

# BiblioBites

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## Director's note

Dear Folks,

Once again our fantastic Ms Tonya and Ms Liz have put together a special week for our students during Spring Break. (see more information on page 6)

We also have a special treat for you on **Saturday, March 23**. Violinist Adrian Anatawan will be performing for all of our patrons at **11:00am**. On that same Saturday, we will be looking for you at the Historical Society's Pioneer Day at the Turner Center.

Come see us,

Linda

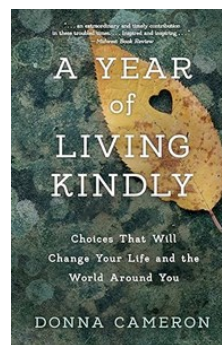
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## Linda recommends

Being kind is something most of us do when it's easy and when it suits us. Being kind when we don't feel like it, or when all of our buttons are being pushed, is hard. But that's also when it's most needed; that's when it can defuse anger and even violence, when it can restore civility in our personal and virtual interactions. Kindness has the power to profoundly change our relationships with other people and with ourselves. It can, in fact, change the world.

***In A Year of Living Kindly***—using stories, observation, humor, and summaries of expert research—**Donna Cameron** shares her experience committing to 365 days of practicing kindness. She presents compelling research into the myriad benefits of kindness, including health, wealth, longevity, improved relationships, and personal and business success. She explores what a kind life entails, and what gets in the way of it. And she provides practical and experiential suggestions for how each of us can strengthen our kindness muscle so choosing a life of kindness becomes ever easier and more natural. An inspiring, practical guide that can help any reader make a commitment to kindness, *A Year of Living Kindly* shines a light on how we can create a better, safer, and more just world—and how you can be part of that transformation.



Publishers Weekly  
Bestseller Lists  
February 23, 2024

**FICTION**

1. *The Women*, by Kristin Hannah
2. *Forth Wing*, by Rebecca Yarros
3. *Iron Flame*, by Rebecca Yarros
4. *House of Flame and Shadow*, by Sarah J Maas
5. *Crosshairs*, by James Patterson & James O Born
6. *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*, by James McBride
7. *First Lie Wins*, by Ashley Elston
8. *Gothikana*, by Runyx
9. *What Feasts at Night*, by T Kingfisher
10. *The Fury*, by Alex Michaelides

**NON-FICTION**

1. *The Holy Grail of Investing...*, by Tony Robbins & Christopher Zook
2. *Do the New You: 6 Mindsets to Become Who You Were Created to Be*, by Steven Furtick
3. *Untangle Your Emotions: Naming What You Feel and Knowing What to Do about It*, by Jennie Allen
4. *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder*, by David Grann
5. *Outlive: The Science and Art of Longevity*, by Peter Attia
6. *Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day!..*, by Kate Bowler
7. *Poor Charlie's Almanack...*, by Charles T Munger
8. *Practicing the Way: Be with Jesus. Become Like Him. Live as He Did..*, by John Mark Comer
9. *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen*, by David Brooks
10. *The Farm Table: [A Cookbook]*, by Julius Roberts

**Liz likes—Liz Coronado**

What if your nightmares weren't really nightmares at all?

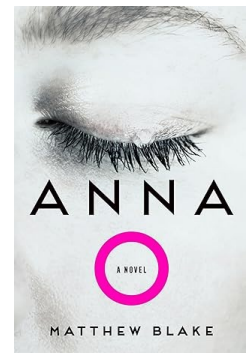
We spend an average of 33 years of our lives asleep. But what really happens, and what are we capable of, when we sleep?

Anna Ogilvy was a budding twenty-five-year-old writer with a bright future. Then, one night, she stabbed two people to death with no apparent motive—and hasn't woken up since. Dubbed "Sleeping Beauty" by the tabloids, Anna's condition is a rare psychosomatic disorder known to neurologists as "resignation syndrome."

Dr. Benedict Prince is a forensic psychologist and an expert in the field of sleep-related homicides. His methods are the last hope of solving the infamous "Anna O" case and waking Anna up so she can stand trial. But he must be careful treating such a high-profile suspect—he's got career secrets and a complicated personal life of his own.

As Anna shows the first signs of stirring, Benedict must determine what really happened and whether Anna should be held responsible for her crimes. Only Anna knows the truth about that night, but only Benedict knows how to discover it. And they're both in danger from what they find out.

