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Director's note

Dear Folks,

We have had a great October here at the library with a very well attended Fall Festival. Families enjoyed themselves and staff had a great time preparing for all our visitors.

Then we had author Clint Johnson, who has local connections, here to talk about his latest book. He shared some very interesting information about destroyers and the important role they have played throughout recent naval history.

We are pleased to share that Jolaine Konstantinidas will be joining us very soon as our Circulation Manager. She brings a passion for reading to her work as our Reader's Advisor. Be sure to share your best recent reads with her.

We want you to know how grateful we are and how privileged we feel to be able to assist our patrons with their informational and recreational reading needs. We feel honored that you have trusted us to serve you.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Linda

Linda recommends

Just in case you missed Mr. Johnson's talk at the library:



"Clint Johnson fills a glaring gap in naval nonfiction by bringing us a narrative history of destroyers that is both comprehensive and an enjoyable read. Johnson at last gives the lowly "tin can" it's due through both stories of individual ships and their battles, and by giving us an overview in detail not found elsewhere. Tin Cans & Greyhounds is a must for the shelf of any student of twentieth century naval history."

— **BILL YENNE**, author of Panic on the Pacific: How America

Prepared for the West Coast Invasion

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Wishing you a

Happy
Thanksgiving!

We will be open the
Saturday after

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CLINT JOHNSON

Publishers Weekly Bestseller Lists October 29, 2021

FICTION

- 1. The Judge's List, by John Grisham
- 2. The Wish, by Nicholas
- 3. The Lincoln Highway, by Amor **Towles**
- 4. State of Terror, by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Louise Penny
- 5. Dear Santa, by Debbie Macomber
- 6. Cloud Cuckoo Land, by Anthony Doerr
- 7. Apples Never Fall, by Liane Moriarty
- 8. Oh William!, by Elizabeth Strout
- 9. The Last Thing He Told Me, by Laura Dave

10. The Butler, by Danielle Steel

NONFICTION

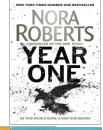
- 1. The Pioneer Woman Cooks--Super Easy!: 120 Shortcut Recipes..., by Ree Drummond
- 2. To Rescue the Republic: Ulysses S. Grant and the Grand..., by Bret Baier
- 3. The Storyteller: Tales of Life and Music, by Dave Grohl
- 4. Midnight in Washington: How We Almost Lost Our Democracy..., by Adam Schiff
- 5. Peril, by Bob Woodward and Robert Costa
- 6. The First 21: How I Became Nikki Sixx, by Nikki Sixx
- 7. E.R. Nurses: True Stories from America's..., by James Patterson and Matthew Eversmann with Chris Mooney
- 8. Not All Diamonds and Rosé: The Inside Story of the Real Housewives..., by Dave Quinn
- 9. American Marxism, by Mark R. Levin
- 10. The Boys: A Memoir of Hollywood & Family, by Ron Howard

Liz suggests—by Liz Coronado

It began on New Year's Eve.

The sickness came on suddenly, and spread quickly. Fear spread even faster. Within weeks, everything people counted on began to fail them. Electrical grid sputtered; law and government

collapsed—and more than half of the world's population was decimated. Order, was now chaos. As the power of science and technology receded, magick rose up in its place. In a world of survivors where every stranger could be either a savage or a savior, no one knows exactly where they are heading, or why. But a purpose awaits that will shape the lives of all those who remain. As word spreads that neither the immune nor the gifted are safe from the authorities who patrol the ravaged





BLOOD

BONE

streets, and with nothing left to count on but each other, Lana and Max make their way out of a wrecked New York City. At the same time, other travelers are heading west too, into a new frontier. The end has come, but the beginning comes next.

Nora Roberts started this series back in 2017 not knowing how that in 2018 we would be dealing with something a bit similar. The **Chronicles of The One** series mixes just the right amount of reality and fantasy. 1. Year One (2017), 2. Of Blood and Bone (2018), 3. The Rise of Magicks (2019)

Robert recommends—by Robert Anders

Now for something completely different! No lesser body than the National Geographic Society has entered the "How to Survive" genre of books. Beyond the basics of how to treat and prevent injury, the Complete Survival Manual, by Michael S. Sweeney contains fun facts and stories from actual explorers. From mundane conditions like sun exposure to the much more exotic altitude sickness this book covers it all with fun trivia, neat stories, and of course-exhilarating photographs.



JANE

KIRKPATRICK

Editor's suggestion—by Karen Smoke

The Healing of Natalie Curtis, by Jane Kirkpatrick is fiction, but the story and characters are true. Natalie Curtis did go west with her brother and immersed herself in the gathering of Native Americans songs, dances and stories, and published The Indians' Book. At the time, a strict Code of Offenses—ostensibly aimed at the assimilation of native peoples—instead was eliminating their culture. Natalie

makes it her mission not only to document the culture of various tribes before they disappear, but to appeal to President Teddy Roosevelt himself. While the policy was amended—other programs still threaten Native American culture.

Before you begin, read the backmatter. A cast of characters in the front identifies the three fictionalized figures.

Choice for children—Kara Illguth

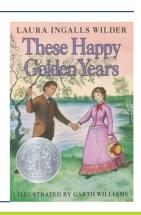
An elephant and a pig. Who could have ever imagined that these two animals would make such a fantastic pair for a children's book? If you have read any of the books from the "Elephant & Piggie" series by **Mo Willems**, you already know what a delightful duo they are. This series is geared towards the early readers in a unique araphic novel style.



The book from the series that I chose to highlight is **Are You Ready to Play Outside?** Piggie's dramatic personality and Gerald's loving nature really shine through as they battle the rain and keeping a positive attitude. Come check out the new books from the series that we just added to the DeSoto County Library!

Student review—Alexandria Wilson - 8th grade

Laura is leaving home to teach at a school 12 miles away. Things seem scary at first, but she realizes that this is a time for new beginnings. I absolutely love *These Happy Golden Years* and **Laura Ingallis Wilder** is one of my favorite authors. I definitely recommend that you read this amazing book. It will become one of your favorites too.







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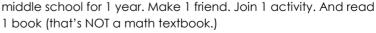


SSYRA 2021-2022 selections for Grades 6-8

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty

If you can survive a bolt of lightning, you can survive middle school...right? Lucy was struck by lightning when she was eight; turning her into a math savant with genius level math skills and some quirky OCD issues. Now that Lucy is twelve, she's technically ready for college. Except Lucy's grandma wants her to survive just

one year of middle school. Lucy must: Go to





Coop Knows the Scoop by **Taryn Souders** The whole town is talking about what's buried beneath the playground... Windy Bottom, Georgia is usually a peaceful place. Windy Bottom is full of all kinds of interesting people, but no one has ever caused a problem. Until now. Will Coop and his friends get to the bottom of the mystery and clear Gramps's name before it's too late?

