

Month Year Book Selection
At The Library

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Adult Fiction

The Phoenix Empress by K. Arsenault Rivera.

"Since she was a child, divine empress O Shizuka has believed she was an untouchable god. When her uncle, ruler of the Hokkaran Empire, sends her on a suicide mission as a leader of the Imperial Army, the horrors of war cause her to question everything she knows. Thousands of miles away, the exiled and cursed warrior Barsalyya Shefali undergoes trials even the most superstitious would not believe in order to return to Hokkaran court and claim her rightful place next to O Shizuka. Will the two fallen warriors be able to protect their home?" -- Provided by publisher.

Moondust Lake by T. Davis Bunn.

"An executive in the family business, Buddy Helms lives and works under the thumb of his powerful father. Seeking a retreat from his disillusionment, frustration, and rage, he grabs at the solitude of Moondust Lake, where he meets psychotherapist Kimberly Sturgiss and learns to search for the things in life that matter, embrace them, and never let go"-- Provided by publisher

The Boy by Tammy Hoag

"When Detective Nick Fourcade enters the home of Genevieve Gauthier outside the sleepy town of Bayou Breaux, Louisiana, the bloody crime scene that awaits him is both the most brutal and the most confusing he's ever seen. Genevieve's seven-year-old son, KJ, has been murdered by an alleged intruder, yet Genevieve is alive and well, a witness inexplicably left behind to tell the tale. There is no evidence of forced entry, not a clue that points to a motive. Who would murder a child and leave the only witness behind? Everything changes when Genevieve's past as a convicted criminal comes to light"-- Provided by publisher.

Adult Non-Fiction

Starting & building a nonprofit : a practical guide by Peri H. Pakroo, J.D.

More people than ever are committing themselves to serving their communities and changing the world. Whether you're aiming to protect the environment, support the arts, or help people in need, understanding how to set up a solid nonprofit organization is a great foundation for being as effective as you can be. With practical advice, legal information, tips, and step-by-step instructions, this essential guide will help you get your nonprofit up and running--and keep it going!

Monster manual by lead designers: Mike Mearls, Jeremy Crawford.

The Monster Manual presents a horde of classic Dungeons & Dragons creatures, including dragons, giants, mind flayers, and beholders--a monstrous feast for Dungeon Masters ready to challenge their players and populate their adventures. The monsters contained herein are culled from the D&D game's illustrious history, with easy-to-use game statistics and thrilling stories to feed your imagination.

Easy/Juvenile/Young Adult/Graphic Novel

Shake d'em Halloween bones by W. Nikola-Lisa

It's Halloween night. The city is quiet. The city is still. But as the lights go down, the music comes up - and the guests start to arrive at the hip-hop Halloween ball! And oh, what a party it is. Told in hip-hop rhyming text, L'il Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks, Tom Thumb, and all of their fairy-tale friends come together for a rapping, stomping, shaking Halloween romp. Scoo-bee-doo-bee-doo-wah. Yeah!

Revived by Cat Patrick.

It started with a bus crash. Daisy Appleby was a little girl when it happened, and she barely remembers the accident or being brought back to life. At that moment, though, she became one of the first subjects in a covert government program that tests a drug called Revive. Now fifteen, Daisy has died and been Revived five times. Each death means a new name, a new city, a new identity. The only constant in Daisy's life is constant change. Then Daisy meets Matt and Audrey McKean, charismatic siblings who quickly become her first real friends. But if she's ever to have a normal life, Daisy must escape from an experiment that's much larger--and more sinister--than she ever imagined.

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The last romantics: a novel by Tara Conklin.

When the renowned poet Fiona Skinner is asked about the inspiration behind her iconic work, *The Love Poem*, she tells her audience a story about her family and a betrayal that reverberates through time. Caught between the predictable life they once led and an uncertain future that stretches before them, the Skinner siblings--fierce Renee, sensitive Caroline, golden boy Joe and watchful Fiona--emerge from the Pause staunchly loyal and deeply connected. Two decades later, the siblings find themselves once again confronted with a family crisis that tests the strength of these bonds and forces them to question the life choices they've made and ask what, exactly, they will do for love.

