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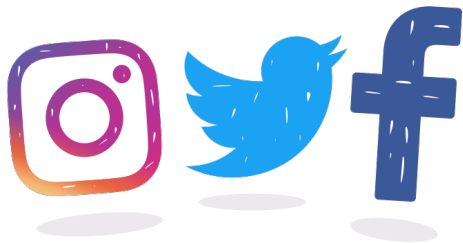
TO YOUR LIBRARY

NATIONAL
LIBRARY WEEK
APRIL 4-10, 2021



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CHOCTAW STAFF

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

"Leticia & Jolene are always helpful, especially Jolene, whenever I call & ask for recommendations on what books to read. They are very nice ladies, & they always come through for me."

- Judy Sanchez, Choctaw Patron

JESSICA CASSEL



Big congratulations go out to Gheens Branch Associate Jessica for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!

"We love Mrs. Jessica's work ethic & how she is involved in the community of Gheens."

- Sydney, Gheens Patron

**DO YOU KNOW A STAFF STAR?
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LIBRARY CLOSURE

All Lafourche Parish Public Library branches will be closed Friday, April 2 - Saturday, April 3 in observance of Easter. We will re-open on Monday, April 5. Have a "hoppy" Easter!



HAPPY EASTER



WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING!



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
APRIL 4-10, 2021

We're Glad You're Here!

April 4-10, 2021 is National Library Week, a time to highlight the essential role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. The theme for this year's National Library Week is "Welcome to your library," which promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building and that everyone is welcome to use their services. Whether people visit virtually or in person, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community through learning, discovery, and exploration.



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK WORD SEARCH

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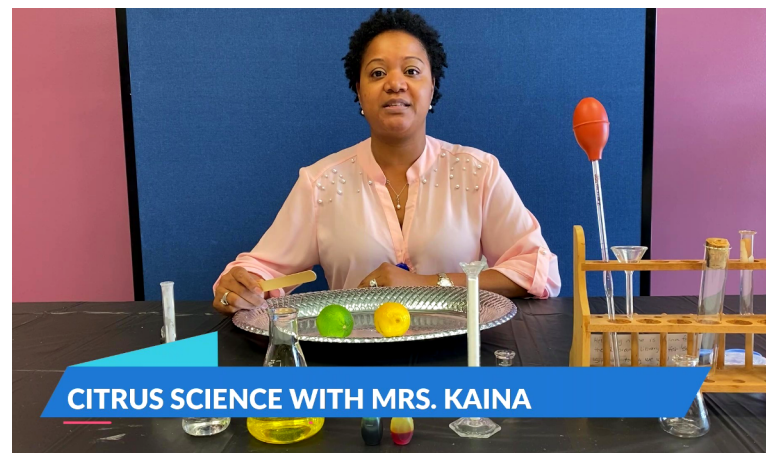
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- MOVIES
- LITERACY
- EBOOKS
- TECHNOLOGY

This National Library Week, show your appreciation and support for libraries by visiting our website at lafourche.org to browse our wide variety of award-winning offerings and services!

During these challenging times, libraries of all types have been going above and beyond to adapt to our changing world by expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons. Libraries across the country are making a difference in people's lives through virtual programming, curbside services, online resources, and technology that can be checked out and used at home, such as hotspots, laptops, and tablets.



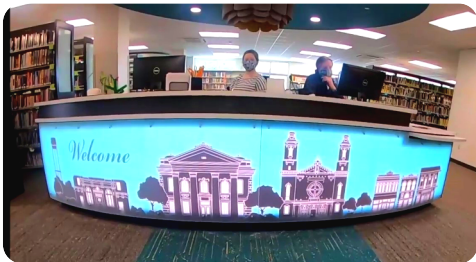
CITRUS SCIENCE WITH MRS. KAINA

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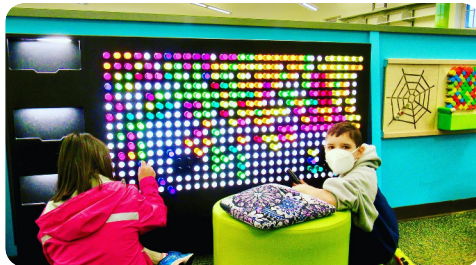
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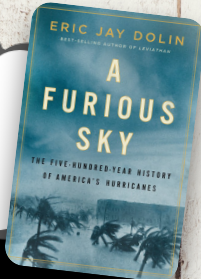


