

CATTAILS

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2021

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PUBLIC LIBRARY

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THRILLERS

TOP BOOK PICKS

HISTORIC
HASLEY

SECRETS FROM
THE GRAVE

"Abbi Waxman is both irreverent and brilliant."
- #1 NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author

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Life of

Nina Hill

Abbi Waxman

Author of *The Garden of Small Beginnings*





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A Note on Programs:

As of press time, all programs are scheduled to meet in person. The Library will share any changes on oplib.org or on Library social media channels.

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HOLIDAY CLOSURES

All Library branches will close early at **5 p.m.** **Wednesday, November 24** and remain closed through **Friday, November 26** for the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular hours will resume **Saturday, November 27**.

STAFF PICKS

LaKeisha Bosworth YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

Carla Hall's Soul Food: Everyday and Celebration by Carla Hall and Genevieve Ko

As I think of fall and the holidays, I think of family time spent around the dinner table. I love the laughs and good times spent reflecting our lives and childhood. This book gives you just that: a look at the life of Carla Hall through the memories of her ancestor's food and recipes, plus soul food recipes that have been passed down for generations. If you are looking for a new recipe to try this holiday season, there are several that you can choose from in this book. This book has good food and a good story! **available in print and on both cloudLibrary and Hoopla as an e-book and e-audiobook*



Ben Ostrowsky OUACHITA VALLEY BRANCH REFERENCE

Pumpkinheads by Rainbow Rowell and Faith Erin Hicks

Pumpkinheads is one of my favorite graphic novels. It's such a wholesome love story, and I enjoy all the cute gags. Every fall since freshman year, Josiah and Deja work at the Pumpkin Patch. And every fall, Josiah gets sweet on a girl at its Fudge Shoppe. So with romance on their minds, they seek her out while dodging an escaped goat, wandering through a 'maize' and sharing 'corny' puns. I wish *Pumpkinheads* was longer so I could hear more punny names for Fudgie the White Whale. Its humor reminds me of *The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl*. And if I didn't love the adorable ending, I'd be out of my gourd. **available in print and on cloudLibrary as an e-book*



Peggy Vallery CPL. J.R. SEARCY MEMORIAL BRANCH CIRCULATION

The Delhi Mafia by Becky Smith

I really enjoyed *The Delhi Mafia*, especially because one of our patrons wrote it. She's a country girl from West Monroe. The author's mother grew up in Delhi, which is the setting of her book. It's a fiction book based on true events. The story is about a woman and her two friends who are over-the-fence gossip girls. They decide their new neighbor is none other than Elvis Presley hiding out in their town. I recommend this book to everyone so they can enjoy the adventures these three women have in trying to prove their theory. This book was funny and entertaining, and I really enjoyed the characters. **available in print*



Pumpkin Bash



A CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

This year, for Pumpkin Bash you can color the bookmark!

When you are finished, cut the bookmark out and bring it to your local branch during open hours from Saturday, October 16 – Saturday, October 23, 2021. Every child who completes the bookmark will receive a FREE BOOK, while supplies last. For best results, use crayons!





KANOPY - IT'S LIKE NETFLIX WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD!

Kanopy is a video-streaming platform dedicated to thoughtful and thought-provoking films, available on desktop, phones, tablets and smart TVs. The Kanopy Kids section is dedicated to educational and engaging videos for children of all ages. Adults can set up parental controls so that their children only access Kanopy Kids.

