



# CATTAILS

JUNE/JULY 2021

FROM THE  
OUACHITA PARISH  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUMMER  
READING  
CHALLENGE

CHALLENGES AND  
PRIZES FOR CHILDREN,  
TEENS AND ADULTS!

MAKE ROAD  
TRIPS FUN WITH  
AUDIO BOOKS

CHOOSE THE PERFECT AUDIO  
BOOK FOR YOUR ROAD TRIP



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**A Note on Programs:** As of press time, all summer programs will be hosted virtually. If anything changes, the Library will post updates on [oplib.org](http://oplib.org) and on Library social media channels.

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

All branches of the Library will close **Sunday, June 20** for Father's Day. Regular hours will resume **Monday, June 21**.

All branches of the Library will close **Sunday, July 4** and **Monday, July 5** for Independence Day. Regular hours will resume **Tuesday, July 6**.

# Tails & TALES

# SIGN UP!

## What is the summer reading challenge?

Since 1948, the Ouachita Parish Public Library has challenged patrons to read as much as they can during the summer. What started as a reading club for children has expanded to a months-long, themed-celebration for all ages. Children, teens and adults receive fun incentives for reading and completing community challenges.

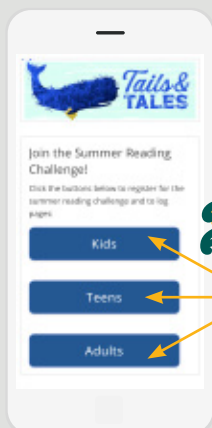
## For the Summer Reading Challenge!

## Who can join the summer reading challenge?

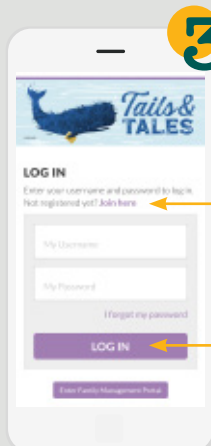
Anyone with a Ouachita Parish Public Library card can join! There are three age categories for the summer reading challenge, with different page goals, prizes and programs. Children ages 12 and under can join the Kids Category, teens ages 13-19 can join the Teen Category, and adults 18 and up can join the Adult Category. Patrons who are 18 or 19 years old can choose whether they would like to join the Teen or Adult Category.

## How do I sign up?

1 Get started at [oplib.org/summerreading](http://oplib.org/summerreading).



2 Click on your age group.



3 If you have participated in the summer reading challenge in the past, log in with your previous used username and password. If this is your first time joining, click "Join here" to create an account.

4 After logging into the summer reading portal, enter the books you read and the challenges you complete to win prizes!

## When is the summer reading challenge?

The summer reading challenge is from **June 1 - July 31, 2021**.

## What is this year's theme?

The 2021 theme is **Tails and Tales**, and we're celebrating everything to do with the animal kingdom.

## What about programs?

As of press time, all summer programs will be hosted virtually. If anything changes, the Library will post updates on [oplib.org](http://oplib.org) and on Library social media channels.

# HOW DO I WIN PRIZES?

**WIN PRIZES BY READING!  
ALL PRIZES ARE AVAILABLE  
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.**

Note: Due to COVID shipping delays, prizes may not be immediately available.

## KIDS



**BRAG TAGS**

Book, Tails and Tales drawstring bag, gift certificate for kids meal from Cane's, PLUS entry into the grand prize drawing (a bicycle provided by the Kiwanis of Greater Ouachita)

**750  
PAGES**

Brag Tags for kids over 3;  
Inflatable for kids 3 and under

**500  
PAGES**

Certificate, Cup,  
Door Hanger and Pencil

**250  
PAGES**



**INFLATABLES**

## TEENS

Book, gift certificate for kids meal from Cane's, PLUS entry into grand prize drawing (a tablet provided by the Friends of the Ouachita Public Library)

**1,500  
PAGES**

Entry into grand prize drawing (a tablet provided by the Friends of the Ouachita Public Library)

Collectible Canvas Tote Bag

Writing Notepad

Tumbler Cup and Sunglasses

**1,000  
PAGES**

Drawstring Bag, Headphones, Candy

**500  
PAGES**

**1,500  
PAGES**

**1,000  
PAGES**

**500  
PAGES**

## ADULTS

**COLLECTIBLE  
CANVAS TOTE**



# GRAND PRIZES

There are also grand prizes up for grabs. The grand prize for teens and adults is a tablet provided by the Friends of the Ouachita Public Library. The Kiwanis of Greater Ouachita is once again donating 10 bicycles for the annual Bikes for Books program. Children who complete the summer reading challenge will be entered into a drawing for a bike.

TEENS' AND ADULTS' GRAND PRIZE!

CHILDREN'S GRAND PRIZE!



You can receive up to three entries into the drawing for the grand prize. There are multiple ways to enter the grand prize drawing:



**READ!** Kids who read 750 pages, and teens and adults who read 1500 pages will be entered into the grand prize drawing. Make sure to log all your pages in the summer reading portal by July 31.



**COMPLETE THE COMMUNITY CHALLENGES!** In the summer reading portal, log that you have completed the three community challenges, and you will receive a bonus entry into the grand prize drawing. The community challenges are:

**Find a Heron.** Find one Heron on the Bayou. These statues can be found in many places around Ouachita Parish.

- **Pick Up Litter to Save Our Critters.** All litter harms our local wildlife! Pick up litter in your neighborhood for one hour or attend a Ouachita Green litter pick-up event.

- **Play Outside.** Enjoy the fresh air! Play outside in your back yard, a local park or the Louisiana Purchase Gardens & Zoo.



## VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE TOP 6 PICK.

For a bonus entry into the grand prize drawing, read at least 2 of the Top 6 Picks in your age category and vote for your favorite book. In the summer reading portal, click on "challenges," scroll to the bottom, and click on the link under "Vote for your favorite Top 6 Picks." After voting, you will receive the secret code to enter into the summer reading portal. Top 6 Picks are featured here in Cattails.

## Do all books count toward the summer reading challenge?

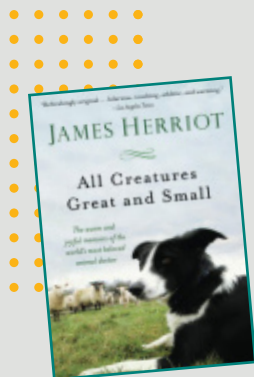
Yes! It doesn't matter what you read, as long as you read! You can read any of the Top 6 Picks, books by your favorite author, comic books, picture books, audiobooks and any other book in the world. To log audiobooks, use the number of pages in the print version of the book.

# ADULT TOP 6 PICKS

Your librarians handpicked these six books for you to enjoy this summer.

Vote for your favorite of the Top 6 Picks in the summer reading portal for an extra entry into the grand prize drawing!

The winning book will earn the honor of Ouachita Readers' Choice.



