

Books and Bytes on the Bayou

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May 2021



**4-WEEK
VIRTUAL
EVENT
THIS MAY!**



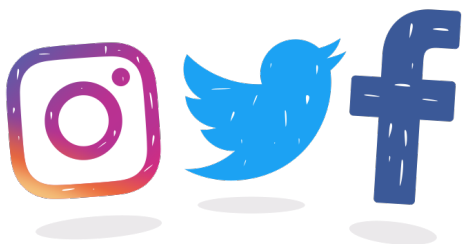
**TUNE IN FOR
PERFORMANCES,
CRAFTS, RECIPES,
GAMES, & MORE!**

**ENJOY
PROGRAMMING
FIVE DAYS
A WEEK!**



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Big congratulations go out to Choctaw Branch Manager Luticia & Branch Assistant Jolene for being recognized as Staff Stars this month!

"Luticia & Jolene are very helpful and very nice!"

- Judy Sanchez, Choctaw Patron

GOLDEN MEADOW STAFF

Big congratulations go out to Golden Meadow Branch Manager Heather & Branch Assistants Kathy & Rebecca for being recognized as Staff Stars this month!!



"Y'all are the best!"

- Cameron Collins, Golden Meadow Patron

**DO YOU KNOW A STAFF STAR?
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LIBRARY CLOSURE



All Lafourche Parish Public Library branches will be closed Monday, 5/31 in honor of Memorial Day.

We will see you on Tuesday, 6/1 for the kick-off of Summer Experience '21!





WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING!



4-WEEK VIRTUAL EVENT THIS MAY!

JOIN US ONLINE AT 11 AM FOR DAILY PERFORMANCES AND ACTIVITIES!



WEEK 1: HAPPILY EVER LAUGHTER (MAY 3-7)

Join Page and Kenny as they bring a fairytale book to life with their *Once Upon a Time Machine*. Then make some fun fairytale projects and even a tasty recipe.

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| Mon, 5/3: | Show - The Mixed-Up Fairytale Adventure | Thu, 5/6: | Recipe - No Bake Cookies |
| Tue, 5/4: | Craft - Fairytale House | Fri, 5/7: | Game - Fairytale Mad Libs |
| Wed, 5/5: | Craft - Fairytale Eggs | | |



WEEK 2: ADVENTURE QUEST (MAY 10-14)

Grab your binoculars and compass and get ready for a journey through the jungle. Then it's time for some adventure themed crafts and a fun game that will get you up and moving.

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| Mon, 5/10: | Show - Imagine Your Adventure Story | Thu, 5/13: | Game - Mad Director Theatre Game |
| Tue, 5/11: | Craft - Binoculars | Fri, 5/14: | Craft - Easter Island Heads |
| Wed, 5/12: | Craft - Wish Lions | | |



WEEK 3: PIZZA PIZZAZ (MAY 17-21)

Who doesn't love pizza? Watch a tasty show then try acting it out yourself or grab an apron and get cooking with some delicious recipes and crafts.

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| Mon, 5/17: | Show - The Great Pizza Contest | Thu, 5/20: | Recipe - Tortilla Pizza |
| Tue, 5/18: | Craft - Pencil Thin Moustache | Fri, 5/21: | Recipe - Fruit Pizza |
| Wed, 5/19: | Craft - Paper Plate Pizzas | | |



WEEK 4: BOOK BUCCANEERS (MAY 24-28)

Shiver me timbers! Get ready me hearties for some seafaring fun with an outrageous show and pirate themed arrrrrts and crafts.

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| Mon, 5/24: | Show - Captain Book and The Book-A-Neers | Thu, 5/27: | Craft - Nautical Pencil Jars |
| Tue, 5/25: | Craft - Pirate Map | Fri, 5/28: | Craft - Balloon Powered Boat |
| Wed, 5/26: | Craft - Pirate Spyglass | | |



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WHAT'S NEW!

MAKER SPACE

NOW OPEN IN THIBODAUX!

invent • collaborate • design



Makerspaces are collaborative work spaces containing tools & equipment that allow people to enter with an idea & leave with a project. If you have an idea, you can make it at a Makerspace!

We are excited to announce that we have opened a Makerspace at our Thibodaux Branch at 705 West Fifth Street. The Makerspace provides a hands-on creative place for patrons to invent, collaborate, & design as they transform their ideas into reality. The Makerspace is reserved specifically for the use of creating & is available by reservation only.

Contact us to schedule your reservation today!

