed this tale of overcoming tragedy, persevering, & learning to love & live again. What You Wish For is a dazzling entry to the women's fiction genre. The character at the center of the story, Samantha, sparkles & shines ... & is a force to be reckoned with. With a personality as big as Texas & a mouth to boot, Samantha is the perfect person to tell this story of overcoming obstacles & moving forward. The story itself is great as well. Simple, focused, & compelling, this school-centered plot with a splash of romance is a perfect pick to read this fall. The characters & community here are vibrant & the romance is believable - in all, it's an awesome little read. If you like listening to books, the audiobook of this novel is enjoyable & immersive."

AWARDS: LibraryReads Favorite: 2020
GENRE: Relationship Fiction
CHARACTER: Ability Diverse; Quirky
TONE: Heartwarming; Whimsical
PACE: Fast-Paced
WRITING STYLE: Engaging

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- ★★★★ Really Liked It
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Goodnight Beautiful By Aimee Molloy



Brooke's Pick: ★★★★★

"If you are looking for a twisty suspense novel that will actually surprise you, look no further than *Goodnight Beautiful*. Molloy manages to do what few authors can actually pull off in today's suspense genre - pull the wool over readers' eyes & let their assumptions take them where they may. *Goodnight Beautiful's* plot devices are clever & fresh, & combined with Molloy's style of only giving readers enough information to let them THINK they know what's going on, it equates to a compelling tale spun in a deceiving little package. *Goodnight Beautiful* is a fresh read that will have those in the literary community raving for months. It is recommended to anyone who has been waiting for something cunning & innovative to come out of the over-saturated suspense genre. This book is best read blind, so go ahead & read it first & then come back to the reviews to see if everyone else was just as surprised as you."

AWARDS: LibraryReads Favorite: 2020
GENRE: Psychological Suspense
TONE: Suspenseful
STORYLINE: Intricately Plotted
WRITING STYLE: Compelling

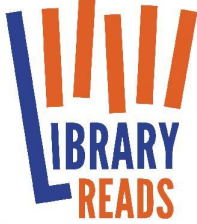
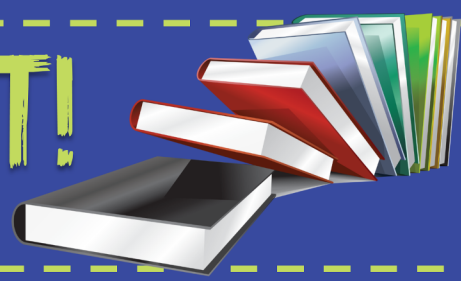
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SUSPENSE

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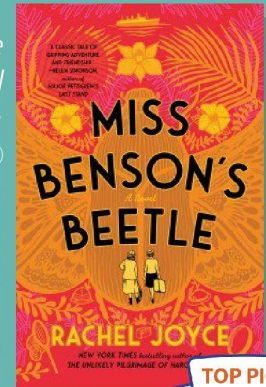
BOOKS TO ADD TO YOUR TO-READ PILE



Miss Benson's Beetle
A Novel
by Rachel Joyce
(Dial Press Trade Paperback)

"Two very different women set off on a journey to New Caledonia to find a Golden Beetle, and discover so much more. A story of friendship and women breaking out of what is expected and being who they really are. By turns humorous, heartbreaking, and triumphant, you'll find yourself cheering for Miss Benson. For fans of Fredrik Backman, Elizabeth Berg, and Gail Honeyman."

—Janine Walsh, East Meadow Public Library, East Meadow, NY
Novelist read-alike: *The Ship of Brides* by JoJo Moyes



TOP PICK

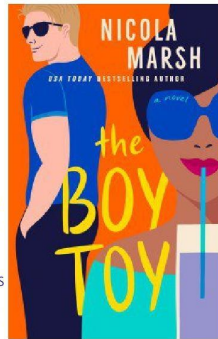
November 2020 - The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.



Before the Coffee Gets Cold
A Novel
by Toshikazu Kawaguchi
(Hanover Square Press)

"A cafe has something magical—if someone sits in a particular chair and a cup of coffee is poured, they can travel to the past. In this slender story, the lives of visitors and staff intertwine, and four hopeful people sit in the chair. While this book deals with different kinds of loss, it's ultimately warm and uplifting. For fans of *The Immortalists* and *Oona Out of Order*."

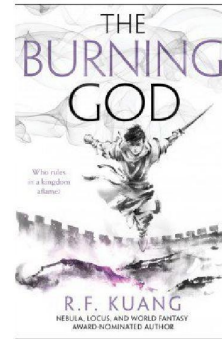
—Julie Graham, Yakima Valley Libraries, Yakima, WA
Novelist read-alike: *Strange Weather* in Tokyo by Hiromi Kawakami



The Boy Toy
by Nicola Marsh
(Berkley Jove)

"Hot Aussie alert! After a bitter divorce (cheating husband with a pregnant nineteen year old mistress), Samira left Australia for L.A. Now her cousin has convinced her to return for 6 months. On a night out, Samira is saved from a weirdo by a cute boy much younger than she is, and she's in for the surprise of a lifetime with her new Boy Toy. For fans of *Ayesha at Last* and *The Wedding Party*."

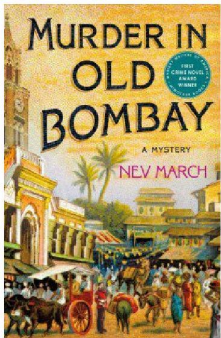
—Afton Finley, Waseca Public Library, Waseca, MN
Novelist read-alike: *The Right Swipe* by Alisha Rai



The Burning God
The Poppy War, Book 3
by R. F. Kuang
(Harper Voyager)

"In this satisfying finale to the Poppy War series, Kuang beautifully weaves in much Chinese history while maintaining a distinct storyline. Rin's similarities to Chairman Mao are fully realized by this third book, yet she remains a unique character with complex emotions of both rage and empathy. For fans of series fantasy such as Chakraborty's *Daevabad* trilogy and Liu's *Dandelion Dynasty*."

