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Inventory Time at the Library During Holiday Closures December 25th - 28th

The Coolidge Public Library is home to roughly 30,000 individual items available for check out to the community, county, and around the country. Coolidge Public Library is asking for community patience this month while we close our doors for a few days to reorganize our wonderful collection. With our inventory days included, the Library will be closed the 25th through the 28th. Inventory is a vital part of providing the best library services to its community. The Library will re-open Friday December 29th at 8 AM. We will also be closed Monday, January 1 for the New Year's holiday and will reopen Tuesday, January 2 at 8:00 a.m. Items can be returned during closures in the book drops.

You can still access many library resources when we are closed! Check out cloudLibrary eBooks or RBdigital magazines and audiobooks. Go to www.coolidgeaz.com/library and click on Digital Resources.

BLOOD DONATION NEEDS INCREASE OVER THE HOLIDAY SEASON

December 14th from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you began donating blood at 17 and donated every 56 days, until you turned 79, you would have donated 46.5 gallons of blood. Donating blood happens in four easy steps: medical history, quick physical, donation, and snacks.

On Friday, December 14th from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. the Red Cross will be at the Library collecting blood donations. These donations are critical—just one pint can save up to three lives!

You may register early at redcrossblood.org, sponsor code "Coolidge." If you do not see a time that fits your schedule, walk-ins are welcome. Call (520) 723-6030 or email us at library@coolidgeaz.com

SEE WHAT WE'RE UP TO IN DECEMBER

Let's Get Crafty

December 7th @ 10:00 a.m.

16+ Registration encouraged

On the first Friday of the month at 10 a.m., folks 16 and over will have the chance to get creative, with an easy to do and quick-to-finish craft to be proud of. December's craft is ornament painting from the inside out

Solve Your Tax

Conundrums with Liberty

Tax

December 3rd at 4:30 p.m.

Registration is encouraged.

Tax season is around the corner. 2019 will bring with it a lot of new rules and guidelines. Andrea from Liberty Tax is eager to help Coolidge sort through the chaos. Come to the library at 4:30 p.m. for a short presentation on the new tax laws and what they mean to you. After the presentation Andrea will meet one on one with Coolidge families until 6:00 p.m.

Spread Some Cheer with Coolidge Angel Tree

First week of November - December 10th

The Library is teaming up with Salvation Army again and supporting the Angel Tree Program. The Angel Tree program helps relieve holiday stress for low income families in the Coolidge area, and around the country. The Salvation Army has provided a handful of Angel Tags to the Library to be hung on the Reference Desk tree. Anyone is welcome to take a tag home and purchase items from that list.

Participants can then drop off the unwrapped gifts at the Library by December 10th.

Sign Up for Health Coverage with Sun Life During Open Enrollment

December 6th from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- A representative from Sun Life Family Health, Lis Ferrer, will be in the private study room from 12 p.m. until 6 p.m. to help Coolidge get signed up for the right health care plan. All interviews are confidential. Registration is highly encouraged as appointments are limited, but walk-ins will be welcome as well.
- Sun Life's Outreach & Enrollment Staff can help you learn about your options, apply for AHCCCS/SNAP/TANF, or help you enroll for insurance through HealthCare.gov. A representative will be at the library on Wednesday, December 6 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to help with sign-ups. Brief descriptions of the different programs are below.
- Medicaid (AHCCCS): Children in a family of four earning up to \$33,948 a year may qualify. Even if you've been turned down in the past, you may be able to get health coverage for your child now. Parents may qualify for Medicaid as well. Those eligible for Medicaid can enroll any day of the year.
- KidsCare: Children in a family of four earning up to \$49,200 a year may qualify. Those eligible for Medicaid can enroll any day of the year.
- Marketplace is for families and individuals that don't have health insurance through a job, Medicare, Medicaid (AHCCCS/KidsCare), or another source that provides qualifying coverage. The Marketplace can help you get covered. Enrollment must take place by December 15th, 2018.
- For questions contact Sun Life at (520) 381-0394 or (520) 381-0393.



The following programs are made possible by



Do You Know Your First Amendment?

