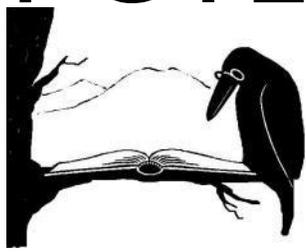


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New Library Preparing for Blast Off

While we don't have a firm date yet, May is looking possible for our library to be up and running, and open to all. So much has happened in the past 3 months! The inside is nearly complete. The mural went up on March 11th completing the fine job Tom Day did with painting the interior. Kevin McKay, our wonderful general contractor, is working hard on finishing the wood element around the Community Room doors. This will complete the interior. The new front door is due to arrive and be installed very soon. We have the paint for the exterior. The new wood panels to go between the windows out front are due to arrive soon. A complete overhaul of the front driveway and sidewalk is planned to begin on March 30 by Hat Creek Construction.

All of this is happening due to this community's dedication to making this happen. Local people have supported this incredible improvement to our community for decades and given generously of their time and money. In conjunction with the Rotary Club, the McConnell Foundation, the Chrysopolae Foundation, Sierra Pacific Industries, Steve Woodrum and Shasta Library Foundation our new library will stand to serve the Intermountain area for decades to come.

This has been an incredibly busy and exciting process. New furniture is arriving, chairs, tables, shelves, both adult and children's. There is a built in children's corner seating with cubbies and cushions. A new circulation desk is being built by local craftsman Steve Wolf. This collaborative effort has been a long time coming, but we're coming up the backstretch and all of it has been well worth the concerted effort.

An all hands on deck book passing from the old library to the new is being organized. No, not ALL the books, but about an hour to an hour and a half's worth. There will be a short dedication ceremony, then the doors will be thrown open for all to explore this seemingly huge space, to see the decor, choices, possibilities. As soon as we have a date you will be promptly notified.

Thank you for your continued support. FOIL is going strong and will continue to work hard at maintaining and improving this newer, bigger, more easily accessed library with our partnership with Shasta Public Libraries. New members are always welcome and a new Volunteer Sheet has been developed to offer opportunities to volunteer.

Kimberly Young begins as Director of Shasta Public Libraries on March 16. She will come join us on the March 17, at 2:00 p.m., for the FOIL Board Meeting at the old library. FOIL meets every third Tuesday at 2 at the library and meetings are open to the public.

May 3 Murder Mystery Cancelled for Now

The much anticipated 2nd Murder Mystery dinner at the Lions Hall in Burney must be cancelled due to the corona virus situation we are all experiencing as we mostly stay at home. Once the quarantine is lifted and it is safe to resume our normal, social lives, the idea for this dinner will be revisited by the FOIL Board. We appreciate your understanding.

This event was well received last May and FOIL's intention is to have this rousing event reappear at some future time.

We appreciate the help the Lions were willing to give for this event, as well as the efforts of the community members who were already rehearsing their parts and donating towards the silent auction.

If FOIL members have ideas for future events, please let us know what you'd like to see and participate in. We are open to suggestions and love new ideas.

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FRAN'S BOOK CORNER

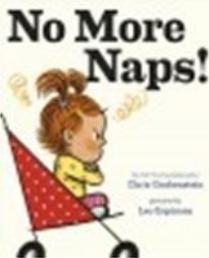
Spring is just around the corner! While spring is often busy with "spring cleaning", planting the garden and exploring for new hiking or fishing areas, sitting back and reading a good book provides a good balance to all the wonderful spring activities. Here are some suggested reads for you:

PICTURE BOOKS



***The Climbing Tree* by John Stith**

A younger brother is tired of not being able to climb as high as his older brother. *The Climbing Tree* is an eloquent, poetic fable with a timeless message about growing up, sibling rivalry, and the love between brothers.



