

## Smythie

The monthly e-newsletter of the Smyth Public Library

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Happy Birthday Will Shakespeare!

Recite a sonnet in his honor this month (see “Tip” below)

“And this, our life, exempt from public haunt, finds tongues in trees, books  
in the running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything.”

-William Shakespeare (April 26, 1564)

Update on the progress at the Smyth Public Library:

As many already know, a sprinkler in the fire suppression system failed, the entire building flooded, and all was removed so that the flooring can be replaced and any other damages repaired.

We are working diligently to restore the library, but as in all construction projects everywhere, there are supply issues and delays beyond our control. We do not know at this point how long that will all take but our flooring company supplier has experienced the pandemic backlog due to material and labor shortages. We are making every effort to reopen as possible and will keep you informed as we progress.

In the meantime, we have increased the electronic and downloadable materials for your convenience as well as offer curbside delivery of any materials you might desire through the Interlibrary loan system. Please feel free to request these and any other needs or questions you might have to [librarian@smythpl.org](mailto:librarian@smythpl.org). We also have secured the temporary services of a few libraries close by which you can find details about below. We also remind you that we closed the book drop because we do not have a good place to put returned books. We ask that you keep any books that are due and naturally, there will be no late fees when you are able to return them. Our employees are not yet in the building on a regular basis, so even if the phones are working, there is no one to answer them. There are also books available at the Swap Shop at the recycling center and the Little Free Library at the entrance to the CYAA building.

Please know that we are doing everything we can to get the library re-opened as soon as possible and we appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

## ***Events...***

**Virtual event on Zoom (see below for link)**

### **UNDERSTANDING PUTIN'S INVASION OF UKRAINE**

**With Prof. Brandon Gauthier**

**Monday April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

**Sponsored by Smyth Public Library**

This talk will explain the motives behind Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine. The event will discuss the larger historical context surrounding the conflict as well as the most recent developments on the ground. In the process, we will examine how

Ukrainian journalists are reporting on the war from the frontlines. Dr. Gauthier is the Director of Global Education at The Derryfield School and an Adjunct Professor of History for Fordham University.

Heidi Deacon is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Ukraine Program

Time: Apr 18, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89551444866?pwd=NlZXUURUcXk5MTd5c1JjSHRoNkJKZz09>

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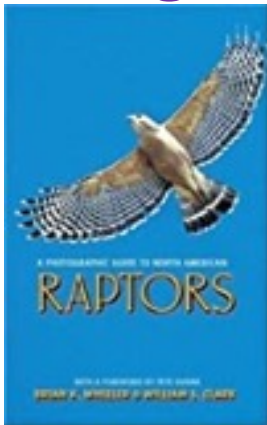
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Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/u/kcmwEwHpF>

## Agriculture commission presents:



**Tuesday April 12 at 7 pm** talk and demonstration on raptors and their interaction with agriculture, and will include live birds (Outside at the Moore park pavilion)



**May event-** talk and roundtable discussion on composting. See website for details coming soon.

*Coming in May!!*

## Candia's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual

# TRIVIA NIGHT CONTEST

**Tuesday, May 24, 7pm**

**Outdoor event on the library lawn by the Gazebo**

**{Bring chairs, snacks and outdoor gear as you like}**

**PRIZES to the TOP TEAMS!!**

### **Teams:**

1. Up to 6 people. Children under 12 don't count towards the 6.
2. Must have at least 2 Candia residents

3. For purposes of this contest, all Jesse Remington faculty and students and Moore School teachers are Candia residents.

**Get your neighbors, get your friends and *smart enemies*. We are asking for sign-ups just so we can judge how big the prizes will be. You can show up the night of and still join the fun.**

**Spectators Welcome!**

**You can watch in person or via zoom link below.**

**To compete you must be physically present.**

*Rain Date on Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup>*

**Hey Kids! Parents! Grandparents! Nannies!  
AuPairs! (you get it)**

***Storytime Restarting at the Gazebo***

*Held with Kara every Thursday*

*Starting this week April 14th ~ 10:30 am*

**COMING THIS SUMMER!**

**Smyth Public Library Summer Concert Series**

Starting June 29, weekly through August 10.