**Anna O** is **Matthew Blake's** outstanding debut novel. It is a roller-coaster ride of suspense and ends with a shocking reveal. The novel is well researched and easy to read. Just when I would think I had the killer figured out, the story would go in a totally different direction. The ending was a complete surprise to me. Kudos to the author for making me enjoy a murder mystery. As I walk away from this novel, I can't help but wonder what kind of crazy, virtuoso-like mind came up with this plot. Detailed and utterly awe-inspiring, it seriously reminded me of *The Silent Patient* in all of its mind-blowing intensity. Was it just a bit too long and perhaps somewhat overly convoluted? Yes, maybe a tad. All in all, however, I highly recommend giving this book a shot despite its early mixed reviews.



**Fran Recommends —by Fran Kovach**

**Funny Cide** by **The Funny Cide Team** with **Sally Jenkins**

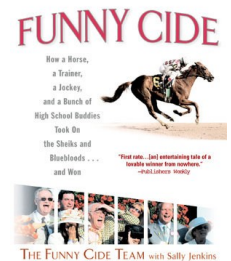
Chance? Happenstance? Luck?  
The story of a horse, and those who loved him

In the serendipitous month of April 2002, two foals entered the world under unequivocal circumstances: one amidst the opulent splendor of Kentucky's equine aristocracy, while the other came to life by chance on a quaint farm in New York. Both foals were destined to be raised amid the fervor of the prestigious Kentucky Derby.

Training and producing a racehorse is a collective effort, and the initial encounters with Funny Cide were with individuals deeply entrenched in the world of horses. These dedicated horse people exhibited a lifelong devotion to their equine companions, marking the beginning of Funny Cide's journey into the world of racing.

The future owners of Funny Cide were astutely named the Sacket Six. Each owner's backstory was meticulously recounted, providing significance into their journey and motivations. At first, this small foal was almost overlooked, until the onset of his destiny became evident. Enter Barclay Tagg, the trainer of Funny Cide. Barclay quickly discovered the remarkable speed possessed by this horse, forging the ideal partnership with the right jockey. However, Funny Side's potential was hampered by an undiagnosed ailment, hindering his ability to breathe freely despite his remarkable speed.

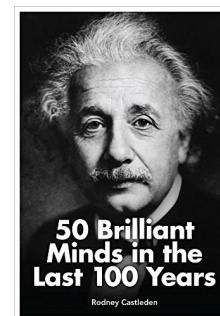
After finally being properly diagnosed by an experienced veterinarian, Funny Cide was groomed for the race of his life in the Kentucky Derby. The owners, unable to afford fancy transportation for themselves, arrived in a school bus, showcasing their humble determination. With Funny Side's remarkable speed, his jockey dared to dream of victory in the Kentucky Derby. Against the odds, Funny Cide seized the opportunity and emerged victorious, sparking ecstatic jubilation among the owners, trainers, jockey, and fans. While luck played a part, the miraculous event was undeniable.



## Robert recommends—Robert Andres

### ***50 Brilliant Minds in the Last 100 Years: Identifying the Mystery of Genius* by Rodney Castleden**

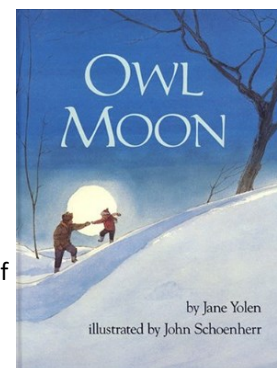
Available in the recent release section at your library you can learn more about, and perhaps even become, a genius! Ok, that is overpromising for sure - but the book is a wide ranging look at what makes a genius. It turns out it might not be what you think, it seems not necessarily to be linked to high IQ as our test measure it. And it can be found in people of all walks of life. The book also looks at some genius candidates from modern times, such as Mark Zuckerberg, as well as well known geniuses like Einstein.



## Choice for children—Tonya Bordner

Did you notice the full moon last week? Some of my favorite times was running the yard on moon-lit nights with my girls. Armed with glow sticks and flash lights, we'd play team tag hiding behind trees and running outside circling the house to get to home base and be safe. After a few moments, the pitch dark of the country acres seemed to radiate light under the full moon.

*Owl Moon*, by Jane Yolen and illustrated by John Schoenherr, recounts a familial tradition of a dad going owling with each of his children under a full moon. The short lines and stanzas are rich with vocabulary that gives the reader the feeling of being there with the child as she and her Pa search and call for an owl.

