

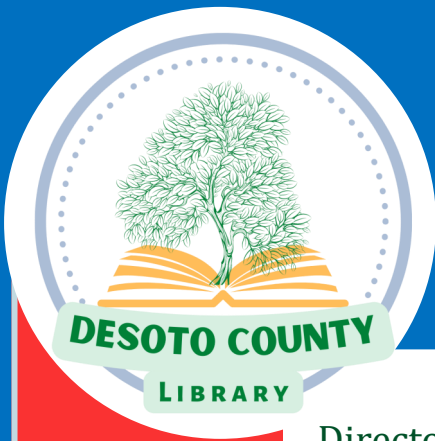


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Happy
4th of
July!!!

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Director's note

Dear Folks,

We are half way through our summer already. We have had a lot of fun and so enjoyed having so many of our partners join us. We owe a debt of gratitude to our parents who have been encouraging their youngsters to read. We are beyond thankful for Ms. Liz and Mr. James who have led the way in providing the activities, with a special thank you to Ms. Tonya for planning such experiences before she left us.

July 2 will be our big day at the Turner Center with the inflatable planetarium, courtesy of our Florida Humanities grant. Let's make certain to have our tickets (based on reading logs) so that you are sure to have a seat. Come join us from 2-4 that afternoon. We will be closing our building at 2:00 that day to allow us to offer more activities for all of you who join us.

Every day brings new adventures and opportunities at the library.

Come see us.

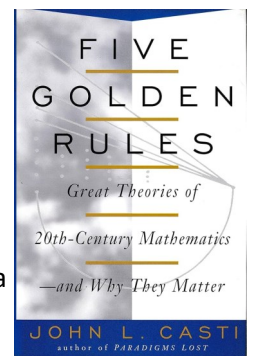
Linda

Linda recommends

From our donations and free shelf, ***Five Golden Rules: Great Theories of 20th – Century Mathematics – and Why They Matter*** caught my attention.

John L. Casti provides us with the story of five monumental mathematical breakthroughs and how they shape our lives. He gives a fair amount of mathematical detail (some of which I will never comprehend). What he does offer is real world examples of how each of these theories has changed our lives in ways that we most often do not even consider. Some have been critical in sending folks into space; others have helped optimize investment returns. There is even a guacamole algorithm included.

If you enjoy learning about how other people think, then this just might be a book you will enjoy.



Publishers Weekly
Bestseller Lists
June 28th 2024

FICTION

1. *Red Sky Mourning: A Thriller*, by Jack Carr
2. *Swan Song*, by Elin Hilderbrand
3. *Eruption: Following Jurassic Park...*, by Michael Crichton & James Patterson
4. *The Women*, by Kristin Hannah
5. *Middle of the Night*, by Riley Sager
6. *Camino Ghosts*, by John Grisham
7. *The Midnight Feast*, by Lucy Foley
8. *You Like It Darker: Stories*, by Stephen King
9. *Funny Story*, by Emily Henry
10. *Iron Flame*, by Rebecca Yarros

NON-FICTION

1. *On Call: A Doctor's Journey in Public Service*, by Anthony Fauci
2. *The War on Warriors: Behind the Betrayal of the Men Who Keep Us Free*, by Pete Hegseth
3. *The Anxious Generation...*, by Jonathan Haidt
4. *The Demon of Unrest...*, by Erik Larson
5. *Burn: The Burn Boot Camp 5-Step Strategy for Inner and Outer Strength*, by Devan Kline
6. *Apprentice in Wonderland: How Donald Trump and Mark Burnett Took America Through the Looking Glass* by Ramin Setoodeh
7. *What This Comedian Said Will Shock You*, by Bill Mahe
8. *How Leaders Learn: Master the Habits of the World's Most Successful People*, by David Novak
9. *Good Energy: Fix Your Metabolism to Feel Better Today and Prevent Disease Tomorrow*, by Casey Means
10. *The Friday Afternoon Club: A Family Memoir*, by Griffin Dunne

Liz likes—Liz Coronado

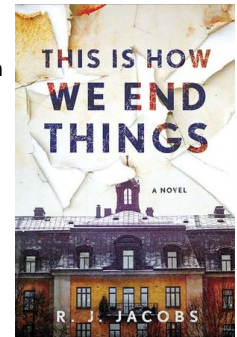
Campus is empty, a winter storm is blowing in, and someone is lurking in the shadows, waiting for their chance to kill again.

Forest, North Carolina. Under the instruction of enigmatic Professor Joe Lyons, five graduate students are studying the tedious science behind the acts of lying. But discovering the secrets of deception isn't making any of the student's more honest though. Instead, it's making it easier for them to guard their own secrets – and they all have something to hide.

