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Director's note

Dear Folks,

December is here. As always, December and the end of the year bring many thoughts and memories to mind. Some are the best kind possible and others are bittersweet. Here at the library we want you to know that you are all a part of our fond memories of serving you and providing materials for your reading pleasure even during the harder times.

Many of our local non-profits are seeking assistance to help those around us from children to senior adults. Help support one or more. You will be a blessing to others and receive an even bigger blessing in return. Thanks for being a blessing to us through your smiles and encouragement.

May your Christmas be merry and bright.

Stay safe,

Linda

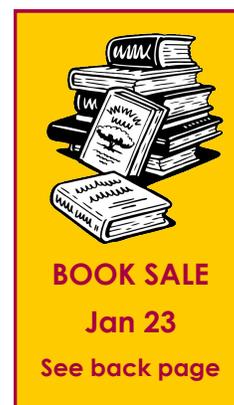
Linda recommends—Tuck a holiday read in your stocking...

Christmas books new to us...



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Publishers Weekly
Bestseller Lists
November 28, 2020

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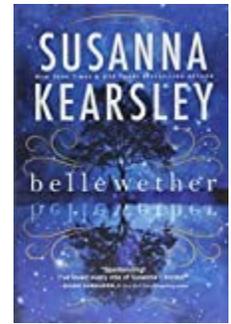
1. **The Law of Innocence**, by Michael Connelly
2. **A Time for Mercy**, by John Grisham
3. **The Return**, by Nicholas Sparks
4. **The Sentinel: A Jack Reacher Novel**, by Lee Child and Andrew Child
5. **Fortune and Glory**, by Janet Evanovich
6. **Marauder: A Novel of the Oregon Files**, by Clive Cussler and Boyd Morrison
7. **Three Women Disappear**, by James Patterson and Shan Serafin
8. **Moonflower Murders**, by Anthony Horowitz
9. **The Book of Two Ways**, by Jodi Picoult
10. **Anxious People**, by Fredrik Backman

NONFICTION

1. **Humans**, by Brandon Stanton
2. **Greenlights**, by Matthew McConaughey
3. **I Would Leave Me If I Could.: A Collection of Poetry**, by Halsey
4. **Modern Comfort Food**, by Ina Garten
5. **Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man**, by Emmanuel Acho
6. **First Principles: What America's Founders Learned from the Greeks and Romans ...**, by Thomas E. Ricks
7. **Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents**, by Isabel Wilkerson
8. **Untamed**, by Glennon Doyle
9. **Pappyland: A Story of Family, Fine Bourbon, and the Things That Last**, by Wright Thompson
10. **Guinness World Records 2021**, by Guinness World Records

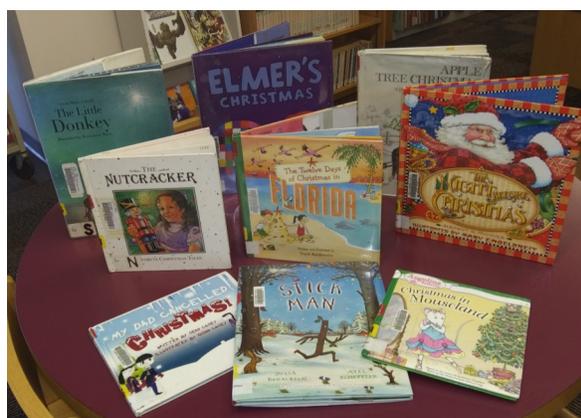
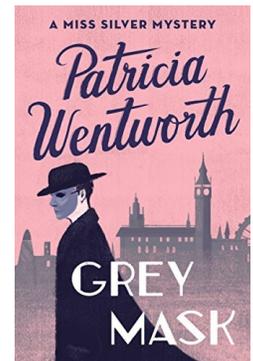
Leigh's pick—by Leigh Hornbake

It's late summer, war is raging, and families are torn apart by divided loyalties and deadly secrets. In this complex and dangerous time, a young French Canadian lieutenant is captured and billeted with a Long Island family, an unwilling and unwelcome guest. As he begins to pitch in with the never-ending household tasks and farm chores, Jean-Philippe de Sabran finds himself drawn to the daughter of the house. Slowly, Lydia Wilde comes to lean on Jean-Philippe, true soldier and gentleman, until their lives become inextricably intertwined. Legend has it that the forbidden love between Jean-Philippe and Lydia ended tragically, but centuries later, the clues they left behind slowly unveil the true story. Part history, part romance, and all kinds of magic, **Bellewether**, **Susanna Kearsley's** latest masterpiece will draw you in and never let you go, even long after you've closed the last page. I have not read other books by this author but I definitely plan to. We have several in our Heartland System and as this book was such a joy to read, I'm sure the other titles by her are as well. ENJOY!



