



Books and Bytes on the Bayou

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Don't Miss This!



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CHARLOTTE

Big congratulations go out to Thibodaux staff member Charlotte (Charlie) for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!

"Ms. Charlie is always very pleasant, helpful, & vivacious. She always greets me with a smile & is very helpful anytime. She recently helped me with a movie suggestion. She found it on the shelf & brought it to me to check-out. She knows I'm a movie buff!"

- Minnie, Thibodaux Patron

PAT

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



"Ms. Pat is such a genuine person. She gives me the help I need, & I recently greatly appreciated it on a day I was stressed out. Ms. Pat is an asset & a blessing to the library!"

- Myra, Thibodaux Patron

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



ONLINE PROGRAM
REGISTRATION IS BACK
THIS MONTH @
WWW.LAFOURCHE.ORG



WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING!



CHECK OUT THE INTERNET

(and take it with you wherever you go!)

WE ARE NOW LENDING MOBILE HOTSPOTS!



Must be at least 18 years old with valid library card & LA driver's license or ID.



Available at Thibodaux, Lockport, & South Lafourche branches.



Use free Wi-Fi wherever you are - vacation, home, work, the car, & more!



Return the hotspot by the due date to avoid your Wi-Fi being disconnected.

FAQS

Q: What is a "hotspot?"
A: Hotspots are portable devices that provide Internet to you wherever you are. It's like having Wi-Fi in your pocket!

Q: What do I need to check-out a hotspot?
A: You must be at least 18 years old, have a valid LPPLibrary card, & a valid Louisiana driver's license or ID.
Q: How long is the check-out period for a hotspot?
A: Hotspots check out for 7 days.
Q: Can hotspots be placed on hold?
A: Yes! Reserve a hotspot with us by placing a hold.
Q: Does it cost money to use a hotspot?
A: No! You can connect to the Internet for FREE with a hotspot.

Q: My home branch is a satellite branch. Can I still check-out a hotspot?
A: Yes! Place a hold with us & we will send the hotspot to your branch.
Q: What happens if I don't return the hotspot at the end of my check-out period? What are the late fees?
A: Internet access will be turned off on any hotspot that is not returned when it is due. Late fees are \$1 for every day that the hotspot is late.

HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS?
CONTACT US - WE ARE HAPPY TO HELP!



HOTSPOTS = FAST & FREE INTERNET ON-THE-GO!

Enjoy Wi-Fi whenever, wherever you are.

