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## Get a World View

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Hello Laura,

Friends of Bethlehem Public Library will be hosting our **Eclipse Watch Party on Monday, April 8th**. Join your neighbors in our yard to experience this historic out-of-this-world event. There will be eclipse snacks, and a raffle to win a new telescope and souvenir t-shirts!

The Friends made the decision to begin handing out free eclipse glasses when the library opens Monday at 1pm. Bethlehem will experience 99.8% totality, with the maximum darkness at approximately 3:29pm.

In other worldly news, the library now has a subscription to Mango Languages! If you have a Bethlehem library card, you have access to over 70 languages, including English. We hope you will take advantage of this new subscription, made possible by the generous donations of many in memory of former library trustee, Joyce Tucker.

Have a good day,

Laura

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### New Collection Offering

Choose from over 70 languages with our subscription to this language-learning app. Work on vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, culture, comprehension and retention with bite-size lessons. Mango adapts to your learning style using conversation-based methods.

Can be used on any computer, device, or phone. For all ages (must be able to read).



To get started, [go to our catalog](#), under Links, click on Login Information.

## HAPPENING THIS MONTH



### **Solar Eclipse Watch Party**

*Monday, April 8th 1-4pm*

Stay in town and see the eclipse in the library back yard. Bethlehem will be 99.8% totality.

Free Glasses (starting at 1pm)  
Eclipse Snacks  
Raffle Prizes: Telescopes, T-Shirts

Your Host: Friends of Bethlehem Public Library



### **Pet Heroes @ the Library**

*Saturday, April 13th 11am*

Celebrate the new Dog Man book, *The Scarlet Shedder*, with the people from Second Chance Animal Rescue, Above the Notch Humane Society, and a therapy dog! Learn about local pet heroes!



### **Simple Living: Starting a Garden**

*Friday, April 19th 11:30am*

We'll talk about garden planning and starting seeds. You'll go home with a pot of seeds!

Check out our seed library and take what you need.

## **Kids Programs Every Week!**

**STEAM Club** *Mondays 2:30-3:30*

4/15 Earth Day

4/29 Grossology

**Preschool Story Time** *Tuesdays 10:30-11*

4/9 Fantasy/Royalty

4/16 Earth Day



4/23 Silly Me!

4/30 Boxes

**Stay & Play** 4/30 11am-1pm Boxes

**Arts & Crafts Club** *Wednesdays 2:30-3:30*

4/3 - Circus Craft (American Circus Day)

4/10 - One sentence write-a-long

4/17 - Bat Craft (International Bat Day)

## More Programs

**Let's Talk, Discussion Group** Fridays 10:15-11:30am

4/5 - Self Care Day (How do you practice self care?)

4/12 - International Day of Pink (Awareness for Bullies against the LGBTQ community)

4/19 - If you could reread/rewatch something for the first time what would it be and why?

4/26 - Poetry Month

### Readers Cafe Book Discussion

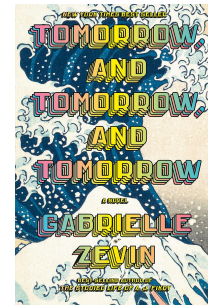
Thursday, 4/18 Noon and Saturday, 4/20 9am

*Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabriel Zevin

[See the 2024 list here](#)

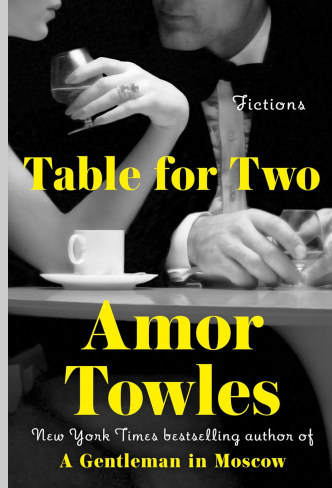
Thursday 4/25 6pm **Trivia Night**

All ages welcome!



