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Director's note



Folks,

We have some exciting news to share about in real live programing.

We have begun to offer some in person programs for specific congregate groups at the library. Wendy has just been delighted to have her groups return.

We will be offering our first in person activity for our children this month. Don't tell Mom, but children are able to sign up for one of several sessions on Saturday, May 8th in order to make Mom a gift. Please make certain to make a reservation if you are interested in participating.

We will have some reservation based opportunities for children for the summer. Most of our programs will be available either in person or available for viewing on Facebook.

We are diligently considering ways to serve you while also working very hard to keep us all safe.

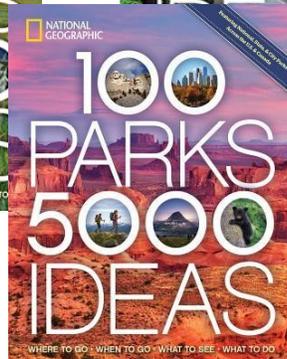
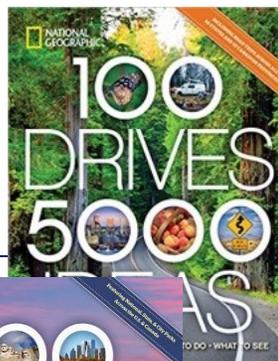
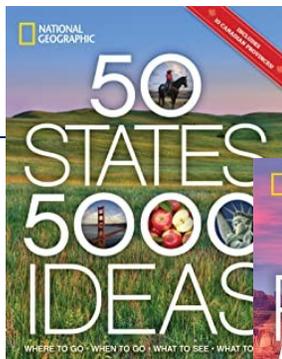
On another note, Wendy will be joining the ranks of the retired at the end of the month. It has been a pleasure to work with and learn from Wendy during our time together. She has been instrumental in providing a variety of programming for a very special group of our patrons. She makes certain that all of your books and materials are ready for checkout. She finds books we do not have at other libraries and has them sent here for your use. We do wish her the best and hope she is able to really enjoy those grandkids.

We look forward to seeing you.

Linda

Linda recommends

Ready for some arm chair travel? Try **National Geographic's** series. The books are full of beautiful photographs and interesting information. Ready for actual adventures? Follow the routes or develop your own to create your personal getaway.



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Publishers Weekly

Bestseller Lists

April 27, 2021

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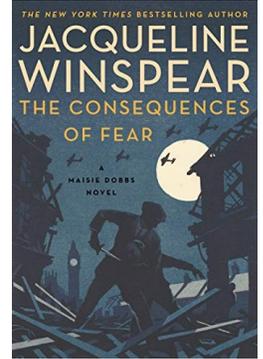
1. ***Ocean Prey***, by John Sandford
2. ***The Devil's Hand: A Thriller***, by Jack Carr
3. ***The Four Winds***, by Kristin Hannah
4. ***The Midnight Library***, by Matt Haig
5. ***The Red Book***, by James Patterson with David Ellis
6. ***The Good Sister***, by Sally Hepworth
7. ***Win***, by Harlan Coben
8. ***The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue***, by V E Schwab
9. ***Stargazer: A Leaphorn, Chee & Manuelito Novel***, by Anne Hillerman
10. ***Klara and the Sun***, by Kazuo Ishiguro

NONFICTION

1. ***The Hill We Climb: An Inaugural Poem for the Country***, by Amanda Gorman
2. ***On the House: A Washington Memoir***, by John
3. ***The Women of the Bible Speak: The Wisdom of 16 Women and Their Lessons for Today***, by Shannon Bream
4. ***The Hero Code: Lessons Learned from Lives Well Lived***, by William H McRaven
5. ***Everything Will Be Okay: Life Lessons for Young Women***, by Dana Perino
6. ***The Pepper Thai Cookbook: Family Recipes from Everyone's Favorite Thai Mom***, by Pepper Teigen
7. ***Broken Horses: A Memoir***, by Brandi Carlile
8. ***Ask Iwata: Words of Wisdom from Satoru Iwata, Nintendo's Legendary CEO***, Hobonichi, Editor
9. ***Fast Burn!: The Power of Negative Energy Balance***, by Ian K Smith
10. ***Woman Evolve: Break Up with Your Fears and Revolutionize Your Life***, by Sarah Jakes Roberts