## **ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL** BY JAMES HERRIOT

Originally published in the 1970s, this memoir collection by the English country veterinarian is beloved by millions worldwide. The book has been adapted into a TV series multiple times, most recently aired this year as a *Masterpiece Theatre* on PBS.

In *All Creatures Great and Small*, we meet the young Herriot as he takes up his calling and discovers that the realities of veterinary practice in rural Yorkshire are very different from the sterile setting of veterinary school. Some visits are heart-wrenchingly difficult, some are lighthearted and fun, and yet others are inspirational and enlightening, such as Herriot's recollections of poor farmers who will scrape their meager earnings together to be able to get proper care for their working animals. From seeing to his patients in the depths of winter on the remotest homesteads to dealing with uncooperative owners and critically ill animals, Herriot discovers the wondrous variety and never-ending challenges of veterinary practice as his humor, compassion, and love of the animal world shine forth. \*Available in print, large print, book-on-CD, on the cloudLibrary app as both an e-book and e-audiobook, and on the Hoopla app as an e-book. The 1978 and 2020 television adaptations are also available for check out on DVD.

**FOR FANS OF** *The Great British Baking Show*, *An Irish Country Doctor* series and Alexander McCall Smith



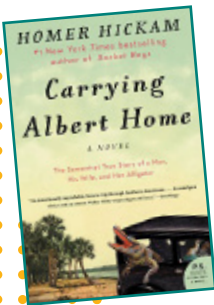
## **TRAVELLING CAT CHRONICLES** BY HIRO ARIKAWA

Told from the point of view of a snarky cat, *The Travelling Cat Chronicles* is a road trip story like no other.

Nana the cat is on a road trip. He is not sure where he's going

or why, but it means that he gets to sit in the front seat of a silver van with his beloved owner, Satoru. Side by side, they cruise around Japan through the changing seasons, visiting Satoru's old friends. He meets Yoshimine, the brusque and unsentimental farmer for whom cats are just ratters; Sugi and Chikako, the warm-hearted couple who run a pet-friendly B&B; and Kosuke, the mournful husband whose cat-loving wife has just left him. There's even a very special dog who forces Nana to reassess his disdain for the canine species. But what is the purpose of this road trip? And why is everyone so interested in Nana? Nana does not know and Satoru won't say. But when Nana finally works it out, his small heart will break... \*Available in print, large print and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook

**FOR FANS OF** *A Dog's Way Home*, *Lily and the Octopus* and *A Man Called Ove*

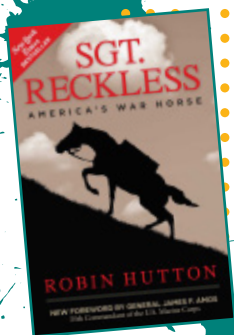


## CARRYING ALBERT HOME BY HOMER HICKAM

From the author of *Rocket Boys* – the basis of the movie *October Sky* – comes a whimsical tall tale about a man, a woman and an alligator that is a moving tribute to love.

Elsie and Homer were high school classmates in the West Virginia coalfields, graduating just as the Great Depression began. Unfulfilled as a miner’s wife, Elsie was reminded of her carefree days with a long-lost lover because of his unusual wedding gift: an alligator named Albert she raised in the only bathroom in the house. When Albert scared Homer by grabbing his pants, he gave Elsie an ultimatum: “Me or that alligator!” After giving it some thought, Elsie concluded there was only one thing to do: Carry Albert home. *Carrying Albert Home* is the funny, sweet, and sometimes tragic tale of a young couple and a special alligator on a crazy 1000-mile adventure. Told with the warmth and down-home charm, Homer Hickam’s rollicking tale is ultimately a testament to that strange and marvelous emotion we inadequately call love. \*Available in print, book-on-CD and on both the cloudLibrary and Hoopla apps as an e-book and e-audiobook

**FOR FANS OF** *Big Fish* and *O Brother Where Art Thou?*



## SGT. RECKLESS: AMERICA'S WAR HORSE BY ROBIN HUTTON

A little-known story about a legendary hero in the forgotten war, *Sgt. Reckless* is a gripping biography about a decorated Marine who just so happens to have four hooves.

Amid an inferno of explosives on a deadly minefield in the Korean War, a four-legged Marine proved to be a heroic force of nature. She moved headstrong up and down steep, smoky terrain that no man could travail confidently. In a single day, this small Mongolian mare made 51 round-trips carrying nearly five tons of explosives to various gun sites. Sergeant Reckless was her name, and she was the horse renowned for carrying wounded soldiers on and off the battlefield and making solo trips across combat zones to deliver supplies. Hutton has written the first-ever full biography of Sergeant Reckless, who earned two Purple Hearts for her heroic efforts (among other military decorations). Hutton has spoken with the Marines who fought alongside Reckless and tells the complete and captivating tale of how a would-be Korean racehorse became one of the greatest Marine wartime heroes.

\*Available in print, book-on-CD, on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book and e-audiobook and on the Hoopla app as an e-audiobook

**FOR FANS OF** Ron Chernow and David McCullough



## THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN BY GARTH STEIN

With more than 6 million copies sold, readers everywhere have been moved by the novel *The Art of Racing in the Rain*. The book has been adapted into a movie starring Milo Ventimiglia.

Enzo knows he is different from other dogs: a philosopher with a nearly human soul (and an obsession with opposable thumbs), he has educated himself by watching television extensively, and by listening very closely to the words of his master, Denny Swift, an up-and-coming race car driver. Through Denny, Enzo has gained tremendous insight into the human condition, and he sees that life, like racing, isn't simply about going fast. On the eve of his death, Enzo takes stock of his life, recalling all that he and his family have been through. A heart-wrenching but deeply funny and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty, and hope, *The Art of Racing in the Rain* is a beautifully crafted and captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life... as only a dog could tell it. \*Available in print, book-on-CD, and on both the cloudLibrary and Hoopla apps as an e-book and e-audiobook. The film adaptation is available for check out on DVD and the movie soundtrack is available for download on the Hoopla app.

**FOR FANS OF** *Marley & Me*, *A Dog's Purpose* and *This is Us*



## THE FEATHER THIEF BY KIRK WALLACE JOHNSON

For bird nerds, true crime podcast junkies and environmentalists, *The Feather Thief* is a narrative nonfiction book that weaves together natural history and an unbelievable heist into a riveting story.