Wednesday evenings 6:30pm at the Gazebo, weather permitting

Featuring Swing bands, Big bands, Community bands, and more!

**Candia Farmer's Market**

Every third Saturday, June-October, 9am-Noon~New vendors welcome!

## Candia Garden Club Garden Tour

Saturday, July 16 from 9am-1pm

Tickets available at the June Farmer's Market

(See Candia Garden Club Facebook page for more details.)

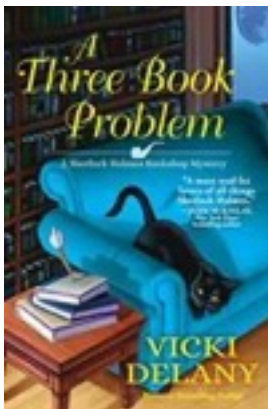
## *Books Available Now!!*

*Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience:  
this is the ideal life.-Mark Twain*

Smyth Library offers these books for curbside pickup!

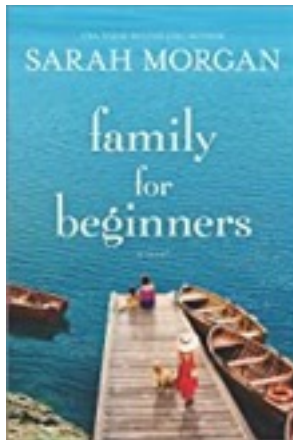
Just email [librarian@smythpl.org](mailto:librarian@smythpl.org) to order.

### FICTION:



#### **A Three Book Problem: A Sherlock Holmes Bookshop Mystery by Vicki Delaney**

It's a crisp, early October weekend, and business is slowing down as fall descends at the Sherlock Holmes Bookshop and Emporium and adjacent Mrs. Hudson's Tea Room. Wealthy philanthropist and prominent Sherlockian David Masterson has rented Suffolk Gardens House, where he plans to entertain his friends in a traditional English country house weekend. Before Gemma can ponder their relationships a poisoned dart sails through the window of the library, presenting Gemma Doyle with a three-book problem.

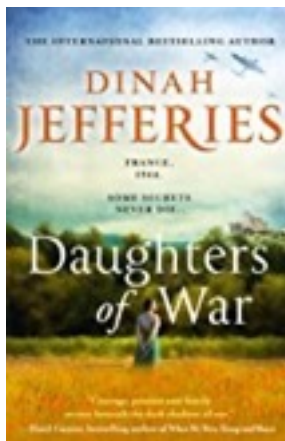


### **Family for Beginners by Sarah Morgan**

Who says you can't choose your family? USA TODAY bestselling author Sarah Morgan returns with a life-affirming exploration of love, loss, and new beginnings...

New York florist Flora is living the dream, but her bubbly optimism hides a secret. Orphaned as a child, she's never felt like she's belonged anywhere...until she meets Jack.

Don't miss Beach House Summer, the ultimate beach read by USA Today bestselling author Sarah Morgan! One woman forges the most unlikely friendship of all, and embarks on a summer of confronting her past in order to build the future she wants.



### **Daughters of War by Dinah Jefferies**

In an old stone cottage, on the edge of a beautiful French village, three sisters long for the end of the war.

Then, one dark night, the Allies come knocking for help. And H  l  ne knows that she cannot sit on the sidelines any longer. But secrets from their own mysterious past threaten to unravel everything they hold most dear...

