

Month Year Book Selection At The Library

December 2, 2019

Adult Fiction

This heavy silence : a Novel by Nicole Mazzarella.

Strong, resilient, and deeply loyal, Dottie Connell farms her family's three hundred acres in rural Ohio alone, having sacrificed love and family for land she does not own. A sudden, inexplicable event leaves the daughter of her childhood friend in her care. Pressured by her community to allow her former fiancé to raise the child, Dottie must face the past she has worked fifteen years to forget. Spanning a decade, *This Heavy Silence* explores the power of the vows we make to others, and, more binding, those we make to ourselves. Evoking the hardship, spring-fed beauty, and the complexities of community in the rural Midwest, this award-winning, beautifully observed novel leads us to question our ideas about motherhood, faith, and the debts we owe.

Colors of Christmas : two contemporary stories celebrate the hope of Christmas by Olivia Newport.

Christmas in blue: In the wake of a personal loss deeper than anyone realizes, Angela plans to bypass as much of the season as possible and get through her duties as the church organist by going on autopilot. Instead, she finds herself in charge of the town's celebration. Christmas in gold: After eighty years, change is nothing new for Astrid. By the time she was twenty, she survived the destructive Nazi regime, caring for her family under brutal circumstances, moving to America, and losing her husband. At forty she was widowed again and left to build a new life with her children. Now, when she faces a move into an assisted living community and meets a young woman on the brink of despair, she resolves to stir up hope through tragedy one more time. Two new stories from reader favorite author Olivia Newport celebrate the joyful hope of the Christmas season as characters find healing in the midst of heartbreak.

Becoming Mrs. Lewis : a novel : the improbable love story of Joy Davidman and C.S. Lewis by Patti Callahan.

"When poet and writer Joy Davidman began writing letters to C. S. Lewis--known as Jack--she was looking for spiritual answers, not love. Love, after all, wasn't holding together her crumbling marriage. Everything about New Yorker Joy seemed ill-matched for an Oxford don and the beloved writer of Narnia, yet their minds bonded over their letters. Embarking on the adventure of her life, Joy traveled from America to England and back again, facing heartbreak and poverty, discovering friendship and faith, and against all odds, finding a love that even the threat of death couldn't destroy." -- Amazon.

Adult Non-Fiction

Handbook of denominations in the United States / Roger E. Olson.

The Handbook of Denominations in the United States has long been the gold standard for reference works about religious bodies in America. The purpose of this Handbook is to provide accurate and objective information about the most significant Christian traditions and denominations in the United States today. It contains descriptions of over 200 distinct Christian denominations as well as overviews of the several major Christian traditions to which they belong--based on shared historical and theological roots and commitments. The information for each denomination has been provided by the religious organizations themselves and focuses on the denominations' doctrines, statistics, and histories.

Alzheimer's With My Mother Jim Dicke II

This book is a candid look at what the Alzheimer's sufferer's family can expect. No two stories are precisely the same, but this is a story about the course of symptoms and the disease more than it is a story of Eileen's life. When she posed in 1994 for the portrait by Nelson Shanks shown on the cover of this book, family could already see in her expression the early signs of her confusion years before the formal diagnosis was made defining her final years. Alzheimer's is a terrible illness. This one story illustrates the very real challenges countless people will face even with the best of care.--Back of book.

Easy/Juvenile/Young Adult/Graphic Novel

Cactus's secret. 4 / Nana Haruta Graphic Novel

Reads R to L (Japanese Style), for T audiences. Final Volume! Miku and Kyohei are dating now, but soon they must make decisions about their future after high school. But just when Miku starts to make plans for attending university, it seems Kyohei wants to break up.

The Pigeon finds a hot dog! / words and pictures by Mo Willems.

When Pigeon finds a delicious hot dog, he can hardly wait to shove the entire thing in his beak. But . . . then a very sly and hungry duckling enters the scene and wants a bite. Who will be the more clever bird? In this hilarious follow-up to the acclaimed Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! Mo Willems has created another avian adventure that encourages children to share even their most prized processed foods. Mo Willems is a six-time Emmy Award-winning writer and animator for Sesame Street and the head writer of Cartoon Network's Code Name: Kids Next Door. The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog! is the companion to Mo's first children's book, Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! He is also the author of Time to Pee!. –Amazon

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The Institute: A Novel by Stephen King.

