

# BiblioBites

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## Director's note

HAPPY  
MOTHER'S  
DAY!



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Dear Folks,

Let me share an exciting piece of news about our summer program. We have just been notified that we are one of eleven libraries in the state of Florida to receive a grant from Florida Humanities to assist in funding our summer reading program. By using this money in conjunction with our summer support we receive from our Friends organization, we will be able to have at least one special guest for each of the seven weeks of our program. Liz Coronado, Library Manager, and Tonya Bordner, Children's Manager, worked very diligently to research and write the Humanities grant. They did an outstanding job for their very first foray into the grant world. These ladies have an amazing summer planned for children and their families.

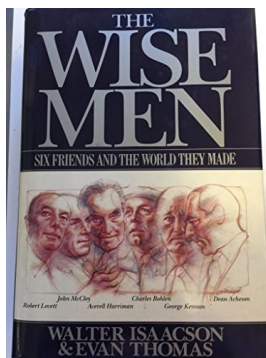
We also want to thank all of our partners for helping us all have so much fun this week during our Suncoast Remake Learning Days events. Hope you were able to stop in at some point. If not, check out the pictures on our Facebook page.

Come see us.

Linda



## Linda recommends



***The Wise Men*** by **Walter Isaacson** and **Evan Thomas**, is an intimate biography of six close friends who shaped the role their country would play in the years following World War II. They were the original brightest and best men whose outsized personalities and dramatic actions brought order to the postwar chaos, and whose strong response to Soviet expansionism left a legacy that dominated American policy.

Publishers Weekly  
Bestseller Lists  
April 28, 2023

FICTION

1. *Simple Lies* by David Baldacci
2. *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano
3. *Dark Angel* by John Sandford
4. *It Ends with Us: Special Collector's Edition* by Colleen Hoover
5. *Hang the Moon* by Jeannette Walls
6. *Where Are the Children Now?* by Mary Higgins Clark & Alafair Burke
7. *Things I Wish I Told My Mother: The Most Emotional Mother-Daughter Novel in Years* by Susan Patterson, Susan DiLallo, & James Patterson
8. *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin
9. *City of Dreams* by Don Winslow
10. *Untitled* by Curtis Sittenfeld

NON-FICTION

1. *You Can't Joke about That: Why Everything Is Funny...* by Kat Timpf
2. *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder* by David Grann
3. *Meals She Eats: A Pcos Diet and Lifestyle Guide for Thriving with Your Diagnosis* by Tom Sullivan & Rachael Sullivan
4. *Tasting History: Explore the Past Through 4,000 Years of Recipes (a Cookbook)* by Max Miller & Ann Volkwein
5. *Outlive: The Science and Art of Longevity* by Peter Attia & Bill Gifford
6. *Rachael's Good Eats: Easy, Laid-Back, Nutrient-Rich Recipes* by Rachael Devaux
7. *The Creative ACT: A Way of Being* by Rick Rubin
8. *So God Made a Mother: Tender, Proud, Strong, Faithful...* by Leslie Means
9. *Wisdom of the Bullfrog: Leadership Made Simple (But Not Easy)* by William H McRaven
10. *I'm Glad My Mom Died* by Jennette McCurdy

Liz likes—Liz Coronado

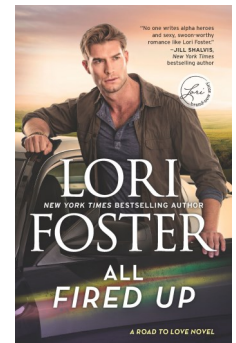
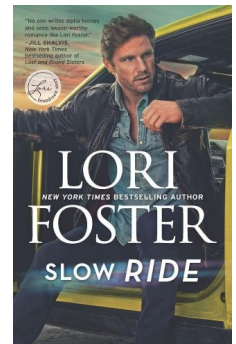
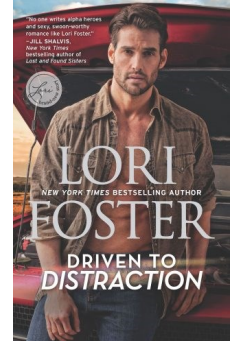
The *Road to Love* book series by **Lori Foster**

In this fun series we follow the Crews brothers as they find love unexpectedly all while trying to not get killed by the enemy. Every book can be read as a stand alone, but in my opinion, are much better if read as a set. If you like reading Dianna Palmer or Sharon Sala I would definitely recommend you give these books a go.

