

Smythie

The monthly e-newsletter of the Smyth Public Library

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**Draw a crazy picture,
Write a nutty poem,
Sing a mumble-gumble song,
Whistle through your comb.
Do a loony-goony dance
Cross the kitchen floor,
Put something silly in the world
That ain't been there before.
– “Put Something In” from “A Light in the Attic”
Shel Silverstein**

April is National Poetry Month

Launched by the Academy of American Poets in April 1996, National Poetry Month is a special occasion that celebrates poets' integral role in our culture and that poetry matters. Over the years, it has become the largest literary celebration in the world, with tens of millions of readers, students, K-12 teachers, librarians, booksellers, literary events curators, publishers, families, and-of course-poets, marking poetry's important place in our lives. Whether in schools and universities, around the dinner table at home, or at the office water cooler, National Poetry Month is a time to discuss this powerful art form, debate it, and learn from the poets of the past. All of this is an attempt to inspire younger generations to create poetry that allows them to express themselves and their experiences, making a difference for individuals as well as for society as a whole. Join the fun this month and read poems, better yet, write some!

Painting is poetry that is seen rather than felt, and poetry is painting that is felt rather than seen.-Leonardo da Vinci

Events...



Lego Club at Smyth Public Library

The First Saturday of each month 11am-1pm

Theme idea: Design your favorite playground!

Come create awesome Lego builds together or on your own and have access to rare Legos and mini figurines. Each month you can keep projects going or start new. Books and ideas will be available for themes and friendly competitions. Take a picture at the end and email to librarian@smythpl.org to have your creation posted on the website.

Pre-registration and Adult supervision required.

Estate Plan Seminar for Financial Literacy month

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 @6 pm

National Financial Literacy Month is celebrated in April, which is a great opportunity for us to check and promote our financial situation and skills.



Growing a Pollinator Garden

April 20 @ 7pm

With UNH Extension Master Gardner & Sponsored by the Ag Commission

Audience: Adults of all ages, high school/youth groups (4H, Scouts, science clubs)

Insects such as bees and butterflies are helpful, and in some cases, essential, in pollinating many of our food crops such as apples, berries, and vegetables. In recent years, there has been a significant decline in the populations of these wild pollinators. Planting patches of flowers, wildflowers, grasses, shrubs, and flowering trees with an emphasis on the use of native plants can encourage and support natural pollinators as well as enhance backyard landscapes. Recommendations will be presented on creating a pollinator habitat in your yard



Energy Saving Program rescheduled to Earth Day!

Saturday, April 22, 2023 @10:30 am

Wes Golomb, the author of "Warm and Cool Homes: Building A Comfy, Healthy, Net-Zero Home You'll Want To Live in Forever" is coming to Smyth Public Library. With electricity rates soaring, this is a timely program and he offers tips on how to retrofit homes and save money.

Medical Laboratory Science Careers presentation

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 @6:30 pm

National Lab week is celebrated in April, which is a wonderful chance to discover for yourself what happens in a medical lab. The presentation is 40 min with some hands on work and time for questions. The target age group would be 7th-10th grade but of course older or younger would be welcomed. Presented by Elliot Hospital Lab professionals.

Coming in May!!

Candia's 6th Annual

TRIVIA NIGHT CONTEST

Wednesday, May 31, 7pm

Outdoor event on the library lawn by the Gazebo

{Weather permitting: Bring chairs, snacks and outdoor gear}

PRIZES to the TOP TEAMS!!

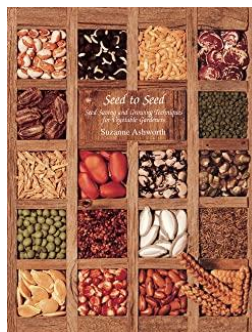
Teams:

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!

Coming in June!!



