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Director's note

Dear Folks,

We had a wonderful summer full of kids, food and fantastic programs. But all good things must come to an end. Our amazing children's manager, Kara Illguth, has returned to full time parenting. We will miss her mightily and look forward to seeing her and the family at the library as patrons and volunteers. A huge shout out to Kara for creating true oceans of possibilities for all of our kids this summer.

While we look for staff, we pledge to do our best to continue service to our patrons and our community.

We are so excited to have our DeSoto Sharing Libraries off to a good start. Our community friends are sponsoring and stewarding our take one- leave one free libraries; our good friends in Facilities are building and installing structures and our library friends are continuing to bring in book donations to help stock the little libraries. Let's keep them popping up across the county so that all may read.

We have lots of new books, especially for our children and young adults with more on the way soon.

We also have a display of fourth grade students Florida projects.

Stop in and check out all that is happening at your library.

See you soon,

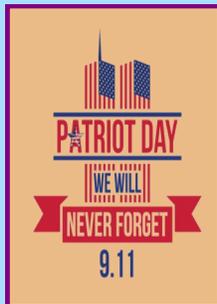
Linda

Linda recommends

David Brooks compares resume virtues with eulogy virtues and then helps us think about the greater of these assets, seeking through examples to lead us to embrace these critical character traits.

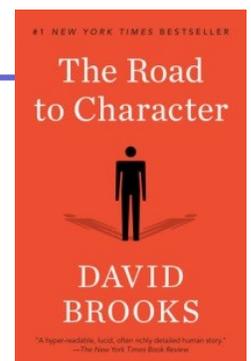
Looking to some of the world's greatest thinkers and inspiring leaders, Brooks explores how, through internal struggle and a sense of their own limitations, they have built a strong inner character.

Blending psychology, politics, spirituality, and confessional, *The Road to Character* provides an opportunity for us to rethink our priorities, and strive to build rich inner lives marked by humility and moral depth.



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Publishers Weekly Bestseller Lists August 28, 2022

FICTION

1. *All Good People Here*, by Ashley Flowers
2. *The Challenge*, by Danielle Steel
3. *Overkill*, by Sandra Brown
4. *The 6:20 Man: A Thriller*, by David Baldacci
5. *The Hotel Nantucket*, by Elin Hilderbrand
6. *Shattered*, by James Patterson and James O Born
7. *Sparring Partners*, by John Grisham
8. *Wrong Place, Wrong Time*, by Gillian McAllister
9. *Star Wars: The Princess and the Scoundrel*, by Beth Revis
10. *Portrait of an Unknown Woman*, by Daniel Silva

NONFICTION

1. *Vacuuming in the Nude: And Other Ways to Get Attention*, by Peggy Rowe, Mike Rowe,
2. *I'm Glad My Mom Died*, by Jennette McCurdy
3. *America, a Redemption Story: Choosing Hope, Creating Unity*, by Tim Scott
4. *Diana, William & Harry*, by James Patterson and Chris Mooney
5. *Political Prisoner: Persecuted, Prosecuted, But Not Silenced*, by Paul Manafort
6. *Half Homemade, Fully Delicious: An in the Kitchen with David Cookbook from Qvc's Resident Foodie*, by David Venable
7. *For You When I Am Gone: Twelve Essential Questions to Tell a Life Story*, by Steve Leder
8. *Flip-Flops and Fortunes: Buy Your Life Back Through Real Estate Investing and Passive Income Strategies*, by Brady Johns
9. *Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience*, by Brené Brown
10. *Path Lit by Lightning: The Life of Jim Thorpe*, by David Maraniss

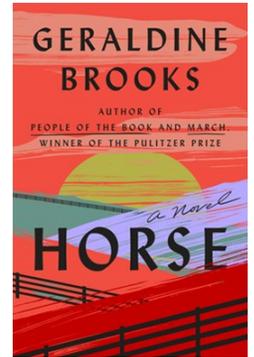
Liz likes—Liz Coronado

Five students get detention because of phones they didn't know they had. Someone set them up. Cooper, Bronwyn, Simon, Addy and Nate arrive at detention but only four make it out alive. An allergy to peanuts kills Simon, who started and continuously posted to his online gossip site. Because of this site, many people have motive to want to hurt Simon and keep him quiet. The students in detention with Simon immediately become suspects. They're interrogated several times but the mystery remains until one of them is arrested. The students have become somewhat tight knit after secrets about each of them are revealed. So, when one is arrested, they work together to figure out what really happened. No one is expecting the truth that they discover. Pay close attention and you might solve this. Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you would go to protect them. I couldn't put the book down as the plot just kept getting better. I'd recommend *One of Us is Lying* by Karen McManus to anyone who likes being surprised by the books they read or likes a good mystery.



Bookmarked—Jolaine Konstantinidis

With her novel *Horse*, Geraldine Brooks recalls the story of a famous 19th century record breaking racehorse called Lexington that also sired 575 foals during the antebellum years in America. She also brings to light the salient racial inequalities of the time when racehorse owners (wealthy land and slave owners) relied on the free labor of black slaves to train and groom their horses. With this knowledge, Brooks realized that the issue of race could not be ignored; indeed, the contributions of the slaves needed to be given a rightful place in the account particularly since racial tensions and disparities persist still today, over a century and a half later. So, she also decided to connect the past with the present and does so by interspersing chapters about Lexington and his bond with his black groom, Jarret, with a modern-day narrative that Brooks created with the inspiration that soared from her research.