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A Furious Sky By Eric Jay Dolin



Helen's Pick: ★★★★★

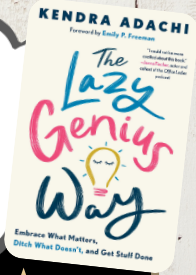
"Every year from June through November, the eastern & southern coastal regions of the United States brace themselves for another hurricane season. And if living through a hurricane is not enough to satisfy your lust for natural disasters, then *A Furious Sky* offers the reader insights into the consequences of hurricanes throughout our history from the nameless storms during Christopher Columbus's explorations through the 5th most active storm season of 2019. Dolin writes in detail about some of the most deadly hurricanes in history. There is a chapter called The Rogue's Gallery that recounts some of the worst storms to hit America. Dolin also recounts the centuries-old battle over hurricane science which continues today with our inability to predict when & where hurricanes will hit. Readers will benefit much from reading *A Furious Sky*, finding it extremely informative on the subject of hurricanes & written in an easy-to-read, storytelling style."

GENRE: History, Nature, & Science Writing
WRITING STYLE: Compelling; Comprehensive
STORYLINE: Sweeping
TONE: Dramatic

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



The Lazy Genius Way By Kendra Adachi

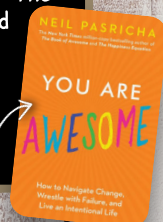


Catherine's Pick: ★★★★★

"Many people begin the new year with a list of resolutions. By the first quarter of the year, many of those resolutions have begun to falter. Enter *The Lazy Genius Way* by Kendra Adachi. New Year's resolutions most often proclaim big, sweeping changes in a person's lifestyle. Adachi is well aware that humans rarely take to such change well & will tell you to stop beating yourself up over it. This book lays out a list of principles to help you figure out what matters, stop worrying so much about what doesn't, & attack what needs to get done efficiently. Adachi writes in an engaging, almost conversational, style that fits well with her message to stop worrying about what other people think & prioritize what matters to you. Adachi writes from her position as a married mother of three young children, but the principles can cleanly be applied by readers in all stages of life. *The Lazy Genius Way* is a perfect read for people worried about their flagging New Year's resolutions, worried that they will never get their lives in order. Start small, build the right routines, & be kind to yourself."

GENRE: Self-Help

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

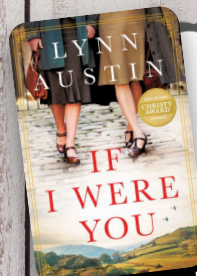


Sewing Face Masks By Angie Herbertson



Kathy's Pick: ★★★★★

"Have you been sewing your own face masks? This book has patterns for three styles of face masks, plus a headband with buttons for attaching a face mask to save your ears! The shaped face mask has a good design & fits nicely to your face. The stretch knit face covering can be worn as a scarf - converting to a mask when needed. The pleated mask has a pocket for inserting additional filters. Anyone needing to make scrub caps will really appreciate this volume. There are patterns for unisex scrub caps, as well as designs specifically for women - for short hair or long (to cover a ponytail.) All projects include a materials list & tools needed. Clear step-by-step instructions with numerous illustrations makes the sewing simple. Some of the projects can be made using fat quarters. All projects can be completed using a regular sewing machine - even the quilting! Patterns can be photocopied from the pages of the book (some require enlarging - percentages are given) or you can download free full-size patterns from the website provided. With explanations of sewing basics & tips & techniques, this book will enhance anyone's sewing skills to create helpful, thoughtful projects to use yourself or to share with others."



If I Were You By Lynn Austin



Lynette's Pick: ★★★★★

"Audrey is the rich daughter of gentry living in the 1930s English countryside. Eve is the maid who covets the privilege Audrey's family wealth provides. At age 12, the girls become quick friends when Eve pushes Audrey to develop courage to deal with the bullies in her life, & Audrey graciously uses her privilege for Eve's good time and again. Later when the two girls are thrust into the perils of WWII, both endure devastating losses & are forced to make life-altering decisions. As a widow, Audrey decides to bring her young son to America to live with her wealthy in-laws, but upon arrival, Audrey finds her friend Eve has taken her name & position within her in-law's family. Eve frantically searches for a way out of this dilemma. After all that they have overcome, will their friendship survive? In this novel of self-discovery set against the backdrop of sweeping world changes, two women find the best thing is to remain true to oneself."

