



Books and Bytes on the Bayou

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**BLASTING OFF
FOR SUMMER
READING 2019**

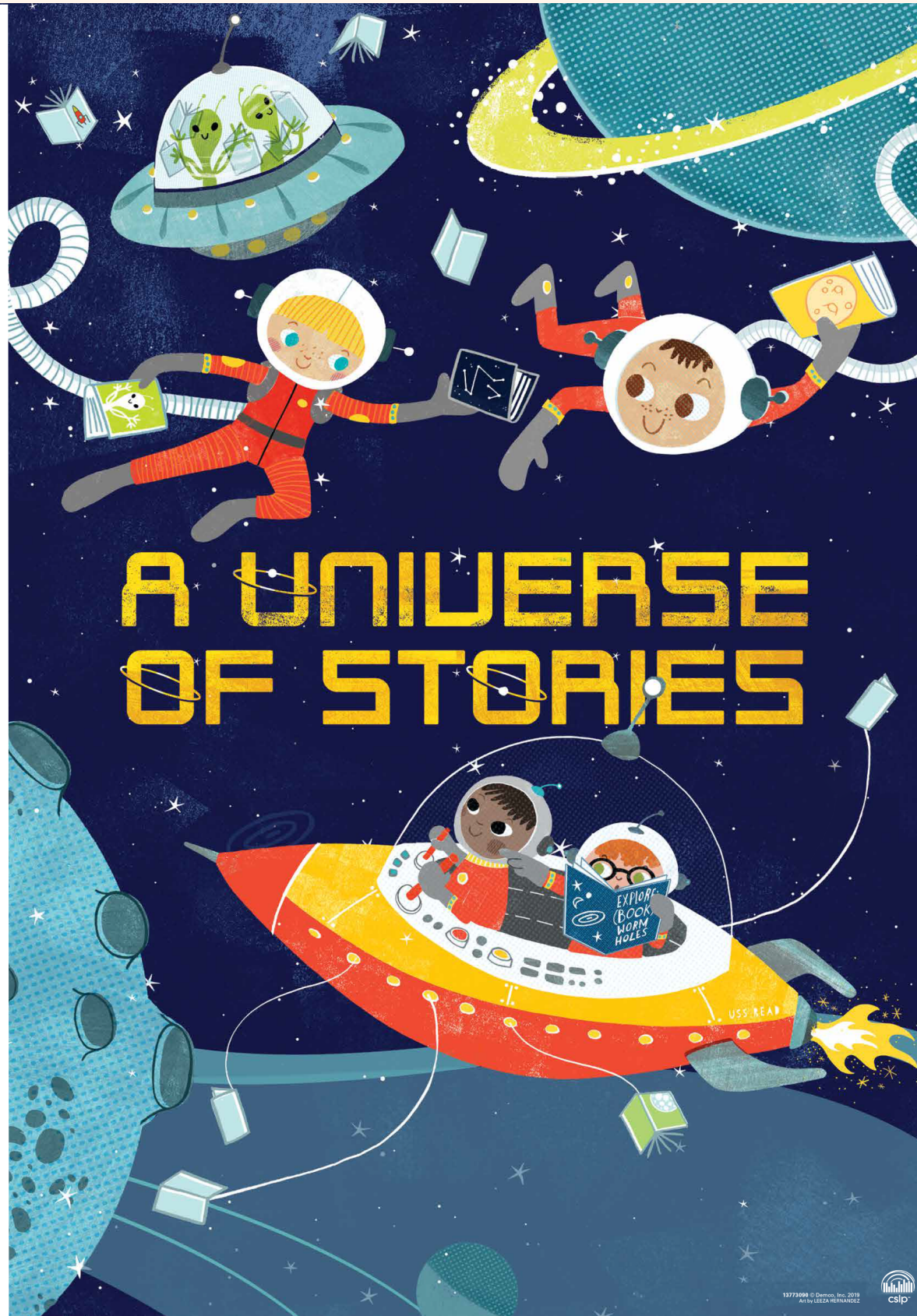
**ESCAPE TO
OUTER SPACE:
SUMMER ESCAPE
ROOM EXPERIENCE**

**SUBSCRIPTION
SERVICES:
WHY PAY FEES
WHEN YOU CAN
HAVE IT ALL FOR
FREE WITH YOUR
LPLIBRARY CARD**

**NOW AVAILABLE:
LEAPFROG
QUANTUM PAD
LEARNING SYSTEMS**

CAN'T MISS EVENTS

**POLICE WEEK
MOTHER'S DAY
ASTRONOMY WEEK
SPACE DAY
STAR WARS DAY
OLDER AMERICANS
MONTH**



A UNIVERSE OF STORIES

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STAFF STARS!



**JILL HOBSON, SALLY GUIDROZ,
ALLISON VERDIN**

Big congratulations go out to Larose Branch staff members Jill, Sally, & Allison for being recognized as Staff Stars this month!

"The Larose Branch staff were a phenomenal help with assisting with PrimeTime at their branch this spring." - *Trinna Griffin,*

Youth Services Coordinator

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

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LIBRARY CLOSURES



Our digital library is always open at www.lafourche.org

MEMORIAL DAY

All LPPL branches will be closed Monday, 05/27 in observance of Memorial Day.

WHAT'S NEW!

READ AROUND THE WORLD

Start your #SummerReading in another language by following @MangoLanguages.

MANGO LANGUAGES IS NEW TO LPPL & IS FREE WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD!

Check out what we're saying ...

mango
languages

"Mango is great, especially for beginners. I like the different teaching styles of the courses & the organization of the lessons. The lessons are organized logically - you'll learn enough to form basic sentences without feeling overwhelmed. The interface is visually appealing without being childish or tacky."

Katie, Central Area Librarian

"What I like about Mango is that it is very didactic. I like that it gives a challenge to learn a new language, & also that it helps you to memorize without much effort. In the first steps of Mango, it makes you repeat phrases again & again until you learn them, such as ¡Buenos Dias! Good Morning!"

- Stephanie, Lockport Branch

"I like the way Mango is visual & audio, & it quizzes you one phrase at a time!"

Amx, Thibodaux Branch Librarian

"Mango is a fun tool to learn a new language because the interface is extremely user-friendly. I chose to practice German, & in less than 30 seconds, I could already say Guten Tag (Good Day)."