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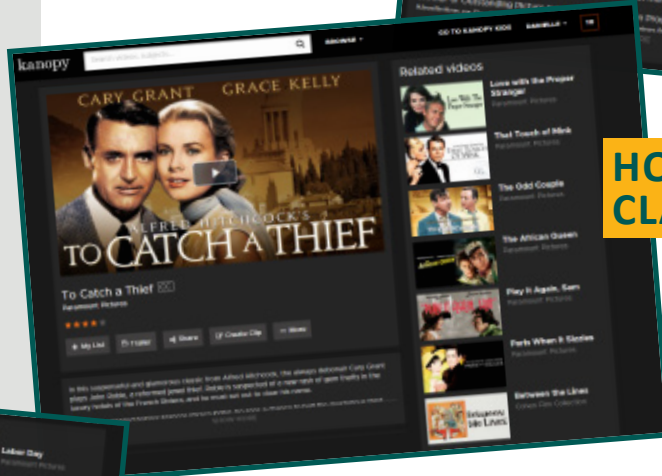
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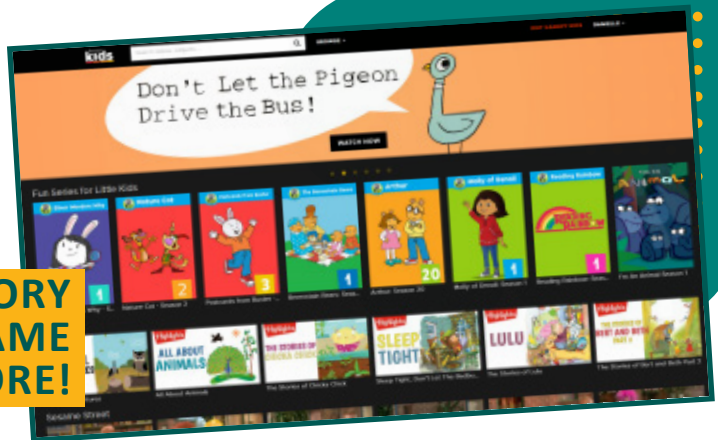
HOLLYWOOD CLASSICS



ENTERTAINING FILMS



KANOPY KIDS – STORY TIMES, SESAME STREET AND MORE!

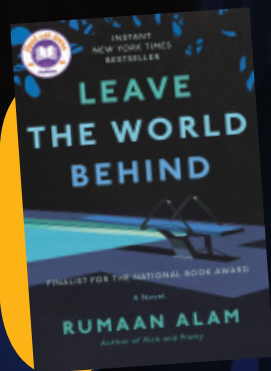
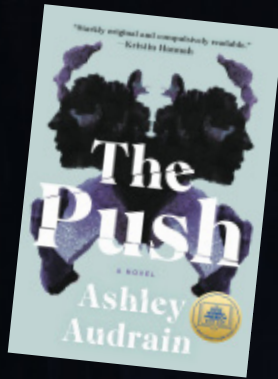


AUTUMN THRILLERS:

THE PUSH

BY ASHLEY AUDRAIN

Blythe Connor is determined to be the warm, comforting mother to her new baby Violet that she herself never had. But in the thick of motherhood's exhausting early days, Blythe becomes convinced that something is wrong with her daughter. Her husband, Fox, says she's imagining things. The more Fox dismisses her fears, the more Blythe begins to question her own sanity. Then their son Sam is born. With him, Blythe has the blissful connection she'd always imagined with her child. But when life as they know it is changed in an instant, the devastating fallout forces Blythe to face the truth. **available in print, large print and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook*



LEAVE THE WORLD BEHIND

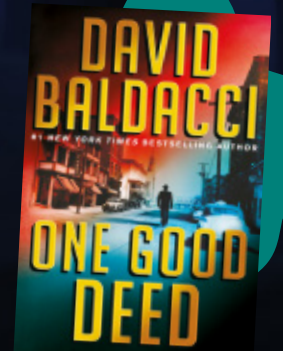
BY RUMAAN ALAM

Amanda and Clay head out to a remote corner of Long Island expecting a vacation: a quiet reprieve from life in New York City, quality time with their children, and a taste of the good life in the luxurious home they've rented for the week. But a late-night knock on the door breaks the spell. It's the owners of the house, and they've arrived in a panic. They bring the news that a sudden blackout has swept the city. But in this rural area, it's hard to know what to believe. Should Amanda and Clay trust this couple? Is the vacation home, isolated from civilization, a truly safe place for their families? And are they safe from one another? **available in print, large print, on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook, and on Hoopla as an e-audiobook*

ONE GOOD DEED

BY DAVID BALDACCI

It's 1949. When war veteran Aloysius Archer is released from prison, he is on parole with a list of do's and don'ts: do report regularly to his parole officer, don't go to bars, do get a job. His search for employment leads him to a local bar, where he is hired for what seems like a simple job: collect a debt owed to a powerful businessman, Hank Pittleman. Soon Archer discovers that recovering the debt won't be so easy. The indebted man has a furious grudge against Hank and refuses to pay. When a murder takes place right under Archer's nose, police suspicions rise against him. Archer must use every skill in his arsenal to track down the real killer. **available in print, large print, book-on-CD and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook*