Seed Saving

June 20, 6:30 pm

Presented by a UNH Extension Master Gardner. 90 minutes, including Q & A

Audience: Adults of all ages

During this presentation attendees will learn why saving seeds is important, what kinds of seeds to save and when to harvest them, the different methods for processing seeds and preparing them for storage, and several tips and tricks to ensure successful germination.

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 to order one.

Strawbery Banke; Portsmouth
Seacoast Science Center; Rye
Libby Museum; Wolfeboro
Fuller Gardens; North Hampton
Museum of Fine Arts; Boston
Currier Museum; Manchester
NEW: Isabella Stuart Gardner; Boston

Launchpads and NEW 3D pens 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, the New Hampshire State Library and Friends of Smyth Library.

Smyth Public Seed Library: free seed packets for vegetables, fruits and herbs available. Come find seeds and gardening books!



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

NEW: Candia Country Handcrafter's Group
Smyth Library Meeting Room: Tuesdays 10:30am-noon
Come join the creative members of our community and
share your craft or learn a new one!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

STORYTIME WITH BARB
THURSDAY MORNINGS
10:30 AM SMYTH LIBRARY

BARB IS CURRENTLY A CIRCULATION
LIBRARIAN AS WELL AS A LIVELY
GRANDMOTHER OF FIVE
AND LOOKING FORWARD TO HOSTING STORY
 HOUR AND MEETING ALL OF YOU

More Exciting Children's programs:

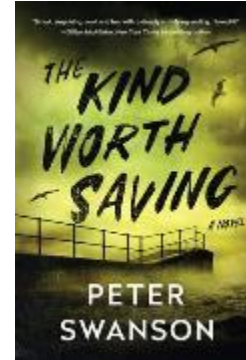
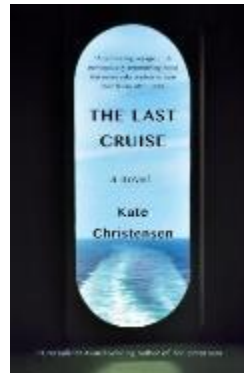
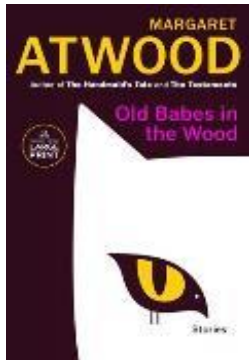
*Coloring Night for kids and adults, 6-7 pm, Wednesdays, all supplies provided.

*Monthly STEM night -Date TBD 6:30pm-all ages welcome. 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 on our shelves...



New Fiction

Old babes in the wood: stories

Old God's time

Earth's the Right Place for Love

Night flight to Paris.

All that is hidden

Storm watch

Don't open the door

Devil's hand: a thriller

In the blood: a thriller

The last cruise: a novel

I will find you: a thriller

Forget what you know

Her deadly game

A most intriguing lady: a novel

Daughters of Nantucket

This other Eden: a novel

Collateral damage

Desolation creek

The lost English girl

The rustlers of West Fork: a Hopalong Cassidy novel L'Amour, Louis

All that is mine I carry with me: a novel Landay, William

At first light: a true World War II story of a hero, his bravery, and an amazing horse

