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Hello

Yep, it's officially here according to my outdoor thermometer. If your Friends are hosting any activities or events outdoors, please take appropriate precautions.

I received an email from an officer in a Friends group recently. At the end of the email, she listed all the various groups in which she is involved and it reminded me about how much our members give back to our communities. I know how hard it can be to keep a Friends group going when others aren't stepping up. It is easy to consider throwing in the towel and going on to other endeavors. We hope you will hang in there until replacements arrive.

As yet we have not had confirmation from any group that they are willing to host a regional Friends workshop, although a few have expressed an interest. See the May FONCPL newsletter for FAQs. If you need contact information for nearby Friends, please ask. We have that list.

I hope you continue to find good information in our FONCPL newsletter, thanks to our editor Kathy Lambe. Kathy works all month to find articles and graphics. Please help her by contributing articles and photos. We'd like to hear your opinions as well.

Hardly a day goes by that I don't see an article on book challenges, bannings, and related news. Remember that FONCPL has developed an advocacy kit. Check out the home page on our website for details. On a related note, also on the home page is information on a study being conducted by a researcher at UNC Chapel Hill on Friends advocacy. We encourage every Friend (not just groups) to respond. The survey is short.

We hope that all Friends are helping their libraries to promote and support the Summer Reading program. Last year my New Bern Friends had a prize for the Friends member who turned in an adult summer reading log with the most hours. It is not too late for your group to do that.

Stay cool and start planning to apply for the FONCPL Challenge Grants and the Friend of the Year awards this fall.

Yours in Friendship,
Judy Hills, President

FRIENDS GROUPS THAT HAVE JOINED 2024

Alamance County Public Library
Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library
Alleghany County Public Library
Ashe County Public Library
Beaufort Branch of the Carteret County Public Library
Bladen County Library
Bogue Banks Public Library
Boonville Library
Braswell Memorial Library
Brown Library
Burke County Public Library
Caldwell County Library
Carrboro Branch Library
Caswell Library
Catawba County Library
Cleveland County Memorial Library
Concord Library
Cove City – Craven County Library
Cumberland County Library
Down East Library
Durham Library
Eden Public Library
Goldston Public Library
Harnett County Public Library
Havelock-Craven County Library
Haywood County Library
Hickory Public Library
Hocutt Ellington Memorial Library
Hot Springs Library
Jackson County Public Library
Johnston County/Smithfield Library
Kernersville Library (Paddison)
Kinston Lenoir County Public Library
Lewisville Library
Lexington Library
Madison County Library (aka Marshall Library)
Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center
Marianna Black Library
Mars Hill Public Library
Midland Library
Mountains Branch Library
New Bern-Craven Co Public Library
New Hanover County Public Library
Orange County Public Library
Pender County Public Library - Burgaw
Polk County Public Library
Rourk Branch Library
Rube McCray Memorial Library
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library
Sneads Ferry Library
South Buncombe Library
Southport/Oak Island Library
Southwest Brunswick Branch Library
Stanly County Public Library
Swansboro Public Library
Topsail Township Library
Transylvania County Library
Union County Public Library
Vanceboro-Craven Co Public Library
Walkertown Library
Watauga County Public Library
Weaverville Library
Western Carteret Public Library
Western Watauga
Wren Memorial Library



INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE JOINED JUNE 2024

Christine Alyea
Jo Ann Bass
Tim Como
Laurie Cranston
Kim Eaton
Julie Flick
Diana Fotinatos
Judy Hills
Jack James
Sylvia King
Katie Lake
Kathy Lambe
Lynda Marsh
Liz Martin
Donna Morgan
Bill Oelkers
Melissa J. Oleen
Lynda Reynolds
Karen Robbins
Karen Schrader
Marilyn Shapiro
Joyce Speas
Cindy Stewart
Joanne Straight
Tess Thais
Jeff Tudor
Trisha Wilkins
Amanda Worley

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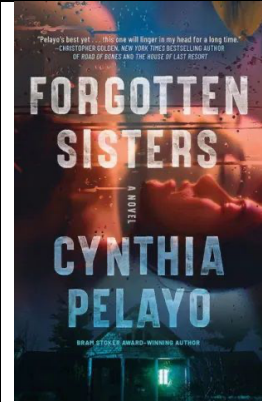
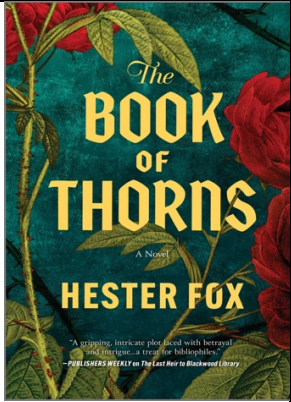
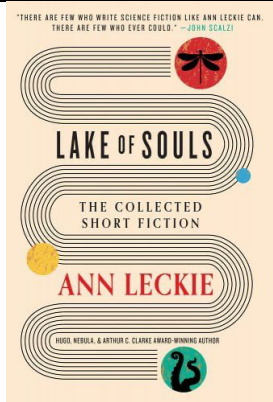

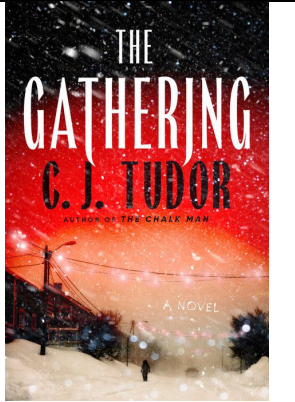
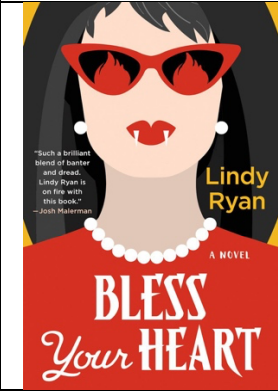
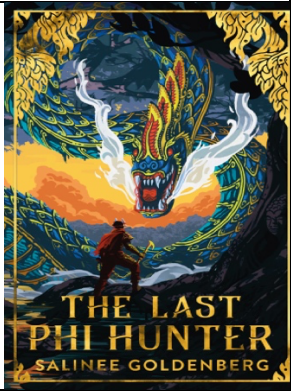
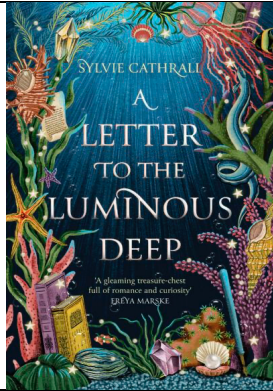