- 3D Printer
 - Adhesive Machine
 - Button Maker
 - Comb Binding Machine
 - Cricut
 - Crochet Hooks
 - Die Cut Machine
 - Embossing Machine
 - Fabric Cutter
 - Knitting Loom
 - Knitting Machine
 - Knitting Needles
 - Light Pad
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 - Sticker Machine
- and more!*



RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT



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[World Book Discover](#): For ages 12+. Designed for struggling readers & English Language Learners. Includes an easily accessible version of the encyclopedia, as well as a Life Skills 101 section with tips on job applications, budgeting, social skills, health care issues, housing, & more.

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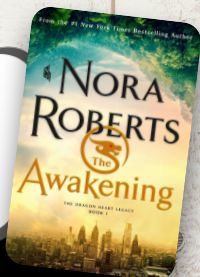
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The Awakening

By Nora Roberts

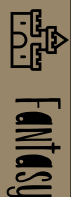
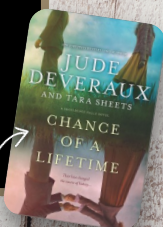


Katie's Pick: ★★★★★

"Being my first Nora Roberts book, *The Awakening: The Dragon Heart Legacy, Book 1* really blew me away & exceeded my expectations. Roberts is a master story teller, blending our mundane world with fantastical Irish mythology. Main character Breen is very relatable & I thoroughly enjoyed her progression from a shy mouse into a beautiful & confident young woman. Her tale of self-discovery & self-love is amiable. Readers will be able to relate to the struggle of self-acceptance & appreciation Breen tangles with throughout the novel. The romance between the characters was a tantalizing slow burn. Roberts was able to transport me to Ireland while reading this book; I felt like I was right alongside Breen discovering the pastoral villages of her ancestral home. If you enjoy fantastical books with relatable female characters, this book is for you."

GENRE: Paranormal Romances
THEME: Faerie Realm
WRITING STYLE: Engaging
CHARACTER: Well-Developed
TONE: Heartwarming

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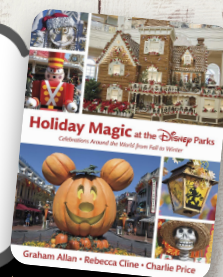


Fantasy



Holiday Magic at the Disney Parks

By Graham Allan, Et al.



Katrina's Pick: ★★★★★

"There's nothing like the holidays. For some, there's no better place for the holidays than a Disney theme park, resort, or cruise ship. For anyone who has been & is looking to reminisce, or anyone who has not & wants to see what could be waiting, there's *Holiday Magic at the Disney Parks: Celebrations Around the World from Fall to Winter*, written by staff of The Walt Disney Company. This hefty volume is replete with engaging color photos, more than 1,900 in all that span nearly 400 pages (& around seven decades), illuminating holiday magic, done Disney-style. From the tiniest of ornaments to the tallest of trees & topiaries, Disney's holiday decor transforms its properties, inspiring that holiday feel & setting the stage for now time-honored holiday events. The authors provide introductory text at the beginning of each chapter, the subjects of which include bygone traditions, holiday fun & celebrations, feasts & festivals, behind-the-scenes looks, & more. However, the main draw here, as it is at the theme parks & resorts, is the visual celebration of the holidays. Through archival photos & newly-taken pics, fans get to feast their eyes on Disney's holiday magic at any time of the year."



Travel



The Four Winds

By Kristin Hannah



Crystal's Pick: ★★★★★

"I love Kristin Hannah's books! *The Great Alone* was the first Kristin Hannah book I read, & I absolutely fell in love with her writing & storytelling. Since then, I've read many of her books. Her writing style emotionally draws you into the lives of each character. She makes you fall in love with them, & then shatters your heart into millions of pieces with their stories. You won't want to miss her recent! *The Four Winds* is a gritty historical fiction novel set in the Texas panhandle & California during the Great Depression & the Dust Bowl. The book follows main character Elsa Wolcott Martinelli, who has had to struggle every day of her life. Hannah's descriptions are so vivid, you feel as though you are living on the Great Plains experiencing the drought, dying crops, heat, & dust storms. Hannah also gives great details of daily life in California's squatter's camps. You definitely want to add this book to your 'to be read' list, especially if you enjoy historical fiction from the 1920s -1930s time period. Fantastic book, Ms. Hannah! You outdid yourself again!"

GENRE: Historical Fiction
TONE: Dramatic
WRITING STYLE: Engaging; Lyrical; Richly Detailed

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Historical



Ultimate Marvel

By Adam Bray, Et al.



