

Smythie

The monthly e-newsletter of the Smyth Public Library

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“How To” Holiday Gift Wrapping Party

Monday, December 17th at 6pm

All supplies provided, just sign up and bring your gifts!



5th Annual Christmas Cookie Swap:

Cookie Drop-off: Saturday, December 21st from 5pm to 7pm

Requirements: Drop off 5 dozen homemade holiday cookies in a disposable container on Friday 12/21 between 5 and 7 pm and library elves will box up an assortment for you to pick up the next day 12/22 between 11-1 pm.

Sign up this week to participate.

HOW-TO'S

“College Essays” workshop

Saturday, January 12th at 10am-1pm

Write Your College Essay offered by “Writing Out of Time”

In this one day workshop, students may arrive with no more than a college essay prompt and will leave with the tools they need to create finished products that showcase their unique voices and experiences. We will inspire their creativity, help them inject personality into their essays so they stand out to readers, and turn a task that seems as exciting as cleaning the bathrooms at the airport into one that you might actually enjoy.

“Keeping A Sketchbook: Drawing Your World” Class Preview with Sue Anne Bottomley

Tuesday, January 15th at 6pm (and more)

Sue Anne Bottomley is doing her preview presentation for her sketch class on Dec. 11 and then two classes early 2019. Jan. 15& Feb. 12 on Tuesdays at 6pm.

She also will have her work displayed in our art gallery space during January. Artist and instructor Sue Anne Bottomley flips through her sketchbook made on site while in a botanical garden. Her three class sessions will guide you through choosing a sketchbook, materials, tools, and techniques. Learn to record your favorite views of the world, both at home or in your town, or while traveling. It is never too late to explore your artistic POV.

Sue Anne is a graduate of UNH and a life-long artist. Since 2014, she has written and illustrated three books. Please sign up; Class limit, twelve adults

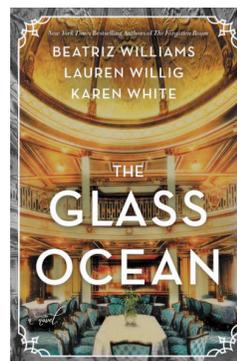
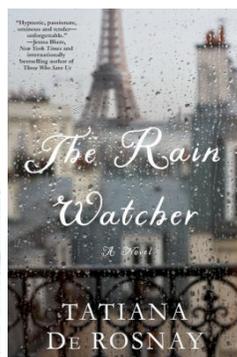
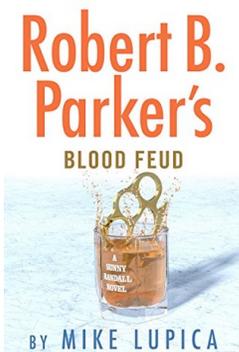
“Knitting and Crochet” with Lisa Cote

Wednesday, January 30th at 6pm

Come learn this beautiful craft and make your own gifts.

If you have a special talent you'd like to share, please see Heidi at the front desk
Check out our monthly calendar on our website for all our events and programs.

New on our shelves...



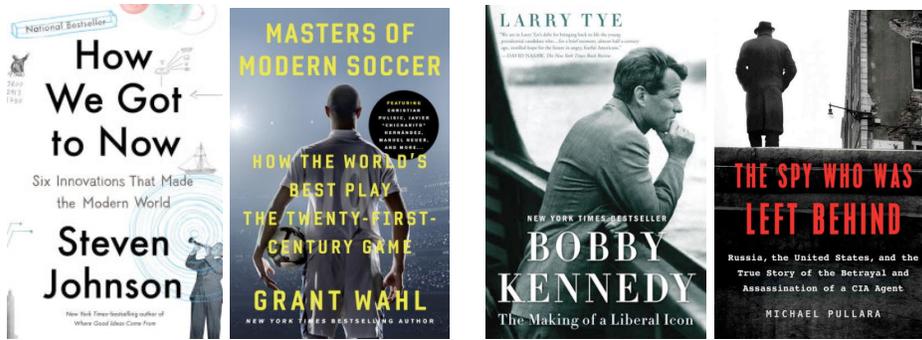
New Fiction...

