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Director's note

Dear Folks,

As I think about February and what it brings, I have noticed that many of February's celebrations, big and small center around the theme of kindness. Of course, there is Valentines' Day (yes we can have more than one Valentine when we include our friends and loved ones). The month also includes Thank a Mailman Day, National Weatherman's Day, Send a Card Day, Wave All Your Fingers at Your Neighbor Day (a friendly gesture), Make a Friend Day, Do a Grouch a Favor Day, Random Acts of Kindness Day and Be Humble Day. Which one is your favorite? Pick one or more and do an act of kindness this month.

Do a Grouch a Favor and Wave All Your Fingers are my favorites. I am going to practice those this month. Of course, I will need to look outside the library for a grouch since we have the best patrons around.

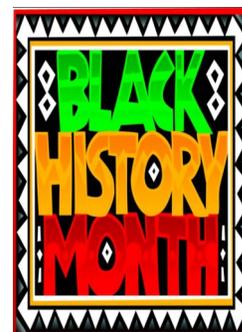
On another note, we are at the end of an era at the library. The best Readers' Advisor anywhere will be retiring at the end of the month. Be certain to stop by and wish Leigh well as she enters this much anticipated (for her) and much dreaded (for us) phase of her life.

Come see us,

Linda

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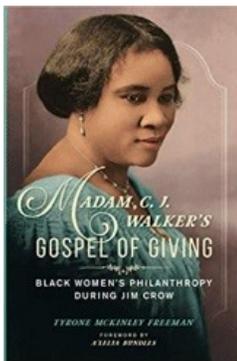
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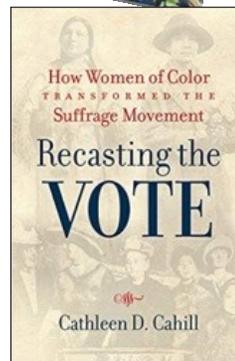
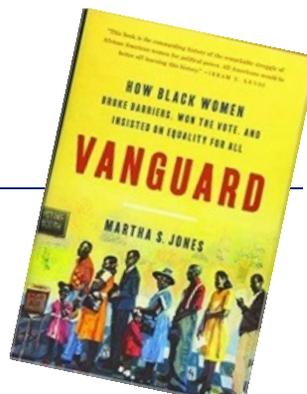
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Linda recommends



Founder of a beauty empire, Madam C. J. Walker was celebrated as America's first self-made female millionaire in the early 1900s. Known as a leading African American entrepreneur, Walker was also devoted to an activist philanthropy aimed at empowering African Americans and challenging the injustices inflicted by Jim Crow. **Madam C. J. Walker's Gospel of Giving: Black Women's Philanthropy during Jim Crow**,



by Tyrone McKinley Freeman.

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Publishers Weekly
Bestseller Lists
January 31, 2021

FICTION

1. ***The Invisible Life of Addie La Rue***, by V E Schwab
2. ***The Vanishing Half***, by Brit Bennett
3. ***Neighbors***, by Danielle
4. ***Before She Disappeared***, by Lisa
5. ***The Return***, by Nicholas Sparks
6. ***The Midnight Library***, by Matt Haig
7. ***The Push***, by Ashley Audrain
8. ***A Time for Mercy***, by John Grisham
9. ***Deadly Cross***, by James Patterson
10. ***Ready Player Two***, by Ernest Cline

