

## Smythie

The monthly e-newsletter of the Smyth Public Library

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*“The home is the child’s first school, the parent is the child’s first teacher,  
and reading is the child’s first subject.”  
~ Barbara Bush*

## Events...

Thank you to all who attended and participated these past months in Smyth Public Library’s Summer Reading and Concert Series. We had over 50 little summer readers and hundreds who enjoyed live music and fun along with beautiful sunsets at the gazebo.



**Coming in October:  
Fairy House Creation Workshop  
(Tentatively) Saturday, October 22 (11am)**

With Lorraine Briand (details coming on website)

## ***Still Growing Strong:***

## **Candia Farmer's Market**

**Saturday, September 19 (9am-Noon)**

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



**Saturday, October 8, @ 7 pm**

## **Beatles Night**

*Special 14<sup>th</sup> year!*

This will be the fourteenth year for Beatles night at the Candia library. The evening will feature rare films, music, trivia, and door prizes. Every year features a new program so come join the music and fun!

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

*Hey Kids! Parents! Grandparents! Nannies!*

*AuPairs! (you get it)*

***Storytime at the Library***

## ***Now with Jessica Thursdays at 10:30am*** *(Gazebo is weather permitting - -)*

### More Exciting Children's program:

\*Coloring Night for kids and adults, 6-7 pm, Wednesdays, all supplies provided.

\*Monthly Lego night –Date TBD 6:30pm-all ages welcome. Also coming soon:  
Snap Circuits: Build exciting projects including computer interfaced experiments and solar cell applications. (Adult helpers needed!)

\*CALDECOTT CHALLENGE – read through the award winning titles on your own or with a friend

\*1000 BOOKS before Kindergarten- Personal memory registers and book bags are available for parents

### New Teen Opportunities at Smyth Public Library

We are looking for more teens to participate in the Smyth Library Teen Advisory Group.

The group goal would be to bring suggestions and fresh perspective of our youth to the Smyth Public Library programs. They would meet once per month during the school year and be facilitated by a staff member. The group would present ideas to the Director and would be responsible for creating, initiating, promoting and implementing the programs.

Our goal is to have our youth participate in a variety of workshops, classes and events, for example: Lego night, Teen Crafts, the Middle and High School Book Club, Oration Day/Youth Poetry Slam and/or Teen Yoga. In addition, they could arrange for visiting artist programs in collaboration with our local schools and other institutions.

To apply for membership of the Teen Advisory Group, please email [librarian@smythpl.org](mailto:librarian@smythpl.org) for an application or more information.

**MUSEUM PASSES:** Don't forget to take advantage of our awesome variety. Here are some to consider in this beautiful weather:

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*

"Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you."  
~Frank Lloyd Wright

**And don't forget...**

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

**NEW: Drop in Coloring for all ages, all supplies provided, Wednesday s 6-7 pm(packets also available for use in library anytime we are open)**

**All these events are free and open to the public. Please call the library for further information at 483-8245. We look forward to hosting and hope to see you there!**

We are also extremely pleased to present our new Orion StarBlast 4.5" telescope which will be available for individual patron checkout. This is provided to the library through the generous donation of the Friends of Smyth Public Library. We hope you will try it out and enjoy these cool, clear autumn skies!

Smyth Library also has available for sale these books from the Historical Society:

Candia Congregational Church History

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)

*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 or browse the collection in our reference room to choose.*



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

If you are limiting your exposure concerns and would prefer to pick up items outside of the Library building, you can take advantage of our curbside service. Just call, 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.

