

## Month Year Book Selection At The Library

February 3, 2020

### Adult Fiction

Olive, Again by Elizabeth Strout.

"Funny, wicked and remorseful, Mrs. Kitteridge is a compelling life force, a red blooded original. When she's not onstage, we look forward to her return..."\* And now, indeed, Olive Kitteridge has returned, as indomitable as ever. "It turns out--I just wasn't done with Olive," said Strout. "It was like she kept poking me in the ribs, so I finally said 'Okay, okay...'" Now Olive returns, this time as a person getting older, navigating her next decade as she comes to terms with the changes--sometimes welcome, sometimes not--in her own life. Here is Olive, strangely content in her second marriage, still in an evolving relationship with her son and his family, encountering a cast of memorable characters in the seaside town of Crosby, Maine. Whether it's a young girl coming to terms with the loss of her father, a young woman about to give birth at a baby shower, or a nurse who confesses a secret high school crush, the irascible Olive improbably touches the lives of others. Elizabeth Strout has achieved greatness by brilliantly laying bare the inner lives of ordinary people, by focusing on the small moments of connection which can dislodge lifelong grief and longing, and unite her characters through moments of transcendent grace. Olive, Again is another lasting work of fiction by this remarkable writer, and a cause for celebration among readers everywhere.

The league of wives : the untold story of the women who took on the U.S. Government to bring their husbands home by Heath Hardage Lee.

On February 12, 1973, more than one hundred recently released American prisoners of war arrived in the Philippines. These former Navy and Air Force pilots had endured years of brutal torture, deprivation, and solitary confinement in Vietnamese prisons, the worst of which was The Hanoi Hilton. Months later, they learned that their rescuers were their wives, who had formed The National League of Families and been the POW and MIAs most fervent advocates. These women lobbied government leaders, conducted a savvy media campaign, conducted covert meetings with antiwar activists, and helped code secret letters to the prisoners -- all to facilitate their husbands' freedom.

Christmas stitches : a historical romance collection : 3 stories of women sewing hope and love through the holidays by Judith Miller, Nancy Moser & Stephanie Grace Whitson.

*3 Talented Women, 3 Christmas Romances*

Return to Christmases of yesteryear with three women who use their sewing talents to succeed in the late 1800s. But can love also be stitched into their lives? **PIN'S PROMISE** by Nancy Moser 1906 - Summerfield, England, **MENDED HEARTS** by Stephanie Grace Whitson 1890 - Nebraska, and **A SEAMLESS LOVE** by Judith Miller 1888 - Pullman, Illinois

### Adult Non-Fiction

The pioneer woman cooks : the new frontier : 112 fantastic favorites for everyday eating by Ree Drummond.

A wife of a cowboy, mother of growing kids, and a businesswoman with a packed work schedule, Ree knows exactly what it means to juggle life's numerous demands simultaneously. The recipes in this book use everything from a skillet to an Instant Pot, so you'll have a mix of options to suit your own timeframe. And to reflect her own occasional adventures in carb cutting, Ree shares dozens of luscious lower-carb options for those days you want to eat a little lighter without sacrificing flavor. In *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: The New Frontier* you can explore an amazing and eclectic mix of traditional and new

It's not supposed to be this way : finding unexpected strength when disappointments leave you shattered by Lysa TerKeurst

What do you do when God's timing seems questionable, His lack of intervention hurtful, and His promises doubtful? Life often looks so very different than we hoped or expected. Some events may simply catch us off guard for a moment, but others shatter us completely. We feel disappointed and disillusioned, and we quietly start to wonder about the reality of God's goodness. Lysa TerKeurst understands this deeply. But she's also discovered that our disappointments can be the divine appointments our souls need to radically encounter God. In *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way*, Lysa invites us into her own journey of faith and, with grit, vulnerability, and honest humor, helps us to: Stop being pulled into the anxiety of disappointment by discovering how to better process unmet expectations and other painful situations. Train ourselves to recognize the three strategies of the enemy so we can stand strong and persevere through unsettling relationships and uncertain outcomes. Discover the secret of being steadfast and not panicking when God actually does give us more than we can handle. Shift our suspicion that God is cruel or unfair to the biblical assurance that God is protecting and preparing us. Know how to encourage a friend and help her navigate hard realities with real help from God's truth.