When a test goes awry and one of them is found dead, the students find themselves trapped by a snowstorm on an abandoned campus with a local detective on the case. As harbored secrets begin to break the surface, the graduates must find out who's lying, who isn't, and who may have been capable of committing murder. It turns out deception is even more dangerous than they thought.

The prologue will grab you, unnerve you, maybe! This book was a wild ride. I love when there's unreliable narrators and this book had a plethora of them. These graduate students are literally studying lying and how others deceive people for their own gain. It was interesting to see how the characters used it when talking to the cops and added to my suspicions of every character. I also enjoyed that this was set on a college campus, which gave some dark academia vibes.

Overall, this is a fast paced, decently well-plotted mystery. The ending does wrap things up a little too quickly, I feel like a bit of a slower reveal would have been nice, but then I probably would have figured it all out a lot sooner. As it was, I did have my suspicions about one person and I was correct. I thought there could have been a number of more intriguing twists due to the deception storyline, my mind went a million different ways, but it was still a decent mystery overall. If you like books set in academia and enjoy a good whodunnit, *This is How We End Things*, by R. J. Jacobs, is a great choice!

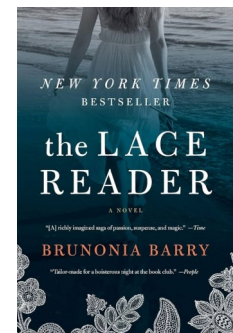


Bookmarked—Jolaine Konstantinidis

The Lace Reader, the debut novel, set in Salem Massachusetts from where the ancestors of author **Brunonia Barry** hail, might quickly suggest witch trials and sorcery, but the focus on lace making was the main attraction for me. Specifically, Ipswich lace, also known as bobbin, bone or pillow lace is the craft that women of the “Circle” produce under the guidance of one of the novel’s main characters. Each chapter is prefaced by an excerpt from *The Lace Reader’s Guide*, which appears to be a real book but as far as I can tell it is a book Barry creates for her character, Eva. From the beginning, Eva’s death has brought her niece, Towner, the chief protagonist, back to Salem against her better judgement. But Towner’s judgement is questionable at best. Much of the novel’s action and backstory is narrated from Towner’s viewpoint, and it is often hard to separate fact from fiction, real from imaginary since, as Towner warns, “Never believe me. I lie all the time.” It is apparent that Towner, born Sophya, twin to Lyndley, is unwell both physically and emotionally. Upon returning to her childhood home, she finds herself in the “still point” or at the center of a piece where a lace reader would begin to find meaning. The novel’s readers will be curious to discover what the veils of lace woven into the story reveal about Towner’s past, present and future which all seem to exist simultaneously, and whether Towner will unravel further or find her inner “still point.” *The Lace Reader* has an intricate plot and complicated characters, much like lace itself can be described as intricate and complicated.

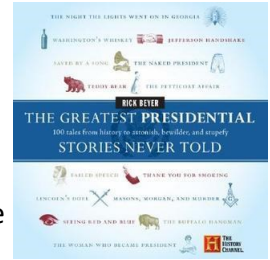
You can find the book trailer by visiting this website:

<https://www.brunoniabarry.com/the-lace-reader>



Robert recommends—Robert Andres

If you thought you knew presidential trivia you might find that they have dug up more interesting facts on our nation's first gentlemen. The vignettes that are offered are just a few pages of *The Greatest Presidential Stories Never Told* by Rick Beyer, but provide a little background. For example, when the colonies had joined to create a country and were busy writing the constitution - did we have a president? Yes. John Hanson was "President of the United State in Congress Assembled." George Washington was shortly thereafter the first president elected under the constitution.



Choice for children—James Heard

Narnia... the land beyond the wardrobe door, a secret place frozen in eternal winter, a magical country waiting to be set free.

Lucy is the first to find the secret of the wardrobe in the professor's mysterious old house. At first her brothers and sister don't believe her when she tells of her visit to the land of Narnia. But soon Edmund, then Peter and Susan step through the wardrobe themselves. In Narnia they find a country buried under the evil enchantment of the White Witch. When they meet the Lion Aslan, they realize they've been called to a great adventure and bravely join the battle to free Narnia from the Witch's sinister spell.

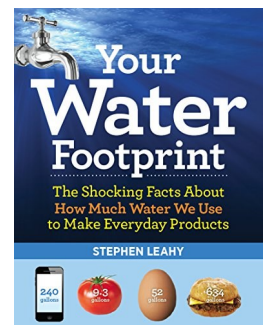


The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, by C.S. Lewis is detailed from start to finish, and in my honest opinion the best part about reading the book is cliff hangers. I enjoyed reading this book, and I highly recommend it to any age group.

Fran Recommends –by Fran Kovach

Your Water Footprint. The shocking facts about how much water we use to make every day products by Stephen Leahy.