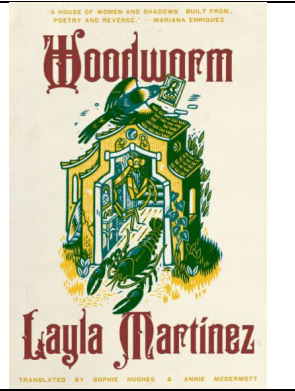


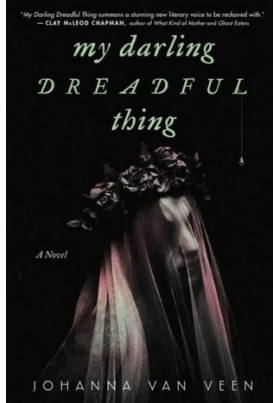

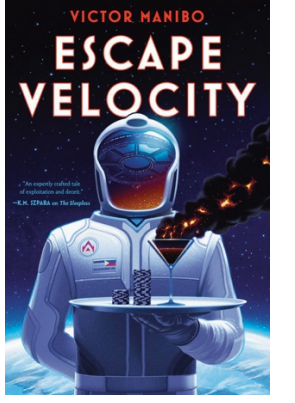
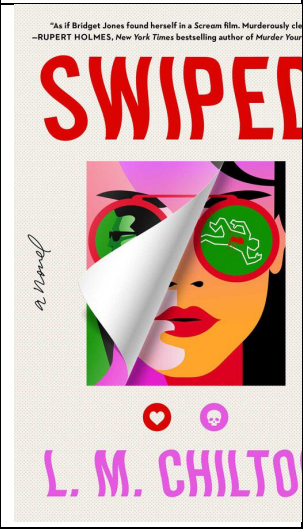
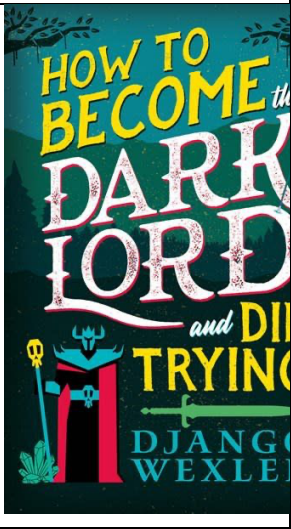
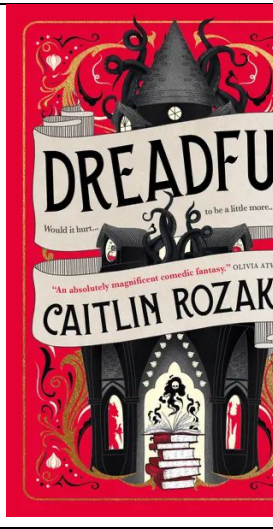


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Group memberships are open to
Friends and public libraries.

Individual Memberships are available also.

The Must-Read Books of Spring 2024

by Rachael Conrad March 25, 2024

Understanding the LGBTQIA2S+ Acronyms by Judy Hills

Recently I completed a form to be a presenter at a conference. Now, it has been a while since I last completed any form where the question of gender came up. Here is the way the question was asked—I had to select one: Agender, Cisgender Female, Cisgender Male, Genderqueer or non-binary, transgender female, transgender male, I'd rather not say or other (please specify). Whew! It used to be just male/female. I had to look up the meaning of "cisgender." Not sure how this is pertinent to being a presenter. A better question might be what gender identity pronoun do you prefer?

Another indicator of the parsing of gender is that some governmental employees on official correspondence now request others to refer to them by identified pronouns including: she/her, he/him, they/them or zi/zir. Guess that makes sense especially since some unusual first names are difficult to categorize.

So, you may ask why I am bringing this up. Well, I got to thinking about book challenges and book banning. Many of those are because the books are on LGBTQIA2S+ topics. How many of you are even aware of the terms being used to define this community? How much do you really know and understand about those who identify themselves differently from what we are accustomed to? How is it possible to understand someone's orientation without a common language?

In researching these terms, I came across the A Greater Hope website. While the focus of this organization is providing a continuum of care for at-risk adults and vulnerable children, one of their staff, Christina Strauss has created an extensive list of LGBTQIA2S+ terms—a factor in being at-risk. [Click here](#) to see this lengthy list.

"The acronym **SOGIE** is helpful in organizing the mass of terms utilized in the LGBTQIA2+ community and understanding what it all means.

Sexual Orientation:

-Refers to romantic (emotional) and/or sexual (physical) attraction to others, men/women/both/neither/ and those who are gender non-confirming.

Gender Identify:

-Refers to one's inner sense of self belonging to gender groups, may differ from one's sex assigned at birth and gender expression.

Gender Expression:

-Refers to how one expresses one's gender to others, usually expressed through behavior, clothing, grooming practices, roles and ideas. Expression may be

influenced by sex assigned at birth and/or identity.

"Sexual orientation used to be understood in the binary of Gay or Straight/ homosexual or heterosexual.

Heterosexual - a person being attracted to the opposite sex or Straight

Homosexual - a person being attracted to the same sex or gay

It used to be thought that the large majority of the population was straight and only a small percentage were not heterosexual. As we now know, sexual orientation is a full spectrum of diversity affecting a larger percentage of the population. This old way of thinking still affects the LGBTQ community today."

So, I encourage you to read the material on this website and familiarize yourself with the pertinent terms. If you know someone who is other than cisgender (an adjective denoting or relating to a person whose gender identity corresponds with the sex registered for them at birth), you may want to discuss this topic with them, if they are willing. There is an old saying, "You can't really understand another person's experience until you've walked a mile in their shoes." If the conversation accurately depicts that person's experience, you may find yourself walking in muddy boots slogging through a dismal swamp.

