



THE LIBRARY WINDOW

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Join us for summer reading at the library! We'll be bringing back read & bead. Kids can complete activities like reading or attending a library event to earn beads to put on their brag tag chain! There will also be programs and activities all summer long at the library, like a treasure hunt adventure, adopt a summer reading buddy, and Mr. Magic. Stop by in June to start the fun!



From the Director's Desk

Happy Spring! As the weather improves, take advantage of the opportunity to get outside. The library lends a variety of items to help you enjoy the outdoors, including lawn games, birding binoculars, and even a telescope. Want to explore Connecticut? Borrow one of our museum passes, which offer free or discounted admission to a variety of local museums. Or pick up one of our new fiction titles and read in the sunshine!

Want to keep up with all the most up-to-date library news? Sign up for our e-newsletter. Signing up for the library newsletter is a fantastic way to stay informed about the array of activities, new book arrivals, and various programs the library offers.

Have questions or concerns? Feel free to call or stop by my office any time.

- Christine

NEW ARRIVALS



AUDIOBOOKS

The Women - Kristin Hannah
After Annie - Anna Quindlen
Oath & Honor - Liz Cheney
The Truth About the Devlins - Lisa Scottoline



DVDs

Wednesday (Season 1)
Dune: Part 2
Mean Girls (2024)
Madame Web
Poor Things
The Beekeeper
Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan (Final Season)

Blu-Ray:
Obi-Wan Kenobi (Complete Series)
Mean Girls (2024)



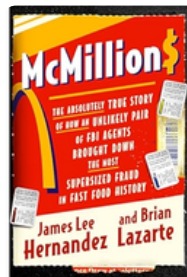
FICTION

The Rom-Commers - Katherine Center
Husbands & Lovers - Beatriz Williams
Middle of the Night - Riley Sager
The Housemaid is Watching - Freida McFadden
Swan Song - Elin Hilderbrand
Eruption - Michael Crichton and James Patterson
The Seventh Veil of Salome - Silvia Moreno-Garcia
By Any Other Name - Jodi Picoult
There Are Rivers in the Sky - Elif Shafak
The Summer Pact - Emily Giffin
Breaking the Dark - Lisa Jewell
The Briar Club - Kate Quinn
This is Why We Lied - Karin Slaughter



NON-FICTION

In My Time of Dying: How I Came Face to Face With the Idea of an Afterlife - Sebastian Junger
Traveling: On the Path of Joni Mitchell - Ann Powers
Cue the Sun! The Invention of Reality TV - Emily Nussbaum
A Season for That: Lost and Found in the Other Southern France - Steve Hoffman
McMillions: The Absolutely True Story of How an Unlikely Pair of FBI Agents Brought Down the Most Supersized Fraud in Fast Food History - James Lee Hernandez and Brian Lazarte



MYSTERY

The Midnight Feast - Lucy Foley
Dog Day Afternoon - David Rosenfelt
The Lost Coast - Jonathan Kellerman



LARGE PRINT

Swan Song - Elin Hilderbrand
A Death in Cornwall - Daniel Silva
This is Why We Lied by Karen Slaughter



YOUNG ADULT

Summer Nights & Meteorites - Hannah Reynolds
This Book Won't Burn - Samira Ahmed
Young Blood - Alyssa Sheinmel
Blood & Fury - Tessa Gratton



KID'S CORNER



CHILDREN'S FICTION

Pete the Cat Screams for Ice Cream - James Dean
The (Mostly) True Story of Cleopatra's Needle - Dan Gutman
Bad Guys 19 - Aaron Blabey



Summer is Here - Renee Watson
Watson's latest book is a delightful ode to the simple pleasures of a summer day. Through vivid prose and captivating illustrations, readers are invited to join a young Black child as they revel in the sunshine, savor sweet treats, and bask in the warmth of friendship and family. A book that captures what is perfect about childhood summers @ Miss Alex



CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION

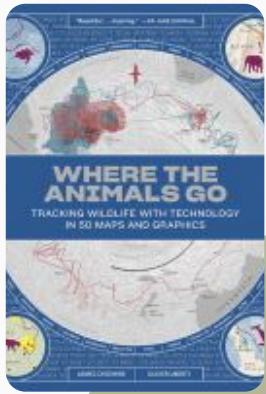
The Juneteenth Cookbook - Alliah L. Agostini
Who is Taylor Swift - Kirsten Anderson
Making Sense of Dog Senses - Stephanie Gibeault



WONDERBOOKS

Little Blue Truck - Alice Schertle
The Magic School Bus On the Ocean Floor - Joanna Cole
The One & Only Family - Katherine Applegate

staff picks



Where the Animals Go by
James Cheshire
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As the total solar eclipse led to a mass exodus in Northern New England, I began to draw similarities between the long drives people endured to other animal migration patterns focused around the sun.

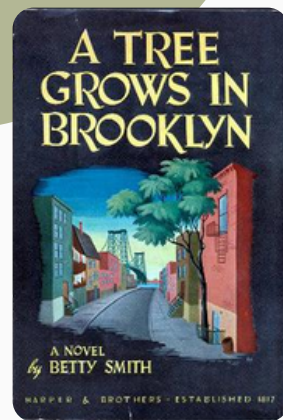
The thought led me to an old favorite, Where the Animals Go. Using advanced tracking technology, the data in this book disproves some previous theories on animal behaviors, confirms others, and introduces us to the well kept until recent, secret treks of wildlife. With fifty maps and factual stories on turtles, elephants, and more - this amazing scientific showpiece isn't to be missed.

Tessa

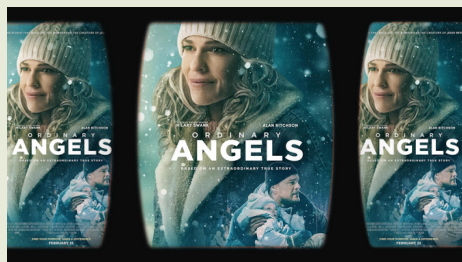
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by
Betty Smith
FIC SMI

This beautiful bildungsroman follows Francie Nolan and her family in Brooklyn during the early 20th century. Its hard to describe the book without giving away major plot points, but its beauty comes from the descriptions of Francie and the Nolan family's hopes, struggles, successes, and failures in the face of crushing poverty. It's a gorgeous snapshot of pre-WWI life, yet it also reflects universal experiences of life and growing up.

Amy



PATTI'S DVD PICK



Based on a true story! Sharon Stevens, a hairdresser in Louisville, KY, reads a story in the paper about five-year-old Michelle Schmitt, who needs a life-saving liver transplant. Sharon decides to do whatever it takes to help the family and ultimately gets the whole town to rally behind them. I thought this was an enjoyable, heartwarming movie. Great performances by Hilary Swank (Sharon) and Alan Ritchson (Ed Schmitt). Rated

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Anita de Monte Laughs Last by
Xochitl Gonzalez
FIC GONZALEZ

Alternating between the perspectives of two women - Anita de Monte, an artist who dies tragically in 1985, and Raquel, an art history undergrad student in the 1990s - this book is part mystery, part historical fiction, and part coming of age. Based on real art figures from the 1980s, Anita de Monte Laughs Last deals with issues of memory, power, and art. A compelling page turner that I couldn't put down.

Lauren

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Friday & Saturday

10 AM - 5 PM

Sunday

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Library Closings

Memorial Day - May 27

Independence Day - July 4

Labor Day - August 31-

September 2

Durham Fair - September

26-28



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for ages 4-7

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A Learn to Read Program

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All registrants will receive a kit to keep. Inside the kit is:

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