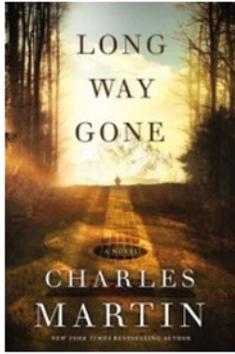


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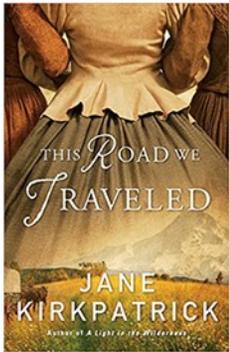
Long Way Gone by Charles Martin



At eighteen, musician Cooper O'Connor took everything his father held dear and drove to Nashville, his life riding on a wager that he had talent. But it soon proved foolish. Five years after losing everything, he falls in love with Daley Cross, an angelic voice in need of a song. But as he realizes his love for Daley, Cooper faces a tragedy that threatens his life and career. He returns to Colorado, searching for answers about his father and his faith.

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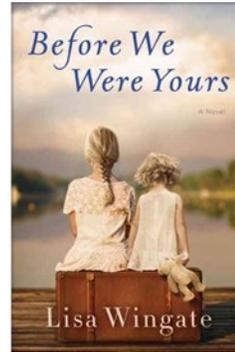
This Road We Traveled by Jane Kirkpatrick



Based on actual events, this book will inspire the pioneer in all of us. When Tabitha Brown's son decides to strike out for Oregon, she refuses to be left behind. Tabitha hires her own wagon to join the party. Along with her reluctant daughter and her ever-hopeful granddaughter, the intrepid Tabitha has her misgivings. But family ties are stronger than fear. The trials they face will test Tabitha's faith, courage, and hope. With her family's survival on the line, she plunges deeper into the wilderness to seek aid.

Sept. 27th

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate



Born into wealth and privilege, Avery Stafford seems to have it all. A loving daughter to her father, a US senator, with her own ambitious career as a lawyer and a handsome fiancé she has a charmed life. But when Avery returns to Aiken, SC to help her father, a chance encounter with an elderly woman she's never met before, leaves Avery deeply shaken. Her decision to learn more about May's life will take her on a journey through a hidden history of stolen children and illegal adoption.

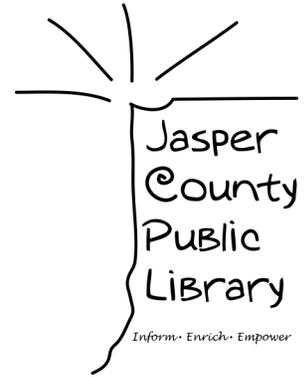
Oct. 25th

Books to Bridge the Region - Frankenstein by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley

Nov. 15th

Reader's Recommendations
Bring your favorite book to share with your fellow bibliophiles.

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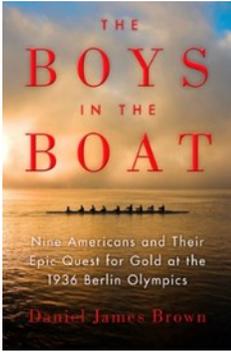
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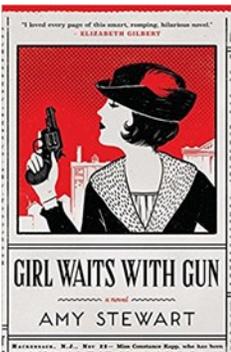
The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics by Daniel James Brown



Drawing on the boys' own diaries, photos and memories of a once-in-a-lifetime shared dream, the novel is an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times—the improbable, intimate story of nine working-class boys from the American west who, in the depths of the Great Depression, showed the world what true grit really meant.

Feb. 22nd

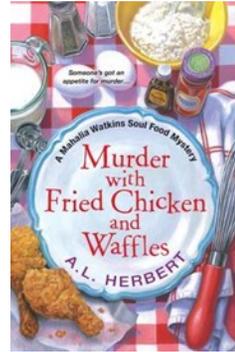
Girl Waits with Gun by Amy Stewart



Based on the true story of one of the nation's first female deputy sheriffs, Constance Kopp doesn't quite fit the mold. She towers over most men and has no interest in marriage, A powerful silk factory owner runs down her family's buggy, and a dispute over damages turns into a war. Enlisted to help convict his gang, Constance is forced to confront her past and defend her family — and she does it in a way that few women of 1914 would have dared.

Mar. 22nd

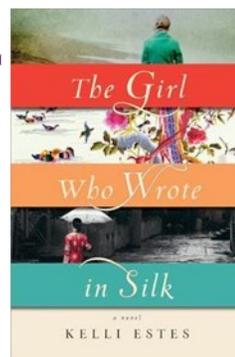
Murder with Fried Chicken and Waffles by A.L. Herbert



Halia Watkins has her hands full cooking, and keeping her cousin, Wavonne, from getting too sassy with customers. Having fast-talking Marcus Rand turn up in her kitchen is annoying -but finding him dead on her floor is much worse. Marcus had his enemies, and the frying pan beside his corpse hints that his shady business deals went too far. Halia is desperate to keep Sweet Tea's name out of the news but her efforts only make Wavonne a prime suspect. Now Halia will have to serve up the real villain.

Apr. 26th

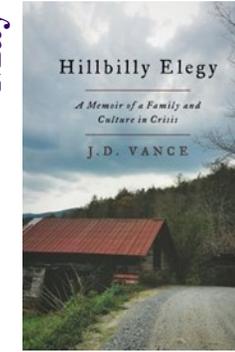
The Girl Who Wrote in Silk by Kelli Estes



Inara Erickson is exploring her deceased aunt's island estate when she finds an elaborately stitched piece of fabric hidden in the house. As she peels back layer upon layer of the secrets it holds, Inara's life becomes interwoven with that of Mei Lein, a young Chinese girl mysteriously driven from her home a century before. Through the stories Mei Lein tells in silk, Inara uncovers a tragic truth that will shake her family to its core — and force her to make an impossible choice.

May 24th

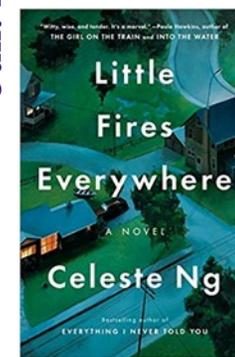
Hillbilly Elogy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J.D. Vance



Vance's grandparents were "dirt poor and in love." They married and moved north from Kentucky to Ohio in hopes of escaping the poverty around them. Their grandchild (the author) graduated from Yale Law School, a mark of their success in achieving upward mobility. But Vance cautions that this is the short version. The longer version is that his family struggled with the demands of their new middle class life and they carry around the demons of their chaotic family history.

Jun. 28th

Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng



In Shaker Heights, a suburb of Cleveland, everything is planned, and no one embodies this spirit more than Elena Richardson. Enter Mia Warren - an enigmatic artist and single mother - who arrives in this idyllic bubble with her teenaged daughter Pearl, and rents a house from the Richardsons. Soon Mia and Pearl become enmeshed in their lives, but Mia carries with her a mysterious past and a disregard for the status quo that threatens to upend this carefully ordered community.