After performing a concert at London’s Royal Academy of Music, 20-year-old American flautist Edwin Rist boarded a train for an outpost of the British Museum of Natural History. Home to one of the world’s largest ornithological collections, the museum was full of rare bird specimens whose gorgeous feathers were worth staggering amounts of money to the men who shared Edwin’s obsession: the Victorian art of salmon fly-tying. Once inside, the champion fly-tier grabbed hundreds of bird skins – some collected 150 years earlier by a contemporary of Darwin’s, Alfred Russel Wallace – and escaped into the darkness. What would possess a person to steal dead birds? Had Edwin paid the price for his crime? What became of the missing skins? The gripping story of a bizarre and shocking crime, *The Feather Thief* is a fascinating exploration of obsession and man’s destructive instinct to harvest the beauty of nature. \*Available in print, large print and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook

**FOR FANS OF** *My Favorite Murder* podcast, *Catch Me If You Can* and Susan Orlean

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## LOCAL HISTORY

### HISTORY OF THE ZOO IN MONROE

JUNE 16 | 10:30am | Facebook Live

Cyndy Robertson will present a history of the Monroe Zoo, its animals and their homes.

### UNALAKSA: MONROE'S FAMOUS SLED DOG

JULY 14 | 10:30am | Facebook Live

Lora Peppers will present the history of Unalaska, the South Pole sled dog buried in Monroe.

## CRAFTERNOON

### BEE MOTEL

JUNE 23 | 2:00pm | Facebook Live

Welcome pollinators like carpenter bees to your garden by creating a safe space for bees to survive and thrive.

### DIY DOG AND CAT TOYS

JUNE 30 | 2:00pm | Facebook Live

The Crazy Dog Librarian and the Crazy Cat Librarian demonstrate how to make toys for your pet using common household items.

## LIFELONG LEARNING

### INTRODUCTION TO FALCONRY

JUNE 2 | 10:30am | Facebook

Local falconer and wildlife rehabilitator Dale Barry introduces us to his birds.

### HIGH FLYING MESSENGERS OF THE SKY: THE HISTORY OF THE CARRIER PIGEONS

JULY 21 | 2:00pm | Facebook Live

Learn the history of the carrier pigeons, including WWI and WWII animals. Grab & Go Kits are available at your local branch while supplies last.

### FLY-TYING AND BAIT MAKING

JULY 28 | 2:00pm | Facebook Live

Bayou Bob will share the basics of the art of fly-tying. His baits attract crappies and other local fish.

## TRIVIA

Test your knowledge against the librarians on Facebook Live!

### DOMESTICATED ANIMALS

JUNE 11 | 10:30am | Facebook Live

### WILD ANIMALS

JULY 9 | 10:30am | Facebook Live



## ONLINE BOOK CLUB

Join our Facebook group and discuss great books at your own pace! Books are available in print and on the Hoopla app as both e-book and e-audiobook format.

### BEFORE THE COFFEE GETS COLD

BY TOSHIKAZU KAWAGUCHI

JUNE

### CARRYING ALBERT HOME

BY HOMER HICKAM

JULY



## MOCHA MONDAY BOOK CLUB

The Mocha Monday Book Club reads books by authors of color or featuring people of color. For the Zoom link, email [jgeever@oplib.org](mailto:jgeever@oplib.org).

### ON EARTH WE'RE BRIEFLY GORGEOUS

BY OCEAN VUONG

JUNE 7 | 5pm

### SEARCHING FOR SYLVIE LEE

BY JEAN KWOK

JULY 12 | 5pm





# TEEN TUESDAYS

## COSPLAY CRITTER EARS

JUNE 8 | 2:00pm | Instagram Live

Unleash your inner Rocket Raccoon or Kitsune by creating your own critter ears. Grab & Go Kits are available at your local branch while supplies last.

## HISTORY OF SPIDER-MAN

JUNE 22 | 2:00pm | Instagram Live

Journey into the Spider-verse and beyond with resident comic expert Alex McGarey! We'll talk about all the different iterations of Spider-man, how he came to life on the page and some of his most famous villains.

## TEENS IN THE KITCHEN: MONKEY BREAD

JULY 6 | 2:00pm | Instagram Live & YouTube

No monkeying around in the kitchen! We'll show you how to make delicious monkey bread.

## DIY STRESS PETS

JULY 20 | 2:00pm | Instagram Live

With a little bit of science and creativity, you can make your very own stress pet! The cute animals are small enough to fit in the palm of your hand. Grab & Go Kits are available while supplies last.

# BOOK CLUBS



## LOST IN THE STACKS BOOK CLUB

If you love literary fiction, you'll love the Lost in the Stacks Book Club. For the Zoom link, email [bpearce@oplib.org](mailto:bpearce@oplib.org).

### CONFESSIONS ON THE 7:45

BY LISA UNGER

JUNE 8 | 5pm

### THE GIRL WITH THE LOUDING VOICE

BY ABI DARE

JULY 13 | 5pm



## RAINBOW READS BOOK CLUB

The Rainbow Reads Book Club is for members of the LGBT community and their allies. For the Zoom link, email [lcunningham@oplib.org](mailto:lcunningham@oplib.org).

### TELL THE WOLVES I'M HOME

BY CAROL RIFKA BRUNT

JUNE 28 | 5pm

### BROWN, WHITE, BLACK: An American Family at the Intersection of Race, Gender, Sexuality and Religion

BY NISHTA MEHRA

JULY 26 | 5pm

# TEEN TOP 6 PICKS



## **THE UNBEATABLE SQUIRREL GIRL** BY RYAN NORTH AND ERICA HENDERSON

A comic book featuring an unlikely hero, *The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl* is packed with adventure and humor.

Wolverine, Deadpool, Doctor Doom, Thanos – there's one

hero that's beaten them all and now she's got her own ongoing series! (Not that she's bragging.) That's right, you asked for it, you got it, it's SQUIRREL GIRL! (She's also starting college this semester.) It's the start of a brand-new set of adventures starring the nuttiest and most upbeat superhero in the world. **\*Available in print and on both the cloudLibrary and Hoopla apps as an e-book**

**FOR FANS OF** *Nimona*, *Lumberjanes* and *Marvel* comics.



## **THE CAT I NEVER NAMED: A TRUE STORY OF LOVE, WAR, AND SURVIVAL** BY AMRA SABIC-EL-RAYESS AND LAURA SULLIVAN

The stunning memoir of a Muslim teen struggling to survive the Bosnian genocide and the stray cat who protected her family through it all, *The Cat I Never Named* is an unforgettable book.

Amra was a teen in Bihac, Bosnia, when her friend said they couldn't speak anymore because Amra was Muslim. Then refugees from other cities started arriving, fleeing Serbian persecution. When Serbian tanks rolled into Bihac, the life she knew disappeared. That's when a stray cat followed her home. Her family didn't have the money to keep a pet, but after the cat seemed to save her brother, how could they turn it away? Saving a life once could be a coincidence, but when it happens again Amra and her family wondered just what this cat was. This is the story of a teen

who in the brutality of war, never wavered in her determination to obtain education, maintain friendships, and even find a first love. The book is also about the cat that provided comfort, and maybe even served as a guardian spirit, in the darkest of times. **\*Available in print and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook**

**FOR FANS OF** *We Are All That's Left*, *I Remember Beirut* and *I Am Malala*.



## **THE BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS AND SNAKES** BY SUZANNE COLLINS

The highly anticipated prequel to *The Hunger Games* delivers high stakes drama and adventure in the dystopian Capital.