Wendy's bookshelf—by Wendy Farris

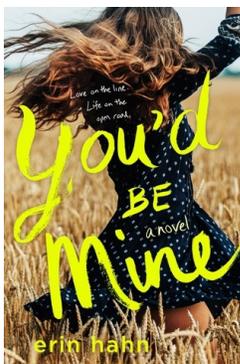
Grey Mask is the first in the **Miss Silver** series by **Patricia Wentworth**. Charles is suddenly rejected by his fiancé on the eve of their wedding. He leaves the country for four years and returns to what he thinks is an empty house. Strangers are having a meeting in one of the rooms which he can spy on from a childhood hideout. A man in a grey mask is meeting with individuals, calling them by numbers. He hears them talking about "removing" a girl unless a certain document can be found and realizes she's his former love. He hires governess-turned-private detective Miss Silver to find out who and what.



Stock up on some Christmas stories...Throughout the library you will find our Christmas collection identified by a label on the spine. Share the joy of a Christmas story with your little ones.

Pre-teen read—by Karen Smoke

Annie Mathers is America's sweetheart and heir to a country music legacy full of all the things her Gran warned her about. Superstar Clay Coolidge is most definitely going to end up one of those things. Annie has been avoiding the spotlight after her parents' tragic death, except on her skyrocketing YouTube channel. Clay's label wants to land Annie, and Clay has to make it happen. Swayed by Clay's undeniable charm and good looks, Annie and her band agree to join the tour. From the start fans want them to be more than just tour mates, and Annie and Clay can't help but wonder if the fans are right. But if there's one part of fame Annie wants nothing to do with, it's a high-profile relationship. If only she could convince her heart that Clay, with his painful past and head over heels inducing tenor, isn't worth the risk.

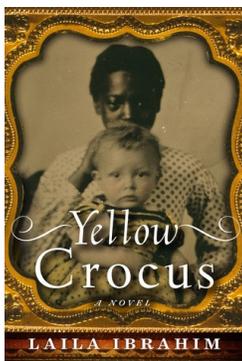


You'd Be Mine by Erin Hahn is a Florida Teens Read 2020-2021 selection.



Check out our other Florida Teens Reads and New Young Adult Books

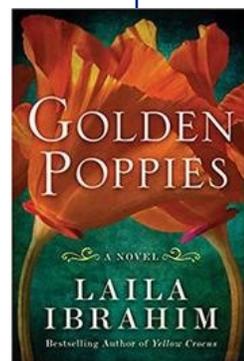
Editor's suggestion—by Karen Smoke



Laila Ibrahim self-published **Yellow Crocus** in 2011 after agents repeatedly told her that no one would want to read a story about the love between an enslaved black woman and her privileged white charge. Over the years readers have proven them wrong. She became a full-time writer in 2015. **Yellow Crocus** is the first of three books about the Freedman and Johnson families. The story encapsulates the way of life in the American South in the years leading up to the Civil War. Moments after Lisbeth is born, she's taken from her mother and handed over to an enslaved wet

nurse, Mattie, a young mother separated from her own infant son in order to care for her tiny charge. Thus begins an intense relationship that will shape both of their lives for decades to come. **Mustard Seed** continues with the lives of the Freedman and Johnson families after the Civil War. Unexpected reunions as the characters confront the harsh realities of the era will keep you turning pages.

Golden Poppies continues the story of the next generation of the Freedman and Johnson families in the 1890's—as racial divides and the injustices of the Gilded Age conspire to hold them back, the women find they need each other more than ever.



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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



DECEMBER

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BOOK SALE!



Saturday
January 23
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Inside the Library

Please donate your **"gently used"** hardcover and paperback books to the DeSoto County Library Association. Due to lack of storage area, books may be brought to the library the **week of the sale ONLY.**

All proceeds benefit DCLA which provides support and "extras" for the DeSoto County Library, such as funding children's programs, staff development, book purchases, and more.