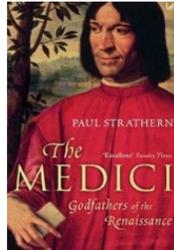
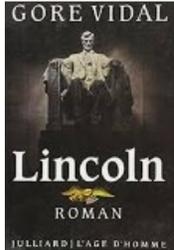
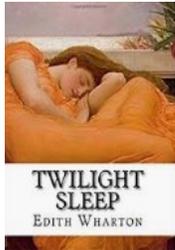


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RICHARD: We can escape into many different worlds through books, and these happen to be my favorites. Imagine eavesdropping on a conversation between Hemingway, Wharton, and Fitzgerald during the Jazz Age in New York City! 1861 Washington, D.C. was still something of a backwater, but the arrival of Abraham Lincoln and the outbreak of the Civil War transformed the city. Although Florence was a violent place during the Italian Renaissance, it was also a hotbed of creativity.



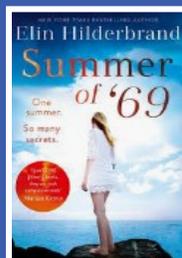
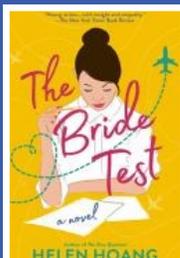
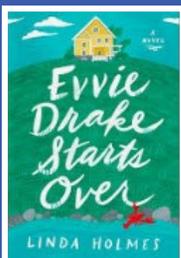
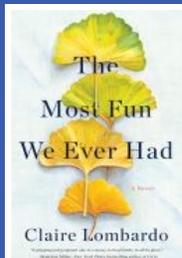
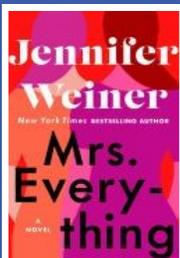
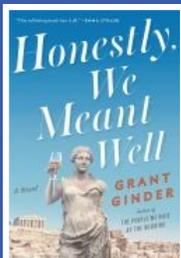
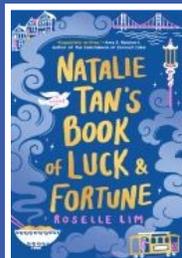
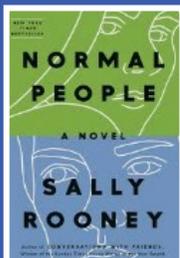
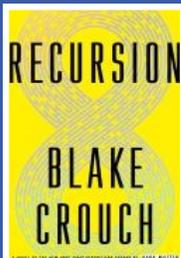
Richard suggests *Twilight Sleep* by Edith Wharton, *Lincoln* by Gore Vidal, and *The Medici: Power, Money and Ambition in the Italian Renaissance* by Paul Strathern.



IF YOU COULD LIVE IN A BOOK'S WORLD FOR A DAY, WHERE WOULD IT BE? AND WHY?

SUMMER READING!

After a long and rainy spring, summer is finally here. We have selected several recently released books, so be sure to place a hold if the book is not readily available. Otherwise, grab an iced tea and happy reading!

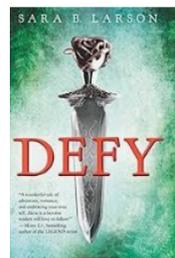
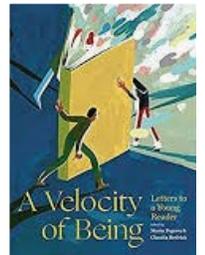


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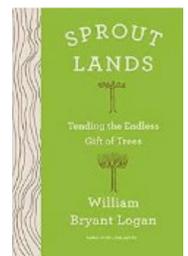
JANA: SOMETHING BRIGHT, THEN HOLES BY MAGGIE NELSON. Maggie Nelson's fourth collection of poems combines a wanderer's attention to landscape with a deeply personal exploration of desire, heartbreak, resilience, accident, and flux. Whatever the style, the poems are linked by her singular poetic voice, as sly and exacting as it is raw. This collection demonstrates her commitment to charting emotions.

SUE: A VELOCITY OF BEING: LETTERS TO A YOUNG READER EDITED BY MARIA POPOVA AND CLAUDIA BEDRICK. This collection of 121 letters and illustrations showcase some of today's writers, artists, scientists, entrepreneurs, and philosophers reflecting on the joys of reading, how books broaden human experience, as well as the ways written word has formed their own character.