Orphans of the carnival : a novel by Carol Birch

Julia Pastrana stood apart from the other carnival acts. She was fluent in English, French and Spanish, an accomplished musician with an exquisite singing voice, equally at ease riding horseback and turning pirouettes—but all anyone noticed was her utterly unusual face. Alternately vilified and celebrated, Julia toured through New Orleans, New York, London, Berlin, Vienna, and Moscow, often hobknobbing with high society as she made her fame and fortune. When Julia visits a mysterious shaman in the back alleys of New Orleans, he gives her a potion and says that she'll find a man within the year. Sure enough, Julia meets Theodore Lent, a charming showman who catapults Julia onto the global stage. As they travel the world, the question of whether Theo truly cares for Julia or if his management is just a gentler form of exploitation lingers heavily with every kind word and soft embrace.

The drowning spool by Monica Ferris.

Even though running *Crewel World* keeps Betsy plenty busy, a little extra cash on the side doesn't hurt. So when the local senior complex, *Watered Silk*, asks her to teach a class on the tricky punch needle technique, Betsy jumps at the opportunity to win over some new customers. Unfortunately, the business that Betsy drums up is not of the needlework variety. A young woman is found floating in *Watered Silk's* therapy pool, and Betsy's sleuthing skills are immediately called upon to figure out who drowned her. But the list of suspects is more twisted than any Betsy has encountered before. The young woman had three lovers--each with a motive for the murder. It's up to Betsy to sort out the snarl of romantic entanglements and find a killer, or the wrong man is bound to get pinned for a crime he didn't commit.

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The matriarch : Barbara Bush and the making of an American dynasty by Susan Page

THE MATRIARCH tells the riveting tale of a woman who helped define two American presidencies and an entire political era. As a girl in Rye, New York, Barbara Bush weathered criticism of her weight from her mother, barbs that left lifelong scars. As a young wife, she coped with the death of her three-year-old daughter from leukemia, a loss that changed her forever. In middle age, she grappled with depression so serious that she contemplated suicide. And as first the wife and then the mother of American presidents, she made history as the only woman to see -- and advise -- both her husband and son in the Oval Office. As with many women of her era, Barbara Bush was routinely underestimated, her contributions often neither recognized nor acknowledged. But she became an astute and trusted political campaign strategist and a beloved First Lady

Frommer's easyguide to New York City 2019 by Pauline Frommer.

Pauline Frommer's highly-personal guide to her own home city has, in previous editions, twice been named "Best Guidebook of the Year" by the North American Travel Journalists Association. It has been the best-selling guide to the city for the last four years. Though she deals with luxury choices as well as bargains, she makes a special effort to overcome New York's reputation for stratospheric prices, ferreting out scores of moderately-priced options in lodgings, meals, attractions, entertainment and more. Like all Easy Guides, this annually-researched and popular best-seller is "Quick to Read, Light to Carry"--and colorfully written.

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It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown by Charles M. Schulz

Spooky tricks and hilarious treats abound in this retelling of the beloved Halloween special that comes with holographic foil and embossing on the cover! Celebrate Halloween with Charlie Brown and the rest of the Peanuts gang! It's Halloween night, which means costumes, trick-or-treating, bobbing for apples...and waiting for the Great Pumpkin. Linus is certain that the Great Pumpkin will rise out of the pumpkin patch to bring toys to all the children of the world. Could this be the year that it finally happens?

Bobby Sky : boy band or die by Joe Shine

At fourteen, Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson is out of luck. His charm and singing voice--and penchant for bursting into song at all the

wrong times-can't keep him out of trouble anymore. When he's arrested (again)- he's given a choice- die in juvie or become a shadow-the fearless, unstoppable, and top-secret guardian of a Future Important Person, or FIP. With nothing to lose, Hutch accepts. After two grueling years at the Future Affairs Training and Education (FATE) Center, Hutch can barely remember the boy he once was. His entire existence has been erased. Ready for anything, he expects to be plunged into a battle zone. Instead he learns that his FIP is someone named Ryo Enomoto. Yes, the Ryo Enomoto- front-man of world-famous boy band International. Worse, Hutch has to put his old talents to use. He must join the band and change his name to Bobby Sky. Is this for real? Has he really turned himself into a lethal killing machine . . . only to become a teen pop sensation?

