

Upcoming Events:

August 8, Waynesboro: The Waynesboro Public Library hosts a monthly Memory Partners program for people living with dementia and their caregivers.10:00-11:30am



August 13, Lexington: Books and Brews Book Club will be discussing DB44525 Into Thin Air: A Personal Account Of The Mount Everest Disaster by John Krakauer, 3:00-4:00 pm 128 S Main Street, downtown Lexington

August 13, Buena Vista: Tech Power Hour at the Buena Vista Library from 2:00-3:00. They will provide technical assistance on smartphones, tablets, laptops, as well as using social media and internet safety awareness.

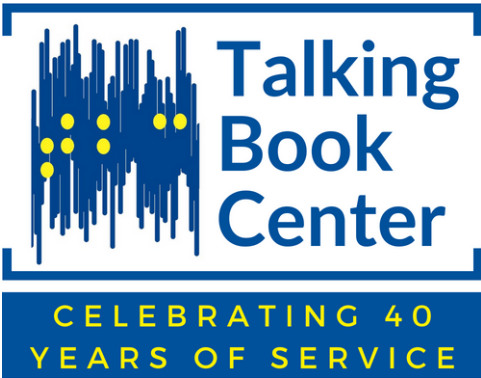
August 18, Staunton: Redbeard’s Readers Book Club will be discussing the theme of “remixed classics”. Suggested titles are DB936056 Pride by Ibi Aanu Zobi, DB116467 The Chosen And The Beautiful by Nghi Vo, or DB120063 James by Percival Everett. 3:00-4:00pm at Redbeard Brewing, 120 South Lewis Street, Staunton.

August 24, Staunton: Summer Lovin’ Sock Hop hosted by VPAS and Staunton Parks & Recreation. 5:30-7:30 pm at the Gypsy Hill Park gym. Tickets are \$10 per individual or \$15 per couple, drinks and snacks provided. Call 540-332-3945 to register.

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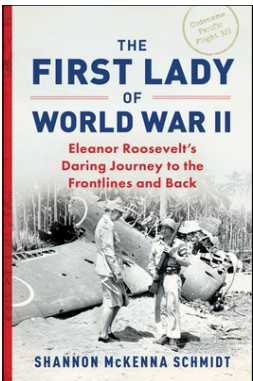
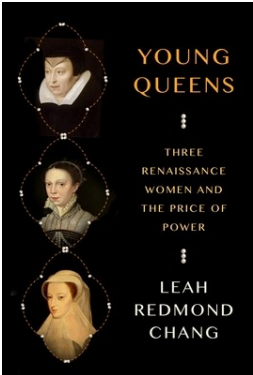
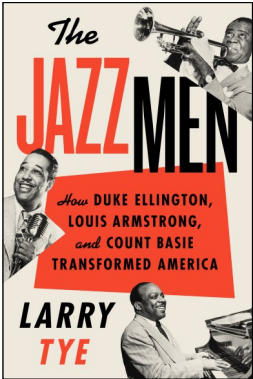
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Newly Released Biographies From NLS:

- DB121906 The Jazzmen: How Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, And Count Basie Transformed America by Larry Tye
- DB121649 The Klansman's Son: My Journey From White Nationalism To Antiracism by R. Derek Black
- DB121667 Life: My Story Through History by Pope Francis
- DB121756 The Cabinet: George Washington And The Creation Of An American Institution by Lindsay Chervinsky
- DB121754 The Zimmermann Telegram by Barbara W. Tuchman (World War I history, originally published in 1958)
- DB120346 Marked Man: Frank Serpico’s Inside Battle Against Police Corruption by John Florio
- DB121759 Young Queens: Three Renaissance Women And The Price Of Power by Leah Redmond Chang
- DB121671 Coming Home by Brittney Griner (basketball player)
- DB121637 Bits And Pieces: My Mother, My Brother, And Me by Whoopie Goldberg
- DB121724 Go Home For Dinner: Advice On How Faith Makes A Family And Family Makes A Life by Mike Pence
- DB121958 Ethel Rosenberg: An American Tragedy by Anne Sebba
- DB121760 The First Lady Of World War II: Eleanor Roosevelt's Daring Journey To The Frontlines And Back by Shannon McKenna Schmidt
- DB121680 President Garfield: From Radical To Unifier by C.W. Goodyear
- DB120207 Hiding In Plain Sight: The Secret Life Of Raymond Burr by Michael Starr