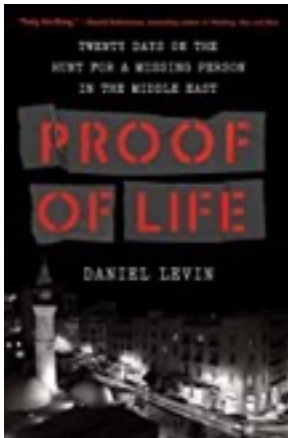
The first in an epic new series from the #1 international bestselling author, Daughters of War is a stunning tale of sisters, secrets and bravery in the darkness of war-torn France...

## NON FICTION:



### **1619 Project by Nicole Hannah Jones**

This is a book that speaks directly to our current moment, contextualizing the systems of race and caste within which we operate today. It reveals long-glossed-over truths around our nation's founding and construction--and the way that the legacy of slavery did not end with emancipation, but continues to shape contemporary American life.

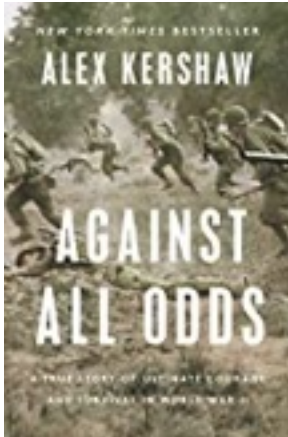


### **Proof of Life by Daniel Levin**

Daniel Levin was in his New York office when he got a call from an acquaintance with an urgent, cryptic request to meet in Paris. A young man had gone missing in Syria. No government, embassy, or intelligence agency would help. Could he? Would he? So begins a suspenseful, shocking, and at times brutal true story of one man's search to find a missing person in Syria over twenty tense days. Levin, a lawyer turned armed-conflict negotiator, chases leads throughout the Middle East, meeting with powerful sheikhs, drug lords, and sex traffickers in his pursuit of the truth.

A fast-paced thriller wrapped in a memoir, Proof of Life is a cinematic must-read by an author with access to a world that usually remains hidden.





### **Against All Odds by Alex Kershaw**

The national bestselling author of *The First Wave* tells the untold story of four of the most decorated soldiers of World War II—all Medal of Honor recipients—from the beaches of French Morocco to Hitler's own mountaintop fortress.

Tapping into personal interviews and a wealth of primary source material, Alex Kershaw has delivered his most gripping account yet of American courage, spanning more than six hundred days of increasingly merciless combat, from the deserts of North Africa to the dark heart of Nazi Germany. Once the guns fell silent, these four exceptional warriors would discover just how heavy the Medal of Honor could be—and how great the expectations associated with it. Having survived against all odds, who among them would finally find peace?

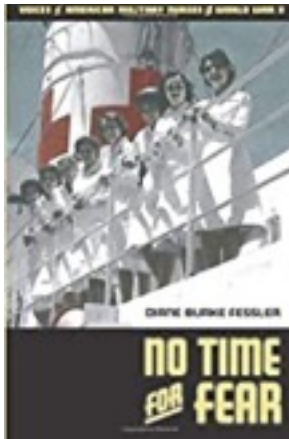


### **One Damn Thing After Another by William P. Barr (INSTANT #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER)**

The former attorney general provides a candid account of his historic tenures serving two vastly different presidents, George H.W. Bush and Donald J. Trump.

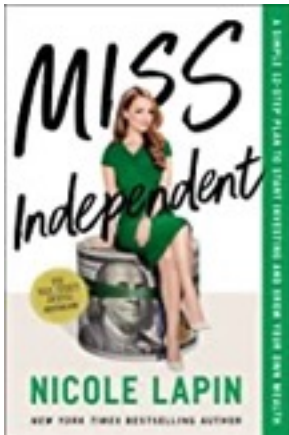
William Barr's first tenure as attorney general under President George H.W. Bush was largely the result of chance, while his second tenure under President Donald Trump a deliberate and difficult choice. In this candid memoir, Barr takes readers behind the scenes during seminal moments of the 1990s, from the LA riots to Pan Am 103 and Iran Contra. Thirty years later, Barr faced an unrelenting barrage of issues, such as Russiagate, the COVID outbreak, civil unrest, the impeachments, and the 2020 election fallout. *One Damn Thing After Another* is vivid, forthright, and essential not only to understanding the Bush and

Trump legacies, but also how both men viewed power and justice at critical junctures of their presidencies.