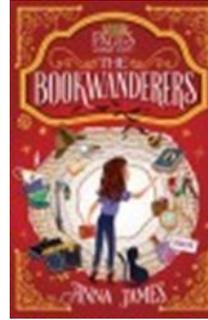
***No More Naps!* by Christ Grabenstein**

Imagine if you could steal your toddler's nap? This picture book debut from a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author turns the universal dilemma of getting kids to sleep upside down! It's time for a nap but, just like stubborn toddlers everywhere, Annalise Devin McFleece won't have anything to do with bedtime. Dad tries to encourage sleepiness by pushing her around the park in her stroller. Along the way, they pass several people. Each of them thinks that taking a nap is a great idea and if Annalise Devin McFleece doesn't want hers, they'll happily take it. And one by one, everyone falls asleep...except Annalise Devin McFleece. But when she's finally ready for her nap, all the naps are taken! Is there anyone who has an extra nap to spare? Will she ever take a nap?

***The Serious Goose* by Jimmy Kimmel:**

Jimmy Kimmel's first fun and funny picture book! There is nothing silly about this goose. You CAN NOT make her laugh, so DON'T EVEN TRY! This picture book challenges young readers to bring the silly out of a very Serious Goose. Inspired by Jimmy's nickname for his kids, *The Serious Goose* reminds us to be silly in a serious way. Put your little comedians in front of a mylar mirror and challenge them to make this no-nonsense goose smile. This delightful read-aloud is guaranteed to create giggles of giggles time and time again!

CHILDREN'S FICTION:



***The Bookwanderers* by Anna James-Young:** Note: April Martin, our librarian highly enjoyed this book!

Tilly Pages lives with her grandparents above their bookshop where she spends most of her days reading and wondering what has happened to her missing mother. Tilly never knew her mom and only has a pendant that she was given by her mom when she was very young. One day something extraordinary happens when Anne of Green Gables & Alice (from *Alice in Wonderland*) appear and speak with her. Tilly's excitement turns to panic when she learns the truth of her family and what may have happened to her mother. Follow Tilly as she navigates the exciting world of Bookwanderers and their hidden library.



***Midnight on Strange Street* by K.E. Ormsbee:**

A tight-knit group of friends discovers their powers. Avery Miller is looking for a fresh start. She expects to find a haven in Callaway, Texas, where the cool new substance "glow" was first discovered. What she doesn't count on is making friends with glowboard skaters Dani, Bastian, and Lola, AKA the Sardines. The Sardines are sick of being bullied. The more the Sardines discover

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about themselves -- like how they can share thoughts and move objects with their minds, the Sardines wonder if they might be *dangerous*. When the Sardines receive an ominous, otherworldly message, they must decide if they'll use their newfound powers to stop an impending disaster-one that could have more to do with the war, their bullies, and glowboarding than they can possibly imagine.

***The Princess in Black & The Bathtime Battle* by Shannon Hale**

Something smells like trouble! Can *five* princess heroes and one Goat Avenger pool their talents to vanquish a monstrous stink? The Princess in Black is in a very stinky situation. A foul cloud is plaguing the goat pasture, and it smells worse than a pile of dirty diapers or a trash can on a hot summer day. But every time the Princess in Black and her friend the Goat Avenger manage to get rid of the odor, they accidentally blow it to another kingdom! Other masked heroes and their trusty companions show up to help, but how do you battle a stench when your ninja moves fail? Fans with a nose for slapstick will be tickled to see the six stalwart friends join their wits to take on an impossibly beastly stink.



***Scooby-Doo Team Up Vol.1* by Sholly Fisch & Darrio Brizela (Graphic Novel)**

The Dynamic Duo Batman and Robin team up with Scooby-Doo and his mystery busting friends the Mystery Inc.! Holy overactive imagination!

When Scarecrow attacks using his fear gas, only humans are affected, leaving Batman, Robin and the Mystery Inc. gang trapped facing "monsters" from their own imaginations. Now, it's up to canine crusaders Scooby-Doo and Ace the Bat-Hound to save the day!

CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION



***Stem Careers: Environmental Engineer* By R.J. Bailey**

In this book, descriptive text and vibrant, full-color photographs take early readers on an informational interview with a scientist. Readers learn about the day-to-day responsibilities and challenges of this career and the things they can do now to prepare for work as an environmental engineer.



***Bear Goes Sugaring* by Maxwell Eaton**, a book in the "Truth About..." series. Learn how to make syrup the old fashioned way with the help of a friendly bear and her amusingly unhelpful accomplices Dog and Squirrel in this informative comics-style picture book. Did you know

that it takes forty gallons of sap to make one gallon of maple syrup? "How many pancakes can I eat with that gallon?" wonders Dog. Every step of the process of making maple syrup is covered in this sweet (but never saccharine) informational picture book by Maxwell Eaton III, the creator of the popular "Truth About" series. It begins with Bear assembling the tools she'll need for the project, continues with a discussion of the types of maples found in the area and why sugar maples are best for tapping, then on to drilling, tapping, evaporation and at the end of the process, real maple syrup and best of all, PANCAKES! Along the way there are hilarious asides from increasingly ravenous Dog and Squirrel, making this a book as funny as it is informative. Helpful back matter and suggestions for further reading complete the package.

YOUNG ADULT:



***Star Wars Doctor Aphra Series Volumes 1&2* by Kieron Gillen:**

A new graphic novel adventure set in the Star Wars universe After a year of close shaves, Doctor Chelli Aphra is taking it easy and lying low. Probably herding banthas or something. She's smart like that,

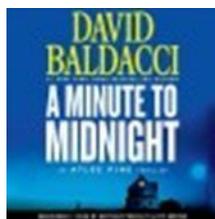
right? No, not really. The galaxy's shadiest archaeologist is back doing what she does best: busting into alien temples to steal horrifying weapons for huge profit. She just can't stop herself. But plenty of other people could. Powerful factions are watching closely: Rebel and Empire, familiar and strange - all calculating whether Aphra's more useful alive...or dead.

Ember Queen by Laura Sebastian:

The thrilling conclusion to the "Ash Princes" series, *Ember Queen* is an epic fantasy about a throne cruelly stolen and a girl who must fight to take it back for her people. Princess Theodosia was a prisoner in her own country for a decade. Renamed the Ash Princess, she endured relentless abuse and ridicule from the Kaiser and his court. But though she wore a crown of ashes, there is fire in Theo's blood. As the rightful heir to the Astrean crown, it runs in her veins. And if she learned nothing else from her mother, she learned that a Queen never cowers. Now free, with a misfit army of rebels to back her, Theo must liberate her enslaved people and face a terrifying new enemy: the new Kaiserin. Imbued with a magic no one understands, the Kaiserin is determined to burn down anyone and everything in her way.

The Kaiserin's strange power is growing stronger, and with Prinz Søren as her hostage, there is more at stake than ever. Theo must learn to embrace her own power if she has any hope of standing against the girl she once called her heart's sister.

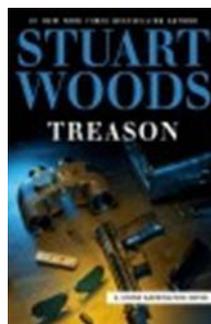
ADULT FICTION: MYSTERY/THRILLER



A minute to Midnight by David Baldacci

FBI Agent Atlee Pine's life was never the same after her twin sister Mercy was kidnapped - and likely killed - 30 years ago. After a lifetime of torturous uncertainty, Atlee's unresolved anger finally gets the better of her on the job, and she finds she has to deal with the demons of her past if she wants to remain with the FBI. Atlee and her assistant Carol Blum head back to Atlee's rural hometown in Georgia to see what they can uncover about the traumatic night Mercy was taken and Pine was almost killed. But soon after Atlee begins her investigation, a local woman is found ritualistically murdered, her face covered with a wedding veil - and the first killing is quickly followed by a second bizarre murder. Atlee is determined to continue her search for answers, but now she must also set her sights on finding a potential serial killer before another victim is claimed. But in a small town full of secrets - some of which could answer the questions that have plagued Atlee her entire life - digging deeper into the past could be more dangerous than she realizes.

