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Director's note

Dear Folks,

School is out and Summer Reading Adventures are beginning. We have a great line up for you this summer. Ms. Liz and Ms. Reagan will be guiding our kiddos, teens, and adults through their summer adventures while we continue to search for our next awesome children's librarian. June 1st will be our kickoff and then each week will carry its own theme. Thanks to the wonderful cooperation of some of our partners, there will be no lack of activities of all kinds this summer.

We can't wait to begin our adventures at the library.

Come see us.

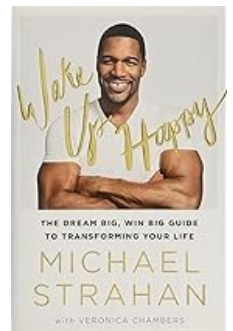
Linda



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Linda recommends

In **Wake Up Happy**, **Michael Strahan** shares personal stories about how he gets and stays motivated and how readers can do the same in their quest to attain their life goals.



Just a sampling of Strahan's rules:

Rule #11 You can't change other people but you can change how you act around them. Usually, that's more than enough.

Rule #17 There's more power in your attitude than in your bank account.

Rule #1 Help can—and will—come from the most unexpected places. Be open to everything around you.

Publishers Weekly Bestseller Lists May 24th, 2024

FICTION

1. *The Women*, by Kristin Hannah
2. *Funny Story*, by Emily Henry
3. *Think Twice: A Myron Bolitar Novel*, by Harlan Coben
4. *The 24th Hour*, by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro
5. *Iron Flame*, by Rebecca Yarros
6. *Five Broken Blades*, by Mai Corland
7. *The Paradise Problem*, by Christina Lauren
8. *Home Is Where the Bodies Are*, by Jeneva Rose
9. *Long Island*, by Colin Toibin
10. *All Fours*, by Miranda July

NON-FICTION

1. *Good Energy: Fix Your Metabolism to Feel Better Today...*, by Casey Means
2. *The Official Stardew Valley Cookbook*, by Concernedape & Ryan Novak
3. *The Situation Room: The Inside Story of Presidents in Crisis*
4. *The Demon of Unrest...*, by Erik Larson
5. *The Anxious Generation...*, by Jonathan Haidt
6. *The New Menopause: Navigating Your Path Through Hormonal Changes...*, by Mary Claire Haver
7. *Rebel Girl: My Life as a Feminist Punk*, by Kathleen Hanna
8. *Down with the System: A Memoir (of Sorts)*, by Serj Tankian
9. *You Never Know: A Memoir*, by Tom Selleck & Ellis Henican
10. *The End of Everything: How Wars Descend into Annihilation*, by Victor Davis Hanson

Liz likes—Liz Coronado

Years after a breakdown and a diagnosis of dissociative identity disorder (DID) that derailed her historical preservationist career, Kenetria Nash and her alters have been given a second chance they can't refuse: a position as resident caretaker of a historic home. Having been dormant for years, Ken has no idea what led them to this isolated Hudson River island, but she's determined not to ruin their opportunity. Then a surprise visit from the home's conservation trust just as a Nor'easter bears down on the island disrupts her newfound life, leaving Ken trapped with a group of possibly dangerous strangers, including the man who brought her life tumbling down years earlier. When he turns up dead, Ken is the prime suspect. Caught in a web of secrets and in a race against time, Ken and her alters must band together to prove their innocence and discover the truth of Kavanaugh Island, and their own past or they risk losing not only their future, but their life.

One Of Us Knows is told in a dual POV - which makes complete sense considering this is a story about DID. Speaking of which, this story has a super interesting concept. One of which I think the execution had to of been a tough one to do. The story itself felt very choppy; but hey, maybe that was the point, to make it a story told from a DID POV, which would make sense right? This book is more of a slow burn in my opinion. There is a lot of character building and not much action until the end. I really like how **Alyssa Cole** wrapped this one up, I loved finally figuring out the trauma that created these multiple identities and I loved the resolution. This read was so different than others I've read and I did really love this, although I will say you need to pay very close attention to keep things moving smoothly through the book because I can see how you could get a little confused.



Bookmarked—Jolaine Konstantinidis

The Paris Library by Janet Skeslein Charles is based on the true story of librarians in WWII and in particular the courage of Dorothy Reeder and others who remained at the American Library in Paris despite advice to leave their post in France. The author grew interested in Reeder while working in the archives at the ALP and spent years researching this historic figure and the events of the time. Rather than write a nonfiction account, the author creates a fictional character, Odile, to help narrate Reeder's involvement as well as that of fellow librarians in the Resistance, who were determined to keep books available offering comfort and hope during wartime. In writing her novel Skeslein illustrates her belief that libraries are sanctuaries, but the greater message seems to focus on how the hardships of war change situations and lives in irreversible ways. In the aftermath of war, the broken places and pieces need to be collected, the betrayal, injustice and guilt need to be dealt with as life resumes. So, Odile leaves her dream job at the library in Paris and returns to America, where the recovery period of her life takes place.

