



Books and Bytes on the Bayou

A Lafourche Parish Public Library Publication

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WE WILL, WE WILL ROCK YOU THIS SUMMER!

- Libraries Rock!: Summer Reading Sneak Peek
- They All Asked For You: The Audubon Wetlands Express
- Congratulations to our 20 Year Employees!
- And the Winners Are ... Recent Contest Awards
- **Happy Mother's Day: Celebrating Mom**
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- Honoring Our Soldiers: Military Appreciation Month
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STAFF STARS!



ALLISON CLARK

Big congratulations go out to Youth Services Staff Member Allison for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!

"Congratulations, Allison, on a job well done. You represented LPPL at our State Conference with professionalism & vast knowledge. We are so proud of you!"
#invaluable #youareanLPPLstar

- Laura Sanders, Library Director

LUTICIA CORTEZ & JOLENE TABOR



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

"Luticia & Jolene go above & beyond to make sure that their branch has a warm & welcoming presence in their community. They provide a wonderful environment for their patrons."

- Lynette Fazzio, Programming Administrator

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

WHAT'S NEW!



LIBRARIES ROCK!™

KICKING OFF SUMMER READING 2018

We're jamming out to the theme of Libraries Rock for Summer Reading 2018! So put on your boogie shoes, start snapping your fingers, and tapping your toes because this music-filled summer is bound to top the charts! The fun starts May 29, and while you may register at any time during the summer, you're going to want to sign up early so you can take full advantage of our reading challenges & programs. In the meantime, get down with the sounds of summer & enjoy this sneak peek of just some of what we have in store for you!

SAVE THE DATE!

AUDUBON WETLANDS EXPRESS

South Lafourche - Thu, 05/31, 10:30 AM
 Lockport - Thu, 05/31, 1 PM
 Thibodaux - Fri, 06/01, 10:30 AM

CONFETTI PARK SR OPENING EVENT

South Lafourche - Wed, 06/06, 10:30 AM
 Lockport - Wed, 06/06, 1 PM (Holy Savior Caf.)
 Thibodaux - Wed, 06/06, 4 PM (Jean Lafitte)

LADY CHOPS

South Lafourche - Thu, 06/14, 2 PM
 Thibodaux - Fri, 06/15, 10 AM
 Lockport - Fri, 06/15, 2 PM

PETE THE CAT

Choctaw - Mon, 07/02, 10:30 AM
 Thibodaux - Mon, 07/02, 2 PM
 Bayou Blue - Tue, 07/03, 10:30 AM
 Raceland - Tue, 07/03, 1:30 PM
 Gheens - Tue, 07/03, 4 PM
 Golden Meadow - Thu, 07/05, 10:30 AM
 Larose - Thu, 07/05, 1:30 PM
 Lockport - Thu, 07/05, 4 PM
 South Lafourche - Fri, 07/06, 10:30 AM

THE MAGIC YO-YO

South Lafourche - Mon, 07/09, 10:30 AM
 Thibodaux - Mon, 07/09, 2 PM
 Lockport - Tue, 07/10, 10:30 AM

JOHNETTE DOWNING

Thibodaux - Mon, 07/16, 10:30 AM (Jean Lafitte)
 South Lafourche - Tue, 07/17, 10:30 AM
 Lockport - Tue, 07/17, 2 PM (Holy Savior Caf.)



SHOP EARLY FOR THE BEST SELECTION OF SIZES!

Get your "Rockin' Reader" yard sign when you register for Summer Reading!
 Signs are limited to one per family, while supplies last.

SHIRT AND BAG SALES BEGIN MONDAY, 05/14!

Children's Shirts (Blue)

Available in the following sizes:
 2T, 4T, Youth S, Youth M, Youth L, Adult S, Adult M, Adult L

Price: \$6.00

Teen & Adult Shirts (Black)

Available in the following sizes:
 Adult S, Adult M, Adult L, Adult XL, Adult 2XL, Adult 3XL

Price: S-XL \$6.00

2XL & 3XL \$8.50 Bags \$1

SUMMER READING STORY TIME SCHEDULE

(Beginning The Week of June 11 - July 12)

BAYOU BLUE - Mondays at 10:30 AM

CHOCTAW - Thursdays at 10:30 AM

GHEENS - Thursdays at 10:30 AM

(at Gheens Comm. Center)

G. MEADOW - Wednesdays at 3 PM

LAROSE - Thursdays at 2 PM

LOCKPORT - Wednesdays at 2 PM

RACELAND - Tuesdays at 11 AM

SOUTH LAFOURCHE - Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

THIBODAU - Wednesdays at 10:30 AM & 2 PM



There will be no story time the week of July 2, but Pete the Cat is visiting our branches instead!
 See the Save the Date schedule for exact dates & times.

What's HOT

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 20 YEAR EMPLOYEES!

We have the honor of celebrating several of our employees this year as they make 20 years with LPPL! Congratulations go out to Paul Chiquet, Branch Administrator; Tammy Pate, South Lafourche Branch Manager; Rickey Cheramie, South Lafourche Branch Assistant; and Regina Lauland, Thibodaux Branch Associate (not pictured.) We are so appreciative of the contribution you have made to our library system throughout the years, & we look forward to the many years to come!



TAMMY PATE



PAUL CHIQUET



RICKEY CHERAMIE

LOOK WHAT'S SPROUTING UP!



Our Bayou Blue Community Garden has been flourishing thanks to donations from our wonderful patrons!

Mrs. Annette LeBouef recently donated a number of vegetable plants for the Library to plant in our spring garden. Thanks, Annette!

Come garden with us! Our community garden is open to all to work in.

We recently received a special gift from our young patron, Alex Jolly. Alex is a worm lover, & according to her mom, she enjoys playing with them in the small compost bed she has at home. Alex has donated some of her worms to the Library for use in the vegetable garden. Thanks, Alex! Bayou Blue will have a great spring garden!

What's HOT

and the WINNERS ARE ...

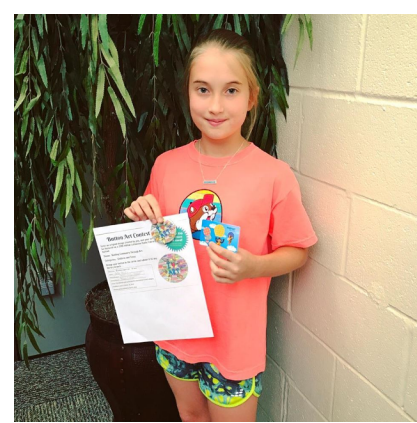
Youth Art Month Button Contest

Bailey Loupe, Teen Division



Bailey created a character named Caramel for her design. "Caramel's entire purpose is to show young artists that anything is possible if you want to make it happen. Caramel's idea of the perfect art community is to show diversity simply by being creative & thinking outside the box."

Ada Young, Kid's Division



Ada's button speaks for itself! Inspired by the theme of "Building Community Through Art," Ada's design communicates that art appeals to all & is for everyone.

