

Upcoming Events At Local Public Libraries:

No Pressure Book Club; Augusta County Library, Fishersville
January 18 6:00-7:00pm, An open monthly book club on the third
Thursday of every month. Books will not be assigned, participants are
encouraged to discuss and share whatever books they are currently reading.

Basic Home Improvements Workshop; Augusta County Library, Fishersville
January 23, 5:30-6:30, Join Renewing Homes of Greater Augusta for a hands-on work-
shop covering basic home improvement! To learn more, visit www.renewinghomes.org

Books & Brews Book Club; Brew Ridge Taps, 11 East Nelson Street, Lexington
January 9, 3:00-4:00pm, Discussion of Seeing Without Eyes: One Man’s Journey Out Of
Darkness by Joe Koury. Author, Joe Koury will be leading the discussion! DB105487

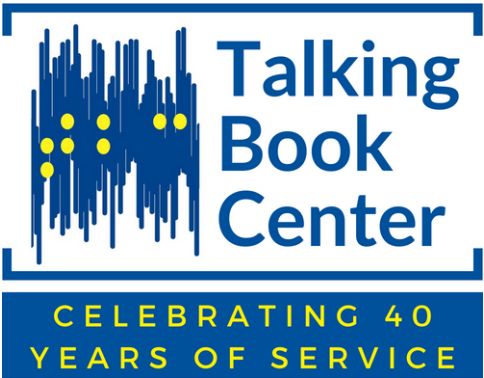
Blue Ridge Readers Book Club; Rockbridge Regional Library, Lexington
January 30, 4:00-5:00pm, Discussion of The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah DB102287

Afternoon Classics Book Club; Staunton Public Library
January 24, 1:30-3:00pm, Discussion of A Hero Of Our Time by Mihail Lermontov
DB14455, Published in 1839, it is considered the first major prose novel in Russian
literature. An intriguing rascal of a hero, Pechorin, who lacks principle and conscience.
Bandits, adventures, beautiful ladies, and wicked comrades abound.

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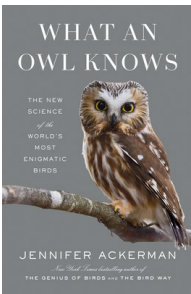
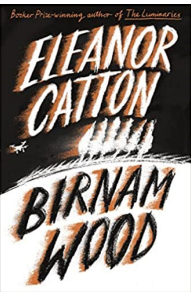
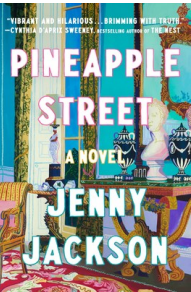
Best titles of the year as chosen by publications such as Time Magazine,
The New York Times, The Washington Post, and more:

Fiction:

- DB112519 Victory City: A Novel by Salman Rushdie (fantasy fiction)
- DB113575 Pineapple Street: A Novel by Jenny Jackson (family)
- DB115924 Birnam Wood by Eleanor Catton (psychological fiction)
- DB116360 Happiness Falls by Angie Kim (mystery)
- DB115398 Crook Manifesto by Colson Whitehead (mystery)
- DB114930 Yellowface by R.F. Kuang (general fiction)
- DB114718 Lone Women by Victor LaValle (supernatural suspense)
- DB115900 Our Share Of Night by Mariana Enríquez (supernatural fantasy)
- DB113970 After Sappho by Selby Wynn Schwartz (LGBTQ+, historical fict.)

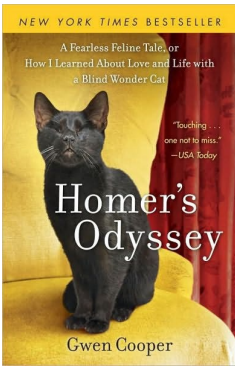
Nonfiction:

- DB115140 Pageboy: A Memoir by Elliot Page (LGBTQ+, autobiography)
- DB114934 Ordinary Notes by Christina Sharpe (race relations, essays)
- DB116470 What An Owl Knows: The New Science Of The World's
Most Enigmatic Birds by Jennifer Ackerman (science)
- DB116438 Battle Of Ink And Ice: A Sensational Story Of News Barons,
North Pole Explorers, And The Making Of Modern Media
by Darrell Hartman (history)
- DB115189 King: A Life by Jonathan Eig (biog. of Martin Luther King Jr.)
- DB113632 Humanly Possible: Seven Hundred Years Of Humanist
Freethinking, Inquiry, And Hope by Sarah Bakewell (philosophy)



Patron Recommendations:

DB69557 Homer's Odyssey: A Fearless Feline Tale, Or How I Learned About Love And Life With A Blind Wonder Cat by Gwen Cooper
Author describes adopting Homer, a small abandoned kitten whose infected eyes were surgically removed. Details the adventures of spunky, active Homer over the next dozen years--living with two other cats in New York apartments, surviving 9/11, and endearing himself to everyone he met including (eventually) the author's future husband. 2009



DB106486 Homer: The Ninth Life Of A Blind Wonder Cat by Gwen Cooper
In this follow-up to Homer's Odyssey, the author shares further stories of living with her blind rescue cat, Homer. She writes of the sudden fame Homer garnered after her first book's publication, and the attention it drew for special-needs animals. 2015.

New and Popular Books on BARD:

DB112081 The Penguin Book Of Gaslight Crime: Con Artists, Burglars, Rogues, And Scoundrels From The Time Of Sherlock Holmes (mystery)

DB116784 Second Act by Danielle Steel (romance)

DB116581 Canary Girls by Jennifer Chiaverini (historical fiction)

DB116349 The Armor Of Light by Ken Follett (historical fiction)

DB116363 Hot To Trot; Agatha Raisin 31 by M. C. Beaton (mystery)

DB116354 The River We Remember by William Kent Krueger (historical mystery)

DB116600 Holly; Holly Gibney 03 by Stephen King (supernatural suspense)

DB111598 Secrets Of My Heart by Tracie Peterson (historical religious fiction)

DB116410 The Exchange: After The Firm by John Grisham (legal fiction)

DB116897 The Secret; Jack Reacher 28 by Lee Child (suspense)

DB116345 None Of This Is True by Lisa Jewell (mystery, suspense)

DB116419 Tom Clancy: Weapons Grade; Jack Ryan Jr. 11 by Don Bentley (spy fiction)

DB116800 Blessed In The Mess: How To Experience God's Goodness In The Midst Of Life's Pain by Joyce Meyer (inspirational)

DB116550 You Were Made For This Moment: Courage For Today And Hope For Tomorrow by Max Lucado (inspirational)

DB116785 Making It So by Patrick Stewart (autobiography)

DB116913 The Social Transformation Of American Medicine: The Rise Of A Sovereign Profession And The Making Of A Vast Industry by Paul Starr (health, 1982)



Global Reading: Australia

DB15128 The Tree Of Man by Patrick White (historical fiction)
At the turn of the century, a young Australian takes a wife and builds a homestead on the wild frontier. He prospers, rears a family, and faces fire, flood, and drought. (1973 Nobel Prize in literature) 1955.



DB106281 The Words In My Hands by Asphyxia (dystopian sci-fi)
Organicore, a company that produces perfectly balanced synthetic meals, replaces wild food. But sixteen-year-old Piper McBride, who is deaf, begins to wonder if natural food is as dangerous as Organicore's propaganda says. Senior high and older readers. 2020.

DB51148 The Thorn Birds by Colleen Mccullough (historical romance)
Saga of the Australian Cleary family set in a vast sheep station. Central characters are Meggie and the one man she loves--priest Ralph de Bricassart. (explicit content). 1977.

DB64617 March by Geraldine Brooks (historical fiction)
Reverend March, the husband and father from Louisa May Alcott's Little Women leaves Connecticut to become an army chaplain during the Civil War. An assignment to teach freed slaves on a plantation changes March's view of humanity while hardship hurts his family. Pulitzer Prize winner. 2005.

