

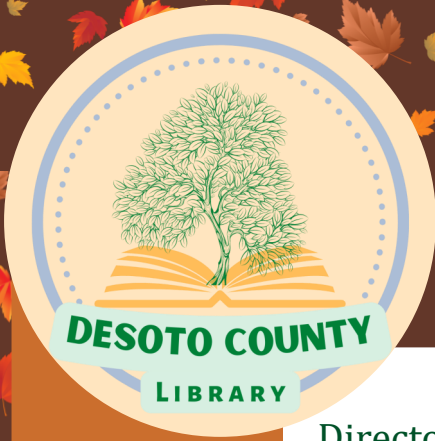


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Director's note

Dear Folks,

We hope you have had a good summer and are about to get settled into the school year routine. Even if you don't have school aged children, think about them and all those who teach, assist, feed, protect, and care for our future leaders each day.

Did you enjoy the recent meteor showers? We were so blessed to have several nights and mornings of clear and dark skies. It is so amazing to watch that cosmic dust race across the sky in such beauty. And in the same general path, Mars and Jupiter enjoyed a quite spectacular conjunction.

Did you notice that on August 22, the sun set before 8:00pm for the first time since spring? If you missed it, be watching Sept 28 as that will be our first day of less than twelve hours of sunlight returning. With shorter days, on some mornings and occasional evenings you can feel just the slightest touch of Fall coming.

Take a little time to be still and quiet and enjoy the beauty around us from night skies to eager children.

Let us know how we can help.

Come see us,

Linda

Linda recommends

Some 40 million miles of roadways encircle the earth. In *Crossings*, environmental journalist **Ben Goldfarb** travels throughout the United States and around the world to investigate how roads have transformed our planet. A million animals are killed by cars each day in the U.S. alone, but as the new science of road ecology shows, the harms of highways extend far beyond roadkill. Creatures from antelope to salmon are losing their ability to migrate in search of food and mates; invasive plants hitch rides in tire treads; road salt contaminates lakes and rivers; and the very noise of traffic chases songbirds from vast swaths of habitat.

Yet road ecologists are also seeking to blunt the destruction through innovative solutions. Goldfarb meets with conservationists building bridges for California's mountain lions and tunnels for English toads, engineers deconstructing the labyrinth of logging roads that web national forests, animal rehabbers caring for Tasmania's car-orphaned wallabies, and community organizers working to undo the havoc highways have wreaked upon American cities.



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Publishers Weekly Bestseller Lists August 24th, 2024

FICTION

1. *The Book of Bill*, by Alex Hirsch
2. *Born of Blood and Ash*, by Jennifer L Armentrout
3. *Angel of Vengeance: Volume 22*, by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child
4. *The Women*, by Kristin Hannah
5. *Joy*, by Danielle Steel
6. *Offer from a Gentleman & Romancing Mister Bridgerton: Bridgerton Special Edition*, by Julia Quinn
7. *Iron Flame*, by Rebecca Yarros
8. *The Coven: Special Edition*, by Harper L Woods
9. *The Wedding People*, by Alison Espach
10. *Shadow of Doubt: A Thriller*, by Brad Thor

NON-FICTION

1. *Shameless: Republicans' Deliberate Dysfunction...* by Brian Tyler Cohen
2. *What to Cook When You Don't Feel Like Cooking*, by Caroline Chambers
3. *What Happens Next:...*, by Max Lucado
4. *A Crown That Lasts: You Are Not Your Label*, by Demi-Leigh Tebow
5. *The Art of Power: My Story as America's First Woman Speaker...*, by Nancy Pelosi
6. *Men Have Called Her Crazy: A Memoir*, by Anna Marie Tendler
7. *The Anxious Generation:...* by Jonathan Haidt
8. *What's Next: A Backstage Pass to the West Wing,...*, by Melissa Fitzgerald & Mary McCormack
9. *On the Edge: The Art of Risking Everything*, by Nate Silver
10. *A Mission Without Borders:...*, by Chad Robichaux

Liz likes—Liz Coronado

Are you in the mood to get into spooky season? If so then I highly recommend that you check out **Josh Malermens** recent book *Incidents Around the House*, but be warned you might only want to read this during the daylight hours if you still plan to sleep at night. This novel is written entirely from the perspective of an 8 year old so it took a while to find my reading groove. But after you get past the oddness of not having quotation marks and a clear distinction of a conversation layout, you quickly forget that you're reading a story. It almost feels like you are listening to a child recount events as though she were sitting on a couch in a therapist's office.