Larimore, Walt,

Larsen, Ward

Leon, Donna

Deep fake

So shall you reap

Robert Ludlum's the Treadstone rendition Hood, Joshua

Cursed bread: a novel

I have some questions for you

White fox: a novel

On the line

Homecoming: a novel

Hello beautiful: a novel

Countdown: a thriller

Go as a river

Mackintosh, Sophie,

Makkai, Rebecca

Matthews, Owen,

Michaels, Fern

Morton, Kate

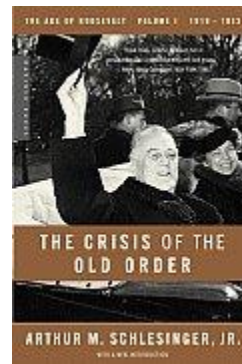
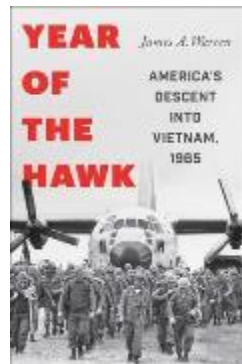
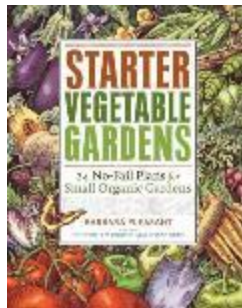
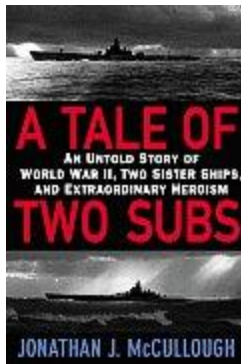
Napolitano, Ann,

Patterson, James

Read, Shelley,

Daisy Jones & the Six: a novel	Reid, Taylor Jenkins
Cold-blooded liar	Rose, Karen
Good dog, bad cop	Rosenfelt, David
William the Curious: knight of the water lillies	Santore, Charles
Things we hide from the light	Score, Lucy
Loyalty	Scottoline, Lisa
Worthy opponents: a novel	Steel, Danielle
Wolf trap: a thriller	Sullivan, Connor,
The kind worth saving: a novel	Swanson, Peter,
Two wars and a wedding: a novel	Willig, Lauren
The white lady: a novel	Winspear, Jacqueline
Birnam Wood	Catton, Eleanor.

New Non-Fiction...



8 rules of love: how to find it, keep it, and let it go	Shetty, Jay,
Enchantment: awakening wonder in an anxious age	May, Katherine
The bill of obligations: the ten habits of good citizens	Haass, Richard,
The true American: murder and mercy in Texas	Giridharadas, Anand
A wolf at the schoolhouse door: the dismantling of public education and the future of school	Schneider, Jack
The seed underground: a growing revolution to save food	Ray, Janisse
Starter vegetable gardens	Pleasant, Barbara,
Women who read are dangerous	Bollmann, Stefan,
Fast, fun & fabulous quilts: 30 terrific projects from the country's most creative designers	Walker, Charlie,
On roads that echo: a bicycle journey through Asia & Africa	Roar Ahern, Cecelia
A tale of two subs: an untold story of World War II, two sister ships, and extraordinary heroism	McCullough, Jonathan J.
Year of the hawk: America's descent into Vietnam, 1965	Warren, James A.,
In the time of the revolution: living the war of American independence	Axelrod, Alan,
The crisis of the old order: the age of Roosevelt, 1919-1933	Schlesinger, Arthur M.
The light we carry: overcoming in uncertain times	Obama, Michelle
Historical New Hampshire / 2022	
Historical New Hampshire / Summer 2011	
The girls of Atomic City: the untold story of the women who helped win World War II	Kiernan, Denise

Books on CD...

Storm watch CD	Box, C. J
I will find you CD	Coben, Harlan
Loyalty: a novel CD	Scottoline, Lisa
Testimony CD	Shreve, Anita
Weekend Warriors CD	Michaels, Fern

DVD...

Puss in Boots, — The last wish / DVD 1512
King David DVD
A man called Otto DVD
The whale DVD
Babylon DVD
Anne of Green Gables: the sequel DVD
Anne of Green Gables, the continuing story DVD
Finding Nemo DVD
Top Gun: Maverick DVD



*I'm going to get an ass and name it Hote. That way I'll have
a donkey Hote.*



I cannot remember the books I've read any more than the meals I have eaten; even so, they have made me.” — Ralph Waldo Emerson

Epos Library Ship (Norway)



Until the pandemic shut down operations in 2020, [a library ship called Epos](#) sailed through Norway's many [fjords](#) to deliver books to fjordside communities. Built in 1963, it superseded two earlier ships that had been in service since 1959. Some of the country's more isolated places are easier to reach by boat than by road, and this service meant that villagers had access to reading material, particularly during the winter months. *Epos* carried approximately 6,000 books and visited about 250 villages twice a year. Given the unusual circumstances, one qualification for taking a job as one of its librarians was not suffering from seasickness. Similar “libraries” exist in Chile's [Chiloé Archipelago](#) and on the [Nam Khong River](#) in Laos.



