

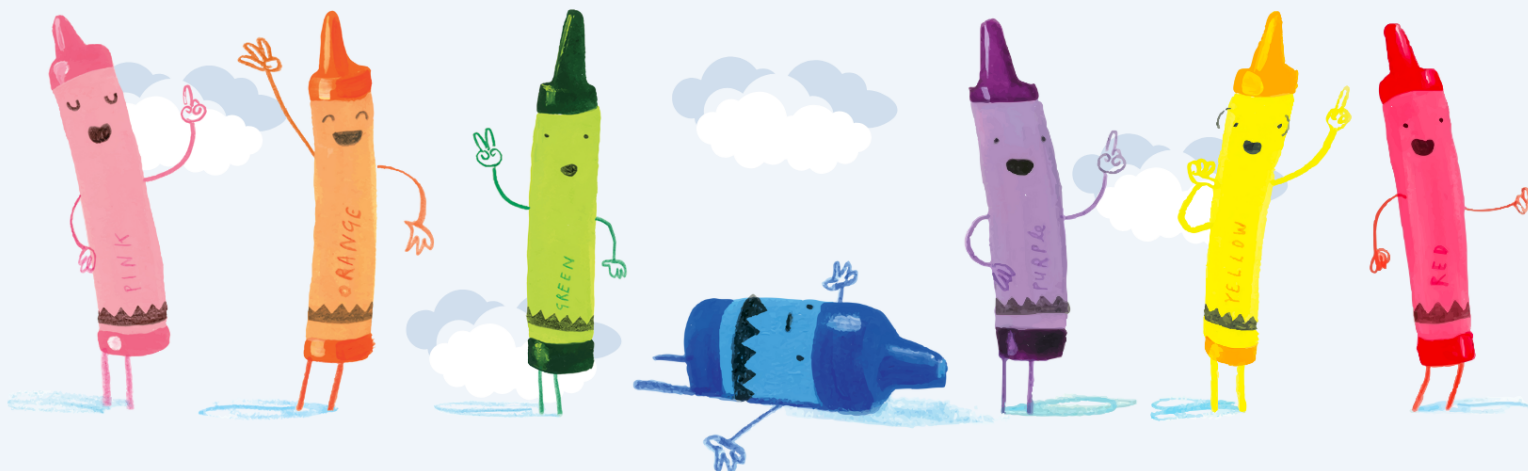
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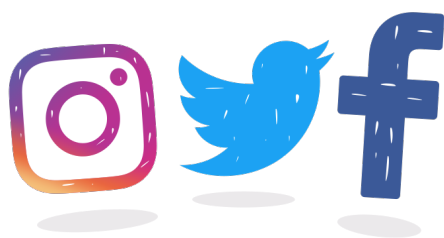
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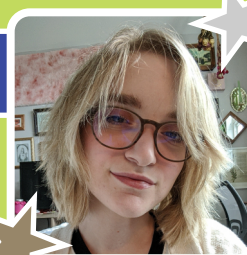
Sally Guidroz

Congratulations to Sally, Larose Branch Manager, for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!

"Sally is a very good worker. She always helps me with whatever I need. She is always willing to lend a hand. I really appreciate her so much!"

- Liz O'Quin, Patron

Mariah Matherne



Congratulations to Mariah, Thibodaux Branch Page, for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!

"Mariah is always a friendly face when we sit at the library after school. She has become our library friend & another reason my daughter loves her library visits. A huge asset!"

- Janee Buxton, Patron

**DO YOU KNOW A STAFF STAR?
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Library Closure

All Lafourche Parish Public Library branches will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in celebration of Independence Day!

Page Turner Adventures is bringing you virtual content, all summer long! Enjoy shows, crafts, & more from the comfort of home. Scan this code to access Page Turner Adventures content on our website!



SUMMER Experience 2023

A colorful summer of fun continues at your Lafourche Parish Public Library this July!