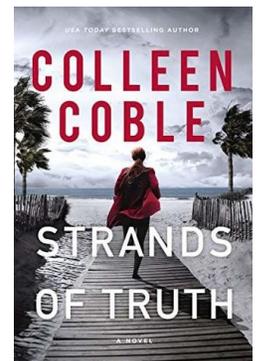
Wendy's bookshelf—by Wendy Farris

Jacqueline Winspear's latest Maisie Dobbs novel, ***The Consequences of Fear***, continues into what would become World War II. It takes place before the bombing at Pearl Harbor, but Yanks do their bit to help Britain and France fight Hitler. Maisie is working covert ops for SOE (Special Operations Executive) by profiling candidates for overseas assignments helping the Resistance. She is approached by a young boy who witnesses a murder, but when the police investigate, the body and all signs of a conflict are gone! Maisie helps the boy, his family, friends, family, and maintains secrecy throughout. She can't tell anyone but MacFarlane (her ops boss) what she is doing and is reticent even then. This is a really good read and just as entertaining and attention keeping as all the others in this series. Have tissues ready, especially towards the end—happy and sad tears.



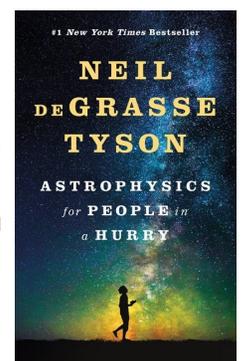
Liz suggests—by Liz Coronado

Colleen Coble weaves a fascinating and intriguing story that keeps you so captivated and on the edge of your seat wondering how the story is going to end. Harper Taylor is used to being alone after all, she grew up in one foster home after another. Her mentor took her under his wing when she was a runaway teenager, and now Harper pours her life into her marine biology research. But she's never stopped wishing for a family of her own. So when a DNA test reveals a half-sister living just two hours away in Orlando, Harper is both hopeful and nervous. What could go wrong? Suspense, romance, and generational secrets meld when Harper tries to unravel her family skeletons, but has it also put her in the crosshairs of a killer? ***Strands of Truth*** is set right in our back yard in the city of Dunedin, FL.



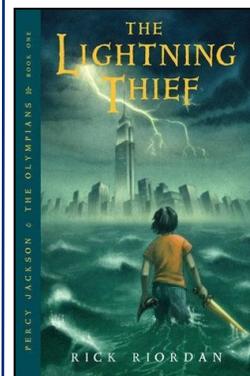
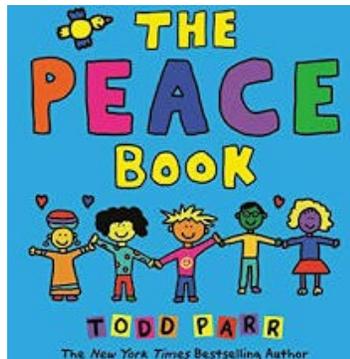
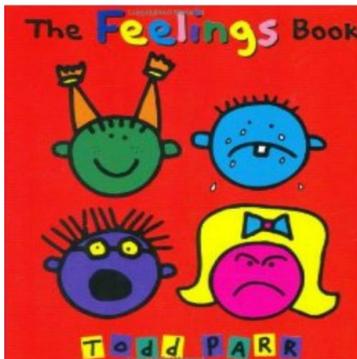
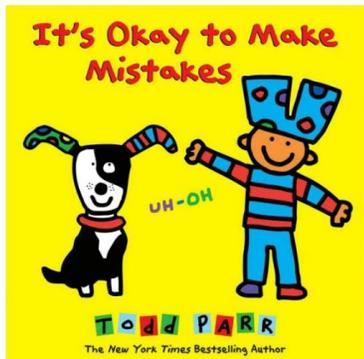
Robert recommends—by Robert Anders

If you have only 15 minutes to learn a little about the universe and astro physics, ***Astrophysics for People in a Hurry***, by **Neil deGrasse Tyson** is a great choice. Given only a very little base knowledge Tyson does a phenomenal job of outlining what astrophysicists do all day. It is unique view on how our understanding of what we see has enlarged over time, be it sometimes through thought experiments but also simple observation and even dumb luck.