It is the morning of the reaping that will kick off the tenth annual

Hunger Games. In the Capital, 18-year-old Coriolanus Snow is preparing for his one shot at glory as a mentor in the Games. The once-mighty house of Snow has fallen on hard times, its fate hanging on the slender chance that Coriolanus will be able to outcharm, outwit, and outmaneuver his fellow students to mentor the winning tribute. The odds are against him. He's been given the humiliating assignment of mentoring the female tribute from District 12, the lowest of the low. Their fates are now completely intertwined -- every choice Coriolanus makes could lead to favor or failure, triumph or ruin. Inside the arena, it will be a fight to the death. Outside the arena, Coriolanus starts to feel for his doomed tribute and must weigh his need to follow the rules against his desire to survive no matter what it takes.

**\*Available in print, book-on-CD, on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book and e-audiobook and on the Hoopla app as an e-audiobook**

**FOR FANS OF** *Scythe*, *Divergent* and *Enclave*.



### **WHERE THINGS COME BACK** BY JOHN COREY WHALEY

Hailing from a small north Louisiana town, author John Corey Whaley finds wonder in the ordinary in his novel, *Where Things Come Back*.

In the summer before Cullen's senior year, a nominally depressed birdwatcher thinks he spots a species of woodpecker thought to be extinct since the 1940s in Lily, Arkansas. His rediscovery of the so-called Lazarus Woodpecker sparks a flurry of press and woodpecker-mania. Soon all the kids are getting woodpecker haircuts and everyone's eating "Lazarus burgers." But as absurd as the town's carnival atmosphere has become, nothing is more startling than the realization that Cullen's sensitive, gifted 15-year-old brother Gabriel has suddenly and inexplicably disappeared.

Cullen navigates his way through a summer of finding and losing love, holding his fragile family together, and muddling his way into adulthood. Complex but truly extraordinary, tinged with melancholy and regret, comedy and absurdity, this novel finds wonder in the ordinary and emerges as ultimately hopeful. **\*Available in print and on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book**

**FOR FANS OF** *Ellen Hopkins*, *Bone Gap* and *Please Ignore Vera Dietz*.

### **CHARMING AS A VERB** BY BEN PHILIPPE

This contemporary teen romance novel about a New York City dog walker is sure to charm everyone who reads it.

Henri "Halti" Haltiwanger can charm just about anyone. He is a star debater and popular student at the prestigious FATE academy, the dutiful first-generation Haitian son, and the trusted dog walker for his wealthy New York City neighbors. But his easy smiles mask a burning ambition to attend his dream college, Columbia University. There is only one person who seems immune to Henri's charms: his intense classmate and neighbor Corinne Troy. When she uncovers Henri's less-than-honest dog-walking scheme, she blackmails him into helping her change her image at school. Henri agrees, seeing a potential upside for himself. Soon what started as a mutual hustle turns into something more surprising than either of them ever bargained for. *Charming as a Verb* is a sharply funny and insightful novel about the countless hustles we have to keep from doing the hardest thing: being ourselves. **\*Available in print and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook**

**FOR FANS OF** *Again Again*, *Highly Illogical Behavior* and Jenny Han.



### **CALL DOWN THE HAWK** BY MAGGIE STIEFVATER

The *Raven Boys* series spin-off, *Call Down the Hawk* is the perfect book for every fantasy genre lover.

The dreamers walk among us and so do the dreamed. Those who dream cannot stop dreaming. They can only try to control it. Those who are dreamed cannot have their own lives. They will sleep forever if their dreamers die. And then there are those who are drawn to the dreamers to use them, trap them and kill them before their dreams destroy us all. Ronan Lynch is a dreamer. He can pull both curiosities and catastrophes out of his dreams and into his compromised reality. Jordan Hennessy is a thief. The closer she comes to the dream object she is after, the more inextricably she becomes tied to it. Carmen Farooq-Lane is a hunter. Her brother was a dreamer – and a killer. She has seen what dreaming can do to a person and the damage that dreamers can do. But that is nothing compared to the destruction that is about to be unleashed.

**\*Available in print, on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book and on the Hoopla app as an e-audiobook**

**FOR FANS OF** *Laini Taylor*, *Half Bad* and *The Bone Witch*.

# KIDS' TOP 6 PICKS

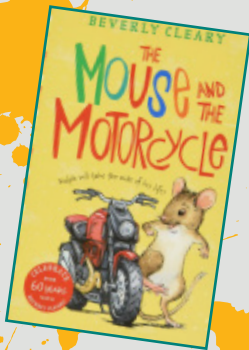


## **A WOLF CALLED WANDER** BY ROSANNE PARRY

Inspired by the true story of a wolf named OR-7 (or Journey), this chapter book is for the child who loves adventure.

Swift, a young wolf cub, lives with his pack in the mountains learning to hunt, competing with his brothers and sisters for hierarchy, and watching over a new litter of cubs. Then a rival pack attacks, and Swift and his family scatter. Alone and scared, Swift must flee and find a new home. His journey takes him a remarkable one thousand miles across the Pacific Northwest. The trip is full of peril, and Swift encounters forest fires, hunters, highways, and hunger before he finds his new home. *\*Available in print and on both the cloudLibrary and Hoopla apps as an e-book and e-audiobook*

**FOR FANS OF** *Pax*, *The Incredible Journey* and Katherine Applegate.



## **THE MOUSE AND THE MOTORCYCLE** BY BEVERLY CLEARY

A beloved classic, *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* is a timeless story for children of all ages and for generations to come.

Living in a knothole in a hotel room, young Ralph has seen plenty of families come and go, some more generous with their crumbs than others. But when young Keith and his parents check in to the hotel, Ralph gets his first chance to check out. He has always fantasized about venturing beyond the second floor, maybe even outside. Curiosity overcomes caution, and Ralph must have a go at Keith's toy motorcycle. Soon, the headstrong mouse finds himself in a pickle, when all he wanted was to ride a motorcycle. Lucky for him, the boy understands how it is. When he discovers Ralph in his thwarted attempt to abscond with the toy bike, Keith generously encourages the rodent to ride. He even teaches him the simple trick of starting the motorcycle: "You have to make a noise... pb-pb-b-b-b." The subsequent situations require Ralph to think quickly and possess grownup-sized courage. *\*Available in print and on both the cloudLibrary and Hoopla apps as an e-book and e-audiobook*

**FOR FANS OF** *Stuart Little*, *Dog Diaries* and Judy Blume.



## CHILDREN MAKE TERRIBLE PETS BY PETER BROWN

A silly picture book, *Children Make Terrible Pets* is sure to make your child laugh and laugh.