Prizes donated by the S. Lafourche Friends of the Library

Choctaw Pet Photo Contest

Social Media Award



Ruby & Nola Gean
Owner: J.J. Louviere

Branch Award



Dolly
Owners: Lance & Kelly

Prizes donated by the Choctaw Friends of the Library

National Library Week Drawing



Jadin Rose
North Area Winner



Savana Slayton
Central Area Winner

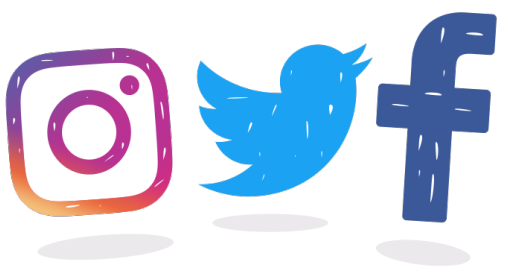


Rosa Cortes
South Area Winner

Kindles donated by the South Lafourche Friends of the Library



BLOGGING WITH LPPL



#followus

Do you use Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter? Are you following us? If your answer is "yes," then you already know why following our social media accounts is one of the best ways to stay up on what's happening at your LPPL. If your answer is "no," read on to discover four reasons why connecting with us on social media needs to be the first thing you do today.

1. Maximizing Your Summer Reading Experience

It's no secret that Summer Reading is pretty much the hottest thing to ever hit the library scene. There's the programs, the performers, not to mention the rad prizes ... there's really no better place to spend the summer than at your library. We have so much going on during the summer, and we know you're not going to want to miss a thing - which is where following us on social media (especially Facebook) comes into play. Social media is the number one place where we advertise what is happening in our branches. From upcoming performances & story times, to special contests & giveaways, to pictures & more pictures ... you can find it all on our social media accounts.

2. It's the Place for Events

If you love your library because of the wide variety of programming we provide, then you're definitely going to want to connect with us on Facebook. Using Facebook's "Events" functionality, we create event pages for upcoming programs & performances. On those event pages, you can mark yourself as "Interested or Going" to receive updates & reminders about the event. It's the perfect way to keep track of all the fun things you want to do at your library, and best of all, it's painless to use. Need help? Ask one of our friendly staff members for a demo.

3. Breaking News

Exciting things are always happening in our libraries, and if you follow us on social media, you're going to be the first to hear the latest & greatest news. Social media is one of our primary forms of communication with our community. Follow us & join the conversation!

4. We're Addicted to Pics

At LPPL, we take a lot of photos of things happening in our library branches. Whether it be program snapshots, contest winners, or just our community getting together for some good old-fashioned fun, we always have a camera handy. So what do we do with all of those pictures? One place that we share them is on social media! Follow us & never miss a memory.



May is Social Media Month, and we are giving back to our social media supporters by offering a chance to win one of nine \$10 Wal-Mart gift cards, courtesy of the South Lafourche Friends of the Library! So how do you win? Simply show our staff members on your mobile device or on a computer that you are following us on social media. For each account that you are following (Facebook, Instagram & Twitter), you will receive a ticket to enter the gift card drawing. On June 1, each of our branches will pull their winning social media supporter & will call them to pick up their prize! You are allowed to enter once a day, so the more days you visit us this month, the more chances you have to win! Last, but not least, if you want to follow us but don't know how, simply ask one of our staff members who will gladly help you!

- Brooke, Public Relations Librarian **5**

May is Social Media Month!

Check out these bookish apps to help you meet your Summer Reading 2018 goals.

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GOOD READS

The goal of Goodreads is to help users find great books to read by suggesting new books based on titles they've read already or according to what their friends are reading. It's also about avoiding bad books - or books that simply wouldn't suit a particular reader. As a booklover's social network, Goodreads allows you to build a list of books, rate & review those books & find out what your friends are reading.

Any avid reader will find LibraryThing to be a great way to organize their reading list. The book platform acts as an easy-to-use library-style catalog with a community of almost two million members. You can catalog books directly from Amazon, the Library of Congress, & over a thousand other libraries. You can even use it to catalog your movies & music if you like as well.

LIBRARY THING

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Litsy

LITSY

Litsy is a place to share & discover your favorite books with your favorite people. The Litsy community is comprised of passionate readers, authors, celebrities, & more. Share bookish moments with Quotes, Reviews, & Blurbs. Measure Litfluence to discover your "bookprint" in the world. Explore recommendations from readers, not algorithms. Want to organize your reading list? The app has stacks for that, too. It's fun, it's simple.

Do you ever look at your bookshelf and wish you had a more organized way to deal with the books you own? Well, Libib is the solution to your problems: an easily searchable database (including a bar code scanner feature!) allows you to catalog your books, with space for private book blurbs, tags & notes. You can manage your library from your mobile device, & export your catalog to create an easy back-up!

LIBIB



SERIAL READER

This book app gives you daily bite-sized passages from classic books that can be read in 20 minutes to fit a busy schedule. If you often feel that classic books are a little intimidating, then this reading app is perfect for you because it reframes these novels to make them more manageable.

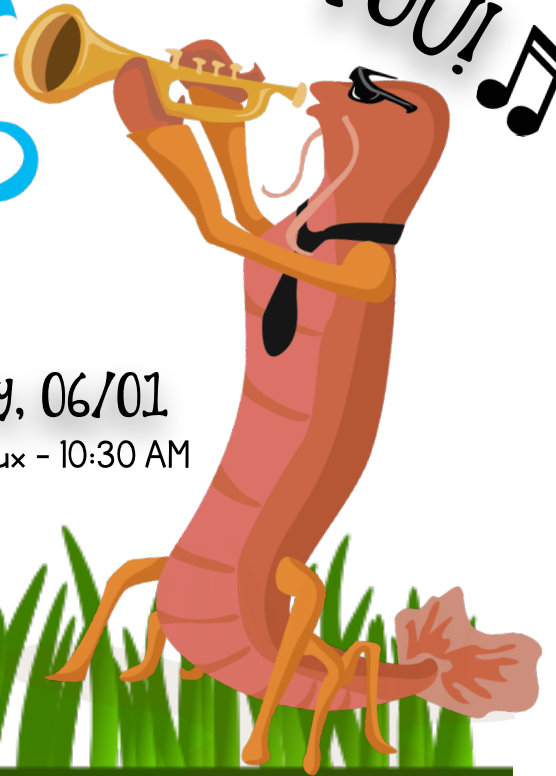
Featured Events



They All Asked for YOU!

Save the Date!

The Audubon Wetland Express Is Coming to LPPL!



Thursday, 05/31

South Lafourche - 10:30 AM
Lockport - 1PM

Friday, 06/01

Thibodaux - 10:30 AM

CONFETTI PARK PRESENTS: THE LITTLE MOUSE SANTI



Hear the story & music of Little Mouse Santi by David Eugene Ray, illustrated by Santiago Germano, and performed by Confetti Park!

COME ONE, COME ALL
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!



Little mouse Santi wants to be a cat. He practices his meows & kitty struts even when the other mice laugh at him. When Santi finally works up the courage to approach a cat for friendship, he is surprised by what happens.



WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 6

SOUTH LAFOURCHE LIBRARY — 10:30 AM
LOCKPORT @ HOLY SAVIOR CAFETERIA — 1 PM
THIBODAUX @ JEAN LAFITTE PARK — 4 PM

Featured Events



Will We Catch YOU Reading?