December 6th @ 5:00 p.m.

Seats are limited, registration is encouraged.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.", What does that really mean to people living in the U.S now? Gail Rhodes, Arizona State University, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, says "the recent uproar over NFL players taking a knee during the national anthem has sparked a nation-wide debate about free speech rights and the First Amendment. Learn how discourse around such hot-button topics can lead to misunderstanding about the First Amendment. What did the founding fathers mean when they wrote the First Amendment? What is the true spirit of the First Amendment? How can Americans allow for differences of opinion while maintaining civility and protection of individual constitutional rights? Join us for a lively round-table FRANK Talk to discuss the First Amendment and the spirit of a healthy democracy."



FALL IN FOR THE GRAND CANYON WITH "SMITTEN BY STONE" FROM AZ HUMANITIES

January 3rd @ 1:00 p.m.

The Grand Canyon, Meteor Crater, Window Rock, Ornament Valley, Monument Valley, Kartchner Caverns, the list of breath-taking natural wonders in Arizona goes on and on. One such wonder happens to be celebrating 100 historical years as a national monument; the Grand Canyon. Coolidge Public Library wants to help with that celebration in partnership with Arizona Humanities.

"In spite of being one of the 'Seven Natural Wonders of the World', humans have not always seen the Grand Canyon in a positive light. First seen by Europeans in the year 1540, the canyon was not comprehended easily. Throughout the entire exploratory era, lasting nearly 320 years, conquistadores, explorers, trappers and miners viewed the canyon as an obstacle to travel or even useless. None of these early visitors ever returned a second time. However, when the first geologist laid eyes on it in 1857, he issued a siren call to humanity that it was something quite special on our planet. Every geologist who followed returned again, announcing to the world that the Grand Canyon was to be revered." azhumanities.org.



CURL UP WITH WINTER READING

December 1st - January 4th

It's important to keep your children reading, especially during school breaks. Kids ages 0-12 are invited to participate in the library's Winter Reading Program. Teens and Adults can participate too.

Children can come in to the Library, with a family member to register and pick up an activity board starting December 1. Kids complete 15 activities total. These activities include a combination of 25 readings, and some especially fun activities that include the whole family.

Parents or legal guardians sign off on each completed activity.

Turn in the activity board by Friday, January 4th at 6:00 p.m. to

receive your prize. You can also register online

at <https://coollibrary.azsummerreading.org/>

For the teen and adult program, stop by the library for a bingo board.

Once you get a bingo, turn in the board by January 4th to claim a

prize. Please call the library at (520) 723-6030 with questions.

Test Your Knowledge with Family Trivia Night - Candy!



Thursday, December 13th @ 5:30 p.m.

All ages are invited to Trivia Night! Form your teams (up to five people) and we will have five 10-question rounds. Each round will be a different category. Snacks will be served. Don't worry if you don't have enough team members—we can help match you up!

Family Trivia Night meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Beware of Digital Dangers: What They Are, and How to Fight Back

Saturday, December 1st @ 10 a.m.

The new millennium has brought with it a flood of new tech. From iPads to Virtual Reality, from MySpace to Snapchat, the technology changes quickly. These new changes bring about new risks as well. The Library understands these dangers can be confusing and easy to under estimate. We are bringing in a representative from the Pinal County Attorney's Office, Stacie Heard, to talk to families about these dangers, what they mean, and how you can stop or avoid them altogether. "Digital Danger" is a special Saturday program meant for families with teens and tweens but the information is vital to everyone.



Write to Your Heart's Content at Writer's Workshop

December 6th and 20th @ 3:00 p.m.

Coolidge Local, and published author, Saskia Tepe will help budding authors sharpen their story skills with this twice monthly workshop on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 3:00 p.m. Join the Workshop on November 1st and 15th.

Registration is encouraged, please call 520-723-6030 for more information.

Don't Miss Christmas in the Park Friday, December 14th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The City of Coolidge Parks and Rec Department is throwing a Christmas party in the park, and the Library is helping! Stop by San Carlos Park from 4:00 p.m to 7:00 p.m. for festive food, fun, and holiday cheer with crafts, snacks, and a parade at 7:00 p.m. Santa will be at the park beginning at 4, the parade begins at 7.



