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Director's note

Dear Folks,

October is filled with events, both inside and outside our walls. There will be lots of opportunities to visit with us. We will be joining in the Sheriff's Fun at the Turner Center for Sheriff's Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 3. You are all invited to join us and the Friends of the Library for our Coffee Bar, the morning of Thursday, Oct. 5. We will be joining the Patterson Foundation Aspirations to Actions Tuesday, Oct. 10. Some of our partners will be joining us for our Fall Ball on Saturday, Oct. 14. We have digital literacy classes the first, second and third Thursday afternoons of the month, a Teen Cosplay Movie on Friday, Oct. 27. Then we will be joining the Senior Friendship Center at their Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, Oct. 31. And, of course, we have our normal weekly activities all month long.

Happy Fall y'all!

Come see us.

Linda

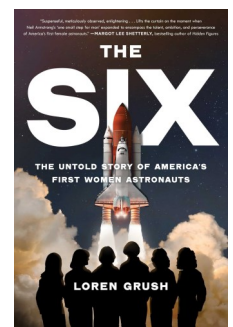
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Linda recommends

In the bestselling tradition of *Hidden Figures* and *Code Girls*, the remarkable true story of America's first women astronauts—six extraordinary women, each making history going to orbit aboard NASA's Space Shuttle.

When NASA sent astronauts to the moon in the 1960s and 1970s the agency excluded women from the corps, arguing that only military test pilots—a group then made up exclusively of men—had the right stuff. It was an era in which women were steered away from jobs in science and deemed unqualified for space flight. Eventually, though, NASA recognized its blunder and opened the application process to a wider array of hopefuls, regardless of race or gender. From a candidate pool of 8,000 six elite women were selected in 1978—Sally Ride, Judy Resnik, Anna Fisher, Kathy Sullivan, Shannon Lucid, and Rhea Seddon.

Learn about their story in *The Six: The Untold Story of America's First Women Astronauts* by **Loren Grush**.



Publishers Weekly
Bestseller Lists
September 29, 2023

FICTION

1. *Forth Wing*, by Rebecca Yarros
2. *Holly*, by Stephen King
3. *The Last Devil to Die: A Thursday Murder Club Mystery*, by Richard Osman
4. *Tom Lake*, by Ann Patchett
5. *Code Red: A Mitch Rapp Novel*, by Vince Flynn & Kyle Mills
6. *Demon Copperhead*, Barbara Kingsolver
7. *The Covenant of Water*, by Abraham Verghese
8. *Wellness*, by Nathan Hill
9. *Payback in Death: An Eve Dallas Novel*, by J D Robb
10. *Tom Clancy Weapons Grade*, by Don Bentley

NON-FICTION

1. *The Democrat Party Hates America*, by Mark R Levin
2. *Elon Musk*, by Walter Isaacson
3. *Skinnytaste Simple: Easy, Healthy Recipes with 7 Ingredients or Fewer: A Cookbook*, by Gina Homolka & Heather K Jones
4. *Build the Life You Want: The Art and Science of Getting Happier*, by Arthur C Brooks & Oprah Winfrey
5. *Astor: The Rise and Fall of an American Fortune*, by Anderson Cooper
6. *All Hope Is Found: Rediscovering the Joy of Expectation*, by Sarah Jakes Roberts
7. *Social Justice Fallacies*, by Thomas Sowell
8. *Counting the Cost*, by Jill Duggar
9. *The Garden Within: Where the War with Your Emotions Ends and Your Most Powerful Life Begins* by Anita Phillips
10. *The Art of Home: A designer Guide to Creating an Elevated Yet Approachable Home*, by Shea McGee

Liz likes—Liz Coronado

Since the death of his twin brother, Oliver's caught between pleasing his fans and finding himself. Emery finds him first.

Emery has never felt more alone. Raising her daughter is both her pleasure and her pain as she struggles to hold on to her job as a bartender and keep a roof over their heads. With no one to help them, any unexpected expense or late bill could turn their whole world upside down. Rock star Oliver Smith is trying to drink his problems away. Apparently he isn't very good at it; they follow him wherever he goes. Also in hot pursuit are the paparazzi, who catch Oliver at his lowest low. He could have walked into any bar in California, but he walked into hers. Emery helps Oliver lose the crowd, and they find themselves alone: two people whose paths are marked with loss and pain. However, they hold an unshakable hope for healing. They find solace together, but can their love withstand the world?

