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Director's note

Dear Folks,
Happy New Year!

What goals and aspirations do you have the 2021?

- Want a COVID vaccination? The first shots for older adults will be available Wednesday, January 6.
- Looking for a new exercise routine? We have books and videos to help.
- Considering a new hobby? We have books from crocheting to chicken tending.

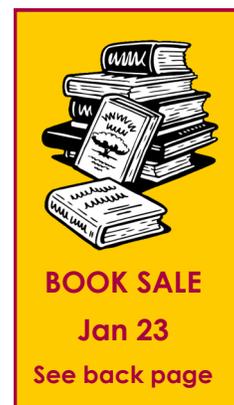
We are here to help.

Come see us.

Linda

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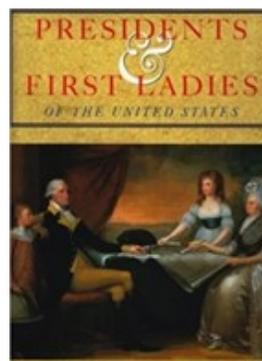
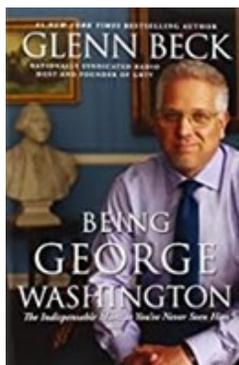
January 2021



Linda recommends

With the inauguration of our President on January 20 and Presidents' Day on February 15, it seems fitting to take a look at our 46 Presidents. We are featuring a display of books about each of the Presidents. Across our Heartland sister libraries, we have books for adults on each of our Presidents and some books that provide brief overviews of almost all of them. Let's take a look at the current endcaps to the Presidency.

Here are three books that take us from George Washington to Donald Trump and almost everyone in between. Come and find your favorite President and learn something new about him. Or pick the one you couldn't be sure you even knew was a President and find some fascinating facts about him.



Being George Washington: The Indispensable Man, As You've Never Seen Him
by Glenn Beck and Kevin Balfe

Presidents and First Ladies of the United States by Doranne Jacobson

Let Trump Be Trump by Corey R. Lewandowski and David Bossie

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Publishers Weekly
Bestseller Lists
December 31, 2020

FICTION

1. ***A Time for Mercy***, by John Grisham
2. ***Deadly Cross***, by James Patterson
3. ***Ready Player Two***, by Ernest Cline
4. ***The Return***, by Nicholas Sparks
5. ***The Vanishing Half***, by Brit Bennett
6. ***Daylight***, by David
7. ***The Sentinel: A Jack Reacher Novel***, by Lee Child and Andrew Child
8. ***The Awakening: The Dragon Heart Legacy, Book 1***, by Nora Roberts
9. ***The Law of Innocence***, by Michael Connelly
10. ***The Midnight Library***, by Matt Haig

NONFICTION

1. ***A Promised Land***, by Barack Obama
2. ***Greenlights***, by Matthew McConaughey
3. ***Humans***, by Brandon Stanton
4. ***Modern Comfort Food***, by Ina Garten
5. ***Bag Man: The Wild Crimes, Audacious Cover-Up,...***, by Rachel Maddow and Michael Yarvitz
6. ***Guinness World Records 2021***, by Guinness World Records
7. ***The Happy in a Hurry Cookbook: 101 Fast and Easy New Recipes...***, by Steve and Kathy Doocy
8. ***Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents***, by Isabel Wilkerson
9. ***Untamed***, by Glennon Doyle
10. ***The Last Days of John Lennon***, by James Patterson with Casey Sherman and Dave Wedge

Leigh's pick—by Leigh Hornbake

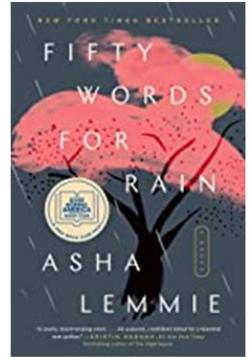
Kyoto, Japan, 1948. "Do not question. Do not fight. Do not resist."

Such is eight-year-old Noriko "Nori" Kamiza's first lesson. She will not question why her mother abandoned her with only these final words. She will not fight her confinement to the attic of her grandparents' imperial estate. And she will not resist the scalding chemical baths she receives daily to lighten her skin.