Book 1- ***Driven to Distraction*** Mary Daniels enjoys working for her eccentric boss in obtaining the rare collectibles he seeks, but this time she's not so sure he's making a good choice! When she shows up to hire the driver at Mustang Transport that he insists upon, she's not impressed! Brodie Crews needs this job in order to keep his business running smoothly, so he's not about to let this uppity woman ruin things for him. However, he needs this job, so he'll play by her rules and bide his time until an enemy determined to outwit them strikes and he needs to get close to protect her.

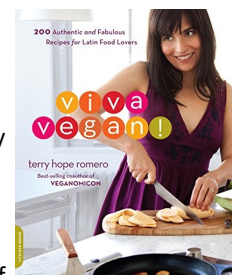
Book 2-***Slow Ride*** Ronnie Ashford needs a distraction. In the morning, she has to offer arrogant, conventional Jack Crews a job and convince him not to take it. When simple pick up and deliver jobs start turning dangerous, Ronnie's bosses insist on hiring Jack to accompany her. Jack is determined to connect with fiery Ronnie but her terms are clear. If he takes the job, helping her acquire prized artifacts for her mysterious bosses, anything between them is strictly off-limits. Somehow, he has to convince a woman who's never felt like she belonged that she's found her place. Ronnie doesn't need or want Jack's help but sometimes there really is someone out to get you.

Book 3- ***All Fired Up*** Charlotte Parrish has always wanted a certain kind of man: someone responsible, settled, boring. Bad boys need not apply. But when her car leaves her stranded and a mysterious stranger with brooding eyes and a protective streak comes to her rescue, she can't deny how drawn she is to him. Mitch Crews had recently come into town to learn more about the family he had grown up hearing about but had never been a part of, his family. The past has come back to haunt Mitch and almost brought the direst of consequences. He was an ex-con from the wrong side of the tracks and despite wanting to build a relationship with the brothers he never knew, he was all too used to life throwing him curves. Charlotte knows Mitch is the man with whom she wants to spend the rest of her life but first they must take down and stop Mitch's past from destroying them all.

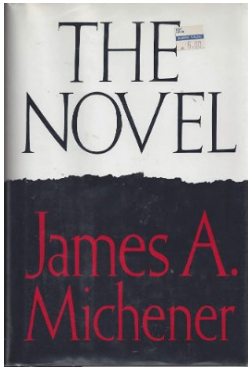


Robert recommends—Robert Andres

Recently, our library has been given a number of cookbooks. These aren't ordinary cookbooks but ones that cover wild game, keto, and a variety of vegan cooking. One of the more colorful and fun to peruse is **Terry Hope Romero's** book ***Viva Vegan!: 200 Authentic and Fabulous Recipes for Latin Food Lovers***. There are a wide array of recipes for tofu asado, pupusas, tortillas, arepas and tamales. The recipes are supported by a good amount of text explaining exactly what is happening and how to get the results you see in the photos. A tempting read, and definitely a spot on our shelves you will want to return to for inspiration on vegan (and other) new recipe ideas.



## Bookmarked—Jolaine Konstantinidis



*The Novel* is an intriguing piece of historical fiction written by **James Michener** who is clearly writing about a process he knows and has crafted so well. The Novel is divided into four parts all pertinent to the writing process: the writer, the editor, the critic, and the reader. The characters he creates to portray these roles are realistic and dynamic, each telling a story of his or her own yet contributing to the rising action of the novel's central conflict. Unlike most of Michener's books that take the reader to foreign environments outside of America, *The Novel* is set in a fictional rural town in Amish country Pennsylvania that is home to the fictional novelist, Lukas Yoder. After years of failures, Yoder has finally become a bestselling author due not only to his painstaking persistence, but also in great part to the support of his longtime editor and despite the scathing criticism of a professor of literature at a nearby college. The reader is a philanthropist who has donated generously to the college, specifically to the critic's literature department, and is ironically an avid fan of the folksy, traditional Yoder books, while her grandson's recently acclaimed debut novel is unconventional and rivals Yoder's reputation.