**No Time For Fear by Diane Burke Fessler (Given by Candia Historical Society in Honor of Gladys Baker)**

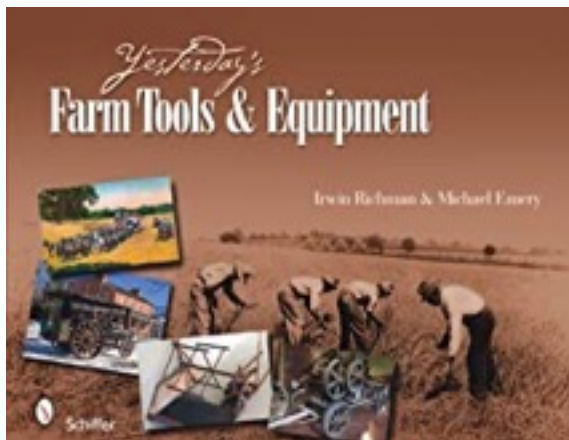
No Time for Fear summons the voices of more than 100 women who served as nurses overseas during World War II. Fessler has meticulously compiled and transcribed more than 200 interviews with American military nurses who were present in all theaters of WWII. Their stories bring to life horrific tales of illness and hardship, blinding blizzards, and near starvation—all faced with courage, tenacity, and even good humor. This unique oral-history collection makes available to readers an important counterpoint to the seemingly endless discussions of strategy, planning, and troop movement that often characterize discussions of the Second World War.



**Miss Independent by Nicole Lapin (Wall Street Journal BESTSELLER)**

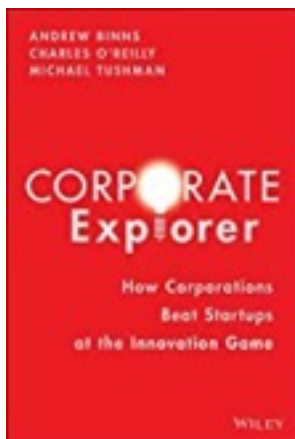
New York Times bestselling author of Rich Bitch and renowned money expert Nicole Lapin makes investing accessible and fun so women can make bank and become Miss Independent. From automating your savings to easy, no-stress investing strategies, Nicole will teach you how to take your financial knowledge and portfolio to the next level and start you on your journey to your ultimate destination: true financial independence.

Miss Independent takes the fear out of money management and investing once and for all. Using her own vulnerable stories and her signature conversational style, let Nicole show you all the different ways and paths that you can take to become financially free at last.



### **Yesterday's Farm Tools and Equipment by Irwin Richman (Given by Candia Historical Society in Honor of Dennis Lewis)**

Hundreds of old farm tools and equipment are shown to be echoes of America's past, as farming remains vital to the economy today. Major chapters cover old haying, grains, tobacco, orchards, poultry, dairy, horses and mules in farm practices. Over 600 vintage and modern photos display the amazing variety of gadgets once necessary for farming. These objects are preserved in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the Landis Valley Museum, where they help to interpret American farm life of the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. This book extends the reach of the museum's collections to interested people worldwide.



### **Corporate Explorers by Andrew Binns**

Corporate Explorers Transform Disruption Into Opportunity With This Proven Framework

Innovation used to be seen as a game best left to entrepreneurs, but now a new breed of corporate managers is flipping this logic on its head. These Corporate Explorers have the insight, resilience, and discipline to overcome the obstacles and build new ventures from inside even the largest organizations. Entrepreneurs take notice—it's time for Corporate Explorers to set the pace and chart the course for disruption.

While we are closed...

*Great News!!*

Griffin Free Public Library in Auburn, Hooksett Public Library, Chester Library and Dudley Tucker Library in Raymond have all generously offered to partner with the Smyth Public Library to provide temporary borrowing cards to Candia, NH residents while Smyth Public Library is closed for renovations.