Heads you win
Long road to mercy
Night of miracles: a novel
Master of his fate

Archer, Jeffrey
Baldacci, David
Berg, Elizabeth
Bradford, Barbara Taylor

In the Galway silence: a Jack Taylor novel	Bruen, Ken
The red coat: a novel of Boston	Carlson, Dolley
Past tense	Child, Lee
Oath of office	Cameron, Marc
You don't own me: an Under Suspicion Novel	Clark, Mary Higgins
Christmas on the island: a novel	Colgan, Jenny
Fruit of the drunken tree: a novel	Rojas Contreras, Ingrid
On scope: a sniper novel	Coughlin, Jack,
Sea of greed: a novel from the Numa files	Cussler, Clive
The rain watcher: a novel	Rosnay, Tatiana de,
The shadows we hide	Eskens, Allen
Look alive twenty-five: a Stephanie Plum novel	Evanovich, Janet
Murder in Greenwich Village	Freeland, Liz,
An angel for Christmas	Graham, Heather
The secret diary of Hendrik Groen	Groen, Hendrik
Once a midwife	Harman, Patricia,
Elizabeth is missing	Healey, Emma
Forever and a day: a James Bond novel	Horowitz, Anthony
Orchid & the wasp: a novel	Hughes, Caoilinn,
The sapphire widow: a novel	Jefferies, Dinah
News of the world: a novel	Jiles, Paulette
Star of the North: a novel	John, David
Providence: a novel	Kepnes, Caroline
Diary of a wimpy kid: the meltdown	Kinney, Jeff
No traveller returns: a novel	L'Amour, Louis
Christmas letters	Macomber, Debbie
The colors of all the cattle: No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (19)	McCall Smith,
Alexander	
Wolves of Eden: a novel	McCarthy, Kevin,
Bearskin	McLaughlin, James A
Nine perfect strangers	Moriarty, Liane
Only to sleep: a Philip Marlowe novel	Osborne, Lawrence,
Robert B. Parker's Blood feud	Lupica, Mike
Target: Alex Cross	Patterson, James
Kingdom of the blind	Penny, Louise
Hope never dies: a novel	Shaffer, Andrew
And all the phases of the moon	Singer, Judy Reene
Beauchamp Hall: a novel	Steel, Danielle
Blood is blood	Thomas, William David
Tony's wife: a novel	Trigiani, Adriana
The glass ocean	Williams, Beatriz
Christmas in Apple Ridge	Woodsmall, Cindy

New Non-Fiction...



Factfulness: ten reasons we're wrong about the world - and why things are better than you think
Your next 24 hours: one day of kindness can change everything
Overcomer: 8 ways to live a life of unstoppable strength, unmovable faith, and unbelievable power
How we got to now: six innovations that made the modern world
The Russia hoax: the illicit scheme to clear Hillary Clinton and frame Donald Trump

The monk of Mokha
The spy who was left behind: Russia, the United States, and the true story of the betrayal and assassination of a CIA agent
The circadian code: lose weight, supercharge your energy, and transform your health from morning to midnight
Even the stiffest people can do the splits: a 4-week stretching plan to achieve amazing health
Getting past your past: take control of your life with self-help techniques from EMDR therapy
What's Gaby cooking?: everyday California food
The expectant father: facts, tips, and advice for dads-to-be
Dare to lead: brave work, tough conversations, whole hearts
Imagine it forward: courage, creativity, and the power of change
Treehouses of the world
Masters of modern soccer: how the world's best play the twenty-first-century game

Bobby: my story in pictures
On thin ice: a woman's journey to the North Pole
Aruba Guidebooks by Moon
George Washington's sacred fire
They fought alone: the true story of the Starr Brothers, British secret agents in Nazi-occupied France
The last palace: Europe's turbulent century in five lives and one legendary house

These truths: a history of the United States
Bobby Kennedy: the making of a liberal icon
The White Mountain: rediscovering Mount Washington's hidden culture