In the middle of the night, in a house on a quiet street in suburban Minneapolis, intruders silently murder Luke Ellis' parents and load him into a black SUV. The operation takes less than two minutes. Luke will wake up at The Institute, in a room that looks just like his own, except there's no window. And outside his door are other doors, behind which are other kids with special talents - telekinesis and telepathy - who got to this place the same way Luke did: Kalisha, Nick, George, Iris, and 10-year-old Avery Dixon. They are all in Front Half. Others, Luke learns, graduated to Back Half, "like the roach motel," Kalisha says. "You check in, but you don't check out." In this most sinister of institutions, the director, Mrs. Sigsby, and her staff are ruthlessly dedicated to extracting from these children the force of their extranormal gifts. There are no scruples here. If you go along, you get tokens for the vending machines. If you don't, punishment is brutal. As each new victim disappears to Back Half, Luke becomes more and more desperate to get out and get help. But no one has ever escaped from The Institute.

The 19th Christmas by James Patterson

As the holidays approach, Detective Lindsay Boxer and her friends in the Women's Murder Club have much to celebrate. Crime is down. The medical examiner's office is quiet. Even the courts are showing some Christmas spirit. And the news cycle is so slow that journalist Cindy Thomas is on assignment to tell a story about the true meaning of the season for San Francisco. Then a fearsome criminal known only as "Loman" seizes control of the headlines. He is planning a deadly surprise for Christmas morning. And he has commissioned dozens of criminal colleagues to take actions that will mask his plans. All that Lindsay and the SFPD can figure out is that Loman's greed -- for riches, for bloodshed, for attention -- is limitless. Solving crimes never happens on schedule, but as this criminal mastermind unleashes credible threats by the hour, the month of December is upended for the Women's Murder Club. Avoiding tragedy is the only holiday miracle they seek

Broken Bone China : A Tea Shop mystery by Laura Childs.

Theodosia and Drayton are caught up in a terrible disaster during the formal tea they are catering at a hot-air balloon rally, caused by a drone crashing into one of the balloons and leaving three dead. One of the victims was the CEO of a local software company, and the ensuing investigation uncovers secrets about his life and a possible conspiracy involving rival antiques dealers, the CEO's ex-wife, and even the fiancée one of Theodosia's dear friends. A masterful mystery by one of the genre's greatest talents

Adult Non-Fiction

Janis : her life and music / Holly George-Warren.

This blazingly intimate biography of Janis Joplin establishes the Queen of Rock & Roll as the rule-breaking musical trailblazer and complicated, gender-bending rebel she was. Janis Joplin's first transgressive act was to be a white girl who gained an early sense of the power of the blues, music you could only find on obscure records and in roadhouses along the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast. But even before that, she stood out in her conservative oil town. She was a tomboy who was also intellectually curious and artistic. Janis Joplin has passed into legend as a brash, impassioned soul doomed by the pain that produced one of the most extraordinary voices in rock history. She was a woman who pushed the boundaries of gender and sexuality long before it was socially acceptable. Written by one of the most highly regarded chroniclers of American music history, and based on unprecedented access to Janis Joplin's family, friends, band mates, archives, and long-lost interviews, Janis is a complex, rewarding portrait of a remarkable artist finally getting her due."--Publisher's website.

The rule : How I beat the Odds in the Markets and Life-and You Can Too / Larry Hite

The empowering story of Larry Hite's unlikely rise to the top of the hedge fund world-with critical insights and lessons you can take to

the bank. In *The Rule*, legendary trader and hedge fund pioneer Larry Hite recounts his working-class upbringing in Brooklyn as a dyslexic, partially blind kid who was anything but a model student--and how he went on to found and run Mint Investment Management Company, one of the most profitable and largest quantitative hedge funds in the world. Making a successful living in trading isn't about beating the markets. It's about meeting markets where they are, embracing the fact of risk, knowing yourself, and playing it strictly by the numbers. *The Rule* shows that investing decisions are not only bets or gambles, but investments in time, energy, and attention. By focusing on realistic returns on your investments--versus what you expect or hope to get--you immediately improve your probability for success-- Provided by publisher.