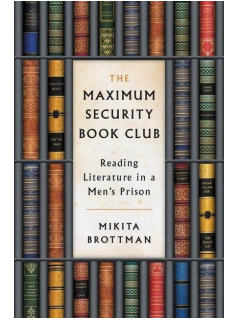
The use of dual timelines appears to be the current preferred structure of historical fiction authors. Although I was more engaged in the storyline in Paris, I believe the structure works in this novel, as it serves the purpose of showing the direction Odile's life took after her earlier experiences. Alternating between the stories of Odile in Paris during 1939-1945 and Montana in the 1980s, readers, along with a young girl, Lily, learn more about the motivation for Odile's actions. By sharing her secrets, Odile begins to build a relationship with Lily that helps both come to terms with personal issues. The end of the novel left me hoping that Lily might learn to make better choices and Odile might be able to forgive herself for the choices she made in the past.

With so many people being impacted by war today in Ukraine and the Gaza Strip I feel *The Paris Library* is a timely read. It demonstrates the contrast between the "before and after" of lives affected by the traumatic experiences of war.



Robert Recommends—Robert Andres

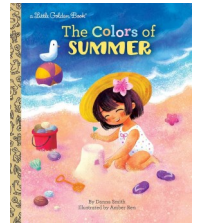
The Maximum Security Book Club: Reading Literature in a Men's Prison written by **Mikita Brottman** is certainly interesting to anyone who has been a part of a book club. This book club is behind bars, in a max unit. The inmates have a different outlook on many things - sometimes simpler and insightful. Not always. The books that the author brings to prison are not light fare: they all contain issues of desperation, loss, and isolation. Things that many of her book club guests have a unique relationship with.



Choice for children— Reagan Bordner

The library offers a variety of fun reads for the summer, and now that it is finally approaching, you may want to check out a few of them!

"The Colors of Summer" by **Danna Smith**, Illustrated by Amber Ren is the cutest little book that introduces the start of learning **colors** and **rhymes**! With a summer/beach theme it can even inspire kids to observe and find their own colors of summer!



A **summer trip** that doesn't go according to plan, a journey through **healing relationships**, and a **chance to be a kid again...** **"Caterpillar Summer"** by **Gillian McDunn** is a beautifully written story about a girl, her special needs brother, and a summer they will never forget. McDunn really seems to understand what its like to be young with the **emotional** and **authentic** story that she has introduced.

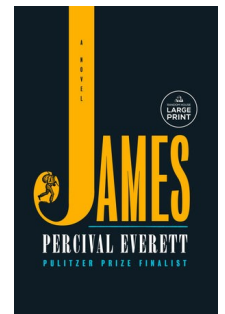


Fran Recommends —Fran Kovach

Percival Everett has a unique talent for stripping away the bandages covering the wounds of history, making the reader confront uncomfortable truths while still keeping them engaged. He dispenses justice and vengeance with unflinching precision, showing little regard for delicate sensibilities.

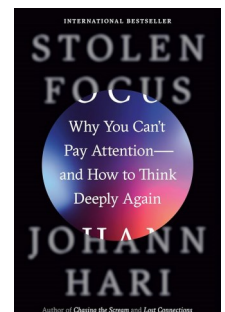
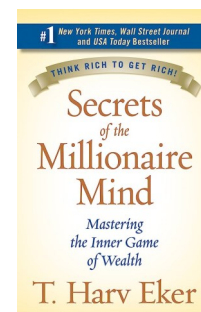
Good for him. It's high time we expose the festering corruption beneath the scabs of our past and confront the tissue of hate we've long ignored. This is the only path to true healing. Everett's retelling of Huckleberry Finn from Jim's perspective is a fast-paced, funny, brutal, heartbreaking, and shocking journey down the Mississippi. Being shocked is merely a way to pretend we don't see the reality right before our eyes.

For those interested in the literary relationship between Twain and Everett's stories, reading Huck Finn first is recommended. However, **James** stands strong on its own, both as a novel and as a powerful portrayal of a man reclaiming his freedom.



Guest Recommendations

Recently we attended a staff day where we got to hear keynote speaker, Andrew Sanderbeck. We really enjoyed his presentation and even went to a few of the others he had going on. In his speech he gave a few book recommendations that we wanted to share with you. **Secrets of the Millionaire Mind** by **T Harv Eker** & **Stolen Focus** by **Johann Hari**.



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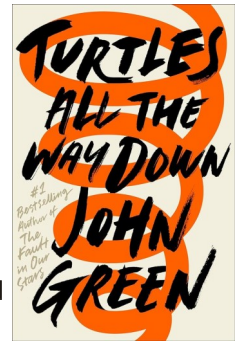
LIBRARY HOURS
Tuesday & Thursday:
9:00—6:00
Wednesday & Friday
8:30—6:00
Saturday:
9:00-2:30
Closed Sunday and Monday



YA Choice—Reagan Bordner

Aza Holmes never intended to pursue the disappearance of fugitive billionaire Russell Pickett, but there’s a hundred-thousand-dollar reward at stake and her Best and Most Fearless Friend, Daisy, is eager to investigate. So together, they navigate the short distance and broad divides that separate them from Pickett’s son Davis.

