

# Smythie

The monthly e-newsletter of the Smyth Public Library

**August 2022**

Volume 16, No.5

*“In India, “cold weather” is merely a conventional phrase and has come into use through the necessity of having some way to distinguish between weather which will melt a brass door-knob and weather which will only make it mushy.”*  
~ Mark Twain, *Following the Equator*

This Smythie finds us reopened in the midst of high summer. In light of the temperatures, Smyth Public Library is now able to offer a cool environment and welcomes anyone needing a break from the heat to visit the library. Pick up a recommended book, grab a newspaper, magazine, or movie.

A fellow librarian had a good idea and recommends anything in the arctic or Antarctic exploration genre during this weather. He said, “There's nothing like reading about travails in the cold to deliver you from the stifling heat.” Try *Ada Blackjack: A True Story of Survival in the Arctic* by Jennifer Niven as an unforgettable and chill worthy adventure.

Please read on for other recommendations for reading and the last summer books to enjoy.

## Events...

Smyth Public Library reopened on July 27, 2022, celebrating with cake and lemonade generously provided by the Friends of Smyth Public Library. All these refreshments and tours of the library happening while enjoying our weekly summer concert series featuring Nicole Knox Murphy providing great music. Heidi, the library staff and trustees couldn't be more grateful for all the help

they received. “What I love about being a librarian in this town is that we all want the best for each other. People are on our team and want the library to succeed!”

### Candia Farmer’s Market

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



You are most cordially invited to attend the New England Heritage program on Star Island at the Isles of Shoals for the 2022 summer event, “Experience Living History.”

Join in this intellectual adventure for 3 or 6 days, from August 28 to August 31 or from August 28 to September 3, 2022. Meet characters from New England’s past; hear their stories and engage them in convivial conversation. Experience various eras through the eyes of those that lived them. Be drawn into the world of historical persona, both famous and little known.

In the tradition of the Chautauqua movement, enjoy speakers and specialists who thrive on entertaining education through reviving the past. Join in the

entertaining and intellectual pursuit of bygone New England with talks, demonstrations, workshops and activities. Spend summer days on beautiful, historic Star Island at the Isles of Shoals at the enlightening summer camp for adults known as the New England Heritage program. For more information, please visit [www.starisland.org/neh](http://www.starisland.org/neh)

## ***New services available...***

*Hey Kids! Parents! Grandparents! Nannies!*

*AuPairs! (you get it)*

***Storytime at the Gazebo***

***Held with Kara Thursdays at 10:30 am***

*(weather permitting - - check website)*

***MUSEUM Passes available NOW!***

***Email [librarian@smythpl.org](mailto:librarian@smythpl.org) to order one.***

***Strawbery Banke; Portsmouth***

***Seacoast Science Center; Rye***

***Libby Museum; Wolfeboro***

***Squam Lakes Science Center; Holderness***

***Fuller Gardens; North Hampton***

***Museum of Fine Arts; Boston***

***Currier Museum; Manchester***

***NEW: Bedrock Gardens; Lee***

*Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are beginning to find out that going to the mountains is going home; that wildness is a necessity-*  
*John Muir, Our National Parks*

And don't forget...

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

*It's Still growing season!*

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



*Who bends a knee where violets grow, a hundred secret things shall know. Rachel Field*

If you are limiting your exposure due to Covid-19 concerns and would prefer to pick up items outside of the Library building, you can take advantage of our curbside service. Just reserve online or email [librarian@smythpl.org](mailto:librarian@smythpl.org) and let us know what materials you would like, and we will package them up for you to pick up at our side door.

#### **EVEN THE BEST LIBRARIES NEED FRIENDS**

**The Friends of the Smyth Public Library is an organization that provides financial and volunteer support to the Library through membership and contributions.**

**In the past few years, the Friends have given funds for our telescope, hotspot, summer reading program and summer music series as well as for programming to the library and passes to area museums.**

**Members have the satisfaction of knowing that your membership and contributions have helped support vital library programs.**

**If you would like to show your support for the Library by joining the Friends, please use the Contact Us form on our website at [www.smythpl.org](http://www.smythpl.org).**