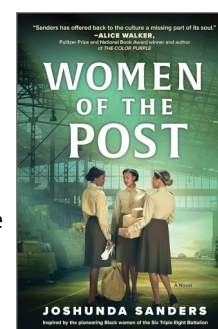


This book has been a long-time favorite of mine, and I recently shared it with a kindergartener. We studied the watercolor illustrations as I summarized most of the story. I only read a few excerpts from the book because I knew the 32 pages might prove to be too long after a day of school. He loved examining the illustrations though and noticed every detail of the snow-covered ground, woods and animals.

With this book review, I want to encourage parents to include longer books with your young readers. Take the liberty of skipping pages, only studying the illustrations and even telling your own story to go with them. Reread your favorites over the years, reading more of the text. You'll find before you know it, they'll be able to read the book by heart, and I'm going to predict it might be one of their favorites that they share with their own children.

## Bookmarked—Jolaine Konstantinidis

*Women of the Post* by Joshunda Sanders reveals a part of WWII history of which I was previously uninformed. Under the command of Captain Charity Adams, a group of over 800 Black women enlisted in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) were stationed in Europe to sort mountains of undeliverable mail. Distributing the mail to the enlisted men fighting abroad was considered imperative to boost morale. So, the 6888 (Six Triple Eight) as they came to be known took as their mantra, "No mail, no morale." Despite the fact that these women, "Negroes" or "Coloreds" as they were named at the time, surpassed all expectations in dedication and determination to serve their country proudly, they would not be properly recognized for some 60 years later and then only within the military rather than the general public.



*Women of the Post*, a work of historical fiction, elucidates a part of history that might have been lost altogether due to racism. The reality of segregation laws among civilians and military, the effects of the Jim Crow era and actions of the KuKlux Klan is portrayed vividly in the novel that the author spent years researching through the national archives and recorded interviews with live witnesses and family members of the 6888. Sanders writes an extensive afterword that details the facts as presented in her novel as well as the liberties she took fictionalizing with respect to the feelings these brave women may have experienced due to the physical and emotional risks they took as well as oppression of their race.

This novel pays honor to the "Six Double Eight" whose tribute is long overdue. Read more about Captains Charity Adams and Abbie Noel Campbell and their roles in leading their battalion during WWII.

<https://www.womenofthe6888th.org/wome-of-courage-tenacity-strength>

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Wednesday & Friday  
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Saturday:  
9:00-2:30  
Closed Sunday and Monday



## YA Choice—by Reagan Bordner

**A legendary competition.  
A mesmerizing romance.  
An unbreakable bond  
between two sisters.**

Scarlett Dragna has never left the tiny island where she and her sister, Tella, live with their powerful, and cruel, father. Now Scarlett’s father has arranged a marriage for her, and Scarlett thinks her dreams of seeing *Caraval*—the faraway, once-a-year performance where the audience participates in the show—are over.

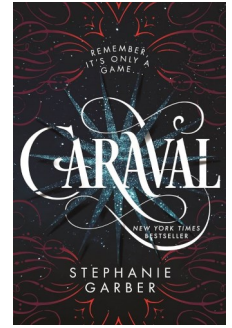
But this year, Scarlett’s long-dreamt-of invitation finally arrives. With the help of a mysterious sailor, Tella whisks Scarlett away to the show. Only, as soon as they arrive, Tella is kidnapped by *Caraval*’s mastermind organizer, Legend. It turns out that this season’s *Caraval* revolves around Tella, and whoever finds her first is the winner.

Scarlett has been told that everything that happens during *Caraval* is only an elaborate performance. Nevertheless she becomes enmeshed in a game of love, heartbreak, and magic. And whether *Caraval* is real or not, Scarlett must find Tella before the five nights of the game are over or a dangerous domino effect of consequences will be set off, and her beloved sister will disappear forever.

A whimsical story with great world building and an interesting plot.

Every time a place in the book would be described I would think “huh, this reminds me a lot of Alice and Wonderland.” I looked it up and although she loves Alice and Wonderland, **Stephanie Garber’s** biggest inspirations for *Caraval* were Baz Luhrmann films and the band Florence + The Machine, which actually makes a lot of sense, but it definitely shares some similarities with an Alice-like world.

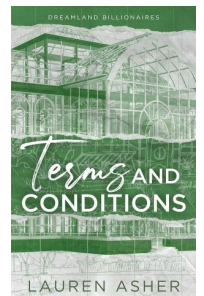
This book was so magical yet had a hint of something sinister going on in the shadows the whole time. It was filled with twists and turns and had such a big plot twist that I didn’t see coming in the slightest. If you’re a fan of magic and a bit of mystery, I would recommend this book for you.