**Patron Recommendations:**

DB100981 Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman (mystery)  
In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet weekly to discuss unsolved crimes. When a local developer is found dead with a mysterious photograph left next to the body, the Thursday Murder Club suddenly find themselves in the middle of their first live case. And the bodies begin to pile up. Unrated. 2020.

DB118635 The Final Witness: A Kennedy Secret Service Agent Breaks His Silence After 60 Years by Paul Landis (biography)  
November, 1963. Special Agent Paul Landis is in the follow-up car directly behind JFK's motorcade. He is inside the trauma room where the president is pronounced dead. He writes and files his report, yet he is never called to testify to the Warren Commission. It isn't until the fiftieth anniversary that he begins to talk about it. Unrated. 2023.

**New and Popular Books on BARD:**

DB122036 The British Booksellers: A Novel Of The Forgotten Blitz by Kristy Cambron (historical romance)

DB122041 Sisters Of Belfast by Nelanie Maure (historical fiction)

DB118896 The Women by Kristin Hannah (historical fiction)

DB121559 The Wild Lavender Bookshop by Jodi Thomas (romance)

DB121712 Murder On Demand; Billy Blessing 04 by Al Roker (mystery)

DB120964 The Fate Of A Flapper by Susanna Calkins (historical mystery)

DB120967 Honey Drop Dead; Tea Shop Mystery 26 by Laura Childs (cozy mystery)

DB121769 Eruption by Michael Crichton and James Patterson (thriller)

DB118858 Basic Training For NVDA (screen reader, computer training)

DB121282 Mind Magic: The Neuroscience Of Manifestation And How It Changes Everything by James Doty (self-help)

DB85796 Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir Of A Family And Culture In Crisis by J.D. Vance (biography)

DB109793 Path Lit By Lightning: The Life Of Jim Thorpe by David Maraniss (biography)

DB121802 Hope: Living Fearlessly In A Scary World by David Jeremiah (religion)

DB121681 Reconstruction: A Very Short Introduction (U.S. history)

DBC24846 Collected Sonnets Of Edna St. Vincent Millay (poetry)

DBC11737 The Great Boston Fire: The Inferno That Nearly Incinerated The City by Stephanie Schorow (history)



**Global Reading: Hungary**

DB43007 A Book That Was Lost And Other Stories by Shmuel Yosef Agnon  
Twenty-five short stories of modern Hebrew literature. Agnon chronicles the "lost world" of East European Jewry as well as traditional Jewish life in Poland and modern life in Israel. 1970. (1966 Nobel Prize in Literature)

DB97582 Baron Wenckheim's Homecoming by László Krasznahorkai  
Baron Béla Wenckheim returns to his hometown in Hungary after running up debts in Argentinian casinos. Just outside of town, a philosophical professor lives in a bizarre shack and ponders the nature of existence. 2019.

DB63212 Stonedial by György Konrád (general fiction)  
János Dragomán returns to his hometown of Kandor and the memories acquired there, including those of the 1956 revolution. He visits old friends-a former lover who bore him a daughter, and his onetime professor whom he will inadvertently murder. 2000.

DB65088 The Rebels by Sándor Márai (historical fiction)  
Austro-Hungarian Empire, 1918. Facing impending war service, four teenage boys form a close-knit, rebellious gang. They act out their fears in increasingly serious games and petty thefts. When an pawnbroker notice their pranks, things spin out of control. 1930.