### Easy/Juvenile/Young Adult/Graphic Novel

The last last-day-of-summer by Lamar Giles ; illustrations by Dapo Adeola.

Otto and Sheed are the local sleuths in their zany Virginia town, masters of unraveling mischief using their unmatched powers of deduction. And as the summer winds down and the first day of school looms, the boys are craving just a little bit more time for fun, even as they bicker over what kind of fun they want to have. That is, until a mysterious man appears with a camera that literally freezes time. Now, with the help of some very strange people and even stranger creatures, Otto and Sheed will have to put aside their differences to save their town--and each other--before time stops for good.

Astrophysics for young people in a hurry by Neil deGrasse Tyson ; with Gregory Mone.

"From the basics of physics to big questions about the nature of space and time, celebrated astrophysicist and science communicator Neil deGrasse Tyson breaks down the mysteries of the cosmos into bite-sized pieces. *Astrophysics for Young People in a Hurry* describes the fundamental rules and unknowns of our universe clearly--and with Tyson's characteristic wit, there's a lot of fun thrown in, too. This adaptation by Gregory Mone includes full-color photos, infographics, and extra explanations to make even the trickiest concepts accessible. Building on the wonder inspired by outer space, *Astrophysics for Young People in a Hurry* introduces an exciting field and the principles of scientific inquiry to young readers"-- Provided by publisher.

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### Adult Fiction

Thread on arrival by Lea Wait.

"Ike Hamilton is a part of the Haven Harbor community just like anyone else, though he's fallen on hard times and has to make do on disability checks and deposit bottles. Most of the locals do what they can to help him out, and needlepointing partners Angie and Sarah are happy to see him at the annual Blessing of the Fleet, honoring all those lost at sea over the centuries. But when harmless Ike is stabbed, suspicion quickly falls on a troubled teenage boy who's new in town. Angie's convinced that young Leo is innocent—but if he didn't do it, who did? Turns out Ike may have appeared simple-minded, but he knew a few secrets that someone might

have murdered him to keep quiet. Angie sets out to trace Ike's bottle-collecting route to find out what he witnessed—and for this killer, there may be no redemption . . ." -- Provided by Amazon.com.

The deserter : a novel by Nelson DeMille, Alex DeMille.

An "outstanding" (*Publishers Weekly*, starred review) blistering thriller featuring a brilliant and unorthodox Army investigator, his enigmatic female partner, and their hunt for the Army's most notorious--and dangerous--deserter from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Nelson DeMille and Alex DeMille. When Captain Kyle Mercer of the Army's elite Delta Force disappeared from his post in Afghanistan, a video released by his Taliban captors made international headlines. But circumstances were murky: Did Mercer desert before he was captured? Then a second video sent to Mercer's Army commanders leaves no doubt: the trained assassin and keeper of classified Army intelligence has willfully disappeared. When Mercer is spotted a year later in Caracas, Venezuela, by an old Army buddy, top military brass task Scott Brodie and Maggie Taylor of the Criminal Investigation Division to fly to Venezuela and bring Mercer back to America--preferably alive. Brodie knows this is a difficult mission, made more difficult by his new partner's inexperience, by their undeniable chemistry, and by Brodie's suspicion that Maggie Taylor is reporting to the CIA.

The Paragon Hotel by Lyndsay Faye.