Meet Lucy. Meet Lucy's Pet. She calls him Squeaker. Lucy and Squeaker have the best day ever. Until things start to go wrong... Do children make terrible pets? What do you think? \*Available in print, on the cloudLibrary app as an e-audiobook and on the Hoopla app as both an e-audiobook and a movie

**FOR FANS OF** Mo Willems, *I Want My Hat Back* and *Please, Mr. Panda*.



## SAVING FIONA: THE STORY OF THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS BABY HIPPO BY THANE MAYNARD

The amazing, true story of Fiona, a baby hippo born prematurely at the Cincinnati Zoo. *Saving Fiona* includes full-color, behind-the-scenes photographs.

On a cold January day, Nile hippopotamus Bibi gave her keepers at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden a big (little) surprise - a tiny newborn hippo, no bigger than a football. The first premature hippo born and raised in captivity, baby Fiona was an underdog from the start. But the staff at the zoo knew they could save her. It would take creative thinking and teamwork. Fiona began to thrive, her star began to rise, and soon she became an internet sensation, her picture and videos garnering thousands and thousands of likes and fans on

Instagram and Facebook. What made this little, now big, hippo such a big hit with people all over the world? And what's in store for her and her family in the future? \*Available in print, on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book and e-audiobook and on the Hoopla app as an e-audiobook and movie.

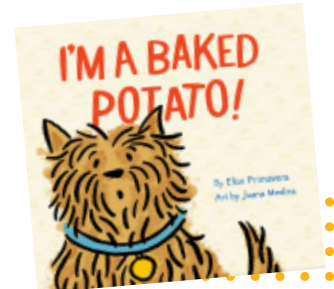
**FOR FANS OF** the *Who Was...?* series and Jory John.

## I'M A BAKED POTATO! BY ELISE PRIMAVERA AND JUANA MEDINA

Perfect for children discovering the sensory details of the world, *I'm a Baked Potato* is a great read-aloud book for caregivers and children.

When a baked potato-loving lady adopts a dog, she adores him unconditionally. Given the pup's small, round frame and warm, brown coat she can't help but call him "Baked Potato"! But what happens when a dog who thinks he's a baked potato gets lost? Will he find his lady? And more importantly, will he find himself? *I'm a Baked Potato!* is a fun, bighearted story about the names we're given, the names we choose, and how both can help us find our way home. Full of heart and laugh-out-loud moments, this story will leave readers giggling—and looking at pets in a whole new way. \*Available in print and on the cloudLibrary and Hoopla apps as an e-book

**FOR FANS OF** *Llama Destroys the World*, *Rabbit and Robot* and *Tiny T.Rex*.



## HIPPOS CAN'T SWIM AND OTHER FUN FACTS BY LAURA LYN DISIENA AND HANNAH ELIOT

For the child who loves fun facts, *Hippos Can't Swim* will leave them in awe and wonder of the animal kingdom.

Did you know that hippos can't swim? This hilarious book is full of fun facts about all sorts of animals, from sleepy ants to jellyfish that glow! Did you know that a zebra's stripes are as unique as a human's fingerprints? How about that ants take about 250 naps per day? Or that some jellyfish can glow--and that's called bioluminescence? Colorful, humorous

illustrations accompany tons of cool facts about animals of all shapes, sizes, speeds, and species in this lively book that makes nonfiction fun! \*Available in print and on the cloudLibrary app as an e-book

**FOR FANS OF** *Wild Kratts* and the *If You Were a Kid* series.

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## VIRTUAL STORY TIME

**THURSDAYS AT 10:30am | Facebook Live**

Join your favorite children's librarians on Facebook Live for crafts, songs and of course, stories! Don't forget to get your Grab & Go Kit the week of story time to make a craft at home. Grab & Go Kits are available while supplies last.

## KID'S CRAFT: BIRD CAGE SCULPTURE

**JUNE 1 | 10:30am | Facebook Live**

Time to get crafty! Pick up a Grab & Go Kit from your local branch (while supplies last) and make your own bird cage. Our children's librarians will go live on Facebook at 10:30 to show you how to make it.

## STORIES WITH THE ZOO

**JUNE 15 | 10:30am | Facebook Live**

Listen to a story and explore the prickly, fuzzy and slippery world of animal classification with special guest appearances of animals at the Louisiana Purchase Gardens and Zoo.

## ScienceTellers PRESENT: UNICORNS BREAK THE CAGE

**JUNE 29 | 10:30am | Facebook Live**

Join us on a wild adventure about two kids who visit the city zoo and discover all sorts of incredible animals, including a horse who knows in its heart that it's truly a unicorn! The animals join forces to stand up to the tyrannical Zoo Owner - but do they have what it takes to leave their cages forever? The fun animated story segues into fascinating science concept segments about life sciences and animals, so you won't only be entertained - you'll learn something, too!



## KID'S CRAFT: NO BAKE DOGGIE TREATS

**JULY 13 | 10:30am | Facebook Live**

Join Ms. Dana Banana and her doggie friends in the virtual kitchen as they make special no bake dog treats.

## ANIMAL TRACKS, TAILS AND SOUNDS TRIVIA

**JULY 27 | 10:30am | Facebook Live**

Play trivia with your favorite children's librarians! We will learn about different animal tracks, tails and sounds.

# ANIMAL WORD SEARCH

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# AVOID THE SUMMER SLIDE

MAKE READING FUN!

## WHAT IS THE SUMMER SLIDE?

The summer slide is a term for the period of summer learning loss that many children experience. Children who don't read during the summer can lose two months of the previous year's academic gains. Their classmates who do read for fun during the summer are prepared for the next school year and ready to learn. By the sixth grade, children who do not regularly read during the previous summers can be 2 academic years behind their peers.

## HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD AVOID THE SUMMER SLIDE?

It's simple – read for fun! Make reading aloud with your child a daily habit and encourage your child to read for fun on their own.

## TIPS FOR MAKING READING A FUN TIME!

F

**FIND THEIR OWN BOOKS.** Let your child browse the Library shelves for books they are interested in. You will be surprised at what they select! Even if the book is above or below their reading level, let them check it out. Reading above their reading level will push them forward and reading below their reading level will build their literacy confidence.

U

**UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY ARE READING.** Ask your child questions about what they are reading. This will help them build comprehension, and it will create stimulating conversation between parent and child. Instead of testing your child on their books, ask open-ended questions like, "What is this story about? Tell me about your favorite character. What's the most exciting thing that has happened in this book?"

N

**NEVER USE READING AS DISCIPLINE.** If there's one way to suck the fun out of reading, it's to use it as punishment. Your child should never associate reading with negative emotions like anger or shame.

T

**TAKE THEM TO THE LIBRARY.** Sign your child up for their very own Library card!

I

**INCENTIVIZE READING** by registering your child for the summer reading challenge. The Library gives out fun prizes for reading. Plus, if they complete the summer reading challenge, they'll be entered to win the grand prize: a bicycle from the Kiwanis of Greater Ouachita.