The child of a married Japanese aristocrat and her African American GI lover, Nori is an outsider from birth. Her grandparents take her in, only to conceal her, fearful of a stain on the royal pedigree that they are desperate to uphold in a changing Japan. Obedient to a fault, Nori accepts her solitary life, despite her natural intellect and curiosity. But when chance brings her older half-brother, Akira, to the estate that is his inheritance and destiny, Nori finds in him an unlikely ally with whom she forms a powerful bond—a bond their formidable grandparents cannot allow and that will irrevocably change the lives they were always meant to lead. Because now that Nori has glimpsed a world in which perhaps there is a place for her after all, she is ready to fight to be a part of it—a battle that just might cost her everything.

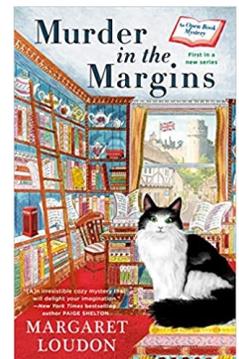
Spanning decades and continents, ***Fifty Words for Rain*** by **Asha Lemmie** is a dazzling epic about the ties that bind, the ties that give you strength, and what it means to be free. One of those books that stays with you long after you have finished.

ENJOY !



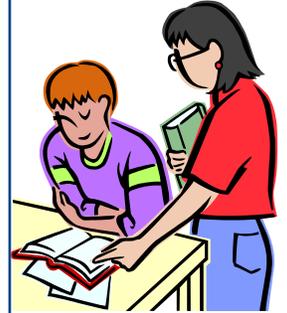
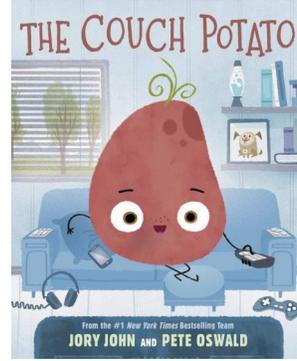
Wendy's bookshelf—by Wendy Farris

Murder in the Margins by **Margaret Loudon** is the first in a new series. Pen Parish has a degree in gothic literature, which is not worth much. She decides she'll write her own Gothic novel. The first one is a bestseller! Unfortunately, she develops writer's block, but a job as a writer-in-residence seems like a good solution. She moves to Chumley-on-Stoke, but it's not what she expected. She teams up with another American, the bookstore owner, plus her new best friend to find out who committed murder.



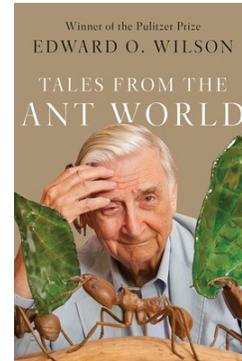
Choice for children—by Liz Coronado

The Couch Potato has everything within reach and doesn't have to move from the sunken couch cushion. But when the electricity goes out, Couch Potato is forced to peel away from the comforts of the living room and venture outside. Could fresh air and sunshine possibly be better than the views on screen? Readers of all ages will laugh along as their new best spuddy learns that balancing screen time and playtime is the root to true happiness. ***The Couch Potato*** by **Jory John** and **Pete Oswald** is great for teaching a deeper lesson on personal growth and difficulty through experiences. This story about getting out and seeing the world around you.



New in nonfiction—by Karen Smoke

In ***Tales from the Ant World***, **Edward O. Wilson**, a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winner takes us on a myrmecological (the study of ants) tour to far-flung destinations and even his parent's overgrown backyard, thrillingly relating his nine-decade-long scientific obsession with over 15,000 ant species. Wilson is considered the most important and outstanding living biologist in the world. The book is a fascinating, if not occasionally hair-raising, personal account and a necessary read for any lover of the natural world. I guarantee you will learn more about ants than you ever thought you wanted to know, and thoroughly enjoy the experience.



"Most children have a bug period," he wrote in his memoir ***Naturalist***. "I never grew out of mine."

For middle school readers—by Karen Smoke

Meet Gladys Gatsby: New York's toughest restaurant critic. (Just don't tell anyone that she's in sixth grade.)

Gladys Gatsby has been cooking gourmet dishes since the age of seven, only her fast-food-loving parents have no idea! Now she's eleven, and after a crème brûlée accident (just a *small* fire), Gladys is cut off from the kitchen (and her allowance). She's devastated but soon finds just the right opportunity to pay her parents back when she's mistakenly contacted to write a restaurant review for one of the largest newspapers in the world.

All Four Stars by **Tara Dairman** is an endearing read that will connect to the chef (and eater!) in you as you follow the adventures of this precocious chef and restaurant critic.



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Saturday: 9:00-2:30
Closed Sunday and Monday




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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.