## **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.**

**EVEN THE BEST LIBRARIES NEED FRIENDS**



## *New Launchpads Available for Checkout:*

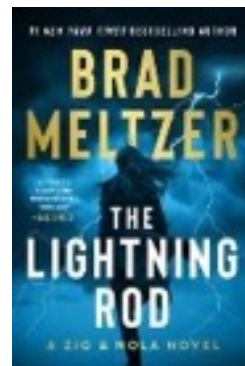
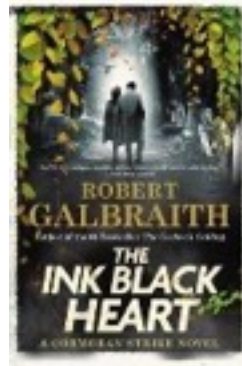
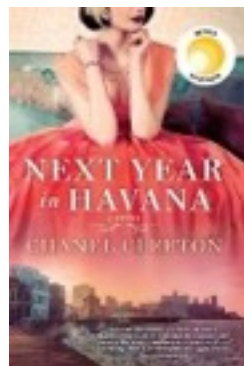
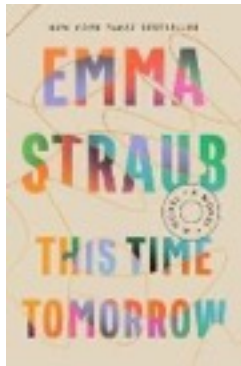
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**These materials made available and possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the New Hampshire State Library.**

# HOW-TO's

*Restarting soon! If you have a special talent you'd like to share, please see Heidi at the front desk.*

## *New on our shelves...*



## **New Fiction...**

Midnight on the Marne	Adlakha, Sarah
Violeta: a novel	Allende, Isabel
Death of a green-eyed monster	Beaton, M. C. writing at Marion Chesney
Her hidden genius: a novel	Benedict, Marie
Chestnut Street	Binchy, Maeve
The lioness	Bohjalian, Chris
Shadow on the crown	Bracewell, Patricia,
Overkill	Brown, Sandra
Daughters of Lancaster County: the series	Brunstetter, Wanda E
Find me: a novel	Burke, Alafair
The oracle	Cahn, Jonathan.
What the bishop saw	Chapman, Vannetta
Next year in Havana	Cleeton, Chanel
The new neighbor: a novel	Cleveland, Karen
Edge of dusk	Coble, Colleen
Harry's trees	Cohen, Jon,
Reckoning: an FBI thriller	Coulter, Catherine
The paper palace	Cowley Heller, Miranda
The magnolia palace: a novel	Davis, Fiona
The Christie affair	Gramont, Nina de,
A three book problem	Delany, Vicki
Hatchet Island	Doiron, Paul

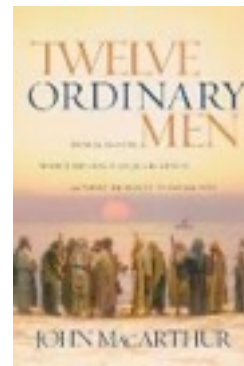
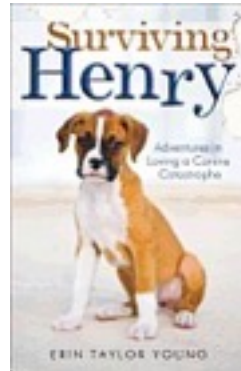
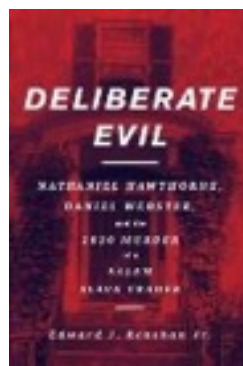
<b>Haven: a novel</b>	<b>Donoghue, Emma</b>
<b>The recovery agent: a novel</b>	<b>Evanovich, Janet</b>
<b>The Mitford vanishing</b>	<b>Fellowes, Jessica</b>
<b>The Paris apartment: a novel</b>	<b>Foley, Lucy</b>
<b>The ink black heart</b>	<b>Galbraith, Robert</b>
<b>One step too far: a novel</b>	<b>Gardner, Lisa</b>
<b>Listen to me: a novel</b>	<b>Gerritsen, Tess</b>
<b>One Lane Bridge</b>	<b>Krzyzkowski, Dan</b>
<b>Book lovers</b>	<b>Henry, Emily</b>
<b>Dark horse</b>	<b>Hurwitz, Gregg Andrew</b>
<b>Nothing to lose</b>	<b>Jance, Judith A.</b>
<b>City of the dead</b>	<b>Kellerman, Jonathan</b>
<b>The mirror man</b>	<b>Kepler, Lars</b>
<b>Quicksilver</b>	<b>Koontz, Dean R.</b>
<b>600 hours of Edward</b>	<b>Lancaster, Craig.</b>
<b>What you can see from here</b>	<b>Leky, Mariana,</b>
<b>The missing piece</b>	<b>Lescroart, John T.</b>
<b>Robert Ludlum's The Treadstone transgression</b>	<b>Hood, Joshua</b>
<b>The best is yet to come: a novel</b>	<b>Macomber, Debbie</b>
<b>The summer getaway</b>	<b>Mallery, Susan</b>
<b>The record keeper</b>	<b>Martin, Charles</b>
<b>The lightning rod: a Zig &amp; Nola novel</b>	<b>Meltzer, Brad</b>
<b>Fear thy neighbor</b>	<b>Michaels, Fern</b>
<b>The good son</b>	<b>Mitchard, Jacquelyn</b>
<b>Vacationland: a novel</b>	<b>Moore, Meg Mitchell</b>
<b>Family for beginners</b>	<b>Morgan, Sarah</b>
<b>The shadows of men: a novel</b>	<b>Mukherjee, Abir,</b>
<b>The second opinion</b>	<b>Palmer, Michael</b>
<b>Behind closed doors</b>	<b>Paris, B. A</b>
<b>The magnificent lives of Marjorie Post: a novel</b>	<b>Pataki, Allison.</b>
<b>Run, Rose, run</b>	<b>Parton, Dolly</b>
<b>Shattered</b>	<b>Patterson, James</b>
<b>Steal</b>	<b>Patterson, James</b>



