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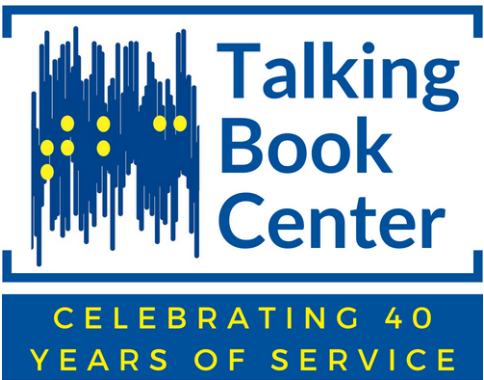
The Staunton Public Library hosts an Afternoon Classics book club every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 1:30 in the meeting room. All are invited! This months books are:
DB49497 A Tale Of Two Cities by Charles Dickens - May 10
DBC17162 The Sojourner by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings - May 24

Memory Partners in Waynesboro, May 11 at 10 - 11:30 at Rosenwald Community Center
A safe space for caregivers and people living with dementia to attend together. There will be social time with other care partners, optional games, activities and refreshments, and Tai Chi for Memory exercise. For more information check out Valley Program for Aging Services www.vpas.info or call 540-949-7141

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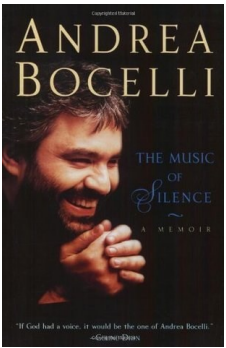
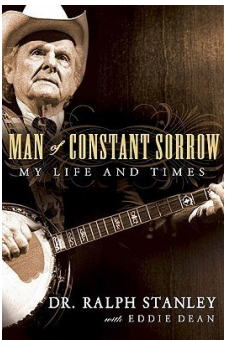
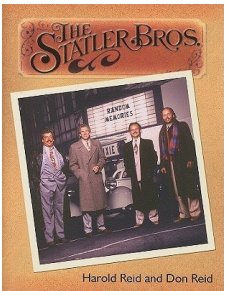
That All May Read!



May 2023
Talking Book Center : Staunton, Virginia
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Musical May: Biographies and Music Appreciation:

- DB72430 The Statler Brothers: Random Memories by Harold Reid and Don Reid
- DB71760 Man Of Constant Sorrow: My Life And Times by Ralph Stanley
- DB38120 The Way I Was by Marvin Hamlisch
- DB111649 Chuck Berry: An American Life by RJ Smith
- DB105668 Sheeran: A Biography by Sean Smith
- DB87113 Just Getting Started by Tony Bennett
- DB90681 Unmasked by Andrew Lloyd Webber
- DB76011 The Music Of Silence: A Memoir by Andrea Bocelli
- DB106260 Dancing With Demons: The Authorized Biography Of Dusty Springfield by Penny Valentine and Vicky Wickham
- DB110417 Who By Fire: War, Atonement, And The Resurrection Of Leonard Cohen by Matti Friedman
- DB21782 Roy Acuff's Nashville: The Life And Good Times Of Country Music by Roy Acuff with William Neely
- DB33377 What To Listen For In Music by Aaron Copland
- DB58609 Spreadin' Rhythm Around: Black Popular Songwriters, 1880-1930 by David A. Jasen and Gene Jones
- DB80857 The B Side: The Death Of Tin Pan Alley And The Rebirth Of The Great American Song by Ben Yagoda
- DB84175 Hamilton: The Revolution by Lin-Manuel Miranda and Jeremy McCarter



Patron Recommendations:
DB107538 Lessons In Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus (historical fiction)
In the early 1960s, chemist Elizabeth Zott has a lot of challenges as the only woman on her team at Hastings Research Institute. She falls for colleague Calvin Evans, but the double standards of the day eventually have her looking for a new chapter outside academia, hosting a television cooking show. Unrated. 2022.

DB111228 Maus: A Survivor’s Tale by Art Spiegelman (biography)
A brutally moving work of art, Maus recounts the chilling experiences of the author’s father during the Holocaust, with Jews drawn as wide-eyed mice and Nazis as menacing cats. Although the print edition is a graphic novel, this audiobook seamlessly describes the images while narrating the text. Violence and some strong language.

