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Director's note

Dear Folks,

We are so very thankful to all of our partners, whether individuals or larger entities with whom we have worked with this summer. Working together, there have been many opportunities for families to enjoy time together while engaging in a variety of enjoyable and challenging activities. Just seeing the families laughing, playing, and working together has been worth it all.

Please help us celebrate our own Liz Coronado's accomplishments. Over the past year, she has been involved in the very prestigious Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute program. She is one of 36 participants selected for this year's program and in July had the distinct honor of walking across the stage in Tallahassee as a SLLI graduate. She is such a great asset to our library and our patrons. She never gives up and is always looking for new ways to serve our patrons. We as staff and patrons are so fortunate to call her our friend and our coworker.

Come see us,

Linda

A Note from Tonya about the exciting changes she has in store for our children's programs:

When you take a look at the August children's calendar, you may notice a few changes. We pushed back our afterschool time to 3:30 p.m. and our Saturday activity time to 11 a.m. Additionally, the STEAM and Storytime and Craft will alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hopefully these changes will better accommodate and serve our patrons. Toddler Time is the same time and day: 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. We are going to tweak the programming by focusing on Learning through Play and then the following Wednesday focus on early literacy skills including letter recognition, sounds, and comprehension. We enjoyed spending our summer with you all and hope you'll make the library a part of your school-year routine as well.

Ms. Tonya

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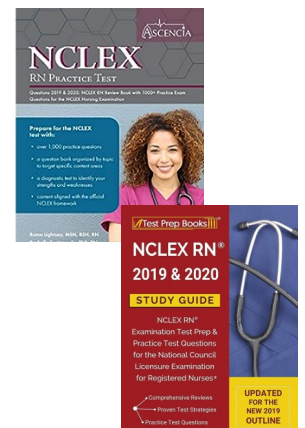
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Linda recommends

Let me share the story of how your book donations bless others and a match made in heaven. Just recently a patron who is very diligently preparing for her RN exams requested **NCLEX exam prep books**. Our "latest" copy, sadly, was way out of date. We did find a possible alternative source that would take at least a week to arrive. That very same afternoon a very kind gentleman came in with books to donate. You guessed it! We were able to be a part of a match made in heaven. Thank you to our donor and best of luck to our diligent student friend.

Keep those donations coming!



Publishers Weekly
Bestseller Lists
July 28, 2023

FICTION

1. *Forth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros
2. *The Collector* by Daniel Silva
3. *A Soul of Ash and Blood : A Blood and Ash Novel* by Jennifer L Armentrout
4. *Happy Place* by Emily Henry
5. *Obsessed: A Psychological Thriller* by James Patterson & James O Born
6. *The Covenant of Water* by Adam Verghese
7. *The Five-Star Weekend* by Elin Hilderbrand
8. *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver
9. *Crook Manifesto* by Colson Whitehead
10. *After Death* by Dean Koontz

NON-FICTION

1. *Beyond the Story: 10-Year Record of BTS* by BTS & Myeongseok Kang
2. *The Legend of Zelda Tears of the Kingdom— The Complete Official Guide ...* by Piggyback
3. *Outliver :The Science and Art of Longevity* by Peter Attia
4. *You Will Own Nothing ...* by Carol Roth
5. *Dark Future :Uncovering the Great Reset's Terrifying Next Phase* by Glenn Beck
6. *The Creative ACT: A Way of Being* by Rick Rubin
7. *Jackie: Public, Private, Secret* by J Randy Taraborrelli
8. *Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse: The Art of the Movie* by Ramin Zahed
9. *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny, and Murder* by David Grann
10. *America's Cultural Revolution: How the Radical Left Conquered Everything* by Christopher F Rufo

Liz likes—Liz Coronado

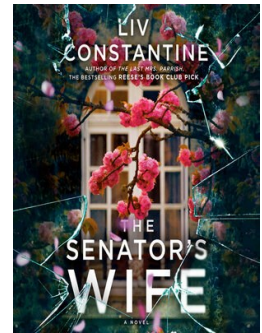
In this town, anyone is replaceable. . . .

After a tragic chain of events led to the deaths of their spouses two years ago, D.C. philanthropist Sloane Chase and Senator Whit Montgomery are finally starting to move on. The horrifying ordeal drew them together, and now they're ready to settle down again; with each other.