Easy/Juvenile/Young Adult/Graphic Novel

Happy howlidays! / A Middle School Story James Patterson : with Steven Butler

Dog Diaries is the first book written by a dog AND a #1 *New York Times* bestseller! When mischievous mutt, Junior, causes a Turkey Day disaster, getting out of the doghouse will take a Christmas miracle! Are you ready for a festive adventure? Join me, Junior on the most PAWSOME, most BARKTASTIC journey through the HOWLIDAY SEASON. You'll read all about: FANGSGIVING, CRITTER-MESS and the mysterious SAINT LICK. Why strange humans called CAROL come and howl at the front door. And why SHINY TREES suddenly sprout inside your kennel! This will be the best holiday EVER! As long as the Mom-Lady doesn't find out what I did to the Fangsgiving turkey. You can keep a SECRET, right? This hilarious, illustrated MIDDLE SCHOOL spin-off about a dog and his boy is perfect for younger readers!

Soul of stars / Ashley Poston.

"Once Ana was an orphaned space outlaw. Then she was the Empress of the Iron Kingdom. Now, thought dead by most of the galaxy after she escaped from the dark AI program called the HIVE, Ana is desperate for a way to save Di from the HIVE's evil clutches and take back her kingdom. Ana's only option is to find Starbright, the one person who hacked into the HIVE and lived to tell the tale. But when Ana's desperation costs the crew of the Dossier a terrible price, Ana and her friends are sent spiraling through the most perilous reaches of the Iron Kingdom to stop the true arbiter of evil in her world: an ancient world-ending deity called the Great Dark. Their journey will take their sharp-witted pilot, Jax, to the home he never wanted to return to and the dangerous fate he left behind. And when Robb finds out who Jax really is, he must contend with his own feelings for the boy he barely knows, and question whether he truly belongs with this group of outcasts."--Amazon.com.

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The Line Tender by Kate Allen.

Funny, poignant, and deeply moving, *The Line Tender* is a story of nature's enduring mystery and a girl determined to find meaning and connection within it. Wherever the sharks led, Lucy Everhart's marine-biologist mother was sure to follow. In fact, she was on a boat far off the coast of Massachusetts, collecting shark data when she died suddenly. Lucy was seven. Since then Lucy and her father have kept their heads above water--thanks in large part to a few close friends and neighbors. But June of her twelfth summer brings more than the end of school and a heat wave to sleepy Rockport. On one steamy day, the tide brings a great white--and then another tragedy, cutting short a friendship everyone insists was "meaningful" but no one can tell Lucy what it all meant. To survive the fresh wave of grief, Lucy must grab the line that connects her depressed father, a stubborn fisherman, and a curious old widower to her mother's unfinished research on the Great White's return to Cape Cod. If Lucy can find a way to help this unlikely quartet follow the sharks her mother loved, she'll finally be able to look beyond what she's lost and toward what's left to be discovered.

Quantum by Patricia Cornwell.

On the eve of a top secret space mission, Captain Calli Chase detects a tripped alarm in the tunnels deep below a NASA research center. A NASA pilot, quantum physicist, and cybercrime investigator, Calli knows that a looming blizzard and government shutdown could provide the perfect cover for sabotage, with deadly consequences. As it turns out, the danger is worse than she thought. A spatter of dried blood, a missing security badge, a suspicious suicide--a series of disturbing clues point to Calli's twin sister, Carme, who's been MIA for days. Desperate to halt the countdown to disaster and to clear her sister's name, Captain Chase digs deep into her vast cyber security knowledge and her painful past, probing for answers to her twin's erratic conduct. As time is running out, she realizes that failure means catastrophe--not just for the space program but for the safety of the whole nation.

Gone Tomorrow [paperback] : a Reacher novel by Lee Child.