DIANE: DEFY BY SARA B. LARSON. Alexa Hollen is a fighter. Forced to disguise herself as a boy and serve in the king's army, she uses her quick wit and fierce sword-fighting skills to earn a spot on the elite prince's guard. A powerful sorcerer sneaks into the palace in the dead of night to abduct Alex, Prince Damian, and others. Will Alex be able to save them?

ANN: SPROUT LANDS: TENDING THE ENDLESS GIFT OF TREES BY WILLIAM BRYANT LOGAN. Once, farmers knew how to make a living hedge and fed their flocks on tree-branch hay. Shipwrights shaped oaks to make hulls. No place could prosper without its inhabitants knowing how to prune their trees so they would sprout again. Ultimately, they created healthy and diverse woodlands.



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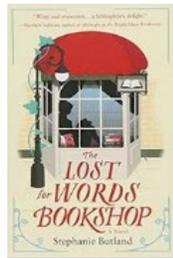
ANNA: TRAIL OF LIGHTNING BY REBECCA ROANHORSE. While most of the world has drowned beneath the sudden rising waters of a climate apocalypse, Dinétah (formerly the Navajo reservation) has been reborn. The gods and heroes of legend walk the land, but so do monsters. Maggie Hoskie is a Dinétah monster hunter, a supernaturally gifted killer, but this monster is the most terrifying yet.

REAGAN: METAMORPHOSIS BY FRANZ KAFKA. This is the story of a young man who is transformed overnight into a giant beetle-like insect, and he becomes an object of disgrace to his family—an outsider in his own home. A harrowing, though absurdly comedic meditation on human feelings of inadequacy, guilt, and isolation, *Metamorphosis* has become a widely read and influential work of modern fiction.



JESSICA: DAISY JONES & THE SIX BY TAYLOR JENKINS REID. By the time Daisy is age twenty, her voice is getting noticed, and she has the kind of heedless beauty that makes people do crazy things. A band led by Billy Dunn, The Six, is also gaining attention. When Daisy and Billy cross paths, a producer realizes putting them together will guarantee stardom. What happens next will become legendary!

EMILY: THE LOST FOR WORDS BOOKSHOP BY STEPHANIE BUTLAND. Loveday Cardew prefers books to people. Looking carefully, you might glimpse the first lines of the novels she loves most tattooed on her skin, but she keeps her secrets well hidden. When three suspicious deliveries arrive at the bookshop, will she run away to avoid her mysterious past?



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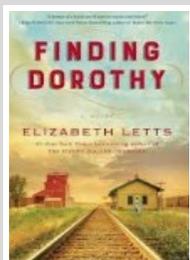
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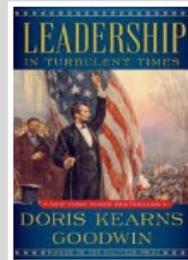
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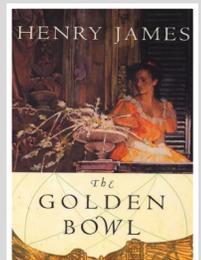
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Mrs. Tom Thumb



American History
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Leadership in Turbulent Times

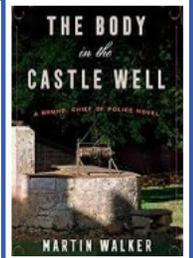
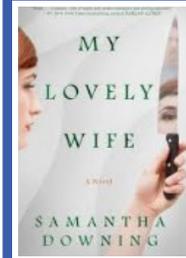
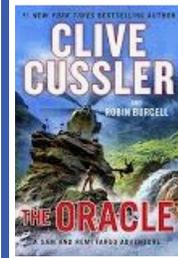
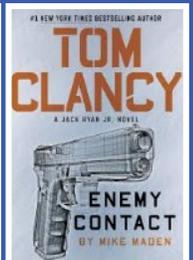
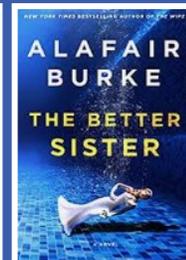


Classics Book Group
September 26
5:30 PM
The Golden Bowl



MAYBE YOU WANT TO CHILL WITH A THRILLER?

As the temperatures creep up, feel free to check out one of these recent releases. These thrillers are sure to keep you up past your bedtime!



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