



# BiblioBites



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## Director's note

Dear Folks,

During August we lost a dear friend and true Library Champion. Anson Raymond faithfully filled the role of librarian when one was needed to fill the gap at DeSoto. Then he proceeded to volunteer as a Friend of the Library, serving as Secretary and publicist and doing whatever else was needed.

Anson was a worker and a contributor to many organizations, from serving his country to serving his community. We are all blessed for knowing him.

Our condolences to his family. Well lived and well done, Anson.

Just as Anson helped make the library a better place for many years, we know each of our patrons does in his or her own way. You are appreciated.

Come see us,

Linda



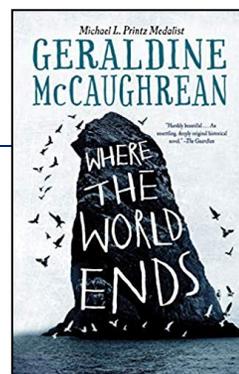
## Linda recommends

**Where the World Ends** by **Geraldine McCaughrean** is a Michael L. Printz Honor Book and Carnegie Medal Winner! This Young Adult novel is an extraordinary story of nine boys stranded on a rock in the middle of the sea, left to fight for their survival.

*"Every time a lad went fowling on the stacs, he came home less of a boy and more of a man. If he went home at all, that is."*

Every summer Quill and his friends are put ashore on a remote sea stac to hunt birds. But this summer, no one arrives to take them home. Surely nothing but the end of the world can explain why they've been abandoned—cold, starving and clinging to life, in the grip of a murderous ocean. How will they survive such a forsaken place of stone and sea?

This is an extraordinary story of fortitude, endurance, tragedy and survival, set against an unforgettable backdrop of savage beauty. While the story is fiction, it is based on a historical event involving eight boys and three men marooned on Stac an Amin for nine months.



WELCOME  
FALL  
and  
BACK TO  
SCHOOL

Remember we are here for all your learning and pleasure reads and more!

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Publishers Weekly  
Bestseller Lists  
August 28, 2020

FICTION

1. **Royal**, by Danielle Steel
2. **The Vanishing Half**, by Brit Bennett
3. **1st Case**, by James Patterson and Chris Tebbetts
4. **The Guest List**, by Lucy Foley
5. **The Jackal, Volume 1**, by J R Ward
6. **The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse**, by Charlie Mackesy
7. **28 Summers**, by Elin Hilderbrand
8. **The Order**, by Daniel Silva
9. **Near Dark, Volume 19: A Thriller**, by Brad Thor
10. **American Dirt**, by Jeanine Cummins

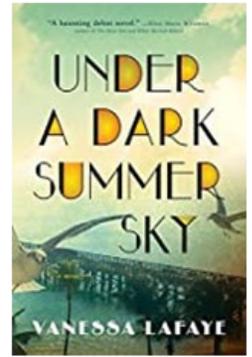
NONFICTION

1. **Live Free or Die: America (and the World) on the Brink**, by Sean Hannity
2. **Untamed**, by Glennon Doyle
3. **Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents**, by Isabel Wilkerson
4. **Too Much and Never Enough: How My Family Created the World's Most Dangerous Man**, by Mary L Trump
5. **Live in Love: Growing Together Through Life's Changes**, Lauren Akins and Mark Dagostino
6. **Lose Weight Like Crazy Even If You Have a Crazy Life!....**, by Autumn Calabrese
7. **Blitz: Trump Will Smash the Left and Win**, by David Horowitz
8. **Return from Siberia**, by John Shallman
9. **Doesn't Hurt to Ask: Using the Power of Questions....**, by Trey Gowdy
10. **The Answer Is . . .: Reflections on My Life**, by Alex Trebek

Leigh's pick—by Leigh Hornbake

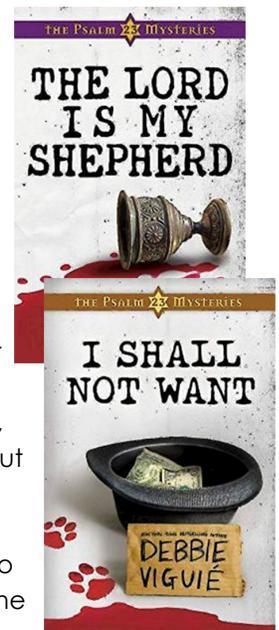
Florida, 1935. On Heron Key, relationships are as tangled as the swamp's mangrove roots. It's been eighteen long years since Henry went away to war. Still, Missy has waited, cleaning the Kincaids' house and counting the stars. Now he's back, but she barely recognizes the desperate, destitute veteran he's become — unsure of his future, ashamed of his past. When a white woman is found beaten nearly to death after the Fourth of July barbecue, suspicion falls on him immediately. As tensions rise in the small community, the barometer starts to plummet—a massive hurricane is on its way. Based on real historical events, **Under a Dark Summer Sky** by **Vanessa Lafaye** evokes what happens when people, sweating under the weight of their pasts, are tested to the absolute limits of their endurance. A fabulous read by a first time author.

ENJOY!



Wendy's bookshelf—by Wendy Farris

I found a new-to-me series by **Debbie Viguie** with titles that follow the 23rd Psalm. The first in the series is, of course, **The Lord Is My Shepherd**. Cindy is a church secretary who is rather timid and doesn't do anything that might not be safe, like date a man she doesn't know really well. When she stumbles over a body in the church sanctuary, her screams bring the rabbi from the temple next door. It's Easter week and Passover and a killer is arranging his victims to replay Holy Week. Cindy, Rabbi Jeremiah, and police detective Mark work together to figure out which scene is next and who could be behind the madness. There are 17 books (so far) in the series. There is a little religion when Jeremiah invites Cindy to a Seder at his disapproving secretary's house. Anyone who knows Psalm 23 can guess the title of the next book. I've really enjoyed the first two and have ordered the second two.



