

What's Happening

START WITH HELLO

NATIONAL GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY
SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

September 28th is National Good Neighbor Day. This national holiday was signed into law in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter. Since then, people have been celebrating this holiday in big and small ways around the country. And yet, the holiday isn't widely known. How to start.

Don't know your neighbors?

Start with Hello!

Love being a good neighbor?

Do something special to celebrate.

Learn more and get ideas at:

hopefulneighborhood.org/good-neighbor-day

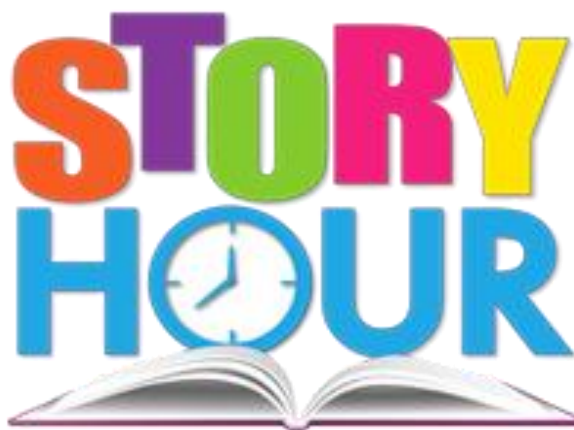
Come to the library for free coloring sheets and postcards.



The Summer Reading Program
“A Summer of Holidays”
Has now ended

We ended on Thursday, August 3 with bingo and drawings for prizes.
Check out the Summer Reading page for a complete list of winners and sponsors.

A big Thank You to all who participated and volunteered.



will be back on September 16th from
10:00 – 11:00am with stories, crafts
and real live turtles!

Learn about turtles and how they live.
You’ll be able to get up close and
personal. Plus, make your own box
turtle to take home.



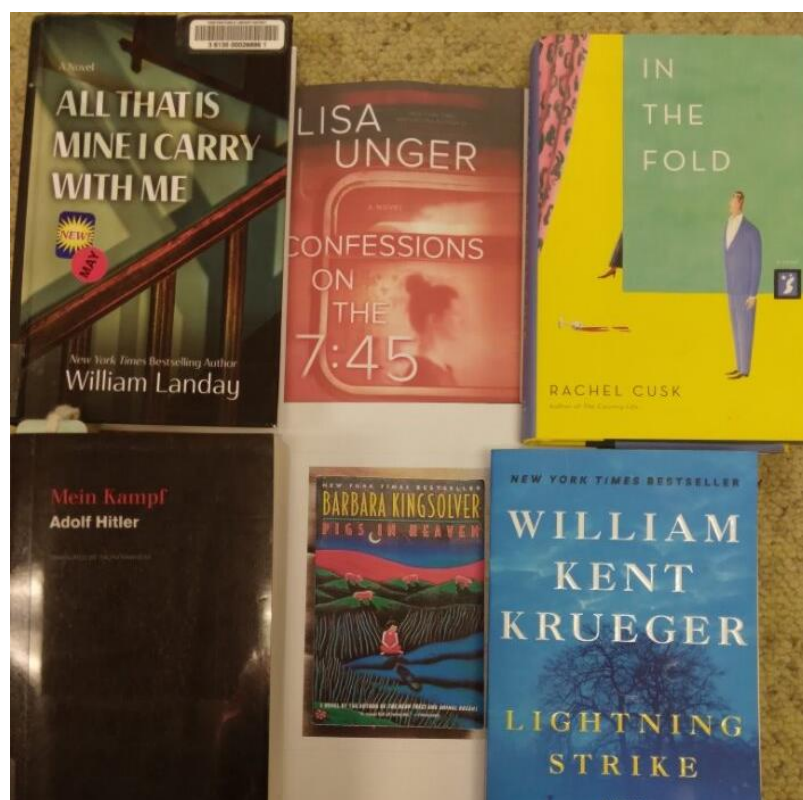
The Read Anything Book Club meets the **third Wednesday** of the month @ **6pm** in the library's Reading Room.

NOTE NEW STARTING TIME. ↑

Even if you haven't read a book recently or haven't finished the one you're reading, come and listen or share what you've read so far.

This is a low to no pressure group.