Let me just say, I love **Brittainy Cherry's** work. I'm a huge fan. This story was SO thought provoking. I would highly recommend this story to anyone struggling with their own personal demons or has someone close to them in their lives that is struggling. There is a wealth of self help content beautifully written to guide someone out of the depths of a personal hell. *The Mixtape* was perfectly written and the storyline was perfectly executed. I was able to relate to Oliver and Emery on their different journey's in life. I loved how Emery and Oliver met and how together they do their best to navigate through their own personal losses and pain. I laughed, I cried and there were parts I completely felt were written for me to heal.



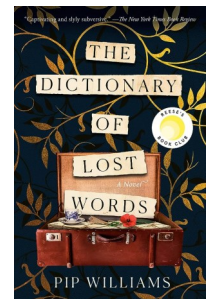
Bookmarked—Jolaine Konstantinidis

The inspiration for **Pip Williams' *The Dictionary of Lost Words*** stemmed from the real life mystery of a word missing from the first edition of the *Oxford English Dictionary*. The word was "bondmaid" meaning slave girl; the omission of the word coincided with questions that arose as Williams read a book about the editor of the OED, James Murray. Specifically, how could a dictionary compiled by men reflect the words used by women or the poor and illiterate? Surely, bondmaid was just one of many missing words, and could words mean different things to men and women? The fact that the historic timelines of the creation of the OED and the women's suffrage movement were so close also contributed to the story told by Williams about the work that went on behind the scenes in the Scriptorium set up by James Murray with a group of male lexicographers.

At the novel's start the main character is a motherless child, Esme, whose father works in Murray's employ. She sits daily beneath the worktable seizing slips of paper with discarded or excluded words she does not comprehend. As she grows, she becomes more curious about those words tossed aside and particularly those that take on different meanings from a female perspective or whose meanings and context tend to be biased. The author's research leads her to indeed question whether in the process of trying to define words, some connotations and significance might be lost.

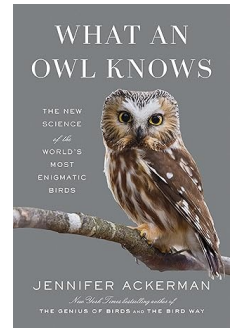
More about the author and her work can be found at :

<https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/big-weekend-of-books/pip-williams-the-dictionary-of-lost-words/13501574>



Robert recommends—Robert Andres

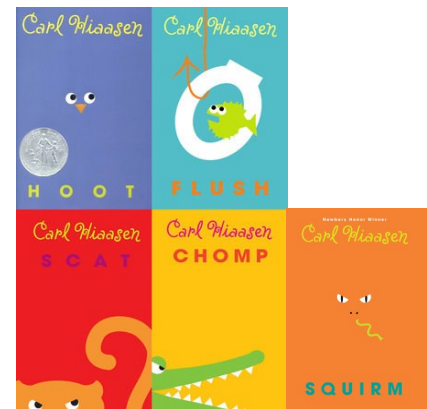
Have you ever had a shadow pass overhead, maybe near dusk, and you look up because the winged predator passing overhead is moving through the air without making a sound? An owl, nearly silent in flight. Owls live with us here in Florida and on every continent save one—Antarctica. There are 260 very different species of owls from the Great Horned to the much smaller Burrowing Owls - which can be seen in deserted lots near us in the Cape Coral area. If you have an interest in owls then *What an Owl Knows* by Jennifer Ackerman is clearly the book you need to peruse!



Choice for children—Tonya Bordner

If your upper elementary or middle school student enjoys mischief for the greater good, I highly recommend Carl Hiaasen's books. To be honest, as an adult, I immensely enjoyed them. Our libraries have cataloged them in our Juvenile Fiction and Young Adult collections as they are more appropriate for older students.

