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Director's note



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Dear Folks,

Welcome to summer programming time. We are so fortunate to have great partners in the **School District Food Services** once again this year; we are able to offer our children a **free lunch Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**. Lunch is served at noon in our beautiful oak courtyard. Through the hard work of Mz Liz and Mz Tonya, we have quite the lineup of special guests to bring great activities for our summer program. Their success in securing one of the eleven Florida Humanities grants for libraries will certainly enrich our special activities for patrons of all ages.

We also would like to welcome **Fran Kovach** to our staff. Next time you are here, introduce yourself if you see her. She brings a wealth of library experience with her and we are grateful that she is here just in time for summer.

In addition, we owe a huge thank you to the **Patterson Foundation** and the **Community Foundation of Sarasota County** for their marvelous support of the Remake Learning Days activities at the library and throughout our community. We could not bring you some of the special activities without that support.

Come see us,

Linda



Linda recommends

The Call to Unite : Voices of Hope and Awakening by Tim Shriver & Tom Rosshirt

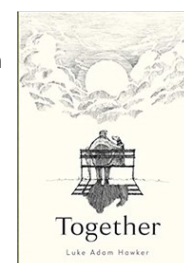
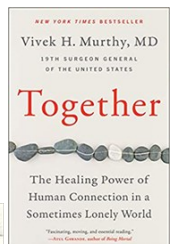
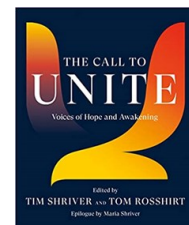
From some of our most prominent spiritual and religious leaders, poets and thinkers, singers and writers, a book of wisdom to light our way in dark times.

Together: The healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World by Dr. Vivek H Murthy

The book we need NOW to avoid a social recession, Murthy's prescient message is about the importance of human connection, the hidden impact of loneliness on our health, and the social power of community.

Together by Luke Adam Hawker

A gentle and philosophical look at the events of 2020, and how we can deal with the challenges that life throws us in general. A book to share with the friends and family that we have been missing.



Publishers Weekly Bestseller Lists May 26, 2023

FICTION

1. *Happy Place* by Emily Henry
2. *Only the Dead: A Thriller* by Jack Carr
3. *Forth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros
4. *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver
5. *The 23rd Midnight: The Most Gripping Women's Murder Club Novel of Them All* by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro
6. *Queen Charlotte: Before the Bridgertons Came the Love Story That Changed the ton...* by Julia Quinn & Shonda Rhimes
7. *Yellowface* by R F Kuang
8. *The Making of Another Major Motion Picture Masterpiece* by Tom Hnaks
9. *Simply Lies* by David Baldacci
10. *The True Love Experiment* by Christina Lauren

NON-FICTION

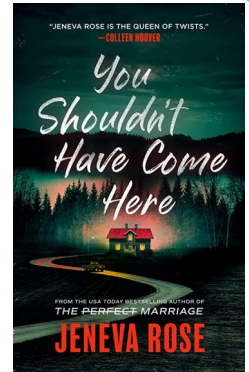
1. *Magnolia Table, Volume 3: A Collection of Recipes for Gathering* by Joanna Gaines
2. *Healthygirl Kitchen: 100+ Plant-Based Recipes to Live Your Healthiest Life* by Danielle Brown
3. *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder* by David Grann
4. *Breakthrough: The Power of Disruptive Thinking* by T D Jakes
5. *Outlive: The Science and Art of Longevity* Peter Attia
6. *The Daddy Diaries: The Year I Grew Up* by Andy Cohen
7. *Spare* by Prince Harry the Duke of Sussex
8. *The Creative ACT: A Way of Being* by Rick Rubin
9. *The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times* by Michelle Obama
10. *I'm Glad My Mom Died* by Jennette McCurdy

Liz likes—Liz Coronado

Grace Evans, an overworked New Yorker looking for a total escape from her busy life, books an Airbnb on a ranch in the middle of Wyoming. When she arrives at the idyllic getaway, she's pleased to find that the owner is a handsome man by the name of Calvin. But there are things Grace discovers that she's not too pleased about: A lack of cell phone service. A missing woman. And a feeling that something isn't right with the ranch.