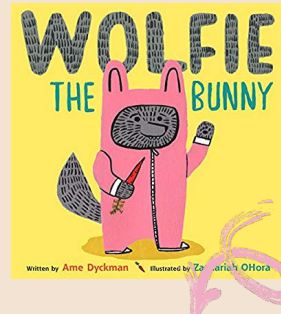
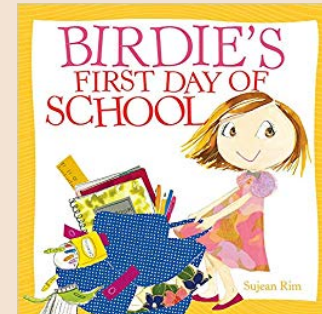
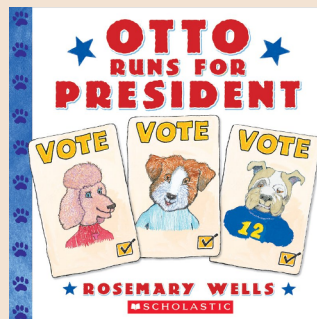
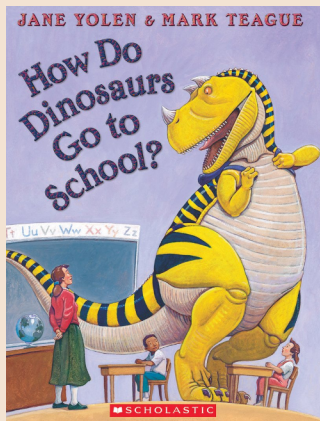
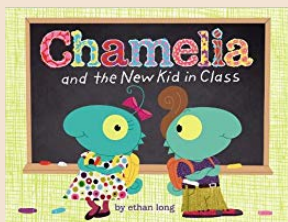
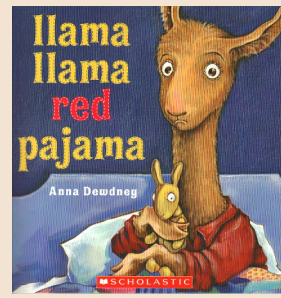
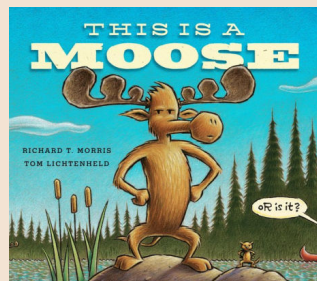
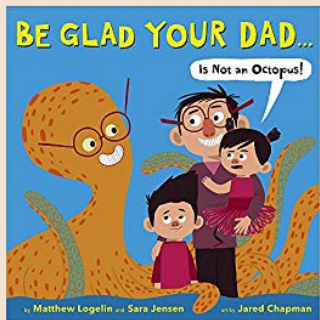
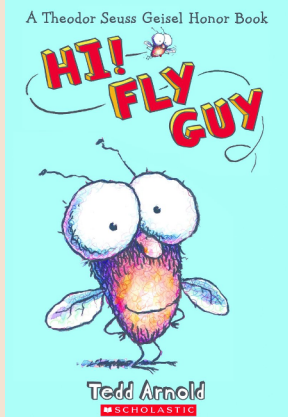
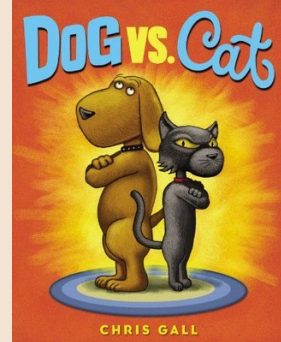
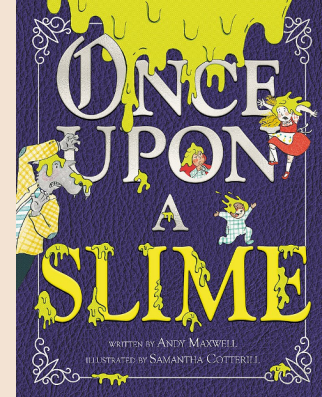
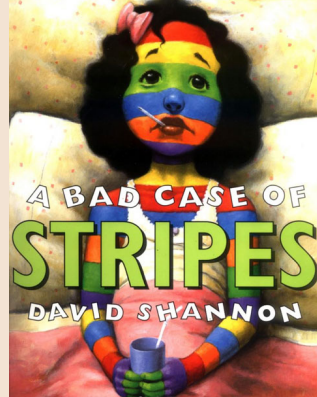
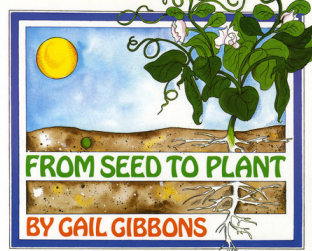
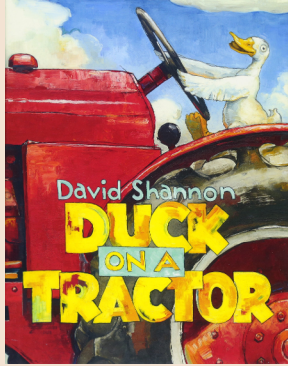
WHAT'S NEW!

Wonderbooks are here!

Come into the library and borrow one today.

Wonderbook

THE READ-ALONG BY PLAYAWAY®



And many more titles available! 3



RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

WORLD BOOK
STUDENT

The must-have back to school supply!
(Even better, you can use it for FREE with your LPPLibrary card!)



- Digital Atlas with built-in geographical articles & resource guides
- Behind the Headlines with interactive, kid-friendly current events
- Biography Center including more than 10,000 biographies - perfect for reports & projects!
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- Citation Builder Tool to help students cite their sources correctly
- Research Guide to teach students the research process
- Interactive Maps with search features, built-in zoom, & linked geographical articles
- Timelines with interactive, searchable features, & the option to create your own timeline
- Trivia Quizzes on a variety of topics to test your knowledge
- Media Center with current & historical video clips & 360 degree photos

Available in our Digital Library at www.lafourche.org



IN THE KNOW with LPPL Staff

Katie, Area Librarian

August is Back to School Month! What was your favorite part of returning to school as a kid, & what is one way that libraries can be of assistance to families with school-aged children that they may not already know about?