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The lies we told by Camilla Way

A daughter. Beth has always known there was something strange about her daughter, Hannah. The lack of emotion, the disturbing behavior, the apparent delight in hurting others. Sometimes Beth is scared of her and what she could be capable of. A son. Luke comes from the perfect family, with the perfect parents. But one day, he disappears without a trace, and his girlfriend, Clara, is desperate to discover what has happened to him. A life built on lies. As Clara digs into the past, she realizes that no family is truly perfect, and uncovers a link between Luke's long-lost sister and a strange girl named Hannah. Now Luke's life is in danger because of the lies once told and the secrets once kept. Can Clara find him before it's too late?

The perfect alibi by Phillip Margolin.

"A young woman accuses a prominent local college athlete of rape. Convicted on DNA evidence, the athlete swears his innocence. When a second rape occurs, DNA evidence again points to the imprisoned athlete. As young lawyer Robin Lockwood searches for answers, she finds herself enmeshed in a tangled web of buried secrets, lies, and violence"-- Provided by publisher.

Stone bridges by Carla Neggers.

"Adrienne Portale has never settled in one place for long, but takes a job as innkeeper in tiny Knights Bridge, Massachusetts, to spend some time getting to know the father she only recently found. When three small boys get lost in the wilderness that borders the inn, Adam Sloan leads the search. Adrienne sees the bond that people in a small town have as they band together to find the missing children. Adam is impressed with her calm strength, but he's sure she won't find what she's looking for in his quiet hometown. Despite their differences, Adam and Adrienne discover they have more in common than they'd expected. As summer bleeds into the gorgeous New England fall, the attraction between them grows, and they must decide where--and who--makes a place home."-- Publisher's description.

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The good son : a story from the First World War, told in miniature by Pierre-Jacques Ober;

It is Christmastime, 1914, and World War I rages. A young French soldier named Pierre had quietly left his regiment to visit his family for two days, and when he returned, he was imprisoned. Now he faces execution for desertion, and as he waits in isolation, he meditates on big questions: the nature of patriotism, the horrors of war, the joys of friendship, the love of family, and how even in times of danger, there is a whole world inside every one of us. And how sometimes that world is the only refuge. Its publication coinciding with the centennial of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, this moving and sparsely narrated story, based on true events, is reenacted in fascinating miniature scenes that convey the emotional complexity of the tale.

Eco kids self-sufficiency handbook by Alan and Gill Bridgewater.

"By cleverly combining creativity with eco-awareness, this timely book encourages children aged 7-14 to put down their mobile devices and get involved. From building a wind turbine and a go-kart to creating light, growing vegetables, and making green gifts, Eco Kids Self Sufficiency Handbook offers a wide range of ways to capture the imagination and make a positive contribution to the world around us. Twenty-eight exciting projects support integrated STEAM learning (science, technology, engineering, art, and math). With easy to follow step-by-step instructions and photographs—and a little adult supervision—no project is too difficult for children to complete!"

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Star Wars maker lab by Liz Lee Heinecke and Cole Horton.

Ever wanted to move things without touching them like a Jedi can? Or grow your own kyber crystal? Or maybe explode a balloon with a beam of energy, just like the Death Star? Now you can! With 20 amazing projects, *Star Wars(tm) Maker Lab* teaches your budding Padawan how to become a Master of science, in both the real world and the *Star Wars* galaxy. Using clear step-by-step instructions, the book guides home scientists and makers through each exciting experiment--from making Jabba's gooey slime or a hovering landspeeder, to an Ewok catapult and a glowing Gungan Globe of Peace. Each experiment has fact-filled panels to explain the real-world science as well as the *Star Wars* science fiction from the movies.

The Exile : an Outlander graphic novel by GN- Diana Gabaldon

After too long an absence, Jamie Fraser is coming home to Scotland--but not without great trepidation. Though his beloved godfather, Murtagh, promised Jamie's late parents he'd watch over their brash son, making good on that vow will be no easy task. There's already a fat bounty on the young exile's head, courtesy of Captain Black Jack Randall, the sadistic British officer who's crossed paths--and swords--with Jamie in the past. And in the court of the mighty MacKenzie clan, Jamie is a pawn in the power struggle between his uncles: aging chieftain Colum, who demands his nephew's loyalty--or his life--and Dougal, war chieftain of Clan MacKenzie, who'd sooner see Jamie put to the sword than anointed Colum's heir. Step into the captivating, passionate, and suspenseful world of *The Exile*, and experience the storytelling magic of Diana Gabaldon as never before.

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Tart of darkness: a chef-to-go mystery by Denise Swanson.