Van's Pick: ★★★★★

"With the huge hit of *WandaVision* series streaming on Disney+, it has been announced that there will be a huge slate of new Marvel shows on the service tying in with the new Marvel films that will be released in the next couple of years. The *Ultimate Marvel* book is an excellent resource that gives a great crash course of the Marvel comics history. It is not comprehensive, but it does give a chronological order of comic book appearances of Marvel characters, artifacts, locations, etc. Different Marvel timelines are explored in the book, & the ages cover the years between 1939-present day. The writing for each entry is clear & concise. Each entry covers the character's first appearance in a certain series & issue number, & also their affiliations with certain superhero groups like the Defenders & the Avengers. There is a separate section that deals with vehicles that the heroes & villains have used. Weapons & technology are explored, as well as various lands. The artwork taken from various comics that supplement each entry is varied & display different art styles. This book will be interesting to those who want to compare the heroes & villains of the various time periods to see how they have evolved in look & manner."



Comics

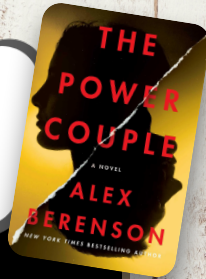


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The Power Couple By Alex Berenson

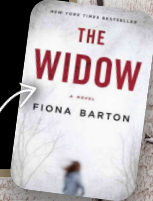


Laura's Pick: ★★★★★

"*The Power Couple* starts out as a kidnapped child situation, but it is more than that. It is an espionage thriller with explosive marital secrets. Rebecca & Brian both work for the US government. For their anniversary, they decide to take a trip to Spain. Their 19 year old daughter Kira goes out one night in Barcelona to meet up with a man she met. Of course she doesn't tell her parents - only her brother Josh - who keeps her secret until she doesn't come back to their hotel that night. The book is told from multiple points of view. As we learn about Rebecca & Brian's past, we see things aren't as simple as they originally seemed. This is a puzzle that needs all of the pieces to fit together. The story reminded me a little bit of the movie *Taken* with Liam Neeson and the spy thriller series, *The Americans*. The ending was satisfying with an 'oh wow' moment that sets it apart from other thrillers."

GENRE: Thrillers & Suspense
PACE: Fast-Paced
CHARACTER: Flawed
TONE: Suspenseful
WRITING STYLE: Engaging

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You Love Me By Caroline Kepnes



Brooke's Pick: ★★★★★

"Joe Goldberg is just a nice guy who wants to lead a nice life, & settle down with a nice wife. That's why he has moved to Bainbridge Island, WA, & taken a position as a library volunteer. And it is there, in the library, that he meets his next obsession - single mother, librarian, & coworker, Mary Kay DiMarco. If you're familiar with Joe, you know how this goes: boy meets girl, boy becomes obsessed with girl, boy kills anyone who gets in his way of possessing girl mind, body, & soul. Or at least, that's how it used to go ... because Joe claims he has changed, but has he really? Anyone who has followed the *You* book series & formed their own obsession with Joe Goldberg's dark, yet delightfully deceiving ways will enjoy *You Love Me*. With each book in the series, Joe becomes a little bit more grounded in reality, but that doesn't necessarily make him more sane. It's great fun to observe Joe's inner struggle as he tries to be a good man, but keeps getting pulled back into his old ways."

AWARDS: LibraryReads Favorite 2021
GENRE: Books to TV; Psychological Suspense
TONE: Creepy; Disturbing; Explicit
CHARACTER: Sympathetic; Twisted

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The Good Sister By Sally Hepworth



Brooke's Pick: ★★★★★

"I loved every bit of Sally Hepworth's *The Good Sister*! I immediately found myself drawn into this intriguing, thought-provoking tale of the complicated relationship between twin sisters & the secrets they try to keep hidden. Fern, who is afflicted with a sensory processing disorder, loves her sister Rose so much that she would do anything to see her happy, which is why she sets out on a mission to help Rose have a much-wanted baby. But little do the twins know that this one good deed will spawn a series of events that neither of them saw coming. Hepworth works flashbacks from the sisters' past in the form of diary entries into this novel, which slowly reveal the secrets the twins have kept hidden for so long. This is where much of the suspense of the novel comes into play, & readers will have great fun deducing who is really guilty here. These parts of the novel are multi-layered, making the suspense aspects of this book a slow, but gratifying, burn."