Rosling, Hans,
 Donaldson, Hal,
 Jeremiah, David
 Johnson, Steven
 Donald Trump
 Jarrett, Gregg,
 Eggers, Dave
 Pullara, Michael,
 Panda, Satchin,
 Eiko
 Shapiro, Francine.
 Dalkin, Gaby,
 Brott, Armin A.
 Brown, Brene
 Comstock, Beth,
 Nelson, Peter,
 Wahl, Grant,
 Orr, Bobby
 McNair, Matty L.
 Lillback, Peter A.
 Glass, Charles
 Eisen, Norman L.,
 Lepore, Jill
 Tye, Larry,
 Szczesny, Dan

New Books on CD...

Heads you win: a novel CD (13)
Long road to mercy CD (9)
The dead will tell: a Kate Burkholder novel CD (8)
Past tense CD (10)

Archer, Jeffrey
Baldacci, David
Castillo, Linda
Child, Lee

Tom Clancy Oath of office CD (12)	Cameron, Marc
You don't own me CD (6)	Clark, Mary Higgins
Dark Sacred Night CD (9)	Connelly, Michael
Sea of greed CD (8)	Cussler, Clive
The fortune hunter CD(12): a novel	Goodwin, Daisy
Mortal fear/Spandau phoenix/Footprints of God CD (15): Three Abridged compact disc collection	Iles, Greg
Euphoria: a novel CD (6)	King, Lily
Merry and bright CD (4)	Macomber, Debbie
Robert B. Parker's Blood feud CD (6)	Lupica, Mike
Target: Alex Cross CD (8)	Patterson, James
Kingdom of the blind CD (10)	Penny, Louise
Betrayed CD (8)	Scottoline, Lisa
The first wife CD(9)	Spindler, Erica
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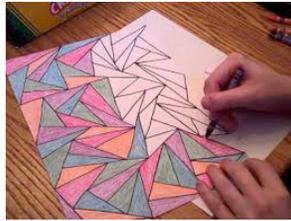
New Video...

Incredibles 2 DVD 108.5 [PG]
Leave no trace DVD 1123 [PG]
6 below: miracle on the mountain DVD [PG13]
Red dog: true blue DVD 1125 [PG]
The last Mimzy DVD 1126[PG]
The darkest minds DVD 1127 [PG13]
Solo: a Star Wars story DVD STAR IX [PG13]
Meet the parents DVD 898 [PG13]
Fern Gully-The last rainforest DVD 194A [G]
Tad the lost explorer and the secret of King Midas DVD 1128A [PG]



I asked the librarian for an author who wrote books about

*dinosaurs. She said: "Try
Sarah Topps".*



Coloring night for all ages, all supplies
provided,
Fridays 6-7 pm

Plus, packets available to use anytime we are open and you feel the urge



Tip from the front desk

Fun 'Novel' Gift Ideas:

9 Candles That Smell Like Books To Help You Set The Perfect Reading Atmosphere

There are just some things that go hand-in-hand with being the ultimate book lover: drinking excessive amounts of coffee, taking a book with you wherever you go, constantly having an online cart filled with the newest best sellers, being on a first name basis with your favorite book characters, and totally nerding-out over book-inspired anything — and that definitely includes literary themed candles. Indulgent must-smells designed to pair perfectly with your latest must-reads, book-inspired candles are all the rage with readers right now — and candlemakers have definitely taken notice. From scents that invoke the settings of classic books (Pemberley gardens or Sherlock Holmes' study, anyone?) to those that smell like aging pages themselves, you can find a literary candle for practically every reading (and sniffing) preference. Plus, there's just something homey about a candlelit book nook. The only thing better than tucking in with a great read is having a candle (or, if you're as candle-obsessed as me, about a dozen) to light alongside it. Whether you're reading by candlelight or infusing your space with bookish aromas (or both!), here are nine candles that will pair perfectly with your favorite books — *and* help you burn your way through that TBR pile. Pun intended.

