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Director's note

Dear Folks,

Congratulations to our DeSoto County Library Association, better known as our Friends. They have done a great job in putting together a very well received book sale. They came out in force on Saturday to work the first day of our sale. The sale will continue through the end of this Jan/Feb. week. All books have been donated by patrons and friends of the library. Proceeds help support the work of the library, particularly our summer programming. We are so appreciative of this group. They will be gathering for their quarterly meeting Monday, Feb. 6th at 5:00p.m. here at the library. We invite you to join them and see how you can help support our local library. This month we will also have a local photographer who will speak to us on the topic of Our Fascination with Birds.

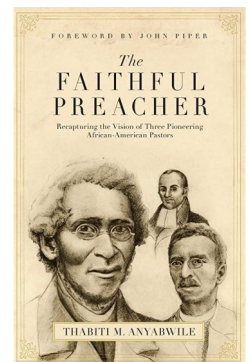
Come and see us,

Linda

Linda recommends

With Biblical and historical insight, **Thabiti Anyabwile** has us admire and thank God for the labors and lives of three men - clear demonstrations of what the pastoral ministry should be, in ***The Faithful Preacher***.

Lemuel Haynes (1753-1833) reminds pastors that eternity must shape our ministry. Daniel A. Payne (1811-1893) stresses the importance of character and preparation to faithful shepherding., and Francis J. Grimké (1850-1937) provides a vision for engaging the world with the gospel.



The DeSoto County Library Association **Gift Basket Raffle** is still going on! Tickets are on sale through Feb 9. Two winners will be drawn on Feb. 10. Thank you to member Karen Delaney for donating the two lovely baskets for our fundraiser!

Happy
Valentine's
Day

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Publishers Weekly Bestseller Lists January 27, 2023

FICTION

1. *The Cabinet of Dr. Leng*, by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child
2. *Lessons in Chemistry*, by Bonnie Garmu
3. *The House of Wolves*, by James Patterson & Mike Lupica
4. *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*, by Gabrielle Charbonnet
5. *How to Sell a Haunted House*, by Grady Hendrix
6. *The House in the Pines*, by Ana Reyes
7. *The Boys from Biloxi: A Legal Thriller*, by John Grisham
8. *Hell Bent*, by Leigh Bardugo
9. *Without a Trace*, by Without a Trace
10. *Demon Copperhead*, by Barbara Kingsolver

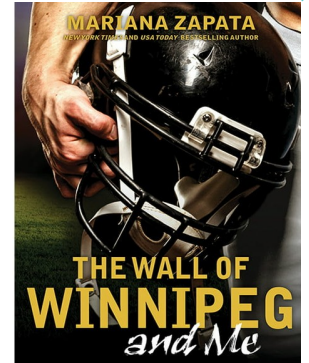
NON-FICTION

1. *Spare*, by Prince Harry the Duke of Sussex
2. *The Creative ACT: A Way of Being*, by Rick Rubin
3. *Straight Shooter: A Memoir of Second Chances and First Takes*, by Stephen a Smith
4. *The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times*, by Michelle Obama
5. *The Nazi Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill*, by Brad Meltzer & Josh Mensch
6. *I'm Glad My Mom Died*, by Jennette McCurdy
7. *Saving Aziz: How the Mission to Help One Became a Calling to Rescue Thousands from the Taliban*, by Chad Robichaux & David L Thomas
8. *Good Boundaries and Goodbyes: Loving Others Without Losing the Best of Who You Are*, by Lysa TerKeurst
9. *The Good Life: Lessons from the World's Longest Scientific Study of Happiness*, by Robert Waldinger & Marc Schulz
10. *Buy Back Your Time: Get Unstuck, Reclaim Your Freedom, and Build Your Empire*, by Dan Martell

Liz likes—Liz Coronado

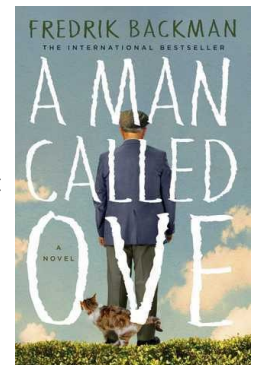
This was my first **Mariana Zapata** book, and I picked it up completely because I needed a standalone between several series I was reading. I really had no expectations, so I was pleasantly surprised that I enjoyed it as much as I did. This book gave me romantic comedy movie vibes, and was a nice, quick read. While I totally knew where the plot was going, I had a fun time seeing how the characters got to the final destination.

The Wall of Winnipeg and Me is told from Vanessa's POV, who is a fulltime personal assistant to all star football player, Aiden Graves. It is a thankless job, and her boss, Aiden and his agent are disrespectful towards her and even insult her on occasion. Finally she had had enough and walks out on her job as a personal assistant to pursue her own business. One month later, Aiden shows up on her doorstep to beg her to come back. As the plot thickens, she discovers that Aiden will get deported back to Canada if he doesn't marry someone soon. Aiden gives Vanessa an offer that is too good to be true to be his fake bride for the next few years to convince immigration they are completely in love. The slow burn romance is the biggest reason I enjoyed Mariana Zapata's writing. It is both full of angst and heartwarming. The progression of the relationship between Vanessa and Aiden is so natural yet compelling. Now you may be thinking a book this long surely has its boring parts and probably takes forever to get to the good stuff. Well you are wrong. Why? The sub plots, the writing-style, the flow of the conversation and the supporting characters has you zooming through the words. I could not put this book down. It spoke to the realities of life. What a lovely, emotional, funny (laugh out loud), frustrating and somewhat sad story that brought out so many of the hardships and frailties of life that either can make you stronger or bury you. I could not put this book down. Thoroughly enjoyed it.