GENRE: Christian Historical Fiction
TONE: Atmospheric; Nostalgic
WRITING STYLE: Compelling
STORYLINE: Intricately Plotted

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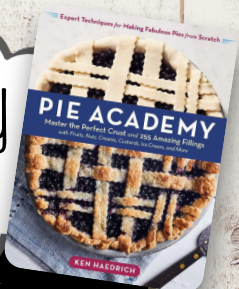


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Pie Academy By Ken Haedrich



Shannon's Pick: ★★★★★

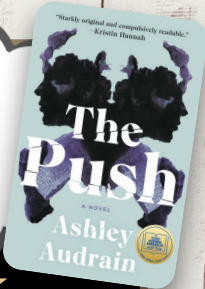
"It's always time for pie! Whether it's Blueberry-Pineapple Pina Colada, Triple-Layer Pumpkin Chocolate, Ricotta Pie with Toasted Almonds, or a Classic Lemon Meringue, Ken Haedrich, dean of The Pie Academy, dishes up a pie for every craving. Discover recipes for all types of crusts & pastry, including gluten-free, whole wheat, & extra flaky. Learn about the best tools & gadgets to make dough & fillings. Step-by-step instructions with photos make it easy for bakers of all levels. From the perfect apple pie to adorable mini pies, from finger pies & slab pies to regional favorites like Indiana Buttermilk Pie or New Hampshire Raspberry and Red Currant Pie, there's something for every taste & every occasion. Bakers will learn all the details that make for great pie, including how to create decorative crusts featuring cut-outs & dough designs; whether to use table salt or kosher salt; & helpful tips & tricks for baking each particular pie perfectly. Having Haedrich in the kitchen is like having a trusted friend alongside - someone who knows what he's doing, but encourages plenty of fun!"

GENRE: Cookbooks

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The Push By Ashley Audrain



Brooke's Pick: ★★★★★

"One of my favorite movies of all time is the 1956 film, *The Bad Seed*, about a precocious, seemingly charming little girl who is hiding a murderous dark side. *The Push* is an utterly compulsive novel in a similar vein, merging suspense fiction with literary fiction to create an absolutely horrifying, yet reflective tale. New mom Blythe is hoping to foster a lifelong connection with her new baby girl, but something is not quite right with her daughter Violet. As the years go by, Blythe can't quite put her finger on it, but in her eyes, Violet is one violent, manipulative & vindictive little girl. The problem is no one believes Blythe's fears, & she finds herself living in trepidation of the daughter she is raising, while also being viewed as a hysterical & troubled woman by those she loves most. I highly recommend the audiobook of this gripping novel!"

AWARDS: LibraryReads Favorite 2021

GENRE: Psychological Suspense

THEMES: Creepy Clowns & Bad Seeds; Unreliable Narrator

STONE: Heartwrenching; Suspenseful

STORYLINE: Intricately Plotted; Nonlinear

WRITING STYLE: Compelling

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The Golden Cage By Camilla Lackberg



Brooke's Pick: ★★★★★

"Revenge is a dish best served cold ... or in the case of *The Golden Cage*, steaming hot. This novel is every scorned woman's retaliation fantasy, as Lackberg's protagonist Faye knows no limits in her attempts to bring the man who ruined her to his knees. Faye's husband would not be where he is today if it weren't for her, but you won't see him giving her any credit. So when Faye literally catches him in the act of betraying her, she wastes no time in retaliating. Faye takes her revenge where most of us dare not go, & the result is a chilling, pulse-pounding novel of a love gone very, very wrong. *The Golden Cage* is an explosive, in-your-face tale of revenge exacted. It takes a while for Lackberg to build Faye's background & set the stage for what's to come, but once this story gets going, it doesn't stop until the jaw-dropping conclusion. While some parts of this novel require you to believe the unbelievable, & others may turn weak & sensitive stomachs due to its unsettling & graphic nature, *The Golden Cage* is an intoxicating story of vengeance not to be missed by fans of the suspense genre."