These out of town temporary cards will be provided to adults with proof of Candia residency (such as a valid driver's license) right away in Auburn and Hooksett and as of February 1 in Raymond. The cards will allow up to three physical items (such as books or DVDs) to be circulated at a time. Access to digital collections will be limited to in library usage only and no online account access will be available. Access to digital resources will continue to be provided by Smyth Public Library.

These cards will expire on the day that the Smyth Public Library reopens. Please respect these neighboring town library conditions and be sure to return all items in a timely manner so that all patrons can enjoy this service in Auburn, Hooksett, Raymond and Candia.

If you have any questions regarding this service, please contact Heidi Deacon, Library Director, [librarian@smythpl.org](mailto:librarian@smythpl.org).

*Auburn Library Invites:*

**2022 PEEP Diorama Contest**

**“PEEPS AT THE BEACH”**

Submit your dioramas via email or drop them off at Auburn library between April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Contest judging will be held April 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon.

All ages are welcome to participate.

**May 18th movie night!** We are showing The Goonies (a classic). We will require registration because of the limited space; call to register 483-5374, only 20 people allowed. This movie is rated PG and we recommend it for the tween age group.

And don't forget...

You can still check e-books out from the state library through our catalogue, as usual.

*It's Spring!*

*Smyth Public Library has free seed packets for vegetables and fruits available. See the list on our website to order for curbside pickup.*

## **Happy Earth Day and Week! Friday, April 22**

Ideas to celebrate Earth Day everyday:

\*\*If you're stuck between "I want to do right by the earth!" and "But I have no clue where to start," subscribe to the e-newsletter Today We Will. Every weekday you'll be encouraged to make small, easily achievable lifestyle tweaks that will pay off over time. ([todaywewillnewsletter.com](http://todaywewillnewsletter.com))

\*\*Try an eco-audit. The Nature Conservancy's carbon calculator ([nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/carbon-footprint-calculator/](http://nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/carbon-footprint-calculator/)) helps you determine your footprint, then offers tips on what you can do to decrease it.

## **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

**Red Cross-April 20th, 2022 6-7PM** Come celebrate volunteerism with us!

Join us for our 2nd annual Voice of Volunteerism event celebrating our volunteers during National Volunteer Week 2022. You'll hear from our Northern New England volunteers about their time and experience serving with the American Red Cross mission. Join us to learn how you can get involved in making a difference in your community!

Email [Erica.Fuller4@redcross.org](mailto:Erica.Fuller4@redcross.org) to register. [You will be emailed a link to join us via Microsoft Teams.] If you are unable to attend and would like to learn more please visit [www.redcross.org/volunteerNNE](http://www.redcross.org/volunteerNNE). All attendees will receive a FREE Red Cross first aid kit!

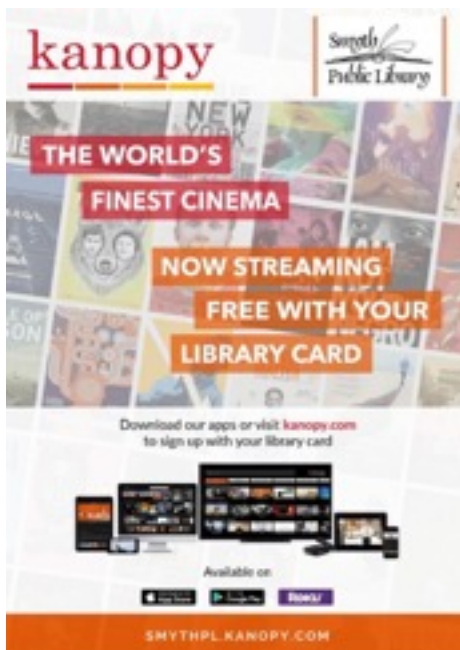
## Overdrive/ Libby



**Overdrive** is the original app, which is compatible with most devices. Use this if you have a Kindle Fire, a Mac, a Windows device, or a PC.