DB109182 Skylark by Dezső Kosztolányi (literature)  
1900. Skylark, is an unimaginative, unattractive, and unmarried woman living at home with her parents. She cooks and sews for them and anchors the unremitting tedium of their lives. She goes away for a week but what will her parents do? 1924.

DB40847 Into The Battle; This Land, This Time by Dobrica Ćosić (historical fiction)  
The small nation of Serbia is plunged into the violent turmoil of World War I and valiantly fights for survival. 1983.

DB89759 Iza's Ballad by Magda Szabo (psychological fiction)  
When her husband, Vince, dies, Ettie moves to Budapest to live with her daughter, Iza. Their love for Vince bonds them, but mother and daughter do not understand the separate worlds they live in, and a distance grows between them. 1963.

DB38384 Con Brio: Four Russians Called The Budapest String Quartet by Nat Brandt  
Story of four Russian Jews who flee to Germany and take their seats in a Hungarian string quartet before they once more escape to France. They attract a new audience for chamber music and gain renown around the world. 1993.

DB31441 A History Of Modern Hungary, 1867-1986 by Jörg K. Hoensch (history)

DB119225 Cold Crematorium: Reporting From The Land Of Auschwitz by József Debreczeni (autobiography)



Appalachia is a geographic region located in the central and southern sections of the Appalachian Mountains of the eastern United States. Its boundaries stretch from the western Catskill Mountains of New York into Pennsylvania, continuing on through the Blue Ridge Mountains and Great Smoky Mountains into northern Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi, and West Virginia. Here are some titles of interest:

DB108304 Book Woman Of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson (fiction) Kentucky, 1936. Nineteen-year-old Cussy Mary has been working as part of the Pack Horse Library Project, but her father hopes she'll marry --despite the family trait of blue skin. In addition to her father's hopes, Cussy must also face the prejudice of the community she serves. 2019.

DB110786 Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver (fiction) Set in the mountains of southern Appalachia, this is the story of a boy born to a teenaged single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. 2022.

DB46519 A Walk In The Woods: Rediscovering America On The Appalachian Trail by Bill Bryson

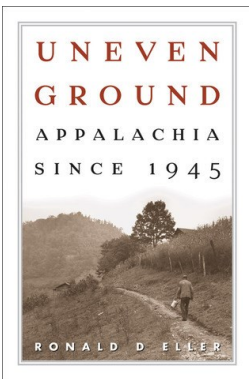
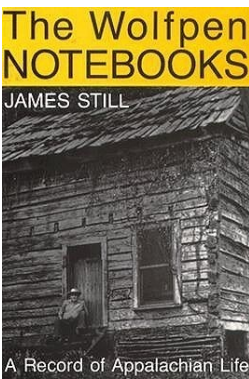
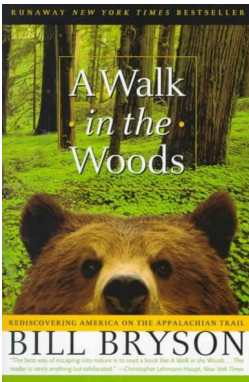
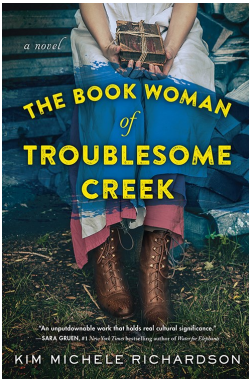
Bryson relates the adventures and misadventures of two totally unfit hikers as he and his friend traverse the 2,100 mile Appalachian Trail. The two men find themselves awed by the terrain and stymied by the unfamiliar local culture. 1998.

DBC01510 The Wolfpen Notebooks: A Record Of Appalachian Life by James Still

For fifty years, the author lived near Wolfpen Creek in Knott County, KY where he filled 21 notebooks with the customs and happenings of the region. Includes poems, sayings, and a glossary of expressions. 1991.