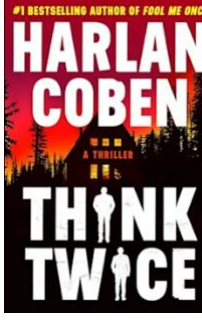





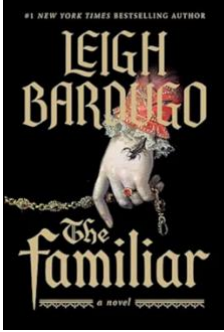
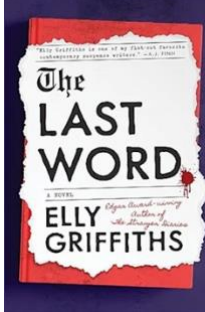
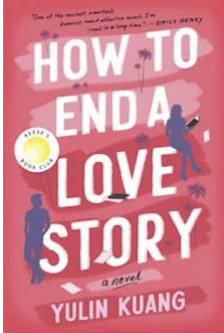
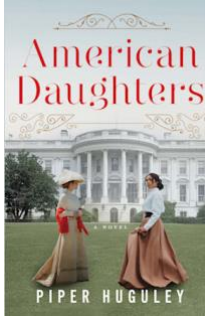

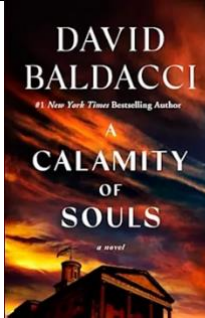
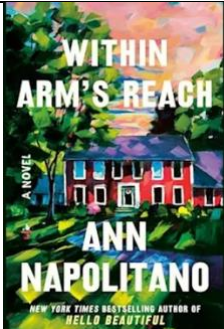
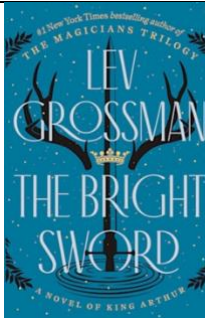


OUR ULTIMATE GUIDE TO 2024'S BEST BEACH READS

By BookBub. May 17, 2024

With summer fast approaching, we're looking forward to long days of reading. Beach reads are the perfect way to relax, either while on vacation or lounging at home. You'll be entirely pulled into these books, which range from thrilling adventures to romantic comedies to emotional dramas. Throw one in your tote bag today, and get ready to be swept into an entirely new world.

 <p>Book cover for <i>Swan Song</i> by Elin Hilderbrand. The cover features a woman diving into the ocean from a boat.</p>	<p>SWAN SONG by Elin Hilderbrand</p> <p>As Nantucket Chief of Police Ed Kapenash nears retirement, he finds himself drawn into one more case that has rocked the community. When the mysterious Richardsons purchase a summer home on the island, they stir excitement and curiosity with their extravagant parties and flaunted wealth. But then tragedy — involving a house fire and a missing person — strikes...</p>	 <p>Book cover for <i>Funny Story</i> by Emily Henry. The cover shows two people sitting at a table, one holding a drink.</p>	<p>FUNNY STORY by Emily Henry</p> <p>Stranded in Waning Bay, Michigan, after her fiancé falls for his childhood friend Petra, Daphne starts anew as a children's librarian living with Petra's ex, Miles. Polar opposites, Daphne's pragmatic ways clash with Miles's penchant for listening to heartbreaking ballads. As a friendship forms, the pair decide to take part in a little ruse, posting misleading photos of their summer adventures. But could this mischievous plot be the beginning of a funny love story?</p>
 <p>Book cover for <i>Real Americans</i> by Rachel Khong. The cover features a stylized illustration of a family in a car.</p>	<p>REAL AMERICANS by Rachel Khong</p> <p>Spanning three generations in one family, this sweeping novel begins with Y2K in New York City — where broke intern Lily Chen falls in love with pharmaceutical heir Matthew. In 2021, 15-year-old Nick Chen struggles living on an isolated island in Washington with only his mother. And she's hiding something about who his father is...</p>	 <p>Book cover for <i>The Summer We Started Over</i> by Nancy Thayer. The cover shows two women walking on a path towards a sunset.</p>	<p>THE SUMMER WE STARTED OVER—Nancy Thayer</p> <p>As a personal assistant to a famed romance author, Eddie Grant hasn't been finding fulfillment in her job lately. With her sister preparing to open a gift shop, Eddie finds the perfect excuse to get away and return to Nantucket for a vacation. However, going back home means confronting their family's troubled past. Amid their father's eccentric hoarding, simmering resentments, and a rekindled old flame, Eddie and her sister, Barrett, unearth a family secret that reshapes their lives and bonds forever.</p>
 <p>Book cover for <i>One Perfect Couple</i> by Ruth Ware. The cover features a dark, moody illustration of a couple.</p>	<p>ONE PERFECT COUPLE by Ruth Ware</p> <p>Five couples are stranded on an island when a storm strikes. Lyla's there with her boyfriend — though their relationship is shaky — after they auditioned to join a reality show called <i>One Perfect Couple</i>. It was supposed to just be a game, but this show is turning deadly...</p>	 <p>Book cover for <i>The New Couple in 5B</i> by Lisa Unger. The cover shows a couple standing in front of a building.</p>	<p>THE NEW COUPLE IN 5B by Lisa Unger</p> <p>It seems like an answer to all of their financial problems when Rosie and Chad Lowan inherit a luxury apartment in New York City's historic Windermere building. But the Windermere has a dark history — and when one of their neighbors turns up dead, Rosie sets out to uncover the truth about their new home...</p>
 <p>Book cover for <i>Just for the Summer</i> by Abby Jimenez. The cover features a couple sitting on a beach at sunset.</p>	<p>JUST FOR THE SUMMER by Abby Jimenez</p> <p>Justin seems to be cursed in such a way that every woman he dates finds their soulmate immediately after dumping him. When Emma, who suffers from the same misfortune, offers to date him in order to help them both find their own soulmates next, it leads them to a cottage on a private island on Lake Minnetonka — and a connection that will last longer than a weekend.</p>	 <p>Book cover for <i>Summer Nights and Meteorites</i> by Hannah Reynolds. The cover shows a couple looking at a telescope at night.</p>	<p>SUMMER NIGHTS AND METEORITES</p> <p>Forced to spend the summer on Nantucket, Jordan swears off dating and focuses on her astronomy internship. Too bad the cocky guy she met on the ferry turns out to be her father's research assistant, and she'll be seeing him every day. Can they work together to solve a century-old mystery about a comet without entangling their own hearts?</p>