The year is 1921, and "Nobody" Alice James has just arrived in Oregon with a bullet wound, a lifetime's experience battling the New York Mafia, and fifty thousand dollars in illicit cash. She befriends Max, a black Pullman porter who reminds her achingly of home and who saves Alice by leading her to the Paragon Hotel. But her unlikely sanctuary turns out to be an all-black hotel in a Jim Crow city, and its lodgers seem unduly terrified of a white woman on the premises. As she meets the churlish Dr. Pendleton, the stately Mavereen, and the club chanteuse Blossom Fontaine, she understands their dread. The Ku Klux Klan has arrived in Portland in fearful numbers--burning crosses, electing officials, infiltrating newspapers, and brutalizing blacks. And only Alice and her new Paragon "family" are searching for a missing mulatto child who has mysteriously vanished into the woods. To untangle the web of lies and misdeeds around her, Alice will have to answer for her own past, too. A richly imagined novel starring two indomitable heroines, *The Paragon Hotel* at once plumbs the darkest parts of America's past and the most redemptive facets of humanity. From international-bestselling, multi-award-nominated writer Lyndsay Faye, it's a masterwork of historical suspense

### Adult Non-Fiction

Women of means : fascinating biographies of royals, heiresses, eccentrics and other poor little rich girls by Marlene Wagman-Geller. The Grass Isn't Greener on the Other Side: Heiresses have always been viewed with eyes of envy. They were the ones for whom the cornucopia had been upended, showering them with unimaginable wealth and opportunity. However, through intimate historical biographies, *Women of Means* shows us that oftentimes the weaving sisters saved their most heart-wrenching tapestries for the destinies of wealthy women.

Happily Never After: From the author of *Behind Every Great Man*, we now have *Women of Means*, vignettes of the women who were slated from birth--or marriage--to great privilege, only to endure lives which were the stuff Russian tragic heroines are made of. They are the nonfictional Richard Corys--those not slated for happily ever after. *Women of Means* is bound to be a non-fiction best seller, full of the best biographies of all time. Some of the women whose silver spoons rusted include: Almira Carnarvon, the real-life counterpart to Lady Cora of *Downton Abbey*, Liliane Bettencourt, whose chemist father created L'Oreal... and was a Nazi collaborator, Peggy Guggenheim, who had an insatiable appetite for modern art and men, Nica Rothschild, who traded her gilded life to become the Baroness of Bepop, Jocelyn Wildenstein, who became a cosmetology-enhanced cat-woman, Ruth Madoff, the dethroned queen of Manhattan, Patty Hearst, who trod the path from heiress... to terrorist

Final word : why we need the Bible by John MacArthur.

The Bible is under attack on all sides. Unbelievers denounce it as backward, narrow-minded, and intolerant, and even some professing Christians deny its truth to gain approval from the culture. With each assault, we hear echoes of the serpent's question in the garden of Eden: "Did God really say?" Unfortunately, many believers don't know how to answer these challenges and find their confidence in God's Word shaken. In *Final Word: Why We Need the Bible*, Dr. John MacArthur defends the trustworthiness of Scripture, with the goal of equipping the church to stand firm for the truth even when others abandon it. Only when God's people recognize the Bible for what it is--God's inerrant, authoritative Word--will they be able to fulfill their calling and carry the message of God's salvation to the world

### Easy/Juvenile/Young Adult/Graphic Novel

Elsa's epic journey by Susan Amerikaner ; illustrated by the Disney Storybook Art Team.

"Elsa follows a mysterious voice north on a quest to discover why she has magical powers!" This Step 3 Step into Reading leveled reader with more than 30 sparkly stickers is based on Disney *Frozen 2*--which is in theaters November 22, 2019!

Out to get you : 13 tales of weirdness and woe by Josh Allen ; illustrated by Sarah J. Coleman.

Get ready for a collection of thirteen short stories that will chill your bones, tingle your spine, and scare your pants off. Debut author Josh Allen masterfully concocts horror in the most innocent places, like R.L. Stine meets a modern Edgar Allan Poe. A stray kitten turns into a threatening follower. The street sign down the block starts taunting you. Even your own shadow is out to get you! Spooky things love hiding in plain sight.

The everyday world is full of sinister secrets and these page-turning stories show that there's darkness even where you least expect it. Readers will sleep with one eye open. . .

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Love and Death Among the Cheetahs by Rhys Bowen.