In this 13th Reacher novel, the former military police major and notorious drifter Jack Reacher grows suspicious of a fellow subway passenger as their train approaches Grand Central Station in New York City. As a shady situation develops, Reacher debates between

intervening to save surrounding lives or avoiding the predicament in order to save his own. He confronts a suicide bomber on the nearly deserted Manhattan subway car--a confrontation that will lead him back to the Soviet war in Afghanistan in the 1980s and forward to the war on terrorism as he tracks down and eliminates the bad guys

Adult Non-Fiction

Kindness and wonder : why Mister Rogers matters now more than ever / Gavin Edwards

Won't you be my neighbor? For more than thirty years, Fred Rogers was a beloved fixture in American homes. Warm and welcoming, he spoke directly to children--and their parents--about the marvels of the world, the things that worried them, and above all, the importance of being themselves. Dressed in his cardigan and sneakers, Fred Rogers offered a wholesome message of generosity and love that changed the landscape of television and shaped a generation of children. Kindness and Wonder pays tribute to this cultural icon: the unique, gentle man who embodied the best of what we could be. Looking back at the history of the show and the creative visionary behind it, pop culture aficionado Gavin Edwards reminds us of the indelible lessons and insights that Mister Rogers conveyed--what it means to be a good person, to be open-hearted, to be thoughtful, to be curious, to be compassionate--and why they matter. Beautifully crafted, infused with Mister Rogers' gentle spirit, and featuring dozens of interviews with people whose lives were touched by Fred Rogers--ranging from Rita Moreno to NFL Hall of Famer Lynn Swann--Kindness and Wonder is a love letter to this unforgettable cultural hero and role model, and the beautiful neighborhood he created

Guinness world records 2020

The world's most popular record book is back with thousands of new categories and newly broken records, covering everything from outer space to sporting greats via Instagram, fidget spinners and all manner of human marvels. Inside you'll find hundreds of never-before-seen photographs and countless facts, figures, stats and trivia waiting for you on every action-packed page. Guinness World Records 2020 is the ultimate snapshot of our world today. Challenge yourself and your family with five fun record-breaking maker-inspired records you can attempt involving origami, balloon sculptures, ring pulls and rubber bands. Who knows, your creation might just make it into the record books!

Easy/Juvenile/Young Adult/Graphic Novel

Survivor girl / by Erin Teagan.

12-year-old Ali adores her reality-show celebrity father, Survivor Guy, and hopes to follow in his footsteps. But when he invites her on location, Ali is sure she won't survive one episode . . . until she learns the truth: The show isn't just her dad and a camera. It's a huge crew and set, with stunt doubles! When a wildfire strikes and Ali and two other kids miss the last rescue helicopter, suddenly, the fight for survival is real. Will she find the self-confidence she needs so they can work together and get out of the wilderness alive? STEM themes and plot strands about body image and divorce are subtly woven into this page-turning tale.

MeruPuri : märchen prince / story & art by Matsuri Hino

On the way to school one morning, Airi loses her mirror - one that had been passed down to her through generations - and suddenly finds herself in a bizarre situation. Never in her wildest dreams did she expect Aram, a little boy from a magical kingdom, to have emerged from the mirror in the short time it took her to track it down!

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The Lost Vintage : a novel by Ann Mah.

To become one of only a few hundred certified wine experts in the world, Kate must pass the notoriously difficult Master of Wine examination. She's failed twice before; her third attempt will be her last chance. Suddenly finding herself without a job and with the test a few months away, she travels to Burgundy to spend the fall at the vineyard estate that has belonged to her family for generations. There she can bolster her shaky knowledge of Burgundian vintages and reconnect with her cousin Nico and his wife, Heather, who now oversee day-to-day management of the grapes. The one person Kate hopes to avoid is Jean-Luc, a talented young winemaker and her first love.

