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Director's note

Dear Folks,

Have you made your 2022 New Year's resolutions yet? Whatever your goals are for 2022, we are here to help you.

Have you set a goal to read 225 books this year? We will help you find just the right titles.

Do you want to learn to fish? We have a whole section on the topic.

Are you ready to travel? We don't have a magic carpet, but we do have travel books for you to enjoy some arm chair travel.

Are you determined to eat differently? We have a number of diet guides and a slew of cookbooks.

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities? We can help you with that.

Just come see us. We would love to have you here.

Happy New Year!

Linda

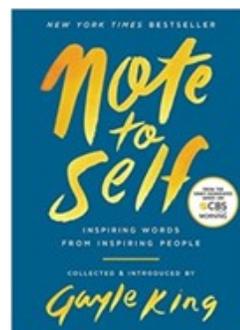
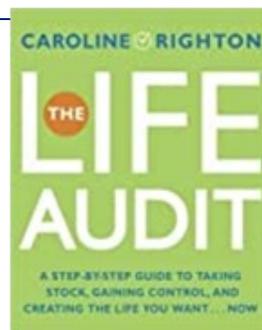
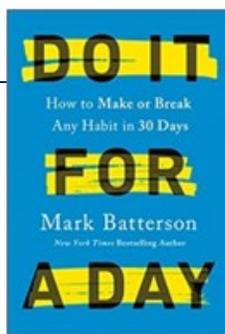
Linda recommends

What about those New Year's resolutions? What is on your agenda for 2022? Looking for inspiration?

You can do anything for a day, and those daily habits have a domino effect over time. **Mark Batterson** will help you hack your habits.

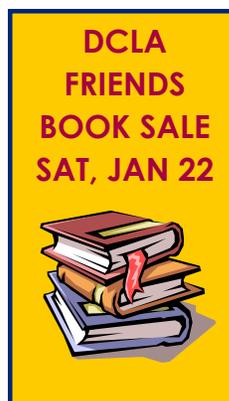
In this *New York Times* bestseller, **Gayle King** collects her favorite inspiring letters from the popular *CBS This Morning* segment *Note to Self*, in which twenty-first century luminaries pen advice and encouragement to the young people they once were.

Caroline Righton's easy, step-by-step process will help you evaluate, or "audit," the different areas of your life—from relationships and money to family, career, and more—and use simple worksheets to take stock of where you are and get on the fast track to where you want to be.



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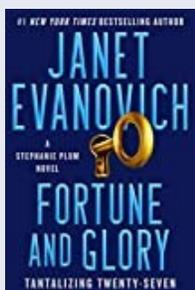
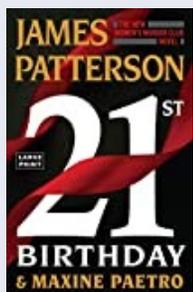
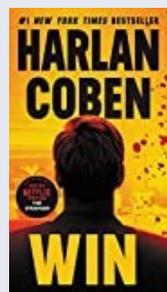
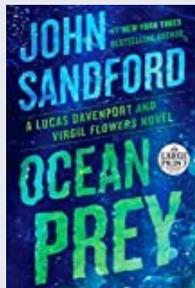
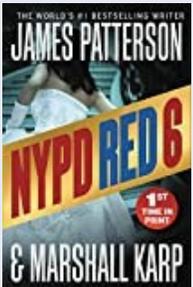
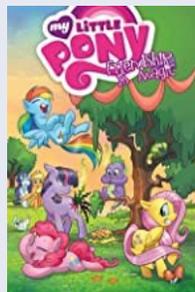
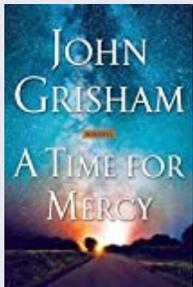
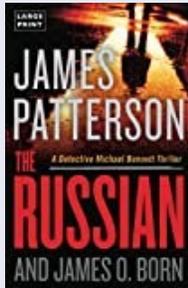
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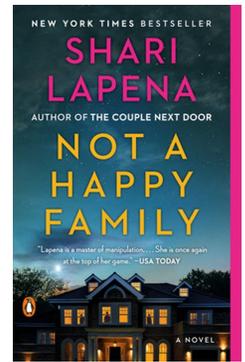
DeSoto County Library's Top Ten Book Check Outs —2021



Liz likes—by Liz Coronado

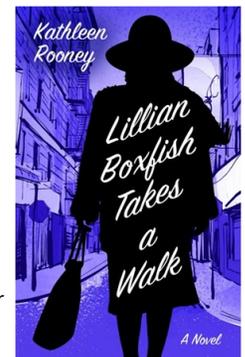
You have to be rich to have a house in Brecken Hill in upstate New York, and Fred and Sheila Merton certainly are rich. But even all their money can't protect them. The Mertons are brutally murdered after a fraught Easter dinner with their three adult kids. Who, of course, are devastated. Or are they? They each stand to inherit millions. They were never a happy family, thanks to their vindictive father and neglectful mother. Perhaps one of the siblings is more disturbed than anyone knew? Did someone snap after that dreadful evening? Or did another person appear later that night with the worst of intentions? If one of the family were capable of something as gruesome as this, you'd know, wouldn't you?