<b>Along the Rio Grande</b>	<b>Peterson, Tracie</b>
<b>The runaway</b>	<b>Petrie, Nicholas</b>
<b>Diablo Mesa: a Nora Kelly novel</b>	<b>Preston, Douglas J.</b>
<b>The diamond eye: a novel</b>	<b>Quinn, Kate</b>
<b>The one impossible labyrinth</b>	<b>Reilly, Matthew</b>
<b>The book woman's daughter: a novel</b>	<b>Richardson, Kim Michele,</b>
<b>The German wife</b>	<b>Rimmer, Kelly</b>
<b>The lady's mine: a novel</b>	<b>Rivers, Francine</b>
<b>Sisters of night and fog</b>	<b>Robuck, Erika.</b>
<b>Kingdom of bones: a Sigma Force novel</b>	<b>Rollins, James</b>
<b>Citizen K-9</b>	<b>Rosenfelt, David</b>
<b>Holy chow</b>	<b>Rosenfelt, David</b>
<b>What happened to the Bennetts</b>	<b>Scottoline, Lisa</b>
<b>One Italian summer: a novel</b>	<b>Serle, Rebecca</b>
<b>Beautiful: a novel</b>	<b>Steel, Danielle</b>
<b>The challenge: a novel</b>	<b>Steel, Danielle</b>
<b>High stakes: a novel</b>	<b>Steel, Danielle</b>
<b>Suspects: a novel</b>	<b>Steel, Danielle</b>
<b>The ambassador's wife: a novel</b>	<b>Steil, Jennifer.</b>
<b>This time tomorrow</b>	<b>Straub, Emma</b>
<b>Summer house</b>	<b>Thayer, Nancy</b>
<b>Rising tiger: a thriller</b>	<b>Thor, Brad</b>
<b>A game of fear: an Inspector Ian Rutledge mystery</b>	<b>Todd, Charles</b>
<b>French braid</b>	<b>Tyler, Anne</b>
<b>Siren queen</b>	<b>Vo, Nghi</b>
<b>The it girl</b>	<b>Ware, Ruth</b>
<b>The next ship home: a novel of Ellis Island</b>	<b>Webb, Heather</b>
<b>Sugar and salt: a novel</b>	<b>Wiggs, Susan</b>
<b>City on fire: a novel</b>	<b>Winslow, Don</b>
<b>A sunlit weapon: a novel</b>	<b>Winspear, Jacqueline</b>
<b>Black dog</b>	<b>Woods, Stuart</b>
<b>A safe house</b>	<b>Woods, Stuart</b>

<b>Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow: a novel</b>	<b>Zevin, Gabrielle</b>
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## ***New Non-Fiction...***