1. ***Bookstagram***-Infused with the scents of coffee, vanilla, and — of course — books, this totally 'gramable candle will not only look great in your social media snaps, it'll make your reading nook look and smell totally fab.

2. ***Antique Books***-You might love the smell of antique books, but do you know where that scent actually comes from? Infused with the fragrant chemicals generated by the breakdown of material in aged paper (that distinct aroma you can't get enough of) and enhanced with a subtle note of leather, Werther & Gray's Antique Books candle is a must-smell.

3. ***First Edition***-While we're on the subject of antique books, there's nothing quite like paging through the first edition of your favorite read — especially if it's an oldie. Hearth & Hammer's First Edition candle (Indian sandalwood, leather) will take you there.

4. ***Bookshop Café***-Not for the under-caffeinated, Flick The Wick's Bookshop Café candle invokes the decidedly bookish aroma of freshly roasted coffee. Yum.

5. ***The Restricted Section***-While banning books isn't cool, most book lovers will agree that the Restricted Section of Hogwarts Library is both cool and irresistible. Infused with leather and parchment (plus a little dust and dark magic for good measure) this candle by The Melting Library will make you think you recently stepped off Platform 9 & 3/4.

6. ***Castle Library***-From Beauty and the Beast to Harry Potter, fiction has featured some fabulous castle libraries. While you might not ever get the keys to the castle (we all can't be Meghan Markle,) Bubble and Geek's Castle Library candle is the next best thing. In

their words: "the scent of a cozy fireplace surrounded by antique woodwork and endless shelves of books, on a base of smoky vanilla." Sigh.

7. *Women in Literature Anthology*-A 4-in-one deal, North Ave Candles Anthologies scent series give readers — and sniffers — a themed olfactory experience. Their Women In Literature anthology celebrates authors Sylvia Plath, Alice Walker, Harper Lee, and Jane Austen.

8. *Jane Austen's Writing Desk*-First comes the writer, then comes the book. Transport yourself to the origins of some of your favorite classics: 'Pride & Prejudice,' 'Emma,' 'Mansfield Park,' and more, by invoking the writing desk of none other than Jane Austen. Lilac, berries, tea, mahogany, leather.

9. *Old Books Candle*-Last but not least, for a true bibliophile, you really can't invoke the one-of-a-kind scent of old books often enough. Frostbeard Studio's sweet, papery blend of bookish goodness is just the scent to read by.

Excerpt by E. Ce Miller (11/9/18)

So, buy one for a book loving friend or family member and try one for yourself and head to Smyth Public Library to stock up on all your cozy reads for the Holidays!

-HEIDI DEACON, DIRECTOR



Dinosaurs didn't read.
Now they're extinct.

Friends In-House Book Sale!

Holiday Special: Buy one Get one Free

You can browse at your leisure now and bring home a favorite to keep or to give away to a friend. Just look for the bright signs just inside our main doors on the left. Pay at the front desk. Only... \$1 for hardcover and \$.50 for paperbacks. Proceeds go to the Friends of Smyth Library.

Writers' group

**On the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month,
6:30pm**

The Smyth Public Library hosts a gathering of writers once or twice a month where we work together on timed writing exercises using prompts and other sources of inspiration. The writing periods will be followed by sharing some of the work with each other. The goal of the group is to loosen up and get the pen moving on paper. We don't seek to have a finished work by the end of the session and you don't need to arrive with a finished piece of writing to share. The writer's group is a place to meet with other writers and to flex your writing muscles.

Please come ready with a writing medium of your choice: paper and pen/pencil, computer, tablet, etc.

Try out our new **“Volunteer Your World”** ideas at Smyth Public Library. Visit our [Volunteer Your World Page](#)



Family Game Nights!!

First Friday of every month at 6:30

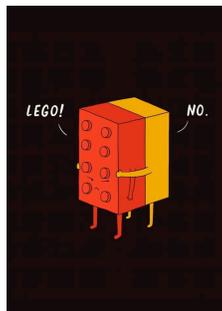
Coming up: card games, Giant Yahtzee, Dominoes and Quidditch



Knitting & Crochet Circle

Help with the cap, blanket, and scarf charity project, work on your own items, or just come to learn. Call Lisa 587-0603 for more info.

