

Books and Bytes on the Bayou

A Lafourche Parish Public Library Publication

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OH YEAH!
**LAFOURCHE PARISH
PUBLIC LIBRARY IS
INCREDIBLE!**

**PLUS MORE INSIDE:
IT'S LIBRARY CARD
SIGN-UP MONTH!
FINE FORGIVENESS
MONTH IS HERE!
GET CRAFTY WITH
OUR NEW CRICHTS!**



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Big congratulations go out to Bayou Blue Branch Manager Lori & Librarian Crystal for being recognized as Staff Stars this month!

LORI OLIN & CRYSTAL ROBICHAUX

"Great job to both of you. The Bayou Blue branch's patron interaction & community outreach have improved through your efforts!"

- Shannon Porche, Assistant Director

KIM CHIASSON

Big congratulations go out to Thibodaux Staff Member Kim for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!



"Kim is our LibLuv Book Club coordinator. She goes overboard to help our club! Kim reads every request & always adds extra information."

- J. Nannie, Thibodaux Patron

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

YEAH!

ALL LPPL BRANCHES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, 09/03 SO OUR SUPER STAFF CAN RECHARGE IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY. WE WILL BE BACK TO BUSINESS AS USUAL ON TUESDAY, 09/04!



WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING!



GET A LIBRARY CARD & CHECK OUT SOMETHING
SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

iNCREDBLE!

YOU KNOW YOUR LPLP IS INCREDIBLE!

SO BE A SUPERHERO & REFER A FRIEND FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AN INCREDIBLE PRIZE PACKAGE!



CONTEST DETAILS:

- ALL NEW LPLP CARDHOLDERS & THE PATRONS WHO REFER THEM WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING FOR AN INCREDIBLE PRIZE PACKAGE!
- NO LIMIT ON ENTRIES - THE MORE NEW CARDHOLDERS YOU REFER, THE MORE CHANCES YOU HAVE TO WIN! WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED MONDAY, OCTOBER 1.

ARE YOU OUR MOST INCREDIBLE FACEBOOK FAN?
LIKE, COMMENT ON, OR SHARE OUR "LAFORCHE LIBRARIES ARE INCREDIBLE" POSTS TO BE ENTERED INTO OUR INCREDIBLE FB FAN PRIZE DRAWING!



GET A LIBRARY CARD AND CHECK OUT SOMETHING

INCREDIBLE!



September is Library Card Sign-up Month!



WOW!

CLEAR YOUR FINES & HELP YOUR COMMUNITY!

FINE FORGIVENESS MONTH IS INCREDIBLE!



BROOKE SAVOIE
IS OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS LIBRARIAN

YOU KNOW YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A SUPERHERO. WELL HERE'S YOUR CHANCE. LAFORCHE PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY'S INCREDIBLE FINE FORGIVENESS MONTH PROGRAM IS BACK THIS SEPTEMBER! YOU HAVE THE SUPERPOWER TO CLEAR YOUR FINES & HELP YOUR COMMUNITY, ALL WHILE ENJOYING THE SERVICES & RESOURCES OF YOUR LAFORCHE PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY.

THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, LIBRARY FINES & LOST ITEM CHARGES CAN BE CLEARED FROM YOUR ACCOUNT IF YOU MAKE A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD & GROCERY OR PET FOOD DONATION AT ANY OF OUR NINE BRANCHES.

- HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO GET STARTED:**
- STOP BY OR CALL YOUR HOME BRANCH. WE WILL CHECK YOUR ACCOUNT & LET YOU KNOW HOW MANY NON-PERISHABLES OR CANS/BAGS OF PET FOOD YOU NEED TO BRING IN TO WIPE THOSE FINES OFF YOUR ACCOUNT & GET BACK TO USING THE BEST CARD IN YOUR WALLET - YOUR LIBRARY CARD!
 - GATHER YOUR DONATION & BRING IT TO THE CUSTOMER SERVICE DESK AT ANY OF OUR BRANCHES - WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE FINES, & AFTER THAT YOU CAN CHECK OUT ITEMS AGAIN THAT DAY!
 - YOUR FOOD DONATIONS MUST NOT BE EXPIRED, SO CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATES BEFORE BRINGING YOU ITEMS IN.
 - ALSO, DUE TO THE NATURE OF THESE ITEMS, LAPTOP, LAUNCHPAD, NOOK, PLAYAWAY, VIEWS, & VIDEO GAME FINES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PROMOTION.

ARE YOU READY TO BE A SUPERHERO? WE LOOK FORWARD TO ACCEPTING YOUR DONATIONS THIS MONTH!

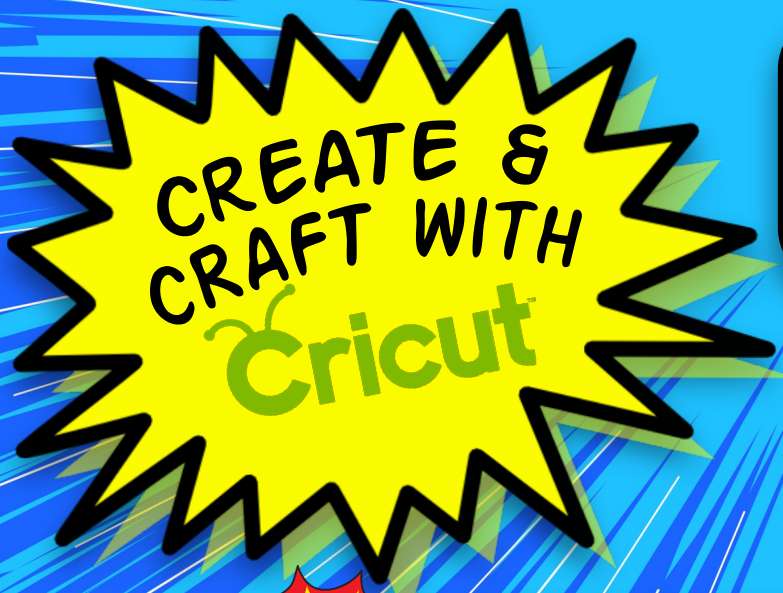
WE LOVE FINE FORGIVENESS MONTH BECAUSE IT GIVES OUR CUSTOMERS A CHANCE TO CLEAR THEIR FINES & HELP THEIR COMMUNITY AT THE SAME TIME! ANOTHER BONUS IS NO ONE GETS CHARGED FINES FOR ITEMS RETURNED LATE IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. SO THAT DVD OR BOOK THAT IS A COUPLE OF YEARS LATE? BRING IT BACK FINE-FREE!

WHAT'S NEW!

HANS GEIST PAINTS INCREDIBLE MURAL IN THIBODAUX



WE ARE IN LOVE WITH OUR NEW MURAL IN THIBODAUX! THE THIBODAUX FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSIONED HANS GEIST TO PAINT A MURAL IN OUR ACTIVITY ROOM. THE FRIENDS WORKED CLOSELY WITH GEIST TO DESIGN A PIECE OF ART THAT REFLECTS THE LIBRARY'S MISSION & VALUES OF EDUCATING, ENRICHING, & ENTERTAINING LAFOURCHE COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT - THE MURAL IS BEAUTIFUL!