Addressing water shortage problems requires us to rethink our daily habits and make mindful lifestyle changes. A striking example is the water footprint of cotton production. To produce just 2 pounds of cotton, a staggering 2,900 gallons of water are needed, and a single plain cotton T-shirt takes around 766 gallons of water.



To reduce this immense water usage, consider purchasing secondhand clothes or choosing materials like polyester, which generally require less water to produce. Moreover, it's important to note that this information comes from a book written ten years ago. This raises the question: where do we stand today regarding our water footprint? Have we made strides in reducing water consumption, or do we still have a long way to go? Reflecting on these points and continuing to educate ourselves about our water usage can significantly contribute to alleviating water scarcity. By making informed choices and encouraging sustainable practices, we can all play a part in conserving this vital resource.

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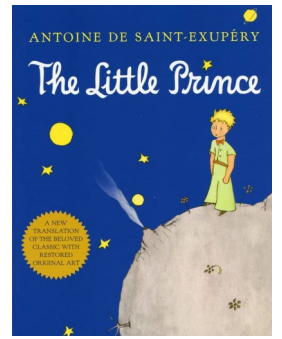
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Tuesday & Thursday:
9:00—6:00
Wednesday & Friday
8:30—6:00
Saturday:
9:00-2:30
Closed Sunday and Monday



Editor's Choice—Reagan Bordner

A pilot crashes in the Sahara Desert and encounters a strange young boy who calls himself the Little Prince. The Little Prince has traveled there from his home on a lonely, distant asteroid with a single rose. The story that follows is a beautiful and at times heartbreaking meditation on human nature.



The Little Prince by **Antoine De Saint Exupery** is one of my favorite books I have ever read. It is a classic, must read, story for kids AND adults. The first time I read this book was when I was about 10. I loved it, and reading it again 10 years later, I still love it. It makes you think about growing up and how your life has changed, especially when you think about how different your perspective on life is, if you had read it as a kid. With an ending just as heartbreaking as it was in 5th grade, I will always hold this book dear to my heart.

July 2nd

2:00pm - 4:00pm
@ The Turner Center

STARDOME Planetarium

As guest Presenter Gary Muzio joins DeSoto County Library for a thrilling space adventure, you will have the opportunity to learn all about constellations and how they tie in with Greek Mythology!

*Registration for the planetarium is done through DeSoto County Library

- To earn a ticket into the planetarium you must read 600 minutes in the month of June or attend 12 programs at the library
- Only 60 people will be allowed to enter the planetarium (20min session)

ADVENTURE INTO SPACE

DeSoto County Library will be Relocating to The Turner Center on July 2nd @2pm!

Entering the Planetarium Requires a Ticket - All Other Activities are Open and Free to the Public

Space Themed Activities and Crafts!

Various Organizations Offering Activities!!

Special "Teen Only" Corner with Special Activities!!!

Turner Agri Civic Center
2250 NE Roan St.
Arcadia, FL 34266

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DCLA Update—by Elizabeth, VP

Hello, Everyone,

The DeSoto County Library Association wishes to thank the pilot who gave a donation to the DCLA at the Arcadia Municipal Airport. Did you know that we have an inside table full of free books for all our flying friends? The donor only left the plane # N2929T, so this is--at the moment—the only way to say THANK YOU so much.

Have you marked your calendar for **Wednesday, August 7th** for our next DCLA meeting at **noon** at the **Library**?

Stay healthy, stay cool, and keep reading!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 7:30 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 12:00 Lunch for kids 2:00 -4:00 Activities @ Turner Center 2:00 Library closed	3 11:00 Book Group 12:00 Lunch for kids 1:00 Kids' Activity	4 	5	6 11:00 Kids' Activity
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JULY



Hot Lunch for Kids
Tuesday - Thursday
@ 12:00pm

T&Th: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
W&F: 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat.: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 Adventure into space!!! 	2 Library Closing Early 2pm Activities at the Turner Center starting @ 2 pm	3  Constellation Jar	4 Library Closed 	5	6  LEGO CHALLENGE 11 am	7 
8 Adventure into McSwain @ the library!!	9 Dance with GWG Studios Growing with Grace Studios	10  Canvas Painting	11 Yoga 	12 Library On the Go McSwain Cultural Center time tba Volusia Ave. Arcadia, FL	13 Sidewalk Chalk Art  11 am	14
15 Adventure into Nature!!	16  Butterfly Bingo!	17 Butterfly art 	18 Engineer a butterfly! 	19 Teen Program Tote Bag Painting 4pm Ages 13-19 	20 End of Summer Reading Program Celebration 11 am	21
22	23  STEAM	24 Toddler Time AR 10:30 a.m. BICE ART 	25 Storytime & Craft 	26	27 Movie Day  11 am	28
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Teen Program

Ages 13 - 19

Come and paint your own custom
tote bag for the summer!

Totes and Paint will be supplied



JULY 19TH



4:00PM - 5:30PM



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