Despite her uneasiness, the two bond and start to fall for one another. However, as her departure date nears, things change for the worse. What began as a playful romance soon turns into a complicated web of lies. Grace grows wary of Calvin as his infatuation for her seems to have morphed to obsession. Calvin fears that Grace is hiding something from him, including her reason for staying at his ranch to begin with. Vacation flings typically end in heartbreak, but for Grace and Calvin, it'll be far more destructive

Thrilling, twisted story. Just when you think you know the ending, you're wrong! Way Wrong! *You Shouldn't Have Come Here* by **Jeneva Rose**, will keep you engaged and on the edge of your seat through the whole book! The characters, the ranch, and town were described in such a way I could literally "see" it. It's true what they say, Jeneva Rose is the queen of twists!! I did not see the ending coming! Everyone in this book was suspicious in their own ways. If you are a fan of Colleen Hoover's books, I would definitely recommend you check this one out.



Bookmarked—Jolaine Konstantinidis

The latest **Kate Morton** novel *Homecoming* is a story about where "home" resides and what it means to return home; it is also a mystery full of surprises. The story centers around three women: Jess, a journalist in London, her rather estranged mother, Polly, and Nora, the grandmother who practically raised Jess. When Nora has an accident from which she doesn't recover, all three are brought together again in Australia in the house where Polly and Jess grew up. The house holds secrets from a time before Polly and Jess were born that have impacted their lives and relationships considerably. The decades old deaths of a mother and three of her children is central to the plot and the details of that unsolved mystery unravelling, slowly revealing secrets that were kept through the years. Ironically, the very secrets we keep to protect loved ones often have adverse consequences.

It is interesting that before writing *Homecoming*, Morton was actually living in England, with another novel set in WWII in progress. Due to the pandemic, she and her husband decided to leave the dreary London weather and return with their children to Australia's summer climate. The contrast in setting caused the author to lose perspective on her work in progress, so she switched gears to make a fresh start imagining the main character Jess who leaves England to go back to her childhood home in Australia. *Homecoming* is the latest Kate Morton novel and will not disappoint fans of her earlier works.



Robert recommends—Robert Andres

The book *Blue Gold* by **Maude Barlow & Tony Clarke** is a fascinating read. Natural resources of all sorts have become more scarce, and one that you may not think about is drinking water. But that water is also not in endless supply and there are large corporations looking to bottle and profit from its distribution. The book details where water is being mined, who is doing it, and the impacts it is having. Efforts to fight the privatization and overuse of water, our most precious natural resource, are also described.

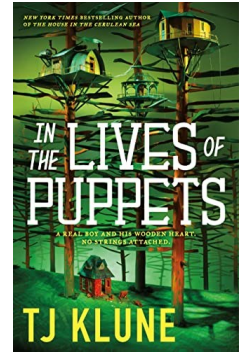


YA perspective—Reagan Bordner

In a strange little home built into the branches of a grove of trees, live three robots—fatherly inventor android Giovanni Lawson, a pleasantly sadistic nurse machine, and a small vacuum desperate for love and attention. Victor Lawson, a human, lives there too. They're a family, hidden and safe.

After hearing that **TJ Klune** had a new book coming out, *In the Lives of Puppets*, I knew I had to read it. There is just something about the way TJ Klune writes that really pulls on your heartstrings. I love Klune’s way of writing humorous characters while making them all seem so human.

This book had me laughing, crying, contemplating life... throughout the whole story, and although 90% of the characters in this book are robots, it feels like one of the most human books I’ve read.



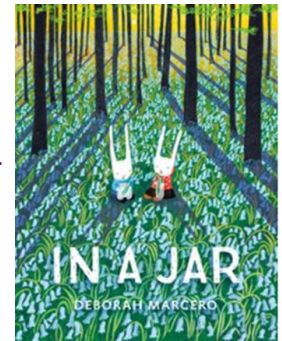
Choice for children—Tonya Bordner

With the school year in our rearview mirror and the **summer** upon us, it’s a good time to rest, reflect, and recharge. To count your **growth**, **successes**, **challenges**, **friendships** and **good times**. I did this recently with my favorite fourth, now fifth, graders by reading the book *In A Jar* written and illustrated by **Deborah Marcero**. The illustrations are vibrant, enchanting and full of detail.

