

# BiblioBites



## Director's note

Dear Folks,

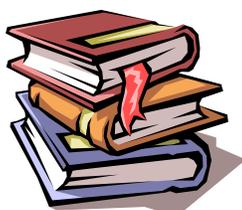
Here's hoping you have enjoyed the holidays thus far. I find myself reflecting on many of the blessings I have been given and that turns to how can I give back to the community I serve. That leads us to consider the first two decades of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and what we need to work toward in the quickly approaching new decade.

What would you like to see as goals for the library? Share with us and we will do our best.

Personally, I am excited to begin a year. I plan to read more and challenge myself to a greater variety of genres. Michael Josephson is attributed with the quote, "**Approach the New Year with resolve to find** the opportunities hidden in each **new** day." Let's search together.

Happy New Year.

Linda



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**BOOK SALE**  
**Saturday**  
**Jan. 25**  
Please bring your donations starting Jan. 21.

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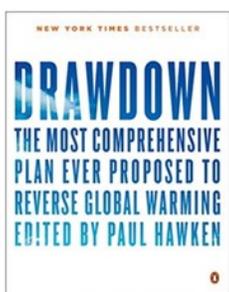
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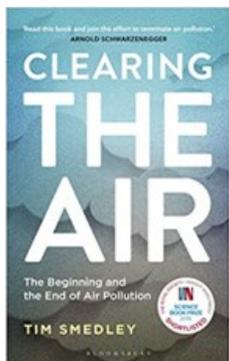
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## Linda recommends



"**Drawdown** is not just a project—it is an adventure. It is a promising story that has the potential to engage every person on the planet with at least one solution to climate change, whether it is educating girls, improved rice cultivation, creating walkable cities, eating a plant-rich diet, household recycling, or any of the other solutions."

—Karen O'Brien, cCHANGE



**Clearing the Air** tells the full story of what's happened to the air we breathe. Sustainability journalist **Tim Smedley** explains exactly what air pollution is, which chemicals are the dangerous ones and where they come from. He interviews the scientists and politicians at the forefront of air pollution research as well as those whose lives have been affected by smog. This groundbreaking book reveals the extreme instances of air pollution that have happened around the world.

## Publishers Weekly Bestseller Lists January 2020

### FICTION

1. **The Guardians**, by John Grisham
2. **The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse**, by Charlie Mackesy
3. **The Institute**, by Stephen King
4. **Criss Cross**, by James Patterson
5. **Strange Planet**, by Nathan W Pyle
6. **A Minute to Midnight**, by David Baldacci
7. **Blue Moon: A Jack Reacher Novel**, by Lee Child
8. **The Dutch House**, by Ann Patchett
9. **Twisted Twenty-Six**, by Janet Evanovich
10. **The Testaments**, by Margaret Atwood

### NONFICTION

1. **The Pioneer Woman Cooks: The New Frontier: 120 Fantastic Favorites for Everyday Eating**, by Ree Drummond
2. **Guinness World Records 2020**, by Guinness World Records
3. **Becoming: A Guided Journal for Discovering Your Voice**, Michelle Obama
4. **Me**, by Elton John
5. **Sam Houston and the Alamo Avengers: The Texas Victory That Changed American History**, by Brian Kilmeade
6. **Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know about the People We Don't Know**, by Malcolm Gladwell
7. **Triggered: How the Left Thrives on Hate and Wants to Silence Us**, by Donald Trump Jr
8. **The Body: A Guide for Occupants**, by Bill Bryson
9. **The Book of Gutsy Women: Favorite Stories of Courage and Resilience**, by Hillary Rodham Clinton
10. **A Warning**, by Anonymous

### Leigh's pick—by Leigh Hornbake

1941. Audrey Coltrane has always wanted to fly. It's why she implored her father to teach her at the little airfield back home in Texas. It's why she signed on to train military pilots in Hawaii when the war in Europe began. And it's why she insists she is not interested in any dream-derailing romantic involvements, even with the disarming Lieutenant James Hart, who fast becomes a friend as treasured as the women she flies with. Then one fateful day, she gets caught in the air over Pearl Harbor just as the bombs begin to fall, and suddenly, nowhere feels safe. To make everything she's lost count for something, Audrey joins the Women Air Force Service Pilots program. The bonds she forms with her fellow pilots reignite a spark of hope in the face of war, and—when James goes missing in action—give Audrey the strength to cross the front lines and fight not only for her country, but for the love she holds so dear.