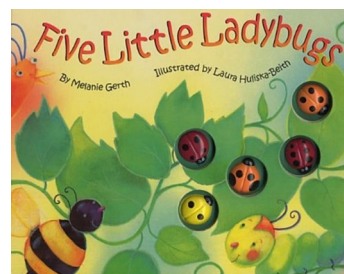
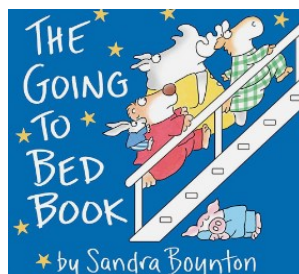
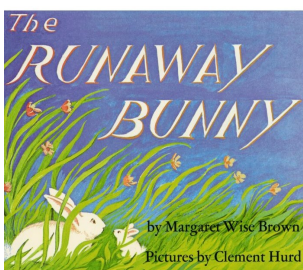
James Michener, a master author and historian, has added many details about the Amish and Mennonites including their traditions, recipes for scrapple and rice pudding, and Dutch folk art including hexes and a type of calligraphy called *fraktur*. Michener, an art lover and collector, established The Michener Art Museum in 1988 through his philanthropic efforts in his birthplace of Doylestown, Pennsylvania. To visit this amazing museum online, follow this link: [https://www.michenerartmuseum.org/mam\\_exhibitions/james-a-michener-a-living-legacy/](https://www.michenerartmuseum.org/mam_exhibitions/james-a-michener-a-living-legacy/)

## Choice for children—Tonya Bordner

With *Mother's Day* around the corner, I became nostalgic and recounted the numerous board books that I read over and over again with my daughters when they were babies and toddlers, many of which I can recall the words and illustrations page by page. The memories are hitting me hard as my oldest turned 21 just a few days ago, yet I can distinctly recall the warmth of her body and her weight on my lap as we read in the recliner.

This month, I'm recommending a type of book more than a particular book: **board books!** The time you spend reading with your babes will have huge **impacts** on you and them. We have a good number of board books in our collection at the library.

I always found **rhyiming books** fun to read. It seems I recall books with flaps or touch books were favorites of the girls'. Of course, board books that involved bedtime routines were also on the top of my list. Here's a few of our favorites: *The Runaway Bunny* by **Margaret Wise Brown**, *The Going To Bed Book* by **Sandra Boynton**, *Five Little Ladybugs* by **Melanie Gerth**, and *Let's Paint a Rainbow* by **Eric Carle**.



I recently asked one of my grown daughters if she specifically recalled any of the books we read when she was a toddler, and although she didn't, I wasn't dismayed because I remember. I remember the lavender scent of her hair after a bath when we'd settle in the rocking recliner to read. I recall when she'd often fall asleep to the rhythmic movement, and I'd finish the book anyways, carry her to her room and gingerly put her in her crib. I know the time I spent reading with her then paid off as she's a reader today. Happy Mother's Day.



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 9:00-2:30  
 Closed Sunday and Monday

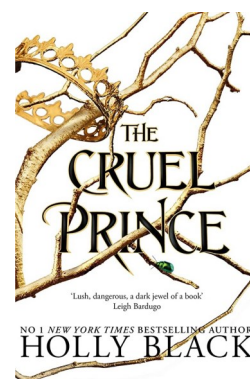


## YA perspective—Reagan Bordner

*The Cruel Prince* by **Holly Black** follows Jude Duarte. After witnessing her parent's murder as a child, she was taken by their killer to Elfhame, and raised with her sisters among the fey. She is desperate to prove herself and find a place in a society that despises mortals. The youngest Prince, Cardan, has other plans.

When I first picked up this book, I expected it to be your typical YA fantasy - enemies to lovers story. However, it was not like that at all. Although there is some romantic build up (and more romance in the other two books in the series) this story focuses more on politics and power with romance as a subplot. Regardless of romance this is a very good book, albeit a bit slow at the start, with some morally ambiguous main characters.

I am currently reading the second book of the series, **The Wicked King**, and I am enjoying it just as much, maybe even more. I am so excited to read the last book in the series and the extras she wrote as well!



## DCLA Newsletter Update—Elizabeth, VP

Hi Everybody.

Reminder: Our meeting is May 8th at 5PM at the Library. All are welcome!

President Karen Delany and Treasurer Susan Barnes sent our Florida not for Profit Corporation Annual Report for another year. Our post office box [444] is also set for another year. Summer reading program starts next month. Are you and the youngsters making plans to attend any of the events and activities? Hope so!

**DeSoto County Library SUMMER 2023 Summer Reading Program**

June 3rd - July 22nd

**7 WEEKS OF ACTIVITIES**

- Hot Lunches
- Art & Crafts
- Games
- S.T.E.A.M Activities
- Escape Rooms

**KICK-OFF DAY**  
 6/3/23 @ 10:30AM

**ALL AGES WELCOMED**

More info coming soon



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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**