Budding Bookworms



Pop on over to Polar Express in the Park

Thursday, December 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Storytimes, normally held on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m., are filled with children listening to stories, working on a fun craft designed to encourage fine motor skill growth, learning basic American Sign Language, or doing a dance or two.

However, on Thursday, December 20th we invite families with children ages 1 - 4 year- old to join us for a very special and festive Storytime at 10:15 a.m., at San Carlos Park (300 W Central).

Together, the Fun Van, Headstart, the Desert Express Train, and the Library will make this a story time you will never forget!

Listen to The Polar Express story, enjoy a snack, and then ride a train around the park! We will provide you with a Polar Express ticket that will grant you access to the train.

Children must be with a parent or legal guardian at all times. Registration is not required. Call (520) 723-6030 with questions.

STEAM Through December with Preschool Learn 'n' Play

Monday, December 10th @ 9:30 a.m.

If you have a preschooler, a working knowledge of early childhood STEAM, (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math), but no idea how to get started bringing STEAM into your child's life, then come let the Library do all the work for you. We even take care of all the clean up. With Learn 'n' Play we explore the world of STEAM through play. This once a month program is designed for ages 3-6 years but works great for smaller children too.

Typically held the fourth Monday of each month at 9:30, December's Learn 'n' Play is just a bit different.

Next meeting is Monday, December 10th at 9:30 a.m.

Call (520) 723-6030 or email library@coolidgeaz.com with questions.

TRY OUT AN EARLY LITERACY TIP FROM THE LIBRARY

Try board or cloth books for babies. By age one, babies are grasping and grabbing everything. Board and cloth books are a great way to introduce books while working out those fine motor skills. Check out the Library's great selection of board books after storytime.



Don't Forget About Fun Van Too



Fun Van offers parents a free lesson in early literacy skills alongside their infants and toddlers as they play and have fun. Each class can include; crafts, story time, a book to take home and information on how to build your child's literacy skills and love of reading. Fun Van meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. For more information and to register visit www.ajpl.org/funvan or call the library at 520-723-6030.

2019 Brings Girls Who Code to Coolidge



Coming January 2019

Coolidge Public Library is proud to announce a new partnership with the non-profit organization, Girls Who Code. For years the Library has offered a unique coding experience with our club Sugar Code It, Girls Who Code will run just a bit differently than Sugar Code It! Starting in January, Sugar Code It will run alongside the national program, Girls Who Code. Coolidge is excited to be part of an organization which “values diversity, equity and inclusion as essential to our mission.” Girls Who Code focuses their work “not only on gender diversity but also on young women who are historically underrepresented in computer science fields” (girlswhocode.org).

Girls who participate in the Girls Who Code club go on to study computer sciences in colleges and universities at 15 times the average rate of girls who do not participate. “Our curriculum is designed for students with a wide range of computer science experience. We have activities for girls with zero computer science experience all the way up to activities that introduce college-level concepts. The broad set of soft and hard skills we teach are: Teamwork, Confidence, Time Management, Communication, Functions, Variables Conditional and Loops” (codeforgirls.org).

Girls Who Code offers curriculum for girls in the third through fifth grade. This group is known in the library as Code World. As well as a curriculum for sixth through 12th grade, Code Royale. There are a few key differences with these age groups. Code World: “Clubs can be run entirely unplugged, with optional online components. Girls read and discuss our nonfiction book, ‘Girls Who Code Learn to Code and Change the World’, and then complete thematically related challenges. Copies of Girls Who Code nonfiction books are provided along with free curriculum and support. During Code Royale: “A desktop or laptop computer and reliable internet access is required. Girls build character and coding skills as they learn, plan, build and celebrate together to create a project that they care about.” Girls Who Code will provide free curriculum and support, meeting guides, and self-guided tutorials.” All of this is at no cost to the library or club members.