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**MODEL READING.** Register yourself for the summer reading challenge! Make the summer reading challenge a family affair.

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**ENJOY IT!** Find unique ways to make reading fun for your individual child. Great ideas are on page 16!

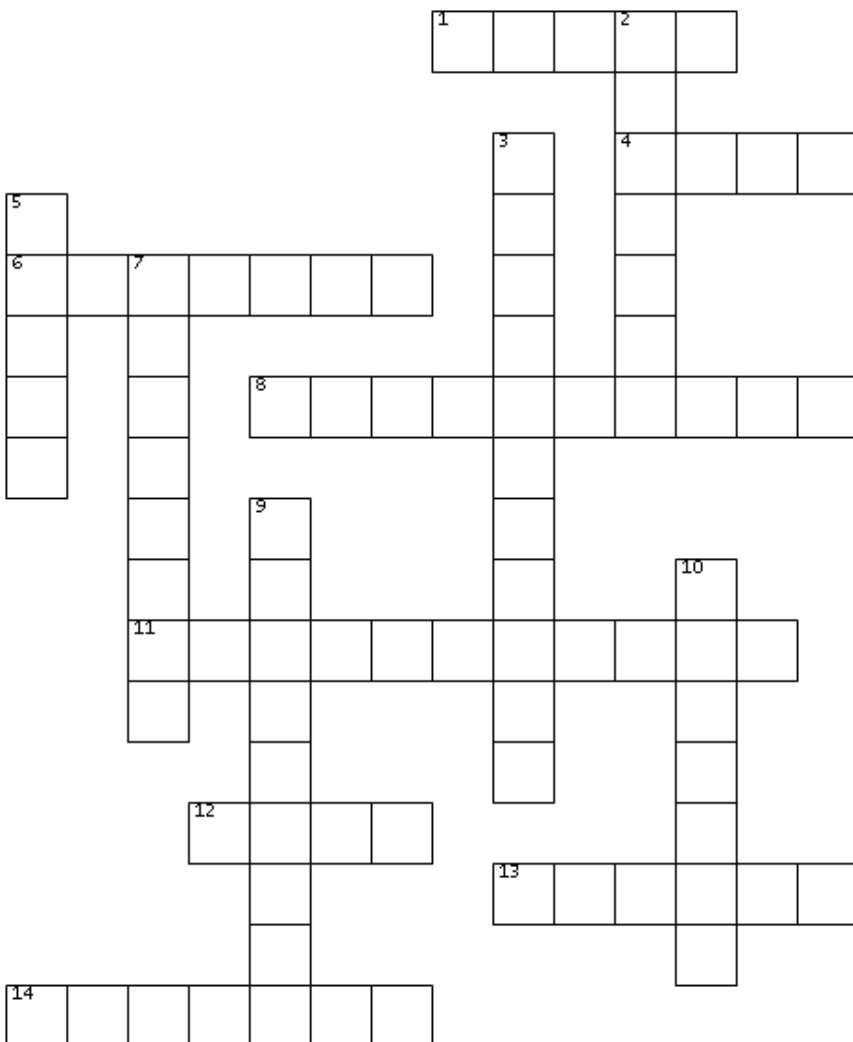


# UNIQUE WAYS TO MAKE READING FUN!

- Build a special reading space with your child. Use cardboard boxes to build an imaginative nook, sheets to build a fort, or lumber to build a treehouse.
- Create family reading time in your daily schedule. Whether that's during bedtime, after lunch or first thing in the morning, find a time where your child can look forward to reading as a family every day.
- Make a designated space for your child to proudly display their books. Whether that's a formal bookshelf, a cubby hole or a plastic crate, create a mini library in your child's room that will make their books easy to see and access.
- Does your child hate nap time? If so, give them the choice to sleep or read during rest time. Reading is fantastic for mental health, and this will keep your child quiet and still for a period.

"On Summer Loss." Reading Rockets, National Summer Learning Association, 19 Dec. 2013, [www.readingrockets.org/article/summer-loss](http://www.readingrockets.org/article/summer-loss).

## ANIMAL CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 1 Slithering reptile
- 4 Groovy, shoe-loving cat
- 6 Charlotte's famous message
- 8 Bear named after a London train station
- 11 Very hungry, soon-to-be butterfly
- 12 The Hundred Acre Wood's bear
- 13 Harry's owl
- 14 A place to borrow books

### DOWN

- 2 The Jungle Book's author
- 3 It is a sin to kill this animal
- 5 Lion king of a snowy setting
- 7 Ahab's enemy
- 9 Louisiana's state dog
- 10 ULM's mascot

# ARE WE THERE YET?!

## Make your next road trip FUN with an audiobook!

### You can borrow audiobooks three different ways with your Library card:

1. Borrow a book-on-CD.
2. Download an audiobook on cloudLibrary. You can borrow up to 5 items at a time on the cloudLibrary app, which is compatible with most smartphones and tablets.
3. Download an audiobook on Hoopla. You can borrow up to 7 items per calendar month on the Hoopla app, which is compatible with most smartphones and tablets.