Third Thursday of the month, 7pm



Monthly Lego Night!

EVERY third Friday 6:30-7:30 for all ages.

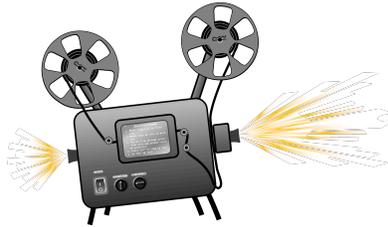


MAGIC GAME CLUB

Featuring : Magic-The Gathering

Held monthly on the First Wednesday of the month at 4 pm!

For ages 8 and up! Next meeting-January 2



Family Movie Night

Friday, December 28, 6:00 p.m.



“Smallfoot”

rated PG ~



Did you Know???

According to Google, as of 2010, there were roughly 130 million books in print throughout the world. While counting the exact number is virtually impossible, the estimate was

generated through an advanced Google algorithm that analysed more than 150 pieces of metadata relating to the world's books, and by discarding anything that was a duplicate or not by definition, a book.

In the Gallery...

CURRENTLY FEATURED
Art by Candia's own
Thomas Philbrick



ART WANTED!!!

Our art gallery and (locked) glass case is always available for the works of local artists. Just see Heidi at the front desk to display your works

LOVE TO SHARE A GOOD BOOK?

Now! 2 groups! 2 times!

How about sharing your thoughts on a book at the friendly monthly book discussion group?

Thursdays mornings...

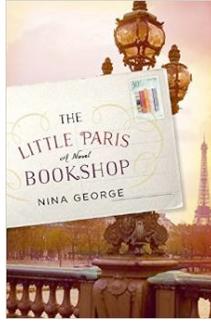


Thursday, December 13, 11:00 a.m.

A Place for Us By Farheen Mirza

As an Indian wedding gathers a family back together, parents Rafiq and Layla must reckon with the choices their children have made. There is Hadia: their headstrong, eldest daughter, whose marriage is a match of love and not tradition. Huda, the middle child, determined to follow in her sister's footsteps. And lastly, their estranged son, Amar, who returns to the family fold for the first time in three years to take his place as brother of the bride. What secrets and betrayals have caused this close-knit family to fracture? Can Amar find his way back to the people who know and love him best?

*Extra titles of this book are available at the front desk



Wednesday, December 19th at 7:30 pm
The Little Paris Bookshop
by Nina George

Monsieur Perdu can prescribe the perfect book for a broken heart. But can he fix his own?

Monsieur Perdu calls himself a literary apothecary. From his floating bookstore in a barge on the Seine, he prescribes novels for the hardships of life. Using his intuitive feel for the exact book a reader needs, Perdu mends broken hearts and souls. The only person he can't seem to heal through literature is himself; he's still haunted by heartbreak after his great love disappeared. She left him with only a letter, which he has never opened.

After Perdu is finally tempted to read the letter, he hauls anchor and departs on a mission to the south of France, hoping to make peace with his loss and discover the end of the story. Joined by a bestselling but blocked author and a lovelorn Italian chef, Perdu travels along the country's rivers, dispensing his wisdom and his books, showing that the literary world can take the human soul on a journey to heal itself.

Internationally bestselling and filled with warmth and adventure, *The Little Paris Bookshop* is a love letter to books, meant for anyone who believes in the power of stories to shape people's lives.

*Extra titles of this book are available at the front desk

Library Assets...

SERVICE FOR HOMEBOUND PATRONS:

Smyth Public Library is now offering home delivery of library materials for any Candia community residents in need. Please contact us for a registration form for this service or use the link to a form to fill out on our website.

The library is proud to now offer **The Healing Library**; reading kits to aid with coping with difficult situations. We offer **The Death of a Loved One, The Death of a Pet, plus Alzheimer's & Your Family**. These are located in the children's room, along with books relating to each topic. The kits are available now for check out.