Aside from seeing all my friends I hadn't seen over the summer, I especially looked forward to learning new things in history & English/literature class. Libraries can be immensely helpful to parents & students. One of my favorite resources is HomeworkLA.org, powered by Tutor.com. HomeworkLA connects students & parents with an online live tutor for school-aged to college-aged children. It also offers a writing center, a career center, & an adult education center. The best part? It's completely free through LPPL's website at www.lafourche.org.

Dione, Reference Librarian

I have always loved school & learning. I loved meeting my teacher & inevitably becoming the "teacher's pet." I was that kind of kid! I even became a teacher when I grew up! Families can really benefit from HomeworkLA.org, a FREE online tutoring & test prep service provided by your library. I also recommend using Flipster online magazine subscription service when you have that assignment due tomorrow & you need pictures right now. In fact, we have a lot of resources that are FREE with your library card & are filled with great info. Ask for a demo!

Book Lovers Day is August 9! Give us a list of your five all-time favorite books and/or series.



In the words of Neil Gaiman, "Picking five favorite books is like picking five body parts you'd most like not to lose." But if I had to pick, my top five would be: 1) Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling, 2) The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde, 3) Modern Faerie Tale series by Holly Black, 4) The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams, 5) Anita Blake: Vampire Hunter series by Laurell K. Hamilton

My all-time favorite author is Nora Roberts. I love all of her books, but the book that got me hooked more than 20 years ago was Montana Sky. I am impatiently waiting for the last book of her Chronicles of the One trilogy to be published in December. The other two books, Year One & Of Blood & Bone both terrified & thrilled me. Last year, I visited Nora's hometown & met her! I also thoroughly enjoy Vince Flynn as an author & LOVE his Mitch Rapp series. Oh, the Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss is my favorite children's book. I love any & all travel books because they take me on a journey without leaving my home.

August is American Artist Appreciation Month! Do you have an American artist you particularly admire?

While I don't have one particular American artist I admire, I have an appreciation for southern Louisiana artists, & do love all forms of Louisiana art, especially the then-and-now photography, which feature older photos juxtaposed with modern photos of landmarks, buildings, country sides, etc. The Lockport branch is featuring two displays for American Artist Appreciation Month, & is hosting a Cityscape Art class on Saturday, August 17 at 2 PM for ages 7-17. We will be recreating the art of James Rizzi, who paints cityscapes that include whimsical buildings with faces. No registration is required - join us & bring a friend!

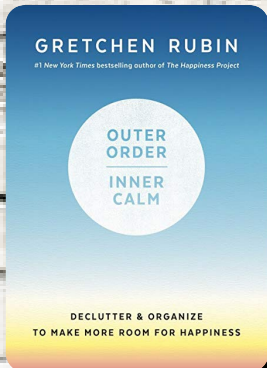
When I think of art & painting, I can't help but think of Bob Ross. I am always mesmerized by his effortlessly beautiful creations. He makes me believe I can paint beautiful things (even though I can't!) Even years after his death, I miss his inspiring tutorials. For American Artist Appreciation Month, the South Lafourche branch is hosting a craft where kids will create their own masterpieces. Join us on Thursday, August 29 at 5 PM. Registration is required for this art class. Give us a call, drop in, or register online at www.lafourche.org.



Book Reviews

Can't Seem to Get Your Life Together These Days?

These books can help ...



Kathy, Cataloging Librarian



"Rubin begins her book with nine reasons why anyone should bother about creating order in their environment. Some of these reasons include fostering peace with others who are using the same space, saving time, & reducing guilt. She explains that the process of decluttering begins with a choice, & since making choices can be very hard, suggests that you be prepared & fortified. Gather your supplies, enlist a friend, & have caffeine readily available. Tips are given for decluttering a myriad of spaces, running the gamut of closets, to 'prime real estate' (your work desk, for example), & even the family refrigerator. Such habits such as using 'The One-Minute Rule' & 'Take One Thing with You' help to maintain a clutter-free environment. Rubin warns, however, to avoid 'Procrasticlear.' The goal to creating order is to feel better, relieve frustration, & create an 'atmosphere of growth.' Rubin shows the way to achieving that goal in your surroundings. Sprinkled with first person examples, the easy-to-understand suggestions are very adaptable to anyone's particular situation. Lighthearted, whimsical, & at the same time, very practical advice given in short passages makes this book an engaging quick read.

