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Something's Brewing

Hello Laura,

Something's brewing, and it's not just the weather. We're getting ready for Summer Reading! This year is art-themed: [Color Our World](#). We have more than 20 programs this summer, starting at the end of June. Our Kick-Off on June 24th is held at The Colonial Theatre, where you can see a one-man circus! The Colonial is a wonderful partner, allowing us to use the theater for our entertainment - we don't have to worry about weather, and the theater can accommodate the large crowds we have for kick-offs. Admission is free to every program, and we welcome all North Country residents and visitors.

Bingo is back too, for ages 6-99. Sign up to play begins Monday, June 23rd. We have great raffle prizes, including theater tickets, gift cards to Fun Spot and Ryan's Bounce House, and a \$50 Visa gift card! The more you read, the more chances to win!

Details on all our summer events will be coming out later in June. Or check our website for more information. Summer is a great time to do some leisure reading, enjoy a program, or just stop in and enjoy our A/C!

Hope to see you soon,

Laura

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Juneteenth Holiday Closure: Thursday, June 19th



Summer Reading Kick-Off

Silver Circus at The Colonial Theatre

Tuesday, June 24th 11am

We're kicking off our Summer Reading Program with a one-man circus!

Andrew Silver is faced with the daunting task of presenting a full circus show all by himself. The show touches on many important themes including self confidence, overcoming obstacles, and dealing with failure.

Featuring spectacular magic, juggling, physical comedy, and tons of audience participation, Andrew presents a one-of-a-kind exhibition of skill and comedy.

The Colonial Theatre has graciously allowed us to use their stage for this free family program!

MAY PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS



Tech for Seniors

Friday, June 6th 11:30am

Get to know all your phone's settings.
Please bring your cell phones to the program.

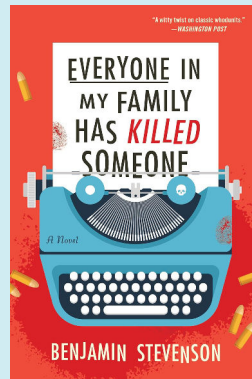


Let's Talk

Fridays 10:15-11:15am

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

6/6 Movies (Drive-Ins, Modern)
6/13 Body Image & Children's Toys
6/20 Camping Adventures
6/27 Marriage over the years



Readers Cafe Book Discussion

Saturday, June 21st 9am

Everyone in my Family has Killed Someone by Benjamin Stevenson. [See the 2025 list here.](#)

Note: No Thursday discussion this month, due to the holiday closure.



A Graceful Ending

Program series on end-of-life issues

Beginning Friday, May 30th 11:30am

A new program series, hosted by the library and WREN

End-of-Life Doula *Friday, May 30th 11:30am at the Library*

Jocelyn Nute Curell will talk about the important work she does as an End-of-Life Doula. Doulas gives support in the planning processes as well as at the end, helping to make possible death with dignity.

End-of-Life Directives *Friday June 13th, 11:30am at WREN*

Chelsi McMahan from ServiceLink will speak on end-of-life directives, such as a Living Will and a Healthcare Power of Attorney.

Green Burials *Friday June 27th, 11:30am at the Library*

Emma Crews from Phaneuf Funeral Home will give an overview of the different types of non-traditional funerals/green burials and the options in New England.

Wills and Estate Planning *Friday July 11th, 11:30am at WREN*
Josh Marshall from Wescott Law will discuss wills and estate planning.

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES



Trivia Night

Thursday, June 26th 6pm

Join us for a fun-filled night of connection and trivia.
All ages welcome!

KIDS PROGRAMS EVERY WEEK



Monday Fun-Days *Mondays 2:45pm*

For kids 5-12

6/2 Outdoor Fun Fest

Preschool Story Time *Tuesdays 11am*

For children ages 2-5 and their caregivers.

6/3 At the Beach

Virtual Reality Games *Thursday 6/5 2:45pm*

For ages 8 and up

Use our VR goggles to play age-appropriate games.

Children's weekly programs go on hiatus June 6th as we prepare for Summer Reading!

What's New?

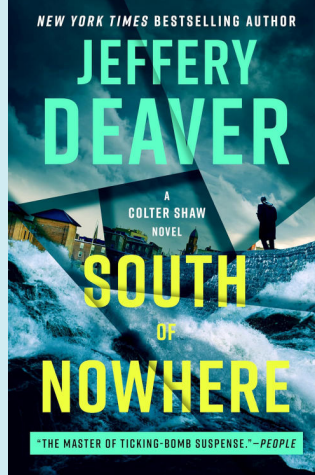
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In the finale of the *That Was Before* series, Randolph Spiers and Sheila Backe team up with redemption, forgiveness, and the possibility of second chances at stake.

With INTERPOL investigator Gary O'Reilly on their heels as part of an unlikely trio of misfits, Randolph must put everything he thought he knew aside and put faith in the one person he'd been led to believe he shouldn't.

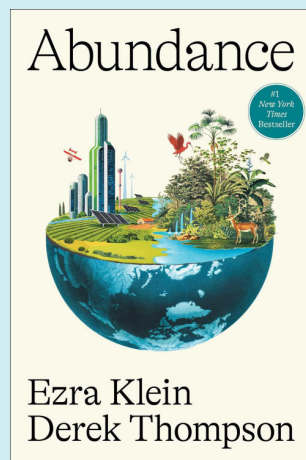
A New Hampshire author.