May is Get Caught Reading Month



BAYOU BLUE: Get Caught Reading & Win a Prize (All Ages) - All Month

CHOCTAW: Get Caught Reading Scrapbook-Bookmark Workshop (Adults) - Thursday, 05/10, 10:30 AM

GHEENS: "Mo Willems" Story Time & Craft (All Ages) - Tuesday, 05/01, 4:30 PM

GOLDEN MEADOW: Get Caught Reading Drawing (All Ages) - All Month

LAROSE: Get Caught Reading Drawing (All Ages) - 05/01 - 05/30

LOCKPORT: Teen Book Club (Tweens/Teens) - Wednesday, 05/02, 4:30 PM

RACELAND: Reading Tag (All Ages) - Monday, 05/07 & 05/21, All Day

SOUTH LAFOURCHE: Get Caught Reading Drawing (All Ages) - All Month

THIBODAUX: One Person Caught Reading Each Day Will Get a Goodie Bag (All Ages) - All Month

#getsocial

May is Social Media Month

Connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter for a chance to win one of nine \$10 Wal-Mart gift cards donated by the South Lafourche Friends of the Library! Simply show us on your mobile device or computer that you are following us, & receive a ticket to be entered in our gift card drawing. Participants are limited to one ticket per social media account (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) per day.

BAYOU BLUE: Twitter & Facebook Demos (All Ages)
Wednesday, 05/09, All Day

CHOCTAW: Facebook 101 (Adults)
Tuesday, 05/01, All Day

GHEENS: Social Media Cajun Snappers (Tweens/Teens)
Thursday, 05/17, 3 PM

G. MEADOW: Instagram Photo Booth (All Ages)
All Month

LAROSE: Social Media Followers Drawing (All Ages)
All Month

LOCKPORT: Social Media for Beginners (All Ages)
Saturday, 05/12, 2PM

RACELAND: Story Time Podcasts for Kids (Kids)
Thursday, 05/17, 4 PM

S. LAFOURCHE: Social Media Followers Drawing (All Ages)
All Month

THIBODAUX: Social Media Prop Photos (All Ages)
All Month

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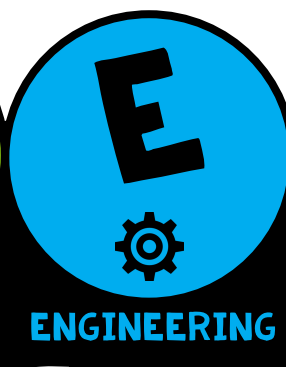
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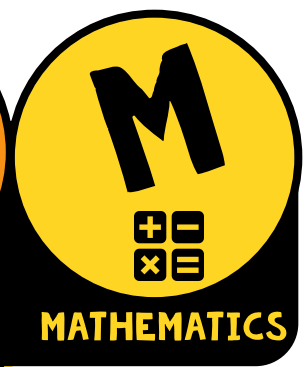
TECHNOLOGY



ENGINEERING



ART



MATHEMATICS

SIT DOWN



Code • Construct • Create



INTRODUCING "STEAM SIT DOWN" AFTER SCHOOL WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS & TEENS!

JOIN US EVERY MONDAY - THURSDAY IN MAY!

BAYOU BLUE: 2:30 - 4 PM
G. MEADOW: 3:30 - 5 PM
RACELAND: 2:30 - 4 PM

CHOCTAW: 3:30 - 5 PM
LAROSE: 4 - 5:30 PM
SL: 4:30 - 6:30 PM

GHEENS: 3:30 - 5:30 PM
LOCKPORT: 3 - 5 PM
THIBODAUX: 4-6 PM

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WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE! National Pet Week 2018

PET PHOTO CONTESTS

BAYOU BLUE: "Super-Pets!" Story Time (Kids) - Monday, 05/07, 10:30 AM
DIY Pet Toys (Ages 8-15) - Tuesday, 05/08, 4 PM

CHOCTAW: "Pet Show" Story Time (Ages 0-4) - Tuesday, 05/08, 10:30 AM

GHEENS: Universal's The Secret Life of Pets (ALL Ages) - Wednesday, 05/09, 4 PM
Pet Pop Painting (Tweens/Teens) - Thursday, 05/10, 3 PM

G. MEADOW: Cat/Dog Paper Craft (Kids) - Monday, 05/07, ALL Day

LAROSE: "Pets" Story Time (Kids) - Thursday, 05/03, 1 PM

LOCKPORT: Braided Dog Toy (Ages 7-12) - Friday, 05/11, 3:45 PM

THIBODAUX: "Love Your Pet" Story Time (Kids) - Wednesday, 05/09, 10:30 AM



Featured Events



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



- BAYOU BLUE:** Mother's Day Craft: DIY Cards (All Ages) - Thursday, 05/10, 4:30 PM
- CHOCTAW:** *Mother's Day Craft (Ages 4-9) - Wednesday, 05/09, 4:30 PM
- GHEENS:** "Mother's Day" Story Time & Craft (All Ages) - Tuesday, 05/08, 4:30 PM
Mother's Day Fragrant Bath Bombs (Adults) - Friday, 05/11, 11 AM
- G. MEADOW:** *Muffin Flower Pot Mother's Day Craft (Kids) - Thursday, 05/10, 4:30 PM
- LAROSE:** Mother's Day Q-Tip Flowers (Ages 6-17) - Wednesday, 05/09, 4 PM
- LOCKPORT:** Mother's Day Bee Card (All Ages) - Tuesday, 05/08, 5 PM
"Feliz dia de las Madres" Mother's Day Story Time - Thursday, 05/10, 10:30 AM
- RACELAND:** Mother's Day Gala (All Ages) - Tuesday, 05/08, 4 PM
- S. LAFOURCHE:** Mother's Day Tea (All Ages) - Wednesday, 05/02, 5:30 PM
- THIBODAUX:** *Mother's Day Craft: Messages for Mom (Ages 6+) - Tuesday, 05/08, 5:15 PM
"I Love Mommy!" Laptime (Babies/Toddlers) - Thursday, 05/10, 10:30 AM

MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

To those in uniform presently serving and to those who have served in the past, we honor you today and every day.

- BAYOU BLUE:** *American Flag Painting (Adults)
Wednesday, 05/23, 1:30 PM
- CHOCTAW:** Letters to Military (All Ages)
Monday, 05/14 - Friday, 05/18, All Day
- GHEENS:** "Military Month" Story Time & Craft (All Ages)
Tuesday, 05/22, 4:30 PM
- G. MEADOW:** Military Appreciation Photo Display (*Bring in your photos of current military or veterans*) - All Month
- LAROSE:** Toy Soldier Reminder Giveaway (*Receive a toy soldier as a reminder of those who served*) - All Month
- LOCKPORT:** Military Keychains (Ages 10-17)
Tuesday, 05/01, 4:30 PM
- RACELAND:** Military Appreciation Month Display, All Month
- S. LAFOURCHE:** Military Appreciation Month Display, All Month
- THIBODAUX:** Armed Forces Day Workshop Activity Packet (All Ages)
Saturday, 05/19, All Day
"Military Appreciation Month" Story Time (Kids)
Wednesday, 05/23, 10:30 AM



Featured Events



Join in the Fun for
Children's Book Week
April 30 - May 6
2018

Check Out These ALSC Notable Books for 2018!