To sign your Coder up to be one of 90,000 Girls Who Code members around the country, please call the library at 520-723-6030, email us at library@coolidgeaz.com, message us on Facebook or stop by the library for more information. And don't forget Sugar Code It will still operate alongside Girls Who Code but will have its own curriculum,

Learn to Code at Sugar Code It!

December 4th & 18th @ 4:00 p.m.

During Sugar Code It! the Library teams up with code.org so kids 7 to 18 can learn how to create games and websites by exploring computer programming. This diverse and future ready program is free to all community members. All supplies, and snacks are supplied by the Library. For more information contact Miss Dani at 520-723-6030 or email the Library at library@coolidgeaz.com for more information.

Join us December 4th and 18th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.



Junior Friends of the Library, 2019 is Your Year!



January 17th, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m.

Did you sign up for Junior Friends of the Library in October? Even if you did not get signed up there is still time. Junior Friends of the Library is our brand new group for patrons 7 to 17. Junior Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization designed to give young library users a voice in library programming and support. The first meeting of Junior Friends is January 17th at 4:30 p.m. Registration is still open, call us at 520-723-6030, ask for a Junior Friends flyer during your next visit for more information



Build Your Imagination with Lego Club

December 14th & 28th @ 4:00 p.m.

This is an exciting program for children ages 5-12 years old. We supply the LEGOS and the children supply the imagination! Lego Club meets the second and fourth Friday of each month. Lego Club is great for kids because it helps enhance their fine motor skills, as well as their STEM, social, and problem-solving skills. Not intended for children under the age of 5.

The next meetings are December 14th and 28th at 4:00 p.m. Please call (520) 723-6030 with questions.

Be a Titan of Tweens at Tween Titans

December 7th & 21st @ 4:00 p.m.

Are you between the ages of 9 and 14? We have just the thing for you!

Tween Titans is both a fun and educational program that focuses on science, technology, art, math, and more.

Tween Titans meets the first and third Friday of each month at 4:00 p.m.



JOIN THE STITCH-U-ATION NEEDLEWORK CLUB!

**December 28th from
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

Enjoy friendly conversation while you stitch, sew, knit, crochet, and embroider in our needlework club —The Stitch-U-Ation.

Basic supplies provided, but you are welcome to bring your own projects. No experience necessary. The club meets the 4th Friday of the month from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Call (520) 723-6030 or email library@coolidgeaz.com with questions.

Challenge the Knights of the Square Table

December 5th @ 4:00 p.m.

It is believed that there are over 600,000,000 amateur AND professional Chess players around the world.

So come to the Library the first Wednesday of every month for Knights of the Square Table.

All ages and skill levels are welcome, Whether you want to sharpen your skills, build new skills, or keep your reflexes and problem solving skills in tip top shape, come see what Knights of the Square Table is all about. All ages are welcome.

Contact us at (520)723-6030 for more information.



COLOR THOSE WORRIES AWAY!

**December 11th from 1:30 p.m.
to 3:00 p.m.**

Coloring is not just for kids. It's fun and also helps you relieve stress and anxiety.

Adults are invited to join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

We supply coloring sheets and colored pencils. Feel free to bring your own, as well.

No need to register. Simply drop by, mingle, color, and enjoy a snack, every second and fourth Tuesday.

Call (520) 723-6030 or email library@coolidgeaz.com with questions.



EXPLORE BOOK CLUBS

COOKS + BOOKS

**December 17th
@ 5:30 p.m.**

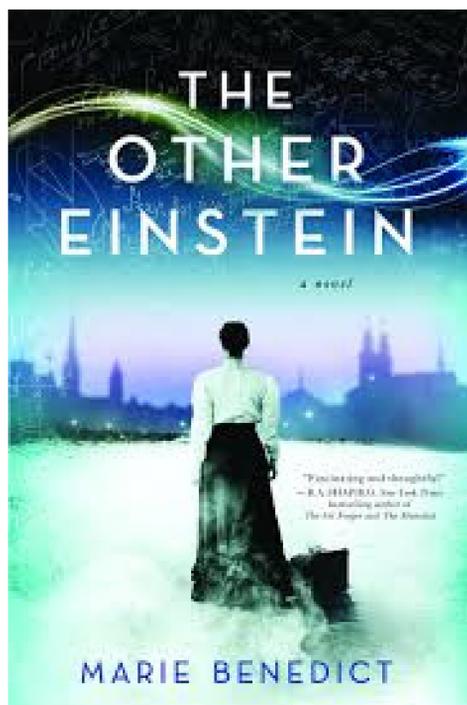
This month's theme is Comfort Foods. Feel free to bring in a sampling of your favorites or a new recipe to share with a small group of cook book connoisseurs. Don't forget to bring your appetite as well. Cooks + Books meets regularly the third Monday of the month.