**Outer Order,
Inner Calm**
Gretchen Rubin
★★★★★

The Smart but Scattered Guide to Success Peg Dawson and Richard Guare

★★★

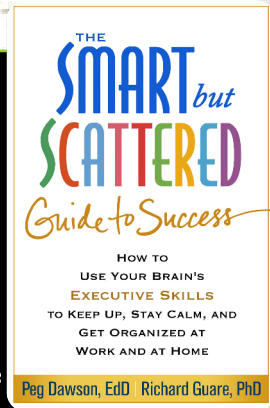
"Keeping a balance in your life is difficult. Juggling work, & social & financial responsibilities can be a hassle. Oftentimes, it's a struggle to deal with the stressors of life. If you've ever felt overwhelmed by responsibility or at a loss on how to manage your life, Peg Dawson, EdD and Richard Guare, PhD's The Smart but Scattered Guide to Success: How to Use Your Brain's Executive Skills to Keep Up, Stay Calm, & Get Organized at Work & at Home is worth reading.

Dawson & Guare's book is divided into four parts. The book is structured to help the reader identify his or her own weaknesses, then provides easy-to-follow strategies to improve both weaknesses & strengths. The first part, 'Understanding the Executive in Your Brain,' explains how our brains respond to stress in our lives, & how to identify exactly what in our lives is causing us stress. In part two, 'Understanding the Executive Skills in Your Daily Life,' Dawson & Guare explore how executive skills, which are mental processes that help us focus, plan, remember, & multitask, develop as we grow. In part three, 'Strategies for Individual Executive Skills,' the authors provide an easy-to-follow guide for improving & working on your weak executive skills. In part four, 'Looking Ahead,' the authors briefly discuss how to preserve your executive skills as you age, & offer suggestions on how to keep your brain functioning as it ages & deteriorates.

This book is a great read for those of us who need a little extra help managing life. The easy-to-read format, along with relatable case studies, make this book very user-friendly. Many self-help books get bogged down in scientific data. That is not the case with this book. It is practical & filled with highly-useful recommendations on how we can be the best versions of ourselves."



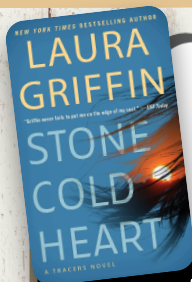
Katie, Area Librarian





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#ourfavorites
#checkitout



Stone Cold Heart

By Laura Griffin



Dione's Pick: ★★★★★

"If you are interested in forensic pathology, Laura Griffin's *Tracer* series is my recommendation for you. *Stone Cold Heart* is the latest in the series that revolves around a renowned forensics laboratory called the Delphi Center. This book features forensic anthropologist Sara Lockhart. Sara is called to a remote Texas town to examine bones that rock climbers uncovered. Police detective Nolan Hess thinks the bones are from a local missing woman. Before this duo can investigate, another woman goes missing & more bones are uncovered. Can Sara & Nolan find the killer before another victim is murdered? I thoroughly enjoyed this new romantic suspense book from the *Tracer* series. The reader does not need to read any other books in the series to follow this story. The story had a great flow with lots of twists & turns that I did not see coming. I also could not identify the killer. I love when an author stumps me!"

GENRE: Romantic Suspense
PACE: Fast-Paced
WRITING STYLE: Compelling
STORYLINE: Intricately Plotted
TONE: Steamy; Suspenseful; Violent

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



The Farm

By Joanne Ramos



Brooke's Pick: ★★★★★

"The uber-wealthy can't be bothered with the constraints of pregnancy. Why carry your own baby when you can pay another less-fortunate woman to do it for you? *The Farm*, which explores this topic, instantly grabs your attention, pulling you into worlds that are often hidden from the eyes of the average American. 'Baby farms' & the women working for them are not something that is on the radar of most Jane Does, which is what makes this novel so fascinating. *The Farm* is a fresh literary read with great substance & style. Readers who enjoy being both challenged & entertained by their book choices will delight in Ramos' seductive tale of money, power, & privilege ... & those who have none of it."

