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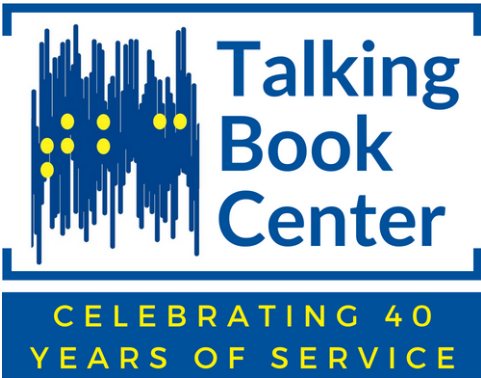
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Upcoming Events At Local Public Libraries:

Geri-Fit: Exercise for Older Adults will be held every Wednesdays at 11:00 am. This class is designed exclusively for older adults and doesn't require lying on the ground. Most exercises are done sitting or standing while watching the large screen for instruction. Bring a set of light weights and a bottle of water. Staunton Public Library.



A Little Lunch Music is an hour-long casual concert held monthly, every first Thursday at noon. December 7th will feature local musicians Caravanserai. Pizza is provided at this free event. Staunton Public Library.

Sandra Day O'Connor, politician and first woman to serve on the Supreme Court, passed away at the age of 96:

- DB56444 The Majesty Of The Law: Reflections Of A Supreme Court Justice
- DB76471 Out Of Order: Stories From The History Of The Supreme Court
- DB53655 Lazy B: Growing Up On A Cattle Ranch In The American Southwest

Henry Kissinger, American politician, diplomat, geopolitical consultant, and former United States Secretary of State, passed away at the age of 100. His legacy is a polarizing subject in American politics:

- DB14835 White House Years by Henry Kissinger
- DB109451 Leadership: Six Studies In World Strategy by Henry Kissinger
- DB53026 Does America Need A Foreign Policy?: Towards A Diplomacy For The 21st Century by Henry Kissinger
- DB88616 Kissinger's Shadow: The Long Reach Of America's Most Controversial Statesman by Greg Grandin
- DB54727 No Peace, No Honor : Nixon, Kissinger, And Betrayal In Vietnam by Larry Berman
- DBC07131 The Trial Of Henry Kissinger by Christopher Hitchens

Patron Recommendations:

DB112361 Agent Josephine: American Beauty, French Hero, British Spy by Damien Lewis (biography)

Prior to World War II, Josephine Baker was a music hall diva renowned for her singing and dancing. She was the most highly-paid female performer in Europe. When the Nazis seized her adopted city, Paris, she was banned from the stage. Instead of returning to America, she vowed to stay and to fight. Overnight she went from performer to Resistance spy. She became a hero of the three countries in whose name she served: the US, the nation of her birth; France, the land that embraced her during her adult career; and Britain, the country from which she took her orders. 2023.

DB82175 The Wright Brothers by David McCullough (biography)

Details the lives of brothers Wilbur and Orville Wright and their development of the first working airplane. Describes their early lives in Dayton, Ohio, work on airplanes, and the influence of their sister Katharine. Bestseller. 2015.

New and Popular Books on BARD:

DB112101 Rare Danger by Beverly Jenkins (romance, explicit content)

DB116107 Zero Days by Ruth Ware (psychological fiction)

DB116279 Central Park West by James Comey (suspense fiction)

DB116365 Payback In Death; Eve Dallas 57 by J.D. Robb (suspense)

DB114681 Father Goose by Jodi Thomas (romance)

DB115978 Everyone Here Is Lying by Shari Lapena (psychological mystery)

DB112397 Quantum; Captain Chase 01 by Patricia Cornwell (astronaut mystery)

DB116211 To Capture What We Cannot Keep by Beatrice Colin (historical romance)

DB116096 An Unorthodox Match by Naomi Ragen (Jewish romance fiction)

DB116237 Breaking New Ground; Amish Legacy 03 by Amy Clipston (religious romance)

DB116214 Life On Delay: Making Peace With A Stutter by John Hendrickson (biography)

DB108309 Selma’s Bloody Sunday: Protest, Voting Rights, And The Struggle For Racial Equality by Robert A Pratt (history)

DB111114 The Neuroscience Of You: How Every Brain Is Different And How To Understand Yours by Chantel Prat (health, science)

DB116250 He Chose The Nails by Max Lucado (inspirational)

DB116137 You Are Never Alone: Trust In The Miracle Of God's Presence And Power by Max Lucado (inspirational)



Global Reading: Chile

DB90638 The Essential Neruda, Selected Poems by Pablo Neruda

Fifty poems spanning the breadth of his style, themes, and periods. Collaborative effort of scholars, translators, and poets includes selections from published works from 1924 to 1964 and posthumously. (1971 Nobel laureate in Literature) Spanish/English. 2004.