Are you just joining us this summer? We're happy that you're here! It's not too late to register for our colorful Summer Experience, so head over to a LPPL branch near you to sign-up today. Check out our highlights for July in this feature & visit our Summer Experience webpage at lafourche.org for all the details. Discover a rainbow of possibilities this summer at your Lafourche Parish Public Library!



DINO EXPERIENCE

Walking, roaring, trained dinosaurs bring the Jurassic experience to Lafourche Parish. See dinosaurs up close with the roaringly awesome Dinosaur Experience!

SOUTH: Mon, Jul 10 @ 10 AM at Cut Off Youth Center
CENTRAL: Mon, Jul 10 @ 1 PM at Lafourche Central Market
NORTH: Mon, Jul 10 @ 4 PM at W.J. Harang Auditorium



ANIMAL TALES

Learn about animals helping each other in this interactive show featuring mammals, birds, reptiles, & more! Participants will also be given the opportunity to touch an animal.

SOUTH: Mon, Jul 17 @ 10 AM at Cut Off Youth Center
CENTRAL: Mon, Jul 17 @ 1 PM at Lafourche Central Market
NORTH: Mon, Jul 17 @ 4 PM at W.J. Harang Auditorium



KIDS' CAFE MEALS

Enjoy a tasty afternoon snack or meal for kids & teens provided by Second Harvest Food Bank every Monday - Thursday through the week of August 11!

BAYOU BLUE: 1:30-3:30 PM, Snacks
CHOCTAW: 1:30-3:30 PM, Snacks **LAROSE:** 2-4 PM, Meals
LOCKPORT: 2:30-4:30 PM, Snacks **RACELAND:** 2-4 PM, Meals
THIBODAUX: 2:30-4:30 PM, Meals



PETE THE CAT

Pete the Cat will groove through the parish to help us close out an awesome Summer Experience! No registration.

THIBODAUX: 7/26 at 2 PM @ Harang Auditorium
B. BLUE: 7/24 at 10:30 AM **LAROSE:** 7/27 at 2 PM
CHOCTAW: 7/26 at 10:30 AM **LOCKPORT:** 7/27 at 10:30 AM
GHEENS: 7/24 at 2 PM **RACELAND:** 7/25 at 10:30 AM



STORY TIMES

Join us weekly for stories, crafts, activities, songs, & more at our summer story times! No story times the week of July 24 or 31.

B. BLUE: Mon at 10:30 AM
CHOCTAW: Thu at 10 AM
GHEENS: Mon at 10 AM

LAROSE: Thu at 1 PM
LOCKPORT: Thu at 10:30 AM
RACELAND: Tue at 11 AM
THIBODAUX: Wed at 11:15 AM



ESCAPE ROOMS

Join us for the epic conclusion to our colorful escape room experience with the "All Aboard" Escape Room! Step aboard a pirate ship to solve a mystery on the high seas. Registration is required - visit your branch to sign up. Escape rooms are happening at all branches with the exception of Gheens. Visit lafourche.org for the complete schedule.



CODE COMBAT

Code Combat teaches gamers how to code in three of the most popular programming languages - Python, Javascript, & C++ - while playing an engaging video game!

Code your way through levels while developing future career skills. Our Code Combat workshops are for anyone ages 8+ (must be able to read.) Get the schedule at lafourche.org.



PRINCESS STORY TIME

Meet a princess at the Thibodaux Branch this summer in a special story time sponsored by the Thibodaux Friends of the Library! The princess who will join us for story time will be announced at a later date. For all ages. No registration required.

THIBODAUX: 7/8 at 10 AM



ART WORKSHOPS

Explore your creative side this summer with special art workshops for all ages! Join our guest artists for in-branch art workshops utilizing various artistic techniques and mediums. We have workshops for ages 8-12, 11-17, & adults! Workshops require registration - visit your branch to sign-up. See the full schedule at lafourche.org.



PAGE TURNER

There are two more weeks of Page Turner Adventures to enjoy this summer! Join us virtually on M, W, & F at 11 AM the week of July 3 & 17. During those weeks, the day's video will premiere at 11 AM on our website & a link to the content will also be provided on our social media. Tune in for shows, crafts, activities & more!