Do you like to browse cookbooks and try out new recipes? Or are you just learning how to cook? Then you will want to join our tastiest book club, Cooks + Books! In Cooks + Books members pick a recipe, tried and true or brand new, and bring a bit to share!



The Remix

**The Other Einstein by Sylvia Cachia
December 20th @ 2:00 p.m.**



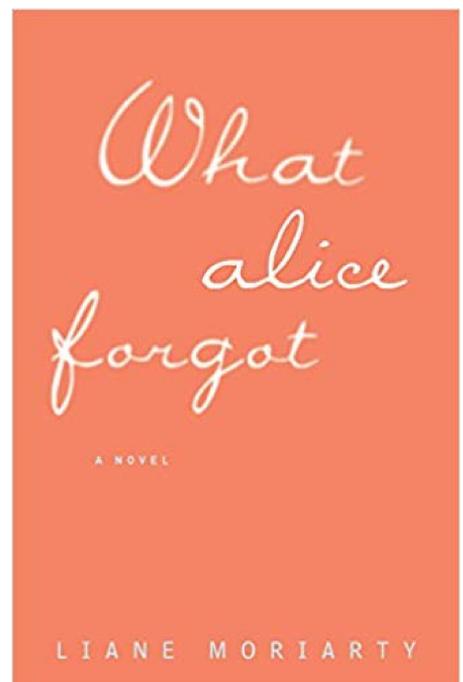
One bookclub was simply not enough for our patrons. The Remix's December pick is *The Other Einstein* by Sylvia Cachia: "Mitza Maric has always been a little different from other girls. Most twenty-year-olds are wives by now, not studying physics at an elite Zurich university with only male students trying to outdo her clever calculations. But Mitza is smart enough to know that, for her, math is an easier path than marriage. And then fellow student Albert Einstein takes an interest in her, and the world turns sideways."--Amazon.com.

The Pinal Page Turners

**What Alice Forgot by Liane Moriarty
Tuesday, December 11th at 5:30 p.m.**

Our longest running club meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month. This month's book club title is *What Alice Forgot* by Liane Moriarty. "Alice Love is twenty-nine, crazy about her husband, and pregnant with her first child. So imagine Alice's surprise when she comes to on the floor of a gym (a gym! She HATES the gym) and is whisked off to the hospital where she discovers the honeymoon is truly over -- she's getting divorced, she has three kids, and she's actually 39 years old."

~amazon.com



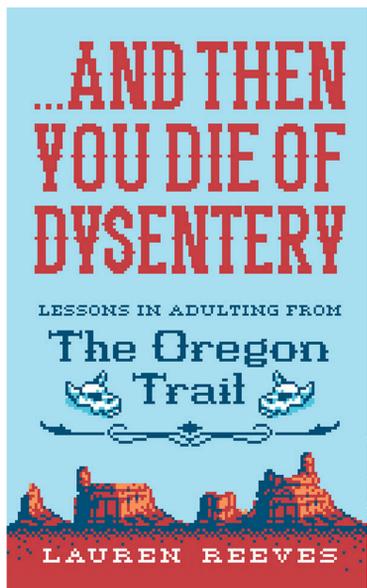
To sign out a book club selection, simply visit the library before the scheduled meeting date. You need to have a valid contact number prior to signing out a book and should have a library card.

Call (520) 723-6030 or email
library@coolidgeaz.com with questions.

Snacks and drinks are provided!