DBC01364 Distant Star by Roberto Bolaño (political fiction)

Novel follows Alberto Ruiz-Tagle, during the Pinochet regime as he exploits the 1973 coup to launch his own version of the New Chilean Poetry. Contains violence. 1996.

DB43371 Konfidenz by Ariel Dorfman (political fiction)

A woman comes to Paris to aid her imperiled lover. Immediately, the telephone rings and she is swept into an alarming relationship with the mysterious voice of a man who seems to know everything about her, even intimate details. Gradually there comes a startling revelation. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1994.

DB103123 Seeing Red by Lina Meruane (medical fiction)

Lucina, a Chilean writer in New York, is at a party. As her doctors had warned, her eyes hemorrhage. Within minutes, blood floods her vision, rendering her nearly blind. She and her loved ones adjust to a different life. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 2016.

DB21030 A House In The Country by José Donoso (magical realism, fiction)

The Ventura family fritters away the summer as oppressed natives work the family's gold mines and cannibals reportedly roam the countryside. When the adults leave for a day, the children erupt into rebellion, tearing down the fence that surrounds the estate and joining the natives in an orgy of destruction. Some strong language and violence. 1978.

DB28253 Chile: Death In The South by Jacobo Timerman (history, government)

A report on life in Chile under the dictator Pinochet. Includes the testimony of someone who has suffered under the military government. The author strongly opposes what he sees as the most vicious dictatorship in Latin America. 1987.

DB103366 The Soul Of A Woman by Isabel Allende (biography of author)

Author reflects on feminism and what it means to be a woman. Recounts experiences of 1960s feminism, the trajectory of her career, the ups and downs of her love life, and what she values as a woman. 2021.

DB62886 Chile by David Schaffer (nonfiction geography/history)

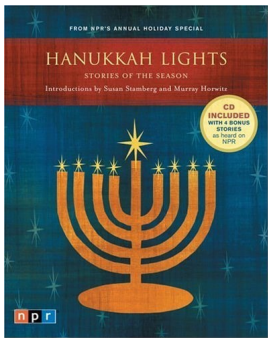
Describes the geography, culture, history, and people of Chile. 2005

DB66640 Aku-Aku: The Secret Of Easter Island by Thor Heyerdahl (travel)

DB78641 Story Of A Death Foretold: The Coup Against Salvador Allende, September 11, 1973 by Oscar Guardiola-Rivera (nonfiction, history, politics)



- DB79039 Your Guide To The Jewish Holidays: From Shofar To Seder by Matt Axelrod
- DB76118 Jewish Festivals: A Guide To Their History And Observance by Hayyim Schauss
- DB81412 Hanukkah In America: A History by Dianne Ashton
- DB62028 Hanukkah Lights: Stories Of The Season: From NPR's Annual Holiday Special
- DBG05068 Joan Nathan's Jewish Holiday Cookbook by Joan Nathan
- DB34528 Kwanzaa: An African-American Celebration Of Culture And Cooking by Eric V. Copage
- DB90818 Diwali: Festival Of Lights by Rina Singh



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- Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter passed away after receiving hospice care:
- DB20829 First Lady From Plains by Rosalynn Carter (autobiography)
 - DB39973 Helping Yourself Help Others: A Book For Caregivers by Rosalyn Carter
 - DB109484 Death Is But A Dream: Finding Hope And Meaning At Life's End by Dr. Christopher Kerr
 - DB47351 On Death And Dying by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross
 - DB102128 Preparing For A Better End: Expert Lessons On Death And Dying, For You And Your Loved Ones by Dan Morhaim
 - DB101512 What Does It Feel Like To Die?: Inspiring New Insights Into The Experience Of Dying by Jennie Dear
 - DBC03077 What Really Matters: 7 Lessons For Living From The Stories Of The Dying by Karen Wyatt



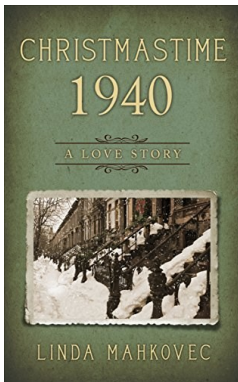
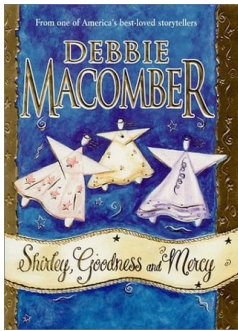
Did you know... hospice is not a place to go to or stay, but rather a method of care brought to a patient’s home by a compassionate team of qualified professionals. Hospice is provided by a team of professionals who work in collaboration with the patient’s physician to care for the physical, psychosocial, spiritual and bereavement needs of our patients and families. Health insurance pays for expenses, and some programs offer financial assistance for those who may be uninsured. For more information, you can contact Augusta Health Hospice of the Shenandoah at 540-332-4909 or ConnectionsPlus Healthcare & Hospice (Bath and Rockbridge counties) at 540-463-1848

