

*Calista*

***Baywatch***

Outrageously funny and over-the-top inappropriate, great for a weekend evening with an adult friend or loved one. Starring Dwayne Johnson as the legendary Lt. Mitch Buchannon and Zac Efron as a former Olympic star turned Baywatch recruit. Mitch and his elite team of lifeguards put their skills into overdrive as they go deep undercover to take down a corrupt businesswoman and her minions.

**Platforms:** Belmont Public Library (DVD) (Soundtrack on hoopla)

*Eileen*

***Nine Perfect Strangers* by Liane Moriarty**

Could 10 days at a health resort really change you forever? In Liane Moriarty's book, nine perfect strangers are about to find out....

Frances Welty, the formerly best-selling romantic novelist, arrives at Tranquillum House nursing a bad back, a broken heart, and an exquisitely painful paper cut. She's immediately intrigued by her fellow guests. Most of them don't look to be in need of a health resort at all. But the person that intrigues her most is the strange and charismatic owner/director of Tranquillum House. Could this person really have the answers Frances didn't even know she was seeking? Should Frances put aside her doubts and immerse herself in everything Tranquillum House has to offer – or should she run while she still can?

The tv adaptation starring Nicole Kidman is now streaming on Hulu.

**Platforms:** Belmont Public Library (Book) Libby (ebook and audio)

*Kelly*

***Back to Basics*** edited by Abigail R. Gehring

Have you ever wondered how timber-frame joinery is done, how to raise pigs, how to make pickles from cucumbers grown in your own garden or even how to make soap from scratch? Well, Back to Basics: A Complete Guide to Traditional Skills is the book for you. I have used this book as a wonderful reference many times literally for decades - well, the previous edition as this one is the most recent update. Even with the internet at our fingertips for answers to questions like these, having a book that guides you through the steps giving the history and great explanations including photos and illustrations, recipes and even patterns for actual projects is sometimes preferable. If you enjoy an old school how-to book this is a great one to borrow. I confess to actually purchasing my own copy as I found myself checking it out quite often.

**Platforms:** Belmont Public Library (Book)

*Linda*

***Cocoon***

This fantasy adventure film is a delight!

A few residents of a large retirement community find their personal Fountain of Youth in the swimming pool next door. The property has been vacant and these covert forays give them something to look forward to. Alas, Walter leases the property and the residents' access to the pool is lost. Temporarily.

The retirement home residents have no way of knowing that Walter is an alien on a rescue mission. Eons ago, 20 of their brethren were secreted-away in rock-like cocoons on the ocean floor where they have been in a state of dormancy. The pool serves as an incubator: the warm water creates an energy field that will bring them back to life and enable them to return to Antarea with Walter and the rest of the Antarean rescue team.

However, nothing goes as planned. Not for the residents nor for the aliens.

To tell more would be a spoiler. This DVD is available at the library and may also be viewed free of charge on hoopla and Libby.

The setting of the film is authentic as footage was shot in and around St Petersburg, Florida with locations including the St Pete Shuffleboard Club, Suncoast Manor Retirement Community, the Coliseum, and Snell Arcade buildings.

The film earned Academy Awards for Best Supporting Actor (Don Ameche) and Best Visual Effects, and was followed by the sequel *Cocoon: The Return* in 1988, in which almost all of the original cast reprised their roles.

**Platforms:** Belmont Public Library (DVD)

*Rebecca*

***Girls Made of Snow and Glass*** by Melissa Bashardoust

Sixteen-year-old Mina is motherless, her magician father is vicious, and her silent heart has never beat with love for anyone. When she moves to Whitespring Castle and sees its king for the first time, Mina forms a plan: win the king's heart with her beauty, become queen, and finally know love. The only catch is that she'll have to become a stepmother. Fifteen-year-old Lynet looks just like her late mother, and one day she discovers why: a magician created her out of snow in the dead queen's image, at her father's order. Entwining the stories of both Lynet and Mina in the past and present, *Girls Made of Snow and Glass* traces the relationship of two young women doomed to be rivals from the start. Only one can win all, while the other must lose everything--unless both can find a way to reshape themselves and their story.

**Rating:** 4/5 stars. This Snow White retelling is MESMERIZING & unforgettable!

**Platforms:** Belmont Public Library (Book)

Rebekah

**The Pursuit of Happyness**

Chris Gardner and his son are trying to live an exceptional life. But when forced out of his apartment, they find themselves with no place to live and nowhere to go. Chris tries everything he can and eventually finds a job but it still does not pay a lot of money. Chris refuses to give up and he tries his hardest to make a good life for his son and himself.

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