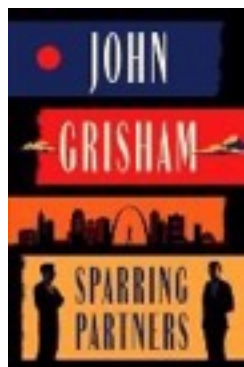
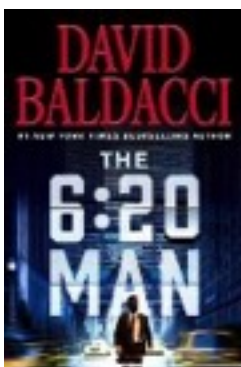
## *New Launchpads Available for Checkout:*

Pre-loaded with content for kids, teens, and adults, designed with a simple, easy-to-use interface, and 100% secure, Launchpad tablets are made to be passed from one set of hands to the next. No download time. No need for Wi-Fi. Access to powerful content is simple as turning on each device — anytime, anywhere.

**These materials made available and possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the New Hampshire State Library.**

## *New on our shelves...*

*We've been buying right through our unfortunate closure.  
This is just a smattering...*

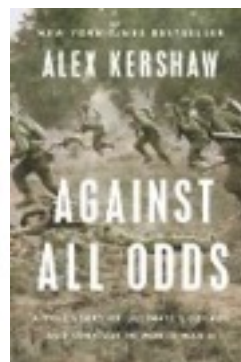
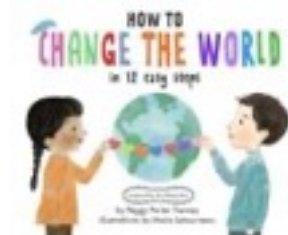


## **New Fiction...**

The 6:20 man  
Shadows reel  
Daughters of Lancaster County: the series  
The last house on the street  
The match  
Edge of dusk  
The bride's house  
Something to hide  
Sparring partners  
The overnight guest  
Book lovers  
The Hotel Nantucket: a novel  
Targeted  
The mirror man  
Lightning in a mirror  
The good son  
Robert B. Parker's Bye Bye Baby  
The horsewoman: a novel  
The runaway  
The investigator  
The summer place: a novel  
City on fire: a novel

Baldacci, David  
Box, C. J  
Brunstetter, Wanda E  
Chamberlain, Diane  
Coben, Harlan  
Coble, Colleen  
Dallas, Sandra  
George, Elizabeth  
Grisham, John  
Gudenkauf, Heather  
Henry, Emily  
Hilderbrand, Elin  
Hunter, Stephen  
Kepler, Lars  
Krentz, Jayne Ann  
Mitchard, Jacquelyn  
Atkins, Ace  
Patterson, James  
Petrie, Nicholas  
Sandford, John  
Weiner, Jennifer  
Winslow, Don

## **New Non-Fiction...**



How to change the world in 12 easy steps: inspired by the life lessons of Eva Mozes Kor  
Tierney, Peggy,  
Move: how the new science of body movement can set your mind free  
Williams, Caroline,  
Against all odds: a true story of ultimate courage and survival in World War II



Killing the Killers  
Videodisc: Atlantic crossing DVD

Kershaw, Alex  
O'Reilly, Bill



*Books are good company, in sad times and happy times, for books are people – people who have managed to stay alive by hiding between the covers of a book.*

*E.B. White*



*Dystopian literature is so is 1984!*



**Tip from the front desk**



Ever wanted to play a computer game based on the poems of Emily Dickinson? Well, now you can, with the release of EmilyBlaster, a 1980s-style game in which players must shoot words out of the sky to correctly recreate Dickinson's verse.

## 'A little bit addictive and the right amount hard': new video game is based on poems of Emily Dickinson

**The 80s-style shooter EmilyBlaster is a real-life version of a game featured in Gabrielle Zevin's forthcoming novel Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow**

EmilyBlaster is a real-life version of the fictional game that a character makes in Gabrielle Zevin's novel Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, out this month. Zevin's book is about Sadie and Sam, who first meet as children in a hospital computer room in 1987. Eight years later, they are reunited and begin to work together making computer games. Among the first games Sadie makes is EmilyBlaster, and now readers can play along, after the book's US publisher, Knopf, recreated it to celebrate Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow's publication. (Excerpt by Sarah Shaffi online 21 Jun 22 The Guardian)



## *Did you know...*

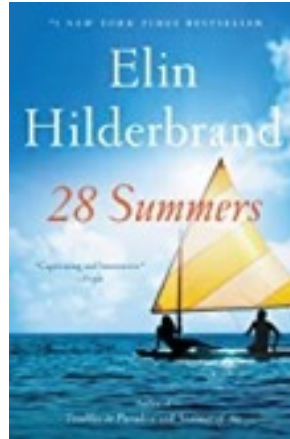
Agatha Christie ate apples in the bath for creative inspiration. She also tried her best to take up smoking and was really upset when she couldn't develop the habit.