**Libby** is a new app by Overdrive. It has the same collection as Overdrive. If you have an Android or iOS device, use the Libby app.

## Kanopy



### What is Kanopy?

Kanopy is a popular on demand film streaming service that will be available for free with your library card! You can get 4 titles per month.



Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku.

With the motto of “thoughtful entertainment,” Kanopy provides patrons with access to films of unique social and cultural value; films that are often difficult or impossible to access elsewhere, and programming that features diversity, with a wide array of foreign language films and films on race, and current affairs.

Kanopy also offers **Kanopy Kids**, with categories include TV Series, Learning Languages, Animated Storybooks, Anime Favorites, Classic Films and Movies for the Whole Family.

### **Kanopy Toolkits:**

At the start of 2020 Kanopy launched new toolkits to help patrons and viewers access theme-specific videos and movies. Each month a new toolkit shall be published; the toolkits offer program guides and suggestions on what films to view.

Click [here](#) to view the toolkits.

### **Accessing Kanopy:**

Library card holders can access Kanopy and sign up to start streaming films on instantly by visiting [smythpl.kanopy.com](https://smythpl.kanopy.com).

NOTE: When logging-in to Kanopy it requires your *Library Card Number* and a *Library Card Pin/Password*. The *Pin/Password* is the seven digits of your phone number, or ten digits of your phone number if the number i

## Hoopla



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### **STEAM Look Book**

The 2021 hoopla [STEAM Look Book](#) is now available! hoopla offers the best selection of science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics titles for patrons of all ages. STEAM education is known to increase problem-solving and

critical thinking skills, so the content is great anytime, but especially for back to school!

Browse our STEAM Library Resources, [Look Book](#), and collections for every age

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### **The Great Courses**

We're thrilled to announce [The Great Courses](#) now on video on hoopla. Patrons can enjoy over 200 individual courses in a variety of topics taught by award-winning experts and professors including *Health, Fitness & Nutrition*, *Literature & Language*, *Science & Technology*, and more.

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### **hoopla Book Club:**

hoopla's digital collection is available instantly with no holds and no waiting, including the [Book Club Spotlight Selection](#), giving readers access to eBooks and audiobooks even if the library's physical building is closed.

### **New Book Club Spotlight Selection: *Before the Coffee Gets Cold***

The Winter 2021 hoopla Book Club Spotlight is [Before the Coffee Gets Cold](#) by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. This is his debut as an author, and has become an international bestseller.

hoopla's online resources, including an [exclusive Q&A with the author](#), are also available on the [hoopla Book Club Hub](#) site to access and share digitally. Readers can keep the discussion going virtually or in person, no matter where they are, with the hoopla Book Club.

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### **Accessing hoopla:**

To register for and enjoy hoopla digital for free with your library card, please download the hoopla digital app from your Apple or Google Play store on your mobile device. If you are using a computer, you may visit <https://www.hoopladigital.com/home>.

For more information or should you have questions, please visit or call Smyth Public Library.

Please note, that when logging-in to Hoopla, type in your *email*, and then the *Password/PIN* required is simply your phone number.

### **FAQ of hoopla:**

With Hoopla, you can check out 3 items per month with your library card! NO WAITING!

You will have immediate access to:

MOVIES, FULL MUSIC ALBUMS, eBooks, eAUDIOBOOKS, TV EPISODES, and COMICS and GRAPHIC NOVELS!



ALL of this content will be available in one all-inclusive mobile app or website. The platform is simple, intuitive and free. BEST OF ALL? There is NO WAITING for titles, the collection contains half a million titles and is growing every day!!