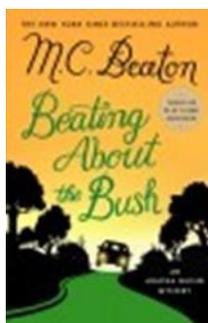
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Treason by Stuart Woods

Note this book is also available in Audio book formats.

Upon returning to New York City after a whirlwind British excursion, Stone Barrington is notified of a delicate situation within the country's administration. A close friend requires his expertise and subtlety to eradicate a destructive presence in a classified agency - only it soon becomes clear that this renegade was sent by a rival Stone has encountered before. From the City of Light to the rocky Maine coastline, Stone will need to summon all his wit and daring to halt the audacious plots threatening to reveal confidential intel, and catch the evasive traitor at last. This enemy may be equipped with unlimited resources and devious schemes, but if Stone remains vigilant, justice may finally prevail....

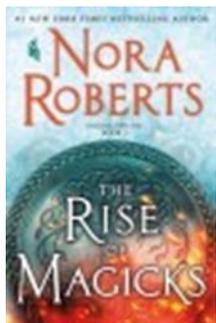


Beating About the Bush by M.C. Beaton (Book 30 in Agatha Raisin series)

When private detective Agatha Raisin comes across a severed leg in a roadside hedge, it looks like she is about to become involved in a particularly gruesome murder. Looks, however, can be deceiving, as Agatha discovers when she is employed to investigate a case of industrial espionage at a factory where nothing is quite what it seems.

The factory mystery soon turns to murder and a bad-tempered donkey turns Agatha into a national celebrity, before bringing her ridicule and shame. To add to her woes, Agatha finds herself grappling with growing feelings for her friend and occasional lover, Sir Charles Fraith. Then, as a possible solution to the factory murder unfolds, her own life is thrown into deadly peril. Will Agatha get her man at last? Or will the killer get her first?

ADULT FICTION: FANTASY/SCI-FI



***The Rise of the Magicks* by**

Nora Roberts: Note, this book is available in Large Print (Book 3)

The number one *New York Times* bestselling author of *Year One* and *Of Blood and Bone* concludes her stunning new trilogy praised as "A match for end-of-the-world classics like Stephen King's *The Stand*."

After the sickness known as the Doom destroyed civilization, magick has become commonplace, and Fallon Swift has spent her young years learning its ways. Fallon cannot live in peace until she frees those who have been preyed upon by the government or the fanatical Purity Warriors, endlessly hunted or locked up in laboratories, brutalized for years on end. She is determined to save even those who have been complicit with this evil out of fear or weakness - if, indeed, they can be saved. Strengthened by the bond she shares with her fellow warrior, Duncan, Fallon has already succeeded in rescuing countless shifters and elves and ordinary humans. Now she must help them heal - and rediscover the light and faith within themselves. For although from the time of her birth, she has been the one, she is still only one. And as she faces down an old nemesis, sets her sights on the enemy's stronghold, and pursues her destiny - to finally restore the mystical shield that once protected them all - she will need an army behind her...

***Heart of Black Ice: Sister of Darkness: The Nicci Chronicles* By Terry Goodkind** Volume IV in the series

Heart of Black Ice is the climactic conclusion to Terry Goodkind's *New York Times* bestselling Nicci Chronicles. In the wake of the brutal war that swept the Old World in *Siege of Stone*, a new danger is forming along the coast. Taken captive by their enemies, King Grieve, along with Lila and Bannon are about to discover the terrifying force that threatens to bring destruction to the Old World. The Norukai, barbarian raiders and slavers, have been gathering an immense fleet among the inhospitably rocky islands that make up their home. With numbers greater than anyone could have imagined, the Norukai are poised to launch their final and most deadly war.