After full submission into her story, it's quite heartbreaking in the end to imagine what she must have been feeling, the sheer terror she endured, and the decision she struggled with. The ending did leave me with some questions but I feel like that was intended as it's sure to keep you thinking about it long after you've finished. If you love supernatural horror or enjoyed the Insidious movies, you should definitely pick this up!

A little girl named Bela loves her family, Daddo, Mommy, and Grandma Ruth but what about Other Mommy? Bela had always thought Other Mommy was her friend but lately Other Mommy has been getting more aggressive and appearing in places she never did before and when she gets mad her face changes and Bela is getting a little more scared each day. Mommy and Daddo have always thought Other Mommy was an invisible friend as many children have them in early childhood. The parents begin to realize that something is wrong with Bela although they can't understand or believe what their daughter tells them until they begin to witness some strange events happening inside their home. Why won't Other Mommy stop asking Bela if she can go inside her heart! Maybe Bela should say yes to Other Mommy so all of the bad stuff will stop and they can all be happy again except unknown to sweet little Bela insidious evil has come to roost within their complicated lives.



Bookmarked—Jolaine Konstantinidis

Amor Towles, famous for *Rules of Civility*, *A Gentleman in Moscow*, and *The Lincoln Highway*, has issued a book of short fictions (yes, plural) entitled *Table for Two*. It contains two parts, the first of which presents 6 scenarios that all take place in New York city in different historical periods; the second is a novella that follows the character Eve Ross from Towles' previous work, *Rules of Civility* which takes place in the 1930s. One need not read the previous novel prior to enjoying this sequel to Eve's life. It picks up with Eve changing her mind about returning to her parents' home once she leaves NY and arrives in Indiana. Impulsively, she switches her ticket to Los Angeles instead. Her decision is one of a very gutsy girl who has dreams to fulfill, and her actions will both surprise and satisfy the reader. It is somewhat reminiscent of Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*.

In Part One (the N.Y. section) you will meet a host of interesting real-life characters at various points in their life, often in professional or personal relationships facing dilemmas or decisions. Each story brings with it significant messages that become in their own way life-changing moments as Towles turns the table in the plot in humorous ways. As with most short stories, given little background, the reader quickly drops into the world of the characters and understands their circumstances and personalities as the action is taking place. This can be a dramatic and satisfying experience for the reader and one that Towles cleverly creates. As a teaser, the following is a list of the six titles with a brief situational note:

The Line"—a Russian couple's immigration during post-stock market crash

"Ballad of Tim Touchette" ---an inexperienced, aspiring writer in search of experience for writing material.

"Hasta Luego" ---endearing story of a man who becomes a third-party witness to the lengths one wife goes to for her husband. It ends in an anecdotal one-liner.

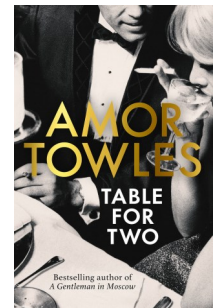
"I will Survive" ---a daughter follows up on her mother's suspicion of her stepfather's infidelity and discovers his secret pastime in Central Park. Delightful story!

"The Bootlegger" ---takes place in Carnegie Hall...you have to read it!

"DiDomenico Fragment" ---story of an Annunciation painting that becomes a legacy divided among descendants. Fascinating twist at the end!

For more about Amor Towles and his latest work enjoy:

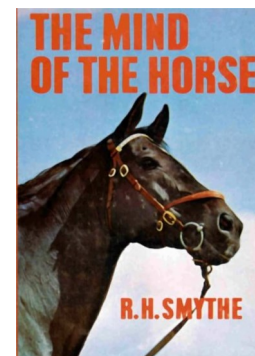
<https://www.amortowles.com/table-for-two-q-and-a/> & <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#inbox?projector=1>



Robert recommends—Robert Andres

The Mind of the Horse by R H Smythe

Horses, large beautiful and endlessly fascinating in their strength and beauty. I've not had much experience with them but one thing that I have noted is that horses react to very, very subtle direction. The riding of a horse is a very subtle interplay of pressure and weight and also verbal inputs and direct contact. The book does a nice job of explaining how horses process the things they see and hear. Special attention is paid to the interaction of man and equine. Give this book an hour and your next meeting with your friend with the long face much more interactive and interesting, now that you know what they are thinking !