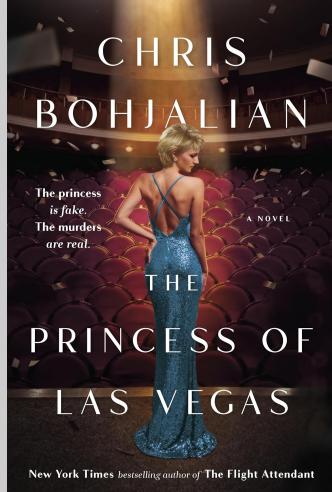
**New Library Books!**  
Click on cover to reserve, or save to your book bag





From the bestselling author of *A Gentleman in Moscow* and *Rules of Civility*, six New York stories, most of which take place around the year 2000, consider the fateful consequences that can spring from brief encounters and the delicate mechanics of compromise that operate at the heart of modern marriages.

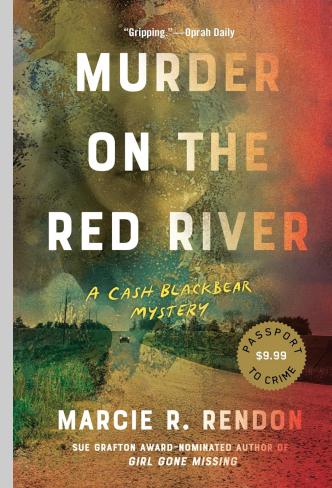
His novella set in Golden Age Hollywood centers on *Rules of Civility's*, Evelyn Ross. She leaves New York City in September 1938 with the intention of returning home to Indiana. But she instead extends her ticket to Los Angeles, beginning a tale that moves through the movie sets, bungalows, and dive bars of Los Angeles.



Bestselling author of *The Flight Attendant* and *The Lioness*, a Princess Diana impersonator and her estranged sister find themselves drawn into a dangerous game of money, murder, and family secrets on the Las Vegas strip.

Each evening, Crissy Dowling transforms into a Princess, performing her musical cabaret inspired by the life of the late Diana Spencer. Crissy's daily diet of Adderall and Valium leaves her more than a little tipsy, her Senator boyfriend has gone back to his wife, and her entire career rests on resembling a dead woman. Yet, fans see her for the gifted chameleon she is. But when Crissy's sister, Betsy, arrives in town and when the owner of the Buckingham Palace Casino is savagely murdered, Crissy's carefully constructed kingdom comes crashing down all around her.

A riveting tale of identity, obsession, fintech, and high-tech mobsters.



A new mystery series, introducing Cash Blackbear, a young Ojibwe woman whose visions and grit help solve a brutal murder.

1970s, Red River Valley, Renee "Cash" Blackbear is 19 years old and tough as nails. She lives in Fargo, North Dakota, where she drives a truck for local farmers, drinks beer, plays pool, and helps solve criminal investigations through the power of her visions. She has one friend, Sheriff Wheaton, her guardian, who helped her out of the broken foster care system.

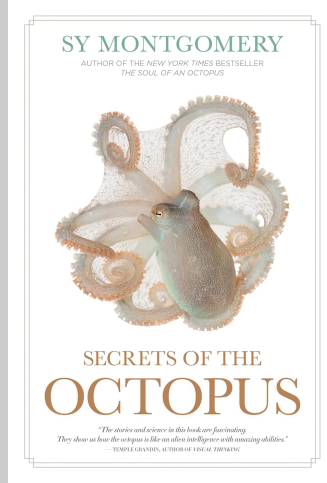
One Saturday morning, Sheriff Wheaton is called to investigate a pile of rags in a field and finds the body of an Indian man. When Cash dreams about the dead man's weathered house on the Red Lake Reservation, she knows that's the place to start looking for answers.



The little-engine-that-could story of how a band of scrappy entrepreneurs are reviving the enterprise of manufacturing clothing in the United States.

For decades, clothing manufacture was a pillar of U.S. industry. But beginning in the 1980s, Americans went from wearing 70 percent domestic-made apparel to almost none.