*"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader."*

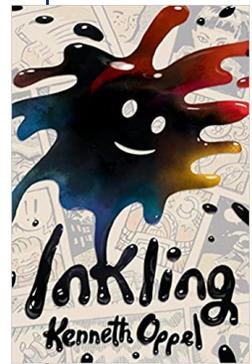
~ Margaret Fuller

*Only a generation of readers will spawn a generation of writers."*

~ Steven Spielberg

### Choice for children—by Liz Coronado

The Rylance family is stuck. Dad's got writer's block. Ethan promised to illustrate a group project at school, even though he can't draw. Enter *Inkling*. Inkling begins life in Mr. Rylance's sketchbook, but one night the ink of his drawings runs together and then leaps off the page! This small burst of creativity is about to change everything. It's not until Inkling goes missing that this family has to face the larger questions of what they truly need. I fell in love with *Inkling*, by **Kenneth Oppel**, and was rooting for him until the end! Ethan and his family are likable characters who pull you into their world of dealing with the death of Ethan's mother. This is a feel good story written for a middle school audience but adults will also enjoy

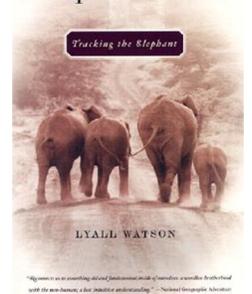


### Editor's suggestion—by Karen Smoke

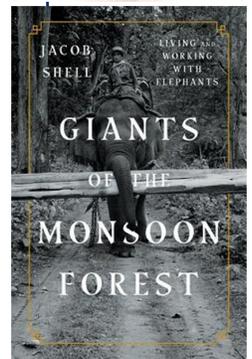
If ever a species deserves to inherit the Earth, I think it should be elephants. I have always enjoyed reading about these marvelous creatures.

As a child in South Africa, spending summers exploring the wild with his boyhood friends, **Lyall Watson** came face to face with his first elephant, his fascination grew into a lifelong quest to understand the nature and behavior of this impressive creature. Part meditation on an elusive animal, part evocation of the power of place, *Elephantoms: Tracking the Elephant* presents an alluring mix of the mysteries of nature and the wonders of childhood.

#### Elephantoms



In *Giants of the Monsoon Forest*, geographer **Jacob Shell** takes us deep into elephant country to explore the lives of these extraordinarily intelligent creatures. The book offers a new perspective on animal intelligence and reveals an unexpected relationship between evolution in the natural world and political struggles in the human one. The relationship between elephant and rider (called a mahout) is an intimate one that lasts for many decades. Shell examines why working with elephants has endured with Asian elephants, but not with their counterparts in Africa. He offers ways elephants help sustainably log Asian forests and perform rescues after major floods.

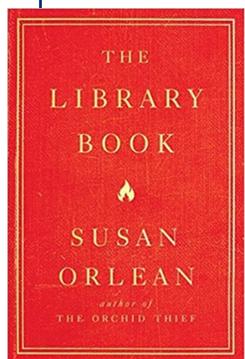


READ MORE: *Elephant Company : The Inspiring Story of an Unlikely Hero and the Animals Who Helped Him Save Lives in World War II* by **Vicki Constantine Croke**.  
*Love, Life, and Elephants : An African Love Story* by **Dame Daphne Sheldrick**.

### A tribute to libraries—by Karen Smoke

On the morning of April 29, 1986, a fire alarm sounded in the Los Angeles Public Library. The fire was disastrous: it reached 2000 degrees and burned for more than seven hours. By the time it was extinguished, it had consumed four hundred thousand books and damaged seven hundred thousand more. Investigators descended on the scene, but more than thirty years later, the mystery remains: Did someone purposefully set fire to the library—and if so, who?

With her talent for deep research **Susan Orlean** delivers a mesmerizing book that manages to tell the broader story of libraries and librarians. She reexamines the case of Harry Peak, the blond-haired actor long suspected of setting fire to the LAPL more than thirty years ago. You'll meet unforgettable characters such as Mary Foy, who in 1880 at eighteen years old was named the head of the Los Angeles Public Library at a time when men still dominated the role.



*The Library Book* reveals how these beloved institutions provide much more than just books, and why especially in the digital era, they are more necessary than ever.

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**LIBRARY HOURS**

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**Wednesday & Friday 8:30—9:30**  
**Seniors and vulnerable populations only; 9:30—6:00 All patrons**  
Saturday: 9:00-2:30  
Closed Sunday and Monday



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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### Remembering Anson Raymond



Anson proposed a Florida Native Plant Demonstration Garden for the library to serve as a buffer for the children's wing with its lovely west-facing windows. We met periodically to weed, mulch, and replant as needed. My favorite memory of him is after pulling some Spanish moss from the trees with a rake, he laughed at himself adorned with bits of moss and tree debris! Thanks, Anson, for everything! – Carol Mahler

Anson was an energetic and enthusiastic walker from home to the Family Service Center (and back) to tutor his students. A marvelous gentleman, I am blessed to have known him. – Elizabeth Kenney, former DCLibrary Director

Anson was someone we could always count on to do the behind the scenes chores for the friends association. From ideas for the newsletter and displays, to preparing minutes, sending emails, he always got the job done. We miss you Anson! – Karen Smoczynski, DCLA President

Memorial service for Anson Raymond will be at Trinity UMC, 304 W.Oak St., Arcadia, at 10 a.m. on September 5. A graveside service will be held on Friday, September 11th, at 11:30 a.m., at Sarasota National Cemetery.