New and Popular Books on BARD:

DB111556 Going Rogue: Rise And Shine Twenty-Nine; Stephanie Plum 29 by Janet Evanovich (mystery)

DB110155 Fairy Tale by Stephen King (supernatural)

DB110138 Overkill by Sandra Brown (romantic suspense)

DB112171 Without A Trace by Danielle Steel (romance)

DB111400 The Perfect Assassin; Doc Savage Thriller 01 by James Patterson (suspense)

DB109625 Rising Tiger; Scott Harvath 21 by Brad Thor (suspense)

DB111083 Tidewater Inn; Hope Beach 01 by Colleen Coble (religious suspense)

DB111478 Rosemary Cottage; Hope Beach 02 by Colleen Coble (religious suspense)

DB111306 Wild Horses; Sadie’s Montana 01 by Linda Byler (religious fiction)

DB111929 The Fall Of Númenor: And Other Tales From The Second Age Of Middle-Earth by J.R.R. Tolkien (fantasy)

Nonfiction Biographies:

DB111652 Elizabeth Taylor: The Grit & Glamour Of An Icon by Kate Anderson Brower

DB110152 I’m Glad My Mom Died by Jennette McCurdy

DB111121 The Last Kamikaze: The Story Of Admiral Matome Ugaki by Edwin Hoyt

DB112017 Spare by Prince Harry

DB111232 My Travels With Mrs. Kennedy by Clint Hill and Lisa McCubbin

DB111274 The Queen: Her Life by Andrew Morton



Global Reading: Mexico

DB63158 Itinerary: An Intellectual Journey by Octavio Paz
Autobiographical essays on politics and history are influenced by such twentieth-century events as the Mexican and Cuban revolutions.
1990 Nobel laureate in Literature

DB48624 Pedro Páramo by Juan Rulfo (general fiction)
When his mother dies, Juan Preciado sets off to find his father, Pedro Pramo. In the town of Comala, built on the tyranny of the Pramo family, Juan learns his father is dead. In fact, the town seems populated by tormented spirits of the deceased. 1955

DB32879 The Old Gringo by Carlos Fuentes (historical fiction)
The old gringo is an embittered American journalist who has made an abrupt break with his past and is riding into Mexico to join Pancho Villa's revolutionary army. Clues suggest that if this man were ever named he would prove to be Ambrose Bierce, who vanished into Mexico in 1913.

DB54598 Swift As Desire by Laura Esquivel (romance)
As her father, Júbilo, lies on his deathbed, Lluvia tries to unravel the secret behind his estrangement from her mother, Lucha. This is the tale of Júbilo's career as a telegraph operator in Mexico and his gift for communication with all except his wife.

DB84395 The Story Of My Teeth by Valeria Luiselli (contemporary)
Mexico City resident "Highway" is a collector. He began as a security guard and rose to be a auctioneer, but his passion is collecting teeth.

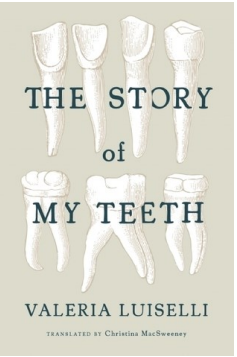
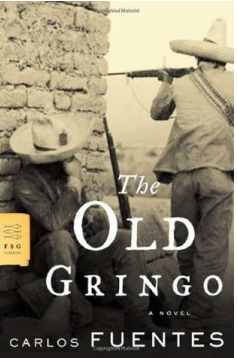
DB64550 The Guardians by Ana Castillo (mystery)
Regina is raising her teenage nephew Gabo on the American side of the Mexican border. When Gabo's father vanishes one day crossing over to visit, Regina enlists help to find her missing brother.

DB100713 Signs Preceding The End Of The World by Yuri Herrera (fiction)
Leaving behind her life in Mexico to search for her brother, Makina is smuggled across the border into the USA carrying a pair of secret messages--one from her mother and one from the Mexican underworld.

DB72427 The Mexico Reader: History, Culture, Politics edited by Gilbert M. Joseph
Selections of wide-ranging materials, including essays, memoirs, histories, and poetry, that explore ideas about Mexican identity.

DB34427 Mexico: A History by Robert Ryal Miller (nonfiction, history)

DB108967 Treasurers Of The Mexican Table: Classic Recipes, Local Secrets by Pati Jinich (cooking)



Gothic Fiction:

Genre of literature that combines elements of both horror and romance, the effect of which feeds on a pleasing sort of terror! Grand decaying architecture, ghosts, and an eerie atmosphere.