Very Short Introduction: Dewey Decimal 500: Science

- DB85660 Chemistry by P.W. Atkins; for medicine, pleasure, and civilization in general
- DB86537 Physical Chemistry by P.W. Atkins; structure of atoms, states of matter
- DB86145 Molecules by Philip Ball; the smallest units of meaning in chemistry
- DB86476 Isotopes by Rob Ellam; elements with same atomic number, different mass
- DB86082 Elements by Philip Ball; periodic table's origins, practical uses of elements
- DB86534 Periodic Table by Eric Scerri; development and importance in chemistry
- DB85623 Crystallography by A.M. Glazer; atomic structure and properties of crystals
- DB86163 Minerals by David Vaughan; physical and chemical properties of minerals
- DB85671 Earth by Martin Redfern; our planet's systems, geologic movements
- DB85704 Earth System Science by Tim Lenton; planet regulates itself and sustains life
- DB86509 Plate Tectonics by Peter Molnar; history of plate tectonics theory from 1912
- DB86432 Landscapes And Geomorphology by Andrew Goudie; Earth’s surface
- DB87174 Rivers by Nick Middleton; importance of rivers in human history and culture
- DB85844 Climate by Mark Maslin; atmosphere, plate tectonics, the greenhouse effect
- DB87187 Water by J.L. Finney; molecules, states of matter, chemical properties
- DB85679 Fossils by Keith Stewart Thomson; understanding Earth’s past with bones
- DB87329 History Of Life by M.J. Benton; origins and evolution of life on Earth
- DB86081 Dinosaurs by David Norman; discoveries and developments from fossils
- DB85659 The Cell by Terence Allen; structure and characteristics of cells
- DB86493 Genes by J.M.W. Slack; structure of DNA, genome sequencing, mutations
- DB85677 Eye by Michael Land; how vision works, the eye's parts, vision loss
- DB86466 Evolution by Brian Charlesworth; adaptation, natural selection, species
- DB85667 Darwin by Jonathan Howard; overview of Charles Darwin's life
- DB86091 Astrobiology by David Catling; the origin and evolution of life on Earth
- DB86383 Forests by Jaboury Ghazoul; deforestation, climatic disturbances, fire
- DB85631 Deserts by Nick Middleton; sand dunes and mirages, climate and animals
- DB86437 Marine Biology by Philip Mladenov; variety of life in the world's oceans
- DB85698 Coral Reefs by Charles Sheppard; symbiosis with other animals and plants
- DB86161 Microbiology by Nicholas Money; study of the smallest forms of life
- DB85657 Bacteria by Sebastian Amyes; origins, evolution, and discovery of bacteria
- DB86492 Fungi by Nicholas Money; medicinal, culinary, and biotech uses of fungi
- DB86539 Plants by Timothy Walker; the nature of plants and their diversity
- DB85587 Animal Kingdom by Peter Holland; evolution and development, classification
- DB85647 Human Evolution by Bernard Wood; fossils to apes to modern humans

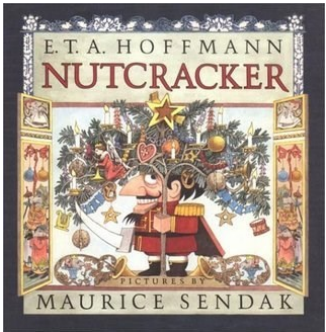
Series:

- ♦ Angels Everywhere by Debbie Macomber, books 1-7 (religious fiction) Three willing but wacky Christmas angels, Shirley, Goodness and Mercy, must answer a Yuletide prayer request--to teach one young woman a memorable lesson about life and love.
- ♦ Christmastime by Linda Mahkovec, books 1-6 (historical fiction) Brooklyn, 1939. Lillian wants to give her sons a happy Christmas but everything is overshadowed by the war in Europe. Can she rekindle her love for the season?
- ♦ Christmas Hope Series by Donna VanLiere, books 1-10 (religious fic.) Cherished bestselling novels, they are inspirational stories about hope existing in the darkest places, teaching us that love is always the greatest gift of all.