DB90164 Ramp Hollow: The Ordeal Of Appalachia by Steven Stoll A examination of how the Appalachian region came to be associated with poverty and backwardness. The author posits that the main culprit for the current state of the region is the extractive industry which caused widespread dispossession for homesteaders. 2017.

DBC05633 Uneven Ground: Appalachia Since 1945 by Ronald D. Eller Appalachia had been perceived as backward since the Civil War. The government in the 1940s played a larger part in economic development to bring "progress" to the area. The result was exploitation of the areas natural resources, while failing to provide a better life for residents. The mistakes made then provide insight into the challenges that confront contemporary Appalachia today. 2008.



**Magazines:**

American Indian (4 issues) The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian  
Audubon (5 issues) The latest news about birds and conservation. Each issue helps readers grow their appreciation of birds and learn how to help them thrive.

Cooking Light (4 issues) Quick and healthy recipes, nutrition tips, entertaining menus, and fitness guides to help all make smart choices for a healthy lifestyle.

The Economist (51 issues) Insights and opinion on international news, politics, business, finance, science and technology, and the arts.

Fiyah Literary Magazine (4 issues) Speculative fiction magazine that features stories by and about Black people of the African Diaspora.

Magnolia Journal (4 issues) Chip and Joanna Gaines provide inspiration for life and home. Contains stories, recipes, tips,

Make (4 issues) Part of the maker movement, publishes projects, skill-building tutorials, in-depth reviews and inspirational stories, accessible by all ages and skill ranges.

Muse (9 issues) Science, art, archaeology, and history activities for ages nine through fourteen; includes contests, book and media reviews.

Musical Mainstream (4 issues) Selected articles from national magazines about classical music, music criticism, and music teaching; announces new NLS music acquisitions.

The Nation (35 issues) Articles on foreign affairs, local and national politics, education, and law. Reviews films, theater, books, and the arts.

National Review (24 issues) Articles on business, politics, economics, education, and other subjects from a conservative viewpoint.

Quarterly Music Magazine (4 issues) NLS magazine covering a variety of aspects and types of music, such as opera, jazz, and country, and instruments such as guitar and keyboard.

Smithsonian (11 issues) Articles on the topics and subject matters researched, studied, and exhibited by the Smithsonian museums.

Southern Living (13 issues) Recipes, decorating ideas, inspiration, gardening tips, and guides to local travel tailored specifically to the region's climate.

Sports Illustrated (27 issues) Sports news and articles with emphasis on American spectator sports. Features on sports personalities and events and outdoor activities.

The Week (48 issues) News and commentary on world events. The Best of U.S. and International Media

Aquatic Themed Titles:

DB119087 Whalefall by Daniel Kraus (thriller)  
Scuba diver Jay has been swallowed by a sixty-ton whale and has only one hour to escape before his oxygen runs out. 2023.

DB117965 Our Wives Under The Sea by Julia Armfield (supernatural)  
Miri thinks she has got her wife back, when Leah finally returns after a deep-sea voyage that ended in catastrophe. It soon becomes clear that Leah is not the same. Whatever happened in that vessel, Leah has brought part of it back with her. 2022.

DB89730 Into The Drowning Deep by Mira Grant (sci-fi, adventure)  
Seven years after the disappearance of an entire ship and its crew while seeking to film a "mockumentary" about legendary sea creatures, a new crew has been assembled. Victoria hopes to discover the fate of her sister, lost on the earlier voyage. 2017.