LibraryReads Favorites Pick 2019

GENRE: Mainstream Fiction; Psychological Fiction
TONE: Heartwrenching; Suspenseful; Thought-Provoking
STORYLINE: Issue-Oriented; Own Voices
CHARACTER: Culturally-Diverse; Introspective

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



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Heart Land

By Kimberly Stuart

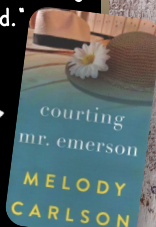


Crystal's Pick: ★★★★★

"If you enjoy heart-warming Hallmark shows & movies, you will surely enjoy *Heart Land* by Kimberly Stuart. Grace is a small-town girl from Iowa who is living out her dream of working in the fashion industry in New York City. When Grace's 'perfect life' comes crumbling down all around her, she is forced to move back to Silver Creek, Iowa. Grace must now confront some 'hard issues' from her past, including Tucker, her high-school sweetheart. Grace has some apologizing to do & some friendships to mend. *Heart Land* is filled with witty humor, faith, & small-town values. Kimberly Stuart shows readers that family, faith, friends, & determination can help you move beyond the struggles & hardships of life. If you are looking for a warm, comforting romance, *Heart Land* would be a great book to read."

GENRE: Christian Romances
THEME: Exploring Faith; Home Again; Life in Small Towns
TONE: Heartwarming
WRITING STYLE: Engaging

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



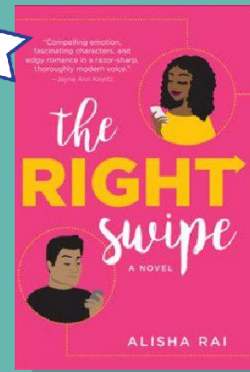


TOP PICK

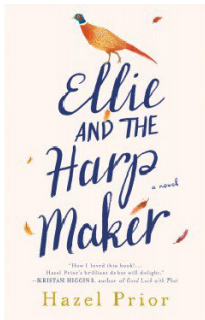
The Right Swipe
by Alisha Rai
(Avon)

"An intelligent, multicultural contemporary romance. Rhi, CEO of the Crush dating app, and Samson, NFL star, embark on a joint project that turns into more than just talk. Issues of #MeToo in the tech industry and the NFL's concussion problem are woven in. For readers of the Forbidden Heart series, Elle Wright, and Alyssa Cole."

—Jessica Werner, The Seattle Public Library, Seattle, WA



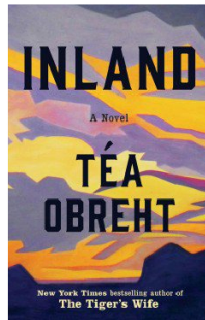
August 2019 - The top ten books published this month that librarians across the country love.



Ellie and the Harp Maker
by Hazel Prior
(Berkley)

"When Ellie walks into the Harp Barn, her life is bound to change. Dan the harp maker is a sensitive soul who gives Ellie a harp. Ellie's husband Clive thinks the gift is inappropriate and doesn't support her desire to play, so she takes lessons behind his back. An engaging and tender book for fans of Fredrik Backman and Graeme Simsion."

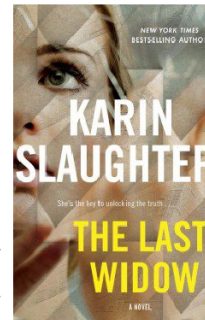
—Kathleen Harriott, Punta Gorda Public Library, Punta Gorda, FL



Inland
A Novel
by Téa Obreht
(Random House)

"Obreht lays a mythical voice over an already dreamlike landscape of drought in Arizona. A mother and half-grown sons generate a powerful dynamic not often explored, and the youngest, who knows about scary beasts, brings magic and intuition. A journey into a barren world, inside and out. For fans of Larry Watson and Alice Hoffman."

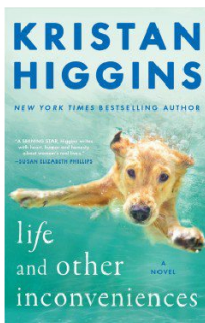
—Katherine Phenix, Rangeview Library District, Adams County, CO



The Last Widow
A Novel
by Karin Slaughter
(William Morrow)

"A fast-paced thriller in the Will Trent series has Sara trying to prevent a deadly epidemic. The book tells the story of what is happening to three different people during the same short time periods, as they are unaware of the actions of the others. For readers who enjoy Tana French and John Sanford."