Mysteries:

- DB44355 Hercule Poirot's Christmas by Agatha Christie
- DB50600 A Highland Christmas; Hamish McBeth 15.5 by M.C. Beaton
- DB55055 Visions Of Sugar Plums; Stephanie Plum 8.5 by Janet Evanovich
- DB96863 The 19th Christmas; Women's Murder Club 19 by James Patterson
- DB114686 Christmas Sweets by Joanne Fluke, Laura Levine, Leslie Meier
- DB85822 The Twelve Dogs Of Christmas; Andy Carpenter 15 by David Rosenfelt
- DB110867 Premeditated Peppermint; Amish Candy Shop 03 by Amanda Flowers
- DB114651 That Silent Night; Lady Emily 10.5 by Tasha Alexander

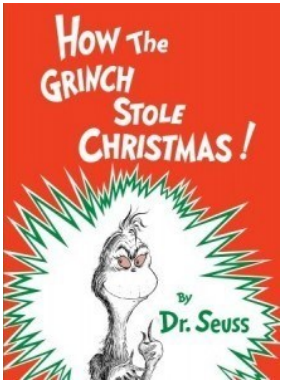


Classics:

- DB43546 A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
- DB63808 Letters From Father Christmas by J.R.R. Tolkien
- DB22240 Nutcracker by E.T.A. Hoffmann (1816 story, basis for the classical ballet)

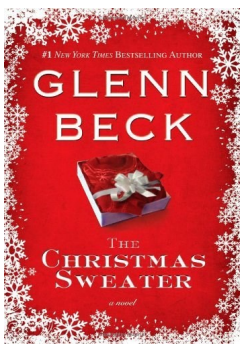
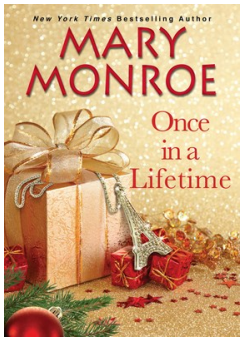
Juvenile:

- DB23625 The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg
- DB41681 The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams Bianco
- DB38118 The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson
- DB97854 The Night Before Christmas by Clement Clarke Moore
- DB47536 How The Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss
- DBC00487 Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Classic Story (based on the original television classic from 1964)



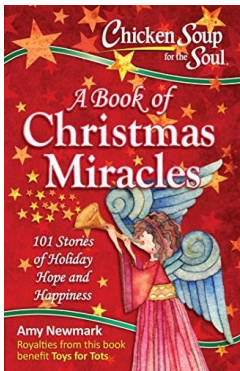
Romances, Humor, and Inspirational Fiction:

- DB104047 A Christmas Message by Debbie Macomber (romance)
- DB101089 In A Holiday by Christina Lauren (romance, unrated)
- DB105564 Once In A Lifetime by Mary Monroe (romance, unrated)
- DB92672 One Day In December by Josie Silver (romance)
- DB55045 The Christmas Train by David Baldacci (romance)
- DB68511 The Christmas Sweater by Glenn Beck (inspirational)
- DB30913 A Christmas Memory by Truman Capote (short story)
- DB52929 Skipping Christmas by John Grisham (humor fiction)
- DB58836 A Redbird Christmas by Fannie Flagg (humor fiction)
- DB79830 Winter Street; Winter 01 by Elin Hilderbrand (domestic fiction)



Nonfiction:

- DB55984 Christmas! Traditions, Celebrations, And Food Across Europe
- DB89914 Chicken Soup For The Soul: A Book Of Christmas Miracles
- DB72371 Chicken Soup For The Soul: Christmas Cheer; Stories About The Love, Inspiration, And Joy Of Christmas
- DB69899 Simple Christmas: Twelve Stories That Celebrate The True Holiday Spirit by Mike Huckabee
- DB67520 Purpose Of Christmas by Rick Warren
- DB77903 The Greatest Gift: Unwrapping The Full Love Story Of Christmas by Ann Voskamp
- DB115581 Why The Nativity?: 25 Compelling Reasons We Celebrate The Birth Of Jesus by David Jeremiah
- DB57538 Christmas At The New Yorker: Stories, Poems, Humor and Art
- DB106141 All American Christmas by Rachel Campos-Duffy and Sean Duffy



Religious Fiction:

- DB107225 A Christmas Courtship; Berlin Bookmobile 03 by Shelley Shepard Gray
- DBC24482 An Amish Christmas Star (three novellas) by Charlotte Hubbard, Rosalind Lauer, Shelley Shepard Gray
- DB97253 An Amish Christmas Bakery (four novellas) by Amy Clipston, Beth Wiseman, Kathleen Fuller, Kelly Irvin
- DBG07002 White Christmas Pie by Wanda Brunstetter
- DB113210 The Christmas Visitor by Linda Byler
- DBC26509 Christmas At Rose Hill Farm; Stoney Ridge 04 by Suzanne Woods Fisher