THICK AS THIEVES

BY SANDRA BROWN

Twenty years ago in the dead of night, four seemingly random individuals pulled the ultimate heist and almost walked away with half a million dollars. But by daybreak, their plan had been shot to hell. One of them was in the hospital. One was in jail. One was dead. And one got away with it. Arden Maxwell, the daughter of the man who disappeared all those years ago has never reconciled with her father's abandonment of her and her sister. After countless personal setbacks she decides to return to her family home near mysterious Caddo Lake, and finally get answers to the many questions that torment her. Little does she know, two of her father's co-conspirators — a war hero and a corrupt district attorney — are watching her every move. **available in print, large print, book-on-CD and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook*

LAKWOOD

BY MEGAN GIDDINGS

When Lena's beloved grandmother dies, and the full extent of the family debt is revealed, she drops out of college to support her family and takes a job in Lakewood, Michigan. Her new job is high paying, with a free place to live. All Lena has to do is participate in a secret program — and lie to her family about the research being done in Lakewood. An eye drop that makes brown eyes blue, a medication that could be a cure for dementia, golden pills promised to make all bad thoughts go away. The discoveries made in Lakewood will change the world, but the consequences for the subjects involved could be devastating. As the truths of the program reveal themselves, Lena learns how much she's willing to sacrifice for the sake of her family. **available in print, book-on-CD, on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook, and on Hoopla as an e-book*



BLUEBIRD, BLUEBIRD BY ATTICA LOCKE

When it comes to law and order, East Texas plays by its own rules – a fact that Darren Mathews, a Black Texas Ranger, knows all too well. Deeply ambivalent about growing up Black in the Lone Star State, he was the first in his family to get as far away from Texas as he could, until duty called him home. When his allegiance to his roots puts his job in jeopardy, he travels up Highway 59 to the small town of Lark, where two murders have stirred up a hornet’s nest of resentment. Darren must solve the crimes – and save himself in the process – before Lark’s long-simmering racial fault lines erupt.

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THE WIFE STALKER BY LIV CONSTANTINE

Breezing into Westport, Connecticut, Piper Reynard sets up a wellness space and joins a local yacht club. When she meets Leo Drakos, the wedding ring on his finger is the only thing she doesn't like about him. Meanwhile, Joanna has been waiting patiently for Leo to re-emerge from the severe depression that has engulfed him. Though she's thankful when Leo returns to his charming, energetic self, Joanna is shocked to discover that it's not her loving support that's sparked his renewed happiness – it's Piper. Joanna is determined to find anything to use against this woman who has stolen her true love. As she digs deeper into Piper's past, Joanna begins to unearth disturbing secrets. When she confides to her therapist that she fears for the lives of her ex-husband and children, her concerns are dismissed as paranoia. Can she find the proof she needs in time to save them?

**available in print, on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook, and on Hoopla as an e-audiobook*



THE WOMAN IN CABIN 10 BY RUTH WARE

Lo Blacklock, a journalist who writes for a travel magazine, has just been given the assignment of a lifetime: a week on a luxury cruise with only a handful of cabins. At first, Lo's stay is nothing but pleasant. But as the week wears on, frigid winds whip the deck, gray skies fall and Lo witnesses what she can only describe as a dark and terrifying nightmare: a woman being thrown overboard. The problem? All passengers remain accounted for and so, the ship sails on as if nothing has happened, despite Lo's desperate attempts to convey that something (or someone) has gone terribly, terribly wrong.

**available in print, large print, book-on-CD and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook*



THE LAST FLIGHT BY JULIE CLARK

Claire Cook has a perfect life. But behind closed doors, nothing is quite as it seems. That perfect husband has a temper that burns as bright as his political career, and he's not above using his staff to track Claire's every move. But Claire has worked for months on a plan to vanish. A chance meeting in an airport bar brings her together with a woman whose circumstances seem equally dire. Together they decide to switch tickets — Claire taking Eva's flight to Oakland, and Eva traveling to Puerto Rico as Claire. But when the flight to Puerto Rico goes down, Claire realizes it's no longer a head start but a new life. Cut off, out of options, with the news of her death about to explode in the media, Claire will assume Eva's identity, and along with it, the secrets Eva fought so hard to keep hidden.