The power of regret: how looking backward moves us forward	Pink, Daniel H
Twelve ordinary men: how the Master shaped his disciples for greatness, and what He wants to do with you	MacArthur, John,
Return from tomorrow	Ritchie, George G.,
Tiny Blunders/Big Disasters: Thirty-nine tiny mistakes that changed the world forever	
One damn thing after another: memoirs of an attorney general	Barr, William Pelham,
When you find my body: the disappearance of Geraldine Largay on the Appalachian Trail	Dauphinee, Dee,
Degrade and destroy: the inside story of the war against the Islamic State, from Barack Obama to Donald Trump	Gordon, Michael R.,
Killing the killers: the secret war against terrorists	O'Reilly, Bill
Deliberate evil: Nathaniel Hawthorne, Daniel Webster, and the 1830 murder of a Salem slave trader	Renahan, Edward
One big happy family: heartwarming stories of animals caring for one another	Rogak, Lisa,
Super gut: a four-week plan to reprogram your microbiome, restore health, and lose weight	Davis, William
In love: a memoir of love and loss	Bloom, Amy
Surviving Henry: adventures in loving a canine catastrophe	Young, Erin Taylor.
Magnolia Table: a collection of recipes for gathering — Volume 2 :	Gaines, Joanna,

Colors of paradise: a spiritual journey	Shokatfard, Fereidun,
Stone age: sixty years of the rolling stones	Jones, Lesley-Ann.
Geno: in pursuit of perfection	Auriemma, Geno.
A place in the world: finding the meaning of home	Mayes, Frances
In pursuit of Jefferson: traveling through Europe with the most perplexing Founding Father	Baxter, Derek
River of the gods: genius, courage, and betrayal in the search for the source of the Nile	Millard, Candice
Born to be hanged: the epic story of the gentlemen pirates who raided the south seas, rescued a princess, and stole a fortune	Thomson, Keith
The wit and wisdom of Abraham Lincoln	Lincoln, Abraham,



People wonder why the novel is the most popular form of literature; people wonder why it is read more than books of science or books of metaphysics. The reason is very simple; it is merely that the novel is more true than they are.”

— G. K. Chesterton



*Thoreau editing makes “Civil Disobedience” such a great essay.*

## Tip from the front desk

### Dig A Little Deeper For Reading Riches!

Searching for your next read in the “new” section of the library? Waiting for a book on hold? If the new releases aren't grabbing you and your hold has not come in, take a trip back to the library “stacks” to revisit some of your favorite authors' earlier works. You may be surprised by what you've missed!

For example, if you loved the best- selling novel *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins, try her earlier work entitled *The Outside Boy*. I recently finished reading this novel and was intrigued by the story of a family of “Pavee” Gypsies otherwise known as “travelers” roaming Ireland by horse and wagon in the 1950's . The story centers around a young boy who seeks to learn of his true heritage despite his challenging circumstances. The author enhances the story with Irish dialect , enriching the character development in this captivating work of fiction.

If you are a Chris Bohjalian fan and are currently awaiting his latest release *The Lioness*, try another from his vast collection. Two of my favorites are *The Flight Attendant* and *The Hour of the Witch*. Other “just arrived” hot books for summer include *This Time Tomorrow* by Emma Straub and *The Latecomer* by Jean Hanff Korelitz. Browse our collection for their earlier work....I recommend *Modern Lovers* and *The Vacationers* by Straub; and *Admission* , *You Should Have Known*, and *The Plot* by Korelitz.

David Baldacci, Brad Meltzer, Emily Henry, Adriana Trigiani and Isabel Allende currently have new releases. You may want to revisit their earlier work for one you may have missed. For reading visit our website under the Catalog menu From there you can enter authors or titles for your own personalized reading recommendations!

Excerpt by Gwen Putnam-Bailey

You will always find a treasure trove of material here at Smyth Public Library.

Heidi Deacon, Director

# ? Did you know...

Tolstoy's 1400 page WAR AND PEACE was copied seven times by his wife Sophia – by hand!!