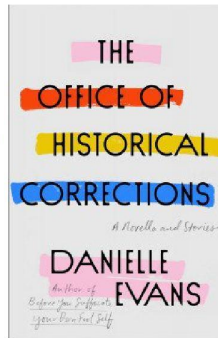
—Richard Lawhorn, East Cobb Library, Marietta, GA
Novelist read-alike: *The Burning Series* by Evan Winter



Murder in Old Bombay
by Nev March
(Minotaur Books)

"James Agnihotri has recovered from a war injury when he reads about the "suicide" of two ladies. His first interview as a new journalist is with the husband of one of the women, who wants to know who murdered his wife and sister. Jim follows clues, interviews observers of the tragedy, and travels through India. For readers who like intrigue, other cultures, and romance, along with fans of Kate Atkinson and Laurie R. King."

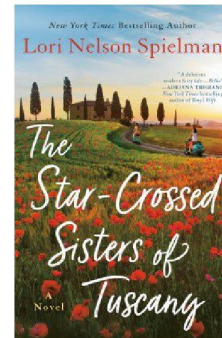
—Gail Christensen, Kitsap Regional Library, Bremerton, WA
Novelist read-alike: *A Rising Man* by Abir Mukherjee



The Office of Historical Corrections
A Novella and Stories
by Danielle Evans
(Riverhead Books)

"A novella about the first African-Americans in Wisconsin and the lives of their descendants today along with several other haunting short stories. Recommended for fans of Jodi Picoult."

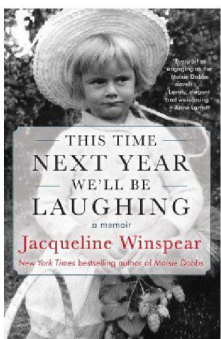
—Heather McIntosh, Botetourt County Libraries, VA
Novelist read-alike: *The Secret Lives of Church Ladies* by Deesha Philyaw



The Star-Crossed Sisters of Tuscany
by Lori Nelson Spielman
(Berkley)

"Emilia is a devoted daughter, the second daughter in her family, and second daughters are cursed to never marry. Aunt Poppy, another second daughter, invites her on a trip to Italy promising to break the curse. For readers who enjoyed *The Old Drift* and *It's Not All Down Hill From Here*."

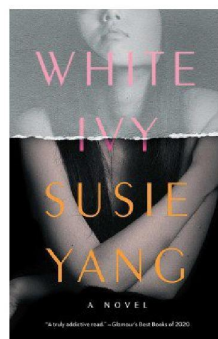
—Chris Markley, Kingsport Public Library, Kingsport, TN
Novelist read-alike: *The Unlikely Adventures of the Shergill Sisters* by Balli Kaur Jaswal



This Time Next Year We'll Be Laughing
by Jacqueline Winspear
(Soho Press)

"The author of the beloved *Masie Dobbs* novels shares both madcap and poignant stories of her nuclear and extended family, giving insight into the humor and hardships that shaped her imagination and work. For readers who enjoyed *Where the Past Begins: A Writer's Memoir* and *How To Write an Autobiographical Novel*."

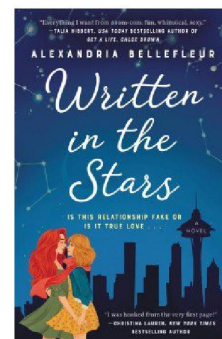
—Joy Robinson, Piscataway Public Library, Piscataway, NJ
Novelist read-alike: *My History: A Memoir of Growing Up* by Antonia Fraser



White Ivy
A Novel
by Susie Yang
(Simon & Schuster)

"A coming of age immigration story, Ivy, is obsessed with her privileged classmate and will do anything to win his love. For fans of *You and Gone Girl*."

—Joann Im, Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles, CA
Novelist read-alike: *Social Creature* by Tara Isabella Burton



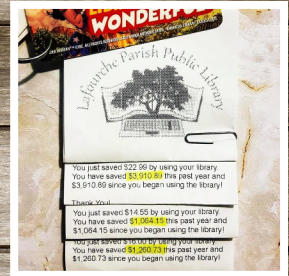
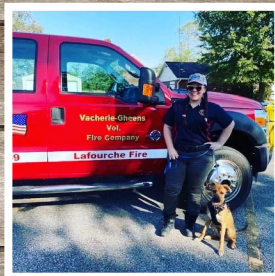
Written in the Stars
A Novel
by Alexandria Bellefleur
(Avon)

"Darcy, a buttoned-up actuary, convinces quirky astrologer Elle to fake a relationship for a couple of months to get her brother (and Elle's new business partner) off her back. For fans of *The Kiss Quotient* and *You Had Me at Hola*."

—Elizabeth Gabriel, Milwaukee Public Library, Milwaukee, WI
Novelist read-alike: *Boyfriend Material* by Alexis Hall



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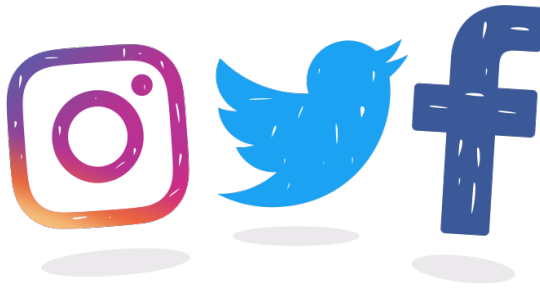
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