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## Spring is Here!

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Hello Laura,

It is good to see the sun shine, and not have to wear snow boots! If you too are happy with the arrival of May, then we have programs this month to really put you in the spring mood!

On Saturday, May 11th, Miss Kami invites children and their parent, grandparent, or other special adult, to join her for a Garden Tea Party. More details below.

On Friday, May 24th, our Simple Living monthly program focuses on container gardening. We'll discuss the pros of small spaces, and someone will go home with a container garden started for them!

We are always looking for ideas for programs that will interest our patrons and the public. If you have an idea, please tell us. Call, email, or [let us know here](#).

Have a good day,

*Laura*

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## JOIN US THIS MONTH



### **Estate Planning**

*Friday, May 10th 11:30am*

Attorney Edward Beasley of Donohue, Beasley & Ferber and Greg Gagne of Affinity Investment group will present the keys to protecting your home and life savings plus many other end-of-life planning strategies.

Planning early is critical.



### **Garden Tea Party**

*Saturday, May 11th 11am*

Recommended for child(ren) ages 2-9 and their adult. Drinks and snacks followed by Flower Crafts and selfie station. Bring your tea set and dolls to play pretend. A great way to celebrate Mothers' Day!

**\*\*Registration Required—call the Library\*\***



### **Simple Living: Container Gardens**

*Friday, May 24th 11:30am*

No room for a big garden? No worries! We'll discuss growing small amounts in containers. You can also check out our seed library and take what you need.

Bonus: someone will go home with a container garden started for them!

## **Kids Programs Every Week!**

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

5/6 Geodes

5/13 Friendship bracelets

5/20 Kinetic sand



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

5/7 Spring

5/14 Weather

5/21 Jungle

5/28 Ocean

**Stay & Play 5/28 11am-1pm Ocean Beach Party**

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

5/1 Harry Potter

5/8 Paper Garden

5/15 Leopard Craft

5/22 Turtle Craft

5/29 Finish the Drawing



## **More Programs**

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

5/3 - National Foster Care Month (Adoption)

5/10 - National Heritage Month

5/17 - National Pet Month

5/24 - Superstitions

5/31 - Self Driving Cars - Good or bad?

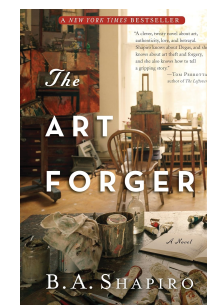


### **Readers Cafe Book Discussion**

Thursday, 5/16 Noon and Saturday, 5/18 9am

*The Art Forger* by B.A. Shapiro

[See the 2024 list here](#)



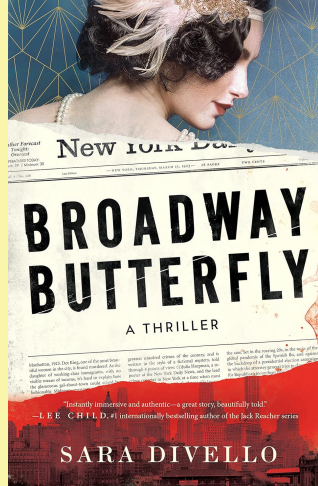
Thursday 5/30 6pm **Trivia Night**

All ages welcome!

## **New Library Books!**

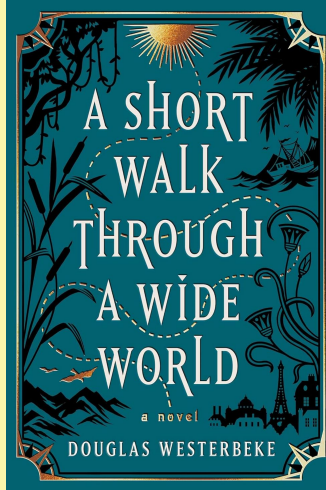
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*New York in the Roaring Twenties--a riveting true-crime novel.*

Scandalous flapper Dot King is found dead in her Midtown apartment, a bottle of chloroform beside her and a fortune in jewels missing. Dot's headline-making murder draws a clutch of lovers, parasites, and justice seekers into one of the city's most mesmerizing mysteries. Among them: Daily News crime reporter Julia Harpman; righteous NYPD detective John D. Coughlin, struggling against city corruption; and Ella Bradford, the victim's Harlem maid, closest confidante, and keeper of secrets. Adding fuel to the already volatile crime: a politically connected Philadelphia socialite, an Atlantic City bootlegger, Dot's dicey gigolo lover, a sultry Broadway dancer, and a cagey sugar daddy guarding secrets of his own.



*"Imagine The Life of Pi, The Alchemist, and The Midnight Library rolled into one fantastical fable." --NY Times Book Review*

Paris, 1885: Aubry Tourvel, a spoiled and stubborn nine-year-old girl, comes across a wooden puzzle ball on her walk home from school. She tosses it over the fence, only to find it in her backpack that evening. Days later, at the family dinner table, she starts to bleed to death.

When medical treatment only makes her worse, she flees to the outskirts of the city, where she realizes that it is this very act of movement that keeps her alive. So begins her lifelong journey on the run from her condition, which won't allow her to stay anywhere for longer than a few days nor return to a place where she's already been.

A spellbinding and inspiring story about discovering meaning in a life that seems otherwise impossible



*A moving story of hope, healing, and unexpected friendship set amidst the wild natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest.*

Frankie O'Neill and Anne Ryan would seem to have nothing in common. Frankie is a lonely ornithologist struggling to salvage her dissertation on the spotted owl following a rift with her advisor. Anne is an Irish musician far from home and family, raising her five-year-old son, Aiden, who refuses to speak.