- Crystal, Bayou Blue Branch Librarian



Quantum Pad Learning Systems

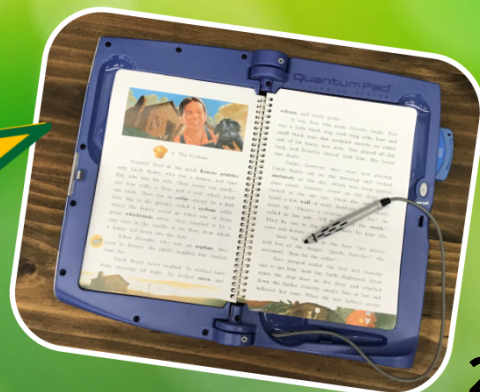
NOW AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT!

- Kits include Quantum Pad, books, & cartridges.
- Kits check out for a 3 week period.



LeapFrog Makes Learning Fun!

Use the interactive "magic pen" to explore math, reading, language arts, science, & social studies topics to improve skills! Check one out today!





WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING!



A UNIVERSE OF STORIES

BLASTING OFF FOR SUMMER READING 2019

SUMMER READING 2019 IS GOING TO BE OUT OF THIS WORLD! GET READY FOR BLAST OFF BECAUSE A UNIVERSE OF STORIES IS LAUNCHING AT A LPLIBRARY BRANCH NEAR YOU THIS MONTH! THE FUN STARTS TUESDAY, 05/28, & 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. ARE YOU READY TO EXPLORE A SUMMER IN SPACE? ENJOY THIS SNEAK PEEK OF THE COSMIC FUN THAT AWAITS YOU AT YOUR STELLAR LPLIBRARY THIS SUMMER.

SAVE THE DATE!

STAR-STUDDED PERFORMANCES
PERFECT FOR ALL AGES & FAMILIES
NO REGISTRATION

ANIMAL TALES: CREATURES OF THE GALAXY

Kick off Summer Reading with some cosmic creatures at this live animal show!

South Lafourche - Thu. 05/30, 10:30 AM
Lockport - Thu. 05/30, 1 PM
Thibodaux - Thu. 05/30, 4 PM

SCIENCE TELLERS ALIENS: ESCAPE FROM EARTH

Get ready for an action-packed, out-of-this-world alien adventure!

Thibodaux - Thu. 06/06, 10:30 AM
Jean Lafitte Auditorium
Lockport - Thu. 06/06, 1 PM
Holy Savior Cafeteria
S. Lafourche - Thu. 06/06, 4 PM



JAMES WAND SECRET AGENT MAGIC SHOW

You're not going to believe your eyes at this super spy magic show!

Thibodaux - Wed. 06/19, 10:30 AM
Lockport - Wed. 06/19, 1 PM
S. Lafourche - Wed. 06/19, 4 PM



SCHOOL HOUSE SAFARI EXOTIC ANIMAL ENCOUNTER

Geaux wild for this entertaining, hands-on exotic animal experience!

Thibodaux - Tue. 07/09, 10:30 AM
Lockport - Tue. 07/09, 1 PM
S. Lafourche - Tue. 07/09, 4 PM



LOUISIANA AUTHOR JASPER PRICE ZOMBIE ASOCKALYPSE

This zombie "asockalypse" involves some rather smelly storytelling & puppet-making!

S. Lafourche - Wed. 07/17, 10:30 AM
Lockport - Wed. 07/17, 2 PM
Thibodaux - Thu. 07/18, 10:30 AM



SHOP EARLY FOR THE BEST SELECTION OF SIZES!

Get your "Exploring a Summer in Space" yard sign when you register for Summer Reading! Signs are limited to one per family, while supplies last.

SHIRT & BAG SALES BEGIN MONDAY, 5/13!

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

Teen & Adult Shirts (Black)

Available in the following sizes:
Adult S, Adult M, Adult L,
Adult 2XL, Adult 3XL
Price: S-XL \$6 2XL & 3XL \$8.50
Bags \$1

SUMMER READING STORY TIME SCHEDULE

(BEGINNING THE WEEK OF JUNE 10 - JULY 11)

BAYOU BLUE - Mondays at 10:30 AM	LAROSE - Thursdays at 2 PM
CHOCTAW - Thursdays at 10:30 AM	LOCKPORT - Wednesdays at 2 PM
GHEENS - Thursdays at 10:30 AM (At Comm. Center)	RACELAND - Tuesdays at 11 AM
G. MEADOW - Wednesdays at 2 PM	SOUTH LAFOURCHE - Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
	THIBODAUX - Wednesdays at 10:30 AM & 2 PM



There will be no story time the week of July 1 because Elephant & Piggie are visiting our branches instead! See page 5 for the schedule.



PREPARE FOR BLAST OFF!
REGISTRATION BEGINS 05/28



WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING!



ESCAPE TO OUTER SPACE

LAFORCHE PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING ESCAPE ROOM EXPERIENCE



LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE? ENJOY CRACKING CODES, PROBLEM SOLVING, & TEAMWORK? JOIN OUR INTERACTIVE ESCAPE ROOM CHALLENGE & RACE AGAINST THE CLOCK!

TEAMS WILL HAVE 30 MINUTES TO SOLVE PUZZLES, FOLLOW CLUES, & UNLOCK ACCESS TO ROCKET FUEL TO "ESCAPE TO OUTER SPACE!"