DB76319 Cocaine Blues; Phryne Fisher 01 by Kerry Greenwood (historical mystery)
Free-thinking Phryne Fisher leaves 1920s London for her native Australia to become a detective. Phryne soon finds herself embroiled in mysteries involving drug-smuggling, corrupt cops, communists, and a colonel's daughter suspected of being poisoned. 1989.

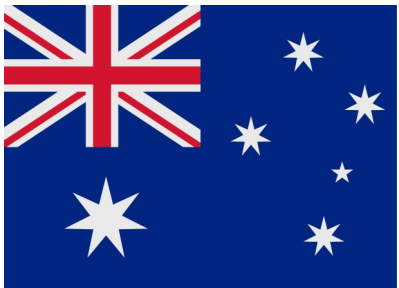
DB87199 The Natural Way Of Things by Charlotte Wood (dystopian)
In the remote Australian outback, ten young women are kidnapped and held captive after being involved in sex scandals with powerful men. They must depend on each other if they are ever to find the strength to survive. 2016.

DB79622 Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty (contemporary mystery)
New to town, Jane--single mother of kindergartener Ziggy--becomes friends with Celeste and Madeline, who each have children in Ziggy's class. But the women are harboring secrets that lead to a disastrous school trivia night ending in multiple injuries--and one death. 2014.

DB64158 A Commonwealth Of Thieves: The Improbable Birth Of Australia by Thomas Keneally (nonfiction, history)

DB91373 Dark Emu: Aboriginal Australia And The Birth Of Agriculture by Bruce Pascoe (nonfiction, history)

DB31133 The Road To Botany Bay: An Exploration Of Landscape And History by Paul Carter (nonfiction, history)



New Historical Fiction:

DB113840 Eyes Turned Skyward by Alena Dillon
Kathy is the primary caretaker of her ailing mother Peggy. Then a Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony invitation arrives, and she uncovers an unfathomable family secret: Peggy, wasn't just a wife and mother. She was a Women Airforce Service Pilot. Peggy had jumped at the opportunity to become a WASP, the first American females to fly military aircraft. She wore men's uniforms, sweated, studied, trained, and soared. She also danced, drank, played poker, and fell in love with adventure. Peggy is filled with regret as she confronts the end of her life, but Kathy is determined to make her last months count by securing Peggy long overdue recognition. Unrated. 2022.

DB113060 Dovetails In Tall Grass by Samantha Specks
As war overtakes the frontier, Emma's farmstead is attacked by Dakota-Sioux warriors; on that same prairie, Oenikika desperately tries to hold on to her calling as a healer and follow the orders of her father, Chief Little Crow. When the war is over and war trials begin, each young woman is faced with an impossible choice. In a swiftly changing world, both Emma and Oenikika must look deep within and fight for the truth of their convictions, even as horror and injustice unfolds all around them. Inspired by the true story of the thirty-eight Dakota-Sioux men hanged in Minnesota in 1862, the largest mass execution in US history. Some violence and some strong language. 2021.

DB113815 The Thread Collectors by Shaunna J. Edwards
1863: In a small Creole cottage in New Orleans, a young Black woman named Stella embroiders intricate maps on cloth to help enslaved men flee and join the Union Army. Meanwhile, in New York City, a Jewish woman stitches a quilt for her husband, who is stationed in Louisiana with the Union Army. When months go by without word from her husband, Lily resolves to make the perilous journey South to search for him. As these two women risk everything for love and freedom during the brutal Civil War, their paths converge in New Orleans, where an unexpected encounter leads them to discover that even the most delicate threads have the capacity to save us. Unrated. 2022.

DB109480 Hotel Portofino by J. P. O'Connell
Hotel Portofino has been open for only a few weeks, but already the problems are mounting for its owner Bella Ainsworth. Her high-class guests are demanding and hard to please. And she's being targeted by a scheming and corrupt local politician, who threatens to drag her into the red-hot cauldron of Mussolini's Italy. To make matters worse, her marriage is in trouble, and her children are still struggling to recover from the repercussions of the Great War. All eyes are on the arrival of a potential love match for her son Lucian, but events don't go to plan, which will have far-reaching consequences for the whole family. Unrated. 2022.