**hoopla has added over 6,500 new titles! Click [here](#) for more information.**

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### **Family Movie Nights made easy with hoopla!**

With many families staying in more than ever, hoopla can help make decisions for family movie night easy with our wide selection of family titles. We have curated a [\*\*special collection of some of our favorites\*\*](#) available now with no holds or waiting – including *Ella Enchanted*, *Daddy Day Care*, *The 3 Tails*, and more!

Discovering titles your patrons will love has never been easier with the new and expanded [\*\*Movies of the Month\*\*](#) on hoopla!

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### **Reading guides**

The hoopla Resource Center now has [\*\*reading guides\*\*](#) for IDW Publishing graphic novels available on hoopla, including *March Book One* and *March Book Two*. John Lewis's game-changing graphic memoir *March* has brought attention to a powerful issue and its three books have won numerous awards and have been a #1 *New York Times* Bestseller.

[\*\*Check out the Reading Guides\*\*](#)

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### **Curate your own film festival with the power of your library card and hoopla!**

The programs new Art House collection full of documentaries and films is the perfect place to start; click [here](#) for more information.



I have been told by hospital authorities that more copies of my works are left behind by departing patients than those of any other author.

- Robert Benchley

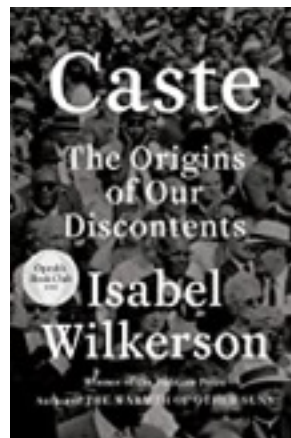
## ***Book club still meeting!***

*Readers meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month*

*Next month join us April 19th ~ 7:30 pm*

*Smyth Memorial Building*

### **This Month's Selection:**



## **Caste By Isabel Wilkerson**

In this brilliant book, Isabel Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched

narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings.

Beautifully written, original, and revealing, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* is an eye-opening story of people and history, and a reexamination of what lies under the surface of ordinary lives and of American life today.

## ***Next Month's Title: Empty Mansions by Bill Dedman***



*What's the difference between cats and a comma?*

*Cats have claws at the end of their paws and commas are a pause at the end of a clause.*



### **Tip from the front desk**

***“And the Spring arose on the garden fair,  
Like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere;  
And each flower and herb on Earth's dark breast  
Rose from the dreams of its wintry rest.”  
Percy Bysshe Shelley***

# **April is Poetry Month**

Launched by the Academy of American Poets in April 1996, National Poetry Month reminds the public that poets have an integral role to play in our culture and that poetry matters.

### **Poem vs. Sonnet: What's the Difference?**

Defining the word *poem* isn't that simple. Basically, it's any collection of written or spoken words that have some sort of lyrical quality, rhythm, and/or structure that's less straightforward than a series of sentences is. A sonnet is just another type of poem, in the same way that an apple is a type of fruit. All of them, however, must have 14 lines and a rhyme scheme. But since poetry is all about experimentation and self-expression, feel free to take a page out of Shakespeare's book and just make up your own guidelines.

Excerpt from Mental Floss March 2022



*Did you know...*

If you publish a book in Norway, the government will buy 1000 copies (1500 if a children's book) and distribute them to libraries.

# 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.**

## This Month's Trivia Question:

*Which character is pregnant at the beginning of The Grapes of Wrath?*

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

**Got a book to recommend?**

**Want to write a blurb?**

**Have a child with a favorite book who would like to contribute to the Smythie?**

We welcome contributors (less for us to write!), especially children and teens to review and recommend favorite books. Just drop Heidi Deacon an e-mail at [librarian@smythpl.org](mailto:librarian@smythpl.org) or “reply” to this and we’ll include it here. It need not be a new book – it can be a golden oldie, a classic, a trashy beach book or whatever you have enjoyed.

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

Rick Mitchell and the library staff

The Smythie is now over a gazillion subscribers strong!!

**But...** We may not be for everyone. If you do not want to be on this e-mail list, just reply and tell us to remove your name.