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Unprecedented

It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog.

Mark Twain

Hello Laura,

It has been quite a fight the last few weeks in library land. People think librarians are a quiet, sweater-wearing, book-reading crowd. But they are sadly mistaken when libraries, librarians, and our service to the community are in jeopardy.

Librarians, and patrons like you, were able to stop a representative in Concord who proposed to defund the NH State Library. In 24 hours, representatives across the state were inundated with calls and emails in support of the the good work and necessity of the state library. The next morning, the proposal was withdrawn!

Federal funds are another fight. The Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is the agency that administers grants and other federal funds to the states. New Hampshire currently receives \$1.5 million in federal funds annually. Now, the agency is being dismantled. What is at stake are the services that IMLS funds provide: our inter-library loan van system, the Libby platform for eBooks, as well as Talking Books services for those cannot see or handle print material.

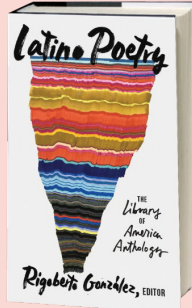
If this is important to you, contact your federal representatives and let them know that libraries matter and these funds are necessary to provide vital services, especially in rural areas. [Click here for the petition.](#)

The staff and I, as well as the Library Trustees, appreciate your support. We will continue to offer the best library service to all of you as we navigate these unprecedented attacks against knowledge and the freedom to read.

Have a good day,

Laura

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Special Event: Latino Poetry

Wednesday, April 9th 6pm

Join us as we discuss three poems related to the theme “Voice and Resistance.” Books are available to check out at the library. If you do not have a library card, and wish to read the poems, [complete this form](#), and we will email them to you.

The Center for the Book, in collaboration with New Hampshire Humanities and UNH, and thanks to a grant from the Library of America invites you to join us in a celebration of Latino Poetry here in the Granite state. Our celebration will center around Latino Poetry: The Library of America Anthology, edited by Rigoberto González, 2024. In early 2025 public libraries around the state will be hosting Variations on a Theme: Local Conversations about Latino Poetry events. Each of these conversations will focus on a particular [theme](#) and will center on the poems in Latino Poetry: the Library of America Anthology. Sets of Latino Poetry will be loaned to each library for use in their program thanks to the support of [New Hampshire Humanities](#) and [Gibson's Bookstore](#). Links to each of the hosting libraries and a full schedule of events is at <https://www.nhsl.dncr.nh.gov/latino-poetry>.

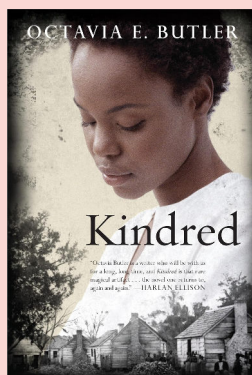
Latino Poetry: Places We Call Home is a major public humanities initiative, planned for 2024–25, that celebrates and explores the multifaceted legacy of Latino poetry. It is directed by [Library of America](#) and funded with generous support from the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#).

Lugares que llamamos hogar es una gran iniciativa pública en el campo de las humanidades, que se proyecta para el 2024 – 2025. Es dirigida por [Library of América](#) con el generoso apoyo del [Fondo Nacional para las Humanidades](#).

APRIL PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS



Backyard Herbal



Readers Cafe Book



Medicine

Friday, April 11th 11:30am

Join Tish Webber and learn about the plants you commonly find in your backyard, what ailments they can treat, and how to make medicine with them.

Part of our Simple Living program series.

Discussion

*Thursday, April 17th 1:30pm and
Saturday, April 19th 9am*

Kindred by Octavia E. Butler
[See the 2024 list here](#)

Virtual Reality

*Saturday, April 19th
10:15am*

Try our VR goggles in a safe environment. For age 16+.

Sign up to reserve a 30-minute spot.



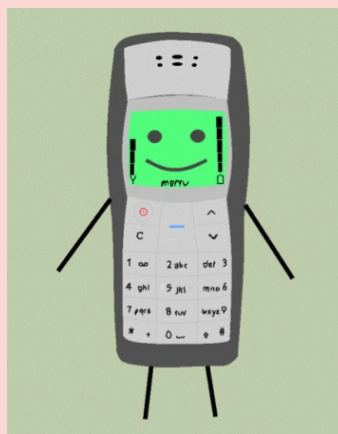
Trivia Night with Special Guest Connecticut River Conservancy

Thursday, April 24th 6pm

Join us for a fun-filled night of connection and trivia (with a round of river themed questions)!

Meet the new River Steward in NH Marilla Harris-Vincent, and learn about CRC and their important work.