NOW HERE!:

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The Little Free Library is up and running at the CYAA complex – anyone can take advantage!!

Making Your Life Easy:

By going to our website, you can search our entire catalogue for books, CD's, DVD's and movies. Once found, you can check to see if what you want is in. If so, just to our website and reserve the book. The next time you come in, it will be waiting for you at the front desk. WITH OUR NEW WEBSITE YOU CAN DO IT WITH YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

PLUS!! Check out our smythpl.org website updates and Smyth Library's new Public Catalog featuring:

- A crawl of new items.
- "What's Hot" now covers several choices.
- "Most Popular" titles (a combination of checkouts and reserves are used to determine this list).
- "More Search Options" includes Medium that lets members search by DVD or Large Print, etc.

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Available at the library...

2019 Candia Conservation Commission Calendars (\$10 each) featuring beautiful scenes of Candia wildlife by Candia photographers

Candia Walking Tour Guides to Candia Village, East Candia and Meetinghouse Hill (\$2 each or \$5 for all three to the Heritage Commission)

A Sense of Place: Candia's Past & Present 1763-2014: A Compilation of Town Tributes, Personal Histories & Cherished Memories in Celebration of the Semiquincentennial (\$15 to the Heritage Commission) Water Powered Mill Sites in Candia, New Hampshire (\$20 to the Heritage Commission)

More Research Options:

Full text articles from thousands of magazines, journals and national newspapers, plus NoveList. Call or e-mail us and provide your name and your library card number, and we'll give you the password.



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Order right from our website!

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Library

PASSES... PASSES... PASSES

*Check our website for passes!!! All are listed in
the "museum passes" tab of the website and can
be reserved there.*

Kids' Stuff...

**Check out our monthly calendar for
children on the **children's tab** on our
website.**

CHILDREN'S WINTER PROGRAMS

N&W CCC KIDS! Mrs. Lindsey's Candia Conservation Commission KIDS!

Do you love nature? Animals? The forests and the ponds? Join Mrs. Lindsey for her new nature club! Class is FULL! (Waiting list sign-ups only!)

- **The first Monday of each month (1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3)**
- **2:45-4:30 pm**
- Meet in the Moore School lobby
- Take walks in nature to discover plants, animals and more
- Create art projects based on the environment
- Come dressed and prepared to go outside in all kinds of weather!

Book Clubs!

***Magic Tree House Book Club (K-2) - Third Thursday 3pm; Meeting:
January 17***

Reading Christmas in Camelot by Mary Pope Osborne

Dear America Book Club- Wednesday, January 9; 3pm

Reading Christmas After All by Kathryn Lasky

Rick Riordan Book Club - Wednesday, January 9; 3:30pm

Reading The Titan's Curse by Rick Riordan

New STEM Club (K-3) Combined Math and Science

Second and Fourth Thursday 3pm; Meeting: December 13&January 10&24

Art Club (K-5)

First Thursday 3pm

First Meeting: January 3

Baby—Preschool children-

Stories, games, crafts, music, puppets

During Thursday Story Time 10 a.m.

FOR TEENS!!

Teen Book&Creative Club-combined on
Wednesday, December 19 at 4 pm
December title: *The Afterlife* by Cynthia Hand

Next month
Teen Book Club-Wednesday, January 23 at 4pm
Teen Creative Club- Wednesday, January 30 at 4pm

*Read to Simon, Gwen Paprocki's Certified
Therapy dog.*

Want to boost reading confidence?



*Why is reading to a dog educational AND fun? Because Simon is soft, furry and warm and he loves the attention you give him when you practice your reading out-loud skills! In the Children's Library Room ~ one-on-one with Ms. Gwen and Simon present. (Simon and Gwen Paprocki are certified through Therapy Dogs International)
Please sign up if interested. Call Gwen for more info at 483-8245*



Special Pajama Story Night with Santa

December 14, 6-7 pm

Join us monthly for a night of storytelling and treats!