Georgie is excited when Darcy announces out of the blue that they are flying to Kenya for their extended honeymoon. It is only after they arrive that she suspects he has actually been sent there on an assignment. She tries not to be angry, because she is, after all, in a paradise! They are picked up in Nairobi and taken to a lovely house in Happy Valley--the center of upper-class English life there. Darcy finally confides that there have been some spectacular robberies in London and Paris, and it is suspected that the thief was a member of the aristocracy and may have fled to Kenya. Georgie is shocked at the completely decadent lifestyle that involves wild parties and rampant infidelity. One of the leading lights in the community, Lord Cheriton, makes a play for Georgie. She rebuffs him. Then he is found dead along a lonely stretch of road. At first it seems to be a lion attack. But why was he on that stretch of road, alone, late at night? It seems the Happy Valley community wants to close the case, but as Georgie and Darcy investigate, almost everyone has a motive to want Lord Cheriton dead.

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.

Wyoming Heart by Diana Palmer.

True love is in store for one gruff cowboy in New York Times bestselling author Diana Palmer's new Wyoming Men romance. Cort Grier is no ordinary rancher. Despite his vast wealth, he still works the land with his own bare hands, unlike his troublesome new neighbor, Mina Michaels. Fiery, beautiful Mina infuriates and entrances Cort, awakening feelings he'd thought long buried. But he knows falling for a city girl can only lead to heartbreak...Bestselling author Mina hardly expects to meet a man like the ones in her novels. But roguishly handsome Cort is an alpha hero through and through, from his stubborn streak to the fierce way this rugged cowboy protects his heart. When one sizzling kiss leads to another, can Mina convince Cort to open his world to her--now and forever?

### Adult Non-Fiction

The suspect : an Olympic bombing, the FBI, the media, and Richard Jewell, the man caught in the middle by Kent Alexander & Kevin Salwen.

On July 27, 1996, a hapless former cop turned hypervigilant security guard named Richard Jewell spotted a suspicious bag in Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park, the town square of the 1996 Summer Games. Inside was a bomb, the largest of its kind in FBI and ATF history. Minutes later, the bomb detonated amid a crowd of fifty thousand people. But thanks to Jewell, it only wounded 111 and killed two, not the untold scores who would have otherwise died. With the eyes of the world on Atlanta, the Games continued. But the pressure to find the bomber was intense. Within seventy-two hours, Jewell went from the hero to the FBI's main suspect. The news leaked and the intense focus on the guard forever changed his life. The worst part: It let the true bomber roam free to strike again. What really happened that evening during the Olympic Games? The attack left a mark on American history, but most of what we remember is wrong. In a triumph of reporting and access in the tradition of the best investigative journalism, former U.S. Attorney Kent Alexander and former *Wall Street Journal* reporter Kevin Salwen reconstruct all the events leading up to, during, and after the Olympic bombing from mountains of law enforcement evidence and the extensive personal records of key players, including Richard himself. *The Suspect*, the culmination of more than five years of reporting, is a gripping story of the rise of domestic terrorism in America, the advent of the 24/7 news cycle, and an innocent man's fight to clear his name.

With all due respect : defending America with grit and grace by Nikki R. Haley.

Nikki Haley is widely admired for her forthright manner ("With all due respect, I don't get confused"), her sensitive approach to tragic events, and her confident representation of America's interests as our Ambassador to the United Nations during times of crisis and consequence. In this book, Haley offers a first-hand perspective on major national and international matters, as well as a behind-the-scenes account of her tenure in the Trump administration. This book reveals a woman who can hold her own--and better--in domestic and international power politics, a diplomat who is unafraid to take a principled stand even when it is unpopular, and a leader who seeks to bring Americans together in divisive times.

### Easy/Juvenile/Young Adult/Graphic Novel

Caster by Elsie Chapman.