NEW TO LPPL, THE CRICUT MAKER IS ANY CRAFT-LOVING, DIYER'S FAVORITE ASSISTANT. THE CRICUT MAKER, ALONG WITH DESIGN SPACE, MAKE CREATING VINYL, PAPER, LEATHER, & EVEN FABRIC CREATIONS A BREEZE! WHAT MAKES THE CRICUT MAKER SO UNIQUE COMPARED TO ALL OTHER CRICUT MACHINES IS THE DIVERSITY OF TOOLS & FUNCTIONS. THIS MACHINE WILL ALLOW YOU TO DRAW, ENGRAVE, OR CUT. IT ALSO ALLOWS YOU TO CREATE ENDLESS PROJECTS OF YOUR OWN, OR SIMPLY MODIFY A PRE-DESIGNED PROJECT ON DESIGN SPACE. IT IS SO EASY TO MAKE EVERYTHING UNIQUE & PERSONALIZED USING THE CRICUT MAKER.



THIBODAUX STAFF MEMBER BRITTANY LEARNS HOW TO OPERATE THE CRICUT AT A STAFF TRAINING SESSION!

UPCOMING PROGRAMMING:

THIBODAUX
CRICUT MAKER HOW-TO WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, 09/25 @ 1 PM, ADULTS
Do you have a Cricut Maker you need help with or are you interested in learning about all the wonderfully crafty things a Cricut Maker can do? Then come to our Cricut Maker workshop. We will have a staff member set up to do hands-on experience with Cricut Maker & Design Space. Attendees are welcome to bring their own Cricut Makers with them to the workshop.

LOCKPORT
***BANNED BOOKS QUOTES TUMBLERS**
WEDNESDAY, 09/26 @ 5:30 PM
TEENS & ADULTS, AGES 13+
We will be using our new Cricut machine to put our favorite banned book quotes on tumbler cups.
Registration is required for this program.
BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE PROGRAMMING IN THE UPCOMING MONTHS!



LPPL Staff



Meet June Frazier South Lafourche Library Page



June Frazier has some exciting news to share ... she has a new library family! After being a patron for many years at our South Lafourche Branch, attending programs such as bingo & adults crafts, & volunteering her time at events like the library's annual Monster Mash, June was approached about a Title V position that had opened up. After working in that position for 3.5 years at the branch, a permanent part-time Library Page position became available, which June eagerly accepted. She is now part of the LPPL family - welcome to the team, June!

At the branch, June shelves books & DVDs, helps keep things tidy, assists with programs such as line dancing & bingo, & helps prepare arts & crafts materials for programs. However, June's favorite part of her job is the people. "I enjoy the people, both my fellow library employees & the community members who come to the library. Everyone is friendly & I like helping people, so it's great to be able to assist patrons & our staff members," June shares.

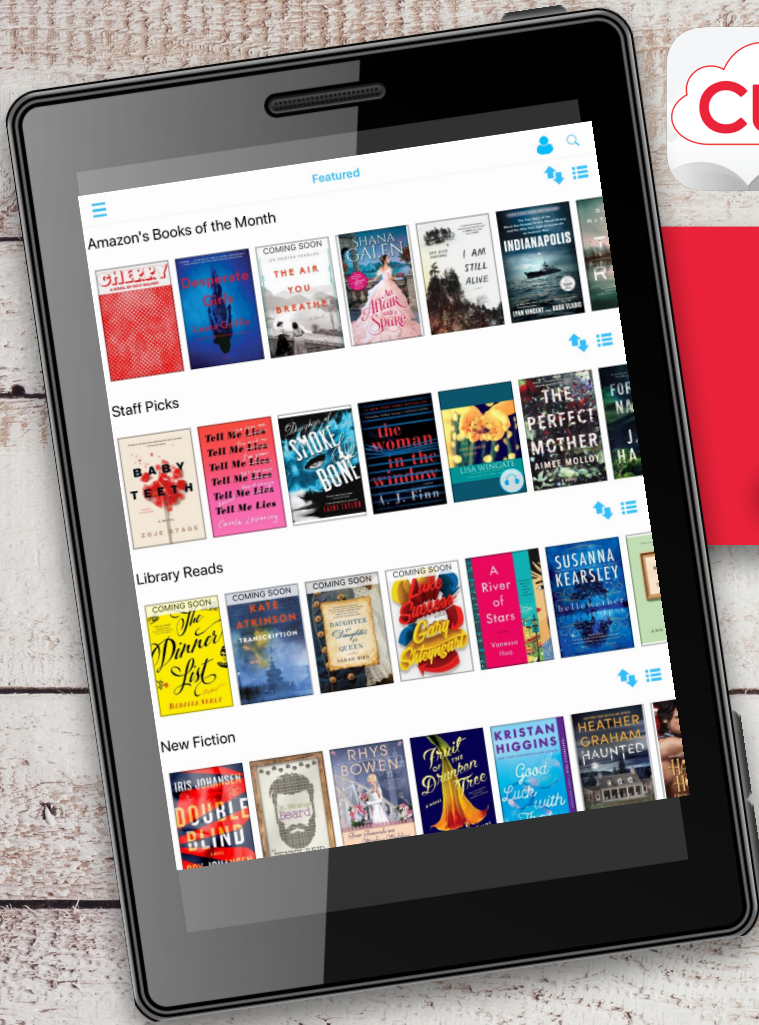
When June isn't at the library, she loves working in her yard. She likes to grow flowers & have her own garden. Plus, it gives her a chance to talk to her neighbors while she is outside - she loves visiting! June also enjoys watching game shows, documentaries, & home improvement shows during her down time. In addition to her library family, June has one son & three grandsons, who are 16, 15, & 12 years old. Next time you are at our South Lafourche Branch, say "hello" to June!

Q&A With June!

- In September we celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month. This year's theme is "Get a Library Card & Check Out Something INCREDIBLE!" What do you think is the most incredible thing you can check out from our libraries?
I like the idea of having large print books. I think that's awesome because as people age, their eyesight starts to deteriorate, but large print books can help people read easier!
- Do you remember getting your first library card?
Mrs. Lucy Guidry was my first public librarian. The library was near the elementary school in Galliano in an old house that they had converted into a library. I think I got my first library card right after I started going to school. When I was a child, I would walk with my sister across the bridge to the library to check out books & sometimes read there. There wasn't all of the traffic that we have today, & you could walk anywhere. I enjoyed it.
- September is Fine Forgiveness Month. Are you good about returning your library items on time, or do you have a tendency to forget the due date?
I'm good at returning things on time.
- Grandparents' Day is September 9. What's the best thing about being a grandparent?
My three grandsons live away from me, but because of the distance, I appreciate the time I get to spend with them when I am with them. I don't care if we do anything - I just enjoy being with my grandchildren & watching them do what they like to do.
- Our Resource of the Month is CloudLibrary. Do you prefer eBooks or paper books?
Paper books



RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

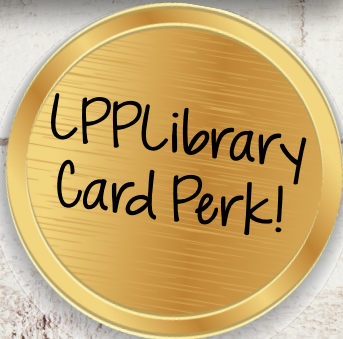


CloudLibrary

eBooks & eAudiobooks

**THOUSANDS OF
eBOOKS &
eAUDIOBOOKS
@ YOUR FINGERTIPS**

Available to
you for **FREE**
with your
library card!