CHALLENGE ISLAND

Join us for this one-of-a-kind STEAM adventure & experience science in a fun-filled session of teamwork & invention with Challenge Island! For all ages. Registration is required to attend!

LOCKPORT: Thu, Jul 6 @ 10 AM
THIBODAUX: Thu, Jul 6 @ 3 PM



SHELBY TOUPS

Local artist Shelby Toups is teaching workshops for both kids & teens at our branches this summer! Learn how to paint a masterpiece with local flair! Kids will paint a bright & colorful crab on a decoupage background, while teens will paint like Van Gogh with a bayou-themed *Starry Night*. Visit lafourche.org for the full schedule.



There's so much more fun to be had at your Lafourche Parish Public Library this summer! Be sure to follow our social media & visit our website at lafourche.org/summer-experience-2023 for full details.



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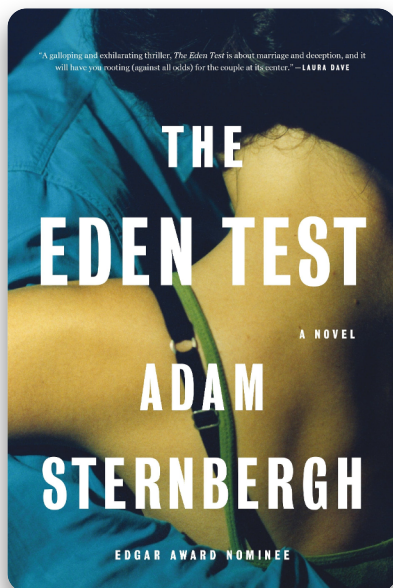
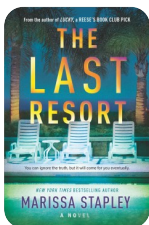




Brooke



Read-Alike



The Eden Test By Adam Sternbergh

A couple are forced to the ultimate extremes to save their marriage - and themselves - over the course of a week-long couples retreat.

"The Eden Test. A set of seven questions asked over the course of a week to test the strength of a relationship. Daisy has signed her marriage up for the test. She & her husband Craig will spend a week in a cabin in upstate New York testing the limits of their relationship. But what they discover will end up changing their lives forever because both are keeping secrets from each other. Will they come out stronger on the other side of the Eden Test or is their marriage destined to die? Adam Sternbergh's *The Eden Test* is a book that I did not see coming. This literary fiction-suspense cross completely blindsided me in a good way, mashing up everything that I love about both genres into one utterly captivating read. Sternbergh has a talented gift for working twists & turns into the folds of his story, integrating them in such a way that they just work naturally with the flow of his novel. I rarely literally feel compelled to keep turning the pages when reading a book, but *The Eden Test* surely pushed my self-control to the limit. I suspected nothing going into this book, so I won't say more beyond if you enjoy well-crafted, intricately plotted novels with twists that slowly sneak up on you, pick up *The Eden Test*."

GENRE: Psychological Suspense
CHARACTER: Flawed

TOPE: Darkly Humorous; High-Drama
PACE: Fast-Paced

WRITING STYLE: Compelling
STORYLINE: Intricately Plotted



Heather



Read-Alike



When Things Aren't Going Right, Go Left By Marc Colagiovanni

From Peter H. Reynolds and talented debut author Marc Colagiovanni comes an inspirational story about optimism, overcoming adversity, & forging your own path.

"We all have fears, frustrations, worries, & doubts, but did you know that you can make a choice when it comes to all of these feelings? This is what *When Things Aren't Going Right, Go Left* by Marc Colagiovanni tries to remind us. In this story, a young boy is having a horrible day. Nothing is going right, but instead of becoming frustrated & giving up, he chooses to change directions. He decides to go left & leave his worries behind him. The rest of his day leaves him dealing with his worries, doubts, fears, & frustrations, but he chooses to leave all of those negative feelings behind & continue to go left. Even though this picture book is aimed for children, it is a great reminder for all ages that we do have a choice when it comes to our feelings & emotions, even though sometimes it seems as if we don't. The vibrant illustrations by Peter H. Reynolds will draw you in, but the easy-to-read words & message will leave you wanting more & may inspire you to go left."