Piqued by the secret space in her cousin's cellar, Kate begins to dig into her family's history--a search that takes her back to the dark days of World War II and introduces her to a relative she never knew existed, a great-half aunt who was a teenager during the Nazi occupation. As she learns more about her family, the line between resistance and collaboration blurs, driving Kate to find the answers

to two crucial questions: Who, exactly, did her family aid during the difficult years of the war? And what happened to six valuable bottles of wine that seem to be missing from the cellar's collection

One Good Deed by David Baldacci.

It's 1949. When war veteran Aloysius Archer is released from Carderock Prison, he is sent to Poca City on parole with a short list of do's and a much longer list of don'ts: do report regularly to his parole officer, don't go to bars, certainly don't drink alcohol, do get a job -- and don't ever associate with loose women. The small town quickly proves more complicated and dangerous than Archer's years serving in the war or his time in jail. Within a single night, his search for gainful employment -- and a stiff drink -- leads him to a local bar, where he is hired for what seems like a simple job: to collect a debt owed to a powerful local businessman, Hank Pittleman. Soon Archer discovers that recovering the debt won't be so easy. The indebted man has a furious grudge against Hank and refuses to pay; Hank's clever mistress has her own designs on Archer; and both Hank and Archer's stern parole officer, Miss Crabtree, are keeping a sharp eye on him. When a murder takes place right under Archer's nose, police suspicions rise against the ex-convict, and Archer realizes that the crime could send him right back to prison... if he doesn't use every skill in his arsenal to track down the real killer.

Stealth by Stuart Woods

Stone Barrington is trying to enjoy some downtime at his English retreat when he's unceremoniously sent off to the remote reaches of the UK and into a deadly snare. As it turns out, this is only the first volley by a rival power, one that has its eyes set on disrupting the peace of the nation. With the help of two brilliant and stunning women, Stone must leverage a new position of power to capture a villain with a lethal agenda. But the closer he comes to nabbing the culprit, the more he realizes there's a bigger plan at work, and a true mastermind who's a force to be reckoned with . . .

Adult Non-Fiction

Andrew Jackson and the miracle of New Orleans : the battle that shaped America's destiny / Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger.

The War of 1812 saw America threatened on every side. By mid-1814, President James Madison's generals had lost control of the war in the North, losing battles in Canada. Then British troops set the White House ablaze, and a feeling of hopelessness spread across the country. Into this dire situation stepped Major General Andrew Jackson. A native of Tennessee who had witnessed the horrors of the Revolutionary War and Indian attacks, he was glad America had finally decided to confront repeated British aggression. But he feared that President Madison's men were overlooking the most important target of all: New Orleans. If the British conquered New Orleans, they would control the mouth of the Mississippi River, cutting Americans off from that essential trade route and threatening the previous decade's Louisiana Purchase. The new nation's dreams of western expansion would be crushed before they really got off the ground. So Jackson had to convince President Madison and his War Department to take him seriously, even though he wasn't one of the Virginians and New Englanders who dominated the government. As they did in their two previous bestsellers, Kilmeade and Yaeger make history come alive with a riveting true story that will keep you turning the pages.

Writer's Market 2020: The Most Trusted Guide to Getting Published ninety-ninth Edition

Want to get published and paid for your writing? Let *Writer's Market 2020* guide you through the process with thousands of publishing opportunities for writers, including listings for book publishers, consumer and trade magazines, contests and awards, and literary agents—as well as new playwriting and screenwriting sections. These listings feature contact and submission information to help writers get their work published. Beyond the listings, you'll find articles devoted to the business and promotion of writing. Discover 20 literary agents actively seeking writers and their writing, how to develop an author brand, and overlooked funds for writers. This edition also includes the ever-popular pay-rate chart and book publisher subject index! You also gain access to: • Lists of professional writing organizations • Sample query letters • How to land a six-figure book deal and more.

Easy/Juvenile/Young Adult/Graphic Novel

Long Ago, On a Silent Night By Julie Berry.