### LEGEND:



**Family-Friendly:** These books are fun for the whole family, whether you're in elementary school or retired.



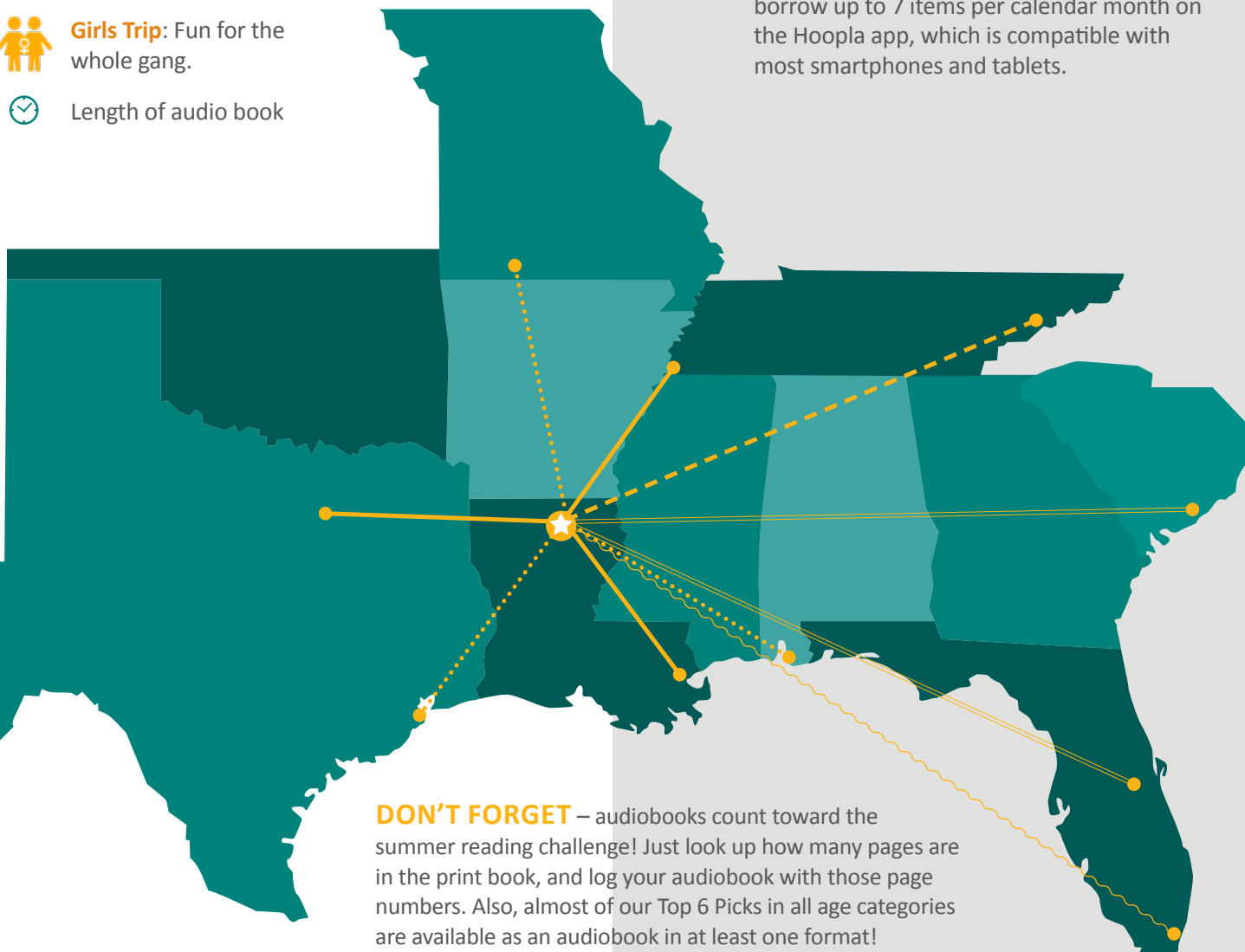
**Partner-Approved:** You and your partner will FINALLY agree on these books!



**Girls Trip:** Fun for the whole gang.



Length of audio book



**DON'T FORGET** – audiobooks count toward the summer reading challenge! Just look up how many pages are in the print book, and log your audiobook with those page numbers. Also, almost of our Top 6 Picks in all age categories are available as an audiobook in at least one format!

## BRANSON, GULF SHORES OR GALVESTON



**Hello Universe** by Erin Entrada Kelly  
⌚ 5:17 | available on cloudLibrary and Hoopla

**Mascot** by Antony John  
⌚ 6:16 | available on cloudLibrary and Hoopla



**Me Talk Pretty One Day** by David Sedaris  
⌚ 5:52 | available on cloudLibrary and Hoopla

**Fight Club** by Chuck Palahniuk  
⌚ 5:35 | available on cloudLibrary, Hoopla and book-on-CD



**A New Model** by Ashley Graham  
⌚ 5:43 | available on cloudLibrary and Hoopla

**One Stupid Thing** by Stewart Lewis  
⌚ 5:50 | available on cloudLibrary and Hoopla

## GATLINBURG



**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** by J.K. Rowling  
⌚ 8:33 | available on cloudLibrary, Hoopla and book-on-CD

**The Black Stallion** by Walter Farley  
⌚ 5:09 | available on cloudLibrary, Hoopla and book-on-CD

**The Black Stallion Returns** by Walter Farley  
⌚ 5:31 | available on cloudLibrary and Hoopla



**The Hunting Party** by Lucy Foley  
⌚ 10:08 | available on cloudLibrary and Hoopla

**Beasts of Extraordinary Circumstance** by Ruth Emmie Lang  
⌚ 10:12 | available on cloudLibrary and Hoopla



**The Lost Apothecary** by Sarah Penner  
⌚ 10:18 | available on cloudLibrary, Hoopla and book-on-CD

**It's Been a Pleasure, Noni Blake** by Claire Christian  
⌚ 10:26 | available on cloudLibrary and Hoopla

## DALLAS, MEMPHIS OR NEW ORLEANS



**The One and Only Ivan** by Katherine Applegate  
⌚ 3:46 | available on cloudLibrary, Hoopla and book-on-CD

**The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** by C.S. Lewis  
⌚ 4:22 | available on cloudLibrary, Hoopla and book-on-CD



**The Great Gatsby** by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
⌚ 4:50 to 5:31, depending on the narration  
available on cloudLibrary, Hoopla and book-on-CD

**A Study in Scarlet** by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
⌚ 4:08 to 5:17, depending on narration | available  
on cloudLibrary, Hoopla and book-on-CD



**The Restaurant** by Pamela Kelley  
⌚ 5:21 | available on cloudLibrary and Hoopla

**An Elderly Lady is Up to No Good** by Helene Tursten  
⌚ 3:12 | available on cloudLibrary and Hoopla

## ORLANDO OR CHARLESTON



**Redwall** by Brian Jacques  
⌚ 10:41 | available on cloudLibrary

**Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky** by Kwame Mbalia  
⌚ 10:57 | available on cloudLibrary



**H is for Hawk** by Helen Macdonald  
⌚ 11:06 | available on cloudLibrary, Hoopla and  
book-on-CD

**Domesticating Dragons** by Dan Koboldt  
⌚ 10:59 | available on cloudLibrary and Hoopla



**Libertie** by Kaitlyn Greenidge  
⌚ 12:12 | available on cloudLibrary and Hoopla

**The Gown** by Jennifer Robson  
⌚ 11:38 | available on cloudLibrary and Hoopla

## MIAMI



**Dactyl Hill Squad** series by Daniel Jose Older  
⌚ 6:43 | available on cloudLibrary and Hoopla

**Freedom Fire** by Daniel Jose Older  
⌚ 8:03 | available on cloudLibrary and Hoopla

**Anne of Green Gables** by L.M. Montgomery  
⌚ 10:13 to 11:04 depending on narration  
available on cloudLibrary, Hoopla and book-on-CD



**The Son** by Philipp Meyer  
⌚ 17:48 | available on cloudLibrary and Hoopla

**The Woman in the Window** by A.J. Finn  
⌚ 13:43 | available on cloudLibrary and Hoopla

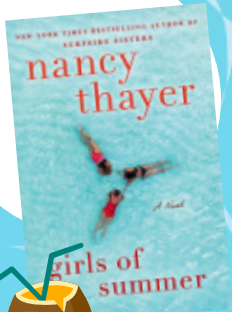


**The Essex Serpent** by Sarah Perry  
⌚ 14:37 | available on cloudLibrary and Hoopla

**Emma** by Jane Austen  
⌚ 14:38 to 18:26 depending on narration | available on  
cloudLibrary and Hoopla

# BEACH READS

GOOD. LIGHTEARTED. FUN.