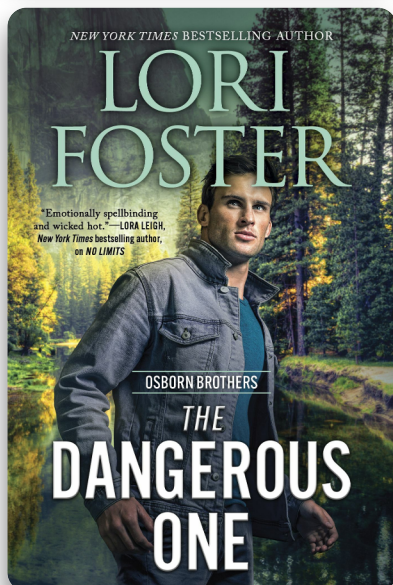
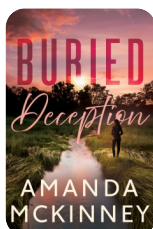
GENRE: Picture Books for Children



Lione



Read-Alike



The Dangerous One By Lori Foster

A stunning new novel by Lori Foster - an epic of hope & horror, chaos & magic, & a journey that will unite a desperate group ...

"A new series is always exciting, especially if it is tied to an older, beloved one like *The McKenzies of Ridge Trail*. *The Dangerous One* is the first book in the *Osborn Brothers* series & it features Hunter Osborn. Hunter is a former park ranger who is haunted by his past & just wants to be left alone in his small-town hideaway. Unfortunately for Hunter, Jodi Bentley has the same idea & invades his precious space when she moves into the property next door. It soon becomes clear that Jodi is not what she seems to be & danger surrounds her. Hunter & Jodi need to fight against their real & imagined enemies to find peace. As a loyal Lori Foster fan, I adored this start to a new series. The story was action-packed & had just the right amount of romance."

GENRE: Romantic Suspense

SERIES: Osborn Brothers #1

TOPE: Steamy; Suspenseful

What We're Reading

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The Stolen Heir By Holly Black

Hiding in the human world, Suren, the tormented child queen of the Court of Teeth, must guard her heart against a manipulative prince whom she cannot trust when she agrees to join him on a quest.

"Holly Black's newest book, *The Stolen Heir*, is the first book in a new duology series. *The Stolen Heir* is filled with court intrigue, mystery, betrayal, & longing. Eight years have passed since the events of *The Folk of the Air*'s final book, *The Queen of Nothing*. Most of the courts of Elfhome have sworn fealty to Jude & Cardan, but the Lady Nore of the Court of Teeth has reclaimed the Ice Needle Citadel, where she exacts her revenge against the queen & king of Elfhome. Suren, her daughter & rightful queen of the Court of Teeth, is on the run in the human world. When Suren is rescued from a storm hag by the Prince of Elfhome, he asks her to join him on a quest to the Ice Needle Citadel. Suren must face her growing feelings for the prince, as well as her fears of returning to the horrors she faced in the Court of Teeth. I was ecstatic to be given the chance to return to the world of Elfhome, & *The Stolen Heir* did not disappoint. There are several twists & turns, true to Holly Black's eloquent style of writing. While this book does feature characters from *The Folk of the Air* series, you can use this book as your starting point into the foray of Holly Black's world of faerie."