## *Monthly Reading Group*

***The person, be it gentleman or lady, who has not pleasure in a good novel, must be intolerably stupid.-Jane Austen, Northanger Abbey***

### **Book Club Books**

Through all of the terrible and wonderful things we've been through over the past few years, there's one thing that remains constant: book clubs. Book clubs continue to be a wonderful way to meet people or to meet up with your friends and discuss something we all love. Picking the right books for your book club can make or break your meeting. Will you have plenty to talk about with this book, or will you stray off topic and start complaining about politics yet again? Ideally, book clubs are looking for the types of books that give them so much to talk about that-for an hour or two at least-they are given an opportunity to escape the normal everyday conversations and stresses in life and instead talk about something a little different. Something thought-provoking. Something fun. Here's a list of must-read books for your book club that are out now or that will be out in time for your summer/fall book club meetings. Check out our Tuesday night club and come join the discussion, stimulation, community fun!

*Readers meet **every 3rd Tuesday** of the month*

*Next month join us **September 20th** ~ 7:30 pm*

*Smyth Public Library Meeting Room*

**This Month's Selection:**



## 600 Hours of Edward

By **Craig Lancaster**

A 39-year-old with Asperger's syndrome and obsessive-compulsive disorder, Edward Stanton lives alone on a rigid schedule in the Montana town where he grew up. His carefully constructed routine includes tracking his most common waking time (7:38 a.m.), refusing to start his therapy sessions even a minute before the appointed hour (10 a.m.), and watching one episode of the 1960s cop show *Dragnet* each night (10 p.m.).

But when a single mother and her nine-year-old son move in across the street, Edward's timetable comes undone. Over the course of a momentous 600 hours, he opens up to his new neighbors and confronts old grievances with his estranged parents. Exposed to both the joys and heartaches of friendship, Edward must ultimately decide whether to embrace the world outside his door or retreat to his solitary ways.

Heartfelt and hilarious, this moving novel will appeal to fans of Daniel Keyes' classic *Flowers for Algernon* and to any reader who loves an underdog.

### ***LITTLE FREE LIBRARY***

***Brought to you by the Friends of the Smyth Public Library***

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

## ***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.

## Accessing Kanopy:

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



# STEAM Look Book

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

## hoopla Book Club:



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.



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*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 and young adults...*

Escape from Falaise	Flanagan, John
Diary of a wimpy kid: big shot	Kinney, Jeff
Stepping stones	Knisley, Lucy
Dinosaurs before dark	Laird, Jenny,
Owly — [1], — The way home /	Runton, Andy
The screaming staircase	Stroud, Jonathan
The Hawthorne legacy	Barnes, Jennifer Lynn
The inheritance games	Barnes, Jennifer Lynn
Keeping the castle: a tale of romance, riches, and real estate	Kindl, Patrice.
A magic steeped in poison	Lin, Judy I.,
All my rage	Tahir, Sabaa

# 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 novel(s) did Margaret Mitchell publish before *Gone with the Wind*?**

**A. Sort of a trick question. *Lost Laysen* was a novella written by M. Mitchell in 1916 but not published until 1996.**

## This Month's Trivia Question:

*A toughie: In what state was the insane asylum featured in ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST?*

## 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 Lioness**

[Chris Bohjalian](#)

A luxurious African safari turns deadly for a Hollywood starlet and her entourage in this riveting historical thriller from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Flight Attendant*

Tanzania, 1964. When Katie Barstow, A-list actress, and her new husband, David Hill, decide to bring their Hollywood friends to the Serengeti for their honeymoon, they envision giraffes gently eating leaves from the tall acacia trees, great swarms of wildebeests crossing the Mara River, and herds of zebra storming the sandy plains. Their glamorous guests—including Katie’s best friend, Carmen Tedesco, and Terrance Dutton, the celebrated Black actor who stars alongside Katie in the highly controversial film “Tender Madness”—will spend their days taking photos, and their evenings drinking chilled gin and tonics back at camp, as the local Tanzanian guides warm water for their baths. The wealthy Americans expect civilized adventure: Fresh ice from the kerosene-powered ice maker, dinners of cooked gazelle meat, and plenty of stories to tell over lunch back on Rodeo Drive.