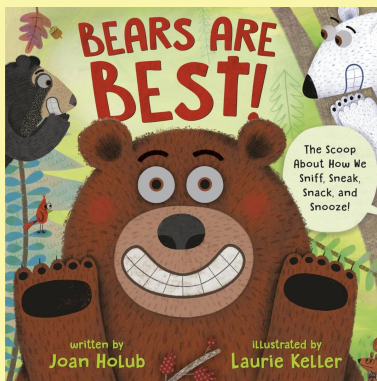
At Beauty Bay, Frankie, adrift, returns to the rundown caretaker's cottage that has been in the hardworking O'Neill family for generations--a beloved place and a constant reminder of the family she has lost. And Anne, in the wake of a tragedy that has disrupted her career and silenced her music, has fled to the neighboring house, a showy summer home owned by her husband's wealthy family.

When Frankie finds an injured baby crow in the forest, little does she realize that the charming bird will bring all three lost souls--Frankie, Anne, and Aiden--together.



Paralympic champion swimmer and gold medalist Jessica Long was adopted from a Russian orphanage. Her legs were amputated below the knee when she was 18 months old. Despite this, Jessica has become a world-class swimmer and one of the most decorated athletes of all time.

Dive into this illustrated picture book based on Jessica's story, where a mermaid with no tail decides she wants to compete in the Mermaid Games. The other mermaids make fun of her for being different. But her adoptive turtle parents are supportive and encouraging, and her shark coach, Phelps, teaches her to swim using her arms. The mermaid trains hard, maintains a good attitude, and eventually wins the games.

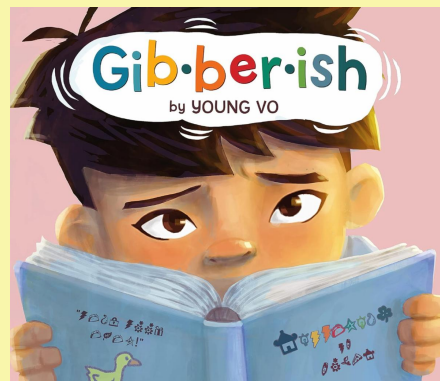


A paw-sitively hilarious nonfiction picture book about bear classification!

Hello! I am Brown Bear, and in this book, you'll get to learn about ME--the only bear in the forest!

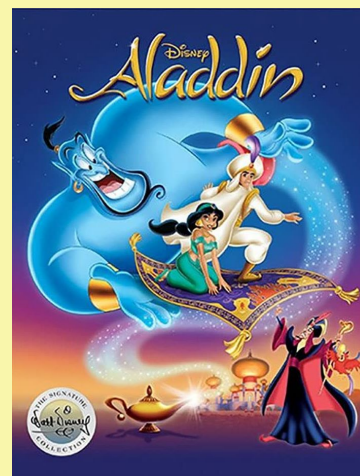
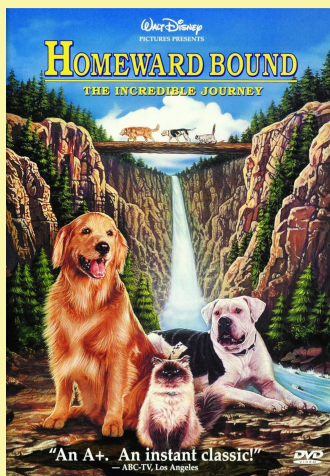
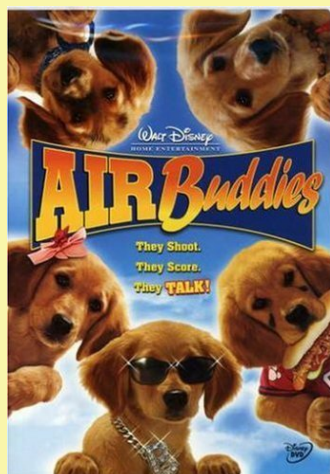
Hold on a minute. Polar Bear here, and I am the only bear in this book. Though I live in the Arctic, not a forest.

Hey now, Spectacled Bear here, and we are bearily-scratching the surface. There are tons of great bears to learn and laugh with in this fact-filled picture book!



It's Dat's first day of school in a new country! Dat and his Mah made a long journey to get here, and Dat doesn't know the language. To Dat, everything everybody says -- from the school bus driver to his new classmates -- sounds like gibberish. How is Dat going to make new friends if they can't understand each other? Luckily there's a friendly girl in Dat's class who knows that there are other ways to communicate, besides just talking. Could she help make sense of the gibberish?

## Pop some Popcorn and Re-Watch Some Disney Favorites!





Air Bud is the proud father of five adorable puppies with an unbelievable secret: They can talk! The hilarious, hair-raising exploits of these barking, talking, ball-playing pups will have you cheering as they run off on a daring rescue mission to save their parents!

We also have Snow Buddies.

You'll lose your heart to Chance, a fun-loving American bulldog pup; Sassy, a hilarious Himalayan cat who lives up to her name; and Shadow, a wise old golden retriever. The adventure begins when the loving owners of these irresistible pets are forced to leave them in the temporary care of a friend who lives hundreds of miles away. But after several days, the worried animals begin to think their family must be in trouble, so they decide to head for home. On their incredible journey across the ruggedly beautiful Sierras, they encounter unexpected surprises from man, beast, and nature alike.

Synopses from Syndetics Unbound

Aladdin, a street-smart commoner, pairs up with clever, confident Princess Jasmine to fight against the evil sorcerer Jafar and foil his plans of taking over the kingdom. Along the way, Aladdin learns to believe in himself...with the help of a comical, shape-shifting Genie whose three wishes can change everything.

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