FOR AGES 8+
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
SIGN-UP AT YOUR LOCAL LPPLIBRARY BRANCH

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE 4

THIBODAUX
1 & 3 PM

LOCKPORT
2 & 4 PM

SOUTH LAFORCHE
1 & 3 PM

JUNE 7

RACELAND
1 & 3 PM

GHEENS
11 AM & 2 PM

GOLDEN MEADOW
12 & 3 PM

JUNE 12

CHOCTAW
10:30 AM & 2 PM

BAYOU BLUE
10:30 AM & 12:30 PM

LAROSE
12 & 2 PM

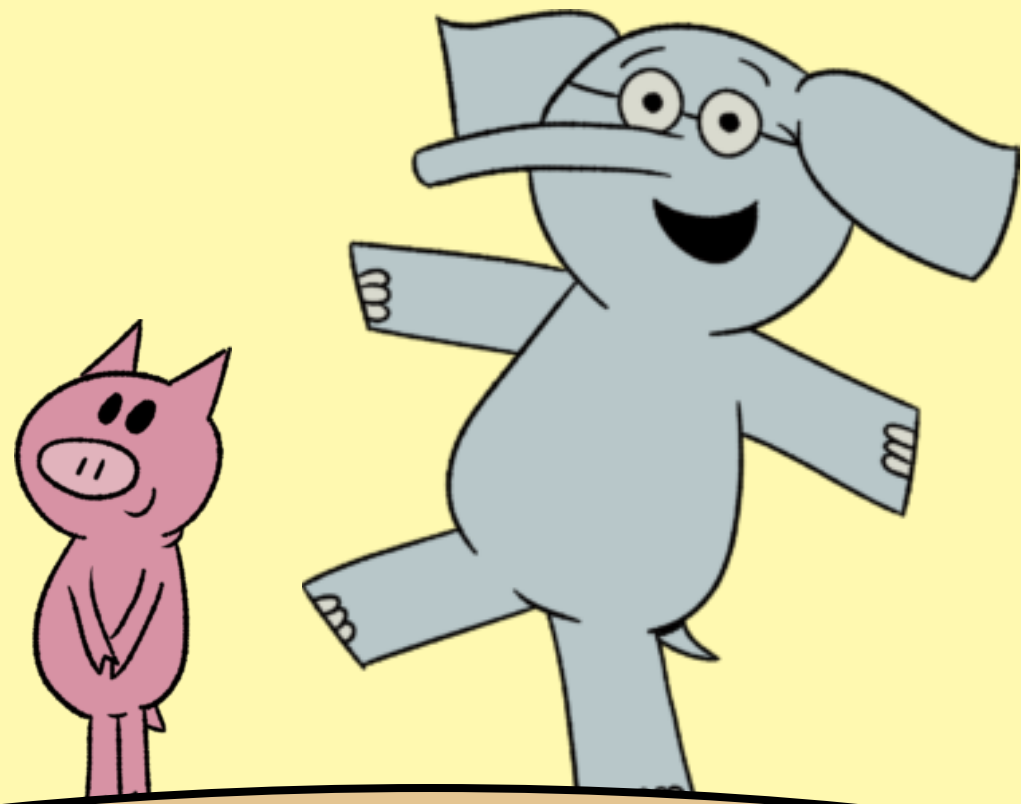


WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING!



An **ELEPHANT & PIGGIE** Event

We're Going to the Library!



MEET ELEPHANT & PIGGIE THIS SUMMER!

Monday, 07/01

- Raceland - 10:30 AM
- Choctaw - 2 PM
- Thibodaux - 4:30 PM

Tuesday, 07/02

- Bayou Blue - 10:30 AM
- Gheens - 2:30 PM
- Lockport - 4:30 PM

Wednesday, 07/03

- Larose - 10:30 AM
- Golden Meadow - 2 PM
- South Lafourche - 4:30 PM



POLICE WEEK 2019 @ YOUR LIBRARY

John F. Kennedy designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day back in 1962 making the week in which the date falls Police Week. Since then, communities around our country have rallied to honor and commemorate men & women called to protect & serve. Lafourche Libraries make the most of this opportunity to celebrate our local police. Want to get involved?

BAYOU BLUE - Monday, 05/13, 10:30 AM

Police Story Time: Enjoy themed rhymes, songs, & activities.

CHOCTAW - Tuesday, 05/14, 4 PM

Treat Bags: Help us with our community project. Let's work together to fill treat bags adding encouraging notes to be delivered to the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office patrol deputies.

GHEENS - Tuesday, 05/14, 4:30 PM

Police Story Time: Enjoy stories about safety & police, & then make police walkie-talkies out of recyclable materials.

GOLDEN MEADOW - Tuesday, 05/14, 1 PM

Police Story Time: Enjoy stories & a craft.

LAROSE - Thursday, 05/16, 1 PM

LPSO Story Time Visit: Lafourche Parish Sheriff's officers visit the library for a special story time.

LOCKPORT - Thursday, 05/16, 10:30 AM

Policing the Zoo Story Time: Children enjoy stories & learn about "policing the zoo."

RACELAND - Wednesday, 05/15, 4 PM

Officer Bob Craft: Celebrate National Police Week with a familiar face by making an Officer Bob craft.

SOUTH LAFOURCHE - Thursday, 05/16, 4 PM

National Police Week Story Time with LPSO: Lafourche Parish Sheriff's officers join us for a special story time & puppet show in honor of National Police Week.

THIBODAUX - Thursday, 05/16, 10:30 AM

Hello Police! Laptime: Younger children enjoy stories & activities at a Hello Police Laptime.

Visit your nearest library & get on board to honor our men & women in blue!

- Lynette, Programming Administrator





"CAN'T MISS" EVENTS!



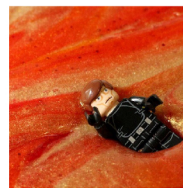
MAY THE FOURTH

Celebrating Star Wars Day (05/04), Space Day (05/05), & Astronomy Week (05/06-05/12)



BAYOU BLUE ***Galactic Slime**

Thursday, 05/02, 4 PM, Ages 8-17
This program requires registration
Make galactic slime at the library!



LOCKPORT **Star Wars Slime**

Saturday, 05/04, 11 AM, All Ages
May the force be with you. We are celebrating Star Wars Day by creating some special slime!



CHOCTAW ***Star Wars Light Saber**

Monday, 05/06, 4 PM, Ages 5-11
This program requires registration
Start off Astronomy Week by bringing out your inner Jedi with fun DIY light sabers.



RACELAND **DIY Light Sabers**

Tuesday, 05/07, 3 PM, Teens
May the Force be with you. And this pool noodle. And some duct tape. Maybe a glowy light. Join the Jedi Academy to make a DIY light saber.



GHEENS **May the Force be with You Light Sabers**

Monday, 05/06, 4:30 PM, All Ages
Celebrate Astronomy Week & Star Wars Day by making light sabers using pool noodles & duct tape. Become a Jedi or join the Dark Side.



SOUTH LAFOURCHE **Jedi Academy Balloon Battles**

Saturday, 05/04, 2 PM, All Ages
"May the fourth be with you" at our family-friendly Jedi Academy balloon battles. Participants will create a "light saber" & battle to hone their Jedi skills.



GOLDEN MEADOW **Moon Dough Activity**

Monday, 05/06, 4:15 PM, Kids
Make moon dough with us for Space Day!



THIBODAUX **Space Day Astronomy Story Time**

Saturday, 05/04, 1:30 PM, Kids
Watch a video of astronauts reading in space followed by a rocket ship snack craft!



LAROSE **"Space" Story Time**

Thursday, 05/02, 1 PM, Kids
Join us for space-themed finger plays, songs, stories, dances, & crafts.



SAVE THE DATE!

Summer Reading Registration Begins Tuesday, 05/28



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"CAN'T MISS" EVENTS!



Bayou Blue *I (Heart) Mom*

Thursday, 05/09, 4 PM, Kids, Ages 8+
Show Mom your love this Mother's Day by coming to the library to make a gift she'll love.