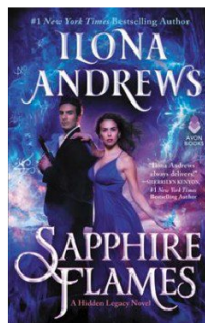
—Susanne Guide, Union County Public Library, Liberty, IN



Life and Other Inconveniences
by Kristan Higgins
(Berkley)

"Explores the complex relationships between caregivers and their children, as four generations of one family reflect on their past, and the failing health of the family matriarch looms large. For readers who like fully developed characters with real-world problems, and fans of Jennifer Weiner and Susan Elizabeth Phillips."

—Amanda Kowalcze, Green Hills Public Library District, Palos Hills, IL



Sapphire Flames
A Hidden Legacy Novel
by Iona Andrews
(Avon)

"The fifth Hidden Legacy paranormal adventure requires middle sister Catalina, now head of House Baylor, to use all her skills and poise to make the right decisions for herself and her family. For fans of Nalini Singh's Psy/Changeling series and Patricia Briggs' Moon Called."

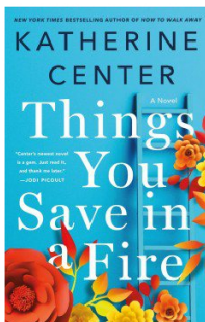
—Lynne Welch, Herrick Memorial Library, Wellington, OH



The Swallows
A Novel
by Lisa Lutz
(Ballantine Books)

"A dark, satirical book that centers around a school and the revenge that we seek in times of humiliation. It's a twisty read that will have you following an investigation filled with secrets, lies, and threats. For readers who liked Prep by Curtis Sittenfeld and Small Admissions by Amy Poeppel."

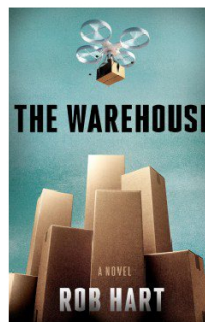
—Kathryn Neal, Skiatook Library, Skiatook, OK



Things You Save in a Fire
A Novel
by Katherine Center
(St. Martin's Press)

"A traumatic event as a young woman has left firefighter Cassie with a hard shell which breaks apart as she learns about forgiveness, love, and friendship. With gripping firefighting scenes and a love story, this is perfect for fans of Jo Jo Moyes, or Marissa de Santos."

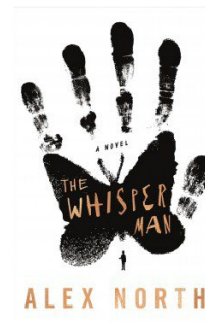
—Alissa Williams, Morton Public Library, Morton, IL



The Warehouse
A Novel
by Rob Hart
(Crown)

"Paxton and Zinnia are new employees at Cloud where they work, live, and have their productivity and location tracked through their smartwatches. This near-future dystopian sci-fi thriller made me leery of ever shopping online again. For fans of The Circle by Dave Eggers and Notes from the Internet Apocalypse by Wayne Gladstone."

—Dan Brooks, Wake County Public Library, Raleigh, NC



The Whisper Man
A Novel
by Alex North
(Celadon Books)

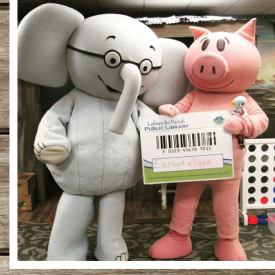
"Tom and his son Jake move to Featherbank to rebuild their life after the death of Tom's wife; unknown to them, the town has a dark history, another little boy has gone missing, and Jake begins to hear whispers in his new house. For fans of Joe Hill and Paul Tremblay."

—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, Flemington, NJ



PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

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Life!
Summer 2019



Big congratulations to our Audubon Zoo ticket winners! These families won a prize drawing for attending our Schoolhouse Safari performance this summer. The prize package of 4 tickets to the Audubon Zoo was generously donated by the South Lafourche Friends of the Library!



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Buquet Family

Cheremie Family

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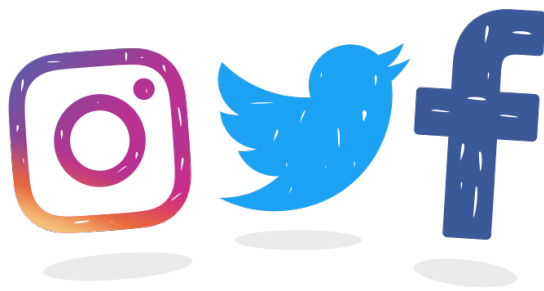
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