	<p>ONE OF US KNOWS by Alyssa Cole</p> <p>Years after a breakdown ends her career and she's diagnosed with dissociative identity disorder, Ken takes a job as the caretaker of a historic home on Kavanaugh Island, sparking the return of her alters. When a storm traps her on the island with a group of strangers — and the man who destroyed her life turns up dead — Ken and her alters must uncover the truth before it's too late...</p>		<p>THINK TWICE by Harlan Coben</p> <p>Sports agent Myron Bolitar believes his client, basketball coach Greg Downing, died three years ago. But then two federal agents show up in Myron's office, claiming Greg is still alive and they've linked him to a double homicide. As Myron and his friend and colleague Win search for answers, they uncover a shocking conspiracy.</p>
	<p>THE EXCITEMENTS by CJ Wray</p> <p>In their 90s, sisters Josephine and Penny Williamson are celebrated World War II veterans on their way to Paris to receive honors for their role in the liberation of France. Their great-nephew, Archie, accompanies them — and as they set out on the last great excitement of their lives, he soon discovers that there is more to these two women than meets the eye.</p>		<p>SUMMERS AT THE SAINT by Mary Kay Andrews</p> <p>Once an outsider in her community, Traci Eddings is now the widowed owner of a landmark hotel, battling to save the struggling business. Amid staff shortages, financial woes, and her brother-in-law's schemes, Traci gathers a motley crew — including her estranged friend's daughter — to help turn things around.</p>
	<p>THE PARIS NOVEL by Ruth Reichl</p> <p>After the death of her estranged mother, Stella receives a note telling her to head to the City of Love, along with a one-way ticket. Soon, Stella is living at the famous bookstore Shakespeare and Company, discovering an old mystery about a lost Manet, and learning — for the first time in her life — to be impulsive and embrace her true self.</p>		<p>THE SUMMER PACT by Emily Giffin</p> <p>Four college freshmen forge an unbreakable bond in their dorm. But when a desperate act leads to tragedy during their final year, Lainey, Tyson, Summer, and Hannah make a pact to be there for each other in times of need. A decade later, facing life's crossroads, they reunite to fulfill their pact of support, embarking on a journey of self-discovery, forgiveness, and acceptance.</p>
	<p>WHAT FIRE BRINGS by Rachel Howzell Hall</p> <p>When Bailey Meadows takes the position of writer-in-residence at the home of bestselling thriller author Jack Beckham, she has an ulterior motive: She wants to find out what happened to Sam Morris, who disappeared in the wilderness surrounding Beckham's land. It turns out many women have disappeared in the dangerous nearby canyons, and Bailey had better make sure she won't be next...</p>		<p>THIS SUMMER WILL BE DIFFERENT Carly Fortune</p> <p>Lucy's romantic affair on Prince Edward Island is marred by the discovery that her fling, Felix, is the younger brother of her best friend, Bridget. She makes it through every subsequent summer visit to the island by promising herself not to get involved with Felix again. But when Bridget needs her a week before her wedding, Lucy is drawn back to Prince Edward Island — and she can't help falling for Felix's charms...</p>
	<p>LIES AND WEDDINGS by Kevin Kwan</p> <p>With his future in jeopardy, Rufus Leung Gresham is cajoled by his mother into attending his sister's wedding with the aim of seducing a wealthy woman to become his wife. But should he follow through with the scheme, or risk it all and profess his love to Eden, the girl next door?</p>		<p>IN A NOT SO PERFECT WORLD Neely Tubati Alexander</p> <p>After accepting a dream job at a video game company, Sloane somehow promises her employer she'll stay single to focus on the job. Unfortunately, that's easier said than done — especially after her gorgeous neighbor, Charlie, asks her to pose as his girlfriend for a trip to an island resort.</p>

	<p>THE FAMILIAR</p> <p>Madrid is the new capital of Spain, and Luzia Cotado is a young woman toiling in the kitchens of a wealthy family. A Jew in the time of the Inquisition, she tries to be invisible, but uses small spells and little magicks to ease her day. When her employers discover her magical abilities, Luzia is thrust into a world of power and politics. Determined to survive, she allies herself with a magical entity whose secret knowledge could save her — or destroy her.</p>		<p>THE LAST WORD by Elly Griffiths</p> <p>Edwin is an 84-year-old British man and Nataka is a Ukrainian-born math genius in her 30s, but the two of them work in perfect sync as partners at their detective agency. When a local writer passes away, the family suspects foul play — but then another murder occurs as Edwin and Nataka go undercover to investigate at an author's retreat.</p>
	<p>HOW TO END A LOVE STORY – Yulin Kuang</p> <p>Bestselling author Helen Zhang hopes writing for the TV series based on her novel will be a much-needed fresh start. Unbeknownst to her, Grant Shepard, with whom she shares a tragic past, has joined her show as another screenwriter. As they work together, old memories and unresolved feelings resurface as hidden secrets come to light...</p>		<p>AMERICAN DAUGHTERS by Piper Huguley</p> <p>Portia Washington, daughter of Booker T. Washington, grows up loyal to her father's principles and eager to achieve her own mark on the world. Spirited Alice Roosevelt both blooms in and is stifled by the role of First Daughter during her years living in the White House while her father, Theodore Roosevelt, serves as president. Though born from very different backgrounds, the two women develop a lifelong bond that will strengthen and challenge both of them through the years.</p>
	<p>MISS MORGAN'S BOOK BRIGADE Janet Skeslien Charles</p> <p>In 1918, Jessie Carson leaves the New York Public Library to work for the American Committee for Devastated France, a group that helps rebuild French communities devastated by the war, including their libraries. When she suddenly disappears, her fate is lost to history — until 1987, when fellow New York librarian Wendy Peterson discovers Jessie's mysterious tale and becomes determined to reveal her full story...</p>		<p>A CALAMITY OF SOULS- David Baldacci</p> <p>A Black lawyer from Chicago joins forces with a white lawyer from Virginia to save a Black man from wrongful conviction and death</p>
	<p>WITHIN ARM'S REACH by Ann Napolitano</p> <p>Elderly Catherine faces the end of her days as matriarch of her large, tight-knit Catholic family when her granddaughter Gracie unexpectedly finds herself pregnant. As a new generation is poised to join the McLaughlin clan, the members share their unique perspectives as they reflect on memories of the past in hopeful anticipation of the future.</p>		<p>THE BRIGHT SWORD by Lev Grossman</p> <p>After Arthur's death, the Knights of the Round Table are mostly disbanded, and the kingdom is fracturing as Morgan le Fay leads a revival of old magic. It falls to Collum, a young knight, and Nimue, Merlin's one-time apprentice, to salvage the dream of Camelot.</p>
	<p>ONE LAST WORD by Suzanne Park</p> <p>Sara Chae's crowning achievement is the development of an app called One Last Word, a tool in which any message you craft will be sent to your loved ones after you die. But when another woman with her same name dies, Sara's messages to her mother, former best friend, and high school crush all get delivered — with excruciatingly awkward results...</p>		<p>SUMMER ROMANCE by Annabel Monaghan</p> <p>Ali Morris, a professional organizer with a chaotic personal life, vows for a fresh, uncomplicated start after her husband leaves her. But the plan goes awry when her dog accidentally pees on charming stranger Ethan. He sees her as a version of herself she hasn't been in a long while — but will this summer fling tidy up her life or add to the beautiful mess?</p>

