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Happy September!

Hello Laura,

September is a month full of changes. It's not quite autumn, but it's in the air. Maybe a few changing leaves, but we're still having warm days. School has started, and new routines that go with that. At the library, we too have changes.

We have new staff. We said goodbye to Kathy, and we welcome Kami. She will be leading Preschool Story Time as well as our popular after-school Lego Club. Arts & Crafts after-school will also be back on Thursdays with Abby. See information about all our programs on [our website](#).

A new program this fall is "Unwind," our new fiber arts drop-in program every Wednesday 4:30-6:30. Bring any project you're working on. This includes sewing projects; we have outlets for your machine. You don't have to stay the entire time; come and go as you please. This program came about because someone on social media asked if there was a local sewing circle. I immediately responded that the library would be a great place for this! If you have an idea for a program, we'd love to hear about it.

September is also Library Card Sign-up Month. If you have a card, check with us that contact information is up to date. If you don't have a card, why not stop by and get one. If you haven't been here in a while, I bet you're still in our system. A young patron came in recently, wanting a library card. We found that he had had one a few years back, so we updated his information. He was thrilled! And the first book he checked out? A

book for his little sister at home!

Fall is also the time many popular authors have new books released. Our new book tables are overflowing at the moment! You can browse them on [our online catalog](#), under the “What’s New” carousel.

As always, I welcome your suggestions and questions. Please forward this to your friends so they can know the news too.

Have a good day,

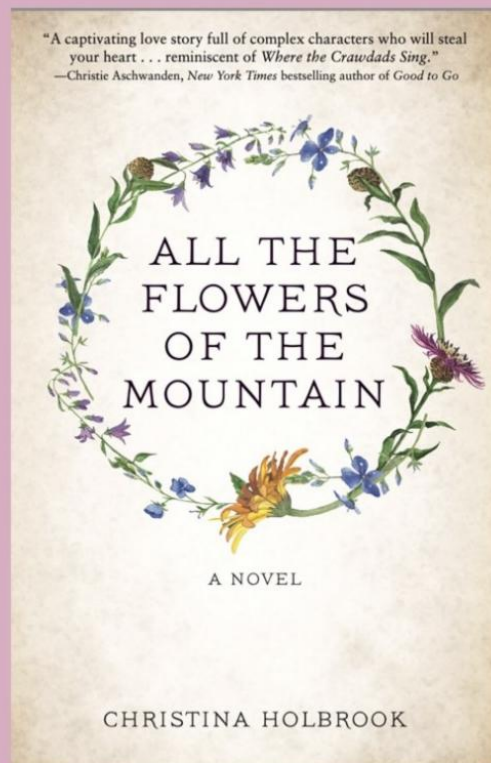
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Upcoming Program



Monday, September 12th 5:30pm

Author Christina Holbrook will discuss her debut novel, *All the Flowers of the Mountain*.

Perfect for fans of Delia Owens and Nicholas Sparks, *All the Flowers of the Mountain* is a haunting exploration of privilege, desire and the enduring power of love.

Set amidst the mountains and farmlands, small country towns and elegant summer homes of rural northern New Hampshire, it is the story of a pivotal summer for Michael and Kit. He is determined that their future will be together. But Kit dreams of becoming an artist and her struggle with a secret from the past leads to a deadly showdown by summer's end, and choices that will break Michael's heart.
(christinaholbrook.com)

Hear about her novel, and the unique story of how it came to be published.
Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Libraries allow children to ask questions about the world and find the answers. And the wonderful thing is that once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open.

Laura Bush

Readers Cafe Book Discussion

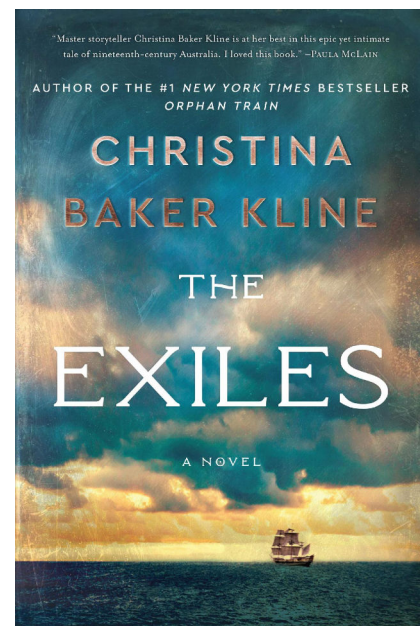
Thursday, September 15th Noon AND

Saturday, September 17th 9am

September's book is *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk.