**available in print and on both cloudLibrary and Hoopla as an e-book*



THE GIRL BEHIND THE RED ROPE BY TED DEKKER

Ten years ago, Grace saw something that would forever change the course of history. When evil in its purest form is unleashed on the world, she and others from their religious community are already hidden deep in the hills of Tennessee, abiding by every rule that will keep them safe, pure and alive – as long as they stay behind the red perimeter. Her older brother's questions and the arrival of the first outsiders she's seen in a decade set in motion events that will question everything Grace has built her life on. Enemies rise on all sides—but who is the real enemy?

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ADULT PROGRAMS



The Library can help you Launch your small business.

The Library has partnered with the Launch Network to help entrepreneurs in Ouachita Parish start or strengthen their small businesses. On Thursday Sept. 30th from 6-7:30 p.m. the Main Branch library will host “**Business After Hours.**” This event will feature speakers from the Launch Network, Quentin Durr of LA Catalyst and Virendra Chhikara (VC) of Louisiana Small Business Development Center at ULM. During the month of October, the Main Branch library will feature a display provided by the Launch Network. The display will include 10 books that have been selected to aid entrepreneurs. Copies of these books will be available for check out.

GAMES



MAGIC: THE GATHERING TOURNAMENT

Ollie Burns Branch
October 2 at 1 p.m.

PUB STYLE TRIVIA

Main Branch
November 11 at 5:30 p.m.

ARTS AND CRAFTS



Registration required. Call the program’s branch to register. Phone numbers are on the back page.

DIY WATERCOLOR MUG

Sterlington Branch
October 7 at 2 p.m. AND
November 4 at 2 p.m.

MIXED MEDIA DAISY PAINTING

Searcy Branch
October 14 at 2 p.m.

FALL TREE PAINTING

Ouachita Valley Branch
October 7 at 1 p.m.

THANKSGIVING VOTIVE

Ouachita Valley Branch
November 4 at 1 p.m.

HISTORY



BOOK TALK AND SIGNING: WALKING IN HISTORY BY ROBERT K. WRIGHT

Carver-McDonald Branch
October 2 at 1 p.m.

HISTORIC HASLEY: SECRETS FROM THE GRAVE

West Monroe Branch:
October 20 at 2 p.m.

West Ouachita Branch:
October 21 at 2 p.m.

Main Branch:
October 26 at 5:30 p.m.

FOLKTALES FROM THE WPA

West Monroe Branch
November 10 at 2 p.m.

West Ouachita Branch
November 11 at 2 p.m.

HIGH FLYING MESSENGERS OF THE SKY: CARRIER PIGEONS

Searcy Branch
November 11 at 2 p.m.

MENTAL HEALTH



HANDLING THE STRESS OF THE HOLIDAYS

Louise Williams Branch
November 4 at 1 p.m.
Registration required

BOOK TALK AND SIGNING: FROM SWORD TO PEN BY ART “SILVER FOX” EDWARDS

Carver McDonald Branch
November 6 at 2 p.m.