***Monthly Reading Group***

*Readers meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month*

*Next month join us August 16th ~ 7:30 pm  
Smyth Public Library Meeting Room*

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



## **28 Summers**

**By Elin Hilderbrand**

When Mallory Blessing's son, Link, receives deathbed instructions from his mother to call a number on a slip of paper in her desk drawer, he's not sure what to expect. But he certainly does not expect Jake McCloud to answer. It's the late spring of 2020 and Jake's wife, Ursula DeGournsey, is the frontrunner in the upcoming Presidential election.

There must be a mistake, Link thinks. How do Mallory and Jake know each other?

Flash back to the sweet summer of 1993: Mallory has just inherited a beachfront cottage on Nantucket from her aunt, and she agrees to host her brother's bachelor party.

Based on the classic film *Same Time Next Year* (which Mallory and Jake watch every summer), *28 Summers* explores the agony and romance of a one-weekend-per-year affair and the dramatic ways this relationship complicates and enriches their lives, and the lives of the people they love.

***Electronic Resources...***

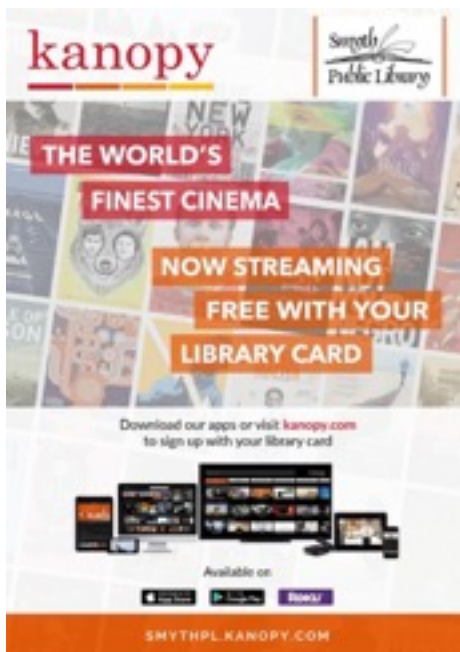
## Overdrive/ Libby



**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



---

### **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

---

## **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.

---

## **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.

---

## **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.**

---

### 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!

---

### 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](#)

---

### 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.



---

*Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Smyth Public Library Assoc" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.*

*How it works:*

- 1. Open the Amazon app*
- 2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs &*

### Features

3. Select "Smyth Public Library Assoc" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile

## 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](http://smythpl.org) website updates and Smyth Library's Public Catalog featuring:**

- A new signup button for new library card accounts! Tell your friends and neighbors!
- 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.

## 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.

**We're on Facebook!**





**Like** the Smyth Public Library  
**Look** at our page on Facebook for  
events and updates about our library!  
**Downloadable Books!!!!**

Ipods and Kindles work and you can  
Order right from our website!

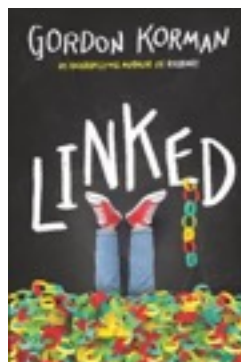
### ***New books for juniors...***

Wings of fire: the graphic novel — Book three, — The hidden Kingdom  
Sutherland, Tui T

Hilo — Book 1, — The boy who crashed to Earth /  
The return to secret lake  
The secret lake  
Linked

Winick, Judd,  
Inglis, Karen,  
Inglis, Karen,  
Korman, Gordon

From the Junior Shelves~



## Linked

by Gordon Korman

Link, Michael, and Dana live in a quiet town. But it's woken up very quickly when someone sneaks into school and vandalizes it with a swastika. Nobody can believe it. How could such a symbol of hate end up in the middle of their school? Who would do such a thing?