	<p>THE ROM-COMMERS by Katherine Center</p> <p>Aspiring screenwriter Emma Wheeler lands a dream job rewriting a script for industry legend Charlie Yates. Moving to LA, she's shocked to find her idol dismissive and his rom-com script terrible. Emma is determined to prove the power of love stories, even if it means clashing with Charlie — but a surprising kiss blurs lines between fiction and a real, rule-breaking love story...</p>		<p>A TALENT FOR MURDER by Peter Swanson</p> <p>A year into their marriage, librarian Martha is disturbed to find blood on her husband's shirt after one of his many work-related trips. When Martha begins to investigate the different cities Alan has visited over the year, she discovers a disturbing number of unsolved murder cases. Could kind, mild-mannered Alan be a serial killer?</p>
	<p>THE MIDNIGHT FEAST by Lucy Foley</p> <p>The Manor is a beautiful luxury resort hosting a grand opening. But the resort — and its guests — have secrets, and not everyone will survive the weekend...</p>		<p>LOVERS AND LIARS by Amanda Eyre Ward</p> <p>It's been years since the three Peacock sisters were close. But with Sylvie getting married in an English castle, they're all reuniting. Sylvie's a librarian who can't quite believe she's caught the eye of wealthy Simon Rampling, but here she is. Cleo, a criminal defense lawyer, is doubtful that Simon's as good as he seems. And married mom Emma has no idea how she's going to afford the trip. Yet when their mother also arrives, the girls will finally have to band together.</p>
	<p>THE TWILIGHT GARDEN by Sara Nisha Adams</p> <p>Between two London homes, an abandoned garden lies dormant — as fruitless as the relationship between Winston and Bernice, who reside on either side of the small plot of land. But when a mysterious package is delivered to Winston with pictures of the garden in full bloom, a plan will blossom into new connections for the neighbors, as well as the entire neighborhood.</p>		<p>THE PARADISE PROBLEM by Christina Lauren</p> <p>Free-spirited artist Anna Green and esteemed Stanford professor Liam Weston arrange a marriage of convenience purely for the economic benefits. When his grandfather passes away, Liam discovers that a stipulation in his will means that Liam won't receive his 100-million-dollar inheritance until he's been married happily for five years. Can he convince Anna to keep up the deception when she meets his family for the first time... and can they stick to their plan when romance begins to bloom between this mismatched pair?</p>
	<p>IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ME - Alex Finlay</p> <p>Five years ago, Ryan Richardson's girlfriend, Ali, was violently abducted. Though internet trolls suspect Ryan, he's managed to build a normal life, attending law school and heading to Italy for the summer. But then he learns Ali's car has been found with two bodies inside it, and a note saying, "if something happens to me..."</p>		<p>THE GUNCLE ABROAD by Steven Rowley</p> <p>Patrick O'Hara is feeling good about his life: He's moved to New York to be near his family and his acting career is going great. But when his widowed brother announces he's getting remarried in Italy, Patrick's niece and nephew are less than thrilled. As the whole family embarks on a European adventure, Patrick finds himself also learning unexpected lessons about love.</p>



McDonald's price increases

Menu item	End-of-2019 price	Mid-2024 price	% increase
Medium French Fries	\$1.79	\$4.19	134.1%
McChicken	\$1.29	\$3.89	201.6%
Big Mac	\$3.99	\$7.49	87.7%
10 McNuggets	\$4.49	\$7.58	68.8%
Cheeseburger	\$1.00	\$3.15	215%

Average price increase across these 5 items: 141.4%

2024 source: McDonald's app (Figueroa Street Los Angeles location selected) End of 2019 source

Taco Bell price increases

Menu item	End-of-2019 price	Mid-2024 price	% increase
Beefy 5-Layer Burrito	\$1.69	\$3.69	118.3%
Nachos Bellgrande	\$3.29	\$5.89	79%
Spicy Potato Soft Taco	\$1.00	\$1.19	19%
Cheesy Bean And Rice Burrito	\$1.00	\$1.19	19%
Crunchwrap Supreme	\$3.49	\$5.29	51.6%

Average price increase across these 5 items: 57.4%

2024 source: Taco Bell website (didn't require location to be specified) End of 2019 source

Chick-fil-A price increases

Menu item	End-of-2019 price	Mid-2024 price	% increase
Deluxe Chicken Sandwich	\$3.65	\$6.55	79.5%
8 Chick-fil-A Nuggets	\$3.05	\$5.99	96.4%
4 Chick-n-Strips	\$4.39	\$7.85	78.8%
Medium Waffle Fries	\$1.65	\$2.99	81.2%
Large Milkshake	\$3.15	\$5.19	64.76%

Average price increase across these 5 items: 80.1%

2024 source: Chick-fil-A website (didn't require location to be specified) End of 2019 source

RWJ JUNIOR'S 2024 SUMMER READING LIST!