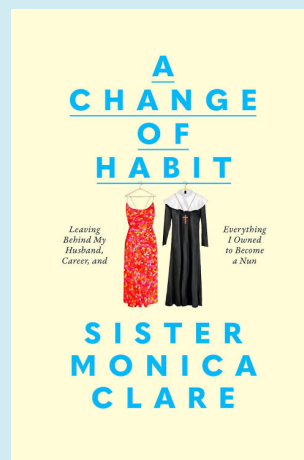
When a levee collapses in Hinowah, a small town in Northern California, Colter Shaw is brought on by his sister, Dorion, a disaster response specialist, to help locate a family swept away by the raging water, with mere hours to survive. But after a surprise attack along the river obstructs Colter's urgent search, the siblings are forced to consider a new reality: Is the levee at risk of failing from natural causes, or is someone sabotaging it?



Two writers, Alice and Hayden, compete for the chance to tell the larger-than-life story of a woman, Margaret Ives, with more than a couple of plot twists up her sleeve. And it's becoming abundantly clear that their story--just like the tale Margaret's spinning--could be a mystery, tragedy, or love ballad . . . depending on who's telling it.



Progress requires facing up to the institutions in life that are not working as they need to. It means, for liberals, recognizing when the government is failing. It means, for conservatives, recognizing when the government is needed. The authors trace the political, economic, and cultural barriers to progress and propose a path



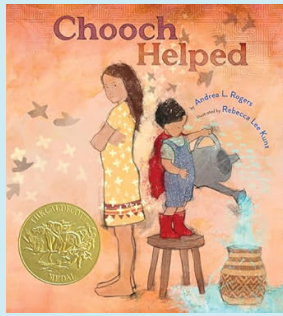
The soulful, hilarious memoir of a chronic people pleaser who surprised everyone in her life by abandoning an unfulfilling career and marriage to join a convent--and learned how much we stand to gain when we fully embrace our authentic selves



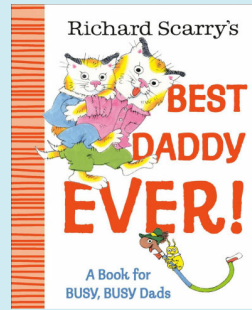
Amanda Knox spent nearly four years in an Italian prison and eight years on trial for a murder she didn't commit. She recounts how she survived prison, the mistakes she made, the misadventures she had reintegrating into society, and culminates in the untold story of her return to Italy--and the extraordinary relationship she's

toward a politics of abundance.

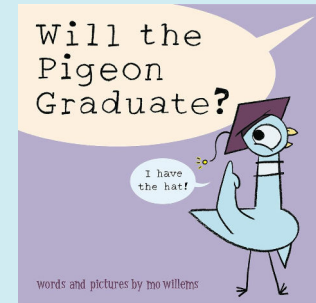
built with the man who sent her to prison.



A Cherokee girl introduces her younger brother to their family's traditions -- begrudgingly! This is a universal story of an older sibling learning to make space for a new child.



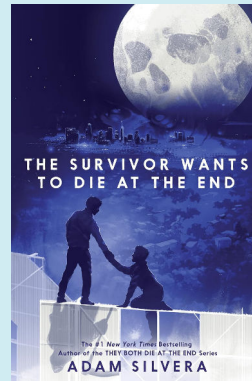
Celebrate Dad with this adorable book featuring Huckle Cat, Lowly Worm and friends from Richard Scarry's Busytown! Perfect for Father's Day!



Grab your caps, don your gowns, and raise your hands for The Pigeon's biggest adventure yet in this uplifting, hilarious, and inspirational graduation picture book.

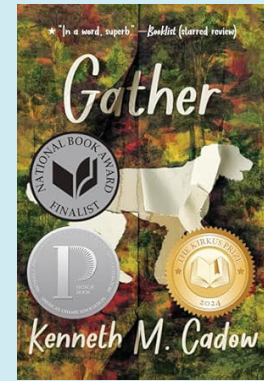


Humankind is down to just a few thousand people who live in a city surrounded by three concentric walls. The walls protect them from their enemies, the ravenous giants known as the Titans. The Titans appear to have only one purpose: to consume humanity. But Eren Jaeger has had enough. Jarger and his friends are determined to survive. Read the entire graphic novel series for young adults.



The third in the They Both Die at the End series, two strangers--each with their own complicated relationship to Death-Cast--help each other learn to live. Fate brings Paz and Alano together, but it's now up to the boys to survive the tragic trials ahead so no one dies at the end.

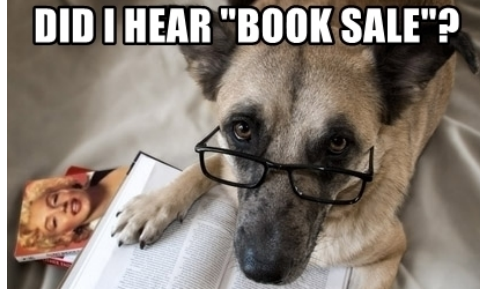
Synopses from Syndetics Unbound



A resourceful teenager in rural Vermont struggles to hold on to the family home while his mom recovers from addiction. Despite the obstacles thrown their way, Ian is determined to keep his family (and Gather, his pup) afloat no matter what it takes. This debut brings an emotional and ultimately hopeful story of one teen's resilience in the face of unthinkable hardships.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP THE LIBRARY!

Annual Book Sale!



Saturday, June 28th 9am-3pm on the Lawn

Book Sale continues June 30th - July 5th during library hours. Closed July 4th.

Wish to donate books? [See our guidelines here.](#)



Get Involved with the Friends!

The Friends of Bethlehem Public Library (FOBPL) fundraise to pay for all the "extras" at the library that our budget doesn't allow for, such as our VR Goggles, and the Summer Reading finale performer and ice cream party.

If you can spare a few hours, join this fun group, and help support the library.

Find out more at their next meeting.

Thursday, June 5th 5:30pm at the Library

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