

Readers' Advisory News at
Stickney-Forest View
Public Library

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EVERYBODY LOVES READING

Social media app is another way to find books and readers

TikTok is a quick, popular way to gain community with other readers. No matter the genre or type of book you read, there's always someone else out there ready to recommend something new or different.

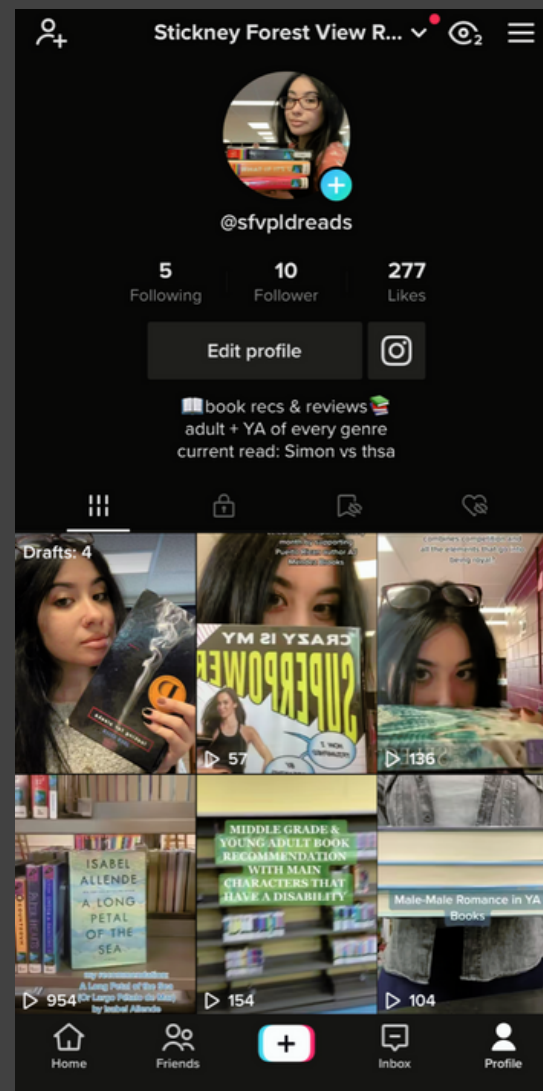
SFVPLD has joined the book lovers' community on TikTok, which is referred to as "BookTok." Our Circulation Assistant Sienna G. creates the library's content.

Sienna on TikTok:

"In this new age of social media, I thought it would be a great idea to promote our library through the TikTok app, providing reviews and recommendations of books I've read that have come straight off of our shelves."

"While I'm more of a YA (Young Adult) fanatic, I've tried expanding my horizons towards reading different genres too, which is something I encourage everyone to do!"

To follow Sienna's book reviews & the Library's TikTok account, search for @sfvpldreads



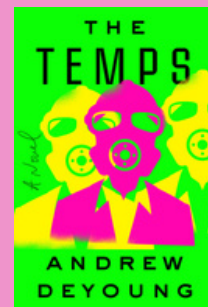
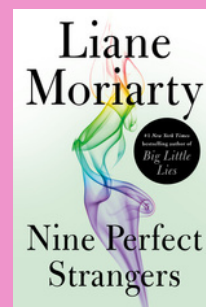
Everybody Loves Book Talks

These are the latest books recommended by Readers' Advisory Librarian Sonia R. Find all of the library's BookTube videos at bit.ly/SoniasBookTalks.



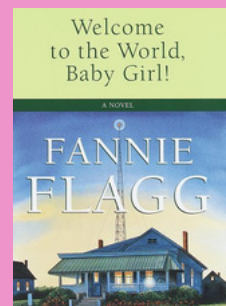
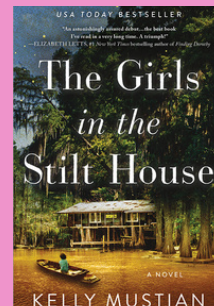
Locked In

Finding themselves unexpectedly locked in some place, the characters in these novels try to figure out what is happening and how to get out!