Choice for children—Reagan Bordner

Snow and Rose didn't know they were in a fairy tale. People never do....

Once, they lived in a big house with spectacular gardens and an army of servants. Once, they had a father and mother who loved them more than the sun and moon. But that was before their father disappeared into the woods and their mother disappeared into sorrow. This is the story of two sisters and the enchanted woods that have been waiting for them to break a set of terrible spells.

A lovely retelling of the German fairy tale, snow-white & red-rose. I was first drawn to the book because of its cover art and was pleased to find that the beautiful art can be found throughout the book. This is a cute charming story for a Middle Grade reader (or older). **Emily Winfield Martin** wrote a charming story that would be a great read to transition into the upcoming colder weather.

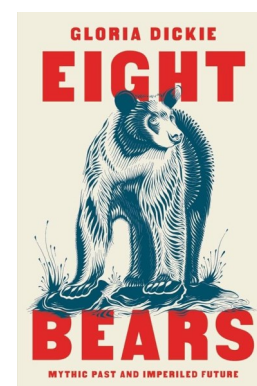


Fran Recommends —by Fran Kovach

Bears have always occupied a prominent place in our collective consciousness. However, as humans and bears come into increasingly close contact, our relationship is approaching a critical juncture. Most of the eight remaining bear species face the threat of extinction. The panda bear and the polar bear, are celebrated icons of the natural world, others, such as the spectacled bear and the sloth bear, are less familiar.

In *“Eight Bears,”* journalist **Gloria Dickie** embarks on an expedition to uncover the unique stories of each bear species. She takes readers from the cloud forests of the Andes to the ice floes of the Arctic, from the jungles of India to the backwoods of the Rocky Mountain West. She meets key figures on the frontlines of modern conservation efforts, including the head of a rescue center for sun and moon bears saved from bile farms, a biologist affectionately known as Papa Panda, who has spearheaded China’s panda-breeding initiatives for almost four decades, and a conservationist adapting military radar technology to detect and track polar bears near human settlements.

Dickie expertly weaves ecology, history, and mythology with her personal observations and captivating travel experiences. Through her deeply reported and engrossing account, *“Eight Bears”* illuminates the unparalleled challenges these majestic mammals face a rapidly changing climate and encroaching human populations. The book serves as a poignant reminder of what we stand to lose if we fail to coexist with the animals that have profoundly influenced our cultures, landscapes, and stories.



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9:00-2:30
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Editor’s Choice—Reagan Bordner

For as long as she can remember, Evangeline Fox has believed in true love and happy endings... until she learns that the love of her life will marry another.

Desperate to stop the wedding and to heal her wounded heart, Evangeline strikes a deal with the charismatic but wicked Prince of Hearts. In exchange for his help, he asks for three kisses, to be given at the time and place of his choosing.

But after Evangeline’s first promised kiss, she learns that bargaining with an immortal is a dangerous game—and that the Prince of Hearts wants far more from her than she’d pledged. He has plans for Evangeline, plans that will either end in the greatest happily ever after or the most exquisite tragedy...



How far would you go for happily ever after?

A beautiful story that directly speaks to my fairytale-loving heart. Although it is not necessary, I would recommend reading the *Caraval* series (a wonderful story as well) before the *Once Upon a Broken Heart* series. This book is a companion series, so you may be a bit confused if you hop straight into it, but I do think it can be read without prior knowledge of Caraval.

Speaking of Caraval, it was really nice to revisit some of the characters, Scarlett and Donatella, from that book. We got to see what they were up to and get a little more information on them that we didn’t get after the end of Caraval.

Plus, Jacks was one of my favorite characters that **Stephanie Garber** has brought to life, so getting to read a few books focused on him, and the brand new protagonist Evangeline, was great!

Although this is a companion series, it is completely different and explores new magic and new characters, so I didn’t feel like I was reading the same book!

I thoroughly enjoyed these books, so I would 100% recommend them.