GENRE: Fantasy Fiction

THEME: Faerie Realm

CHARACTER: Well-Developed

SERIES: Stolen Heir Novels #1

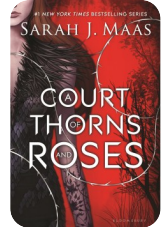
TONE: Suspenseful

STORYLINE: Intricately Plotted; World Building

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
HOLLY BLACK



Katie



Read-Alike



The Nightmare Man By J.H. Markert

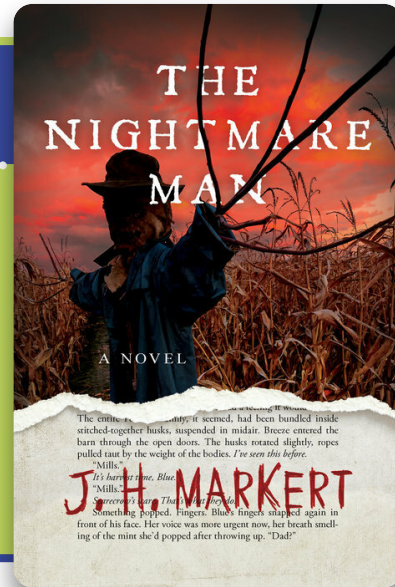
A chilling horror novel illustrates the fine line between humanity and monstrosity.

"J.H. Markert has written an excellent first book. *The Nightmare Man* begins at Blackwood mansion, a dark, brooding home located on top of a hill near the town of New Haven. Ben Bookman, a horror writer, had grown up in the house & decides to return to gain inspiration for his newest horror novel. Detective Mills & his daughter are soon called to investigate a horrendous murder where a family is killed & placed in stitched cocoons made of corn husks. This murder mirrors the murder from one of Ben's books, & then a second incident happens also mirroring one of the author's plots. Ben must investigate what is happening by opening up the dark history of Blackwood that will not be soon forgotten. This novel will definitely keep the reader absorbed throughout. However, it does have some problems - a lot of ideas are presented all at once & it does get a little confusing. Also, the novel has a number of flashbacks that detract from the original narrative. I also found the ending to be a little rushed & disappointing. Despite these issues, Markert does a commendable job for his first work - the characters are interesting & the story is fast-paced & terrifying. I am anxious to see Markert's next work."

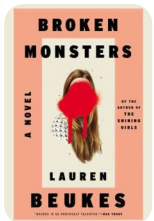
GENRE: Horror;

Multiple Perspectives

TONE: Atmospheric; Creepy; Disturbing; Gruesome;
Menacing; Suspenseful; Violent



Van



Read-Alike



Community Board By Tara Conklin

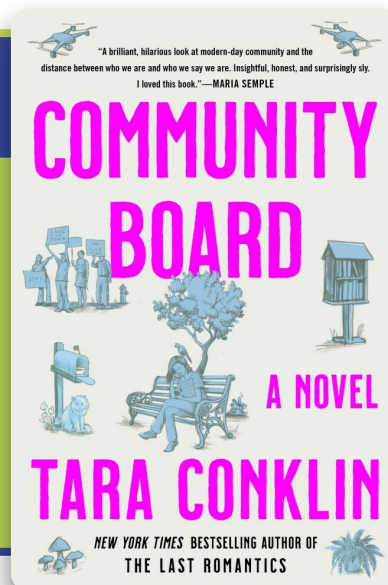
A woman moves back into her parents' empty home after her husband leaves her and spends her days on the town's internet community board.

"Darcy Clipper thought life was fine. Then one day her husband abruptly ends their marriage, & the contented life that Darcy knew is gone. After her boss suggests a sabbatical, she makes her way to her childhood home in Murbridge. Holed up in her childhood home, Darcy avoids face-to-face interaction with others & delves deep into the town's online community board. 'When did people begin to suck,' she wonders. As time passes, Darcy is forced to interact, & it is here that her transformation begins. In *Community Board*, Tara Conklin not only gives us a glimpse into the life of a seemingly broken woman who must rebuild her new normal, but also that of a cast of characters known only anonymously & online at first. As a crisis develops - in this case, a public playground for kids in the works & funded by & located on the property of two gay dads - the town must grapple with its identity. *Community Board* is at times, funny; at times, moving; & at times, everything in between. It is also a refreshing take on government by the people & for the people, & provides a bit of hope that said people just might not be as bad as they seem."

