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Director's note

Dear Folks,

I am so happy to let you know that we are actively pursuing programming specifically designed with our teens in mind. Ms Liz, Ms Tonya and Miss Reagan have spent time brainstorming just what to do.

Reagan led an activity in August designed for just teens. They all had a good time crafting. For September, they are holding a game evening centered around Minecraft. Please help us get the message out.

Adults, we are not forgetting about you. Look for an event designed with you in mind in very early October.

Thank you for allowing us to attend a day of staff development all together. We learned a lot and had the opportunity to talk altogether about some of our hopes and aspirations for the library in order to serve our community better.

Come see us,

Linda

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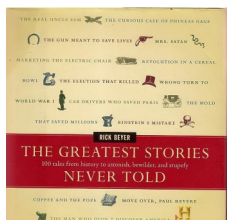
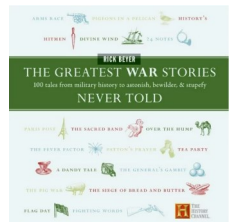
Linda recommends

***The Greatest Presidential Stories Never Told* by Rick Beyer**—"From the archives of the History Channel comes a treasure trove of quirky presidential history that will truly astonish, bewilder, and stupefy: like Abraham Lincoln's duel or Jimmy Carter's UFO sighting . . . and let's not forget the president who went skinny-dipping in the Potomac every day?"

***The Greatest War Stories Never Told* by Rick Beyer**—"Want to know how the mafia helped the United States win World War II, when the word bazooka was coined, or how Silly Putty was invented?"

***The Greatest Stories Never Told* by Rick Beyer**—"History isn't always made by great armies colliding... Sometimes it's made when a chauffeur takes a wrong turn, a scientist forgets to clean up his lab, or a drunken soldier gets a bit rowdy."

If you enjoy these three little books, there are more coming our way.



Publishers Weekly Bestseller Lists August 25, 2023

FICTION

1. *Forth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros
2. *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett
3. *Happiness* by Danielle Steel
4. *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride
5. *None of This Is True* by Lisa Jewell
6. *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver
7. *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese
8. *Happy Place* by Emily Henry
9. *Out of Nowhere* by Sandra Brown
10. *Masters of Death* by Olivie Blake

NON-FICTION

1. *American Playbook: A Guide to Winning Back the Country from the Democrats* by Clay Travis
2. *Outlive: The Science and Art of Longevity* by Peter Attia
3. *Tucker* by Chadwick Moore
4. *Baking Yesteryear: The Best Recipes from the 1900s to the 1980s* by B Dylan Hollis
5. *The Creative ACT: A Way of Being* by Rick Rubin
6. *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder* by David Grann
7. *I'm Glad My Mom Died* by Jennette McCurdy
8. *Adversity for Sale: Ya Gotta Believe* by Jeezy
9. *Like a River: Finding the Faith and Strength to Move Forward After Loss and Heartache* by Granger Smith
10. *Magnolia Table, Volume 3: A Collection of Recipes for Gathering* by Joanna Gaines

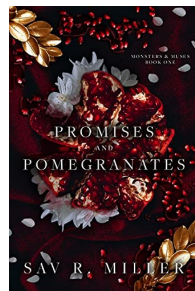
Liz likes—Liz Coronado

***Promises and Pomegranates* by Sav R Miller**, is a retelling of the story of Hades and Persephone. I am a big fan of any book that has a storyline based on Greek mythology. This book brings them to us in the form of Kal and Elena. When I tell you I could not get through this book fast enough!

Elena's future is completely upended when on her wedding day, her fiancé is killed and another man subbed into his place. That other man is Kal Anderson - a doctor and hit man working with her father. Kal has so many secrets, it's impossible to know him. He's violent and rough and for all intents and purposes, deranged. But she can't fight the pull toward his darkness. From the onslaught you'll have so many questions. They all are answered, eventually, but the story arc to get there is enough to keep you engaged and begging for more.

Kal is an assassin for the mafia and he has his eyes on Elena. He wants to protect her. On the day she is set to marry another, Kal comes in and forces Elena's father to allow him to marry her. There are twist and turns all throughout. *Promises and pomegranates* is full of just that, promises and pomegranates...but also so much more. There is mafia action, revenge plots, childhood trauma, arranged marriage, chemistry and steam that will set you on fire, fights, love, fighting for love, parents and disappointment...it's too much to put in words really. I could not put this book down until the very end.

**** This book is a full-length, standalone, dark contemporary romance inspired by the Hades and Persephone myth. It is NOT fantasy or a literal retelling. It contains language, themes, and content that may not be suitable for all readers. ****



This book is available through the Internal Library Loan (ILL) system. Ask a staff member if interested.