Ready to start reading?
Get started here:

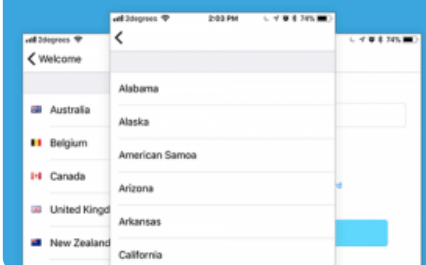
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Download the app directly from the Apple App Store, Google Play, or install the cloudLibrary app for Windows PC or Mac OS X



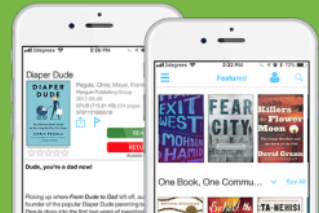
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Log into your account by selecting Louisiana & then Lafourche Parish Public Library. Enter your library card number & PIN number.



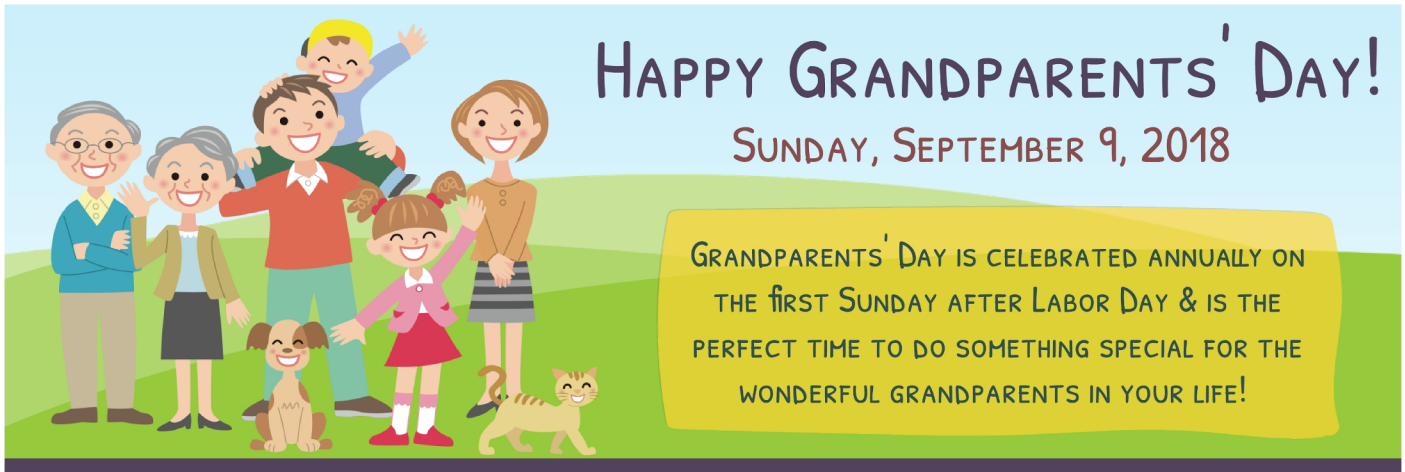
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Browse, borrow, & read by finding a title, clicking on the cover, & selecting borrow. Your book will download to your device & is ready to read in minutes! It's your library any time, anywhere.





"CAN'T MISS" EVENTS!



HAPPY GRANDPARENTS' DAY!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

GRANDPARENTS' DAY IS CELEBRATED ANNUALLY ON THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER LABOR DAY & IS THE PERFECT TIME TO DO SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR THE WONDERFUL GRANDPARENTS IN YOUR LIFE!



BAYOU BLUE
GRANDPARENTS' DAY HAND PAINTING & STORY TIME
Friday, 09/07, 4 PM, All Ages
Enjoy a Grandparents' Day-themed story time & create a unique hand painting that your grandparents will cherish.



LOCKPORT
GRANDPARENTS' DAY CELEBRATION
Saturday, 09/01, 2 PM, All Ages
Grandparents & their grandchildren are welcome to attend a special program all about grandparents! Grandchildren will make a keepsake craft for their grandparents.



CHOCTAW
***PAINTED PICTURE FRAMES**
Thursday, 09/06, 4:30 PM, Ages 4-11
This event requires registration
Celebrate Grandparents' Day by painting & designing your grandparents a wooden picture frame.



RACELAND
TO GRANDMA'S STORY TIME WE GO
Tuesday, 09/04, 11 AM, Kids
Join us for a story hour with music, books, crafts, & activities!



GHEENS
"I LOVE YOU TO PIECES" PLATE
Wednesday, 09/05, 4:30 PM, All Ages
Make a beautiful "I Love You to Pieces" keepsake on a plate for this Grandparents' Day craft.



***MUG LOVE CRAFT**
Tuesday, 09/04, 4 PM, Tweens/Teens
This event requires registration
Give a cup of love with these decorative mugs for Grandparents' Day!



GOLDEN MEADOW
"WE LOVE OUR GRANDPARENTS" STORY TIME
Wednesday, 09/05, 4:15 PM, Kids
Join us for a grandparents-themed story time & a craft!



SOUTH LAFOURCHE
"GRANDPARENTS" STORY TIME
Tuesday, 09/04, 10:30 AM, Kids
Join us for a grandparents-themed story hour that incorporates finger plays, song, dance, & a craft!



LAROSE
"GRANDPARENTS" STORY TIME
Thursday, 09/06, 1 PM, Kids
Join us for a grandparents-themed story hour that incorporates finger plays, song, dance, & a craft!



THIBODAUX
***GRANDPARENTS' DAY CRAFT**
Thursday, 09/06, 4 PM, Ages 4-7
This event requires registration
Celebrate Grandparents' Day by making a special gift for your grandparent(s)! We will make an honorary plaque showing how much we love our grandparent(s).



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"CAN'T MISS" EVENTS!



Celebrating Constitution Week

September 17-23, 2018



BAYOU BLUE ***Americana Cross**

Tuesday, 09/18, 1:30 PM, Adults
This event requires registration
In celebration of Constitution Week, create a patriotic-themed craft from wood, paint, & burlap.



Patriotic Star

Wednesday, 09/19, 4 PM, Ages 4-11
To celebrate Constitution Week, make a patriotic star from popsicle sticks, stickers, & streamers.



Constitution Banner

Thursday, 09/20, 3:30 PM, Tweens/Teens
In celebration of Constitution Week, make a red, white, & blue banner decoration.



CHOCTAW **Constitution Coloring & Brain Flakes**

Wednesday, 09/19, 3:30-5 PM, Ages 5-11
Learn about the Constitution & challenge your brain while we have fun coloring & building things using Brain Flakes.



GHEENS **Constitution Week Pop Art**

Thursday, 09/20, 3:30 PM, Ages 8-16
Create a Statue of Liberty Pop Art Creation in the style of the famous American Pop Art Icon Peter Max.



GOLDEN MEADOW ***Pom-Pom Flag Painting**

Thursday, 09/20, 4:15 PM, Kids
This event requires registration
Make a flag using paint & pom-poms.



LAROSE **"We the People" Story Time**

Thursday, 09/20, 1 PM, Kids
Join us for a story hour with finger plays, songs, dance, & a craft!