Storytime with our new Librarian-Jessica

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Preschoolers and babies welcomed

FUTURE ENGINEERS AND BUILDERS!!

Second Friday, 6:00 p.m.

We break out our snap circuits! Build exciting projects including computer interfaced experiments and solar cell applications. Build over 175 exciting projects now with lights. All new kits and all ages welcome! Check our Facebook page for some cool snap circuit projects.

1000 BOOKS before Kindergarten

Personal memory registers and book bags are available for parents.

New books for children...

Winter

Stephen Curry: Sports Biographies

Bunny's noisy book

One snowy night

Ridiculous!

What is the sun?

Pettiford, Rebecca,

Abdo, Kenny,

Brown, Margaret Wise

Butler, M. Christina.

Coleman, Michael.

Lindbergh, Reeve

Happy Thanksgiving, Curious George
Pete the Cat: snow daze
Gingerbread jitters
Andi's fair surprise: Circle C Beginnings
Andi's pony trouble: Circle C Beginnings
Christmas in Camelot

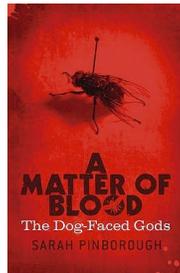
Platt, Cynthia,
Dean, James
Klein, Abby.

Osborne, Mary Pope

New books for young adults...

The beautiful land	Averill, Alan.
Street Freaks	Brooks, Terry
Mirage	Daud, Somaiya,
The angel makers	Harris, Tessa
A map of days	Riggs, Ransom
All in Good Time	Lang, Maureen.
The book of Essie	Weir, Meghan MacLean,
A matter of blood	Pinborough, Sarah

*From the Young Adult
Shelves~*



A Matter of Blood **(The Dog-Faced Gods #1)** by Sarah Pinborough

The recession that grips the world has left it exhausted. Crime is rising in every major city. Financial institutions across the world have collapsed, and most governments are now in debt to The Bank, a company created by the world's wealthiest men. But Detective Inspector

Cass Jones has enough on his plate without worrying about the world at large. His marriage is crumbling, he's haunted by the deeds of his past, and he's got the high-profile shooting of two schoolboys to solve - not to mention tracking down a serial killer who calls himself the Man of Flies. Then Cass Jones' personal world is thrown into disarray when his brother shoots his own wife and child before committing suicide - leaving Cass implicated in their deaths. And when he starts seeing silent visions of his dead brother, it's time for the suspended DI to go on the hunt himself - only to discover that all three cases are linked ...As Jones is forced to examine his own family history, three questions keep reappearing: what disturbed his brother so badly in his final few weeks? Who are the shadowy people behind The Bank? And, most importantly, what do they want with DI Cass Jones?

Goodreads

New books for juniors...

The magical match: The Fairy Tale Matchmaker Series

The golden tower

The Darkdeep Condie,

Magic misfits: the second story

Squirm

No slam dunk

Ghost

Lu

Baker, E. D.

Black, Holly

Allyson Braithwaite.

Harris, Neil Patrick

Hiaasen, Carl

Lupica, Mike

Reynolds, Jason

Reynolds, Jason

From the Junior Shelves~



Squirm

by [Carl Hiaasen](#)

Some facts about Billy Dickens:

- * He once saw a biker swerve across the road in order to run over a snake.
- * Later, that motorcycle somehow ended up at the bottom of a canal.
- * Billy isn't the type to let things go.

Some facts about Billy's family:

- * They've lived in six different Florida towns because Billy's mom always insists on getting a house near a bald eagle nest.
- * Billy's older sister is dating a jerk. It's a mystery.
- * Billy's dad left when he was four, and Billy knows almost nothing about him.
- * Billy has just found his dad's address--in Montana.

This summer, Billy will fly across the country, hike a mountain, float a river, dodge a grizzly bear, shoot down a spy drone, save a neighbor's cat, save an endangered panther, and then try to save his own father.

Goodreads

Trivia Time!