Choctaw *Mother's Day Wreath*

Wednesday, 05/08, 3-5 PM, All Ages
This workshop will teach you how to make a beautiful flower wreath using cupcake liners. Gift the flower wreath to your wonderful mother for Mother's Day.



Gheens *Mother's Day Story Time*

Tuesday, 05/07, 4:30 PM, All Ages
Children will be able to enjoy stories about Mother's Day & create a beautiful flowerpot to give to their mothers for Mother's Day.



Golden Meadow **Mother's Day Superhero Candy Bars*

Friday, 05/10, 4:30 PM, All Ages
This program requires registration
Join us as we make a craft for our super moms using a candy bar.



Larose *Personalized Mother's Day Candle*

Wednesday, 05/08, 4 PM, Kids & Teens
In honor of Mother's Day, decorate your own candle for a perfect Mother's Day gift.



Lockport *Mother's Day Cards*

Saturday, 05/11, 2 PM, Kids & Teens, Ages 7-17
We are celebrating moms with this Mother's Day Hearts Card. Create a card to show your mom just how much you love her!



Raceland *Stuck to Mommy*

Thursday, 05/09, 4 PM, Kids
Make a special Mother's Day card by sticking on special memories and found objects at this gift-giving craft.



South Lafourche *Mother's Day Tea*

Thursday, 05/09, 5:30 PM, All Ages
Families are invited to spend some quality time with Mom, Grandma, & any other special lady in their lives at the library's annual Mother's Day Tea.



Thibodaux *Mother's Day Craft*

Thursday, 05/09, 4 PM, Kids, Ages 8-12
Make mom a jewelry holder made with an oyster shell & pearl beads.

happy mother's day!



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"CAN'T MISS" EVENTS!



GOLDEN YEARS

May is Older Americans Month
May 29 is Senior Health Fitness Day



ZUMBA
gold

BAYOU BLUE Zumba Gold

Wednesday, 05/29, 2 PM, Adults
Celebrate Senior Fitness Day by dancing your cares away with Zumba Gold.



CHOCTAW

Walking Workout

Wednesday, 05/29, 10:30 AM, Adults
Join us for a fun walking workout for Senior Health Fitness Day.



GHEENS

Rise & Shine Yoga for Seniors

Wednesday, 05/29, 10 AM, Adults
Join us to celebrate Senior Health Fitness Day as we stretch our way to health & happiness. Water provided.



GOLDEN MEADOW

Senior Shuffleboard

Wednesday, 05/29, 1:30 PM, Adults
In recognition of Senior Health Fitness Day, join us for a game of shuffleboard.



LAROSE

Lady of the Sea Learning Center Anemia & Blood Pressure Checks

Wednesday, 05/29, 11 AM - 1 PM, Adults
Get your free anemia & blood pressure check in honor of Older Americans Month.



LOCKPORT

Coffee & Bingo

Tuesday, 05/14, 11 AM, Adults
We are celebrating Older Americans Month by hosting a special Bingo! Coffee & light refreshments will be served.



RACELAND

Senior Cardio Crew

Wednesday, 05/29, 10:15 AM, Adults
Check out a familiar program, but geared for seniors. Work out your body and mind.



SOUTH LAFOURCHE

Yoga for Arthritis

Wednesday, 05/29, 2 PM, Adults
Relax & exercise with yoga at the library.



Lady of the Sea Learning Center Health Screenings

Wednesday, 05/29, 2-4 PM, All Ages
Get your free anemia & blood pressure check in honor of Older Americans Month.



THIBODAUX

Chair Yoga Exercise

Wednesday, 05/29, 2 PM, Adults
Learn chair yoga exercises!

Every year in May, Older Americans Month recognizes the contributions of older adults across the nation. Communities that encourage the contributions of older adults are stronger! By engaging and supporting all community members, we recognize that older adults play a key role in the vitality of our neighborhoods, networks, and lives.

- nationaldaycalendar.com



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IN THE KNOW

with LPPL Staff



Kristen Angelette

Raceland Branch



Jessica Cassel

Gheens Branch



Andrew Verdin

Golden Meadow Branch

SUMMER READING 2019: A UNIVERSE OF STORIES IS UPON US! A.) WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT FOR SUMMER READING THIS YEAR? B.) WHY SHOULD SOMEONE NEW CONSIDER SIGNING UP? C.) WHAT WILL YOUR BRANCH BE DOING ON KICK-OFF DAY?

"A) I am loving the theme this year! It's inspiring all kinds of ideas for crafts that are retro-spacey, yet futuristic all at the same time. B) Summer Reading gives you the chance to explore & try something new. There's always stuff going on in the libraries all year, but summer has so much more to offer. Plus, if you are out of school for the summer, you have more time! You can try a new craft, read a book series that is not AR, or start a long computer game. C) Raceland is going retro with a Family Bowling Day & a Going Wild Story Time in the library! It will be the start of some summery & space events. We have a special tea at an outreach, a craft, & a great themed movie the rest of the week since the kids will be out of school."

"A) As with every Summer Reading, I get excited to see old faces & new faces alike coming to sign up for the summer. I enjoy seeing the goals that patrons set for the summer, & like suggesting books to them if needed. With the theme this year, I am looking forward to experimental projects & art. B) I always stop people when I see them & explain to them that the library is FREE & we offer so many great programs, books, the latest movies, games, etc. Parents are always looking for something for the kids to do over the summer, & did I mention it's FREE! C) At the Gheens Library, we will be signing up for Summer Reading with refreshments."



"A) Have you explored to the farthest reaches of space? Has anyone heard all the stories that can be told of journeys & encounters in foreign lands? That is what excites me for Summer Reading 2019. There is a universe of stories just waiting for someone to come out & see what's there, & that someone can be everyone, including you & me. B) Have you applied to be part of a space program? Signing up for the Summer Reading Program is less complicated than training at NASA, & it contains the added bonus of time saved while getting a view of different worlds & perhaps a few benefits along the way. C) For Summer Reading kick-off day, Golden Meadow will be having a Sight Word Twister at 10:30 AM - a bit of a spin on the classic game!"

HAPPY GET CAUGHT READING MONTH! WHAT BOOK ARE WE MOST LIKELY TO CATCH YOU READING?

"I recently picked up a couple of books by Peter Mayle (Toujours Provence & French Lessons in Africa.) I had read one by him years ago & decided to try these out. (Food & travel is definitely going to get my attention!)"

"I am obsessed with gardening at the moment, so you can catch me with a stack of gardening books. There are so many DIY books at the library for gardening projects that I find new ideas every day!"