FOOD AND NUTRITION



SAFE FOOD PREPARATION

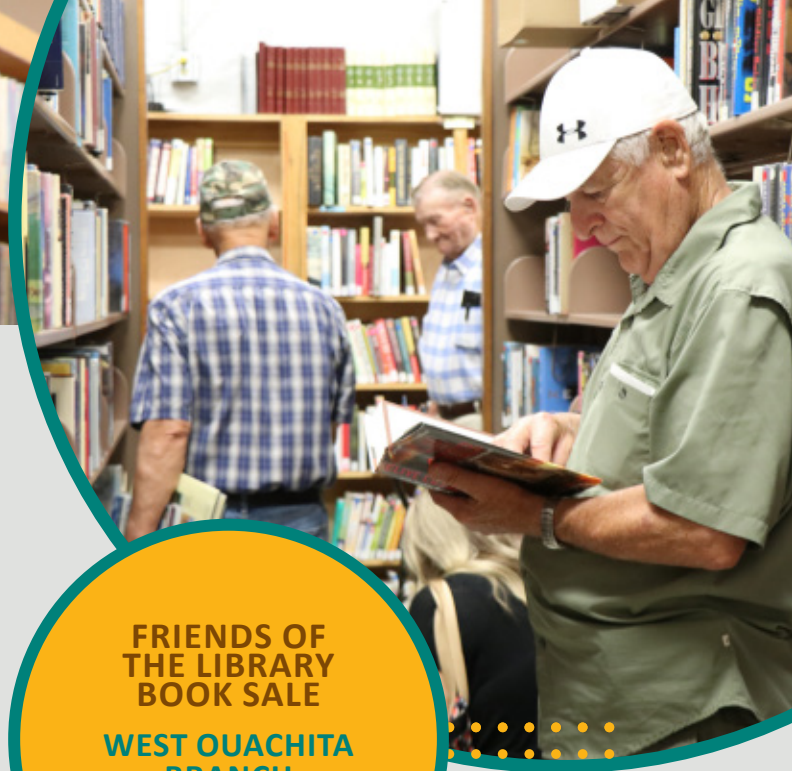
Anna Meyer Branch:
October 6 at noon

Ollie Burns Branch:
November 16 at 3:30 p.m.

FATS, SUGARS AND SODIUM

Anna Meyer Branch
November 3 at noon

BOOKS & LITERATURE



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE
WEST OUACHITA BRANCH
October 29-30
from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.



BEYOND THE PAGES BOOK CLUB WEST MONROE BRANCH

October 27 at 2 p.m.
November 17 at 2 p.m.



FANTASY & SCI-FI BOOK CLUB STERLINGTON BRANCH

October 23 at 2 p.m. *Neverwhere* by Neil Gaiman
November 27 at 2 p.m. *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis



MYSTERY & SUSPENSE BOOK CLUB STERLINGTON BRANCH

October 25 at 5 p.m. *All the Missing Girls* by Megan Miranda
November 29 at 5 p.m. *Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore* by Matthew Sullivan



JUST READ BOOK CLUB SEARCY BRANCH

October 28 at 2 p.m.
November 18 at 2 p.m.



MOCHA MONDAY BOOK CLUB MAIN BRANCH

The Mocha Monday Book Club reads books by authors of color or featuring people of color.

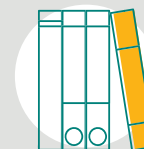
October 4 at 5:30 p.m. *It's Not All Downhill From Here* by Terry McMillan
November 1 at 5:30 p.m. *My Sister, the Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite



RAINBOW READS BOOK CLUB MAIN BRANCH

The Rainbow Reads Book Club is for members of the LGBT community and their allies.

October 25 at 5:30 p.m. *The Book of Pride* by Mason Funk
November 29 at 5:30 p.m. *Leading Men* by Christopher Castellani



LOST IN THE STACKS BOOK CLUB MAIN BRANCH

If you love literary fiction, you'll love the Lost in the Stacks Book Club.

October 12 at 6 p.m. *The Witch Elm* by Tana French
November 9 at 6 p.m. *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich

TEEN PROGRAMS

ACT VIRTUAL PRACTICE TEST

Saturday, October 2nd

Register at tinyurl.com/ACTpracticeOct

Once students have completed the test, they will receive a detailed score report, which they are able to download and review. After the test students can even work 1 on 1 online with an ACT Tutor.

For more info email LaKeisha Bosworth at lbosworth@oplib.org.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK



GREETINGS FROM GEORGIA AND BULGARIA

Main Branch • November 16 at 4 p.m.

GAME ON



MEET AND GREET

Ollie Burns Branch • October 7 at 4:30 p.m.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Ollie Burns Branch • November 11 at 4:30 p.m.

DE-STRESS WITH MINDFULNESS



DIY STRESS BALLS

Ouachita Valley Branch • November 22 at 6 p.m.

A MOMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Louise Williams Branch • October 4 at 4:15 p.m.

MINUTES FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Louise Williams Branch • November 8 at 4:15 p.m.

GET ARTSY



COZY YARN-WRAPPED DÉCOR

Ouachita Valley Branch

October 4 at 6 p.m.

DIY DICE BAG

Main Branch

October 5 at 4 p.m.