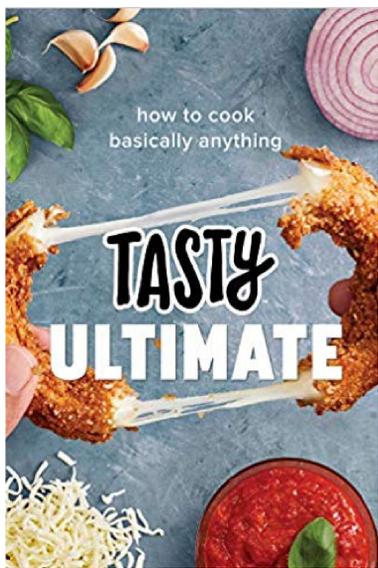
WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY

...And Then You Die of Dysentery: Lessons in Adulting from the Oregon Trail by Lauren Reeves , illustrated by Jude Buffum



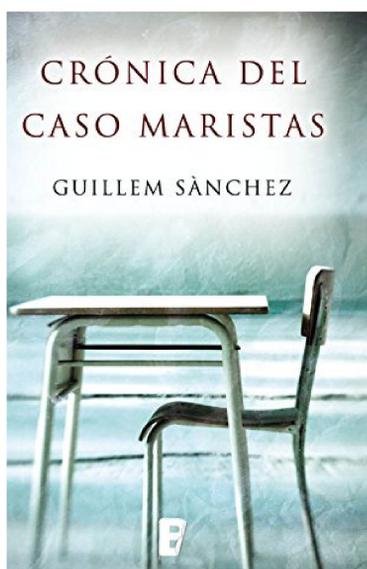
"A quirky, snarky, faux-advice, nostalgic send-up to the Oregon Trail computer game, featuring snarky and hard-earned life lessons from the trail. Pack your wagons, find your ride-or-(literally) die friends, and roll up to Matt's General Store with a sack of cash—it's time to hit the Oregon Trail, twenty-first-century style! ...And Then You Die of Dysentery is the perfect send-up to the sometimes frustrating, always entertaining, and universally beloved Oregon Trail computer game. Featuring a four-color design..." ~cheshudinc.com

Tasty Ultimate: How to Cook Basically Anything (An Official Tasty Cookbook) Hardcover by Tasty

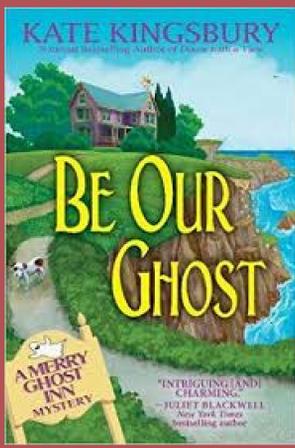


Tasty Ultimate is THE must-have companion for home cooks of all skill levels—whether you're a sometimes cook or a master meal prepper. With 150 recipes, clever hacks, and must-know techniques, this cookbook will teach you how to kill it in the kitchen. In no time at all, you'll be poaching like a pro, searing perfectly tender steaks, chopping veggies at warp speed, and frosting cakes better than Betty Crocker. You'll tackle brand-new recipes as well as all your Tasty faves; think Fried Egg Pizza, Salmon Poke Bowl, Mozzarella Stick Onion Rings, and Molten Lava Brownies. Beyond knockout cheese pulls, slow-cooked stunners, vegetarian go-tos, meals for meat-lovers, and insanely good sweets, discover large-scale showstoppers perfect for hosting Friendsgiving or Super Bowl Sunday.