"This month, I decided to turn to the classics for a change of pace from nonfiction & more informative works, so I picked up Alexandra Dumas' The Count of Monte Cristo."



OUR MAY RESOURCE OF THE MONTH IS MANGO LANGUAGES. YOU CAN LEARN OVER 70 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES WITH MANGO! WHICH MANGO LANGUAGE DO YOU MOST WANT TO LEARN AND WHY?

"I've been slowly learning modern French & Cajun French. It's really meaningful while doing family genealogy research; French was either their first language or they learned it. My grandparents grew up speaking more French than English, & it was definitely most of my great-grandparents' first language. That connection is important for me. As for personal enjoyment, there are several books & treaties I want to read in the original language they were written in."

"I've studied several languages in school, but I believe learning Latin would be interesting."



"Working in a library, I interact with individuals from cultures & backgrounds that differ from my own, the most common of these being Latin America. Because of this, I feel it would be beneficial to use Mango Language's Spanish course, specifically Spanish for Librarians."
























SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

BOOKS, MOVIES, MUSIC +

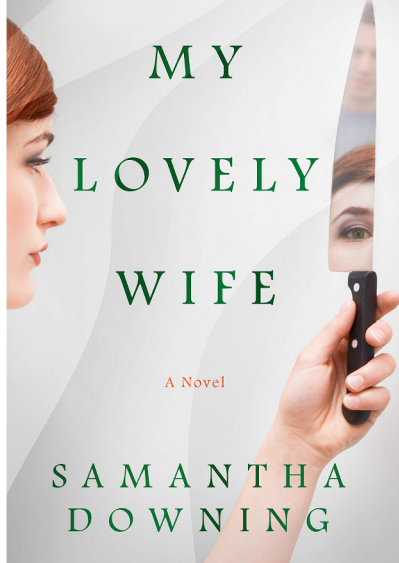
DID YOU KNOW THAT LPPL HAS SEVERAL SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES AVAILABLE TO YOU FOR FREE WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD? FROM MOVIES TO TV SERIES, FROM BOOKS TO MUSIC – YOU CAN'T GET THESE SAVINGS ANYWHERE ELSE! DON'T PAY FEES WHEN YOU CAN HAVE IT ALL FOR FREE WITH YOUR LPPLIBRARY CARD!

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Book Reviews

"Wow! ... A stunner—full of twists, well-drawn characters, and riveting suspense."
—#1 New York Times bestselling author HARLAN COBEN



Two Readers, One Book!

Dexter meets Mr. and Mrs. Smith in this wildly compulsive debut thriller about a couple whose fifteen-year marriage has finally gotten too interesting ...

Our love story is simple. I met a gorgeous woman. We fell in love. We had kids. We moved to the suburbs. We told each other our biggest dreams, & our darkest secrets. And then we got bored.

We look like a normal couple. We're your neighbors, the parents of your kid's friend, the acquaintances you keep meaning to get dinner with.

We all have our secrets to keeping a marriage alive.

Ours just happens to be getting away with murder.



Laura
Library Director

My Lovely Wife is Samantha Downing's debut novel, & it's a great start to what should be an amazing career. This is one of those books that if you say too much about the plot beforehand, it ruins the fun of the novel. As a husband & wife with two kids, they seem like the typical average family. She is a successful real estate agent, & he is a well-known tennis coach at a posh country club. But they are bored & looking for some fun. It's this fun that will have you looking at your neighbors a little bit differently because this all-American normal family is so messed up!

The lies, the drama, & then ultimately, the betrayal makes this a fun read that fans of psychological thrillers will love! I loved the twists & turns, & the satisfying conclusion.

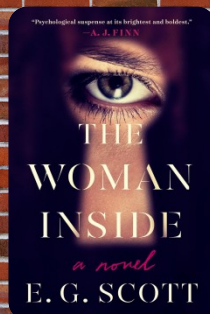
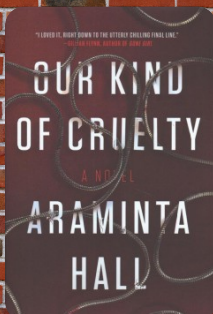


Brooke
PR Librarian

Don't judge, but Millicent & her husband enjoy killing women in their free time. Or rather, they schedule their lives around their next murder, & everything else is lagniappe. But when the couple throws a twist into their latest murder plot, this speeding train flies off the rails. Hold on because My Lovely Wife is one wild ride.

If you like your characters twisted & your plots outrageous, you're going to devour this book. This compelling suspense novel doesn't shy away from being over-the-top & repulsive. The characters' psychotic, no-holds-barred relationship will have you recoiling, but you also will not be able to look away. My Lovely Wife's shining star comes in the form of the anonymous husband, who albeit crazy himself, will go to any lengths to please his even crazier wife. No, he doesn't show he loves her with chocolates, flowers, or jewelry ... he brings her blood. Ready for a head spin? Pick up this novel!

IF YOU LIKE
MY LOVELY WIFE,
YOU MAY ALSO
ENJOY THESE
TITLES:



MY LOVELY WIFE by SAMANTHA DOWNING

GENRE: First Person Narratives; Psychological Suspense

THEME: Suburban Malaise; Unreliable Narrator

TONE: Disturbing; Suspenseful

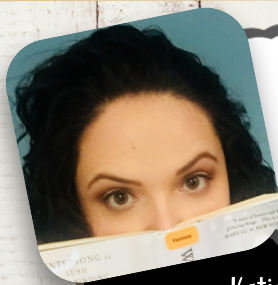
PACE: Intensifying

CHARACTER: Twisted



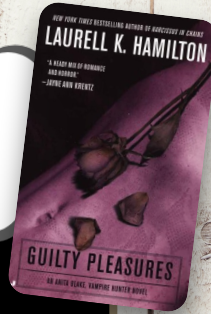
STAFF PICKS

#ourfavorites
#checkitout



Guilty Pleasures

By Laurell K. Hamilton



Katie's Pick: ★★★★★

"Looking for a great series to dive into? Although not a new series, Laurell K. Hamilton's *Anita Blake: Vampire Hunter* novels are an absolute delight. I avoided this series for years because it's a paranormal romance series & I didn't think I would enjoy a book centered on vampire romance. Much to my surprise, I really enjoyed the series. I especially liked how this novel has a bit of everything: murder mystery, action, & paranormal romance. Anita Blake isn't your run of the mill heroine; she's an independent woman that fights the thralls of darkness. For fans of the *Sookie Stackhouse* & *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* series, this book is worth checking out."