I'm so excited to be partnering with Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), recommending a few of my favorite 2024 summer reads for kids. Take a look at the list, check out a book and remember... **Adventure Begins at Your Library™!** —Jenna

Picture Books

- ☐ **Endlessly Ever After: Pick Your Path to Countless Fairytale Endings** by Laurel Snyder
- ☐ **My Thoughts Have Wings** by Maggie Smith
- ☐ **Maxine Gets A Job** by Alexandra Garyn and Bryan Reisberg
- ☐ **Gaga Mistake Day** by Emma Straub and Susan Straub
- ☐ **Perla The Mighty Dog** by Isabel Allende
- ☐ **Floof** by Heidi McKinnon
- ☐ **All I Need to Be** by Rachel Ricketts
- ☐ **Bubbly Beautiful Kitty-Corn** by Shannon Hale

- ☐ **I'll See You in Ijebu** by Bunmi Emenanjo
- ☐ **A Crown of Stories: The Life and Language of Beloved Writer Toni Morrison** by Carole Boston Weatherford

Middle Grade

- ☐ **Alone** by Megan Freeman
- ☐ **The Mystery of Locked Rooms** by Lindsay Currie
- ☐ **The Adventures of Invisible Boy** by Doogie Horner
- ☐ **Summer at Squee** by Andrea Wang
- ☐ **Magnolia Wu Unfolds It All** by Chanel Miller
- ☐ **Bridge to Bat City** by Ernest Cline

- ☐ **Tree. Table. Book** by Lois Lowry
- ☐ **Mid-Air** by Alicia D. Williams

Young Adult

- ☐ **The Girls I've Been** by Tess Sharpe
- ☐ **Black Girl You Are Atlas** by Renee Watson
- ☐ **Rules for Rule Breaking** by Talia Tucker
- ☐ **Summer Nights and Meteorites** by Hannah Reynolds
- ☐ **Powerless Trilogy** by Lauren Roberts
- ☐ **The Third Daughter** by Adrienne Tooley

- ☐ **This Book Won't Burn** by Samira Ahmed
- ☐ **Check & Mate** by Ali Hazelwood
- ☐ **I Hope This Doesn't Find You** by Ann Liang
- ☐ **One True Loves** by Elise Bryant
- ☐ **Blood at the Root** by LaDarrion Williams

Scan this QR code for more summer reading fun!



HOW TO GET FREE KINDLE BOOKS WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD

By Boone Ashworth for GEAR 4/28/24

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Friends of the Veterans Memorial Library · Follow

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What We Do: Wait a minute! Isn't the school year nearly over? Why is there a picture of a school bus? Last year the Friends paid for bus transportation for all of Mt. Pleasant first graders to visit to the library and to sign up for a library card. This supports VML's goal to have all MPPS children signed up for a library card by the end of first grade. 😊



Here's a neat idea that Joanne Straight shared that a Friends Group in Michigan does. Wouldn't this be fabulous for all the First Graders in your community to have library cards so they could read all summer!!

This is a really neat piece of art!!

<https://www.thedailyupside.com/fun-upside/collage-art/>

Amazing!!

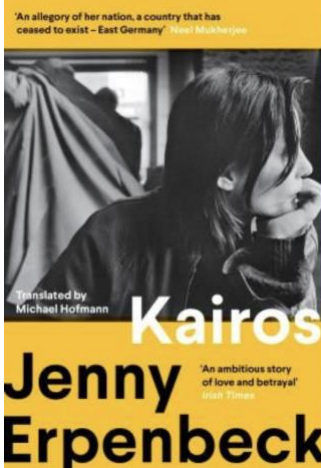
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It's Summer!

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A German novel about a tortured love affair wins 2024 International Booker Prize

At the center of Kairos is a relationship between 19-year-old Katherina, and Hans, a married writer in his 50s. They have sex, they go on walks, they listen to music. But the relationship soon starts to turn violent and cruel. This feeling of loss and disillusionment maps onto the political shifts happening in Germany at the time.

From the Friends of the Walkertown Library -

The Friends of the Walkertown Library have been hard at work all year to make some spring magic. We were able to coordinate and fund book fairs with two local schools so that each child can pick a book. The board felt strongly about each child being able to choose which book they liked. We hope to fuel the love of reading for the future generations.

Pictured: Jan, our president, at [Gospel Light Christian School](#). Her smile says it all.



In a 2022 survey by the IDFA & Research America, the top 10 flavors of Ice Cream in the US were:

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|---------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Cookies 'n Cream | 2. Vanilla | 3. Chocolate | 4. Mint Chocolate Chip |
| 5. Strawberry | 6. Butter Pecan | 7. Coffee | 8. Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough |
| 9. Caramel/Salted Caramel | 10. Cookie Dough | | |



*Native American
Cultural Regions
North America, 1500*



NC Friend of the Year

Do you want to do something special for that Friend member that contributes so much?

Please send us the name of your Friend, a photo and a concise paragraph on why your Friend is outstanding. How have they contributed to your Group? When did they join your group? Send us all the fun facts no later than September 30th of the current year! Email entry to Tess Thais at tessthais88@gmail.com

The Friends of the North Carolina Public Library awards
Challenge Grants of up to **\$250!!**

Deadline for Applications: September 15, 2024
Grants Awarded: by October 31, 2024

- - Looking for innovative and creative project - -

Please complete the Challenge Grant application form and email copy of application, cover letter and any supporting documentation as an attachment to: Tess Thais at tessthais88@gmail.com