STAINED GLASS ART

Carver-McDonald Branch

October 18 at 4 p.m.

DAY OF THE DEAD LANTERNS

West Ouachita Branch

October 19 at 4 p.m.

3D PUZZLE ART PAINTING

Carver-McDonald Branch

November 8 at 4 p.m.

COLLABORATIVE COMIC BOOK

Searcy Branch

November 16 at 4 p.m.

PAINTING WITH A POP

West Ouachita Branch

November 16 at 4 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

Sterlington Branch

November 30 at 3 p.m.

FALL FUN



COLLABORATIVE PUMPKIN VILLAGE

Searcy Branch

October 19 at 4 p.m.

HALLOWEEN LUMINARIES

West Monroe Branch

October 26 at 4 p.m.

HOCUS POCUS WATCH PARTY

Sterlington Branch

October 26 at 3 p.m.



STORY TIME

WHEN IS STORY TIME?

Story time is the same time every week at your local library branch.

MAIN BRANCH

0-24 months.....Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m.
18-36 months.....Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
3-5 years.....Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
6-12 years.....Tuesdays at 4 p.m.
9-12 years.....Thursdays at 4 p.m.

ANNA MEYER BRANCH

0-5 years.....Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
6-12 years.....Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

CARVER-MCDONALD BRANCH

0-5 years.....Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.
6-12 years.....Mondays at 3:45 p.m.

LOUISE WILLIAMS BRANCH

0-5 years.....Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
6-12 years.....Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

OLLIE BURNS BRANCH

0-24 months.....Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
3-5 years.....Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
6-12 years.....Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

OUACHITA VALLEY BRANCH

0-36 months.....Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
3-5 years.....Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
6-12 years.....Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

SEARCY BRANCH

0-5 years.....Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
Family (0-12 years)...Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

STERLINGTON BRANCH

0-5 years.....Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
6-12 years.....Thursdays at 4 p.m.

WEST MONROE BRANCH

0-24 months.....Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
3-5 years.....Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
6-12 years.....Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

WEST OUACHITA BRANCH

0-18 months.....Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
18-36 months.....Tuesdays at 11 a.m.
3-5 years.....Wednesdays at 10:45 a.m.
Family (0-12 years)...Wednesdays at 3:45 p.m.

WE ARE FAMILY

FAMILY DRAMAS,
SAGAS, MYSTERIES
AND MORE



BEFORE I LET YOU GO BY KELLY RIMMER

The 2 a.m. call is the first time Lexie Vidler has heard her sister's voice in years. Annie is a drug addict, a thief, a liar—and in trouble, again. Lexie has always bailed Annie out, given her money, a place to sleep, sent her to every kind of rehab. But this time, she's not just strung out—she's pregnant and in premature labor. If she goes to the hospital, she'll lose custody of her baby—maybe even go to prison. But the alternative is unthinkable. Both candid and compassionate, *Before I Let You Go* asks how far the ties of family love can be stretched before they finally break. **available in print, large print, on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook, and Hoopla as an e-book*

ALL YOU CAN EVER KNOW BY NICOLE CHUNG

What does it mean to lose your roots and what happens when you find them? Nicole Chung was born severely premature, placed for adoption by her Korean parents and raised by a white family in a sheltered Oregon town. From early childhood, she heard the story of her adoption as a comforting, prepackaged myth. But as she grew up, she wondered if the story she'd been told was the whole truth. With warmth, candor and startling insight, Chung tells of her search for the people who gave her up, which coincided with the birth of her own child. *All You Can Ever Know* is a profound, moving chronicle of surprising connections and the repercussions of unearthing painful family secrets. **available in print, large print, on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook, and Hoopla as an e-book*



THE COUSINS BY KAREN M. MCMANUS

Milly, Aubrey and Jonah Story are cousins, but they barely know each other, and they've never even met their grandmother. Rich and reclusive, she disinherited their parents before they were born. So when they each receive a letter inviting them to work at her island resort for the summer, they're surprised and curious. This could be the opportunity to get back into Grandmother's good graces. But when the cousins arrive on the island, it's immediately clear that she has different plans for them. And the longer they stay, the more they realize how mysterious—and dark—their family's past is. Whatever pulled them apart years ago isn't over and this summer, the cousins will learn everything. **available in print and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook*