The storylines of the pictured books all take place in Florida, the main characters are in their early teens, and the action centers around respecting nature, whether it be animals or the environment. Readers will enjoy the mention of real places, real issues and not too far-fetched action.



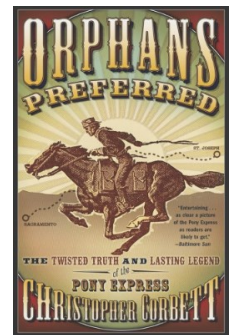
The first of these three books that I read was *Hoot*, and it's admittedly my favorite of the three, but *Chomp* and *Flush* both deliver the same comical and adventurous action as the main characters strive to problem solve and protect the environment whether it's burrowing owls and panthers, the Everglades, or their friends. *Scat* and *Squirm* are the remaining Hiaasen Florida-based books that I have yet to read but plan to soon.

All of these books are available in the Heartland Cooperative Libraries and on our online service Libby as audio or digital books and in some cases both. Want more information about our digital resources? Come see us or call. I personally find audio books as a great way to make driving time or chore time more purposeful.

Fran Recommends –by Fran Kovach

Orphans Preferred the Twisted Truth and Lasting Legend of the Pony Express by Christopher Corbett is a historical depiction of the birth and demise of the Pony Express. The Pony Express routed the mail by horseback using young riders resembling jockeys from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California and back again. A map, circa 1860, shows the stops and stations where the young riders relayed the mail bags and changed horses and riders. The Pony Express lasted 78 weeks because of two major factors, the civil war and the completion of the telegraph. Technology caused the "Pony" to ride no more.

Western illustrations of the Pony Express by notable painters such as Frederic S. Remington, N.C. Wyeth and others are found at the beginning of each chapter. Mark Twain, Wild Bill and Buffalo Bill are major personas with knowledge of the Pony Express. The lines of facts and fiction begin to blur over the Pony Express. Stories or fables told by the Pony Express riders may have been embellished as part of the famous Wild West Show. Nevertheless, memories of the Pony Express riders live on.



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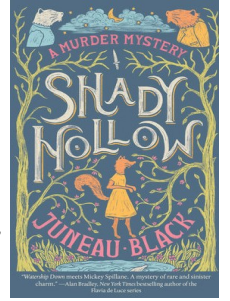
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9:00—6:00
Wednesday & Friday
8:30—6:00
Saturday:
9:00-2:30
Closed Sunday and Monday



Editor’s Choice—Reagan Bordner

Deep in the forest is a place where woodland creatures live together in harmony. Moose and mice, owls and bears, and many more call the charming village of Shady Hollow home. All is well, until a toad is found floating facedown in the millpond. It’s something these folks haven’t seen before: a murder. Foxy reporter Vera Vixen is new in town. She has a nose for news and catches the scent of a story, one that leads her to dark places. As she stirs up the still waters, the fox exposes more than one mystery, and the folks in Shady Hollow learn that some of their neighbors are shifty, while others are downright dangerous. Vera finds more to this shady town than she ever suspected. Someone in the Hollow will do anything to keep her from solving the murder. It will take all of Vera’s cunning and quickness to come out alive.



When I saw someone describe *Shady Hollow* by Juneau Black book as Agatha Christie x The Wind in the Willows, I was intrigued. I am not a big reader of murder mysteries, but this one kept me hooked throughout. I had my ideas and suspicions on who the killer was and what had happened, but I didn’t figure it out until a few chapters before the reveal. I recommend this book to anyone who would like to read a mystery book to get into the fall/halloween spirit, but doesn’t want anything too intense (or anyone who is a big fan of woodland creatures). It was interesting to see how someone believed that animals would act if they were humanlike and what kinds of personalities they would have, I think that Juneau Black hit the nail on the head with their personification. I am very curious to know what happens in the other books in the *Shady Hollow series*, so I’ll definitely have to give those a read.