NONFICTION

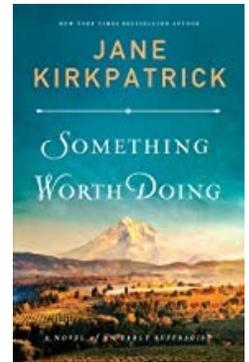
1. ***A Promised Land***, by Barack Obama
2. ***Keep Sharp: Build a Better Brain at Any Age***, by Sanjay Gupta
3. ***Greenlights***, by Matthew McConaughey
4. ***Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents***, by Isabel Wilkerson
5. ***Forgiving What You Can't Forget: Discover How to Move On, Make Peace with Painful ...***, by Lysa TerKeurst
6. ***Untamed***, by Glennon Doyle
7. ***Fast This Way: Burn Fat, Heal Inflammation, and Eat Like the High-Performing ...***, by Dave Asprey
8. ***Rebuilding Milo: The Lifter's Guide to Fixing Common Injuries and Building ...***, by Aaron Horschig with Kevin Sonthana
9. ***Magnolia Table, Volume 2: A Collection of Recipes for Gathering***, by Joanna Gaines
10. ***A Swim in a Pond in the Rain: What Reading the Nineteenth-Century Russians Can Teach ...*** by George Saunders

Leigh's pick—by Leigh Hornbake

In 1853, Abigail Scott was a 19-year-old school teacher in Oregon Territory when she married Ben Duniway. Marriage meant giving up on teaching, but Abigail always believed she was meant to be more than a good wife and mother. When financial mistakes and an injury force Ben to stop working, Abigail becomes the primary breadwinner for her growing family. What she sees as a working woman appalls her, and she devotes her life to fighting for the rights of women, including their right to vote.

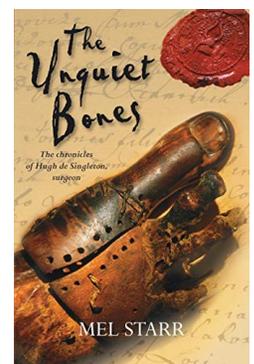
Following Abigail as she bears six children, runs a millinery and a private school, helps on the farm, writes novels, gives speeches, and eventually runs a newspaper supporting women's suffrage. ***Something Worth Doing*** explores issues like the pull between career and family, finding one's place in the public sphere, and dealing with frustrations and prejudices women encounter when they compete in male-dominated spaces. Based on a true story of a pioneer for women's rights from award-winning author **Jane Kirkpatrick** will inspire you to believe that some things are worth doing—even when the cost is great. The author has several novels that all bear the mark of being inspiring and eye-opening at the same time.

I will say ENJOY one more time as I will be leaving the library to enjoy retirement and many, many books that I have been saving over the years. It has been my pleasure to recommend and review books to all of you over the years.



Wendy's bookshelf—by Wendy Farris

If you like reading mysteries and like settings in castles in the 14th century, ***The Unquiet Bones*** by **Melvin Starr** should interest you. Hugh de Singleton is the fourth son of a knight. He has studied to be a surgeon, but is not having much success attracting patients. He helps a lord with a medical matter and is asked to set up practice in Bampton, England. His first task is to identify some bones in a cesspit. Who was this and why did this happen? Hugh will find out. First in a series with 13 total, so far.



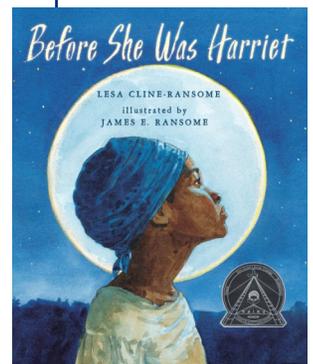
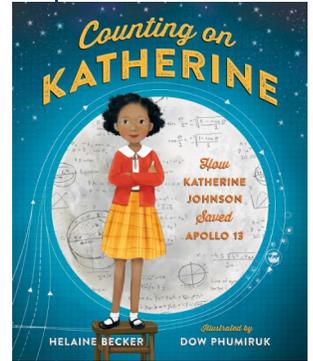
Friends Book Sale—still going on! Come in for more bargains as we wrap up the book sale the first week of February. We would like to thank a chain of angels who wish to remain anonymous for securing some wonderful donations that bolstered our sale! Thank you all!