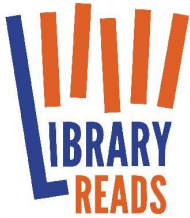
GENRE: Psychological Suspense; Translations

STONE: Atmospheric; Suspenseful

WRITING STYLE: Compelling

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The Intimacy Experiment by Rosie Danan

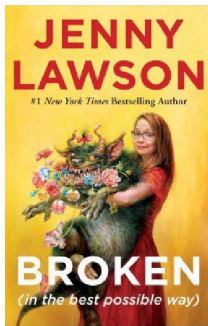
(Berkley Jove)

"Having built the Shameless platform to teach people how to find their own pleasure, Naomi wants to take that sex positivity to a lecture circuit, but no one will hire her. Enter Ethan, a young, handsome rabbi with a struggling synagogue. A seminar series on modern intimacy seems like a good way to build a sense of community and attract a younger congregation. What happens is their own lesson in intimacy, as two people passionate about their work and trying to make the world a better place sizzle with chemistry. Give to fans of *The Roommate*, *The Kiss Quotient*, and *Meet Cute*."

—Hebah Amin-Headley, Johnson County Public Library, Overland Park, KS
NovelList read-alike: *How to Fail at Flirting* by Denise Williams



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

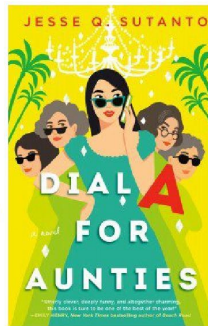


Broken (in the best possible way)

by Jenny Lawson
(Henry Holt & Co.)

"Lawson is a hot mess of depression and anxiety. She is also funny as hell. In this book she lays herself open. She celebrates all those awkward and difficult parts of herself and invites you to celebrate your own. She will make you laugh until you cry, and then she wraps up the episode with some profound truth that catches you unaware. For readers who like David Sedaris and Ali Wong."

—Beth Morrill, Canton Public Library, Canton, CT
NovelList read-alike: *That's Mental: Painfully Funny Things That Drive Me Crazy About Being Mentally Ill* by Amanda Rosenberg

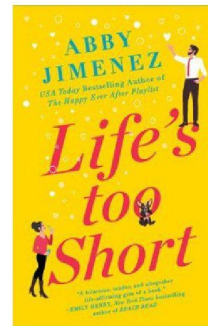


Dial A for Aunties

by Jesse Q. Sutanto
(Berkley)

"Meddy's blind date doesn't end as planned, and she now has a corpse to dispose of. Her mother's solution: call in the three aunties. What follows is a roller coaster ride of a weekend with the Chan family trying to get rid of the body while working at a high profile wedding. A fast-paced and darkly humorous debut with sweet romantic moments throughout. For fans of *My Sister, the Serial Killer* and *Get a Life, Chloe Brown*."

—Laura Eckert, Clermont County Public Library, Milford, OH
NovelList read-alike: *Vanessa Yu's Magical Paris Tea Shop* by Roselle Lim



Life's Too Short

by Abby Jimenez
(Forever)

"Jimenez hits it out of the park again. She combines real-world issues with the get-the-girl, lose-the-girl dynamics of a romance. In this case, Adrian has a good chance of losing Vanessa to ALS. They both have multiple family issues including a hoarding father, an abandoning parent, a sister with addiction issues, and a baby niece that needs attention. Give to fans of Mia Sosa and Josie Silver."

—Maggie Holmes, Richards Memorial Library, North Attleboro, MA
NovelList read-alike: *Love Walked In* by Marisa de los Santos

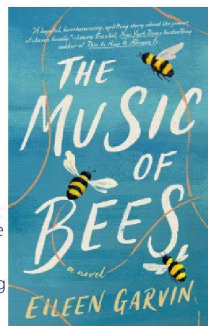


Malice

A Novel
by Heather Walter
(Del Rey)

"Alyce is the sole Dark Grace in Briar, a kingdom whose people love their Graces (the magical ladies who give them special elixirs). But Briar has a problem with their princesses: they die at 21 unless they kiss their one true love. Princess Aurora doesn't seem to be interested in any of the princes. This LGBTQ+ re-telling of *Sleeping Beauty* is creative and fun, with a perfect ending. For fans of *Spinning Silver* and *Gods of Jade and Shadow*."

—Carrie Minthorne, Cedar Mill Library, Portland, OR
NovelList read-alike: *Tangleweed and Brine* by Deirdre Sullivan

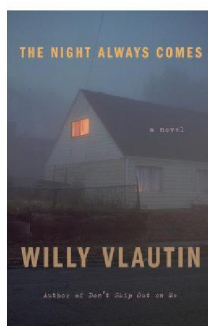


The Music of Bees

A Novel
by Eileen Garvin
(Dutton)

"Beekeeper Alice is an older widow who is working to save her small town from big corporate greed. She forms an alliance with two young adults who both find unexpected joy in nature. For those who enjoyed *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*."