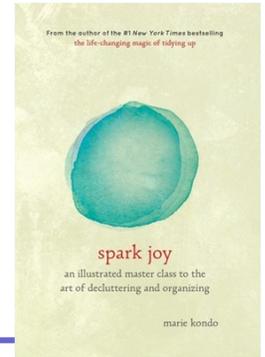


Specifically, the author spent six years of meticulous research chiefly at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, the American Art Museum (SAAM) and the National Museum of American History. Lexington's exhumed skeleton, articulated and stored at the Smithsonian for years and now permanently on loan at the International Museum of the Horse in Lexington Kentucky became an object of inspiration for Brooks' story. Another primary source that kindled her imagination was the painting of Lexington by the equestrian painter Thomas Scott.

These two historic artifacts helped Brooks create a 21st century story of an unlikely relationship between two people impassioned by the mingling of science and art and their interest in uncovering the surprising facts about the life of Lexington. By returning Lexington's life to the spotlight, Geraldine Brooks ensures that his story is not forgotten. In addition, she clearly credits his achievements to the care, devotion and love provided him by his groom, without which Lexington might have suffered abuse like many other horses being used for monetary purpose and power. In doing so, the author highlights the injustices and gives justice to the important role black slaves played in American horseracing. Geraldine Brooks, a previous Pulitzer-prize winner for her novel *March*, has written another masterpiece with her latest, *Horse*, a title she argued for with her publisher and won.

Robert recommends—Robert Andres

New on our non-fiction shelves at the library, **Marie Kondo's** book *Spark Joy* is probably something you have heard of. Well, Marie Kondo's joy based organizing principles at least. But in actually reading or perusing the book there are some really unusual and some practical ideas for organizing. Not all of it is gold but if you want to think about stuff differently then, the book is worth a look!



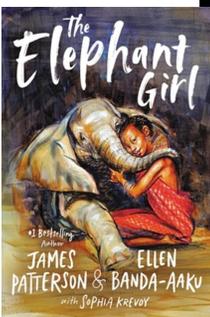
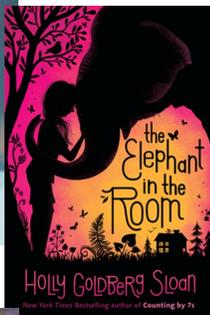
Choice for Children—Liz Coronado

Level 2 Ready-to-Reads of The 7 Habits of Happy Kids series from **Sean Covey and Stacy Curtis**

Join Pokey, Allie, Jumper, Sammy, Lily, Sophie, and Goob as they learn the importance of being yourself, planning ahead, staying organized, finding your strengths, listening, working together, and the power of friendship. Each of the Level 2 Ready-to-Read books follow one of the lovable characters from the original 7 Habits for Kids book and focuses on one habit. Each book has such great lessons for the little ones to learn. The wording in these books have short lyrical text that young readers will love.



A quartet of junior fiction elephant tales—by Karen Smoke



We recently added three new books to our collection that tell intriguing stories about the relationships between elephants and the bonds they can form with humans. The books raise some stimulating questions about our role in preserving the natural world. The fourth was a SSYRA selection in 2019-2020, and is a bit more zany, an entertaining read.

An Elephant in the Garden by **Michael Morpurgo** is told as an enchanting narrative by an elderly woman who recalls a journey as her family fled during WWII, accompanied by an elephant. Add in Peter, a Canadian navigator who, by putting himself at risk of capture to save the family, gains their trust. This unlikely grouping of family, elephant, and enemy turned ally come together beautifully to illustrate the importance of love, resolve, and hope.

The Elephant in the Room by **Holly Goldberg Sloan**—It's been almost a year since Sila's mother has been in Turkey, hoping to secure the immigration paperwork that would allow her to return to her family in the United States. The long separation is almost impossible for Sila to withstand. Sila accompanies her father outside their Oregon town to fix a truck. There she meets a grandfatherly man who only months before won the state lottery. Their new alliance leads to the rescue of a circus elephant named Veda, and then to a friendship with an unusual boy named Mateo, proving that comfort and hope come in the most unlikely of places.

The Elephant Girl by **James Patterson** and **Ellen Banda-Aaku** delivers an unforgettable story of a girl, an elephant, and their life-changing friendship. Clever, sensitive Jama likes elephants better than people. Twelve-year-old Jama takes refuge at the watering hole outside her village. There she befriends a baby elephant she names Mbegu, Swahili for seed. Inspired by true events, the story is a moving exploration of the bonds between creatures and the power of belonging.

Elephant Secret by **Eric Walters**—Sam was born and raised in an elephant sanctuary. When a beloved elephant dies giving birth, Sam develops a connection with baby Woolly—who isn't actually an elephant but was cloned from woolly mammoth DNA.

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9:00—6:00
Wednesday & Friday
8:30—6:00
Saturday:
9:00-2:30
Closed Sunday and Monday



SEPTEMBER WELCOME

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 9:00 @ ARC 3:15 Storytime	2	3 10:30 Kids' Game Day	
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Nonfiction choice—by Karen Smoke

We have had some grand cloud displays of late—did you ever want to know more about what those clouds can tell you about impending weather? In *The Secret World of Weather*, bestselling author **Tristan Gooley** goes far beyond mere weather prediction, changing the way we think about weather itself. Every cloud, every change in temperature, every raindrop, every sunbeam, every breeze reveals something about our weather—if you know what to look for. Before you know it, you'll be able to forecast impending storms, sunny days, and everything in between, all without needing to consult your smartphone. By carefully observing the subtle interplay of wind, cloud, fog, temperature, rain and many other phenomena, we form a deeper understanding of weather patterns, and also unlock secrets about our environment. When we learn to read weather's signs the weather becomes our map, revealing to us how it has made our towns, cities, woods, and hills what they are. You'll never see your surroundings the same way again.