What Katie and her glittering entourage do not expect is this: A kidnapping gone wrong, their guides bleeding out in the dirt, and a team of Russian mercenaries herding them into Land Rovers, guns to their heads. As the powerful sun gives way to night, the gunmen shove them into abandoned

huts and Katie Barstow, Hollywood royalty, prays for a simple thing: To see the sun rise one more time. A blistering story of fame, race, love, and death set in a world on the cusp of great change, *The Safari* is a vibrant masterpiece from one of our finest storytellers.

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### **One Italian Summer**

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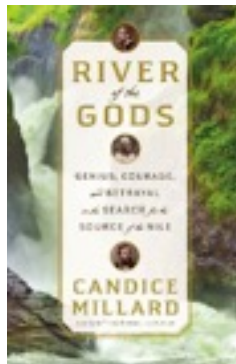
When Katy's mother dies, she is left reeling. Carol wasn't just Katy's mom, but her best friend and first phone call. She had all the answers and now, when Katy needs her the most, she is gone. To make matters worse, their planned mother-daughter trip of a lifetime looms: two weeks in Positano, the magical town Carol spent the summer right before she met Katy's father. Katy has been waiting years for Carol to take her, and now she is faced with embarking on the adventure alone.

But as soon as she steps foot on the Amalfi Coast, Katy begins to feel her mother's spirit. Buoyed by the stunning waters, beautiful cliffsides, delightful residents, and, of course, delectable food, Katy feels herself coming back to life.

And then Carol appears—in the flesh, healthy, sun-tanned, and thirty years old. Katy doesn't understand what is happening, or how—all she can focus on is that she has somehow, impossibly, gotten her mother back. Over the course of one Italian summer, Katy gets to know Carol, not as her mother, but as the young woman before her. She is not exactly who Katy imagined she might be, however, and soon Katy must reconcile the mother who knew everything with the young woman who does not yet have a clue.

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## Non-fiction...



### **River of the Gods: Genius, Courage and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile**

[Candice Millard](#)

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of RIVER OF DOUBT and DESTINY OF THE REPUBLIC, the stirring story of one of the great feats of exploration of all time, and its complicated legacy

The Nile River is the longest in the world. Its fertile floodplain allowed for rise to the great civilization of ancient Egypt, but for millennia the location of its headwaters was shrouded in mystery. Pharaonic and Roman attempts to find



it were stymied by a giant labyrinthine swamp, and subsequent expeditions got no further. In the 19th century, the discovery and translation of the Rosetta Stone set off a frenzy of interest in ancient Egypt. At the same time, European powers sent off waves of explorations intended to map the unknown corners of the globe - and extend their colonial empires.

Two British men - Richard Burton and John Hanning Speke - were sent by the Royal Geographical Society to claim the prize for England. Burton was already famous for being the first non-Muslim to travel to Mecca, disguised as an Arab chieftain. He spoke twenty-nine languages, was a decorated soldier, and literally wrote the book on sword-fighting techniques for the British Army. He was also mercurial, subtle, and an iconoclastic atheist. Speke was a young aristocrat and Army officer determined to make his mark, passionate about hunting, Burton's opposite in temperament and beliefs.

From the start the two men clashed, Speke chafing under Burton's command and Burton disapproving of Speke's ignorance of the people whose lands through which they traveled. They would endure tremendous hardships, illness, and constant setbacks. Two years in, deep in the African interior, Burton became too sick to press on, but Speke did, and claimed he found the source in a great lake that he christened Lake Victoria. When they returned to England, Speke rushed to take credit, disparaging Burton. Burton disputed his claim, and Speke launched another expedition to Africa to prove it. The two became venomous enemies, with the public siding with the more charismatic Burton, to Speke's great envy. The day before they were to publicly debate, Speke shot himself.

Yet there was a third man on both expeditions, his name obscured by imperial annals, whose exploits were even more extraordinary. This was Sidi Mubarak Bombay, who was

enslaved and shipped from his home village in East Africa to India. When the man who purchased him died, he made his way into the local Sultan's army, and eventually traveled back to Africa, where he used his resourcefulness, linguistic prowess and raw courage to forge a living as a guide. Without his talents, it is likely that neither Englishman would have come close to the headwaters of the Nile, or perhaps even survived.

In *RIVER OF THE GODS* Candice Millard has written another peerless story of courage and adventure, set against the backdrop of the race to exploit Africa by the colonial powers.

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