—Paulette Brooks, Elm Grove Public Library, Elm Grove, WI
NovelList read-alike: *The Love Story of Missy Carmichael* by Beth Morrey



The Night Always Comes

A Novel
by Willy Vlautin
(Harper)

"Lynette is trying to buy the family home from her landlord as housing prices rise around her. At the last moment, her mother says she will not cosign for the loan and Lynette does not qualify on her own. In a last-ditch effort, Lynette sets off on an odyssey of collecting old debts and a miniature crime spree. For readers who like Raymond Chandler, John Banville, and Elmore Leonard."

—Mary Robinson, Vernon Area Public Library, Lincolnshire, IL
NovelList read-alike: *Winter's Bone* by Daniel Woodrell

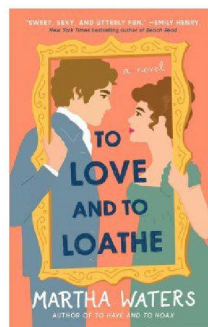


Second First Impressions

A Novel
by Sally Thorne
(William Morrow Paperbacks)

"Ruthie Midona, twenty-something, works in a retirement community and feels like she fits in more with the residents than with her peers. Enter an attractive tattooed man assistant hired by the eccentric 90-year-old Parlioni Sisters. This romance is filled with heart and laughter. For readers of Helen Hoang and Jasmine Guillory."

—Melissa Stumpe, Johnson County Public Library, Franklin, IN
NovelList read-alike: *Act Your Age, Eve Brown* by Talia Hibbert

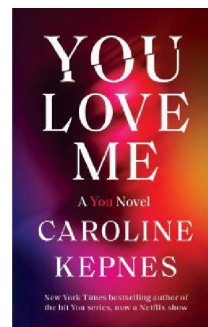


To Love and To Loathe

A Novel
by Martha Waters
(Atria Books)

"This enemies-to-lovers Regency romance takes Diana, Lady Templeton, and Jeremy, Marquess of Willingham, from engaging in a no-strings-attached affair to their happily ever after. For readers who love Tessa Dare, Sarah MacLean, Jennifer Crusie (contemporary), but witty dialogue and hilarious hijinks."

—Kathleen Fais, New York Public Library, New York, NY
NovelList read-alike: *One Good Earl Deserves A Lover* by Sarah MacLean



You Love Me

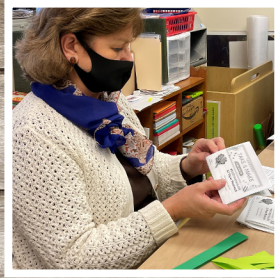
A You Novel
by Caroline Kepnes
(Random House)

"In this, the third installment in the 'You' series, Joe Goldberg moves to the cozy island of Bainbridge in the outskirts of Seattle and sets his sights on the town librarian, who becomes his new obsession. For fans of *Behind Her Eyes* and *The Silent Patient*."

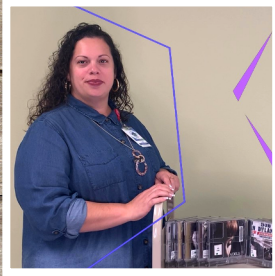
—Joann Im, Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles, CA
NovelList read-alike: *Creep* by Jennifer Hillier



PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Summer Experience Plans are in the Works!
Are you ready for a "wild" Summer Experience? Our staff have been meeting via Zoom to plan this year's Tails & Tales Summer Experience. More details to come!



New Interactive Wall in Thibodaux
Our Thibodaux renovations include a two-sided Interactive Wall in the Children's Area. The wall has a variety of activities for kids, including a Lite Brite & Ball Shoot!



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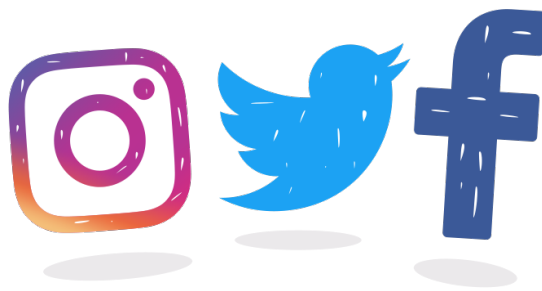
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