Jasmine's choice for children—by Jasmine Moore

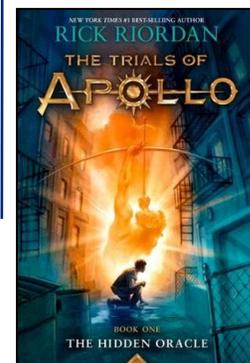
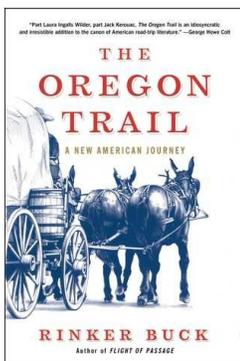
Are you trying to better understand and help your children? Trying to get children to understand and explain themselves? Are you wondering if there are books out there to help you and your family? There is no need to look any further. **Todd Parr** has written several books that cover several topics. Things like feelings, family, peace, being different, making mistakes, and many more. The books have bright colors and pictures that are engaging to children. The sentences are short and straight to the point. These books even help someone simplify anyone who feels like they just need to take a step back from the world around them and take a breath. It does not matter what age you are or how your world is going, these books have something for everyone.



Editor's suggestion—by Karen Smoke

The covered wagon trains stretching west across the country in the 1800's is an iconic symbol of America. **In *The Oregon Trail, A New American Journey***, author **Rinker Buck** carries us along on his journey to uncover the history of the trail. Accompanied by his brother, three mules and a Jack Russell terrier, they travel in much the same way as the

pioneers did. Detaching themselves from the interstates and chain motels, they endure the trials of the trail as they seek out ruminants of the original trail, following wagon ruts that haven't been traversed in more than a century. The narrative of the journey is interspersed with bits of history about how the migration changed and shaped our country. Relying on western hospitality and the trail family and friends they meet along the way, they travel nearly 2,000 miles across six states. This is a thoroughly interesting read that documents how the western migration shaped our country, while keeping you entertained with the antics of the travelers. You will fall in love with all the characters.



One **Young Adult** author whose books we see going out every week is **Rick Riordan**. He is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of over twenty novels for young readers, loosely woven around classic mythological characters. Learn more at <https://rickriordan.com/>.

Percy Jackson and the Olympians is the series that started it all. Follow the demigod son of Poseidon and his friends on a quest that will have them meeting gods, battling monsters, and taking on the Titans from Greek mythology.

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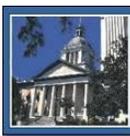
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Some of Rick Riordan's other series are:

The Kane Chronicles—When the gods of Ancient Egypt are accidentally unleashed into the modern world, siblings Carter and Sadie Kane discover that they are descended from the most powerful magicians, and only they have the power to set things right!

The Heroes of Olympus—A new Great Prophecy, a new generation of demigods . . . Sail with Percy Jackson and other heroes of Camp Half-Blood and Camp Jupiter as they embark on their most dangerous challenge yet.

Magnus Chase—A new demigod is born—this time from Norse mythology. Join Magnus Chase, a homeless boy from Boston, on a wild adventure that will have him meeting the gods of Asgard and discovering his true identity.

Trials of Apollo—After angering his father Zeus, the god Apollo is cast down from Olympus. Weak and disoriented, he lands in New York City as a regular teenage boy. Now, without his godly powers, the four-thousand-year-old deity must learn to survive in the modern world!