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**ALTON ## FUN FACT –** The average third-grader reads about 150 words a minute, but by the time they reach college, the average is 450 words a minute.  This is one of the 5000 fun facts that you can learn from National Geographic Kids.  We have the magazines here!  We have the latest editions of sixty different magazine subscriptions.  There are 53 in the adult wing and seven in the children’s wing, fresh off the press and waiting for you here.

**NEW BOOKS -** We have added two biographies by Jenna Bush Hager, “Everything is Beautiful in Its Time: seasons of loss and love” and “Sisters First: stories from our wild and wonderful life.”  In other non-fiction, we have “The Land of Snow: a journey across the north in winter” by Anders Morley. The author documents his ski trip across Canada in what is described as a “coming-of-age” story.  We also have “Bicycling with Butterflies” by Sara Dykman and “The Brain Fog Fix” by Mike Dow.

For mystery fans, we have the newest book from C.J. Box, “Shadows Reel: a Joe Pickett novel.”  The summary reveals that “Wyoming Game Warden Joe Pickett and his wife Marybeth make separate discoveries the family in a pair of killers’ crosshairs.”  If you are interested in trying a new series, we have books one, two, and three of Elle Gray’s Blake Wilder FBI Mystery series.  In order, they are “The 7 She Saw,” “A Perfect Wife,” and” Her Perfect Crime.”   We also have Brad Melter’s “The Lightning Rod,” Stephen Hunter’s “Targeted,” and the latest Patterson book co-authored with Dolly Parton, “Run Rose, Run.”

Jenna Hager Bush also wrote a children’s book called “Sister’s First” and we have that, too!  Last week we added lots of new books in the Children’s wing.  We have LeVar Burton’s “The Rhino Who Swallowed a Storm” and a BIG oversized (15 x 17 3/4”) copy of Margaret Wise Brown’s “Big Red Barn.”    We have eight more beautiful picture books by various authors that must be seen to be appreciated, and several new chapter books added to the Juvenile Fiction collection.  These are just two of the eleven new books added last week into the EASY collection. We have several new titles added to the Juvenile Fiction, as well.   “The Last Cuentista” by Donna Barba Higuera, is the winner of multiple awards and was the subject of multiple rave reviews when it was released in 2021.  We have it!  These and more besides, are waiting for you to come in and check out. See you at the library!  **#427**