I’m a collector of things from nature: shells, fossils, feathers, and leaves. Typically if I see something that hits me as interesting in some particular way, I tuck it away in a pocket, and oftentimes end up washing and drying it later. Most times, I pick up items because I want to capture the memory of the people, place and feeling.

This brings me to the book. It’s a story of friends who collect unusual things such as sounds, colors and stars - impossible things to put in a jar.

As the students, with whom I read the book, quickly and quietly told me - it was memories the two friends in the book were collecting. One of the moved away, but they found a way to stay connected. I recommend this book to inspire you and your child to make memories and collect them. This summer, grab a jar, shoe box, camera or even a journal and capture, draw, write about and share memories with those you love.



Fran Recommends—Fran Kovach

SCREEN-FREE FUN 400 Activities for the Whole Family by **Shannon Philpott-Sanders**

If you are looking for fun screen-free activities for the family this summer, this book is for you. A safety warning on the second page states a professional may need to be consulted, advises to follow the instructions carefully and take the necessary precautions for any activity. Four chapters list activities embracing creativity, enjoying the outdoors, supporting the community, and putting fun in local travel. Age groups are listed with each activity. For example, page 166 describes collecting used books for after school programs for ages 6-12 Three squares are next to the ages, coding the levels as follows: one red square = beginner, two red squares = intermediate, and three red squares = advanced. The index alphabetical lists the activities including the page number(s). The back cover urges readers to disconnect and reconnect with each other. Both covers show photos of the 400 fun activities, low cost or no cost.

If you are looking to discover flight, interact with dogs, serve the homeless community, garden, bake and make things, or other screen-free fun, let this be your guidebook.



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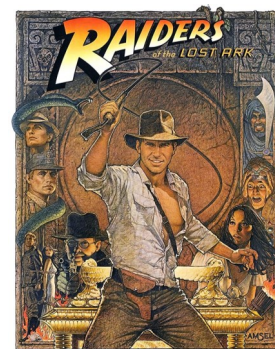
Tuesday & Thursday:
 9:00—6:00
 Wednesday & Friday:
 8:30—6:00
 Saturday:
 9:00 - 2:00

Closed Sunday & Monday



Movie Recommendation —Armando

Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark, starring Harrison Ford, Karen Allen, and Paul Freeman is the first movie in the Indiana Jones Adventure film series. Raiders of the Lost Ark is about a fearless archeologist who is on a mission to find the lost ark of the covenant before an evil archeologist, who is working alongside the Nazis, finds it in hope to stop their scheme to rule the world.



I like this movie a lot, maybe even love it! I think this movie is amazing because it is very adventurous and exciting. The first movie got me interesting in the adventurous archeologist and had me wanting to watch the rest of the films in the series, which I am in the process of watching. I wanted to watch them all before the new Indiana Jones film, *The Dial of Destiny*, comes out this month. I am very excited for that one as well and look forward to watching it over the summer.

I have known of Indiana Jones since I was little but was never interested in watching the films until now. I have heard people say that this is one of the best films of the times and I agree.

DLCA Update—Elizabeth, VP

Hi Everybody.

We welcome our newest Board member: Wayne Gallant—a Great Library supporter.

Hey, did you know our own General Dozier is in **Donna Leon's** newest *Commissario Guido Brunetti* mystery *So Shall You Reap*? The General is referred to several times and is even mentioned by name. Since it's Brunetti's Italian point of view that makes it unique.

Our next Board meeting is August 16th at noon at the Library. We are hoping that time will mean more of you will attend. Stay tuned.