Tip from the front desk

Is the book always better than the movie or TV show? Read these then decide:

Dear Edward By Ann Napolitano

Led by acclaimed actors Connie Britton (“Nashville”) and Taylor Schilling (“Orange Is the New Black”), plus newcomer Colin O’Brien, this Apple TV+ adaptation of Napolitano’s searing 2020 novel is sure to have viewers delicately dabbing their cheeks with a Kleenex.

Daisy Jones & the Six By Taylor Jenkins Reid

This runaway 2019 bestseller about a 1970s rock star starring Riley Keough, the granddaughter of the ultimate 1970s rock star (Elvis), as its titular heroine. Told in a documentary style, just like the novel, the 10-episode series also stars Sam Claflin, Camila Monroe, Suki Waterhouse and Nabiyah Be.

Straight Man By Richard Russo

Beloved “Better Call Saul” star Bob Odenkirk plays the titular character in this AMC series adaptation of Pulitzer Prize-winner Richard Russo’s take on university life in the Pennsylvania Rust Belt. Streaming as “Lucky Hank,”

Are You There, God? It’s Me, Margaret By Judy Blume

Blume’s 1970 coming-of-age story about an 11-year-old who moves from New York City to the New Jersey suburbs is a true classic, and it sounds like this film adaptation, which stars Abby Ryder Fortson as Margaret and Rachel McAdams as her mother, Barbara, has the potential to become one too.

The Last Thing He Told Me By Laura Dave

Produced by Reese Witherspoon’s Hello Sunshine, this Apple TV+ production of Laura Dave’s gripping domestic thriller stars actor Jennifer Garner. Dave herself worked on the adaptation with her husband, Josh Singer, who boasts 2015 Best

Picture winner *Spotlight* among his many film credits. The first two episodes will be released on April 14.

City on Fire By Garth Risk Hallberg

Hallberg's atmospheric debut, set in the early 2000s, is coming to Apple TV+ as an eight-episode series on May 14. The cast includes Chase Sui Wonders, Wyatt Oleff, Jemima Kirke ("Girls") and Nico Tortorella ("Younger") as NYU students who are drawn into a mysterious death.

Killers of the Flower Moon By David Grann

Theatrical release, Summer 2023

Legendary director Martin Scorsese will be taking David Grann's 2017 National Book Award finalist, which tells the true story of the shocking murders of members of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma in the 1920s, to the screen. Frequent Scorsese collaborators Leonardo DiCaprio and Robert de Niro star alongside Native actors Tantoo Cardinal, Lily Gladstone and Tatanka Means.

Heidi Deacon, Director



Did you know...

*Stieg Larsson said that **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo** was based on what Pippi Longstocking would be like as an adult.*

Reading Club

Readers meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month

Next month join us *April 19th ~ 6:30 pm*

THIS MONTH'S SELECTION:



The Japanese Lover

By **Isabel Allende**

In 1939, as Poland falls under the shadow of the Nazis, young Alma Belasco's parents send her away to live in safety with an aunt and uncle in their opulent mansion in San Francisco. There, as the rest of the world goes to war, she encounters Ichimei Fukuda, the quiet and gentle son of the family's Japanese gardener. Unnoticed by those around them, a tender love affair begins to blossom. Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the two are cruelly pulled apart as Ichimei and his family—like thousands of other Japanese Americans—are declared enemies and forcibly relocated to internment camps run by the United States government. Throughout their lifetimes, Alma and Ichimei reunite again and again, but theirs is a love that they are forever forced to hide from the world.