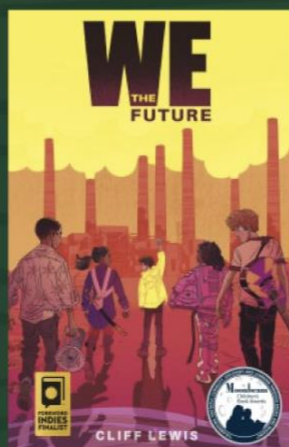
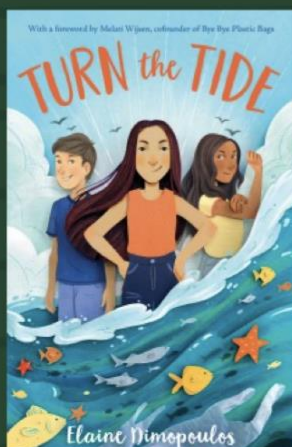
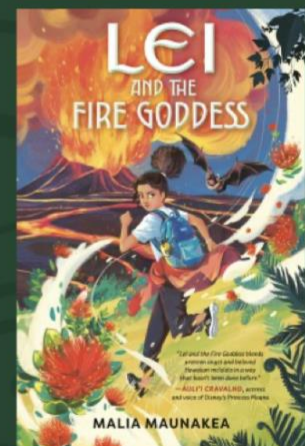
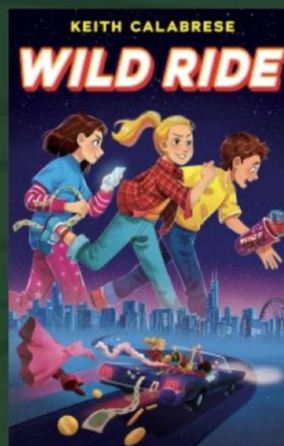
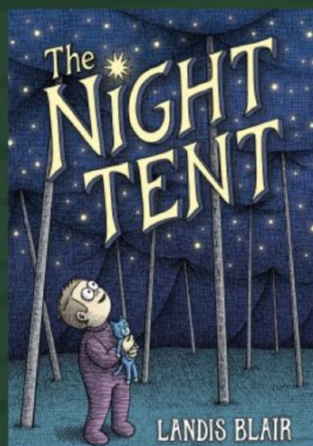
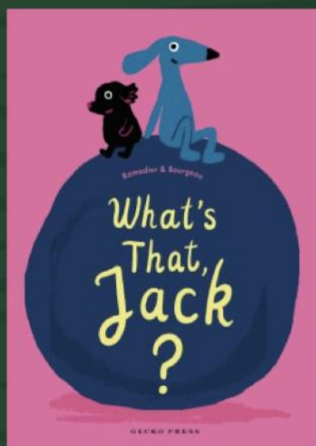
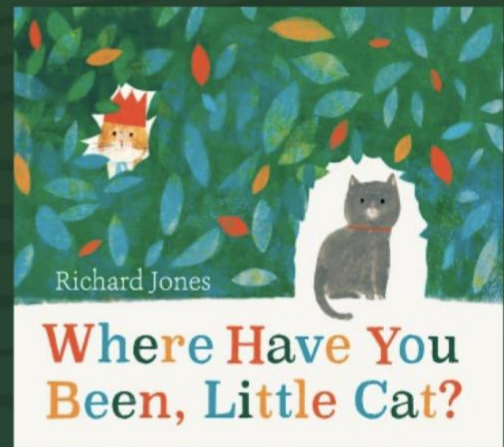
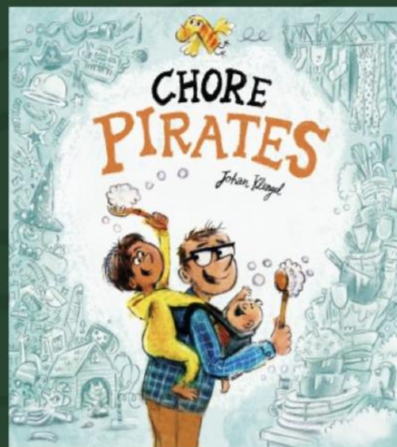
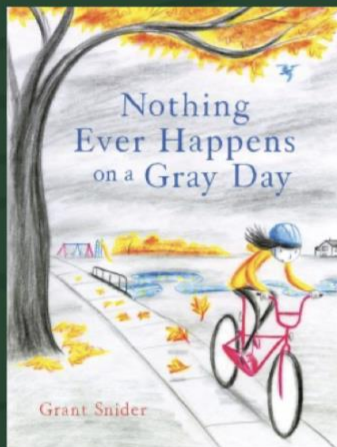
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SUMMER READS

for kids

Go on an adventure
with these books!



An excerpt from....

What Food Product Came Out the Year You Were Born?

By Nancy Mock for Taste of Home

1940 York Peppermint Patties		1941 Cheerios		1944 Frozen Dinners	
1946 Nutella		1947 Bazooka Gum		1948 Reddi-wip	
1949 McDonald's Fries		1953 Eggo Waffles		1954 Marshmallow Peeps	
1956 Cocoa Puffs		1957 The Whopper		1960 Little Debbie Oatmeal Crème Pies	
1962 Goldfish Crackers		1964 Pop-tarts		1965 Kraft Singles	
1966 Doritos		1968 Big Mac		1969 Tic Tacs	

1971 Starbucks		1972 McDonalds Egg McMuffin		1976 Jelly Belly	
1977 Bubblicious		1979 Ring Pop		1980 Tostitos	
1982 Diet Coke		1987 Snapple		1989 Lunchables	
1995 Blue M&M's		1997 McFlurry		1999 Go-Gurt	

Here is an interesting way to get some help with your Book Sales!