Check out the books shared from the August 16th meeting.



What's happening in September?

Monday, September 4 Labor Day

Wednesday, September 13, **10-11am**

Songs & Stories with daycare

Thursday, September 14, **10-11am**

Songs & Stories with daycare

Saturday, September 16, **10-11am**

Story Hour

Wednesday, September 20th *The Read Anything Book Club* meets **6:00pm**

Saturday, September 23, **10am-Noon**

All Things Elderberry, pre-registration required. Cost \$5. Sign up at the library.

Tuesday, September 26, **6:30pm**

Library Board of Trustees meets

Thursday, September 28, National Good Neighbor Day! Say **HELLO**



WIN a Crazy Cat Quilt

The Big Rock Library is holding a drawing for a quirky cat quilt donated by their patron Peg Van Meter. The photo above is just a small section of this unique quilt. For a closer look, the quilt is hanging on display in the upstairs blue room of the Big Rock Library.

It contains replicas of old Victorian postcards featuring cats in poses from Puss in Boots to scenes of dress up and child play. You can't help but smile when you see these whimsical depictions from old English cards.

The Big Rock Library is trying to help this clever creation find a home with a cat-minded person (or not).

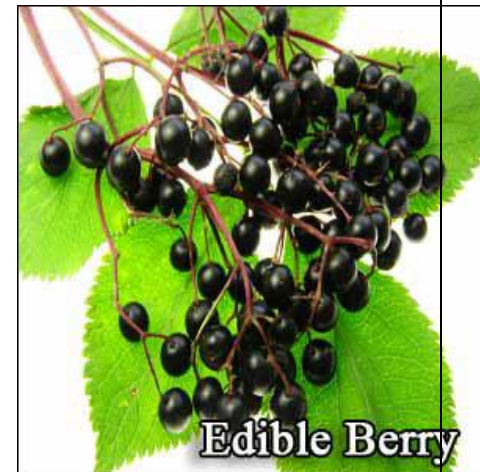
Tickets are available at the Big Rock Library for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held on Oct. 7 at the Big Rock Library during a quilt presentation on Pre-Civil War Quilts: The Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad. This event will be held at the Big Rock Library @ 2:00pm.

Curious about elderberries then come to
All Things Elderberry*

Presented by Master Herbalist Julie Schroeder of Prairie Path Herbals,
Compton, Il

Join us for a morning all about our native elderberry. Learn about traditional uses, identification and harvest. With most of the time spent on demonstrations on how to make and use juice, cordial, syrup, gummies, tinctures, glycerin's and vinegars.

Tasting optional.



Saturday, September 23

10am – Noon

Community Center

\$5.00

Limit of 25 people

Sign up at the library.

Payment due at time of sign up

*Disclaimer; All content of demonstrations and lectures are for educational purposes only and are not meant to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any disease. Please check with a medical practitioner for any medical concern(s) you may have.

The Library Board of Trustees meets the **4th Tuesday of each month** except for December. The meetings begin at **6:30pm** in the Reading/Conference Room (upstairs)
The Public is encouraged to attend.

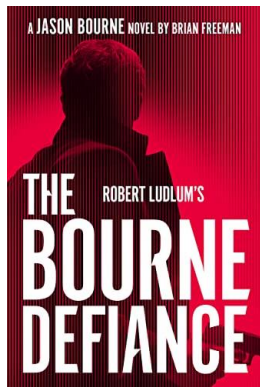


Any questions please call the library @ 815-627-9396

New Book Summaries (below)

of just a few of the books.

For a complete list check out the Events Page



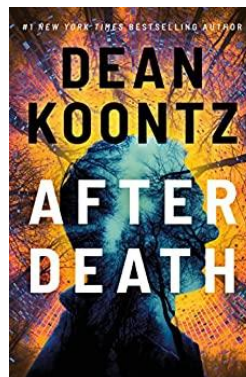
The Bourne Defiance

Jason Bourne #18
Brian Freeman

Someone's killing Treadstone agents and Jason Bourne

may be next on the list

Around the world, Treadstone agents are being hunted down and murdered. Someone high up in the U.S. government is erasing all evidence of a shocking mission from Jason Bourne's past known as Defiance – including Bourne himself. Staying one step ahead of a team of killers, Bourne follows a global trail that leads him to one of the government's darkest secrets. But exposing the truth about the Defiance mission will also bring Bourne face to face with his arch-enemy, the assassin known as Lennon, for a final deadly confrontation.