***Anyone* by Charles Soule**

NOTE: Soon to be adapted for television by Carnival, creators of *Downton Abbey* Inside a barn in Ann Arbor, Michigan, a scientist searching for an Alzheimer's cure throws a switch—and finds herself mysteriously transported into her husband's body. What begins as a botched experiment will change her life—and the world—forever... Over two decades later, all across the planet, "flash" technology allows individuals the ability to transfer their consciousness into other bodies for specified periods, paid, registered and legal. Society has been utterly transformed by the process, from travel to warfare to entertainment; "Be anyone with Anyone" the tagline of the company offering this ultimate out-of-body experience. But beyond the reach of the law and government regulators is a sordid black market called the darkshare, where desperate "vessels" anonymously rent out their bodies, no questions asked for any purpose - sex, drugs, crime... or worse.

Anyone masterfully interweaves the present-day story of the discovery and development of the flash with the gritty tale of one woman's crusade to put an end to the darkness it has brought to the world twenty-five years after its creation. Like *Blade Runner* crossed with *Get Out*, Charles Soule's thought-provoking work of speculative fiction takes us to a world where identity, morality, and technology collide.

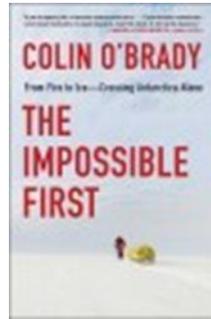
ADULT NON-FICTION

***The Essential Diabetes Instant Pot* by Coco Morante:**

A collection of 70 simple, tasty recipes for diabetics, pre-diabetics, and people with PCOS that make eating balanced meals a snap with the incredibly popular electric pressure cooker, the Instant Pot. Instant Pot guru Coco Morante presents seventy recipes for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and dessert that prove you don't have to sacrifice flavor to eat well. With hearty, nutrient-dense dishes like Grain-Free Apple Cinnamon Cake, Coddled Huevos Rancheros, and Shepherd's Pie with Cauliflower-Carrot Mash, every recipe is authorized by Instant Pot, vetted by endocrinologist Dr. Jessica Castle, and based on Morante's personal experience cooking for insulin-related conditions. With balanced meals that make feeding the whole family a snap, this cookbook is a life saver for those with diabetes, those with insulin-resistance issues such as prediabetes and PCOS, and home cooks who want to take back their health.

***American Oligarchs* by Andrea Bernstein:**

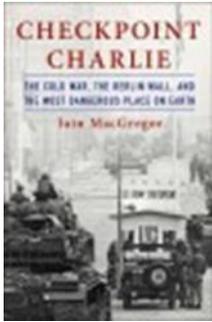
A multigenerational saga of two families, who rose from immigrant roots to the pinnacle of wealth and power, that tracks the unraveling of American democracy. In *American Oligarchs*, award-winning investigative journalist Andrea Bernstein tells the story of the Trump and Kushner families like never before. Their journey to the White House is a story of survival and loss, crime and betrayal, that stretches from the Klondike Gold Rush, through Nazi-occupied Poland and across the American Century, to our new gilded age. In building and maintaining their dynastic wealth, these families came to embody the rising nationalism and inequality that has pushed the United States to the brink of oligarchy. Building on her landmark reporting for the acclaimed podcast *Trump, Inc.* and *The New Yorker*, Bernstein's painstaking detective work brings to light new information about the families' arrival as immigrants to America, their paths to success, and the business and personal lives of the president and his closest family members. Bernstein traces how the two families ruthlessly harnessed New York and New Jersey machine politics to gain valuable tax breaks and grew rich on federal programs that bolstered the middle class. She shows how the Trump Organization, denied credit by American banks, turned to shady international capital. She reveals astonishing new details about Charles Kushner's attempts to ensnare his brother-in-law with a prostitute and explores how Jared Kushner and his father used a venerable New York newspaper to bolster their business empire. Drawing on more than two hundred interviews and more than one hundred thousand pages of documents, many previously unseen or long forgotten, Bernstein shows how the Trumps and the Kushners repeatedly broke rules and then leveraged secrecy, intimidation, and prosecutorial and judicial power to avoid legal consequences. The result is a compelling narrative that details how the Trump and Kushner dynasties encouraged and profited from a system of corruption, dark money, and influence trading, and that reveals the historical turning points and decisions—on taxation, regulation, white-collar crime, and campaign finance laws—that have brought us to where we are today.