DB25178 Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë
This classic English novel, set in the wild moor country of Yorkshire, is about Heathcliff, a foundling raised in the Earnshaw home, who passionately loves Catherine. He dedicates his life to the realization of that love and revenge on those who oppose him. 1847

DB56794 The Picture Of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde
A beautiful youth has his portrait painted by an artist with a flair for the morbid. The portrait becomes the mirror of its innocent-appearing subject's inner life. 1890

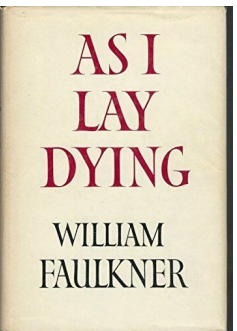
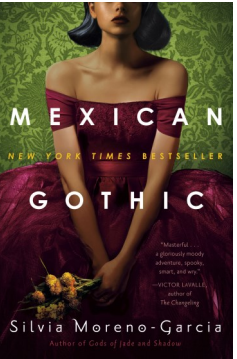
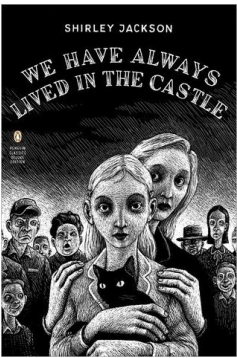
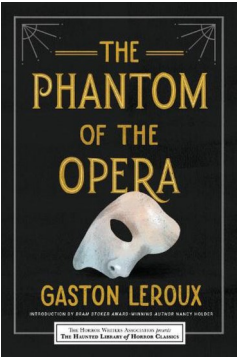
DB27821 The Phantom Of The Opera by Gaston Leroux
The story of a demented musician hiding in the labyrinth of the Paris Opera House. Known as the Phantom of the Opera, the creature masterminds a series of mysterious and terrifying events to further the career of a beautiful young singer. 1909

DB26614 We Have Always Lived In The Castle by Shirley Jackson
A frightening story, narrated by a childlike girl of eighteen, who lives with her senile uncle and older sister Constance, who was acquitted of the poisoning of the rest of the family. The younger sister convinces Constance to escape from the cruel curiosity of the townspeople by locking themselves in their house. 1962

DB99404 Mexican Gothic by Silvia Moreno-Garcia
Mexico City, 1950. After receiving a frantic letter from her newly-wed cousin begging for someone to save her from a mysterious doom, Noemí Taboada heads to High Place, a distant house in the Mexican countryside. The home and its owners seem to have a dark past. 2020

DB49008 As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner
The Bundrens, poor whites in Mississippi, face numerous obstacles as they trek across the countryside to deliver their mother's body for burial in her home town. 1930

DB16603 Three Gothic Novels:
Castle Of Otranto by Horace Walpole (1764)
Vathek by William Beckford (1782)
The Vampyre by John William Polidori (1819)



Very Short Introduction: Dewey Decimal 200: Religion, Part 2

270: History of Christianity

DB87170 Reformation by Peter Marshall; religious turbulence in 16th century Europe
DB86533 Pentecostalism by William K Kay; historical origins, theological foundations
DB86157 Martyrdom by Jolyon P Mitchell; examines martyrdom throughout history

280: Christian Denominations

DB85841 Catholicism by Gerald O'Collins; recounts the history of the Catholic Church
DB85579 Anglicanism by Mark Chapman; explains Church of England & Anglicanism
DB86405 Martin Luther by Scott Hendrix; recaps the life of Martin Luther (1483-1546)
DB86166 Mormonism by Richard Bushman; examines the faith's roots and doctrines
DB85691 Book of Mormon by Terryl Givens; literature professor analysis

290: Other Religions

DB86459 Classical Mythology by Helen Morales; stories of ancient Greeks & Romans
DB59971 Buddhism by Damien Keown; concise guide to Buddhism as a religion
DB86093 Buddhist Ethics by Damien Keown; consideration for modern dilemmas
DB85620 Buddha by Michael Carrithers; describes the life and times of the Buddha
DB87180 Tibetan Buddhism by Matthew Kapstein; history, teachings, and practice
DB86497 Hinduism by Kim Knott; explores India's complex religious culture
DB86796 Sikhism by Eleanor Nesbitt; ethnographic survey of the monotheistic religion
DB59749 Judaism by Norman Solomon; concise explanation of Jewish teachings
DB85630 Dead Sea Scrolls by Timothy Lim; impact on understanding of Judaism
DB86396 Kabbalah by Joseph Dan; discusses roots in medieval Jewish texts
DB86149 Islam by Malise Ruthven; overview of Islam as a faith and cultural identity
DB86133 Islamic History by Adam Silverstein; explores Islam's rise and development
DB86151 Koran by Michael Cook; examines scripture sacred to followers of Islam
DB86146 Muhammad by Jonathan Brown; explores aspects of Muhammad's life
DB86530 Paganism by Owen Davies; explores the changing meaning of paganism
DB85670 Druids by Barry Cunliffe; discusses Druid religious and burial practices
DB85584 African Religions by Jacob Olupona; the role of religion in African culture

Talking Book Topics: Historical Fiction:

DB109352 *The Girls With No Names* by Serena Burdick
Growing up in New York City in the 1910s, Luella and Effie Tildon realize that even as wealthy young women, their freedoms come with limits. But when the sisters discover a secret about their father, Luella becomes emboldened to do as she pleases, and one morning Luella is mysteriously gone. Effie suspects her father has sent Luella to the House of Mercy and hatches a plan to get herself committed to save her sister. But she made a miscalculation, and with no one to believe her story, Effie's own escape seems impossible—unless she can trust an enigmatic girl named Mable. As their fates entwine, Mable and Effie must rely on their tenuous friendship to survive. Unrated. 2020.