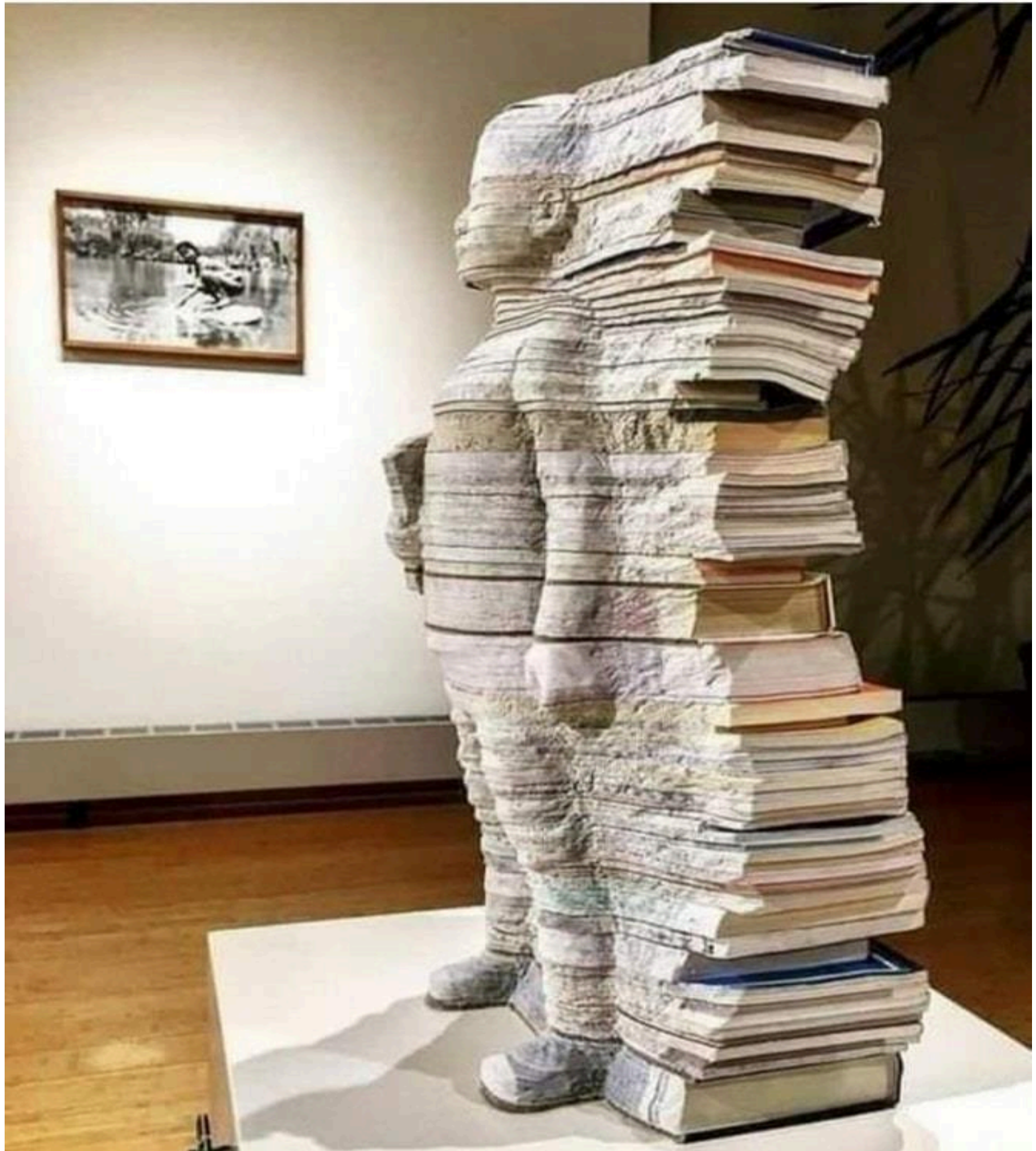
From our Friend Diane Kelly:

We've had board members who have recruited their teenaged/early 20's kids and friends to help us set up for book sales. They have much more energy and better backs than most of our members, and we gave them 5 free books in return. They got a lot done in a short amount of time. So just wanted to point out that maybe offering free books from the sales inventory is a way to get young people to volunteer, which might lead to other involvement.

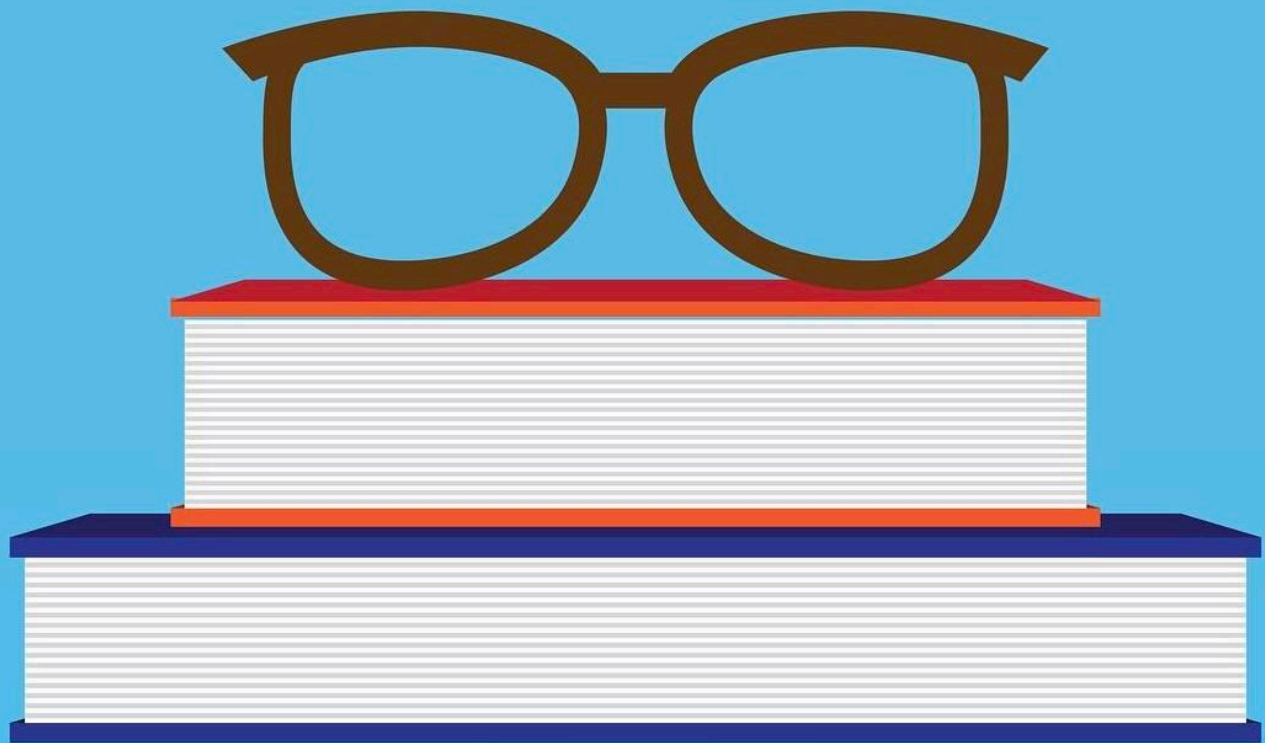
Thanks!

Diane

Paper sculpture by Chinese artist Li Hongbo representing the strength of a mind built by reading.



Happy, Father's day!



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