Very Short Introduction: Dewey Decimal 600: Technology

DB86446 History Of Medicine by W.F. Bynum; overview and history of healthcare
DB85686 Human Anatomy by Leslie Klenerman; basic structure of the human body
DB86391 Hormones by Martin Luck; explains what hormones are and what they do
DB85839 Brain by Michael O'Shea; complex nature of the brain and mental functions
DB87142 Sleep by Steven Lockley; a survey of the modern-day science of sleep
DB86423 Nutrition by David Bender; a concise guide to the principles of a healthy diet
DB86467 Forensic Psychology by David Canter; trying to understand criminal behavior
DB86487 Epidemiology by Rodolfo Saracci; monitor and control the spread of diseases
DB86538 Plague by Paul Slack; history of epidemics including Black Death of 1348
DB86389 HIV/AIDS by Alan Whiteside; how the virus works, response to the epidemic
DB86484 Drugs by Leslie Iversen; focus on pharmaceuticals, antibiotics, illegal drugs
DB86792 Stem Cells by J.M.W. Slack; focus on the science behind stem-cell research
DB86402 Madness by Andrew Scull; discusses the difficulty in defining mental illness
DB86797 Schizophrenia by Christopher Frith; progression of, treatments, history
DB86147 Infectious Disease by Marta Wayne; transmission and evolutionary process
DB87185 Viruses by Dorothy Crawford; unravels intricate structures of tiny parasites
DB85693 Cancer by Nicholas James; causes, diagnostic procedures, treatments
DB85577 Anesthesia by Aidan O'Donnell; discusses pain, side effects, risks, and uses
DB85589 Autism by Uta Frith; symptoms, awareness, changing criteria for diagnosis
DB85635 Engineering by D.I. Blockley; the making and using of tools to fulfill purposes
DB86438 Materials by Christopher Hall; useful matter of all sorts: gold, sand, nickel
DB85628 Civil Engineering by David Muir Wood; society's structural infrastructure
DB87145 Structural Engineering by D.I. Blockley; how resilient structures are built
DB86636 Robotics by Alan Winfield; function of robots from a technological perspective
DB85585 Agriculture by Paul Brassley; includes soils and crops, care of farm animals
DB85710 Food by John Krebs; scientific, historical, and cultural view on what we eat
DB85666 Cryptography by F.C. Piper; art and science of code-making and breaking
DB85553 Accounting by Christopher Nobes; the fundamentals of financial accounting
DB86156 Management by John Hendry; the practice and subject of management
DB85649 Advertising by Winston Fletcher; explains the goals of advertising and the ways it benefits society, roles of creative agencies, and importance of market research
DB86480 Corporate Social Responsibility by Jeremy Moon; explains the philosophy behind CSR, provides examples of it in practice, and describes international efforts to help companies manage their community impacts.

Golden Age Of Hollywood:

DB101087 Cary Grant: A Brilliant Disguise by Scott Eyman

DB28109 Spencer Tracy: Tragic Idol by Bill Davidson

DB52144 Robert Mitchum: “Baby, I Don’t Care” by Lee Server

DB54530 Clark Gable: A Biography by Warren G. Harris

DB28008 The Ragman’s Son: An Autobiography by Kirk Douglas

DB48426 Gary Cooper, American Hero by Jeffrey Meyers

DB 50531 Burt Lancaster: An American Life by Kate Buford

DB19069 Steps In Time by Fred Astaire

DB106981 Gene Kelly: The Making Of A Creative Legend by Earl Hess

DB47070 Cagney by John McCabe (James Cagney)

DBC13605 James Dean: Rebel With A Cause by Wes D. Gehring

DB78778 John Wayne: The Life And Legend by Scott Eyman

DB93496 Mr. S: My Life With Frank Sinatra by George Jacobs

DB60909 Dean And Me: A Love Story by Jerry Lewis (Dean Martin)