DB109465 *Girls of Flight City: Inspired by True Events, a Novel of WWII, the Royal Air Force, and Texas* by Lorraine Heath
1941. A talented flier, Jessie yearns for a career in aviation. When the civilian flight school in her small Texas town begins to train British pilots for the RAF, she fights to become an instructor. Faced with the weight of her responsibilities, she finds solace with a British officer who knows the price of war. Rhonda might not be skilled in the air but can give a trainee a wild ride in a flight simulator, daring to jeopardize everything for a forbidden relationship with a charismatic airman. Innocent and fun-loving Kitty adores dancing with these charming newcomers, realizing too late the risks they pose to her heart. As the war intensifies and America becomes involved, the Girls of Flight City do their part to bring a victorious end to the conflict, pouring all their energy into preparing the young cadets to take to the skies and defeat the dangers that await. Unrated. 2022.

DB109301 *Pure* by Andrew Miller
Deep in the heart of Paris, its oldest cemetery is, by 1785, overflowing, tainting the very breath of those who live nearby. Into their midst comes Jean-Baptiste Baratte, a young, provincial engineer charged by the king with demolishing it. At first Baratte sees this as a chance to clear the burden of history, a fitting task for a modern man of reason. But before long, he begins to suspect that the destruction of the cemetery might be a prelude to his own. Unrated. 2012.

DB109357 *The Saints of Swallow Hill* by Donna Everhart
During the Great Depression, labor camps crop up in remote areas throughout the American South. Destitute workers live under terrible conditions. This much is true for three individuals whose lives intersect in the deep woods of Georgia at the Swallow Hill turpentine camp in 1932. The camp is ruled by a sadistic boss and the greedy commissary owner. But she will have to come to terms with her past before she can open herself to a new life and seize the chance to begin again. Unrated. 2022.

Talking Book Topics: Adventure:

DB108925 *High Citadel* by Desmond Bagley
Action thriller set in the South American Andes. When Tim O'Hara's plane is hijacked and forced to crash land in the middle of the Andes, his troubles are only beginning. A heavily armed group of communist soldiers intent on killing one of his passengers—an influential political figure—have orders to leave no survivors. Isolated in the biting cold, O'Hara's party must fight for their lives with only the most primitive weapons. Unrated. 1965.

DB100916 *The Five Greatest Warriors; Jack West Jr. 03* by Matthew Reilly
Jack's team- racing to rebuild the final pieces of the fabled Machine- discover an ancient inscription containing a rhyme about five mysterious warriors, whose knowledge will be vital to unlocking the secrets of the Machine and its long-lost pillars. Unrated. 2009.

DB110098 *Portrait of an Unknown Woman; Gabriel Allon 22* by Daniel Silva
Legendary spy and art restorer Gabriel Allon has at long last severed ties with Israeli intelligence and settled quietly in Venice, the only place where he has ever truly known peace. But when he is asked to investigate the circumstances surrounding the rediscovery and lucrative sale of a centuries-old painting, he is drawn into a deadly game of cat and mouse where nothing is as it seems. Unrated. 2022.

Dr. Charles Stanley passed away recently at the age of 90. He was born in Dry Fork, Virginia and was a faith leader and TV pastor.
DB39962 How To Listen To God
DB39969 The Source Of My Strength
DB41006 The Wonderful Spirit-Filled Life
DB62394 A Gift Of Love: Reflections For The Tender Heart



Judith Heumann passed away in March. After being paralyzed from polio as a child she advocated tirelessly for disability rights, organized the 504 sit-in in 1977, and helped to create the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990. She was known as the "Mother of the Disability Rights Movement".



DB100399 *Being Heumann: An Unrepentant Memoir Of A Disability Rights Activist*
DB105457 *Rolling Warrior: The Incredible, Sometimes Awkward, True Story Of A Rebel Girl On Wheels Who Helped Spark A Revolution*

Harry Belafonte, singer and activist, passed away at the age of 96. Known for songs like “Matilda” and “The Banana Boat Song”, Belafonte also acted in movies and advocated for civil rights in the 1950s and 1960s.

DB99854 *My Song: A Memoir* by Harry Belafonte