HOMEGOING BY YAA GYASI

Two half-sisters, Effia and Esi, are born into different villages in eighteenth-century Ghana. Effia is married off to an Englishman and lives in comfort in the palatial rooms of Cape Coast Castle. Unbeknownst to Effia, her sister, Esi, is imprisoned beneath her in the castle's dungeons, sold with thousands of others into the Gold Coast's booming slave trade. One thread of *Homegoing* follows Effia's descendants through centuries of warfare in Ghana, as the other thread follows Esi and her children into America. From the plantations of the South to the Civil War and the Great Migration, from the coal mines of Pratt City, Alabama, to the jazz clubs of Harlem, through present day, *Homegoing* is a novel of breathtaking sweep and emotional power that traces three hundred years. **available in print, large print, book-on-CD and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook*

THE NEST BY CYNTHIA D'APRIX SWEENEY

On a wintry afternoon in New York City, Melody, Beatrice and Jack Plumb gather to confront their charismatic and reckless older brother, Leo, who has just been released from rehab. Leo's bad behavior, culminating in a car crash while under the influence has endangered the Plumbs' joint trust fund, or "the Nest," as they've taken to calling it. The four siblings are at very different places in their lives, but all believe that this money will solve a host of self-inflicted problems and their consequences. And until Leo's accident, they'd been mere months away from receiving it. Tender, funny and deftly written, *The Nest* explores what money does to relationships, what happens to our ambitions over the course of our lives, and the fraught but unbreakable ties we have with our families. **available in print, book-on-CD, on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook, and on Hoopla as an e-book*

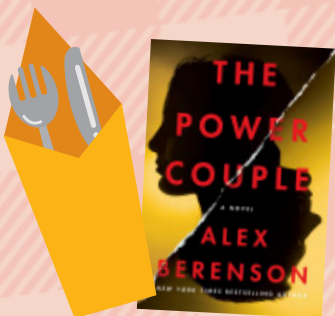


THE BOOKISH LIFE OF NINA HILL BY ABBI WAXMAN

The only child of a single mother, Nina has her life just as she wants it: a job in a bookstore, a kick-butt trivia team, a world-class planner and a cat named Phil. If she sometimes suspects there might be more to life than reading, she just shrugs and picks up a new book. When the father Nina never knew existed suddenly dies, leaving behind innumerable sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews, Nina is horrified. They all live close by! They're all excited to meet her! She'll have to Speak. To. Strangers. It's a disaster! It's time for Nina to come out of her comfortable shell, but she isn't convinced real life could ever live up to fiction. It's going to take a brand-new family, a persistent suitor, and the combined effects of ice cream and trivia to make her turn her own fresh page. **available in print and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook*

CRAZY RICH ASIANS BY KEVIN KWAN

When Rachel Chu agrees to spend the summer in Singapore with her boyfriend, Nicholas Young, she envisions a humble family home, long drives to explore the island and quality time with the man she might one day marry. What she doesn't know is that Nick's family home happens to look like a palace and that she'll ride in more private planes than cars. Initiated into a world of dynastic splendor, Rachel meets Astrid, the It Girl of Singapore society; Eddie, whose family practically lives in the pages of the Hong Kong socialite magazines; and Eleanor, Nick's formidable mother, a woman who has very strong feelings about who her son should—and should not—marry. **available in print, large print, and on both cloudLibrary and Hoopla as an e-book and e-audiobook*



THE POWER COUPLE BY ALEX BERENSON

Rebecca and Brian Unsworth appear to have it all. A nice house, two well-behaved teenage children, and important government jobs—Rebecca working in counterterrorism for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Brian serving as a coder for the National Security Agency. However, the Unsworths' marriage isn't as perfect as it seems. Seeking to revive their strained relationship, they take their two kids, Kira and Tony, on a European getaway. They have a blast until one night when Kira doesn't come home from a dance club. Over the course of a single weekend, the Unsworths will do everything possible to find her. **available in print, book-on-CD and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook*



FROM THE

ARCHIVES

The Library's Genealogy and Special Collections Department helps patrons research local and family history. Learn more about how to explore your own research at oplib.org/family-local-history.