**CRC will speak starting at 5pm;
Trivia begins at 6pm.**



Tech for Seniors

*Friday, April 25th
11:30am*

Learn how your phone can help you in an emergency.



Let's Talk

Fridays 10:15-11:15am

An informal conversation with a different topic/theme each week. A thoughtful, safe, and open discussion. Coffee included!

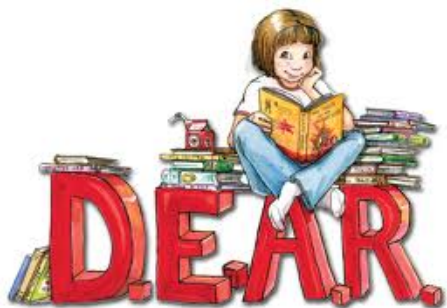
4/4 Pranks from the past
4/11 Letters vs. Emails
4/18 Literature-do we need it?
4/25 Hope

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Special Event: Drop Everything and Read (R.E.A.D.)

Saturday, April 12th 11am

A National celebration of reading designed to remind



families to make reading a priority activity in their lives. This day is celebrated every year on April 12th for author Beverly Cleary's birthday.

Bring a book, or check one out here, and join your friends for reading, fun activities, and book giveaways. A fun family program!

Community Conversation: Climate Change

Monday, April 21st 6pm

Join the discussion! Hear what our local youth have to say and why it's important to them.

This is a round-table discussion, where everyone can express their viewpoint and hear responses in a respectful environment.

All ages are invited.



Kids Programs Every Week!

Monday Fun-Days *Mondays 2:45pm*

For kids 5-12

4/7 Knitting & Crocheting

4/14 Arts & Crafts: Flower Art

4/21 Earth Day

4/28 Spring Break - no program

Preschool Story Time *Tuesdays 11am*

For children ages 2-5 and their caregivers.

4/1 Fairy Tales

4/8 Roar into Reading

4/15 Baby Animals

4/22 Celebrate Earth

4/29 Spring Break - no program

Virtual Reality Games *Thursdays 2:45pm*

For ages 8 and up

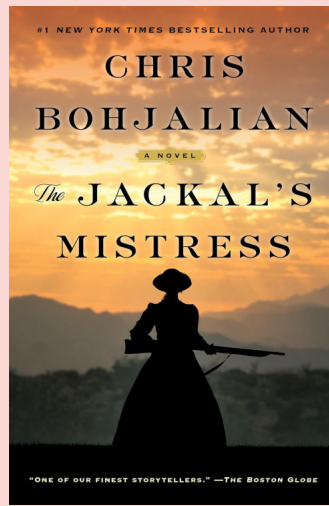
Use our VR goggles to play age-appropriate games.

New Library Books!

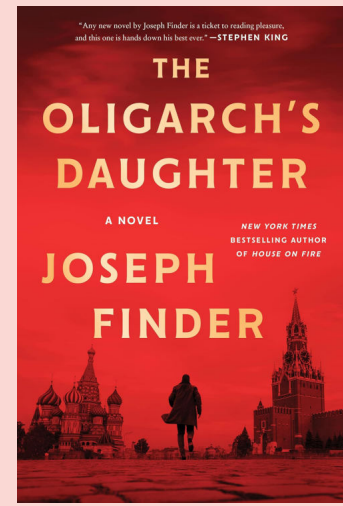
Click on cover to reserve, or save to your book bag



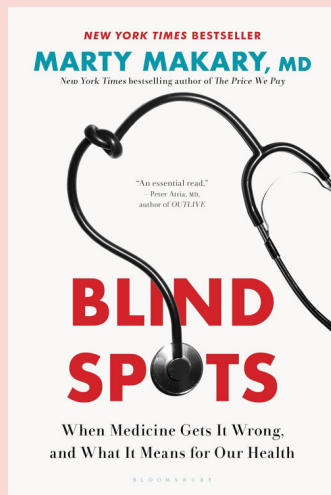
When Noah's aging parents stop returning his calls, he travels to their Virginia home and finds it in shambles. They have been violently possessed via the media they watch-and much of the country is succumbing, too. Noah attempts to snap them out of it. Then Noah's mother brutally attacks him.