GENRE: Psychological Suspense
STORYLINE: Intricately Plotted
CHARACTER: Complex; Relatable
TONE: Creepy; Suspenseful
WRITING STYLE: Compelling

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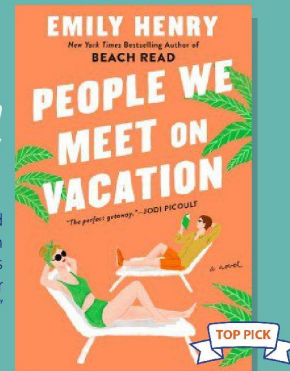




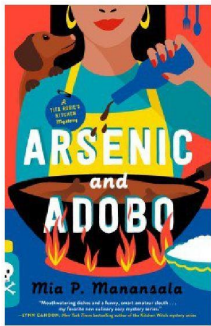
People We Meet On Vacation
by Emily Henry
(Berkley Jove)

"An aching slow-burn romance focused on chaotic sprite Poppy and buttoned up Alex and their twelve years of summer vacations. Set in present day Palm Springs and interspersed with flashbacks from the previous vacations, this story is full of yearning, friendship, and discussions of what it means to find a home. For fans of *This Time Next Year*, *One Day in December*, and *Waiting for Tom Hanks*."

—Elizabeth Gabriel, Milwaukee Public Library, Milwaukee, WI
NovelList read-alike: *Josh and Hazel's Guide to Not Dating* by Christina Lauren



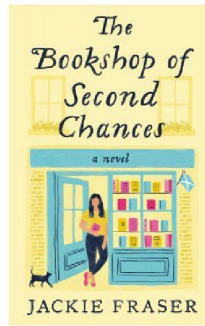
May 2021 - The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.



Arsenic and Adobo
by Mia P. Manansala
(Berkley Prime Crime)

"This fast-paced, cozy mystery with a diverse and colorful cast will make you laugh, cringe, and salivate. Lila has returned home to help with the family's failing Filipino restaurant, which is repeatedly panned by her food blogger ex. When he comes to lunch and ends up face down in his dessert, Lila becomes the prime murder suspect. For readers who enjoyed *Dial A for Aunties* and *Mimi Lee Gets a Clue*."

—Laura Eckert, Clermont County Public Library, Milford, OH
NovelList read-alike: *A Deadly Inside Scoop* by Abby Collette



The Bookshop of Second Chances
A Novel
by Jackie Fraser
(Ballantine Books)

"Nothing like turning a page in an upended life to find a surprising plot twist leading to a satisfying ending. That's what readers will find in this charming novel. The power of books to soothe will attract bibliophiles, but stay for the lively banter of the romantic leads, the quirky local residents, and the brisk Scottish countryside. Perfect for fans of *Evvie Drake Starts Over* and *The Bookish Life of Nina Hill*."

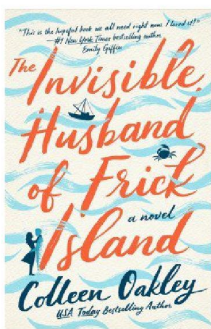
—Kaite Stover, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, MO
NovelList read-alike: *How to Find Love in a Bookshop* by Veronica Henry



The Gungle
by Steven Rowley
(G.P. Putnam's Sons)

"Gay Uncle Patrick," a reclusive TV star, takes in his niece and nephew for the summer after the death of their mother, his dear friend. As the three navigate their grief together, Patrick finds he needs the kids as much as they need him. By turns funny and poignant, this heartwarming story is great for fans of actor (and Instagram fave) Leslie Jordan and for readers who like Fredrik Backman."

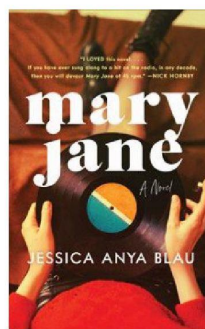
—Heather Bistyga, Anderson County Library, Anderson, SC
NovelList read-alike: *The Family Man* by Elinor Lipman



The Invisible Husband of Frick Island
by Colleen Oakley
(Berkley)

"Anders, a journalist, is sent to Frick Island to cover a Cake Walk, where he meets Piper, a widow who behaves as if her husband had never died. The strangest thing is, the entire island goes along with this delusion, and Anders, who is smitten with Piper, is determined to find out why. For fans of *The Story of Arthur Truluv* and *The Garden of Small Beginnings*."