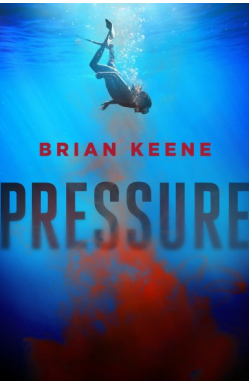
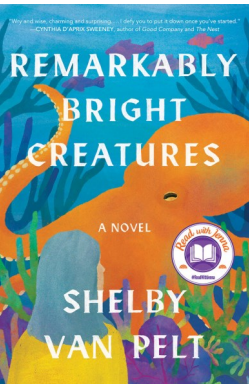
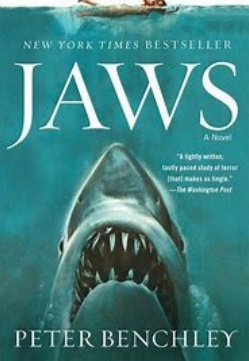
DB62714 Jaws by Peter Benchley (suspense) (some explicit content)  
A Long Island resort town tries to cover up a young woman's death when pieces of her shark-ridden body are found along the beach. 1977

DB107924 Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt (family)  
Tova works nights cleaning at the Aquarium. She becomes acquainted with Marcellus, a curmudgeonly octopus living at the aquarium. He knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of helping his human captors--until he forms a friendship with Tova. 2022.

DB110794 The Lamplighters by Emma Stonex (suspense)  
1972. When a boat pulls up to the Maiden Rock lighthouse with relief for the keepers, no one greets them, and the lighthouse is empty. Two decades later, the keepers' wives are visited by a writer determined to find the truth about the men's disappearance. 2021.

DB53446 Starfish; Rifters 01 by Peter Watts (sci-fi)  
A massive facility is built at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean to exploit geothermal power. They send a bio-engineered crew, people who have been altered to withstand the pressure and breathe the seawater, down to live and work in this undersea darkness. 1999.

DB86527 Pressure by Brian Keene (supernatural, suspense)  
When a portion of the Indian Ocean floor collapses, free diver Carrie and her partner are called in to investigate. Not only will she face corrupt officials on land, but what she encounters deep in the ocean could spell extinction for humankind. 2016.



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DB113965 The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny, And Murder by David Grann (true crime, nonfiction)  
His Majesty's Ship the Wager, a British vessel that had left England in 1740 on a secret mission during an imperial war with Spain. Thirty men washed up on the coast of Brazil, months later another craft with men washed ashore with a similar yet different tale. 2023.

DB50271 In The Heart Of The Sea: The Tragedy Of The Whaleship Essex by Nathaniel Philbrick (history, nonfiction)  
In 1820, the whaling ship Essex set sail from Nantucket but fifteen months later, in the farthest reaches of the South Pacific, it was rammed and sunk by an eighty-ton whale. Fearing cannibals on the islands, the crew made for the coast of South America in three tiny boats. Ninety days at sea under horrendous conditions, the survivors clung to life as they succumbed to hunger, thirst, disease, and fear. 2000.

DB51773 Abandon Ship!: The Saga Of The U.S.S. Indianapolis, The Navy's Greatest Sea Disaster by Richard Newcomb (history)  
The ordeal faced by survivors of the U.S.S. Indianapolis, which was sunk by a Japanese torpedo in 1945. Author recounts the court-martial of the ship's captain, Charles McVay, who was later cleared of all charges. 1958.

DB110397 Why Sharks Matter: A Deep Dive With The World's Most Misunderstood Predator by David Shiffman (biology, nature)  
Sharks are some of the most fascinating and ecologically important, yet most threatened and misunderstood animals on Earth. But the truth is that sharks are not a danger to us—they're in danger from us. 2022.

DB99409 Why We Swim by Bonnie Tsui (sports, science)  
Explores the reasons why humans, who are not natural-born swimmers, have always been drawn to water. 2020.

DB34184 Moby Dick, or, The Whale by Herman Melville (classic)  
Ishmael signs on as a harpooner with Captain Ahab's whaling ship. Once at sea, the crew discovers that Captain Ahab is obsessed with killing Moby Dick, the white whale responsible for his missing leg. 1851.

DB57020 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea by Jules Verne (classic)  
Classic tale relates the adventures of a French professor and his two companions as they sail beneath the world's oceans as prisoners of the fabulous electric submarine Nautilus under the command of the deranged Captain Nemo. 1869.