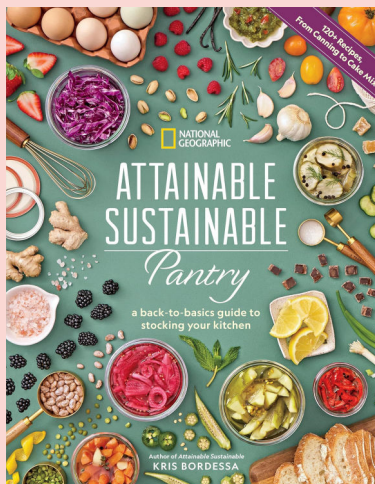
From the bestselling author of *Hour of the Witch* and *The Sandcastle Girls*, a Civil War love story, inspired by a real-life friendship across enemy lines, the wife of a missing Confederate soldier discovers a wounded Yankee officer and must decide what she's willing to risk for the life of a stranger.



Paul Brightman is a man on the run, living under an assumed name in a small New England town with a million-dollar bounty on his head. When his security is breached, Paul is forced to flee into the New Hampshire wilderness to evade Russian operatives who seem to be able to predict his every move.

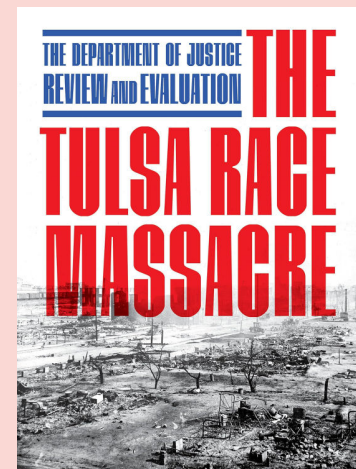


An eye-opening look at the medical groupthink that has led to public harm, and what you need to know about your health. Dr. Makary explores the latest research on critical topics ranging from the microbiome to



A handy illustrated collection of tried and true techniques to fill your cupboards with wholesome, homemade food—and save money, too.

Internet sensation Kris Bordessa shows how to replace store



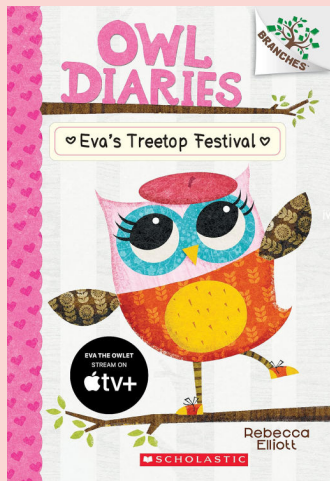
In 1921, white Tulsans murdered hundreds of residents of Greenwood, burned their homes and churches, looted their belongings and locked the survivors in internment camps.

Until this day, the justice

childbirth to nutrition and longevity and more, revealing the biggest blind spots of modern medicine

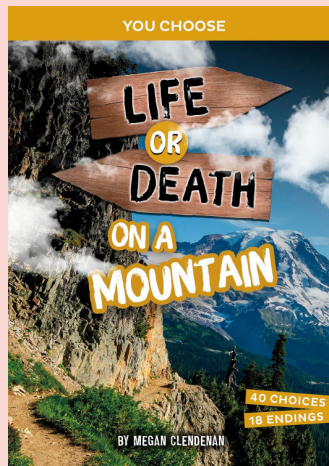
bought, processed products with your own delicious, nutritious entrees, side dishes, condiments, snacks, and more.

department has not spoken publicly about this. Now you can read the report about an attack "so systematic and coordinated that it transcended mere mob violence. . .



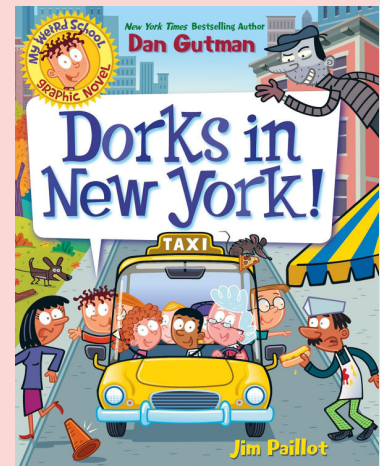
An early chapter book series, perfect for young girls who love friendship stories starring animal characters!

This book is written as Eva's diary -- with Rebecca Elliott's owl-dorable full-color illustrations throughout!



YOU are lost in the unforgiving terrain of a mountain. Your survival is hanging by a thread. How will you get down? Will you be able to get help before it's too late? It's time to make some difficult choices. With some smart decision making and a little luck, perhaps you'll be able to survive being lost on a mountain!

Synopses from Syndetics Unbound



Part of My Weird School graphic novel series!

A.J. and his friends are visiting New York City! They're hitting all the classic tourist stops—Times Square, Radio City Music Hall, the Met, and more. Their tour guide, Mrs. Mentry, is determined to show the kids all her favorite spots. But will A.J. and the gang be able to fend for themselves after they're separated from their chaperone?

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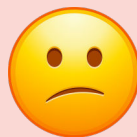


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