Young Readers

Big Cat, Little Cat by Elisha Cooper
A Greyhound, A Groundhog by Emily Jenkins
Home in the Rain by Bob Graham
Life on Mars by Jon Agee
Noodleheads See the Future by Tedd Arnold
A Perfect Day by Lane Smith
When's My Birthday? by Julie Fogliano
Windows by Julia Denos

Middle Readers

All's Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson
How to Be an Elephant by Katherine Roy
Impact!: Asteroids & the Science of Saving the World
by Elizabeth Rusch
Princess Cora & the Crocodile by Laura Amy Schlitz
Wishtree by Katherine Applegate

Older Readers

Beyond the Bright Sea
by Lauren Wolk
Hello, Universe by Erin
Entrada Kelly
The List by Patricia Forde

All Ages

*Crown: An Ode to the
Fresh Cut* by Derrick
Barnes
Grand Canyon by Jason
Chin
Her Right Foot by Dave
Eggers

BAYOU BLUE: "Special" Book Bundles (Ages 4-10) - Monday, 04/30 - Friday, 05/04

CHOCTAW: Bookmark Craft (Ages 4-9) - Wednesday, 05/02, 4:30 PM

GHEENS: Sidewalk Chalk Art (All Ages) - Thursday, 05/03, 4 PM

G. MEADOW: "Bookworms" Snack Bag Giveaway (Kids) - Monday, 04/30 - Friday, 05/04
"All About Books" Story Time (Kids) - Wednesday, 05/02, 4 PM

LAROSE: Decorate a Book Craft (Kids) - Wednesday, 05/02, 3:30 PM

LOCKPORT: Children's Book Night (Kids) - Thursday, 05/03, 5 PM

RACELAND: One World, Many Stories Puppet Show (All Ages) - Wednesday, 05/02, 4 PM

S. LAFOURCHE: "Alphabet Soup" Story Time (Kids) - Tuesday, 05/01, 10:30 AM

THIBODAUX: Story Time Book Bingo (All Ages) - Wednesday, 05/02, 11:30 AM
"Alphabet" Laptime (Babies, Toddlers) - Thursday, 05/03, 10:30 AM
Book Bingo (All Ages) - Saturday, 05/05, 3 PM

**One World,
Many Stories**

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KIDS ONLY!

Children's Books of the Month

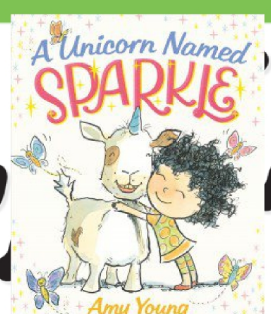
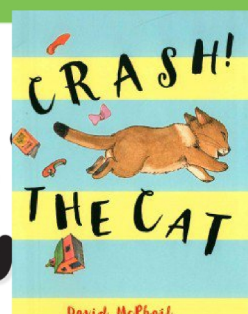
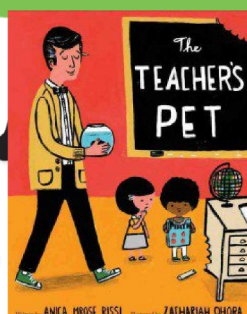
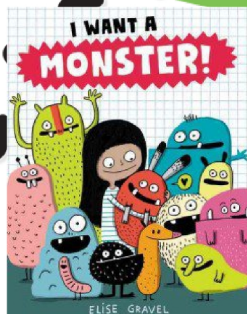
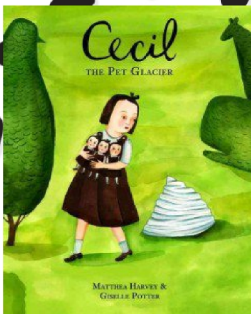
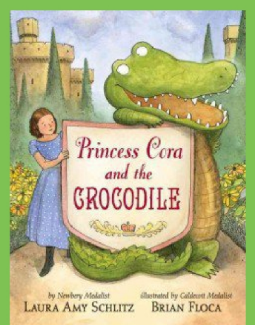
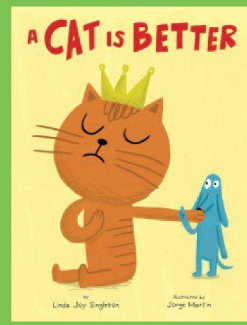
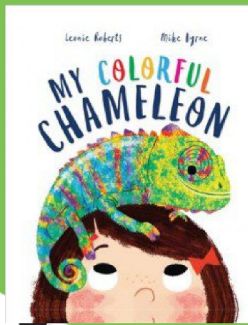
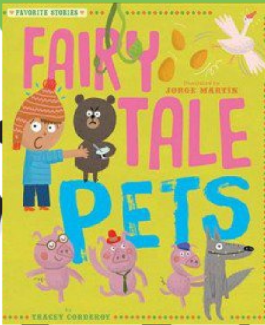
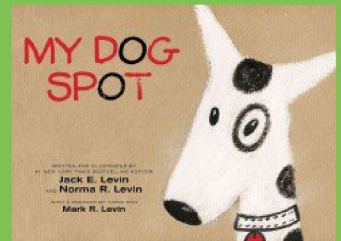
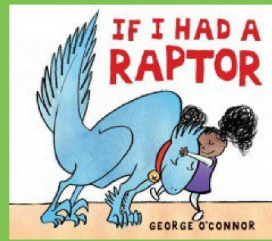
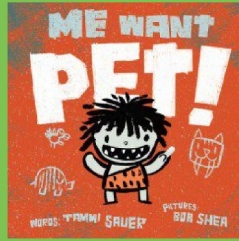
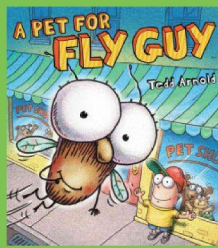
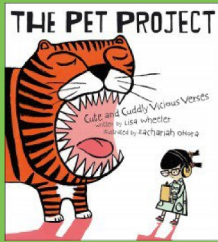
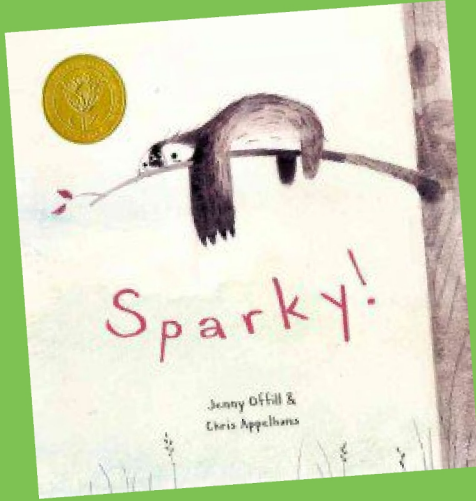


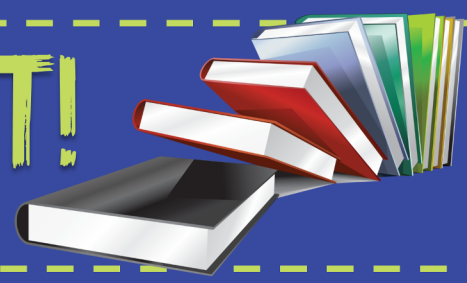
PAW-FECT BOOKS

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NATIONAL PET WEEK!

May 6-12, 2018





TOP PICK!

FURYBORN
by Claire Legrand
(Sourcebooks Fire)

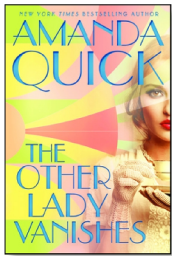
"Fierce, independent women full of rage, determination, and fire. The first novel in the Empirium trilogy holds appeal for both young adult and adult readers. For fans of *Game of Thrones*, *Once Upon a Time*, and *The Hunger Games*."