As Sloane returns to the world of White House dinners and political small talk, this time with her new husband, she's also preparing for an upcoming hip replacement, the latest reminder of the lupus she's managed since her twenties. With their hectic schedules, they decide that hiring a home health aide will give Sloane the support and independence she needs post surgery. And they find the perfect fit in Athena Karras.

Seemingly a godsend, Athena tends to Sloane and even helps her run her charitable foundation. But Sloane slowly begins to deteriorate, a complication, Athena explains, of Sloane's lupus. As weeks go by, Sloane becomes sicker, and her uncertainty quickly turns to paranoia as she begins to suspect the worst. Why is Athena asking her so many probing questions about her foundation, as well as about her past? And could Sloane be imagining the sultry looks between Athena and her new husband?

*Riveting, fast-paced, and full of unbelievable twists, **The Senator's Wife** by Liv Constantine is a psychological thriller that upends the private lives of those who walk the halls of power. Because when you have it all, you have everything to lose. This author was a first for me, and I didn't realize the author was two people until the end. I was totally thrown off by the red herrings in this psychological twister. I couldn't make up my mind about Whit until near the end, and the plot twist was one I thoroughly enjoyed. I would certainly recommend this book to others.*

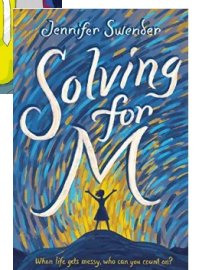


Choice for children—Tonya Bordner

When a [local teacher](#) recommended this book after her son read it to her, I knew I had to read it. Not only did she recommend it, but [so did her 10 year old](#). It would be appropriate for third up through middle school.

Stuck by Jennifer Swender, a former teacher, is told from the perspective of a [fourth grader](#) who moves a lot and struggles in school. Although he's reluctant at first, he finds [community](#) as his classmates and teacher empower him to reach his goal: being a part of the [Safety Patrol](#).

It would be a good read in the classroom setting or at home to teach compassion, acceptance and perseverance. I was so intrigued by the language, I'm in the middle of another [Swender](#) book, **Solving for M**. If you have a student who enjoys math or needs wider exposure to math, I recommend this one as well!



Fran recommends—Fran Kovach

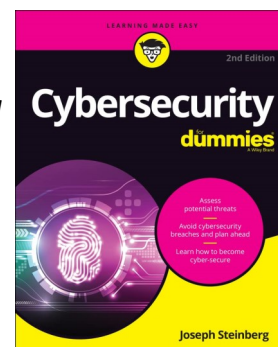
Cybersecurity, what’s that? To find out more about this topic, read *Cybersecurity for dummies 2nd edition* by **Joseph Steinberg**. The book is one of the many for dummies Learning Made Easy series.

The first chapter explains the complexities of defining cybersecurity. The contents at a glance divides the twenty-one chapters into eight parts. A table of contents follows a page by page outline of the chapters.

By developing good cyber habits such as backups, frequent passcode changes, and safe WIFI practices describes some of the proactive moves to be cyber secure.

Explaining recovery using a step by step method for multi-platforms and devices is the most useful information found in this edition.

Discussing emerging technologies, artificial intelligence (AI) and future cyber threats was intriguing. Are we carefully watching our devices or are they watching us?



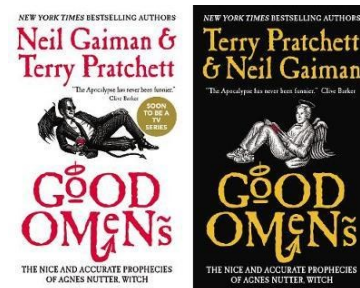
YA perspective—Reagan Bordner

When I was younger, my favorite actor was David Tennant (in Doctor Who), so when I discovered he was in the show *Good Omens* (based off the book by **Neil Gaiman** and **Terry Pratchett**) I had to watch it. I enjoyed the show which led to me wanting to read the book, and what better time to do so because season 2 of the show was coming out July 28th.

The show did a good job following the events and details in the book, but there is just something “more” about the book. The classic, the book was better. It just goes into more detail and has little aspects that were left out in the show that make the story stronger.

I also believe that these two authors worked very well together to create this hilarious story, Gaiman being good at keeping plot working while Pratchett is good at humor and absurdity. I would give this book a try if you want a laugh, and if you enjoy it, maybe even check out the show.