Aza is trying. She is trying to be a good daughter, a good friend, a good student, and maybe even a good detective, while also living within the ever-tightening spiral of her own thoughts.



Turtles All The Way Down, was one of the first **John Green** books I read, and one I really enjoyed when I was in Middle School. Now, since they have made it into a movie, I figured I should re-read it before I watch the film.

This book tackles really important topics like mental health and how they can affect friendships and relationships. John Green uses metaphors to describe the internal turmoil inside the mind of a person with OCD.

I really liked how realistic the ending was and that he didn’t make it a fairytale ending. This book is an incredible picture of managing mental illness, not fixing it, or eradicating it, but managing through it.

Free Lunches
For all children age 18 & under!
Every **Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday**
May 29th - July 31st
12:00pm - 1:00pm
📍 **DeSoto County Library Courtyard**

DeSoto County Library
125 N Hillsborough Ave, Arcadia, FL 34266
(863) 993-4851

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(863) 494-4222

DCLA Update—Elizabeth, VP

Hello, Everyone,
The DeSoto County Library Association helped to fill the raffle baskets as part of the Library’s summer program: Categories—child, young adult, & adult. So, starting June 1st, see which basket you want to win.

The Florida Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books for 2024-2025 are now out and I have started my project of reading each one.


My 14th one is *The Grip* by **Marcus Stroman** written with **Samantha Thornhill**. When that is finished—only 16 more to go.... Have a great summer and keep reading.



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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Open to our patrons:
Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00—6:00
Wednesday & Friday 8:30—6:00
Saturday: 9:00-2:30

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11:00 Summer Kick-off


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7:30 Walk & Talk
9:00 ARC
12:00 Lunch for kids
1:00 Kids' Activity
5:30 Hurricane Ex-
po—Turner C

5
11:00 Book Group
12:00 Lunch for kids
1:00 Kids' Activity


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10:30 @ ARC
12:00 Lunch for kids
1:00 Kids' Activity

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11:00 Rock Painting

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10
Mobile
Library

11
7:30 Walk & Talk
9:00 ARC
12:00 Lunch for kids
1:00 Kids' Activity

12
11:00 Book Group
12:00 Lunch for kids
1:00 Kids' Activity

13
10:00 Beg Crochet
10:30 @ ARC
12:00 Lunch for kids
1:00 Kids' Activity

14
3:30 Photography
Group

15
11:00 Kid's Movie Day

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18
7:30 Walk & Talk
9:00 ARC
12:00 Lunch for kids
1:00 Kids' Activity
6:00 Game Night—
Turner C

19
11:00 Book Group
12:00 Lunch for kids
1:00 Kids' Activity

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10:30 @ ARC
12:00 Lunch for kids
1:00 Kids' Activity


21
1:00 Movie for adults


22
11:00 Mobile Library
@ Ingraham House

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7:30 Walk & Talk
9:00 ARC
12:00 Lunch for kids
1:00 Kids' Activity




26
11:00 Book Group
12:00 Lunch for kids
1:00 Kids' Activity

27
10:00 Beg Crochet
10:30 @ ARC
12:00 Lunch for kids
1:00 Kids' Activity

28
11:00 Teen Activity

29
11:00 Patriotic Craft



ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY.



ADVENTURE

**Weekday
Activities
start at
1 p.m.**

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
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Hot Lunch for Kids Tuesday - Thursday @ 12:00pm					11 am Summer Reading Program Kick Off!	
3 Adventure into summer!!!	4 Stop & Smell the Cookies! 	5 Gardening with the Arcadia Garden Club 	6 ADVENTURE ACROSS THE GLOBE Design and SEND A POSTCARD	7	8 ROCK PAINTING 11 am	9
10 Adventure into Safety!!	11 Crafting with the DeSoto County Sheriff's office 	12 Make your Pets' adventures safe and fun! 	13 Prepar Pedro. American Red Cross 	14	15 Movie Day 11 am	16
17 Adventure into the past with The DeSoto Historical Society !!!	18 Trains of DeSoto County 	19 Explore geometry quilting and puzzles. 	20 Local LEGENDS 	21	22 <i>Library on the Go</i> John Morgan Ingraham House Museum 300 N. Monroe Avenue Arcadia, FL 	23
24 Adventure into culture!!!	25 SPECIAL Guest presenter ¡Está Your Spanish! Bilingual folktales and songs	26 piñata making! 	27	28 Teen Program with 11 am Ages 13-19	29 Patriotic Star Craft 	30

ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY.

Summer Reading Program
June 1st - July 20th
Adventure Begins At Your Library
Dates & Information

**Summer Reading Program
KICK OFF!**

June 1st 11am

**Summer Activities
Every
Tuesday, Wednesday,
& Thursday
starting at 1pm**

Hot Lunch For Kids
Wednesday - Thursday
(starting May 29th)
12pm
DeSoto County Library
Courtyard

Adventure Into Space!
Activities and Crafts

📍 **Turner Center**
📅 **July 2nd**
🕒 **2pm - 4pm**