—Kristin Friberg, Princeton Library, Princeton, NJ



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

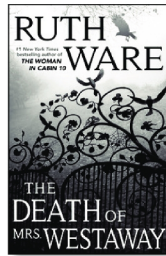
MAY 2018



THE OTHER LADY VANISHES
by Amanda Quick
(Berkley)

"Historical romantic suspense. Who would suspect that the quiet California seaside tea shop waitress is actually an escaped mental patient? The second book in Quick's Burning Cove series has the same 1930s vibe and glamorous, gossipy Hollywood ambiance as *The Girl Who Knew Too Much*."

—Beth Mills, New Rochelle Public Library, New Rochelle, NY



THE DEATH OF MRS. WESTAWAY
by Ruth Ware
(Gallery/Scout Press)

"Ware's best book by far. I finally stopped trying to puzzle it out and just sat back to enjoy the ride."

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



THE PERFECT MOTHER
A Novel
by Aimee Molloy
(Harper)

"A frank look at mommy culture wrapped in an original twist on the suburban, psychological thriller."

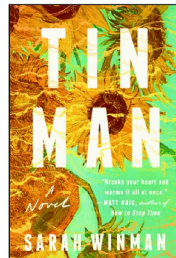
—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, Flemington, NJ



LOVE AND RUIN
A Novel
by Paula McLain
(Ballantine Books)

"Biographical and historical fiction. Another fascinating Hemingway wife from McLain who always writes interesting women and great period detail."

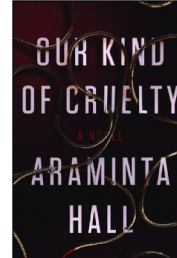
—Elizabeth Angelastro, Manilus Library, Manilus, NY



TIN MAN
A Novel
by Sarah Winman
(G.P. Putnam's Sons)

"A beautifully written story of love, loss, grief, friendship, and acceptance. The story winds in and out of time in a figure eight like waves reaching shore and receding again."

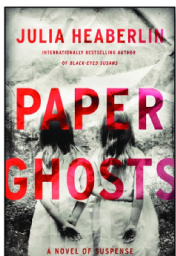
—Donna Burger, Bryant Library, Roslyn, NY



OUR KIND OF CRUELTY
A Novel
by Araminta Hall
(MCD)

"Disturbing psychological suspense with an unreliable narrator. This is a love story. Or is it? It's more a story of obsession."

—Jennifer Ohzourk, St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis, MO



PAPER GHOSTS
A Novel of Suspense
by Julia Heaberlin
(Ballantine Books)

"Grace has spent years secretly investigating the disappearance of her older sister. Grace's prime suspect is Carl Feldman, a photographer, who has been acquitted of the crime and now suffers from

dementia. Grace decides that a road trip may jog Carl's memory."

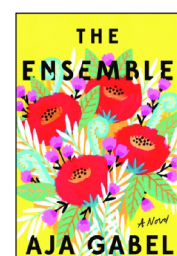
—Galen Cunniff, Scituate Town Library, Scituate, MA



THE FAVORITE SISTER
by Jessica Knoll
(Simon & Schuster)

"Perfect for the reality TV addicted, this book is gossip laden, full of edge, and contains plenty of surprises."

—Sharon Layburn, Huntington Public Library, Huntington Station, NY



THE ENSEMBLE
A Novel
by Aja Gabel
(Riverhead)

"Set against the backdrop of the highly-competitive and merciless world of classical music, this brilliantly written debut is an exquisite portrait of a group friendship spanning decades. Gabel weaves a lyrical tale of four

young musician's journeys and their complex, yet resilient, relationships with each other. For fans of *The Interestings*, *A Little Life*, and *A Secret History*."

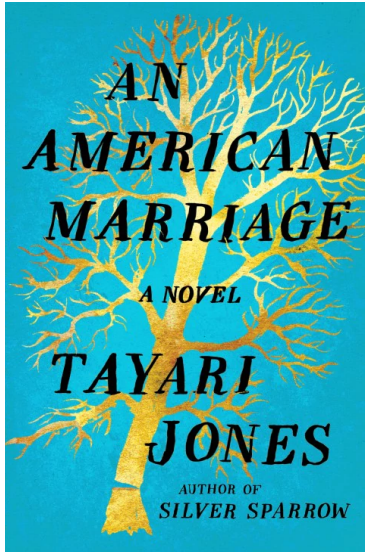
—Mayleen Kelley, JV Fletcher Library, Westford MA

BOOK REVIEWS

com•plex (characters)

- intriguing & complicated, these multi-dimensional characters have conflicting motivations & desires

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complex
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AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE

Tayari Jones

GENRE:
African American Fiction;
Literary Fiction;
Southern Fiction

TONE:
Moving; Sobering

WRITING STYLE:
Compelling;
Stylistically Complex

STORYLINE:
Character-Driven

CHARACTER:
Complex

"Roy Hamilton and Celestial Davenport's marriage has just begun, and is already being torn apart. While visiting Roy's parents in Eloe, Louisiana - AKA Small Town, USA - the couple spend the night at Piney Woods, a hotel on par with a Motel 6 and the only place to stay in town. In the middle of the night, Roy and Celestial are awakened to their door being busted in by the police. An elderly woman staying at Piney Woods has been assaulted, and she has named Roy as the culprit.

Roy is quickly arrested and sentenced to 12 years for a crime he didn't commit. He and Celestial try to keep their marriage alive as best they can through letters and jailhouse visits, but as the years pass, Celestial finds her love for Roy wavering and tells him that she can't do this anymore. Several years later, Roy is overjoyed to learn that his conviction has been overturned - he is coming home. However, Celestial is none too thrilled by this recent turn of events - see, she has fallen in love with her childhood best friend, who is also a friend of Roy's - Andre. Now Celestial is faced with an impossible decision - which man will she choose?

An American Marriage by Tayari Jones is a heartbreaking story of a young couple ripped apart by circumstances beyond their control and the aftermath that their untimely separation brings. Jones is a brilliant writer, who always captures the essence of what makes us human in her stories. While exploring the fragile nature of life, and examining how love makes us whole, Jones finds a way to make easing into this novel effortless for her readers. Those who find joy in a story well-written will fall in love with Jones' superbly-told tale. Jones has a way of exposing her characters' deepest desires and darkest fears, all while allowing her readers to find a bit of themselves in her stories. In all, readers who like feeling a myriad of emotions as they enjoy a story will find much to love with this book. While certainly not always happy, An American Marriage at least rings true to what it means to be a wife, a husband, a son, a daughter, a lover present, and a lover past."

- Brooke, Public Relations Librarian

THE PERFECT NANNY

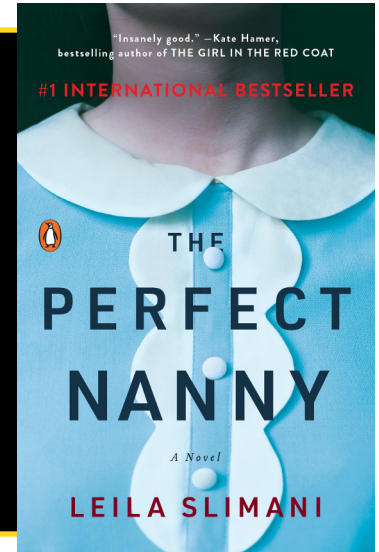
Leila Slimani

GENRE:
Multiple Perspectives;
Psychological Suspense;
Translations

TONE:
Menacing;
Suspenseful

WRITING STYLE:
Compelling;
Spare

CHARACTER:
Complex;
Twisted



"Although The Perfect Nanny (Lullaby) was based on a true story and was the #1 Intl. bestseller and winner of France's most prestigious literary prize, the Goncourt, it was a difficult read for me. As a mother, it's hard to fathom the freedom and 'power' that was given to the nanny (Louise) even when circumstances presented were strange. At times I found the parents, with their own issues, selfish and focused solely on themselves. You know, 'I feel bad I have to leave the children with the nanny, but ...' In this case the "but" was the cost of two young lives.