HLC Mobile Library

MONDAY - JUNE 12TH

Stop	Time	DeSoto Location
Stop 1	9:30am - 10:30am	ARC 4173 Hwy 17, Arcadia, FL 34266
Stop 2	11:15am - 12:15pm	Kings Park 6895 SW Georgia St. Arcadia, FL 34269
Stop 3	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Housing Authority 7 Booker T Washington Rd, Arcadia, FL 34266
Stop 4	3:45pm - 4:45pm	Brewer Park 1347 Hargrave St, Arcadia, FL 34266



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>DeSoto County Library 125 N Hillsborough 863.993.4851</p> <p>Partially funded through FL Dept of State grants</p>				<p>1 9:00 @ ARC 3:15 Storytime</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 10:30 Summer Kick-off</p> 
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 12:00 Lunch for kids 1:00 Kids' Activity</p>	<p>7 10:00 Grace's group 11:00 Book Group 12:00 Lunch for kids 1:00 Kids' Activity</p> 	<p>8 9:00 @ ARC 12:00 Lunch for kids 1:00 Kids' Activity 1:00 Toddler Time</p>	<p>9 3:30 Photography Group</p>	<p>10 10:30 Craft-a-Palooza</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12 Mobile Library</p>	<p>13 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 12:00 Lunch for kids 1:00 Kids' Activity</p>	<p>14 10:00 Grace's group 11:00 Book Group 12:00 Lunch for kids 1:00 Kids' Activity</p> <p>SPECIAL GUEST</p>	<p>15 9:00 @ ARC 12:00 Lunch for kids 1:00 Kids' Activity 1:00 Toddler Time</p> <p>SPECIAL GUEST</p>	<p>16 1:00 Movie for adults</p>	<p>17 10:30 Kid's Movie Day</p> 
<p>18</p> 	<p>19</p>	<p>20 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 12:00 Lunch for kids 1:00 Kids' Activity</p>	<p>21 10:00 Grace's group 11:00 Book Group 12:00 Lunch for kids 1:00 Kids' Activity</p>  <p>SPECIAL GUEST</p>	<p>22 9:00 @ ARC 12:00 Lunch for kids 1:00 Kids' Activity 1:00 Toddler Time</p> <p>SPECIAL GUEST</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 10:30 Lego Day</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 12:00 Lunch for kids 1:00 Kids' Activity</p> <p>SPECIAL GUEST</p>	<p>28 10:00 Grace's group 11:00 Book Group 12:00 Lunch for kids 1:00 Kids' Activity</p> <p>SPECIAL GUEST</p>	<p>29 9:00 @ ARC 12:00 Lunch for kids 1:00 Kids' Activity 1:00 Toddler Time</p>	<p>30</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Open to our patrons: Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00—6:00 Wednesday & Friday 8:30—6:00 Saturday: 9:00-2:30</p> </div>	

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Summer Reading
Program

SUN	MON	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<p>Hot Lunch for Kids Tuesday -Thursday @ 12:00pm, Activites start at 1 p.m.</p>		<p>1 3:15 p.m.</p> <p>Story-time & crafts</p>		<p>3</p> <p>SUMMER KICK-OFF DAY @ 10:30AM</p>
4	5	<p>ESCAPE ROOM 1:00 pm</p>	<p>7 Kindness Rock Painting</p>	<p>8 Think out of the box</p>	9	<p>10 Daddy & Me</p> <p>CRAFT A PALOOZA 10:30 am</p>
11	12	<p>13 Planting with Arcadia Garden Club</p>	<p>14 SPECIAL GUEST Story time with a beat Krissy Constantino</p>	<p>15 SPECIAL GUEST Bee Community Bee Keeper Mark Negley</p>	16	<p>17 MOVIE</p> <p>10:30 am</p>
18	19	<p>20 Tower Challenge</p>	<p>21 Chalking the walkways with kindness</p>	<p>22 SPECIAL GUEST Puppet storytime with Ms. Kara</p>	23	<p>24 Lego Building 10:30 am</p>
25	26	<p>27 SPECIAL GUEST Make musical instruments with Krissy Constatino</p>	<p>28 SPECIAL GUEST Illusionist Gerard</p>	<p>29 Explore Colors and how they are better together</p>	<p>30 TODDLER TIME every Thursday 6/8/23 - 7/27/23 simultaneously with regular programming at 1pm</p>	

DeSoto County Library

ALL TOGETHER NOW

Summer Reading Program

SUMMER READING PROGRAM KICK OFF DAY!

WHERE: DESOTO COUNTY LIBRARY

WHEN: 6/3/23 @ 10:30AM

WHAT: LEARN ABOUT THE 7 WEEKS OF AMAZING PROGRAMS FOR JUNE AND JULY