September
Tues. 3rd & Tues. 17th
11:00 am
DeSoto County Library

Adult Craft Autumn Canvas Tote Painting

SEPTEMBER 12TH
11:00 AM
DESOTO COUNTY
LIBRARY

125 N Hillsborough Ave, Arcadia FL
34266
863-992-4851



DCLA Update—by Elizabeth, VP

Hello, Everyone,
A reminder: The DeSoto County Library Association will have its quarterly Board meeting on **Wednesday, November 6th** at **noon** at the Library. Mark your calendar to be sure to come.

I just finished reading **Patrice McDonough’s *Murder by Lamplight***. She will be at the **Punta Gorda Charlotte Library** on **Tuesday, September 10th** from **6 to 8 pm**. Maybe I’ll see you there?

DESOTO COUNTY LIBRARY

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day 	3 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 10:30 Toddler Time 11:00 Adult Crochet 3:30 Kids STEAM Day	4 11:00 Book Group 3:30 Kids' Art	5 9:00 @ ARC 2:00 Internet Basics 3:00 Cybersecurity 3:30 Kids Storytime	6	7 11:00 Game day
8 Grand-parents Day 	9	10 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 10:30 Toddler Time 3:30 STEAM for Kids 	11 11:00 Book Group 3:30 Kids' Art	12 9:00 @ ARC 11:00 Adult Craft 2:00 Android 3:00 Email basics 3:30 Kids Storytime	13  1:00 Movie for adults 3:30 Photography Group 4:00 Teen Program 	14 10:00 MCR Health Fair 11:00 Craft a'Palooza
15	16	17 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 10:30 Toddler Time 11:00 Adult Crochet 3:30 STEAM for kids	18 11:00 Book Group 3:30 Kids' Art	19 9:00 @ ARC 2:00 Zoom Basics 3:00 Windows 10 3:30 Kids Storytime	20 	21 11:00 Kid's Movie Day 
22	23	24 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 10:30 Toddler Time 3:30 STEAM for Kids	25 11:00 Book Group 3:30 Kids' Art	26 9:00 @ ARC 3:30 Kids Storytime	27 4:00 Teen Program	28 11:00 Lego Building
29	30	<div data-bbox="300 1669 844 1879" data-label="Text"> <p><i>DeSoto County Library</i> <i>125 N Hillsborough</i> <i>863.993.4851</i> Partially funded through FL Dept of State grants</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1112 1722 1388 1900" data-label="Text"> <p>Open to our patrons: Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00—6:00 Wednesday & Friday 8:30—6:00 Saturday: 9:00-2:30</p> </div>				

SEPTEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 HAPPY LABOR DAY	3 Toddler Time 10:30 a.m. STEAM 3:30 p.m. Racing Fox Cup	4 ART with MS. KAREN 3:30 p.m.	5 Storytime & Craft DIY Card for Grandparents Day 3:30 p.m.	6	7 GAME DAY 11 A.M.
8 Happy Grandparent's DAY	9	10 Toddler Time 10:30 a.m. STEAM 3:30 p.m. Build a Bridge	11 ART with MS. KAREN 3:30 p.m.	12 Storytime & Craft Autumn Tree 3:30 p.m.	13 Teen Program Ceramic wall art 4:00 p.m. <small>Ages 13-19</small>	14 Craft a'Palooza 11 A.M.
15	16	17 Toddler Time 10:30 a.m. STEAM 3:30 p.m. Frisbee Engineering	18 ART with MS. KAREN 3:30 p.m.	19 Storytime & Craft Apples, Apples, Apples! 3:30 p.m.	20	21 11 A.M. Movie Day
22 hello FALL	23	24 Toddler Time 10:30 a.m. STEAM 3:30 p.m. Butter Churning	25 ART with MS. KAREN 3:30 p.m.	26 Storytime & Craft Fall Wreath 3:30 p.m.	27 Teen Program Game Day 4:00 p.m. <small>Ages 13-19</small>	28 LEGO CHALLENGE 11 A.M.
29	30	<h2 style="color: red;">DeSoto Library Children's Calendar</h2> <p>*Activities subject to change</p>				

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.

September Teen Craft

Ages 13 - 19



DIY Ceramic Wall Hanging Decor

Paint/Decorate a Ceramic Wall Hanger to add some Fun Decoration to your Walls!

Friday, Sept. 13th

4:00 - 5:30

DeSoto County Library
Activity Room

TEEN GAME DAY

FOR PLAYERS AGED 13-19

A variety of video/card/board games will be laid out ready to play!

4:00pm - 5:30pm

Friday, Sept. 27th

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