FLIN SHAREit



Bookmarked—Jolaine Konstantinidis

Just as Fred Rogers inspired many children by his TV show *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, the book, *When You Wonder You're Learning: Mr. Rogers' Enduring Lessons for Raising Creative, Curious, Caring Kids* by Gregg Behr and Ryan Rydzewski offers inspiration for all adults to be as influential as he was in guiding children. Writing books forward, Joanne Rogers says it explores what is essential about the *Neighborhood* that was built and engineered by her husband. His legacy lies in the blueprints he left behind-- his tools for teaching and touching children's hearts and minds. The books authors expose the work Rogers did behind the scenes that delighted children by making them feel safe and loved. They cite studies that demonstrate how social and emotional skills are key to the learning process and delve into educational and scientific research that validates many of the affective methods employed by Rogers in his well-choreographed television shows. The rituals he kept—changing into his soft cardigan and comfortable shoes; looking directly into the camera to ask questions and pausing as if listening to answers; always reminding his audience that he likes them just the way they are---were deliberate actions designed to promote feelings of security and self-worth and to foster curiosity. The authors point out that as we experience more social and technological change the tools that Fred Rogers left behind become even more essential. An effective learning environment where kids feel free to express their ideas and creativity while collaborating with each other requires a focus on affective skills. Now more than ever we need neighborhoods that bring us comfort and community to raise kind and caring human beings.

The authors along with The Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading and the Patterson Foundation have launched a Book Circle Project to further promote Fred Rogers' philosophy and pedagogical practices. His memory also lives on in the movie *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* starring Tom Hanks.

When You Wonder, You're Learning

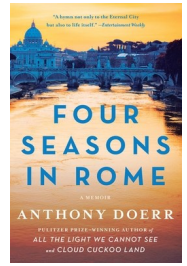
MISTER ROGERS'
Enduring Lessons for Raising
Creative, Curious, Caring Kids

Gregg Behr & Ryan Rydzewski
Foreword by Joanne Rogers

Robert recommends—Robert Andres

Anthony Doerr has written some very popular and prize winning works of fiction. *All the Light We Cannot See* being perhaps his most popular.

But he also wrote a slim little volume about the year he spent as a fellow at the American Academy in Rome, *Four Seasons in Rome*. While there he worked on his writing and his family - recently augmented by the arrival of his two children. The book is a neat view on a writers life and Rome is always an enthralling, or at least interesting, backdrop!



Choice for children—Tonya Bordner

For the past year, I've seen **Mo Willems'** books fly on and off the shelf. Once a reader gets hooked on them, there seems to be no going back. They **MUST** read them all!

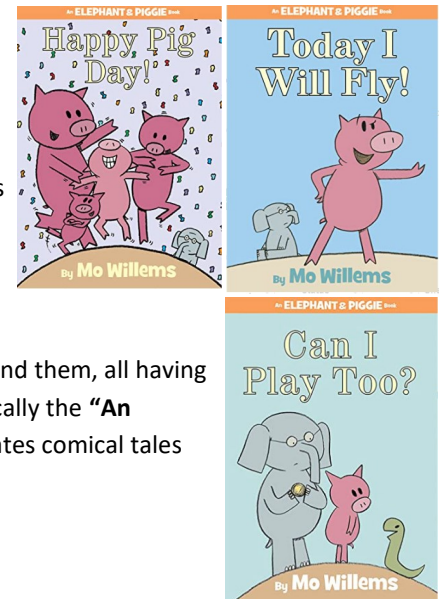
After I recently put a dozen of his books on hold for a **rising reader**, I decided it was far time for me to sit down myself with a stack of his books.

My expectations were surpassed. I first read *Can I Play Too?*. It is a part of "An **Elephant & Piggie Book**" series. The first thing that hit me were the simple yet engaging illustrations. All of the text is in speech bubbles, giving it a graphic novel or comic book feel. With the rise of graphic novels in popularity, these books will certainly capture the attention of our youngest readers.

The second thing the teacher in me noticed was the text included repeating words that are mostly sight words. This makes this series perfect for beginning readers.

Not only will children appreciate the storyline as I found myself chuckling at the two best friends.

After reading *Can I Play Too?*, I read *Today I Will Fly!* and *Happy Pig Day!* And found them, all having 57 pages, just as engaging. You definitely want to check out this author and more specifically the "An **Elephant & Piggie Book**" series if you have a reader who is learning sight words, appreciates comical tales between friends or comics.

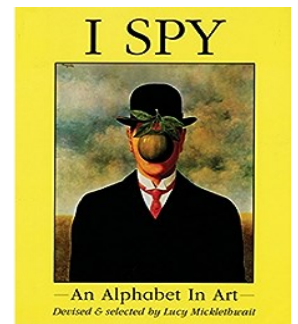


Fran Recommends—by Fran Kovach

Parents will be familiar with the popular I-SPY series in juvenile literature. *The I-SPY: An Alphabet In Art* by **Lucy Micklethwait** introduces fine art to the youngest readers. Reproductions of various world class paintings are found throughout the book.

Micklethwait invites an interaction by asking the reader to find an object beginning with a different letter of the alphabet in each painting. The key in the back of the book lists the items found in the paintings. Some of the items are difficult to figure out. The title of the work and name of the artist appear near the painting.

Both sides of the brain are challenged by An Alphabet In Art.