**The Flight Girls** by **Noelle Salazar** was an absolute joy to read, good from the first page to the last. Enjoy!



### Wendy's bookshelf—by Wendy Farris

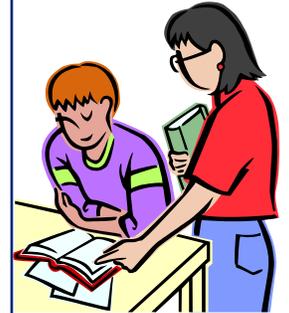
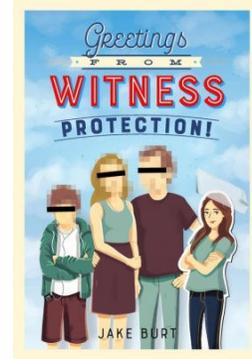
I have reported on **Elly Griffiths'** series featuring Ruth Galloway, but she also has a series entitled "Magic Men". During World War II, a group of mostly vaudeville performers were gathered to think of ways to fool the Germans into thinking the Allies had more resources than they did and to bomb the phony targets. Now that the war is over, the same men keep crossing paths to help solve murders. The commanding officer is now a policeman, but he calls on his former men to help find out what happened. **The Zig Zag Girl** is the first in the series. Detective Inspector Edgar Stephens is put in charge of a case involving a girl who was cut into three pieces, reminding him of a magic trick called the zig zag girl. He enlists his former friend, Max Mephisto, who invented the trick. The girl was a former sidekick of Max. Another death using another magic trick and the men are fully involved.



**Care about our library?** The **DeSoto County Library Association** is looking for a few interested people to join our board of directors. We meet only four times per year, typically February, May, September and December. The next meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 10, 5 p.m. at the library. We hold an annual book sale, fund programs and special events at the library, purchase items for the library, and more. It is a small commitment of time, but an important role in keeping our library a vital part of our community. Questions? Contact DCLA president Karen at [aandksmoke@gmail.com](mailto:aandksmoke@gmail.com).

## Choice for children—by Liz Coronado

Nicki Demere is an orphan and a pickpocket. She also happens to be the U.S. Marshals' best bet to keep a family alive. The marshals are looking for the perfect girl to join a mother, father, and son on the run from the nation's most notorious criminals. After all, the bad guys are searching for a family with one kid, not two, and adding a streetwise girl who knows a little something about hiding things may be just what the marshals need. Nicki swears she can keep the Trevor family safe, but to do so she'll have to dodge hitmen, cyberbullies, and the specter of standardized testing, all while maintaining her marshal-mandated B-minus average. As she barely balances the responsibilities of her new identity, Nicki learns that the biggest threats to her family's security might not lurk on the road from New York to North Carolina, but rather in her own past. **Jake Burt's** debut middle-grade novel **Greetings from Witness Protection!** is as funny as it is poignant.



## New Young Adult books—check out the rack in the atrium



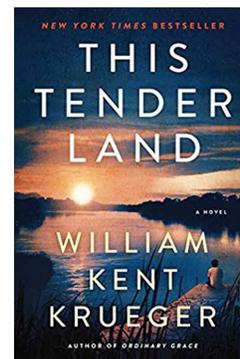
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## Editor's suggestion—by Karen Smoke

**This Tender Land** by **William Kent Krueger** opens in the Lincoln School where hundreds of Native American children, separated from their parents, are sent to be educated, and taught the white man's ways. It is also home to an orphan named Odie O'Banion, whose exploits land him in trouble with the superintendent. Set in 1932 rural Minnesota, the bulk of the story is a canoe journey as Odie and his brother Albert, their best friend Mose, and a little girl named Emmy flee their troubled past in search of a place to call home. The travelers cross paths with others who are adrift, from struggling farmers and traveling faith healers to displaced families and lost souls of all kinds.

William Kent Krueger is the award-winning author of the Cork O'Connor novels, including **Tamarack County** and **Windigo Island**, as well as the novel **Ordinary Grace**, winner of the 2014 Edgar Award for best novel. He lives in the Twin Cities with his family.



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Tuesday—Friday 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.  
Closed Sunday and Monday



Su n	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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# BOOK SALE!

## Saturday January 25 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Inside the Library

Please donate your **"gently used"** hardcover and paperback books to the DeSoto County Library Association. Due to lack of storage area, books may be brought to the library the **week of the sale ONLY.**

All proceeds benefit DCLA which provides support and "extras" for the DeSoto County Library, such as funding children's programs, staff development, book purchases, and more.