LOCKPORT **Hamilton Karaoke**

Monday, 09/17, 5 PM, All Ages
Think you know all the words to *Hamilton: An American Musical*? Showcase your skills with karaoke & learn how Alexander Hamilton helped ratify the United States Constitution.



RACELAND **Liberty Story Time**

Tuesday, 09/18, 11 AM, Kids
Join us for a story hour with music, books, crafts, & activities.



Freedom Rap

Tuesday, 09/18, 4 PM, All Ages
Belt out some lyrics about what your freedom means to you for Constitution Week.



SOUTH LAFOURCHE **Constitution Puzzle**

Week of 09/17 - 09/21, All Day, All Ages
Create & decorate a Constitution-themed puzzle to commemorate Constitution Week.



THIBODAUX **Constitution Trivia**

Week of 09/17 - 09/22, All Day, All Ages
Test your knowledge by matching facts, pictures, & trivia with our interactive display about the U.S. Constitution.



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"CAN'T MISS" EVENTS!



BANNED BOOKS

CELEBRATE THE FREEDOM TO READ.

BANNING BOOKS

SILENCES STORIES.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK

September 23-29, 2018



BAYOU BLUE

Banned Books Bookmarks

Wednesday, 09/26, 4 PM, All Ages

In celebration of Banned Books Week, create & design a bookmark supporting our freedom to read banned books.



CHOCTAW

Banned Books & Brownies

Monday, 09/24, 3-5 PM, All Ages

Enjoy brownies while exercising your freedom to read any book you choose. Challenged & banned books will be available for reading & checking out.



GHEENS

Caged Bird Mixed Media Art

Wednesday, 09/26, 11 AM, Adults

Utilize different textures to emulate a bird in a cage representing Maya Angelou's banned book, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*.



WALLFLOWER CANVAS ART

Thursday, 09/27, 3:30 PM, Tweens/Teens

Make a mixed media flower on canvas to represent the banned book, *Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky.

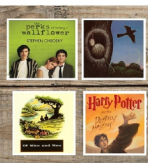


GOLDEN MEADOW

Banned Book to Movie: Dreamworks' Captain Underpants

Thursday, 09/27, 4:15 PM, All Ages

We are watching Dreamworks' *Captain Underpants* in celebration of Banned Books Week.



LAROSE

Banned Book Coasters

Wednesday, 09/26, 4 PM, Tweens/Teens

In honor of Banned Books Week, create ceramic tile coasters featuring covers of banned books.



LOCKPORT

*Banned Book Tumblers

Wednesday, 09/26, 5:30 PM, Ages 13 & up

This event requires registration

We will be using our new Cricut machine to put our favorite banned book quotes on tumbler cups.



RACELAND

Most Wanted Mugshots

Tuesday, 09/25, All Day, All Ages

These books have been banned. Show that you're a reading "bannedit" (get it?) by sneaking a peek. Volunteers will get their faces printed on a vintage style "Wanted" poster.



PRICE OF WORDS WEIGH-IN

Thursday, 09/27, All Day, All Ages

How much is the freedom to read worth to you? Find out the costs & what having these books banned would mean to you.



SOUTH LAFOURCHE

Banned Books Week Movie: Dr. Seuss' The Lorax

Saturday, 09/29, 1 PM, All Ages

We are watching Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax* in celebration of Banned Books Week.



THIBODAUX

Banned Books Week Magnets

Wednesday, 09/26, All Day, All Ages

Come by the children's desk & make a magnet to celebrate your freedom to read any book you choose. There will be printouts of famous banned books, anti-banning logos, & avid reader comics to choose from for your magnet. Magnets will be available all day, while supplies last.



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"CAN'T MISS" EVENTS!



BAYOU BLUE Family Fitness

Friday, 09/28, 4:30 PM, All Ages

Families are invited to participate in physical activities as a way of celebrating Family Health & Fitness Day!



LOCKPORT Family Zumba

Thursday, 09/06, 5 PM, All Ages

It's Family Health & Fitness Day this month, & we are celebrating with a Family Zumba class led by an instructor from The Workout Company in Raceland. Bring your family & join us for this fun & energetic program!



CHOCTAW UNO Movement & Healthy Snack

Friday, 09/28, 4:30 PM, All Ages

We turned the classic card game of UNO into a fun way to get moving just in time for Family Health & Fitness Day. Draw a card to find out how many jumping jacks we will do! After a great workout, everyone will enjoy a healthy snack.



RACELAND Family Cardio

Wednesday, 09/26, 4 PM, All Ages

Family Health & Fitness Day is coming & what better way to get the fam in shape than to blast calories with a Family Cardio workout.



GHEENS #familytime: Fun & Fit

Friday, 09/07 & 09/28, 4:30 PM, All Ages

#familytime is a perfect opportunity for families to relax & have fun together. Come get fit as a family for Family Health & Fitness Day!



SOUTH LAFOURCHE Blood Pressure Testing with Lady of the Sea Learning Center

Friday, 09/28, 10 AM - 12 PM, All Ages

Representatives from Lady of the Sea General Hospital's Learning Center will be on hand to provide free health screenings (blood pressure) for library visitors in observance of Family Health & Fitness Day.



GOLDEN MEADOW Family Health/Nutrition Craft

Friday, 09/28, 4:30 PM, All Ages

Make a Paper Plate Apple craft in celebration of Family Health & Fitness Day!



THIBODAUX Family Health & Fitness Day Activity

Saturday, 09/29, 2 PM, All Ages

Parents, come join in with the kids for Family Health & Fitness Day. Everyone will have some fun while playing & exercising. There will be family bowling, as well as hilltops & curve-a-beams.



LAROSE "Let's Get Physical" Story Time

Thursday, 09/27, 1 PM, Kids

Join us for a story hour for kids & their families that incorporates finger plays, songs, dance, & a craft!



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Book Reviews

THE TETHERED MAGE

BY MELISSA CARUSO

I inhaled this book over the course of little over a day ... it was so hard for me to put down!

In the world of Eruvia, the setting of *The Tethered Mage* by Melissa Caruso, roughly one out of every hundred people has some skill with magic. One in every thousand is powerful enough that the magic creates a mage mark, a ring around their pupils which always appears when the child is very young. In the Raverran Empire such people are conscripted into the Falcon army, their magic bound so that only the person who placed a magic-inhibiting bracelet called a jess on them can release it. Each mage is called a Falcon. The person who controls their jess is their Falconer.



CATHERINE BASCLE IS A LIBRARIAN IN OUR TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT



Lady Amalia Cornaro is forbidden by law to be a Falconer. Her family is powerful enough without a mage bound to one of them, but when an out-of-control fire warlock is forced to use her power to defend herself, Amalia is the only person available to bind her before the flames consume the city. Zaira has spent her life avoiding the grasp of the Falcon army; her street rat status and subtle mage mark helping her maintain her freedom. She is not happy to finally be caught.

As a fire warlock, Zaira is a walking weapon of mass destruction. As the only daughter and heir of one of the most powerful families in the empire, Amalia has been taught everything there is to know about political maneuvering and its dangers. Together, these two young women could end any war quickly and destructively, or with a little luck, they could stop a war before it starts. Their first war is brewing. Their bond is still new, but it is already time to see just what it and they are made of.