DB40533 Brando: Songs My Mother Taught Me by Marlon Brando

DB23923 Rock Hudson: His Story by Rock Hudson

DB30336 Citizen Welles: A Biography Of Orson Welles by Frank Brady

DB24558 The Moon’s Balloon: An Autobiography by David Niven

DB54226 Gregory Peck: A Biography by Gary Fishgall

DB17336 Fonda, My Life by Henry Fonda

DB46921 Bogart by A.M. Sperber (Humphrey Bogart)

DB27631 The Salad Days by Douglas Fairbanks

DB80002 Olivier by Philip Ziegler (Laurence Olivier)

DB08867 My Autobiography by Charlie Chaplin

DB29019 Richard Burton: A Life by Melvyn Bragg

DB68389 American Prince: A Memoir by Tony Curtis

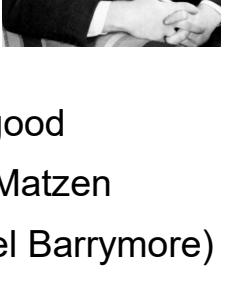
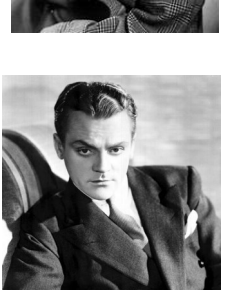
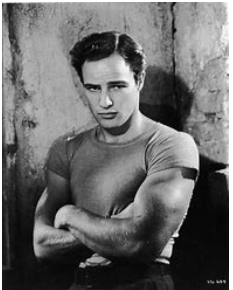
DB33012 Life Is Too Short by Mickey Rooney

DB58878 In Black And White: The Life Of Sammy Davis, Jr. by Wil Haygood

DB109142 Mission: Jimmy Stewart And The Fight For Europe by Robert Matzen

DB32826 The House Of Barrymore by Margot Peters (Ethel, John, Lionel Barrymore)

DB61581 Buster Keaton: Tempest In A Flat Hat by Edward McPherson



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DB35292 Bette Davis: A Biography by Barbara Leaming

DB71334 High Society: The Life Of Grace Kelly by Donald Spoto

DB34128 Ginger: My Story by Ginger Rogers

DB49967 Get Happy: The Life Of Judy Garland by Gerald Clarke

DB10865 Vivien Leigh: A Biography by Anne Edwards

DB18508 Betty Grable, The Reluctant Movie Queen by Doug Warren

DB58732 Carole Lombard: The Hoosier Tornado by Wes D. Gehring

DB33913 Me: Stories Of My Life by Katharine Hepburn

DB39738 Audrey Hepburn: A Biography by Warren G. Harris

DB18480 Lana-The Lady, The Legend, The Truth by Lana Turner

DB53248 Notorious: The Life Of Ingrid Bergman by Donald Spoto

DB13275 Lauren Bacall By Myself by Lauren Bacall

DB30335 Marlene by Marlene Dietrich

DB13638 Self-Portrait by Gene Tierney

DB112934 Love, Lucy by Lucille Ball

DB49352 Girl Singer: An Autobiography by Rosemary Clooney

DB72058 Joan Crawford: The Essential Biography by Lawrence J. Quirk

DB29097 Debbie: My Life by Debbie Reynolds

DB48987 The Million Dollar Mermaid by Esther Williams

DB46768 Becoming Mae West by Emily Wortis Leider

DB80279 America’s Mistress: The Life And Times Of Miss Eartha Kitt by John Edward Williams

DB 31374 Mary Pickford, America's Sweetheart by Scott Eyman

DB106040 Garbo by Robert Gottlieb (Greta Garbo)

DB65377 Considering Doris Day by Tom Santopietro

DB17326 Elizabeth Taylor, The Last Star by Kitty Kelley

DB22984 Goddess: The Secret Lives Of Marilyn Monroe by Anthony Summers

DB31114 If This Was Happiness: A Biography of Rita Hayworth by Barbara Leaming

DB105944 Veronica, The Autobiography Of Veronica Lake by Veronica Lake

DB13487 Sophia, Living and Loving: Her Own Story by A.E. Hotchner (Sophia Lauren)

DB73731 Beautiful: The Life Of Hedy Lamarr by Stephen Michael Shearer