After unexpectedly inheriting a huge old house in a small college town, Dani, to fund her new personal chef business, takes in boarders, but when one of them is murdered and she becomes the prime suspect, she must serve up the real killer to clear her name and save her business

The scribbly man: a children of D'Hara novella. Episode I by Terry Goodkind

They are the monsters under the bed when you are little, the shape just caught out of the corner of your eye when you thought you were alone, the shadow of something in a dark corner that surprises you and then isn't there. They stop you dead with a knot of unexpected terror in the pit of your stomach. We have all seen fleeting glimpses of them. Never long enough to see them as I saw them, but it was them. I recognized it the instant I saw it. They could briefly terrify us before but never hurt us because they came from so far distant. They were never able to fully materialize in our world so we saw only transient glimpses of them, the shape of them if the light was just right, if the shadows were deep enough... if you were afraid enough. I think that the star shift has brought us closer to their realm so that they now have the power to step into our world and hurt us"--Kahlan Amnell"--Provided by publisher

The Department of Sensitive Crimes: a Detective Varg novel by Alexander McCall Smith

The detectives who work in Malmo Police's Department of Sensitive Crimes take their job very seriously. The lead detective, Ulf Varg, prioritizes his cases above even his dog's mental health. The Department of Sensitive Crimes takes on three extremely strange cases. First, the detectives investigate how and why a local business owner was stabbed . . . in the back of the knee. Next, a young woman's imaginary boyfriend goes missing. And, in the final investigation, Varg must determine whether nocturnal visitations at a local spa have a supernatural element. Using his renowned wit and warmth, Alexander McCall Smith brings a unique perspective on Scandinavian crime. Equal parts hilarious and heartening, *The Department of Sensitive Crimes* is a tour de farce from a literary master"-- Provided by publisher.

Adult Non-Fiction

Throw like a girl: how to dream big and believe in yourself by Jennie Finch with Ann Killion.

The evidence is overwhelming: sports help girls grow into strong women. Both scientific studies and anecdotal evidence confirm that athletic girls not only grow up to be healthier; they learn teamwork, gain inner confidence, and grow into society's leaders. Sports help preteen and teenage girls make the right choices in a society that is sending them incredibly mixed messages about who they are supposed to be. Yet no one is speaking directly to these girls. Jennie fills the role of girlfriend, big sister, team captain, and mentor. A smart, credible, and accomplished voice from an athlete who is strong and feminine, fiercely competitive, and fashionably cool, Jennie is someone young women will listen to and take to heart. Jennie's message: Believe in yourself. Go for it, girls.

Laptops for seniors in easy steps: for all laptops with Windows 10 by Nancy Muir.

Laptops have often been seen as the domain mainly of students and businessmen. However, they are also an excellent option for senior users: their mobility means that they can be used in any location and with the advent of wireless technology they can be used in a variety of public places to surf the Web or keep in touch with family and friends. Laptops for Seniors in easy steps, 7th edition covers all laptops that use Windows 10...Laptops for Seniors in easy steps, 7th edition takes the mystery out of using a Windows 10 laptop and shows how it can be used effectively for productivity and fun.

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AlphaOops! H is for Halloween by Alethea Kontis ; illustrated by Bob Kolar.

Ack! It's time for the show, and A isn't ready. But then again, Halloween can only start with one letter, no matter how the A-B-Cs normally go! The misbehaving alphabet is back, and there's no telling who will take the stage next. Z for zombie? P for pirate? Will X think of something good in time? Neon-bright, comically detailed illustrations show a cacophony of costumed letters, each with a mind and personality all its own. Along the bottom, tiny pumpkins arrange the players in proper order, making this alphabet story letter-perfect for Halloween

The lady is a spy: Virginia Hall, World War II hero of the French Resistance by Don Mitchell.

When Hitler invaded Poland on September 1, 1939, Virginia Hall was traveling in Europe. Which was dangerous enough, but as fighting erupted across the continent, instead of returning home, she headed to France. In a country divided between freedom and fascism, Virginia was determined to do her part for the Allies. An ordinary woman from Baltimore, Maryland, she dove into the action, first joining a French ambulance unit and later becoming an undercover agent for both the British Special Operations Executive and the US Office of Strategic Services. But Virginia cleverly evaded discovery and death, often through bold feats and daring escapes. Her covert operations, efforts with the Resistance, and risky work as a wireless telegraph operator greatly contributed to the Allies' eventual win"-- Provided by publisher.

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