The Tethered Mage is, at its heart, a political thriller with a fantasy edge. Its plot is a complex puzzle of moving pieces that slide together at a brisk pace. Amalia and Zaira are both compelling characters and the supporting cast is equally intriguing. While the novel wraps up its core conflicts in a satisfactory manner, it still reads very much like an origin story. Both Zaira and Amalia clearly have many adventures ahead of them, and I am looking forward to picking up the next book in the *Swords and Fire* series, *The Defiant Heir*.

I inhaled this book over the course of little over a day ... it was so hard for me to put down! Caruso has crafted a believably complex world where power is refreshingly gender-neutral. Pretty much the only times Amalia and Zaira are the only women in the room are when there are four or fewer people in the room total. This is never called to the reader's attention. It is simply a fact of the world. My only regret is that, since the novel is told in first-person from Amalia's point of view, the reader gets to know her much more intimately than they get to know Zaira, who purposefully keeps herself mysterious for much of the story. I hope this gets corrected later in the series.

If you like *The Tethered Mage*, you may also enjoy ...





STAFF PICKS

#ourfavorites
#checkitout



Strange the Dreamer By Laini Taylor



Katie's Pick: ★★ ★

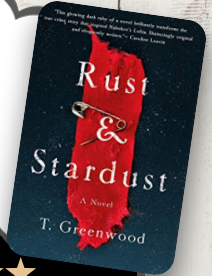
"Laini Taylor's newest book is a tale of a mythical city with a dark past & a librarian that dares to dream of uncovering its mysteries. *Strange the Dreamer* is many things. It's a tale of love, loss, vengeance, mercy, & dreams vs. reality. Taylor once again blurs the lines between reality & dreamscapes. Initially, I found the book to be a bit difficult to get into because not much happens in the first few chapters, but it is worth it to keep reading. Taylor has a gift of capturing readers' hearts & making you feel a part of her stories. If you are a fan of surreal fantasy, this book is for you!"

GENRE: Fantasy Fiction
PACE: Intensifying
TONE: Romantic
WRITING STYLE: Compelling; Lush
STORYLINE: Intricately-Plotted; World-Building

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



Rust & Stardust By T. Greenwood



Brooke's Pick: ★★ ★★ ★

"When I started *Rust & Stardust*, I was unaware that it was based on a true story. Discovering that this book was based on actual events made this page-turning novel even more horrifying & compelling. T. Greenwood has long been a favorite author of mine, mainly because her storytelling is so masterful. Anyone who loves a story well-told, especially those revolving around true events, will not be able to put down this book. This is a story that you can really lose track of time while reading - it's just that good. Surely to be heralded a 'can't miss' novel of 2018, don't wait to pick up *Rust & Stardust*!"

GENRE: Crime Fiction; Historical Fiction
THEME: Inspired by Real Events
TONE: Disturbing; Menacing; Suspenseful
WRITING STYLE: Compelling

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



Built to Last By Julie Ann Walker



Diane's Pick: ★★ ★

"Julie Ann Walker ends her twelve book *Black Nights Inc.* series with a bang in *Built to Last*. In this novel, fans are finally entrusted with Angel's story. The man with a sandpaper voice, the face of an angel, & a body chiseled to perfection, Angel has been an enigma to the rest of the *Black Knights*. The world of secrets in his eyes unfolds in this story. I enjoyed the last installment of this series, & I am happy with the way Walker brought every character to a close in this book. I can move on with my life knowing that the characters I have been reading about since 2012 are all living fulfilling lives. While I liked the book, I would not recommend it unless you have read the rest of the series. If you haven't, check out books 1-11 first!"

GENRE: Romantic Suspense
STORYLINE: Action-Packed
TONE: Steamy; Suspenseful
PACE: Fast-Paced

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



Something in the Water By Catherine Steadman



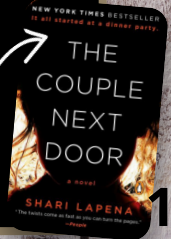
Laura's Pick: ★★ ★★ ★

Have you ever wondered how long it takes to dig a grave? Wonder no longer. It takes an age. However long you think it takes, double that.

"This is the start of *Something in the Water*, which is one of those books that is hard to give a good synopsis without giving away the storyline. I will say that the characters are well developed, the storyline is woven together nicely, & if you like a good 'on the edge of your seat' fast read, you will enjoy this novel. *Something in the Water* was also the Reese Witherspoon Book Club pick for June. Good choice, Ms. Witherspoon, I enjoyed it immensely!"

GENRE: Psychological Suspense
THEME: Too Good to Be True
STORYLINE: Plot-Driven
TONE: Menacing; Suspenseful
PACE: Fast-Paced
WRITING STYLE: Compelling

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The Bear & the Nightingale By Katherine Arden



Catherine's Pick: ★★★★★

"The Bear & the Nightingale is the story of a young woman determined to be no one but herself, & is a fascinating window into the unfamiliar world of Russian folklore & mythology. In spite of a slow start, this novel is an enticing, lyrical read. I thought that the book as it stands would have served nicely as the Act One of a longer work. I was thrilled to find out that Arden thought the same thing. The *Winternight Trilogy* continues with *The Girl in the Tower* & is expected to end with *The Winter of the Witch* due out next year."

GENRE: Adult Books for Young Adults; Historical Fantasy; Literary Fiction; Mythological Fiction

THEME: Chosen One

CHARACTER: Strong Female If you like this book,

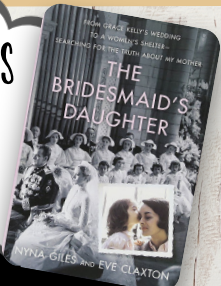
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WRITING STYLE: Descriptive; Lush

STORYLINE: Character-Driven; World-Building



The Bridemaid's Daughter By Nyna Giles & Eve Claxton



Helen's Pick: ★★★★★

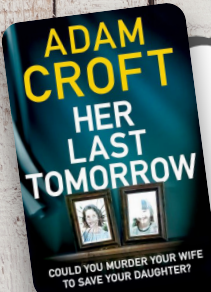
"Growing up on Long Island, New York, Nyna Giles knew little about her mother Carolyn Scott's background. Curiously, she understood that her mother was good friends with former actress & now Princess, Grace Kelly. Years later, while in line at the grocery store, Giles, who always knew that something was not quite right with her mother, sees the headline from a tabloid - 'Princess Grace Bridesmaid Living in N.Y. Shelter for Homeless.' The family secret was out. Yes, her mother was living in a women's homeless shelter, & how and why she got there is the basis of this book. This is a sad & poignant memoir that shows how the tragedy of mental illness affects everyone, not just the sufferer."