Decades later, Alma is nearing the end of her long and eventful life. Irina Bazili, a care worker struggling to come to terms with her own troubled past, meets the elderly woman and her grandson, Seth, at San Francisco's charmingly eccentric Lark House nursing home. As Irina and Seth forge a friendship, they become intrigued by a series of mysterious gifts and letters sent to Alma, eventually learning about Ichimei and this extraordinary secret passion that has endured for nearly seventy years.

Sweeping through time and spanning generations and continents, *The Japanese Lover* is written with the same keen understanding of her characters that Isabel Allende has been known for since her landmark first novel *The House of the Spirits*. *The Japanese Lover* is a moving tribute to the constancy of the human heart in a world of unceasing change.

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 www.smythpl.org.

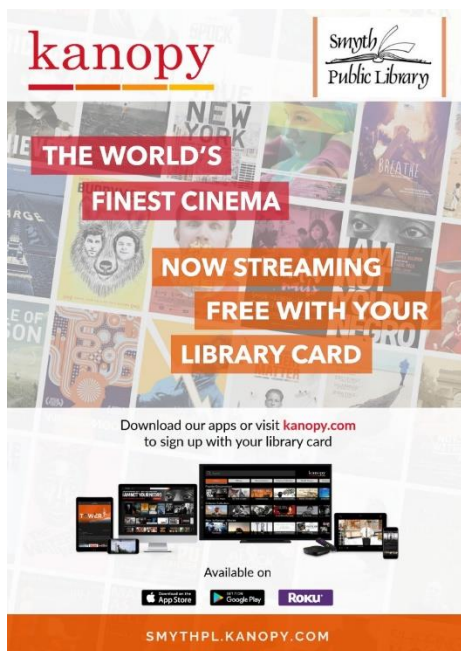
Electronic Resources...

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.



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.

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.

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 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!

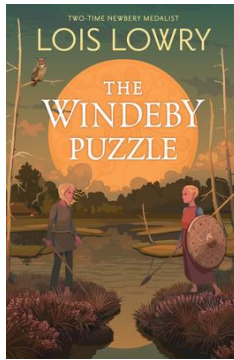
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Look at our page on Facebook for
events and updates about our library!

Downloadable Books!!!!

**Ipods and Kindles work and you can
order right from our website**

New books for juniors and young adults...

Getting started with coding	McCue, Camille,
Murder at midnight	Avi
Jim the boy: a novel	Earley, Tony,
The smartest kid in the universe	Grabenstein, Chris
Winnie dancing on her own	Jacobson, Jennifer
The contest	Korman, Gordon
The Windeby puzzle: history and story	Lowry, Lois
Greenglass House	Milford, Kate
Price of vengeance: a Dreamscape warriors novel	Springs, Kurt D.
Heir of fire: a Throne of Glass novel	Maas, Sarah J
Stateless	Wein, Elizabeth



Newbery Medalist and *New York Times* bestselling author Lois Lowry transports readers to an Iron Age world through the suspenseful dual narrative of a boy and girl both battling to survive. In an utterly one-of-a-kind blend of fiction and history, a master storyteller explores the mystery and life of the 2,000-year-old Windeby bog body.

Estrild is not like the other girls in her village; she wants to be a warrior. Varick, the orphan boy who helps her train in spite of his twisted back, also stands apart. In a world where differences are poorly tolerated, just how much danger are they in

Inspired by the true discovery of the 2,000-year-old Windeby bog body in Northern Germany, Newbery Medalist and master storyteller Lois Lowry transports readers to an Iron age world as she breathes life back into the Windeby child, left in the bog to drown with a woolen blindfold over its eyes.

This suspenseful exploration of lives that might have been by a gifted, intellectually curious author is utterly one of a kind. Includes several arresting photos of archeological finds, including of the Windeby child.

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. The Library Company, America's first successful lending library, was founded by whom in 1731?