GENRE: Relationship Fiction

THEMES: Bouncing Back; Home Again

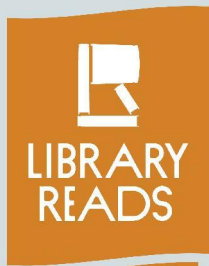
TONE: Heartwarming



Katina



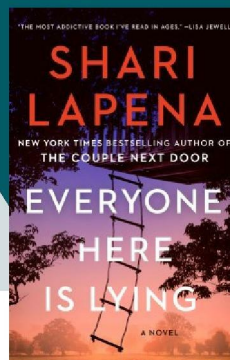
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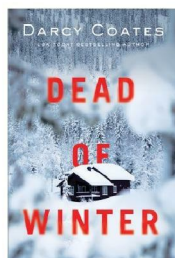
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Everyone Here Is Lying
Shari Lapena
(Pamela Dorman Books)

William's lies are piling up. An extramarital affair just ended; returning home, he finds his young daughter there instead of at school. Soon after, she goes missing. If he confesses having seen her, he's caught in his deception. Will the truth come out before it's too late? Great pick for Gillian Flynn fans.

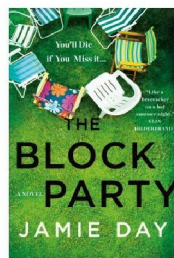
—Selena Swink, Lake Public Library, MS
Novelist read-alike: *Something She's Not Telling Us* by Darcy Bell



Dead of Winter
Darcy Coates
(Poisoned Pen Press)

Ten strangers are trapped in a cabin during a blizzard. None will be lucky enough to die of hypothermia, though, since a murderer is methodically decapitating the stranded travelers. Short chapters and constant cliffhangers keep the action moving propulsively in this gore-filled thriller.

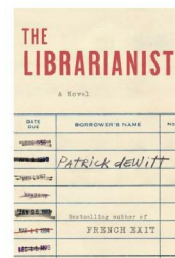
—Sarah Walker, Indianapolis Public Library
Novelist read-alike: *They All Fall Down* by Rachel Howzel Hall



The Block Party
Jamie Day
(St. Martin's Press)

What would happen if the women of Desperate Housewives held a block party that resulted in a murder? The answer would be something like this thriller, a quick read with the gossipy twists and turns of a residential neighborhood full of its fair share of betrayals and suspects.

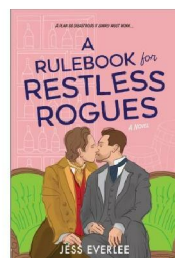
—Mary Robinson, Vernon Area Public Library Dist., IL
Novelist read-alike: *Cul-De-Sac* by Joy Fielding



The Librarianist
Patrick deWitt
(Ecco)

Retired librarian Bob lives alone, has no friends, and dwells on the time long ago when he was jilted by his bride. One day at the local market, an encounter with an older woman in the frozen food aisle changes his melancholy existence. This is a quiet and compelling character-focused read.

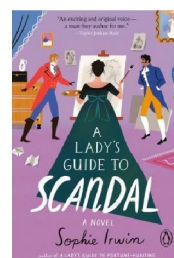
—Crystal Faris, Kansas City Public Library, MO
Novelist read-alike: *The Authenticity Project* by Claire Pooley



A Rulebook for Restless Rogues
Jess Everlee
(Carina Adores/Harlequin)

In 1885 London, Noah is a confident, talented tailor. His best friend David runs The Curious Fox, an underground queer club. When the club's future is threatened, the two team up to save it amid miscommunication, withheld secrets, and mutual pining. This delightful romp is swoony and sweet.

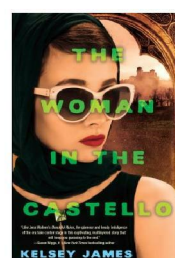
—Dabney Kinser, Middle Georgia Regional Library, GA
Novelist read-alike: *The Queer Principles of Kit Webb* by Cat Sebastian



A Lady's Guide to Scandal
Sophie Irwin
(Penguin Books)

At 28, widow Eliza Balfour is the dowager Lady Somerset, and plans to enjoy her wealth and title. How Eliza relates to the people around her and how she changes are wonderfully nuanced and satisfying. Irwin's story forges its own path with liveliness and an attention to a wider scope of high society. Highly recommended to fans of historical romance.