In this gorgeous novel, Kline brilliantly recreates the beginnings of a new society in a beautiful and challenging land, telling the story of Australia from a fresh perspective, through the experiences of Evangeline (an unwed governess), Hazel (a girl sentenced for stealing a spoon), and Mathinna (a relocated Aboriginal woman). While life in Australia is punishing and often brutally unfair, it is also, for some, an opportunity: for redemption, for a new way of life, for unimagined freedom. Told in exquisite detail and incisive prose, *The Exiles* is a story of grace born from hardship, the unbreakable bonds of female friendships, and the unfettering of legacy." (christinabakerkline.com)

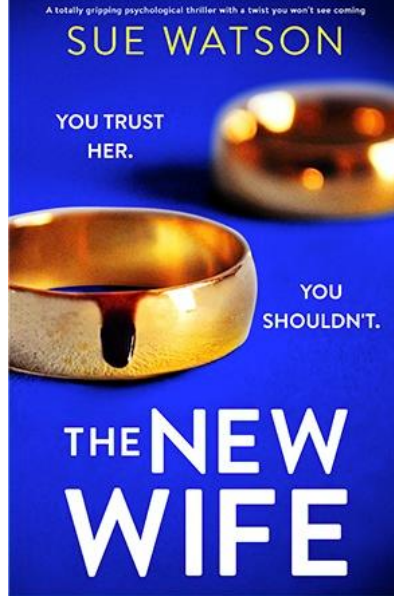
Same book, two discussion times.



New Book: Adult Fiction

You can never truly know what goes on behind closed doors...

My darling son, Sam, is marrying his childhood sweetheart



and I couldn't be prouder of the man he's grown into. If I hadn't pushed them together all those years ago, he might never have found a girl as perfect as Lauren.

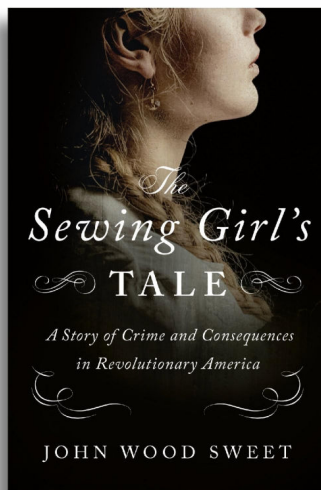
But weeks later, Lauren is dead and police cars fill the driveway of their idyllic countryside home. As they question Sam, I sense he's hiding something.

Desperate, I do what every good mother would do: I let myself into Sam and Lauren's bedroom. What I see, I will never be able to forget. My son's beautiful new wife was hiding a dangerous secret. Can I clear my son's name? And could my life be in danger now too?

A completely gripping, utterly twisted thriller that will leave your jaw on the floor. Perfect for fans of *Gone Girl*, *The Wife Between Us* and *The Woman in the Window*. (back cover)

[Reserve the book now!](#)

New Book: Adult Non-Fiction



A Riveting Revolutionary Era Drama

On a moonless night in the summer of 1793 a crime was committed in the back room of a New York brothel—the kind of crime that even victims usually kept secret. Instead, seventeen-year-old seamstress Lanah Sawyer did what virtually no one in US history had done before: she charged a gentleman with rape.

Her accusation sparked a raw courtroom drama and a relentless struggle for vindication that threatened both Lanah's and her assailant's lives. The ongoing conflict attracted the nation's top lawyers, including Alexander Hamilton, and shaped the development of American law.

Based on rigorous historical detective work, this book takes us from a chance encounter in the street into the sanctuaries of the city's elite, the shadows of its brothels, and the despair of its debtors' prison. (back cover)

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New Book: Children's Picture Book

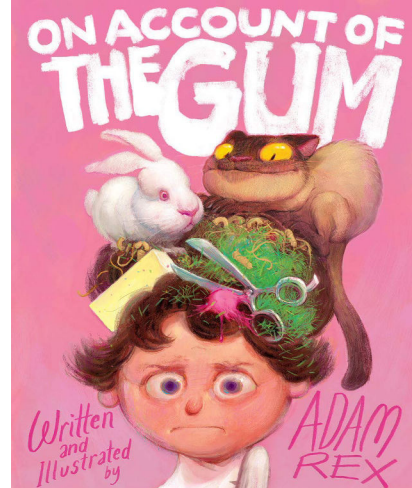
A story about one kid's hilarious misadventures with gum, and the

cumulative buildup of stuff stuck in hair.

How do you get gum out of your hair--a pair of scissors? Butter? The cat? Call your aunt, she'll know what to do. She doesn't? Try the fire department!

With each page turn, this situation--relatable to any family--grows stickier and more desperate.

A wonderful blend of light wordplay, zany humor, and a timeless topic. (Syndetics Unbound)



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