Historic Hasley

SECRETS FROM THE GRAVE

Located on a gentle slope of 47 acres off Arkansas Road in West Monroe lay the final resting place of more than 10,000 individuals. In operation since at least 1836, the people of northeast Louisiana have buried their dead at Hasley Cemetery.

"Hasley is so large and contains so many graves. Even though it's historic, it's still an active cemetery," said Cyndy Robertson, Library Head of Genealogy and Special Collections.

It's a peaceful place. Some West Monroe residents use the cemetery not only as a place to remember their loved ones, but also for walking on its numerous paths. On their walks at Hasley Cemetery, they will find a great variety of headstones, footstones and crypts. Recent dates and fresh flowers adorned on some graves will tell walkers that a person mattered a great deal to someone alive today. But under a copse of trees toward the center of the huge cemetery are the graves of people long gone.

Some of these graves are marked by huge monuments and ornate mausoleums that have stood the test of time, which will clue walkers in on the status and wealth of the people buried there. Still others are unmarked. Recent ground penetrating radar research gives us an idea of where these people are buried, and researchers can make assumptions as to who is buried there based on the family names nearby. While the wooden crosses or concrete blocks that once served as place markers are now lost to time, the memory of some of the people

buried generations ago are not forgotten, thanks to a Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities grant awarded to the Ouachita Parish Public Library.

"Hasley Cemetery is unique in that it is a microcosm of the 19th and 20th century society," explains Library Genealogist Lora Peppers. "You have poor and rich, African-American and white, all next to each other with no discernable distinction. The cemetery also contains some of the oldest headstones to be found in the Parish."

Hasley Cemetery can be traced to a Spanish land grant received by Felipe Enrique Neri de Bastrop known as Baron de Bastrop in 1795. Lemuel and Phinetta Newman purchased part of this land – which is now the 800 block of Arkansas Road – in 1827 (*Ouachita Citizen*; April 7, 2011). The family set aside a portion of the west end of their property to be used as a cemetery for family and friends. Later, the cemetery was opened to residents of the towns of Trenton and Cottonport, which were the predecessors of what is now West Monroe.

The earliest documented burial in Hasley Cemetery is that of Joseph Mason, the 3-year-old son of William Mason. Joseph died July 15, 1836, and William died a few months after his son on November 14, 1836.

In 1848, the Newmans donated land for an expanded cemetery to a community church. After Lemuel Newman died in 1851, Phinetta then married David Hasley in 1853. A philanthropist, Phinetta Hasley provided funds for numerous churches, including the building of Olive Branch Baptist Church, Colored Missionary Baptist Church and First Baptist Church in Monroe. When Phinetta Hasley died in 1878, First Baptist Church built a red brick vault in the center of Hasley Cemetery for her. She is interred there along with her husbands who were moved to the vault after her death.



After Phinetta Hasley’s death, Thomas McGuire purchased the land in 1879. Later in 1917, his son Herman McGuire donated the land with the church building and cemetery to the City of West Monroe. In 1935, the City purchased an additional 28 acres to enlarge Hasley Cemetery.

Hasley Cemetery is now maintained by a virtual trust and governed by the West Monroe Board of Aldermen. The challenges of maintaining a cemetery the size of Hasley can be found as early as November 9, 1920, when a letter requesting help with upkeep was published in the *Monroe News-Star*. In 1927 lighting was added to the entrance, thanks to a chicken dinner fundraiser hosted by the Hasley Cemetery Association in October 1927. In 1937 the highway to Hasley Cemetery was blacktopped, and then in 1966, the West Monroe Aldermen appointed a committee to make recommendations to beautify Hasley. Hasley Memorial Gazebo was later built on the site of Hasley Baptist Church which ceased to exist around 1900.

Learn more about the individuals listed below at oplib.org/hasley. Patrons can visit their graves at Hasley Cemetery. Maps for the virtual cemetery tour are available at local branches and on the Library’s website.

- **Morris Henry Carroll**
- **E.B. Cryer**
- **J.P. Crosley**
- **A.G. Facen**
- **Isaac “Ike” Hamilton**
- **Phinetta Hasley**
- **William Head**
- **Joseph and William Mason**
- **Sally and Jim May**
- **G.C. Moore**
- **Jethro Moore**
- **Lillian Herron Williamson**
- **Julia Wossman**

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