Because Michael was the first person to see it, he's the first suspect. Because Link is one of the most popular guys in school, everyone's looking to him to figure it out. And because Dana's the only Jewish girl in the whole town, everyone's treating her more like an outsider than ever.

The mystery deepens as more swastikas begin to appear. Some students decide to fight back and start a project to bring people together instead of dividing them further. The closer Link, Michael, and Dana get to the truth, the more there is to face-not just the crimes of the present, but the crimes of the past.  
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.**

**Last month's question and answer:**

**Q. What was the first novel to be published in English?**

**A. Robinson Crusoe**

## **This Month's Trivia Question:**

*What novel(s) did Margaret Mitchell publish before GONE WITH THE WIND?*

## **From the New and Recent 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](mailto:librarian@smythpl.org)

## **Fiction...**



## **The Bride's House**

by Sandra Dallas

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Whiter Than Snow* and *Prayers for Sale* comes a novel about the secrets and passions of three generations of women who have all lived in the same Victorian home called the Bride's House.

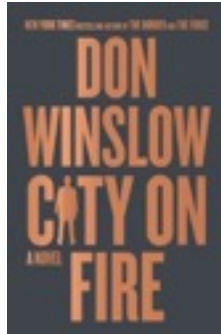
It's 1880, and for unassuming seventeen-year-old Nealie Bent, the Bride's House is a fairy tale come to life. It seems as if it is being built precisely for her and Will Spaulding, the man she is convinced she will marry. But life doesn't go according to plan, and Nealie finds herself in the Bride's House pregnant---and married to another.

For Pearl, growing up in the Bride's House is akin to being raised in a mausoleum. Her father has fashioned the house into a shrine to the woman he loved, resisting all forms of change. When the enterprising young Frank Curry comes along and asks for Pearl's hand in marriage, her father sabotages the union. But he underestimates the lengths to which the women in the Bride's House will go for love.

Susan is the latest in the line of strong and willful women in the Bride's House. She's proud of the women who came before her, but the Bride's House hides secrets that will force her to question what she wants and who she loves.

Sandra Dallas has once again written a novel rich in storytelling and history, peopled by living, breathing characters that will grab hold of you and not let you go. Goodreads

# More fiction...



## **City on Fire** by Don Winslow

*New York Times Bestseller!*

From the #1 internationally bestselling author of the Cartel Trilogy (The Power of the Dog, The Cartel, and The Border), The Force, and Broken comes the first novel in an epic new trilogy.

"Superb. City on Fire is exhilarating." – Stephen King

"Epic, ambitious, majestic, City on Fire is The Godfather for our generation." – Adrian McKinty, New York Times bestselling author of The Chain

Two criminal empires together control all of New England.

Until a beautiful woman comes between the Irish and the Italians, launching a war that will see them kill each other, destroy an alliance, and set a city on fire.

Danny Ryan yearns for a more "legit" life and a place in the sun. But as the bloody conflict stacks body on body and brother turns against brother, Danny has to rise above himself. To save the friends he loves like family and the family he has sworn to protect, he becomes a leader, a ruthless strategist, and a master of a treacherous game in

which the winners live and the losers die.

From the gritty streets of Providence to the glittering screens of Hollywood to the golden casinos of Las Vegas, two rival crime families ignite a war that will leave only one standing. The winner will forge a dynasty.

Exploring the classic themes of loyalty, betrayal, and honor, *City on Fire* is a contemporary masterpiece in the tradition of *The Godfather*, *Casino*, and *Goodfellas*—a thrilling saga from Don Winslow, “America’s greatest living crime writer” (Jon Land, *Providence Journal*).

Goodreads

## Non-fiction...



### **Against All Odds: A True Story of Ultimate Courage and Survival in World War II**

by Alex Kershaw

**\*\*The instant *New York Times* bestseller\*\***

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.

As the Allies raced to defeat Hitler, four men, all in the same unit, earned medal after medal for battlefield heroism.

Maurice "Footsie" Britt, a former professional football player, became the very first American to receive every award for valor in a single war.

Michael Daly was a West Point dropout who risked his neck over and over to keep his men alive.

Keith Ware would one day become the first and only draftee in history to attain the rank of general before serving in Vietnam. In WWII, Ware owed his life to the finest soldier he ever commanded, a baby-faced Texan named Audie Murphy. In the campaign to liberate Europe, each would gain the ultimate accolade, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

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?

. Goodreads

**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.