Every month we ask a trivia question. If you know the answer, drop it off at the front desk or e-mail it here. We will randomly select the

winner from the correct answers and the **WINNER** will win **ONE FREE WEEK of OVERDUE FINE AMNESTY ON ONE BOOK**

Last month's question and answer:

Q. Which Stephen King novel takes place mostly in the fictional Overlook Hotel?

A. THE SHINING

No Winner!

This

Month's

Trivia

Question:

*Library = Dewey Decimal System. Quick!
Without looking it up – what was Dewey's first
name?*

From the Shelves ~

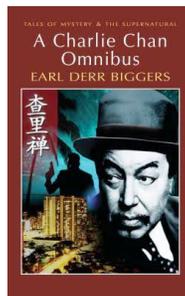
We (being I) are always looking for contributors to this reviews section. The editor has a limited range of taste, so any reviews would be more than welcomed.

Just e-mail them in reply to this, or to librarian@smythpl.org

I admit to a rather limited taste in reading materials. I generally eschew science fiction, fantasy and what are euphemistically referred to as “chic books”. I realize this is a deficiency in not only me, but the “From the New and Recent Shelves” section of “The Smythie”.

I may therefore resort to pilfering reviews from Goodreads.com for a book at times to widen the breadth of this service. I’d much rather have a contributing reviewer (or twelve). If you’ve read a book you’ve loved, please shoot me a review so we can enjoy a more personal perspective.

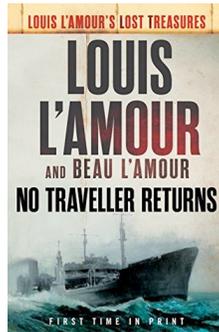
Fiction...



I am sure that those of you who are detective readers noticed that the heading "From the New and Recent Shelves" was changed this week to "From the Shelves".

That is because I read what is one of the older books in our collection. It was published in 1932 and there is a signature and date of 1936 in it. The first date on the circulation date is 1970. I was the first in many years to borrow it. The novel came up on one of my recommended lists and I thought I'd try it. My review of the first of the three novels in Biggers' CHARLIE CHAN OMNIBUS is THE HOUSE WITHOUT A KEY.

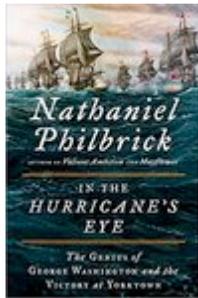
This was the first Charlie Chan novel I have read. For fans of Christie, Stout and Queen - dive in! Excellent plot and mystery with wonderful diverse and different characters. The setting of Hawaii in the 1920s, after it had been "built up" is unique. The main character is actually a Boston Brahmin. Whichever writer of the TV show MASH who introduced Charles Emerson Winchester, must have read this novel. Chan is a secondary character. Now that I am hooked on Mr. Biggers, I look forward to seeing if he gets more prominent in future books



Sometimes one must defer to the majority. NO TRAVELER RETURNS is part of L'Amour's "Treasures". His son Beau is combing through the author's unpublished manuscripts and publishing them. We learn in the introduction that L'Amour spent a brief period in the merchant marine and cherished that time. This book is a novel of that time. It is essentially a series of biographies of and vignettes of the characters on a ship. The writing is excellent. I found the vignettes to be too disjointed although they are all entwined in some manner.

But I am a distinct minority. "Publisher's Weekly" and "Booklist" both raved and so do most of the reviewers on Goodreads.

Non-fiction...



Nathaniel Philbrick's *IN THE HURRICANE'S EYE* is the story behind Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown and the events leading up to it. Mr. Philbrick, as one might expect, has a bias towards the naval aspect of the event, but this is a wonderful account of our alliance with the French, Washington's efforts and the gaffes of Cornwallis.

The book is detailed without being burdensome. I consider myself pretty knowledgeable about the American Revolution, but most of this book was a revelation. Wars are won and lost half on genius, half on luck and half on blunders.

Ever want to be one of those know-it-all reviewers?

Got a book to recommend?

Want to write a blurb?

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I hope you have enjoyed this edition. Comments, suggestions and, of course, reviews are always welcomed.

Rick Mitchell

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