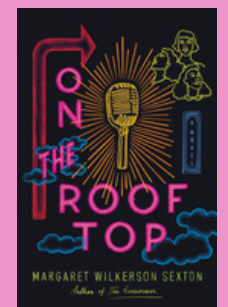
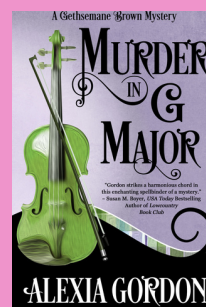
Southern Lit

Two girls form an unlikely friendship as they try to overcome hardship in 1920s rural Mississippi; and a New York reporter returns to her small hometown in Elmwood Springs in these novels by Southern authors.



Performing Protagonists

An African-American Classical Musician working in Ireland can see and talk to a ghost who wants her help; a teenage aspiring singer-songwriter leaves a bad home situation to live a life performing on the road; and in 1950s San Francisco, Vivian dreams of stardom for her daughters' singing group.



What do YOU like to read? Let me know of a good book you've read lately. Get some readers' advisory to guide you to that next good book! Take the quick survey!

bit.ly/Book4meSFV

Everybody Loves Book Club

Diana is an up-and-coming art dealer in New York City when the pandemic hits and she gets stranded in paradise in *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult. The 43rd Street Book Club loved the Galapagos Island setting, the vivid writing from Diana's POV and the twist we didn't see coming.

Behold The Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue is an emotional immigrant story. A couple from Africa are working in NYC and trying to evade deportation in this thought-provoking novel.

In *The Thursday Murder Club*, by British author Richard Osman, residents in a senior living community investigate a murder. A light-hearted mystery that made for a good discussion!

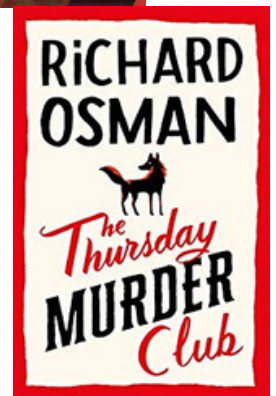
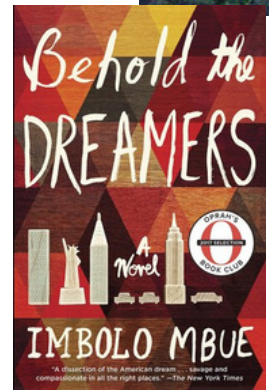


Banned Books Week 2022 was September 18 – 24. The theme of this year was “Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us.”

By focusing on efforts across the country to remove or restrict access to books, Banned Books Week draws national attention to the harms of censorship. The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) compiles lists of challenged books as reported in the media and submitted by librarians and teachers across the country.

The Top 10 Challenged Books of 2021 were:

1. Gender Queer by Maia Kobabe
2. Lawn Boy by Jonathan Evison
3. All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson
4. Out of Darkness by Ashley Hope Perez
5. The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
6. The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie
7. Me and Earl and the Dying Girl by Jesse Andrews
8. The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
9. This Book is Gay by Juno Dawson
10. Beyond Magenta by Susan Kuklin



Everybody Loves Reading on the Job

You will often find us reading or browsing books during our shift as part of our job. We do it to stay current with books and authors, and to increase our knowledge of genres and "appeal factors" in order to make recommendations. But as a bonus, it helps us to create **a culture of reading**, especially for the younger generations. In fact, parents have remarked that we set a good example for their children when they see us reading.

We also hope it inspires you to talk to us about books.

Did you know we LOVE talking about books with our patrons? If you've never talked books with us, we encourage it. We are delighted to hear about what books you have loved and hated! Talking about books is one of our favorite parts of our job. Some have said it is the best way to get personal recommendations. We promise we won't get offended if you don't like a recommendation that we give to you, because we don't write the books.



Readers' advisory is part of our job. Most people aren't aware that we have had training in how to advise readers. But to do this job well, we have to practice this skill. So please help us practice by asking us for specific book requests. (If you are a shy type, you can send us an email, that counts too). In addition, we like to get feedback on our recommendations. (Remember, we don't take offense if you reject one of our suggestions). So spread that book love and please talk to us about books, and support a culture of reading!

Everybody Loves Bookfluencers



SFVPLD staff recommends middle school books:

Each Kindness
by Jacqueline Woodson

Get A Grip Vivvy Cohen!
by Sarah Kapitz

The Miraculous Journey of
Edward Tulane
by Kate DiCamillo