Movie Review—by Armando Macedo

Pacific Rim is a movie that came out in 2013, which was 10 years ago. It’s about big robots fighting monsters. The movie stars **Charlie Hunnam, Idris Elba, Rinko Kikuchi, Charlie Day, and Ron Perlman**. The movie is about the Kaiju, which a race of giant monsters, arising from underground in the sea and causing destruction towards the world. These Kaiju will not stop causing chaos until the whole world is destroyed. Mankind have created big robots called Jeagers to take down the Kaiju. The main person is an ex- pilot named Raleigh Becket who goes into hiding after his brother was killed by a Kaiju. He is brought back when Stacker Pentecost finds him to help defeat these monster. Stacker’s assistant, Mako Mori is a trainee that went to help and destroy the Kaiju, but she is traumatized by a Kaiju attack. Dr Geiszl finds out where they are coming from and why they are here. The Kaiju are following commands and forming into catagories like hurricanes, but deadlier and destructive . They must destroy the Kaiju and where they are coming in to stop the apocalypse once and for all.



This is an incredible and awesome film, I watched it last year for the first time, so watching it again was awesome. The movie has great action and outstanding visual effects. If you’re into big robots, fighting, and big monsters, I think you would enjoy this film. I highly recommend it.

DCLA Update—by Elizabeth, VP

Hi, Everybody. The DeSoto County Library Association Board voted to fund supplies for the **Library’s October inaugural Coffee Bar** that Liz Coronado is organizing. (**Oct. 5th**). The Board is also debuting its information poster at **The Patterson Foundation event** at the **Turner Agri-Civic Center Oct. 10.** (registration required). The Association’s Tribute and/or Memorial Gifts envelopes were delivered recently to Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home. When one’s favorite author dies, it means that those series which she created will be no longer. Anne Perry last book *The Christmas Vanishing* is due out Nov. 2023 though you can order it on Amazon....

Our next scheduled meeting of the Board will be **November 8th at noon at the Library.** See you there!

DESOTO COUNTY LIBRARY

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 3:30 Kids STEAM Day 5:30 Sheriff's Night Out – Turner Center	4 10:00 Grace's group 10:30 Toddler Learning through Play 11:00 Book Group 3:30 Kids' Art	5 9:00 Coffee Bar 9:00 @ ARC 2:00 Internet Basics 3:00 Cybersecurity 3:30 Kids Storytime	6	7 11:00 Game day
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22	23	24 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 3:30 Storytime for Kids	25 10:00 Grace's group 10:30 Toddler ELS 11:00 Book Group 3:30 Kids' Art	26 9:00 @ ARC 3:30 STEAM for kids	27 4:00 Teen Cosplay Movie Day 	28 11:00 Lego Building
29	30	31 8:00 Walk & Talk 9:00 ARC 3:30 STEAM 6:00 Trunk or Treat @ Beef's 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Open to our patrons:</p> <p>Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00—6:00</p> <p>Wednesday & Friday 8:30—6:00</p> <p>Saturday: 9:00-2:30</p> </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><i>DeSoto County Library</i></p> <p><i>125 N Hillsborough</i></p> <p><i>863.993.4851</i></p> <p>Partially funded through FL Dept of State grants</p> </div>	



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Children's Activities

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 STEAM 3:30 p.m.	4 Learning through Play Toddler Time 10:30 a.m. Art 3:30p.m.	5 Storytime & Craft 3:30 p.m.	6	7 GAME DAY 11 A.M.
8	9	10 Storytime & Craft 3:30 p.m.	11 Early Literacy Skills Toddler Time 10:30 a.m. Art 3:30p.m.	12 STEAM 3:30 p.m.	13	14 Fall Ball 11 A.M.
15	16	17 STEAM 3:30 p.m.	18 Learning through Play Toddler Time 10:30 a.m. Art 3:30p.m.	19 Storytime & Craft 3:30 p.m.	20	21 11 A.M. MOVIE
22	23	24 Storytime & Craft 3:30 p.m.	25 Early Literacy Skills Toddler Time 10:30 a.m. Art 3:30p.m.	26 STEAM 3:30 p.m.	27 TEEN ages 13 + Cosplay Movie Day 4 p.m.	28 Lego Challenge 11 A.M.
29	30	31 STEAM 3:30 p.m.				

T&Th: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. W&F: 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sat.: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

FALL BALL

SNACKS CRAFTS ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14
11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. | FREE
DESOTO COUNTY CHILDREN'S LIBRARY