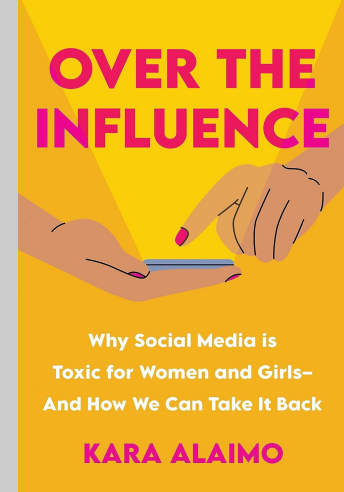
Dismayed by shoddy imported "fast fashion"-and unable to stop dreaming of re-creating a favorite shirt from his youth-Bayard Winthrop set out to build a new company, American Giant, that would swim against this trend. New York Times reporter Steven Kurutz, in turn, began to follow Winthrop's journey. He discovered other trailblazers as well, from the "Sock Queen of Alabama" to a pair of father-son shoemakers and a men's style blogger who almost single-handedly drove a campaign to make "Made in the USA" cool. Eye-opening and inspiring, *American Flannel* is the story of how a band of visionaries and makers use cutting-edge technology and design to revive an essential American dream.



The companion to the highly-anticipated National Geographic television special airing for Earth Day, this beautifully illustrated book explores the alluring underwater world of the octopus—a creature that resembles an alien lifeform, but whose behavior has earned it a reputation as one of the most intelligent animals on the planet.

With this offering, Sy Montgomery, known as the "octopus whisperer," returns to the species she knows and loves, offering current and compassionate stories about the scientists on the front lines of octopus research and conservation.

For all animal lovers-and especially those drawn to this magical marine being-this will be a book to relish, for both its fascinating imagery and its charming storytelling.

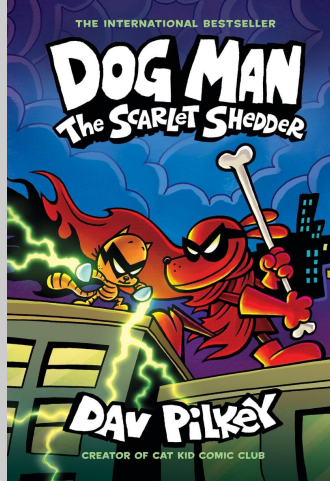


A rallying cry for women to recognize and reject the ways social media is being weaponized against us - and instead wield it to empower ourselves.

*Over the Influence* is a book about what it means to live in the world social media has wrought-whether you're constantly connected or have deleted your accounts forever. Why you're likely to get fewer followers if you're a woman. How fake news is crafted to prey on women's vulnerabilities. And how social media has made the offline world an uglier place for women.

Alaimo offers up brilliant advice for how to get over the influence-how to handle our daughters' use of social media, use dating apps to find the partners we're looking for, use social networks to bolster our careers, and protect ourselves from sextortionists, catfishers, and trolls. She also explains what we need to demand from lawmakers and tech companies.





Canine superhero returns in the 12th graphic novel in the series!

P.U.! Dog Man got sprayed by a skunk! After being dunked in tomato juice, the stink is gone but the scarlet red color remains. Now exiled, this spunky superhero must struggle to save the citizens who shunned him! Will the ends justify the means for Petey, who's reluctantly pulled back into a life of crime in order to help Dog Man? And who will step forward when an all-new, never-before-seen villain unleashes an army of A.I. robots?

Help celebrate the book release with **Pet Heroes @ the Library** Saturday, April 13th 11am (see details above)



YA author Angie Thomas makes her middle grade debut with the launch of an inventive, hilarious, and suspenseful new contemporary fantasy trilogy.

It's not easy being a Remarkable in the Unremarkable world. Some things are cool--like getting a pet hellhound for your twelfth birthday. Others, not so much--like not being trusted to learn magic because you might use it to take revenge on an annoying neighbor.

All Nic Blake wants is to be a powerful Manifestor like her dad. But before she has a chance to convince him to teach her the gift, a series of shocking revelations and terrifying events launch Nic and two friends on a hunt for a powerful magic tool she's never heard of...to save her father from imprisonment for a crime she refuses to believe he committed.

Synopses from Syndetics Unbound



Attention, reader: You're going to LOVE this book!

No, really, you are. It's got everything you could ever want: comedy, drama, action, heart. Plus--are you ready? It's got homework! Ahh yeah! And a trip to the best place ever, the dentist! Ahhhh yeahhh! Additionally--brace yourself--it's got raisins! Nature's candy. AHH YEAHHH! This book is so great, you won't be able to stop reading it. I DARE you not to have fun.

From the author of *The Good Egg* and *The Bad Seed*.

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