## Guest Review—by Breanna

**Terms and Conditions** by **Lauren Asher** is a great adult romance book, a perfect ceo x secretary story. It had a mix of banter and sass between all the characters making it a very funny book. *Terms and Conditions* is the second book of the *Dreamland Billionaires* series and builds off of the first book (*The Fine Print*) and also gives more information on the main character of the third book (*Final Offer*).

Overall, I really enjoyed this book and would recommend it if you enjoy fake marriage book tropes.



## DCLA Update—by Elizabeth, VP

Hello, Everyone,

The DeSoto County Library Association made over three hundred dollars (\$ 300+) at our February book sales. Thank You!

Our DCLA post office box # 444 is renewed for another year. Zip code: 34265.

Well, I have been catching up on lots of mysteries—funny how often a cat shows up....Keep reading.



# DeSoto County Library

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>DeSoto County Library</i>                      125 N Hillsborough                      863.993.4851</p> <p>Partially funded through FL Dept of State grants</p>		<p>Open to our patrons:                      Tuesday &amp; Thursday: 9:00—6:00                      Wednesday &amp; Friday 8:30—6:00                      Saturday: 9:00-2:30</p>			1	2 11:00 Game day
3	4	5 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 3:30 STEAM for Kids	6 10:00 Grace's group 10:30 Toddler Time 11:00 Book Group 3:30 Kids' Art	7 9:00 @ ARC 2:00 Internet Basics 3:00 Cybersecurity 3:30 Storytime	8 3:30 Photography Group 4:00 Teen Activity	9 11:00 Craft-a-palooza
10	11 HLC Mobile Library	12 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 1:00 Children's Activity	13 10:00 Grace's group 10:30 Toddler Time 11:00 Book Group 2:30 Kids' Art	14 9:00 @ ARC 11:00 Adult Crafting 2:00 Android Basics 3:00 Email 2:30 Kids' Activity	15 1:00 Movie for adults 2:30 Game Day 3:30 Photography Group	16 11:00 Movie
<p><b>Spring Break Special Times and Activities</b></p>						
17	18	19 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 3:30 STEAM for Kids	20 10:00 Grace's group 10:30 Toddler Time 11:00 Book Group 3:30 Kids' Art	21 9:00 @ ARC 2:00 Zoom Basics 3:00 Windows 10 3:30 Storytime	22 4:00 Teen Program	23 11:00 Violinist Adrian Anantawan
24	25	26 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 3:30 Storytime	27 10:00 Grace's group 10:30 Toddler Time 11:00 Book Group 3:30 Kids' Art	28 9:00 @ ARC 3:30 STEAM for kids	29 Library Closed	30 11:00 Kid's Activity
31 Easter						



**MARCH**  
**2024**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
26	27	28	29	1	2 <b>GAME DAY</b> 11 A.M.	3
4	5 <b>STEAM</b> 3:30 p.m.	6 <b>Toddler Time</b> 10:30 a.m. <b>BIC</b> Art 3:30p.m.	7 <b>Storytime &amp; Craft</b> 3:30 p.m.	8 <b>TEEN PROGRAM!</b> Ages 13-19 Yarn Art 4 p.m.	9 make something GREEN to wear <b>Craft a'Palooza</b> 11 A.M.	10
11 <b>SPRING BREAK DIFFERENT TIMES &amp; ACTIVITIES!!!</b>	12 <b>1 p.m.</b> The Pillowcase Project	13 <b>Toddler Time</b> 10:30 a.m. <b>BIC</b> Gel Plate printing 2:30 p.m.	14 <b>Drones</b> 2:30 p.m.	15 <b>2:30 p.m. Outdoor games</b>	16 <b>MOVIE</b> WISH 11 A.M.	17
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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.



**DESOTO COUNTY @ LIBRARY**

**TEENS**  
We will have activities available for you too. All day long!

Join us for a special week of activities, March 12-16, 2024

**Take A Break!**

**Tuesday, 12th**  
1 p.m.  
American Red Cross  
The Pillowcase Project  
Prepare w/ Pedro!

**Wednesday, 13th**  
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
**Toddler Time**  
Try you hand at printing using Gelli Arts gel plate

**Thursday, 14th**  
2:30p.m.  
Fly Drones with DeSoto County Sheriff Deputy

**Friday, 15th**  
2:30p.m.  
Outdoor games for the whole family!

**Saturday, 16th**  
**MOVIE TIME**  
11 a.m.  
Snack and a drink will be provided