That aside, this book covers a plethora of issues. From the timeless 'career vs motherhood' conundrum (it is interesting to see a mother who loves her job as much as her children, even though she does get punished for it in the end.) Then there are the men who are not shown in a good light: the middle-class father who doesn't want his wife to go back to work and implies her concerns about the nanny are hysterical; the working-class father (Louise's husband) is a good-for-nothing, abusive alcoholic.

The parents, Myriam and Paul, are an upper-middle-class couple living in a wealthy part of Paris where they are squeezed into a small apartment with their two children. Myriam is bored with being a stay-at-home mom and decides to resume her career as a criminal lawyer. Paul works in the music business. They get a nanny - Louise - who seems perfect, but then she starts to do increasingly weird things, like putting make-up on their daughter, or fishing a chicken carcass out of the trash and encouraging the children to pick at it.

We see what Myriam and Paul can't - that Louise is struggling, her mental health is disintegrating and that she is living at the mercy of a slum landlord. Flashbacks tell us more about Louise's tough life, which includes an abusive husband and a dysfunctional daughter, who she wasn't able to look after properly because she was spending so much time bringing up other people's kids.

If the content seems familiar it's because the story was inspired by the murders of Leo and Lucia Krim, a two- and six-year-old from New York who were stabbed to death in 2012. The kids' nanny was charged with the murders, but is yet to stand trial. The Perfect Nanny shares not-very-subtle similarities with the case - right down to the mother walking into the crime scene."

- Shannon, Assistant Director 14

STAFF PICKS

Charlotte's Pick: *Bloodstains with Brontë* by Katherine Bolger Hyde ★★ ★

"Brontë fans will enjoy Hyde's snippets from *Jane Eyre* & *Wuthering Heights* as introductions to each chapter & the correlations between the two classics & this novel. If you are a fan of the 1960s game *Clue*, you'll feel familiar with the investigation & story lines of the characters (I actually solved this whodunit long before the investigation was complete, which made the story seem anticlimactic.) *Bloodstains With Brontë* will appeal to readers who are not fans of gruesome murder mysteries, but enjoy more of a classic mystery read."

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GENRE: Cozy Mysteries; Gentle Reads WRITING STYLE: Engaging CHARACTER: Likeable STORYLINE: Plot-Driven

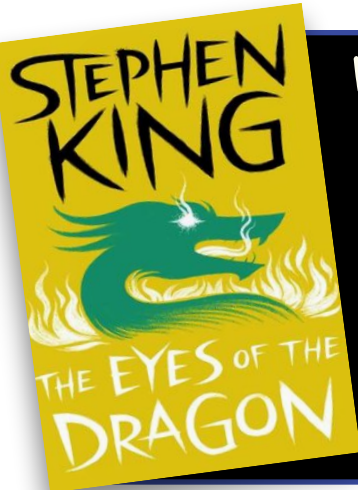


Van's Pick: *The Eyes of the Dragon* by Stephen King ★★ ★ ★

"Stephen King does a great job keeping his prose simple but still addressing his readers as adults when he examines the various characters' motivations. Unfortunately there are few dragons & not as much sorcery in the story as the title implies, but King definitely keeps the reader interested in this smooth-flowing & exciting story. His examinations of the characters' psyches & motivations makes this an adult fairy tale that'll have the reader engrossed."

Are you & this book a good match? Discover more with Novelist Appeals!

GENRE: Adult Books for Young Adults; Fantasy Fiction TONE: Dramatic; Suspenseful PAGE: Fast-Paced
WRITING STYLE: Conversational STORYLINE: Intricately-Plotted; Plot-Driven



Katie's Pick: *Death: The Deluxe Edition* by Neil Gaiman ★★ ★ ★

"*Death: The Deluxe Edition* provides a refreshing & very different view on death. In each story, the mortal characters react differently when they meet death: some are anxious & uncertain, while others are angry & afraid. Most plead for more time on Earth, while others accept the inevitable. Everyone asks where is the next stop: heaven, hell, or something in between. Rather than fabricating an answer to please readers, Gaiman's *Death* never directly answers the question, claiming not to know what is on the other side. Perhaps it's a reflection on society as a whole. Maybe we are asking the wrong question. Instead of worrying about what happens when we die, we should be focused on living a meaningful life & how our actions shape others & the world around us."

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GENRE: Adult Books for Young Adults; Comics & Graphic Novels; Fantasy Comics CHARACTER: Brooding; Large Cast of Characters
WRITING STYLE: Compelling STORYLINE: World-Building TONE: Atmospheric; Dramatic; Moody ILLUSTRATION: Colorful; Detailed; Lavish



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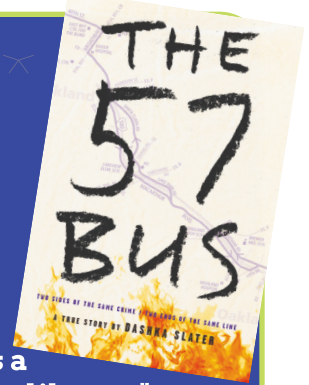
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STAFF PICKS

Katrina's Pick: *The 57 Bus* by Dashka Slater ★★★

"In *The 57 Bus*, Dashka Slater attempts to go much deeper than the headlines or social media posts did, delving into a real-life incident that occurred on the 57 Bus in Oakland in 2013. Slater gets to know both teens, their families & friends, & their circumstances. If you enjoy engaging nonfiction, you'll appreciate *The 57 Bus*, which offers an unflinching investigation of some complicated topics, including gender-nonconformity & the arguments for & against prosecuting juvenile offenders as adults. *The 57 Bus* is shelved in the Young Adult section of the library, but this book will capture the attention of adults, as well as teens. It's a quick, thought-provoking, and empathy-evoking read and is available from your library."



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GENRE: Crime & Law; Narrative Nonfiction **TONE:** Serious **STORYLINE:** Issue-Oriented **WRITING STYLE:** Journalistic; Lyrical



Lynette's Pick: *The Beloved Stranger* by Grace Livingston Hill ★★★

"A couple of mysterious twists, a fast-paced unfolding, & an unexpected ending make this lightly romantic, squeaky clean read enjoyable."

Are you & this book a good match? Discover more with Novelist Appeals!

GENRE: Christian Romances **TONE:** Chaste; Heartwarming; Inspiring

Dione's Pick: *Running the Risk* by Lea Griffith ★★★★★

"If you like mercenary type stories with a lot of romance thrown in, this book is for you. Lea Griffith does an amazing job of plot twists that you never see coming. I'm addicted to this series & cannot wait for the next installment! This racy, action-packed book is available at your library using Hoopla."

Are you & this book a good match? Discover more with Novelist Appeals!