A. Benjamin Franklin

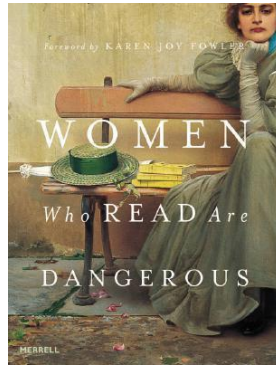
This Month's Trivia Question:

The ladies of Amy Tan's "Joy Luck Club" meet to play what game with plum blossom and chrysanthemum tiles?

From the New and Recent Shelves~

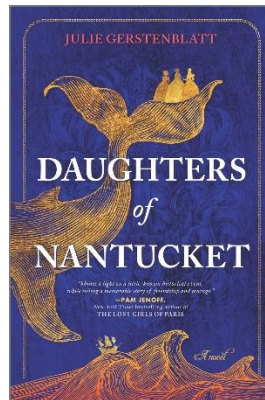
We (being I) are always looking for contributors to this reviews section. The editor has a limited range of taste, so any reviews would be more than welcomed. Just e-mail them in reply to this, or to librarian@smythpl.org

Non-Fiction...



A compelling selection of paintings, drawings, prints and photographs of women reading through the ages. Artists have long sought to capture the intimacy and tranquillity of reading in their work. There was a time, however, when female literacy was a radical idea, and women have certainly not always been free to read whatever they want, whether for pleasure or instruction. This highly acclaimed book presents a compelling selection of paintings, drawings, prints and photographs of women reading through the ages. Works by a diverse range of artists, from Vermeer, Manet and Whistler to Edward Hopper and photographer Eve Arnold, are accompanied by commentaries that explain the context in which each image was created. Also featuring a foreword by the novelist Karen Joy Fowler and an engaging introduction exploring reading as a female pursuit, *Women Who Read Are Dangerous* will appeal to book lovers everywhere.

Fiction...



Set against Nantucket's Great Fire of 1846, this sweeping, emotional novel brings together three courageous women battling to save everything they hold dear...

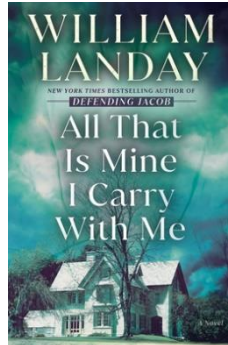
Nantucket in 1846 is an island set apart not just by its geography but by its unique circumstances. With their menfolk away at sea, often for years at a time, women know a rare independence and the challenges that go with it.

Eliza Macy is struggling to conceal her financial trouble as she waits for her whaling captain husband to return from a voyage. In desperation, she turns against her progressive ideals and targets Meg Wright, a pregnant free Black woman trying to relocate her store to Main Street. Meanwhile, astronomer Maria Mitchell loves running Nantucket's Atheneum and spending her nights observing the stars, yet she fears revealing the secret wishes of her heart.

On a sweltering July night, a massive fire breaks out in town, quickly kindled by the densely packed wooden buildings. With everything they possess now threatened, these three very different women are forced to reevaluate their priorities and decide what to save, what to let go and what kind of life to rebuild from the ashes of the past.

Goodread

More fiction...



A mother vanished. A father presumed guilty. There is no proof. There are no witnesses. For the children, there is only doubt. From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Defending Jacob*. . . .

One afternoon in November 1975, ten-year-old Miranda Larkin comes home from school to find her house eerily quiet. Her mother is missing. Nothing else is out of place. There is no sign of struggle. Her mom's pocketbook remains in the front hall, in its usual spot.

So begins a mystery that will span a lifetime. What happened to Jane Larkin?

Investigators suspect Jane's husband. A criminal defense attorney, Dan Larkin would surely be an expert in outfoxing the police.

But no evidence is found linking him to a crime, and the case fades from the public's memory, a simmering, unresolved riddle. Jane's three children--Alex, Jeff, and Miranda--are left to be raised by the man who may have murdered their mother.

Two decades later, the remains of Jane Larkin are found.

The investigation is awakened. The children, now grown, are forced to choose sides. With their father or against him? Guilty or innocent? And what happens if they are wrong?

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