Crónica del caso Maristas (Spanish Edition) Kindle Edition by Guillem Sánchez

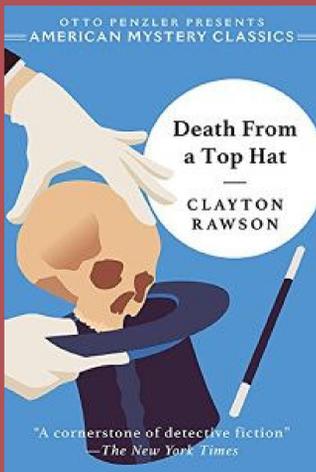


Nadie estaba preparado para descubrir que Joaquim Benítez no era el único pederasta que había pasado por el colegio de Sants -Les Corts. Del mismo modo que seguir a una hormiga que carga con una miga de pan conduce hasta el hormiguero, seguir el rastro de los abusos sexuales del profesor de gimnasia condujo a ventilar los secretos que escondían varios de sus colegas. Benítez terminó por descubrirlos a todos. Había Caso Benítez. Pero era tan solo el primer capítulo del Caso Maristas. Por primera vez en Catalunya (y en España) parecían haberse puesto de acuerdo muchas personas para hablar -sin tapujos-, de abusos sexuales y colegios religiosos, una asociación de dos conceptos tan infestada de rumores como huérfana de pruebas. Todas ellas sintieron que había llegado el momento de ajustar cuentas con los docentes que las habían humillado de críos. Tocaba escucharlas." ~ amazon.com



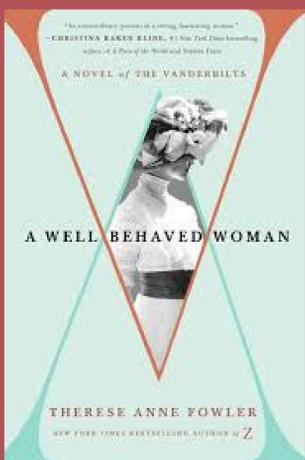
Be Our Ghost: A Merry Ghost Inn Mystery (Merry Ghost Inn Mysteries) by Kate Kingsbury

"The Merry Ghost Inn is well and truly open for business. Melanie West, her grandmother, Liza, and their beloved sheepdog/wolfhound mix, Max, are rapidly getting the hang of running their charming bed-and-breakfast inn on the rocky Oregon coast. Not that business goes without a hitch—when your hostelry boasts its own laughing resident ghost, you'd better expect the out-of-the-ordinary."



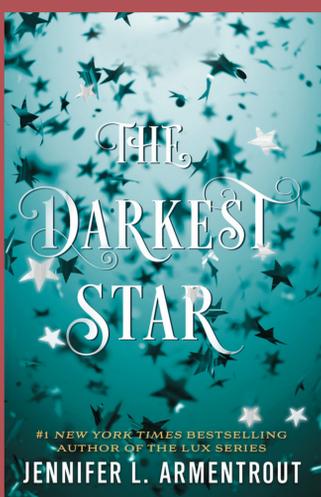
Death from a Top Hat by Clayton Rawson

"First published in 1938, this reissue in Otto Penzler's American Mystery Classics series from Rawson (1906–1971) introduces the Great Merlini, the owner of Miracles for Sale, a Manhattan magic shop. Merlini's mastery of misdirection enables him to assist his friend with the NYPD, Insp. Homer Gavigan, who has two bizarre murder cases to solve."



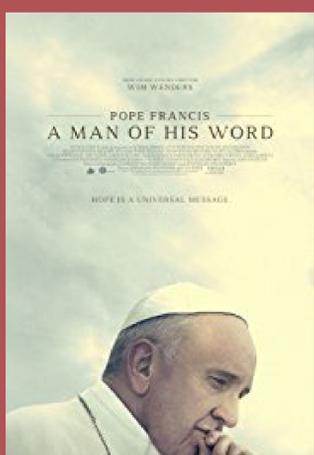
A Well Behaved Woman - A Novel of the Vanderbilts by Therese Anne Fowler - Audiobook on CD

Alva Smith, her Southern family destitute after the Civil War, married into one of America's great Gilded Age dynasties: the newly wealthy but socially shunned Vanderbilts. Ignored by New York's old-money circles and determined to win respect, she designed and built nine mansions, hosted grand balls, and arranged for her daughter to marry a duke. But Alva also defied convention for women of her time, asserting power within her marriage and becoming a leader in the women's suffrage movement.