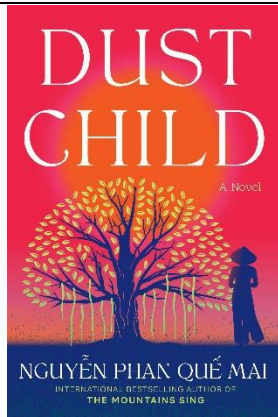
After Death

Dean Koontz

Michael Mace, head of security at a top-secret research facility, opens his eyes in a makeshift morgue twenty-four hours following an event in which everyone perished—including him and his best friend, Shelby Shrewsberry.

Having awakened with an extraordinary ability unlike anything he—or anyone else—has ever imagined, Michael is capable of being as elusive as a ghost. He sets out to honor his late friend by helping Nina Dozier and her son, John, whom Shelby greatly admired. Although what Michael does for Nina is life changing, his actions also evoke the wrath of John's father, a member of one of the most vicious street gangs in Los Angeles.

But an even greater threat is descending: The Internal Security Agency's most vicious assassin, Durand Calaphas. Calaphas will stop at nothing to get his man. If Michael dies twice, he will not live a third time.



Dust Child

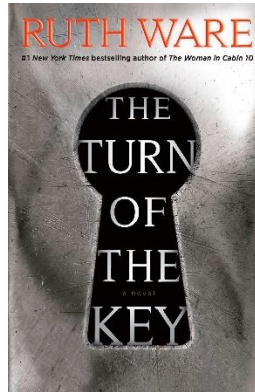
Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai

In 1969, sisters Trang and Quỳnh, desperate to help their parents pay off debts, leave their rural village and become “bar girls” in

Sài Gòn, drinking, flirting (and more) with American GIs in return for money. As the war moves closer to the city, the once-innocent Trang gets swept up in an irresistible romance with a young and charming American helicopter pilot, Dan. Decades later, Dan returns to Việt Nam with his wife, Linda, hoping to find a way to heal from his PTSD and, unbeknownst to her, reckon with secrets from his past.

At the same time, Phong—the son of a Black American soldier and a Vietnamese woman—embarks on a search to find both his parents and a way out of Việt Nam. Abandoned in front of an orphanage, Phong grew up being called “the dust of life,” “Black American imperialist,” and “child of the enemy,” and he dreams of a better life for himself and his family in the U.S.

Past and present converge as these characters come together to confront decisions made during a time of war—decisions that force them to look deep within and find common ground across race, generation, culture, and language. Suspenseful, poetic, and perfect for readers of Min Jin Lee’s *Pachinko* or Yaa Gyasi’s *Homegoing*, *Dust Child* tells an unforgettable and immersive story of how those who inherited tragedy can redefine their destinies through love, hard-earned wisdom, compassion, courage, and joy. Read less



The Turn of the Key

Ruth Ware

When she stumbles across the ad, she’s looking for something else completely. But it seems like too good an opportunity to miss—a live-in

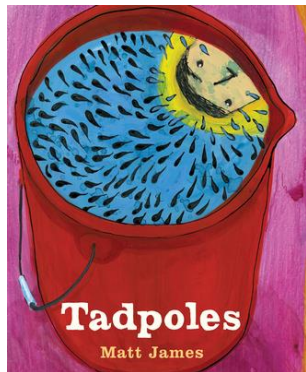
nanny post, with a staggeringly generous salary. And when Rowan Caine arrives at Heatherbrae House, she is smitten—by the luxurious “smart” home fitted out with all modern conveniences, by the beautiful Scottish Highlands, and by this picture-perfect family.

What she doesn’t know is that she’s stepping into a nightmare—one that will end with a child dead and herself in prison awaiting trial for murder.

Writing to her lawyer from prison, she struggles to explain the unravelling events that led to her incarceration. It wasn’t just the constant surveillance from the cameras installed around the house, or the malfunctioning technology that woke the household with booming music, or turned the lights off at the worst possible time. It wasn’t just the girls, who turned out to be a far cry from the immaculately behaved model children she met at her interview. It wasn’t even the way she was left alone for weeks at a time, with no adults around apart from the enigmatic handyman, Jack Grant.