GENRE: Autobiographies & Memoirs; Life Stories

THEME: Moving

WRITING STYLE: Compelling If you like this book,

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Her Last Tomorrow By Adam Croft



Crystal's Pick: ★★★★★

"When I first looked at the cover of *Her Last Tomorrow*, I was sold on wanting to read this book. 'COULD YOU MURDER YOUR WIFE TO SAVE YOUR DAUGHTER?' was printed on the cover & immediately grabbed my attention. This was a very unusual theme for a book, but I loved it. Nick is facing some severe trouble. Someone has kidnapped his five year old daughter Ellie, & he is told that the only way to get her back is to kill his wife. This made for a very exciting, gripping, & suspenseful novel! This book was certainly a fast-paced story that hit the ground running from the very beginning. I like books that are written this way because I lose interest in stories where you get pages & pages of character information before anything happens. If you like fast-paced, suspenseful stories, this book may well interest you!" If you like this book, you may

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Calypso By David Sedaris



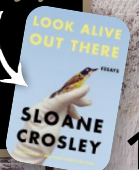
Van's Pick: ★★★★★

"David Sedaris is a hilarious essayist who has written many books. His latest is his tenth work & it is one of his funniest, but also most somber pieces. As David approaches 60, he is dealing with his body's aches & pains, as well as his sister Tiffany's suicide, not to mention his father's approaching demise. Only David can find humor even in these dark episodes. It also adds an authenticity to his work not seen in previous books. Since Sedaris is approaching the later part of his life, it is as if he is trying to grasp the humor in even the most difficult of situations. Sedaris truly writes with deep insight. If you are a fan of comic essays with dashes of insightful thinking, this is the book for you!" If you like this book, you may also enjoy ...

GENRE: Autobiographies & Memoirs; Essays; Humor Writing; Life Stories

THEME: Reflective; Sardonic

WRITING STYLE: Conversational





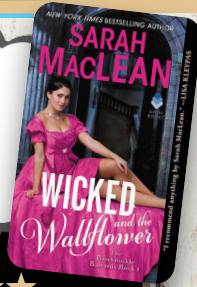
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Wicked & the Wallflower

By Sarah MacLean



Shannon's Pick: ★★★★★

"Wicked & the Wallflower is the first book in MacLean's new *Bareknuckle Bastards* series. Set in Convent Garden, this series will feature three siblings who run businesses in the darker parts of London. For fans, you'll see characters from previous series. The Mad Duke has come to London to claim a wife & produce an heir ... something the Bareknuckle Bastards won't allow. When Devil accidentally discovers the spinster Felicity Faircloth, he thinks her the perfect wallflower to set a trap for the Duke. The tale that unfolds delivers wicked banter, snark, passion, & a suspenseful dark thread that had me eager to learn more. I laughed, got mad, shed a tear, & swooned as events unfolded! As a plus, MacLean has brought us one of my favorite heroines of hers to date in Felicity Faircloth!"

GENRE: Historical Romances

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



The Sandcastle Sister

By Lisa Wingate



Lynette's Pick: ★★★★★

"Family secrets & memories of abuse in the name of religion hold Jen Gibbs in fear for the future. She is afraid to accept Evan's marriage proposal though she is deeply in love with him. Though Jen has a successful career as an editor & has long since left behind life on the outer banks, she cannot escape the lasting imprint of hardships that marked her passage into womanhood. As mysteries of the past unravel, Jen & her sister pursue realistic solutions to problems that women have faced the world over. This short story is #5 of 6 in the *Carolina* series. Characters present in previous books are more fully developed, & readers are left wanting to know what happens next."

GENRE: Christian Fiction; Women's Lives & Relationships

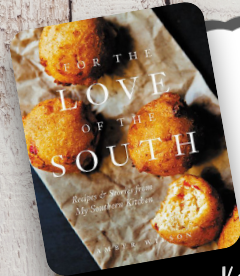
WRITING STYLE: Engaging; Lyrical

GENRE: Christian Fiction; Women's Lives & Relationships

WRITING STYLE: Engaging; Lyrical

TONE: Atmospheric; Heartwarming; Homespun

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For the Love of the South

By Amber Wilson

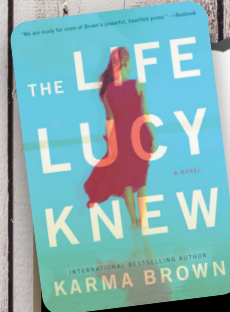


Kathy's Pick: ★★★★★

"Creator of a food blog named *For the Love of the South*, Amber Wilson exemplifies her spirit of hospitality & her Southern roots by sharing her favorite recipes & memories of growing up near Lake Charles, LA. Wilson currently resides in Nashville, TN. Beginning with 'Kitchen Wisdom,' Wilson includes suggestions for stocking your pantry, types of basic ingredients, & her preferred cookware - cast iron. She covers the basics & brings you through the day from Breakfasts, Main Dishes & Sides, to Desserts. Pantry Recipes include Vinaigrettes & even Vanilla Extract. There is also a section for Drinks & Appetizers. The recipes are simple, but delicious! Included in each chapter, Wilson shares memories from her childhood, which influenced the creation of a particular recipe. Stunning photography accentuates the text, making this volume truly a work of art."

GENRE: Cookbooks

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



The Life Lucy Knew

By Karma Brown



Katrina's Pick: ★★★★★

"The 'new normal.' It's a phrase sometimes used to describe an unfamiliar change in one's life that has become, well, familiar, often the result of unexpected & unwanted circumstances. In *The Life Lucy Knew*, Brown presents an interesting emotional take on the 'new normal' with her protagonist Lucy Sparks, a young communications specialist whose life is turned upside down in one second, all thanks to a patch of ice & inappropriate footwear. In this novel, Brown puts forth a captivating story, drawing readers in with good writing & a compelling journey from emotional confusion & devastation to a confident new start. This is not my usual read, but if you're looking for an easy, but thought-provoking story with which to spend some time, you won't want to miss this one."

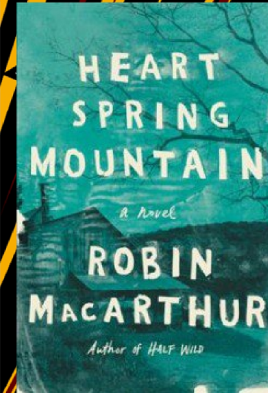
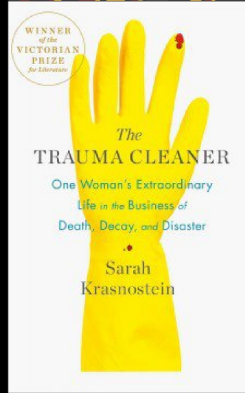
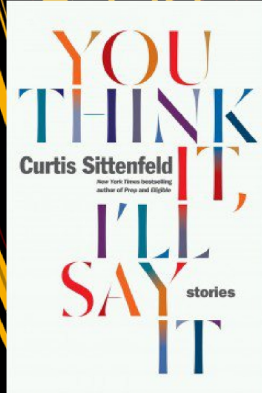
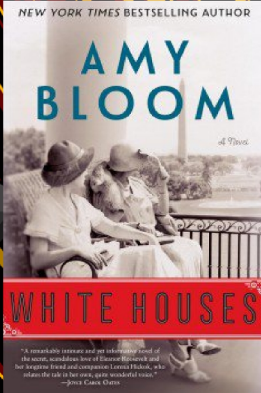
GENRE: Love Stories; Mainstream Fiction