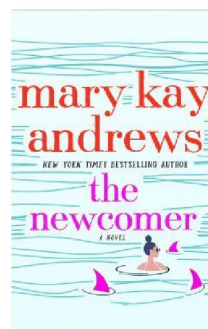
—Aubrey Parker, Montgomery County Memorial Library, Conroe, TX
NovelList read-alike: *One True Loves* by Taylor Jenkins Reid



Mary Jane
A Novel
by Jessica Anya Blau
(Custom House)

"It's 1975 and Mary Jane takes a job babysitting while all her friends are away at summer camp. The job comes with exposure to a celebrity and her addicted rock star husband and Mary Jane experiences a world very different than her own. For readers who enjoyed *Be Frank with Me*, *Nothing to See Here*, and *This Tender Land*."

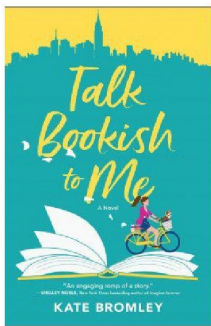
—Jan Fisher, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT
NovelList read-alike: *About a Boy* by Nick Hornby



The Newcomer
A Novel
by Mary Kay Andrews
(St. Martin's Press)

"Letty is on the run with her four-year-old niece, afraid she will be accused of her sister's murder. She ends up at a beach front motel in Florida full of interesting and entertaining characters. Murder, fugitives, romance, and a great cast of characters. A perfect beach read. For readers who enjoy books by Elin Hildenbrand and Janet Evanovich."

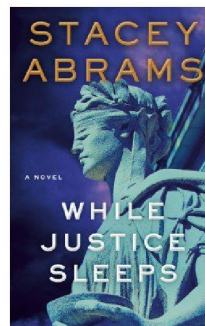
—Sandy Ruhmann, Allen Park Public Library, Allen Park, MI
NovelList read-alike: *Finlay Donovan is Killing It* by Elle Cosimano



Talk Bookish to Me
A Novel
by Kate Bromley
(Graydon House)

"A must-read romance novel, this enemies to lovers contemporary romance has enough tension and sizzle to satisfy any romance reader. Bonus, the lead character is a romance writer and readers get a romance novel within a romance novel. For readers who loved *Much Ado About You* and *The Invitation*."

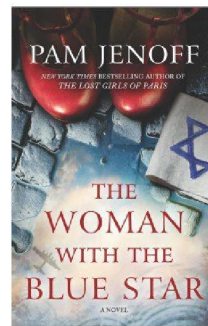
—Hannah Spratt, New York Public Library, New York, NY
NovelList read-alike: *The Things We Leave Unfinished* by Rebecca Yarros



While Justice Sleeps
A Novel
by Stacey Abrams
(Doubleday)

"Avery's boss is a Supreme Court Justice and he is currently in a coma after naming Avery (instead of his wife) as his guardian. This situation is further complicated by the fact that the judge is a swing vote in a very important decision before the court. How well Avery knows her boss will determine the fate of both of them. For readers of John Grisham and Robert Dugoni."

—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Public Library, Austin, TX
NovelList read-alike: *Paper Gods* by Goldie Taylor



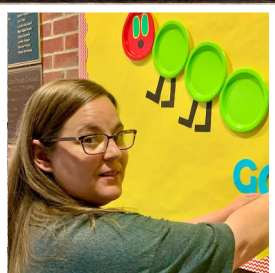
The Woman with the Blue Star
A Novel
by Pam Jenoff
(Park Row)

"Based on the true stories of Jewish families who utilized the sewers to escape persecution during WWII, Sadie struggles to come to terms with loss. Ella struggles to figure out where she fits in amidst the chaos. Their friendship brings them hope and purpose. For readers who enjoyed *The Rose Code*, *Our Darkest Night*."

—Kate Eminhizer, Pamunkey Regional Library, Hanover, VA
NovelList read-alike: *Cikla's Journey* by Heather Morris



PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Former Library Board of Control President Robert Rome Tours the Thibodaux Addition

Former Library Board of Control President Robert Rome and his wife Joan recently visited our newly renovated Thibodaux Branch for a tour! Mr. Rome was President when the project was planned and played a large role in bringing this beautiful new addition to our community. Thank you, Mr. Rome!

Have you seen the renovations yet? Stop by the branch the next time you are in the area!

Ten Locations to Serve You!

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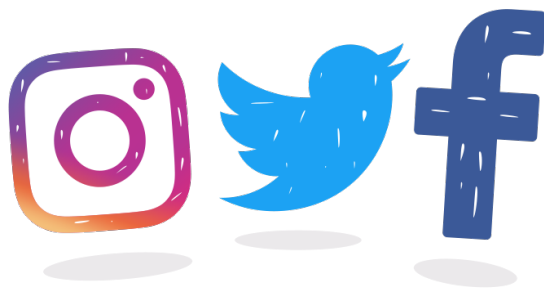
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