It was everything.

She knows she’s made mistakes. She admits that she lied to obtain the post, and that her behavior toward the children wasn’t always ideal. She’s not innocent, by any means. But, she maintains, she’s not guilty—at least not of murder. Which means someone else is.



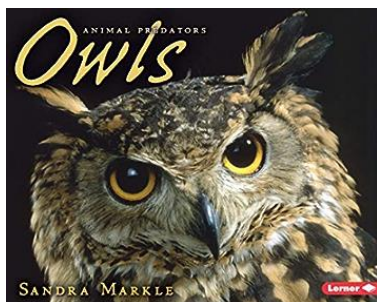
Tadpoles

Matt James

One rainy morning, a father and son bond over a walk through a field full of freshly formed ponds teeming with tadpoles.

In this tender reflection on the fleeting rhythms of the natural world and the enduring love of family, a boy and his father spend a morning exploring an ephemeral pond, a delicate nursery formed by rainfall, perfect for sheltering tadpoles from predators as they grow. The boy's father doesn't live with him anymore, and the ponds may only be temporary, but together they make memories that just might last a lifetime.

With *Tadpoles*, Boston Globe-Horn Book Award winning author and illustrator Matt James draws from his own memories as a parent and as a child to tell a wistful story that will be instantly recognizable to any families sharing memories of exploring together.

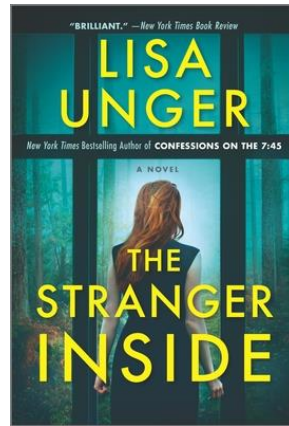


Owls

Sandra Markle

Some of the fiercest and most skilled hunters in the world, owls use

stealth, power, and a strong sense of hearing and sight to stalk and kill their prey. Watch these cunning animals as they grow from small chicks into full-grown owls honing the instincts and skills they'll need to become ferocious predators.



The Stranger Inside

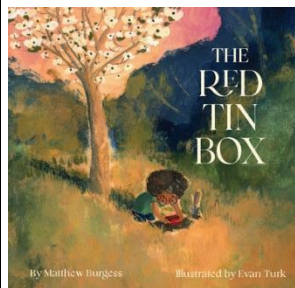
Lisa Unger

When former journalist Rain Winter was twelve years old, she narrowly escaped an abduction while walking to a friend's house. The abductor was eventually found and sent to prison, but years

later was released. Then someone delivered real justice--and killed him in cold blood.

Now Rain is living the perfect suburban life, spending her days as a stay-at-home mom. But when another criminal who escaped justice is found dead, Rain is unexpectedly drawn into the case, forced to revisit memories she's worked hard to leave behind. Is there a vigilante at work? Who is the next target? Why can't Rain just let it go?

Introducing one of the most compelling and original killers in crime fiction today, Lisa Unger takes readers deep inside the minds of both perpetrator and victim, blurring the lines between right and wrong, crime and justice, and showing that sometimes even good people are drawn to do evil things.



The Red Tin Box

Matthew Burgess

This moving and radiant story of the relationship between a grandmother and granddaughter, and the joy and promise passed down

between them, begins one quiet dawn . . .

On the morning of her eighth birthday, Maude buries a secret at the foot of a flowering dogwood—and inside it, a tiny toy elephant, a marble like a tiger's eye, a bird's nest with purple string woven through the twigs, and more.

A special box. Waiting for the right moment to be opened again.

Axis 360 becomes Boundless

If you read eBooks or listen to eAudiobooks on Axis 360, the app will have a new name starting the last week of September. The new name for this Baker and Taylor product is Boundless; if you log on to Axis 360, you will be redirected to the new site. You will be prompted to download the new app, which will become active later in the month. Your



holds, history of books read and levels of achievement will be saved to the new version. You won't be able to use the Axis 360 app any longer after Boundless takes effect.

The End