(I also think the different book covers are very clever)



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IHAM EVERY WEDNESDAY
AND JOIN OUR STAFF
MEMBERS ROBERT AND
JOLAINE FOR BOOK CHAT**



CHAT ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE BOOKS OR SHARE
ANY INTERESTING FACTS YOU MAY HAVE COME
ACROSS



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



DCLA Update—Elizabeth, VP

Hi, Everybody. It all started with the 2022 quarter. Next—the “new books” shelf at a library and **Gail Tsukiyama’s** novel ***Brightest Star***, a novel based on the life of Anna May Wong. Then, Liz Coronado interlibrary loaned the movie ***Shanghai Express*** (that one with Marlene Dietrich) for me. Miss Wong definitely deserved that quarter in her honor.

By the way—our treasurer Susan Barnes got sent to the wrong state (by me). She actually went to Missouri, birth place of Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens). Ask her for details—such fun! She has given a DCLA check to special guest Gerard, the Illusionist (June 28th) as part of our help with the Library summer reading program.

Planning to come to our meeting August 16th at noon at the Library?
 Hope so!

HLC Mobile Library MONDAY - August 14

Stop	Time	DeSoto Location
STOP 1	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	ARC 4173 US HWY 17 Arcadia, FL
STOP 2	11:15 AM - 12:15 AM	King's Park 3895 SW Georgia St. Arcadia, FL
STOP 3	2:30 PM - 3:30PM	Housing Authority 7 Booker T Washington Rd. Arcadia, FL
STOP 4	3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Brewer Park 1365 Hargrave St. Arcadia, FL 34266



We Currently Have 6
 Free Little Libraries
 Around Town!

- 1.) Walt Brewer Sports Complex, 1347 Hargrave St. Arcadia, FL 34266
- 2.) Housing Authority, 7 Booker T Washington, Arcadia, FL 34266
- 3.) Town & Country Properties, 521 E. Hickory Street, Arcadia, FL 34266
- 4.) Storybook Park, Arcadia, FL
- 5.) Arcadia Peace River Campground, 2998 FL-70, Arcadia, FL 34266
- 6.) RCMA, 2590 Co Rd 760A, Arcadia, FL 34266

Stop By and Pick Up Some Books!



DESOTO COUNTY LIBRARY

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 3:30 STEAM for kids	2 10:00 Grace's group 10:30 Toddler Learning through Play 11:00 Book Group	3 9:00 @ ARC 3:30 Storytime for Kids	4 10:00 Senator Rubio's office hours	5 11:00 Game day
6	7	8 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 3:30 Kids Storytime	9 10:00 Grace's group 10:30 Toddler Early Literacy Skills 11:00 Book Group	10 9:00 @ ARC 3:30 STEAM for kids	11 3:30 Photography Group	12 11:00 Craft-a-Palooza
13	14 Mobile Library	15 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 3:30 STEAM for kids	16 10:00 Grace's group 10:30 Toddler LtP 11:00 Book Group	17 9:00 @ ARC 3:30 Storytime for Kids	 LIBRARY CLOSED	19 11:00 Kid's Movie Day
20	21	22 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 3:30 Kids Storytime	23 10:00 Grace's group 10:30 Toddler ELS 11:00 Book Group 12:00 Lunch for kids 3:30 Kids' Art	24 9:00 @ ARC 3:30 STEAM for kids	25 1:00 Movie for adults	26 11:00 Lego Challenge
27	28	29 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 3:30 STEAM for kids	30 10:00 Grace's group 10:30 Toddler LtP 10:30 Heartland Board 11:00 Book Group 3:30 Kids' Art	31 9:00 @ ARC 3:30 Storytime for Kids		

Open to our patrons:
 Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00—6:00
 Wednesday & Friday 8:30—6:00
 Saturday: 9:00-2:30

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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6	7	8 Storytime & Craft 3:30 p.m.	9 Early Literacy Skills Toddler Time 10:30 a.m. Art 3:30p.m.	10 1st Day of School STEAM 3:30 p.m.	11 TEEN Perler beads 4pm - 5:30pm ages 13 +	12 Craft a'Palooza 11 A.M
13	14	15 STEAM 3:30 p.m.	16 Learning through Play Toddler Time 10:30 a.m. Art 3:30p.m.	17 Storytime & Craft 3:30 p.m.	18 Library closed	19 MOVIE 11 A.M
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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.



Some Pictures from our 2023 Summer Program "ALL TOGETHER NOW!"