TONE: Bittersweet

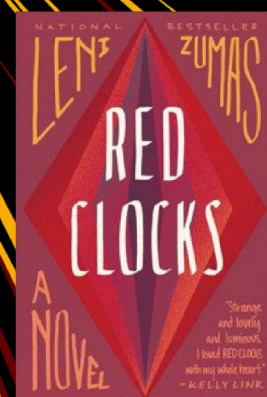
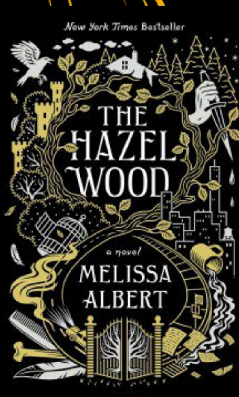
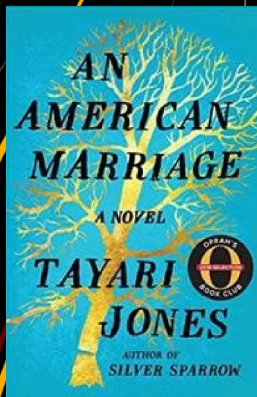
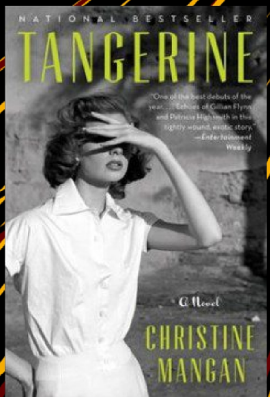
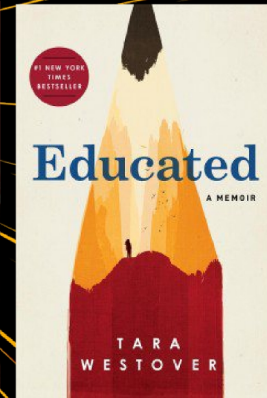
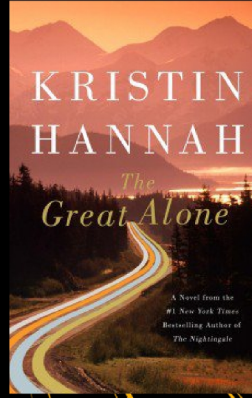
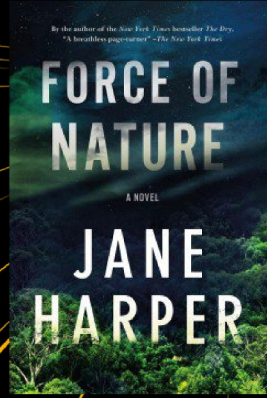
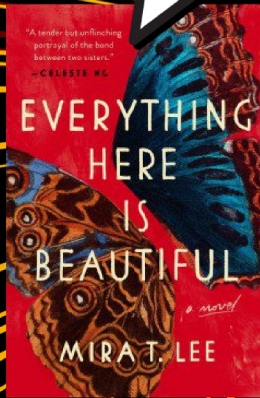
WRITING STYLE: Engaging

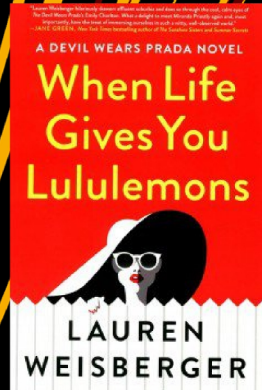
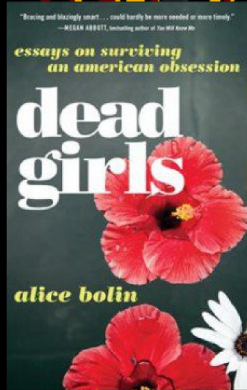
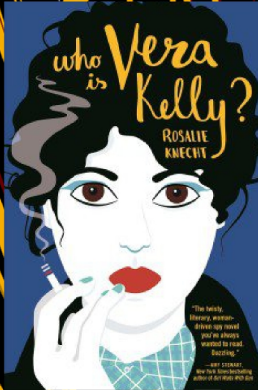
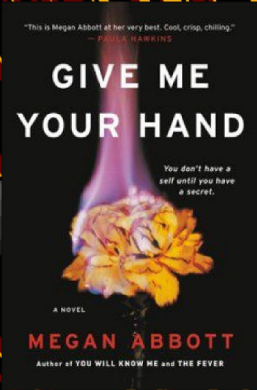
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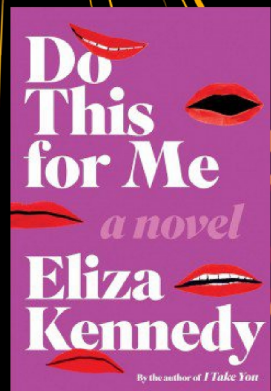
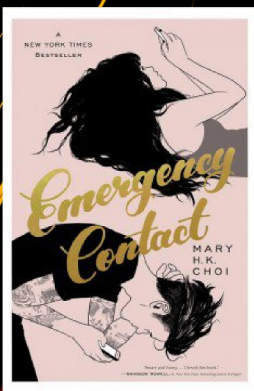
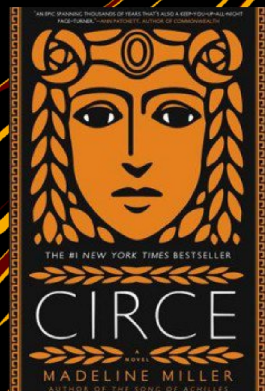
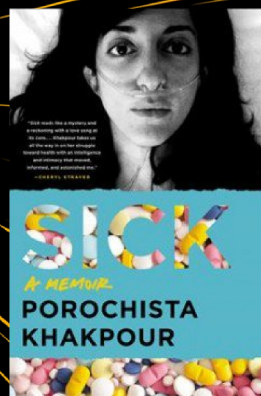
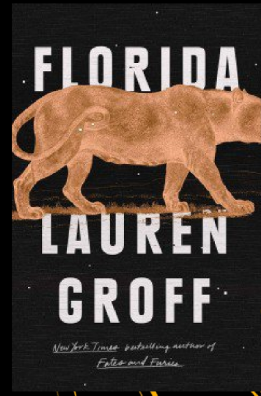
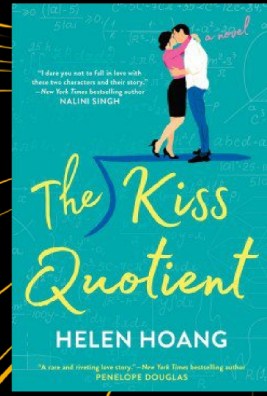
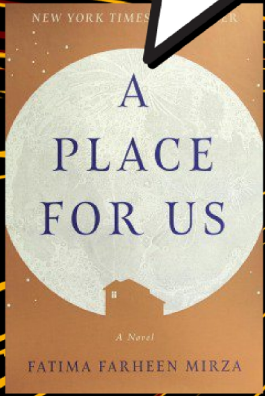


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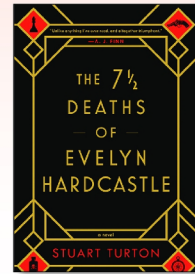




TOP PICK!

THE 7 1/2 DEATHS OF EVELYN HARDCASTLE
by Stuart Turton
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

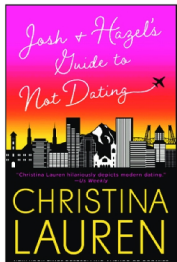
"Imagine the movie *Groundhog Day*, except this time Aiden Bishop wakes up each day in a deteriorating manor house, as a different person, and must work out who he is and how he relates to everyone else at the party commemorating the long ago death of a child. If he can't solve the murder that occurs at the party, he is doomed to continue the loop every eight days. A riveting page turner."