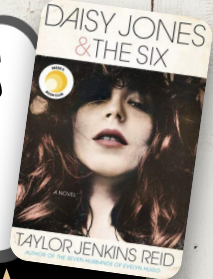
GENRE: Urban Fantasy
PACE: Fast-Paced
TONE: Strong Sense of Place
STORYLINE: Intricately Plotted
WRITING STYLE: Compelling

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



Daisy Jones & The Six

By Taylor Jenkins Reid



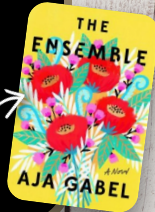
Brooke's Pick: ★★★★★

"Sex, drugs, & rock 'n roll ... such is the substance of *Daisy Jones & The Six*, which follows the members of a rock band through their rise & fall in the 1970s. Loosely based on the infamous exploits of Fleetwood Mac, this book is crackling hot with desire & danger. Like a #1 hit single, this novel is sure to rise to the top of the charts, especially since it was picked for Reese Witherspoon's Book Club & is being produced by her as a TV mini-series for Amazon. Jenkins captures with ease the fragile intricacies of human relationships in her writing, & tells a captivating story that you won't be able to put down."

GENRE: Books to TV; Literary Fiction
CHARACTER: Complex
TONE: Strong Sense of Place
WRITING STYLE: Compelling
STORYLINE: Character-Driven; Unconventional

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In Her Sights

By Katie Ruggle



Dione's Pick: ★★★

"Katie Ruggle has created a new series called *Rocky Mountain Bounty Hunters*. In the first book, *In Her Sights*, bounty hunter Molly Pax enlists the help of rival bounty hunter John Carmody to bring Molly's mother in when she jumps bail with a stolen necklace. As a romantic suspense book, I think Ruggle has fallen a little short on the suspense. The storyline kept me interested, but not riveted. There is a romance element to this story, but it's a very slow slide into a relationship. Molly is simply too focused on her job, her sisters, & life to realize John is crazy about her. If you are looking for a strong romance, this is not your book. Ruggle has left many threads she can weave into her other stories in this series. I look forward to reading them."

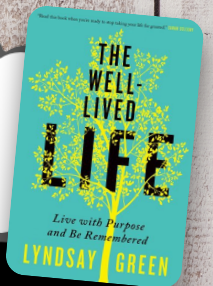
GENRE: Romantic Suspense
CHARACTER: Likeable
WRITING STYLE: Engaging

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The Well-Lived Life

By Lyndsay Green

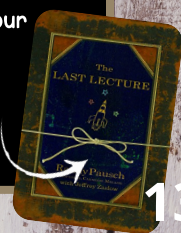


Ann's Pick: ★★★★★

"If you were to die unexpectedly today, how would you be remembered? Regardless of who you are, what possessions you own, or the type of lifestyle you live, one day you will leave a legacy behind whether you want to or not. Canadian sociologist Lyndsay Green addresses this inevitable occurrence in her book *The Well-Lived Life: Live with Purpose & Be Remembered*." Although the book's subject matter is serious, information is not presented in a depressing manner, as the main message stresses the importance of positive actions. While some of us may not be able to fully relate to all of Green's cultural references, we will hopefully find this book to be worthwhile of our time & be inspired to begin living our lives on our own terms, reflecting upon our own legacies."

GENRE: Family & Relationships
WRITING STYLE: Thoughtful

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The Lake House

By Kate Morton

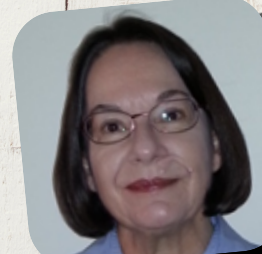
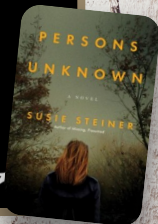


Van's Pick: ★★★★★

"Kate Morton has long been one of my favorite writers. Her novels usually revolve around an unsolved mystery in an earlier time period, which is resolved decades later. Morton's prose is extremely vivid & atmospheric. She creates incredible mysteries for the readers to solve & has them hooked from the beginning. She is able to describe nature scenes with a great deal of colorful adjectives that make you believe that you are actually there. Morton's characters are usually likable & endearing, & have a stubborn intensity about them. This haunting & lyrical novel will stay with the reader for some time."

GENRE: Mysteries; Parallel Narratives
THEME: The Butler Did It!
TONE: Suspenseful
STORYLINE: Intricately Plotted
WRITING STYLE: Compelling
CHARACTER: Well-Developed

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The American Agent

By Jacqueline Winspear



Kathy's Pick: ★★★★★

"This Maisie Dobbs mystery begins in September 1940 with a radio broadcast by a female American journalist reporting from London during the Blitzkrieg. Soon after, she is found murdered in her apartment. Maisie is asked to work with an American, Mark Scott, to find the murderer. Weaving multiple plot lines seamlessly with clues unfolding subtly, this book is an adventure to a very surprising conclusion. Combining facts from American & British history, this fictional mystery will keep you guessing to the very end. The Author's Note at the end of the book cites the true events from which Winspear created this enthralling novel."

GENRE: Historical Mysteries
PACE: Leisurely Paced
CHARACTER: Well-Developed
TONE: Suspenseful
WRITING STYLE: Engaging

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At the Wolf's Table

By Rosella Postorino



Helen's Pick: ★★★★★

"At the Wolf's Table, based on true events, tells the story of twenty-five year old Rosa Sauer, who becomes a food taster for the Third Reich's dictator Adolph Hitler. Rosa & nine other women are forced to eat what could be tainted food twice a day at the Wolfsschanze, the Wolf's Lair - "Wolf" being Hitler's nickname. As the women form uneasy bonds, Rosa grows increasingly ambivalent & hostile about her role in Germany's part in the war. Adding to her confusion is her implausible attraction to the head of the SS guards at the lair. Fans of WWII historical fiction told from a woman's point of view will find much to discover in this novel, which offers a change of pace from the run of the mill war stories in that there are no heroes or winners in this story - just a realistic story of surviving the best way you can."

GENRE: Historical Fiction:
Translations

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The Bride Test by Helen Hoang

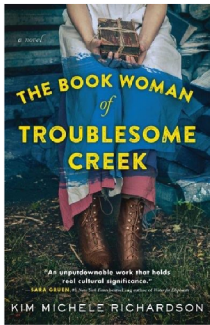
(Berkley Jove)

"On the autism spectrum, Khai doesn't feel anything for anyone. His mother recruits Esme, a young Vietnamese woman, to marry him. A realistic, humorous romance that reveals the slow path to love and a meaningful relationship. For those who loved *The Kiss Quotient*, *The Rosie Project*, and *The Wedding Date*."