***The Impossible First* by Colin O'Brady:**

Colin O'Brady's awe-inspiring memoir spans his triumphant recovery from a tragic accident to his gripping 932-mile solo crossing of Antarctica. Prior to December 2018, no individual had ever crossed the landmass of Antarctica alone, without support and completely human powered. Yet,

Colin O'Brady was determined to do just that, even if, ten years earlier, there was doubt that he'd ever walk again normally. From the depths of a tragic accident, he fought his way back. In a quest to unlock his potential and discover what was possible, he went on to set three mountaineering world records before turning to this historic Antarctic challenge. O'Brady's pursuit of a goal that had eluded many others was made even more intense by a head-to-head battle that emerged with British polar explorer Captain Louis Rudd—also striving to be “the first.” Enduring Antarctica's sub-zero temperatures and pulling a sled that initially weighed 375 pounds—in complete isolation and through a succession of whiteouts, storms, and a series of near disasters—O'Brady persevered. Alone with his thoughts for nearly two months in the vastness of the frozen continent—gripped by fear and doubt—he reflected on his past, seeking courage and inspiration in the relationships and experiences that had shaped his life. Honest, deeply moving, filled with moments of vulnerability—and set against the backdrop of some of the most extreme environments on earth, from Mt. Everest to Antarctica—*The Impossible First* reveals how anyone can reject limits, overcome immense obstacles, and discover what matters most.



Checkpoint Charlie by Ian MacGregor:

In the early 1960s, East Germany committed a billion dollars to the creation of the Berlin Wall, an eleven-foot-high barrier that consisted of seventy-nine miles of fencing, 300 watchtowers, 250 guard dog runs, twenty bunkers, and was operated around the clock by guards who shot to kill. Over the next

twenty-eight years, at least five thousand people attempt to smash through it, swim across it, tunnel under it, or fly over it. In 1989, the East German leadership buckled in the face of a civil revolt that culminated in half a million East Berliners demanding an end to the ban on free movement. The world's media flocked to capture the moment which, perhaps more than any other, signaled the end of the Cold War. Checkpoint Charlie had been the epicenter of global conflict for nearly three decades. Now, "in capturing the essence of the old Cold War [MacGregor] may just have helped us to understand a bit more about the new one" (*The Times*, London) —the mistrust, oppression, paranoia, and fear that gripped the world throughout this period. *Checkpoint Charlie* is about the nerve-wracking confrontation between the West and USSR, highlighting such important global figures as Eisenhower, Stalin, JFK, Nikita Khrushchev, Mao Zedung, Nixon, Reagan, and other politicians of the period. He also includes never-before-heard interviews with the men who built and dismantled the Wall; children who crossed it; relatives and friends who lost loved ones trying to escape over it; military policemen and soldiers who guarded the checkpoints; CIA, MI6, and Stasi operatives who oversaw operations across its borders; politicians whose ambitions shaped it; journalists who recorded its story; and many more whose living memories contributed to the full story of Checkpoint Charlie.

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The FOIL Board meets monthly at the Burney Library. While meetings are scheduled at the annual election meeting in June, they are subject to change. Please call any Board member or the Library for meeting information.

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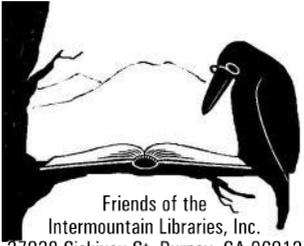
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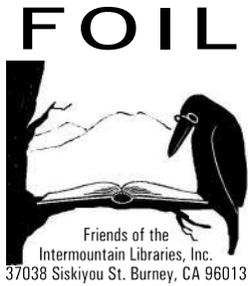
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