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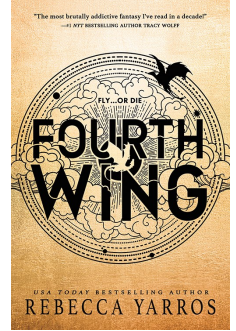
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9:00—6:00
Wednesday & Friday
8:30—6:00
Saturday:
9:00-2:30
Closed Sunday and Monday



Editors Choice—by Reagan Bordner

Twenty-year-old Violet Sorrengail was supposed to enter the Scribe Quadrant, living a quiet life among books and history. Now, the commanding general—also known as her tough-as-talons mother has ordered Violet to join the hundreds of candidates striving to become the elite of Navarre: dragon riders. But when you’re smaller than everyone else and your body is brittle, death is only a heartbeat away...because dragons don’t bond to “fragile” humans. They incinerate them. With fewer dragons willing to bond than cadets, most would kill Violet to better their own chances of success. The rest would kill her just for being her mother’s daughter—like Xaden Riorson, the most powerful and ruthless wingleader in the Riders Quadrant. She’ll need every edge her wits can give her just to see the next sunrise.



Enemies to Lovers Romance, Magic, Dragons, Found Family... ***Forth Wing*** by **Rebecca Yarros**, a book that has it all.

This book was pretty fast paced which I did not expect, but also did not mind. What I thought was going to take half the book to happen, happened in just a few chapters. Even though there was constantly things happening and a lot of information being given in such a short time, it wasn't overwhelming and I found that it actually worked out quite well. Also, the beginning of this book reminded me a lot of the **Divergent series**, (different quadrants one of which is a lot deadlier than the others), a series which I really enjoyed when I was younger so it gave me a bit of nostalgia at first. I have also seen people comparing this book to the **Throne of Glass series** by Sarah J Maas, although I have not read this series myself. If you are a fan of either one of these series I think you may enjoy this book/upcoming series.

DCLA Update—Elizabeth, VP

Hi, Everybody. The DeSoto County Library Association Board plans to have another meeting at the **Library** at **12 noon on September 13th** . We will be discussing ways to publicize what the Association does, so that the public understands what we do for the Library. Please join us so that we have your input too. Your ideas would be very helpful and Important to us.

I just finished reading an intriguing mystery—the last chapter was most thought provoking. It’s ***The Puzzle Master*** by **Danielle Trussoni**. Her main character is a puzzle constructor--his way of dealing with his savant syndrome. And does he find himself embroiled in a doozy of one!

**Join us October 4th for a
special event that has
been brewing...**



**DeSoto County Library will have a Coffee
Bar event the morning of October 4th**

Hot, Iced, Flavored, Plain, Ect.

**We would love for you to join us and
maybe even try something new!**

DESOTO COUNTY LIBRARY

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><i>DeSoto County Library</i> 125 N Hillsborough 863.993.4851</p> <p>Partially funded through FL Dept of State grants</p>				1	2 11:00 Game day
3 	4	5 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 3:30 Kids STEAM Day	6 10:00 Grace's group 10:30 Toddler Early Literacy Skills 11:00 Book Group 3:30 Kids' Art	7 9:00 @ ARC 2:00 Internet Basics 3:00 Cybersecurity 3:30 Kids Storytime	8 3:30 Photography Group	9 11:00 Craft-a-Palooza
10	11 Mobile Library	12 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 3:30 Storytime for Kids	13 10:00 Grace's group 10:30 HLC Board mtg 10:30 Toddler Learning through Play 11:00 Book Group 12:00 Library Friends mtg 3:30 Kids' Art	14 9:00 @ ARC 2:00 Android 3:00 Email basics 3:30 STEAM for kids	15 1:00 Movie for adults	16 11:00 Kid's Movie Day MCR Health Fair @ Turner Center
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Open to our patrons:
 Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00—6:00
 Wednesday & Friday 8:30—6:00
 Saturday: 9:00-2:30



DeSoto County Library
Children's Activities **SEPTEMBER 2023**

125 N. Hillsborough Ave.
Arcadia, FL 34266

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 GAME DAY 11 A.M.
3	4 Labor Day	5 STEAM 3:30 p.m.	6 Early Literacy Skills Toddler Time 10:30 a.m. Art 3:30p.m.	7 Storytime & Craft 3:30 p.m.	8	9 Craft a'Palooza 11 a.m.
10	11	12 Storytime & Craft 3:30 p.m.	13 Learning through Play Toddler Time 10:30 a.m. Art 3:30p.m.	14 STEAM 3:30 p.m.	15	16 MOVIE 11 A.M. 
17	18	19 STEAM 3:30 p.m.	20 Early Literacy Skills Toddler Time 10:30 a.m. Art 3:30p.m.	21 Storytime & Craft 3:30 p.m.	22 TEEN ages 13 + Minecraft 4 p.m - 5 p.m.. 	23 LEGO Challenge 11 A.M. 
24	25	26 Storytime & Craft 3:30 p.m.	27 Learning through Play Toddler Time 10:30 a.m. Art 3:30p.m.	28 STEAM 3:30 p.m.	29	30 Compost Workshop W/Arcadia Garden Club All ages 10 a.m.

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.

Fall Ball

Join us this year for another day full of fun with fall themed activities!

October 14th
DeSoto County Library
Children's Wing