GENRE: Romantic Suspense **TONE:** Steamy **PACE:** Fast-Paced
STORYLINE: Action-Packed **WRITING STYLE:** Compelling



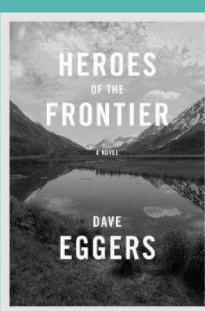
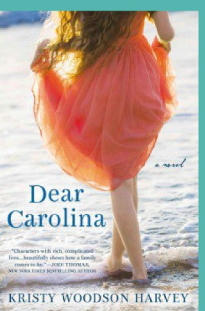
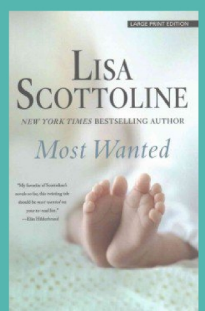
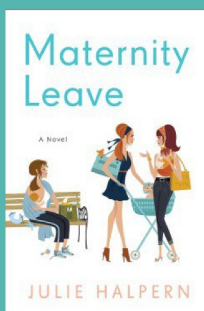
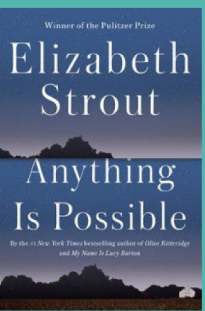
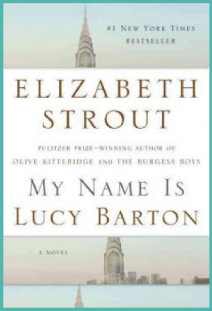
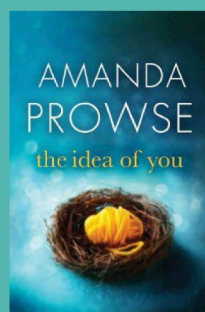
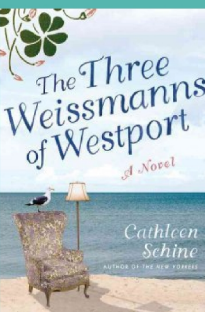
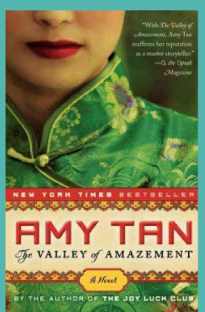
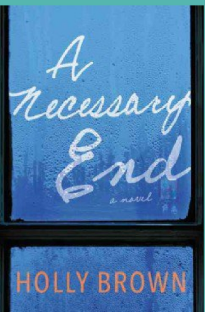
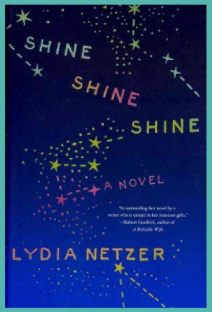
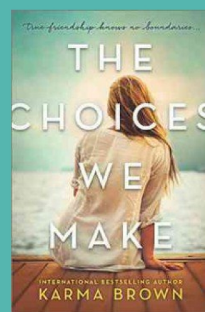
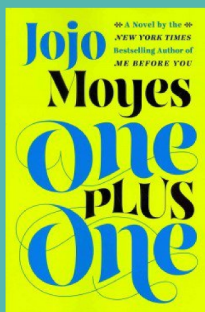
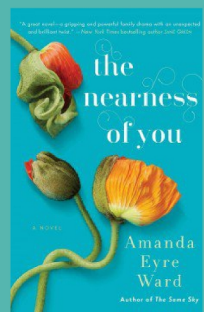
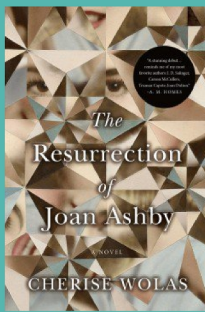
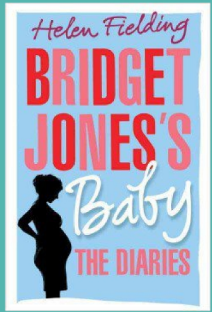
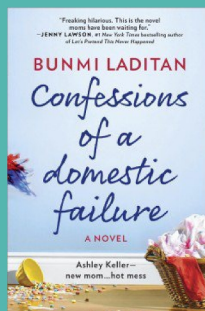
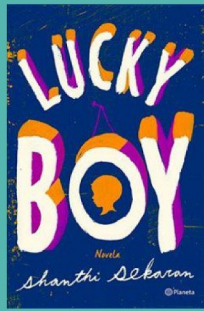
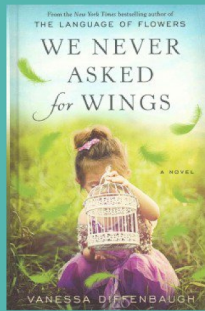
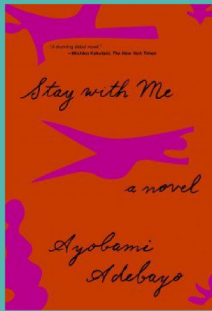
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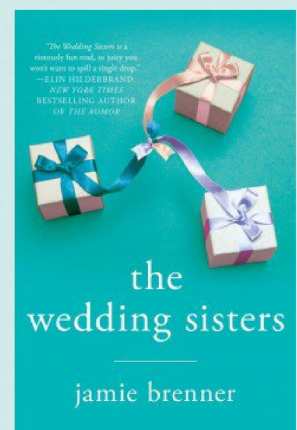
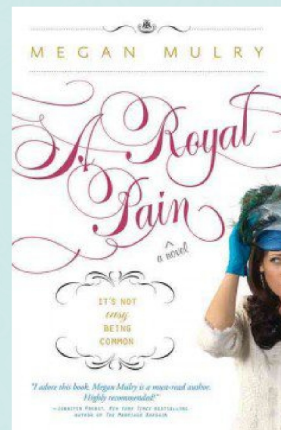
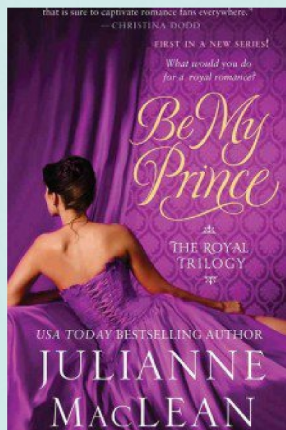
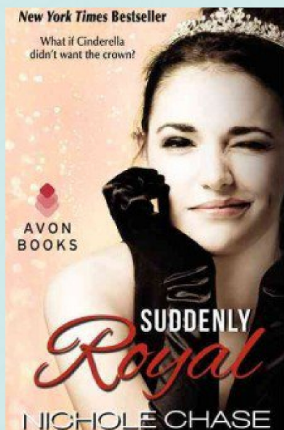
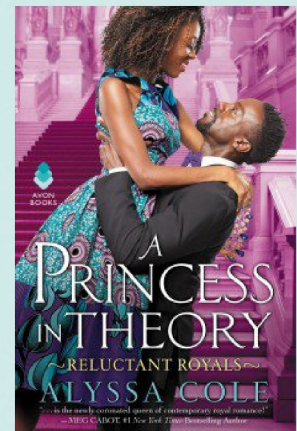
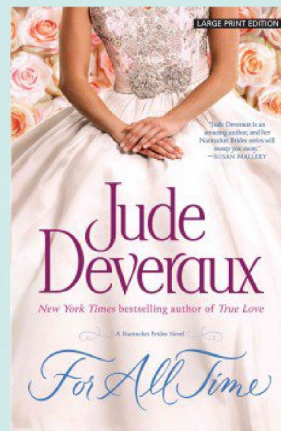
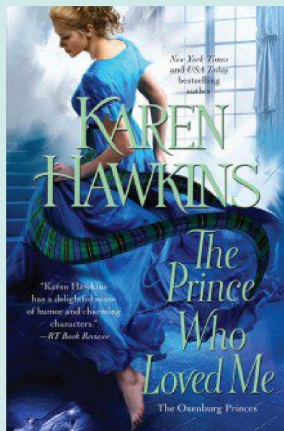
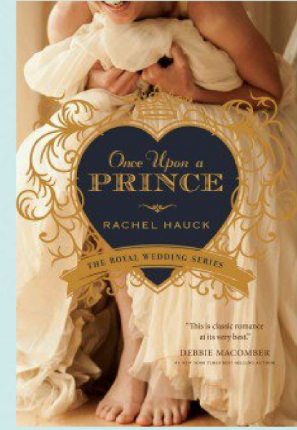
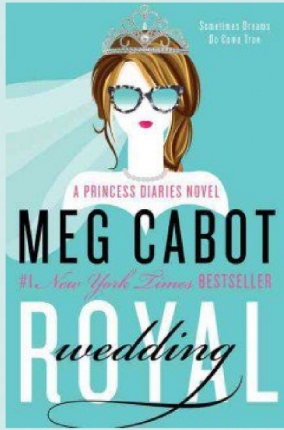