Choice for children—by Liz Coronado

You've likely heard of the historic Apollo 13 moon landing. But do you know about the mathematical genius who made sure that Apollo 13 returned safely home? As a child, Katherine Johnson loved to count. She counted the steps on the road, the number of dishes and spoons she washed in the kitchen sink, everything! Boundless, curious, and excited by calculations, young Katherine longed to know as much as she could about math, about the universe. From Katherine's early beginnings as a gifted student to her heroic accomplishments as a prominent mathematician at NASA, ***Counting on Katherine***, by **Helaine Becker** is the story of a groundbreaking American woman who not only calculated the course of moon landings but, in turn, saved lives and made enormous contributions to history.

We know her today as Harriet Tubman, but in her lifetime she was called by many names. As General Tubman she was a Union spy. As Moses she led hundreds to freedom on the Underground Railroad. As Minty she was a slave whose spirit could not be broken. As Araminta she was a young girl whose father showed her the stars and the first steps on the path to freedom. In ***Before She Was Harriet***, by **Lesa Cline-Ransome**, an evocative poem and stunning watercolors come together to honor a woman of humble origins whose courage and compassion make her a larger than life hero.

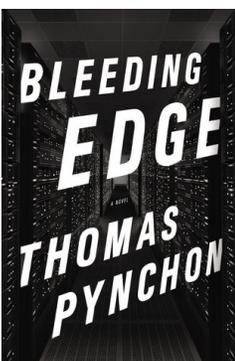
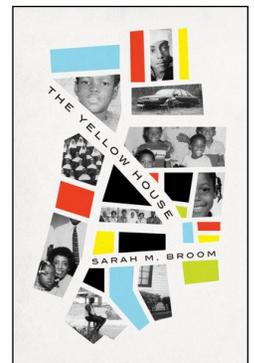
This month we will be reading and doing activities to go along with these two books. Both, Harriet Tubman and Catharine Johnson, were great women that played such important roles in our history. I find these two ladies' stories to be truly inspirational and I think they make great role models for children to look up to.



Editor's suggestion—by Karen Smoke

In 1961, **Sarah M. Broom**'s mother Ivory Mae bought a shotgun house in the then-promising neighborhood—New Orleans East. It was the height of the Space Race and the neighborhood was home to a major NASA plant—the postwar optimism seemed assured. Widowed, Ivory Mae remarried Sarah's father Simon Broom; their combined family would eventually number twelve children. Sarah's father died six months after she was born, and the house seemed to begin to atrophy before their eyes. Growing up, she recalls her mother's shame, saying it "isn't a house you bring people to." The area was a blighted pre Hurricane Katrina, and the flooding literally wiped it off the map. But the house lives on and holds control over the surviving members of the family.

The Yellow House is a brilliant memoir of place, class, race, inequality, and the shame that often follows. Sarah's bold voice shows us how enduring drives of clan, pride, and familial love resist and defy erasure. It is no surprise that it won the National Book Award for Nonfiction in 2019.



Robert reads—by Robert Andres

If you like complex writing that is lightly sardonic and occasionally heartfelt and oddly humorous then the mysteriously reclusive **Thomas Ruggles Pynchon**'s latest work, ***Bleeding Edge***, might be for you. This volume gives the Pynchon treatment to down and out private investigator trope set in the world of the internet, data security and dot coms. The book illuminates some of the benefits and unexpected pitfalls of modern digital society. While the story line is rambling the fun is in the style and wording Pynchon always delivers.

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				BLACK HISTORY MONTH		

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From the earliest days of the republic to the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act and beyond, Jones excavates the lives and work of black women—Maria Stewart, Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, Fannie Lou Hamer, and more—who were the vanguard of women's rights, calling on America to realize its best ideals. **Vanguard: How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote, and Insisted on Equality for All**, by **Martha S. Jones**.

From social clubs in New York's Chinatown to conferences for Native American rights, and in African American newspapers and pamphlets demanding equality for Spanish-speaking New Mexicans, a diverse cadre of extraordinary women struggled to build a movement that would truly include all women, regardless of race or national origin. In **Recasting the Vote**, **Cathleen D. Cahill** tells the powerful stories of a multiracial group of activists who propelled the national suffrage movement toward a more inclusive vision of equal rights.