The miracle of Christmas comes alive in this luminous celebration of unconditional love and the joy and hope and promise in every child from Printz Honor recipient Julie Berry! *Long ago, in a dusty barn, a mother took a child in her arms, wrapped him snug, made his bed in the hay. He was her gift that Christmas Day. There's no sweeter gift than a life so new. My best gift, little one, is you.*

Mike Mignola's Hellboy : Weird tales volume 2 Graphic Novel

Mike Mignola's character has never been more popular, especially in the wake of the long-awaited feature film, and unprecedented success in bookstores. His award-winning series Hellboy has been lauded as much by other artists as it has by award ceremonies and fans. Over the years, many of the best artists in the industry have asked if they could do a backup story just to get a chance to play with the characters and worlds Mignola has created. As Dark Horse basks in the glow of critical praise for the 2004 Hellboy motion picture, we present this lavish collection of stories.

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Kiss the Girls and Make Them Cry By Mary Higgins Clark.

The newest thriller from “Queen of Suspense” Mary Higgins Clark!

When talented journalist Penelope “Casey” Harrison starts to research a piece about the #MeToo movement that includes an incident in her own life which she has been trying to put out of her mind for years, she does not realize that the young man who drugged and assaulted her at a fraternity house party in college is now a wealthy, powerful industrialist on the eve of a merger which will make him a billionaire—and who will do anything, even murder, to cover his tracks.

Dead Quiet (The Oregon Files) By Clive Cussler and Boyd Morrison.

Juan Cabrillo and the crew of the Oregon are back with a new adventure in this thrilling suspense novel in Clive Cussler's #1 New York Times bestselling series. Juan Cabrillo and his team of expert operatives return in this latest entry in Clive Cussler's Oregon Files series. Aboard the Oregon, one of the most advanced spy ships ever built, they face new challenges and nemeses as they undertake another dangerous mission.

A Christmas Gathering: A Novel By Anne Perry.

A cold case adds an extra chill to the holiday season as bestselling author Anne Perry whisks readers to an English country house for a Christmas of secrets, soul-searching, and forgiveness. As beautiful as it may be, their friends' country home is not where Lady Vespasia wishes to spend Christmas with her new husband, Victor Narraway. She'd rather pass a relaxing holiday at home with him--especially because Victor, former head of the London Special Branch, seems to be hiding some undercover dealings with the other guests who have gathered in the spacious home.

Adult Non-Fiction

Chika: A Little Girl, an Earthquake, and the Making of a Family By Mitch Albom.

Bestselling author Mitch Albom returns to nonfiction for the first time in more than a decade in this poignant memoir that celebrates Chika, a young Haitian orphan whose short life would forever change his heart. Chika Jeune was born three days before the devastating earthquake that decimated Haiti in 2010. She spent her infancy in a landscape of extreme poverty, and when her mother died giving birth to a baby brother, Chika was brought to The Have Faith Haiti Orphanage that Albom operates in Port Au Prince.

The Beautiful Ones By Prince.

From Prince himself comes the brilliant coming-of-age-and-into-superstardom story of one of the greatest artists of all time—featuring never-before-seen photos, original scrapbooks and lyric sheets, and the exquisite memoir he began writing before his tragic death. Prince was a musical genius, one of the most talented, beloved, accomplished, popular, and acclaimed musicians in history.

Easy/Juvenile/Young Adult/Graphic Novel

A Mustache Baby Christmas By Bridget Heos

Mustache Baby is headed straight for the naughty list until he figures it out it is much more fun to give than to receive in this hilarious holiday gift book. Billy is an unusual baby—he was born with a mustache! And his pal Javier was born with a beard. Things get even sillier on Christmas Eve when Javier's beard turns white and he becomes Santa Baby! Being Santa Baby is a lot of work—listening to the other babies' Christmas wishes, taste testing treats, and getting the dachshunds, ahem, reindeer, ready for their big night.

Good Night, Santa: A Magical Christmas Story From DK Children

A heart-warming Christmas story to share with young children. Snuggle up and share this magical Christmas story about a little girl who dreams of meeting Santa on Christmas Eve. With Santa's sleigh flying across a glittering moon, it's the perfect Christmas gift book for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Featuring the most beautiful winter wonderland scenes of a moonlit Christmas Eve, sumptuous silhouettes, and a charming rhyming story, this fun to read bedtime board book captures the excitement of the night before Christmas.