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Meet Allison Verdin

Larose Branch Assistant

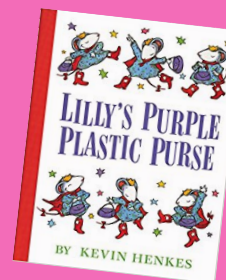


You might know Allison Verdin by her cheerful smile & disposition. One of our Larose employees, Allison has been officially working for LPPL since the fall of 2015, but she got her start with us a little earlier than that. She helped out with Summer Reading at our South Lafourche Branch in 2015 through the Community Action program, & soon after was offered a permanent position at our Larose Branch. At the branch, Allison helps patrons navigate the library & use the computers, & she also shelves materials & keeps everything tidy. Her favorite things to do at work include having fun with the kids, setting up displays, showing movies, calling BINGO, learning new projects in our STEAM Sit Downs, & advancing her library skills. Above all, Allison loves her job & her patrons.

When not at work, Allison loves playing video games, building with LEGOs, watching movies (her favorite is The Peanuts Movie), & finding pointless trivia. Her favorite book is The Man You'll Marry by Debbie Macomber, & she also enjoys Lysa TerKeurst's books. As for TV shows, Allison naturally loves The Librarians! When it comes to family, Allison tells us that her brother Andrew is pretty awesome - he works at our South Lafourche Branch & you can find his staff profile on the opposite page! Allison recently celebrated her 20th birthday, her third with us here at LPPL - Happy Birthday, Allison!

Q&A With Allison!

- We are kicking off Summer Reading at the end of this month to the theme of "Libraries Rock!" Why do you think libraries rock?
Patrons do not have to pay full price for virtually anything we offer. Movies, books, classes, & activities are free for everyone.
- What are you most excited about for Summer Reading 2018?
The variety of programs we offer during the summer are wonderful learning tools for kids. Our numbers are going to skyrocket with what we have planned for this year!
- MAY is Get Caught Reading Month. What book are you most likely to be caught reading this MAY?
Probably our new children's books. They can be funny!
- We celebrate Children's Book Week in MAY. Which children's book is your favorite?
Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes
- "MAY the Fourth" be with you! National Star Wars Day is celebrated on MAY 4. Which Star Wars character is your favorite?
Master Yoda
- We celebrate National Pet Week in MAY - if you could have any animal in the world as a pet, what would you have?
A shark





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Meet Andrew Verdin

South Lafourche Branch Assistant



Andrew Verdin treats every day at work as a new adventure ... in fact, it's his favorite part of his job at our South Lafourche Branch, where he has been working for the past 14 months. As he puts it, "effectively there is no guarantee of what I might experience on any given day!" Given the variety of tasks Andrew takes part in every day, it's no surprise that his work days are exciting. Andrew, who recently received a Bachelor's degree in Accounting, describes his work by saying, "My day-to-day tasks are somewhat varied in nature, as one moment I can find myself assisting patrons with checking out or locating materials that they desire, both in-person and by phone, and the next moment, I find myself performing more technologically-focused services, from basic tech support to graphic design and just about anything else of which one might think."

When not on the job, Andrew enjoys traveling & making plans for potential future expeditions. His favorite book is The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp by Rick Yancey, & his favorite author is the beloved Carolyn Keene, writer of the Nancy Drew mystery series. As for movies, Andrew tells us, "Though I am not as much of a movie buff as I can attest to others being, I did enjoy watching the 2017 adaption of Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express." When it comes to his favorite TV show though, Andrew can't decide between The Golden Girls and Jeopardy. When it comes to family, you may know his sister if you visit our Larose Branch - Allison Verdin - check out her profile on the opposite page!

Q&A With Andrew!

- We are kicking off Summer Reading at the end of this month with the theme of "Libraries Rock!" Why do YOU think libraries rock?
Libraries rock because libraries are there for everyone. Having been going to the library for almost a quarter of a century, I would say that libraries are a fundamental part of me personally, from the number of materials I have checked out to the assistance I have received, to simply spending innumerable hours being at a branch, either for a program, materials, or just to simply be there.
- What are you most excited about for Summer Reading 2018?
As this will be my second summer with LPPL, I am looking forward to assisting patrons with finding materials so that they can meet their goals for the Summer Reading Program.
- MAY IS GET CAUGHT READING MONTH. What book are you most likely to be caught reading this MAY?
I am most likely to be caught reading personal & professional development books, though I am also in the mood to go on an adventure, so I might venture into less familiar territory & find a fantasy that I have not yet read.
- We celebrate Children's Book Week in May. Which children's book is your favorite?
While not an isolated book, my favorite series of children's books is the Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart.
- "MAY the Fourth" be with you! National Star Wars Day is celebrated on May 4. Which Star Wars character is your favorite?
Though I have knowledge of the films in terms of their existence & vast following, as well as the original books, I have never actually watched any Star Wars films. However, if we are talking about Star Trek ... I would say either Captain Picard or Commander Riker from the Next Generation series.
- We celebrate National Pet Week in May - if you could have any animal in the world as a pet, what would you have?
In my world, I would include mythological creatures as animals, & as such, I would want to have a gryphon as a pet.

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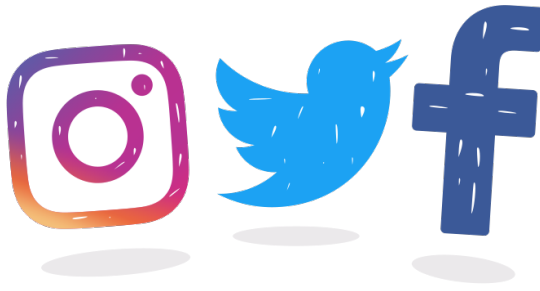
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