An action-packed YA fantasy about a secret, underground magic fighting tournament. If the magic doesn't kill her, the truth just might. Aza Wu knows that real magic is dangerous and illegal. After all, casting killed her sister, Shire. As with all magic, everything comes at a price. Her sister had been casting for money to pay off Saint Willow, the gang leader that oversees her sector of Lotusland. If you want to operate a business there, you have to pay your tribute. And now with Shire dead, Aza must step in to save the legacy of Wu Teas, the teahouse that has been in her family for centuries. When Aza comes across a secret invitation, she decides she doesn't have much else to lose. She quickly realizes that she's entered herself into an underground casting tournament, and the stakes couldn't be higher. Real magic, real consequences. As Aza's dangerous web of lies continues to grow, she is caught between trying to find a way out and trapping herself permanently.

The Astonishing Adventures of Fanboy and Goth Girl by Barry Lyga

Fanboy has never had it good, but lately his sophomore year is turning out to be its own special hell. The bullies have made him their favorite target, his best (and only) friend seems headed for the dark side (sports and popularity), and his pregnant mother and the step-fascist are eagerly awaiting the birth of the alien life form known as Fanboy's new little brother or sister. Fanboy, though, has a secret: a graphic novel he's been working on without telling anyone, a graphic novel that he is convinced will lead to publication, fame, and--most important of all--a way out of the crappy little town he lives in and all the people that make it hell for him. When Fanboy meets Kyra, a.k.a. Goth Girl, he finds an outrageous, cynical girl who shares his love of comics as well as his hatred for jocks and bullies. Fanboy can't resist someone who actually seems to understand him, and soon he finds himself willing to heed her advice--to ignore or crush anyone who stands in his way.

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### Adult Fiction

Final Option by Clive Cussler

When the CIA realizes the identities of three American spies in Brazil have been compromised, they turn to Juan Cabrillo and the crew of the *Oregon* to rescue the agents. What seems a routine operation turns out to be a trap designed by Juan Cabrillo's greatest enemy, a man driven by hate to seek the ultimate revenge. At the heart of the plot is a state-of-the-art ship that is identical to the *Oregon*: same weaponry, same technology, same ability to evade capture. The only thing it doesn't have is Cabrillo and his talented crew. But will they be enough to go up against the one ship that rivals their own? The crew of the *Oregon* must piece together a series of disturbing events, including the mysterious sinking of a nuclear attack submarine and the possible discovery of a WWII-era weapon that was thought to be lost in the jungles of Brazil, in the ultimate game of cat and mouse.

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### Easy/Juvenile/Young Adult/Graphic Novel

Eliza and her monsters by Francesca Zappia.

Eighteen-year-old Eliza Mirk is the anonymous creator of the wildly popular webcomic Monstrous Sea, but when a new boy at school tempts her to live a life offline, everything she's worked for begins to crumble. Rainbow Rowell's Fangirl meets Noelle Stevenson's Nimona in this acclaimed novel about art, fandom, and finding the courage to be yourself. "A must-have."--School Library Journal In the real world, Eliza Mirk is shy, weird, and friendless. Online, Eliza is LadyConstellation, anonymous creator of a popular webcomic called Monstrous Sea. With millions of followers and fans throughout the world, Eliza's persona is popular. Eliza can't imagine enjoying the real world as much as she loves her digital community.

Then Wallace Warland transfers to her school and Eliza begins to wonder if a life offline might be worthwhile. But when Eliza's secret is accidentally shared with the world, everything she's built--her story, her relationship with Wallace, and even her sanity--begins to fall apart.

Trial of the Juggernaut by Marvel Worldwide

The unstoppable Juggernaut has joined the X-Men, but can they trust him to be a hero? Meanwhile, Havok and Polaris are headed for the altar - but their wedding bells just might become a funeral dirge! As Jubilee and Husk mourn a fallen friend, the interdimensional Exiles arrive - but why are they targeting Havok? And the shocking truth about Nightcrawler's parentage is revealed when Mystique returns...and the evil Azazel rises! What is Nightcrawler's part in this villain's master plan, and can he help the X-Men escape Azazel's demonic dimension before Iceman loses his head?! Elsewhere, the Juggernaut takes on Alpha Flight - and finally faces up to his violent criminal past! Luckily, he's got a gamma-powered lawyer on his side...

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