—Allison Smith, Minuteman Library Network, MA
Novelist read-alike: *To Swoon and To Spar* by Martha Waters



The Woman in the Castello
Kelsey James
(Kensington Books)

1960s Italy: a horror movie filmed in a crumbling, possibly haunted, castle owned by the estranged aunt of the starlet. What could be better? As the lines between reality and the movie plot begin to blur in this tautly written novel, family secrets begin to emerge that if revealed, might lead to unforeseen (and possibly deadly) consequences for everyone.

—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, NJ
Novelist read-alike: *The Villaby* Rachel Hawkins



One Summer in Savannah
Terah Shelton Harris
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

This story about forgiveness and family is told from the dual perspectives of Sara, who has not been back to Savannah since she discovered she was pregnant with her rapist's child; and Jacob, the twin brother of Sara's rapist who discovers his niece at the Science Center. As the story progresses, Sara and Jacob form a bond complicated by their connection.

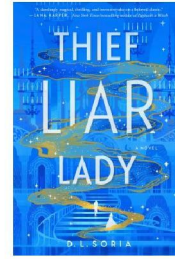
—Alison Zaya, Pollard Memorial Library, MA
Novelist read-alike: *You Made a Fool of Death with Your Beauty* by Akwaeke Emezi



How Can I Help You
Laura Sims
(G.P. Putnam's Sons)

Margo moved to Carlyle two years ago to get a fresh start as a librarian, her days filled with helping patrons. But when a new employee is hired, Margo feels unsettled by the curious Patricia. When a patron is discovered dead in the library bathroom, Margo's carefully crafted mundane life starts to unravel and may pull Patricia into a tangle of terrifying secrets.

—Priscilla Garvin, Cecil County Public Library, MD
Novelist read-alike: *Social Creature* by Tara Isabella Burton



Thief Liar Lady: A Novel
D. L. Soria
(Del Rey)

A reimagined Cinderella tale with the political intrigue and violence of *Game of Thrones*. Lady Aislinn is a revolutionary hiding behind the cover of the meek beautiful girl the prince fell in love with at the ball. Her plan might work except for the bandit that is now on the loose, the captive prince who gets under her skin, and her conniving stepmother.

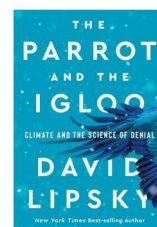
—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, TX
Novelist read-alike: *Uprooted* by Naomi Novik

Bonus pick:



Excavations: A Novel
Hannah Michell
(One World)

Notable Nonfiction:



The Parrot and the Igloo: Climate and the Science of Denial
David Lipsky
(W.W. Norton)

Photo Highlights

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Fax: 985-580-9640

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Fri - Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-633-6453
Fax: 985-633-8873

GHEENS

Mon - Thu: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
Fri - Sun: Closed
Phone & Fax: 985-532-2288

GOLDEN MEADOW

Currently Closed Due to Hurricane Ida

Phone: 985-475-5660
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LAROSE

Mon - Thu: 9 AM - 7 PM
Fri & Sat: 9 AM - 1 PM
Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-693-3336
Fax: 985-693-3978

LOCKPORT

Mon - Thu: 9 AM - 7 PM
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Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-532-3158
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Mon - Thu: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
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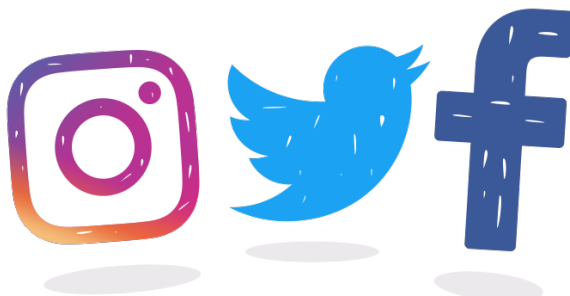
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