—Jessica C. Williams, Tiffin-Seneca Public Library, Tiffin, OH
NovelList read-alike: *A Bollywood Affair* by Sonali Dev



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



The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek A Novel

by Kim Michele Richardson

(Sourcebooks Landmark)

"Blue-skinned Cussie brings books via horseback to rural, racially intolerant Kentucky in the 1930s. Her efforts demonstrate that people crave intellectual stimulation even when they are poverty stricken in a food desert. For fans of Sandra Dallas and Lee Smith."

—Courtney Reece, Millville Public Library, Millville, NJ
NovelList read-alike: *Over the Plain Houses* by Julia Franks



The Farm A Novel

by Joanne Ramos

(Random House)

"What sounds like an easy way to make money while indulging in a spa-like oasis propels young pregnancy surrogates into ethically complex decisions, racial inequities, and new friendships. For those who loved *The Handmaid's Tale* and *Future Home of the Living God*."

—Jessica Sweedler DeHart, Neill Public Library, Pullman, WA
NovelList read-alike: *A River of Stars* by Vanessa Hua



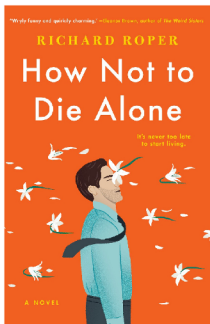
The Flatshare A Novel

by Beth O'Leary

(Flatiron Books)

"In this entertaining and humorous romance, Tiffany and Leon share a flat, but have never met. Who says you can't fall in love if your only communication has been through Post-It notes? For fans of *Bridget Jones's Diary* and *Josh and Hazel's Guide to Not Dating*."

—Kelly Moore, Carrollton Public Library, Carrollton, TX
NovelList read-alike: *Attachments* by Rainbow Rowell



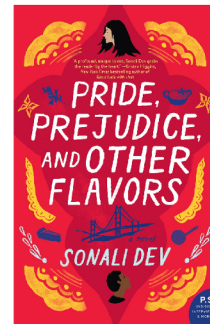
How Not to Die Alone

by Richard Roper

(G.P. Putnam's Sons)

"Andrew's Council job is finding people to pay for funerals for the recently deceased, and he seems bound to a similar lonely destiny. When lively Peggy joins the staff, he begins to wonder if there's more to life than model trains. Give to fans of Jojo Moyes, Nick Hornby, and Gail Honeyman."

—Jennifer Knight, North Olympic Public Library System, Port Angeles, WA
NovelList read-alike: *Terms & Conditions* by Robert Glancy



Pride, Prejudice, and Other Flavors A Novel

by Sonali Dev

(William Morrow Paperbacks)

"Trisha Rajee is a talented neurosurgeon, from an immigrant Indian family, descended from royalty. When she meets a patient's brother, we embark on a classic tale of enemies to lovers. With likable characters and an appealing story line, I highly recommend this book. For readers who enjoyed *Pride and Prejudice* and *The Wedding Party*."

—Ellen Firer, Merrick Library, Merrick, NY
NovelList read-alike: *Unmarriageable* by Soniah Kamal



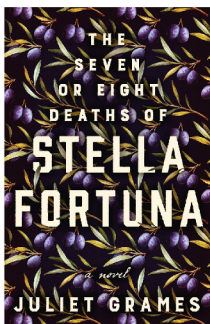
Red, White & Royal Blue A Novel

by Casey McQuiston

(St. Martin's Griffin)

"First Son Alex Claremont-Diaz is in his last semester of university and has an antagonistic relationship with Prince Henry of Wales. But friendship and then love blossoms when they are forced to pretend to be buddies after an embarrassing altercation. For fans of a good rom-com."

—Nita Gill, Brookings Public Library, Brookings, SD
NovelList read-alike: *The Royal We* by Heather Cocks & Jessica Morgan



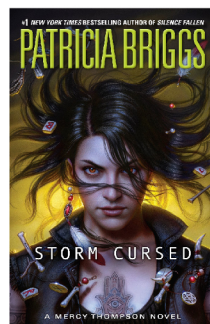
The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna A Novel

by Juliet Grames

(Ecco)

"The life story of Italian-American Stella Fortuna is told through an interesting conceit, the times she nearly died. We follow her through an impoverished childhood in rural Italy, coming to America as a teenager, and finally wife, mother, and widow in suburban Connecticut. For fans of *The Stars Are Fire and Daughter of Fortune*."

—Celia Morse, Berkley Public Library, Berkley, MA
NovelList read-alike: *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant



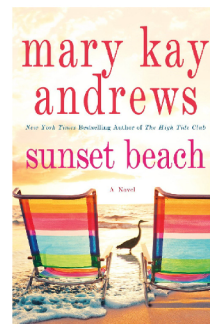
Storm Cursed

by Patricia Briggs

(Ace)

"Mercy Thompson has opened her garage again and is trying to get back to normal. Now that the Tri-Cities is neutral ground, all kinds of supernatural beings are heading her way. If you're a Briggs fan, you're going to love this book and look forward to the next. For fans of the Walker Papers and Weather Warden series."

—Helen Imre, Franklin Township Public Library, Somerset, NJ
NovelList read-alike: *The Jane Yellowrock* novels by Faith Hunter



Sunset Beach

A Novel

by Mary Kay Andrews

(St. Martin's Press)

"After her mother's death, Drue Campbell inherits her grandparent's beach cottage in Sunset Beach, Florida where she takes a job with her estranged father who is married to her high school frenemy. For readers who enjoyed *The Identicals* and *Life's a Beach*."