Bookmarked—Jolaine Konstantinidis

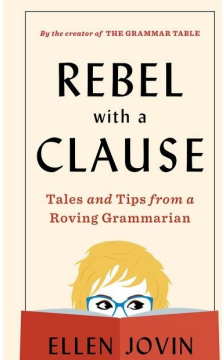
The recent release of the movie version of the novel by **Fredrik Backman**, *A Man Called Ove* (entitled A Man Called Otto starring Tom Hanks) prompted me to review the book. I read it a few years ago, and it is a book that brought laughter and tears in equal measure and really touched me. The story of Ove takes place in Sweden (home of the author). The main character is a cranky older man who has lived alone since the death of his wife. Reflecting on his losses, he is on the brink of suicide when a young, new neighbor unknowingly intervenes and turns his life around in humorous and heartwarming ways.



Nonfiction choice—by Karen Smoke

Do you ever pause to think about grammar when you text? Is grammar still important? Why did we have to diagram all those sentences in grade school? *Rebel with a Clause: Tales and Tips from a Roving Grammarian* is an unconventional guide to the English language drawn from the cross-country adventures of an itinerant grammarian.

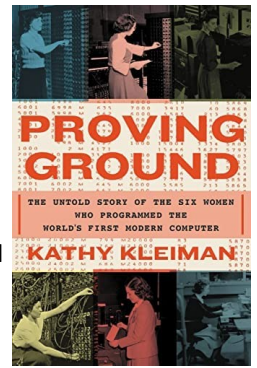
When **Ellen Jovin** first walked outside her Manhattan apartment and set up a folding table with a sign reading "Grammar Table," it took about 30 seconds to get her first visitor. Everyone had a question for her. You will learn lots of things about grammar and languages in this pleasant read.



Robert recommends—Robert Andres

***Proving Ground: The Untold Story of the Six Women Who Programmed the World’s First Modern Computer*, by Kathy Kleiman**

The very first computers were the size of a whole room and they couldn’t do very much. One of the first applications for the new machine was to mimic trajectory calculations previously done by hand on sheets and sheets of paper. These were transcribed into steps on cards that then provided the blueprint for stringing together number storage units, calculating units and other parts of the computer. The book details the development of the system and the women who not only programmed the machine, but also developed some of the computing tools we depend on to control modern data systems. A remarkable read.



Choice for children—Tonya Bordner



***We're All Wonders* by R.J. Palacio** is a story of a boy who wants to be seen for who he is, not for what he looks like.

Its **message of kindness** is told from the perspective of a boy whose face is different. The **vibrant illustrations** of this picture book will take the reader through Auggie’s day and into his **imagination**. To escape to his imaginary world with his dog, he puts on a helmet. This book provides the opportunity to discuss kindness and acceptance.



It is also told in a chapter book and movie titled *Wonder* that can be **enjoyed by the entire family**.



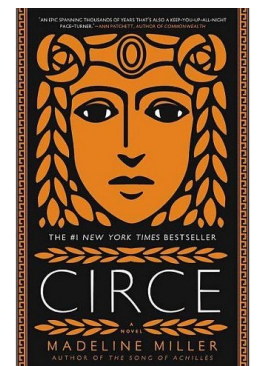
What do you LOVE about our community?
 What would you like to see HAPPEN that would make our community better?
 Check out the display cases and tell us what you think!



YA perspective—Reagan Bordner

***Circe* by Madeline Miller** is a retelling of the Greek Mythological witch Circe, who is skilled in potions, herbs and transformational arts. Exiled by her father to a remote island in punishment for her use of sorcery, she eventually encounters the mortal Odysseus, who becomes shipwrecked on her island.

The main thing I love about Madeline Miller’s books is how she writes as if the characters were personally telling you their story; it makes the characters seem more human. Circe is known for being an unforgiving witch who turns men into pigs, but in the book she is written as someone with hopes, dreams, and struggles just like anyone else. Madeline Miller shows that you can have a strong feminine character while still having a character who has flaws and weaknesses.



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



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Middle grade read—by Karen Smoke

I needed a light audio book to listen to. *Fortunately, the Milk*, by **Neil Gaiman** proved just the ticket. Some families are delightfully distracted. Mom is super organized and has left explicit instructions for while she will be away on business. Dad appears completely unfocused, but recites her instructions word for word. But someone forgot to get milk.

The next morning while the two children contemplate dry cereal, the father sets out to the corner shop to get milk. Hours pass and he does not return. When he does, he recounts a rollicking story of time travel involving a stegosaurus in a hot air balloon, space aliens that want to redecorate our planet, a vengeful volcano god, and some pirates and piranhas. It is all so hilarious, made even more so in the print edition by **Skottie Young's** wacky illustrations. Fortunately, the milk survives.