THE DARKEST STAR Origin Series (Volume 1) by Jennifer Armentrout

"Seventeen-year-old Evie Dasher knows firsthand the devastating consequences of humanity's war with the aliens. When she's caught up in a raid at a notorious club known as one of the few places where humans and the surviving Luxen can mingle freely, she meets Luc, an unnaturally beautiful guy she initially assumes is a Luxen...but he is in fact something much more powerful. Her growing attraction for Luc will lead her deeper and deeper into a world she'd only heard about, a world where everything she thought she knew will be turned on its head..." ~macmillan.com



Pope Francis: A Man of His Word (on DVD)

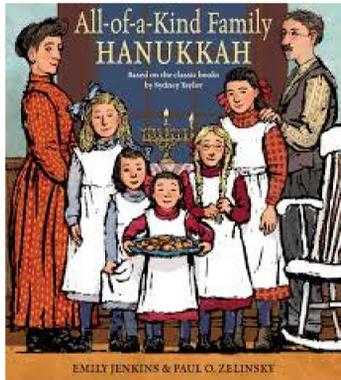
"A personal journey with Pope Francis, rather than a biographical documentary about him. The pope's ideas and his message are central to this documentary, which sets out to present his work of reform and his answers to today's global questions. ~imdb.com



For the Young, and the Young at Heart

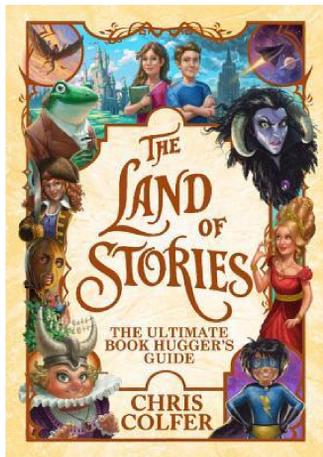


All-of-a-Kind Family Hanukkah by EMILY JENKINS, Illustrated by PAUL O. ZELINSKY



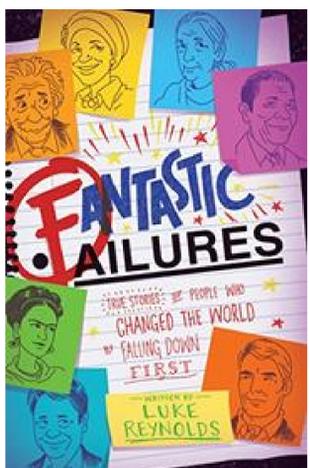
Whether you're meeting the girls ("all of a kind," as their parents say), will join them back in 1912, on the Lower East Side of NYC, and watch as preparations for Hanukkah are made. When Gertie, the youngest, is not allowed to help prepare latkes, she throws a tantrum. Banished to the girls' bedroom, she can still hear the sounds and smell the smells of a family getting ready to celebrate. But then Papa comes home and she is allowed out—and given the best job of all: lighting the first candle on the menorah." ~from publisher.

The Land of Stories: The Ultimate Book Hugger's Guide (The Land of Stories) by Chris Colfer



A combination travel guide, encyclopedia, and exciting fan compendium, this ultimate guidebook includes sections such as "Who's Who," "Places to Go," and "Trinkets, Treasures, and Other Things" that explore the backgrounds and histories of the many characters, places, and magic items throughout the beloved Land of Stories series. This book also includes bonus chapters, insider information about the series, and more, including sketches from the author, "Secrets from the Land of Stories," and "Chris's Top Ten Tips for Writers." goodreads.com

FANTASTIC FAILURES: True Stories of People Who Changed the World by Falling Down First by Luke Reynolds



In this hybrid of collective biography and self-help, Reynolds hammers home the message that everyone fails, and failure can be used as a source of enlightenment, insight, and inspiration. 34 people and one horse (Seabiscuit) are held up as examples of those who achieved success despite numerous adversities and setbacks. Many of the six- to eight-page profiles are of well-known figures, such as J.K. Rowling, Nelson Mandela, Albert Einstein, Steven Spielberg, and Frida Kahlo. An upbeat, reassuring showcase of notable, successful people who refused to let adversities and setbacks stand in their way. (bibliography) (Collective biography. 8-12)" ~ irkusreviews.com.

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