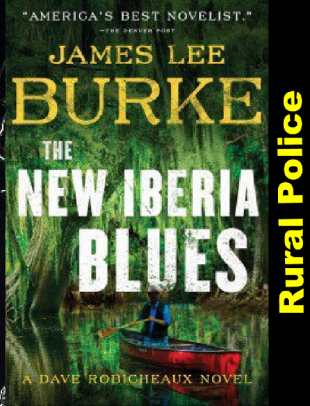
—Evelyn Janoch, Rocky River Public Library, Rocky River, OH
NovelList read-alike: *The Perfect Couple* by Elin Hilderbrand



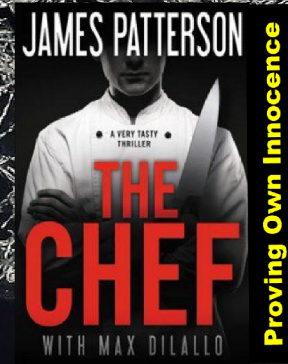
CRIME SCENE - DO NOT CROSS

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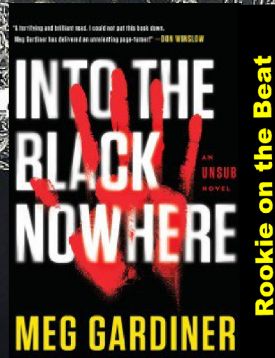
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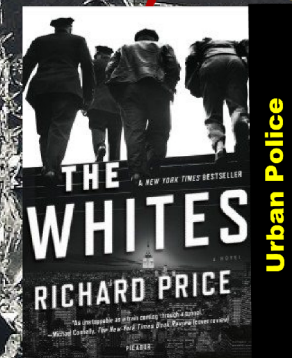
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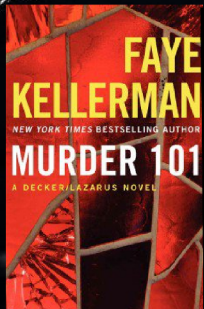
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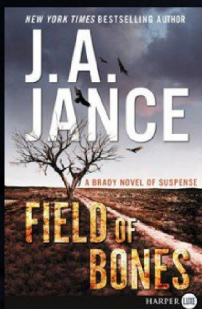
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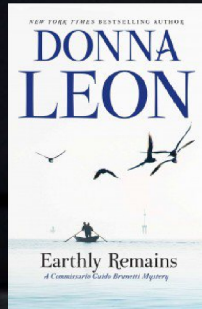
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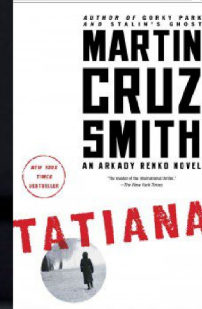
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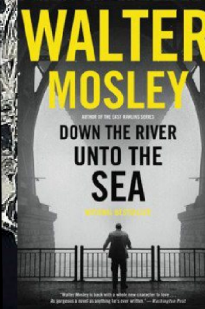
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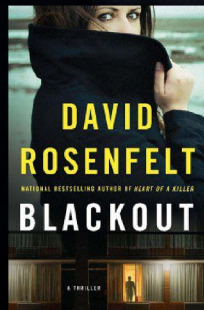
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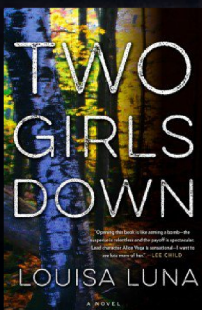
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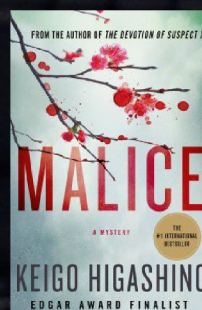
Framed!



Missing Memories



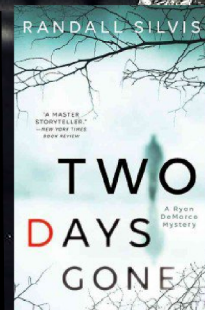
Race Against Time



Locked Room Mysteries



Real-Life Monsters



On the Run

Criminal Masterpieces: Priceless paintings & artifacts do, in fact, have a price to the right buyer. Find here art heists, forgeries, & other crimes against curated collections.

Framed!: Investigators suspect the protagonist of a crime, but it's a set-up! In these mysteries, proof of innocence has to come before proof of guilt, as the protagonist works to clear their name, then catch who framed them.

Inspired by Real Events: Based on true events, these stories range from fictional retellings to loosely inspired interpretations.

Locked Room Mysteries: The scene of the crime has no obvious point of entry or was securely locked. These mysteries ask both who & howdunnit.

Missing Memories: Where am I? Who am I? A gap in the main character's memory withholds information vital to the plot. Amnesia in these stories could span a couple of days or years.

On the Run: Let's get out of here! Flight beats fight in these mysteries based on the chase.

Proving Own Innocence: These investigators must use their skills to prove themselves innocent of a crime.

Race Against Time: The clock is ticking! In these adrenalized stories, characters have to act fast to avert disaster.

Real Life Monsters: Not all monsters are supernatural - sometimes they are sitting right next to you. Here are stories about seriously disturbed serial killers & psychopaths.

Rookie on the Beat: Newbies must tackle crime as well as skeptical coworkers.

Rural Police: Crime is not absent in the country - it's just more spread out. These police may not have fancy forensic labs & specialized units, but they'll close the case just the same.

Small Town Police: Small towns have big crimes, & it's not easy investigations when "the usual suspects" are your neighbors.

Urban Police: Crime never sleeps in the city.

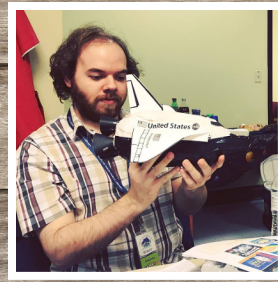
Vacation Interrupted: Tan lines aren't the only crime! A day at the beach turns deadly when these off-duty sleuths stumble upon nefarious deeds.



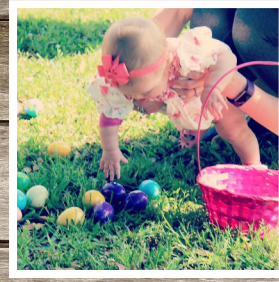
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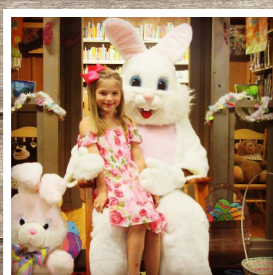
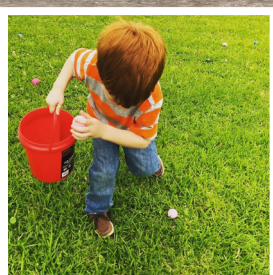
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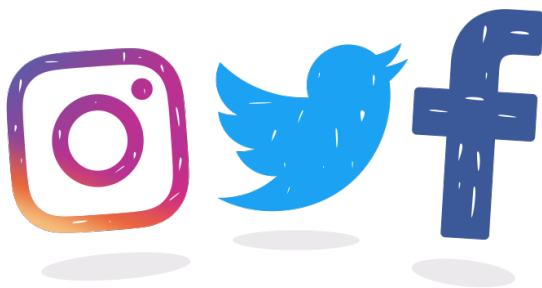
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