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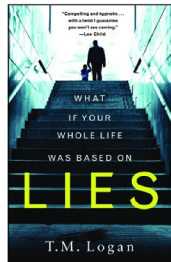


JOSH AND HAZEL'S GUIDE TO NOT DATING
by Christina Lauren
(Gallery Books)

"Hazel is the eccentric, exuberant friend who'll make you fall in love with her, and she's not interested in being 'dateable.' Josh is busy being a workaholic, trying to make a long distance relationship work, and not pursuing romance with anyone else. But when his sister's best

friend Hazel blows back into his life, he is powerless to resist her genuine joie de vivre. If you're looking for your next perfect read after *The Kiss Quotient*, look no further! A lovely slow burn."

—Elizabeth Gabriel, Milwaukee Public Library, Milwaukee, WI



LIES
by T. M. Logan
(St. Martin's Press)

"When Joe unwittingly discovers that his wife has been having an affair with her friend's husband, his life starts to unravel. It seems that her lover now wants Joe out of the picture. Follow the cat-and-mouse plot as it explodes with a shocking finish! Great fun for those readers who love a good psychological thriller."

— Paulette Brooks, Elm Grove Public Library, Elm Grove, WI



NIGHT AND SILENCE
by Seanan McGuire
(DAW)

"Toby is back in this latest installment of the October Daye series. Still reeling and recovering from the events of the last book, Toby and company are laying low. When her human daughter goes missing (again), Toby embarks on a twisty-turny race against time to find her. A solid entry and good choice for libraries with a strong demand for fantasy and urban fantasy."

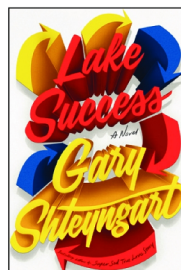
— Mei-Ling Thomas, Rochester Hills Public Library, Rochester, MI



DAUGHTER OF A QUEEN
by Sarah Bird
(St. Martin's Press)

"A fascinating work of historical fiction about Cathay/Cathy Williams, a former slave turned Buffalo Soldier in post-Civil War America. Her raw and powerful story is sure to be popular with book clubs."

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LAKE SUCCESS
A Novel
by Gary Shteyngart
(Random House)

"Shteyngart delivers another painfully funny novel about ambition, disappointment, and the darker side of the American dream. For fans of witty, offbeat, satirical humor."

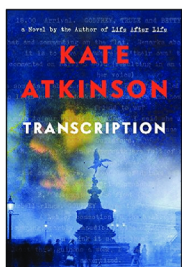
— Jennifer Alexander, St. Louis County Public Library, St. Louis, MO



THE DINNER LIST
A Novel
by Rebecca Serle
(Flatiron Books)

"If you could have dinner with any five people, living or dead, who would they be? On her thirtieth birthday, Sabrina finds herself at dinner with her best friend, her ex-fiance, her long lost father, her college mentor and Audrey Hepburn, all with something to say to her. A charming combination of magical realism and romance."

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TRANSCRIPTION
A Novel
by Kate Atkinson
(Little, Brown and Company)

"In WWII era London, Juliet Armstrong is working as an espionage monitor for MI5. Ten years later she suddenly finds herself targeted by dangerous individuals from her past. For fans of smart, witty, suspenseful, historical or spy fiction and authors like Tana French, Laurie R. King, and John Le Carre."

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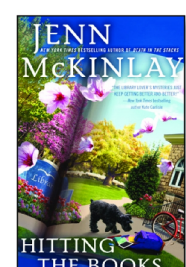


WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT
by Mary Kubica
(Park Row Books)

"After her mother's death, Jessie is trying to rebuild her life. In her way is her debilitating insomnia and a secret that shakes the core of her identity. Psychological suspense with an unreliable narrator. This one's for you

Gone Girl fans."

—Diane Gring, Chester County Library & District Center, Exton, PA



HITTING THE BOOKS
by Jenn McKinlay
(Berkley Prime Crime)

"McKinlay's Lindsay Norris is back for another adventure in Briar Creek. As a fellow librarian, I appreciate her spot on observations of the library world. An upbeat cozy mystery with great characters and strong sense of place. For fans of the Aurora Teagarden mysteries and the Isabel Dalhousie mysteries."

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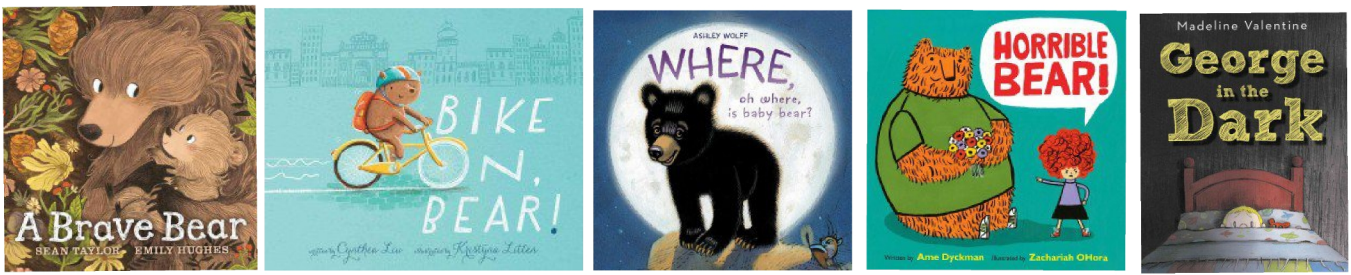




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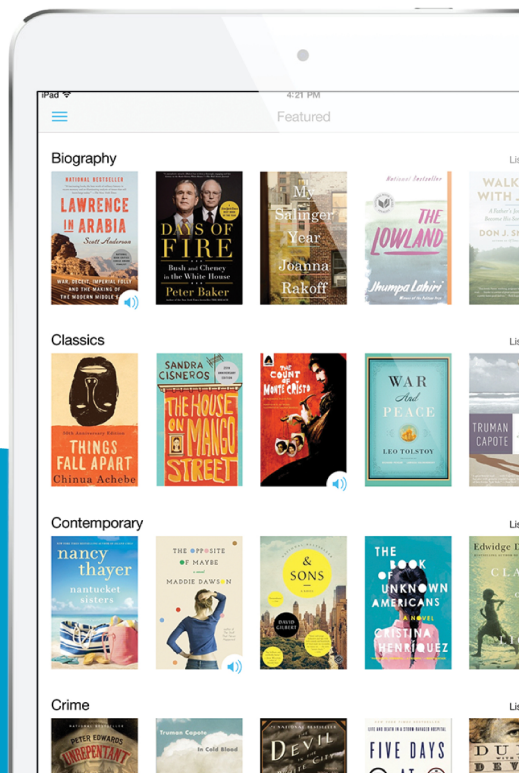
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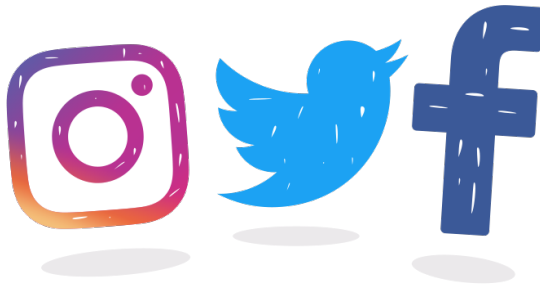
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