One should keep their eyes open when reading a **Shari Lapena** book. **Not a Happy Family** is about family, greed, and what may have been passed along in the gene pool. Beautifully written and well planned, you will like and hate the characters involved. At the end you find out who did it, but the author was only being kind in revealing it. If she hadn't you would have been up for days thinking about it. I suspected every character in this story and was kept guessing. My prediction was proved wrong. I didn't see the killer being who it was and thought there were some really clever twists.



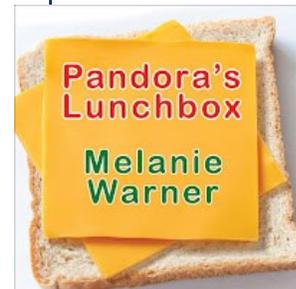
Bookmarked—by Jolaine Konstantinidis

Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk by **Kathleen Rooney** takes the reader on a long walk through the streets of Manhattan on New Year's Eve in 1984. The main character, in her mid-eighties, is based on a real woman who broke through the glass ceiling in the 1930s as the highest paid female advertising copywriter in the world. While Lillian's walk takes her physically past famous city landmarks, it is mainly a proverbial "walk down memory lane" in which she remarks that while time changes some things, others remain the same. As Lillian meanders fearlessly through the city, the people she encounters might mistake her for an eccentric old lady at first, but once they interact, her intelligence, humor, and wisdom are noteworthy. One quote that describes her personality is: "...my true religion is actually civility...because I believe that good manners are essential to the preservation of humanity..." Just as Lillian Boxfish faced both the successes and failures of her own life on that solitary walk, I found my mind wandering to past experiences in my own life, owning them and making some resolutions for the new year ahead.

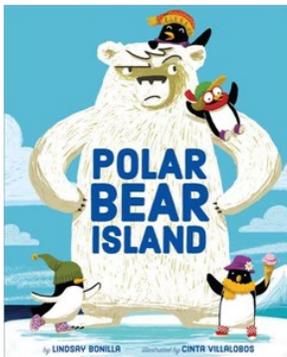


Robert recommends—by Robert Anders

Ever wonder what some of those unusual ingredients on the label of a packaged foods are? **Pandora's Lunchbox: How Processed Food Took Over the American Meal** by **Melanie Warner** not only explains those but how they got there. And still more ingredients are being invented to process new foods more efficiently (read unspoilable) and cheaply. Melanie Warner is a good storyteller and may have you thinking a lot more about what it is we are eating. Is it still food ?



Choice for children—Kara Illguth

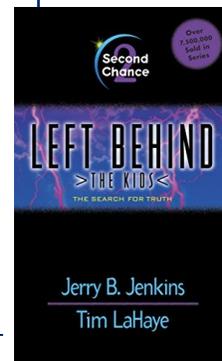


Friends come in all shapes and sizes. And they show up when you least expect them to! **Polar Bear Island** by **Lindsay Bonilla** highlights inclusiveness, a positive attitude, and keeping an open mind. Mix it all up with a little bit of snow and it will be a book you won't want to put down!

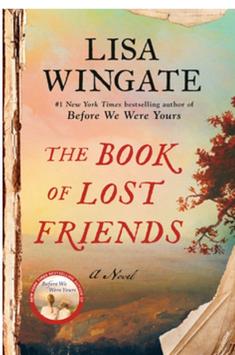
When Kirby, a fun-loving penguin, arrives on Polar Bear Island, she shakes things up-- much to the dismay of Parker, the mayor. Will Parker learn to see how great it is to make new friends? Or will he chase Kirby away... forever?

Student review—Alexandria Wilson - 8th grade

After the disappearances of millions, four kids are faced with a life changing decision. Will they accept God, or will they reject him? While Judd, Vicki, and Ryan are making their decisions, Lionel rushes to find his uncle Andre before it's too late. In **Second Chance: The Search for the Truth**, authors **Jerry B. Jenkins** and **Tim LaHaye** tell what life will be like after the rapture. This is an AMAZING book and is the second book in the *Left Behind: The Kids* series. You should ABSOLUTELY read this book.



Editor's suggestion—by Karen Smoke



The Book of Lost Friends by **Lisa Wingate** is a dual story of three young women on a journey in search of family after the Civil War, and a teacher in 1987 with a job at a poor rural school in Louisiana, who struggles to connect with her students. A 'living history' project sparks the interest of her students with stories from actual "Lost Friends" advertisements that appeared in Southern newspapers as freed slaves desperately searched for loved ones who had been sold off. It's a good read—loved the history and the teacher's innovation.

Now that I have your attention, I want to tell you about a real hands-on learning project that will be taking place right here in DeSoto County. The Suncoast Remake Learning Days will take place Friday, April 29, through Sunday, May 8, 2022. Events are designed to be hands-on, relevant and engaging educational experiences for youth (pre-K through high school) and their families, caregivers and educators. Why am I telling you this? Because we need people like you who are avid readers to volunteer for an activity. Just ask us how you can help!



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Seniors and vulnerable populations only; 9:30—6:00 All patrons
Saturday: 9:00-2:30
Closed Sunday and Monday



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Notable nonfiction—by Karen Smoke

The Arbournaut: A Life Discovering the Eighth Continent in the Trees Above Us, by **Meg Lowman**

Lowman pioneered climbing tropical trees and building aerial walkways to allow scientists and the public to study and experience life at the top. An incredible journey and an inspiration for anyone looking to make their mark on the environment.

Lowman launches us into the life and work of a field scientist, ecologist, and conservationist. She offers hope, specific plans, and recommendations for action; despite devastation across the world, through trees, we can still make an immediate and lasting impact against climate change.