## **GIRLS OF SUMMER** BY NANCY THAYER

Having fully recovered from a brutal divorce nearly two decades earlier, Lisa Hawley has successfully raised her kids, Juliet and Theo, and she's built a fulfilling life for herself on the island where she grew up. With her house in need of repair, Lisa calls on Mack Whitney, a friendly – and very handsome – local contractor and fellow single parent. Juliet and Theo worry that Mack will only break their mother's heart. Both stuck in ruts of their own, they each hope that a summer on Nantucket will provide them with clarity. As the season unfolds, a storm threatens to shatter the peace of the golden island, forcing Lisa, Juliet, and Theo to decide whether their summer romances are destined for something more profound.

\*Available in print, book-on-CD and on cloudLibrary as an e-book

## **WE WERE LIARS** BY E. LOCKHART

A beautiful and distinguished family. A private island. A brilliant, damaged girl. A passionate, political boy. A group of four friends — the Liars — whose friendship turns destructive. A revolution. An accident. A secret. Lies upon lies. True love. The truth. *We Were Liars* is a modern, sophisticated suspense novel from *New York Times* bestselling author, National Book Award finalist, and Printz Award honoree E. Lockhart. Read it. And if anyone asks you how it ends, just LIE. \*Available in print and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook



## **DIAL A FOR AUNTIES** BY JESSE Q. SUTANO

When Meddelin Chan ends up accidentally killing her blind date, her meddling mother calls for her even more meddling aunties to help get rid of the body. Unfortunately, a dead body proves to be a lot more challenging to dispose of than one might anticipate, especially when it is accidentally shipped in a cake cooler to the over-the-top billionaire wedding her Ma and aunties are working. It's the biggest job yet for their family wedding business and nothing, not even an unsavory corpse, will get in the way of her auntie's perfect buttercream cake flowers. \*Available on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook

## **MALIBU RISING** BY TAYLOR JENKINS REID

Four famous siblings throw an epic party to celebrate the end of the summer. But over the course of 24 hours, their lives will change forever. Everyone wants to be around the famous Rivas: Nina, the talented surfer and supermodel; brothers Jay and Hud, one a championship surfer, the other a renowned photographer; and their adored baby sister, Kit. By midnight the party will be completely out of control. By morning, the Riva mansion will have gone up in flames. But before that first spark in the early hours before dawn, the alcohol will flow, the music will play, and the loves and secrets that shaped this family's generations will all come bubbling to the surface. \*Available in print, book-on-CD and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook



## **ISLAND AFFAIR** BY PRISCILLA OLIVERAS

Sara Vance's successful siblings (and their perfect spouses) have a way of making her feel like the odd one out. So, when her unreliable boyfriend is a no-show for a Florida family vacation, Sara recruits Luis Navarro, a firefighter paramedic and dive captain willing to play the part of her smitten fiancé. Soon, he and Sara have memorized their "how we met" story and are immersed in family dinners, bike tours, private snorkeling trips, sharing secrets, and slow, melting kisses. But when it's time for Sara to return home, will their fake relationship fade like the stunning sunset, or blossom into something beautiful?

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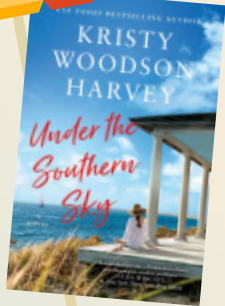
## SHIPPED BY ANGIE HOCKMAN

Between taking night classes for her MBA and her demanding day job at a cruise line, marketing manager Henley Evans barely has time for herself, let alone family, friends, or dating. But when she's shortlisted for the promotion of her dreams, all her sacrifices finally seem worth it. The only problem? Graeme Crawford-Collins, the remote social media manager and the bane of her existence, is also up for the position. Their boss tasks each of them with drafting a proposal on how to boost bookings in the Galápagos. The best proposal wins the promotion. There's just one catch: they have to go on a company cruise to the Galápagos Islands... together. \*Available in print and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook



## UNDER THE SOUTHERN SKY BY KRISTY WOODSON HARVEY

Recently separated Amelia Buxton, a dedicated journalist, never expected that uncovering the biggest story of her career would become deeply personal. But when she discovers that a cluster of embryos belonging to her childhood friend Parker and his late wife Greer have been deemed "abandoned," she's put in the unenviable position of telling Parker. Parker has been unable to move forward since the loss of his beloved wife three years ago. He has all but forgotten about the frozen embryos, but once Amelia reveals her discovery, he knows that if he ever wants to get a part of Greer back, he'll need to accept his fate as a single father and find a surrogate. Each dealing with their own private griefs, Parker and Amelia slowly begin to find solace in one another as they navigate an uncertain future. \*Available in print and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook



## HELLO, SUMMER BY MARY KAY ANDREWS

Conley Hawkins left her family's small town newspaper, *The Silver Bay Beacon*, years ago. Now a star reporter for a big-city paper, Conley is about to take a fancy new position. When the new job goes up in smoke, Conley finds herself right back where she started, working for her sister, who is trying to keep *The Silver Bay Beacon* afloat. Soon she is given the unenviable task of overseeing the local gossip column, "Hello, Summer." Then Conley witnesses an accident that ends in the death of a local congressman. The more she digs into the story, the more dangerous it gets. As an old heartbreaker causes trouble and a new flame ignites, it soon looks like their sleepy beach town is the most scandalous hotspot of the summer. \*Available in print, large print, book-on-CD and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook



## FLOAT PLAN BY TRISH DOLLER

Since the loss of her fiancé, Anna has been shipwrecked by grief until a reminder goes off about a trip they were supposed to take together. Impulsively, Anna goes to sea in their sailboat, intending to complete the voyage alone. But after a treacherous night's sail, she realizes she can't do it by herself and hires Keane, a professional sailor, to help. Much like Anna, Keane is struggling with a very different future than the one he had planned. As romance rises with the tide, they discover that it's never too late to chart a new course. \*Available in print and on cloudLibrary as an e-book and e-audiobook



## THE WORST BEST MAN BY MIA SOSA

CA wedding planner left at the altar. Yeah, the irony isn't lost on Carolina Santos, either. But despite that embarrassing blip from her past, Lina's managed to make other people's dreams come true as a top-tier wedding coordinator in DC. After impressing an influential guest, she's offered an opportunity that could change her life. There's just one hitch: she has to collaborate with the best (make that worst) man from her own failed nuptials. If they can survive the next few weeks and nail their presentation without killing each other, they'll both come out ahead. But even the best laid plans can go awry, and soon Lina and Max discover animosity may not be the only emotion creating sparks between them. \*Available in print, large print, book-on-CD and on both cloudLibrary and Hoopla as an e-book and e-audiobook





## from the ARCHIVES

# LIONS, TIGERS AND BEARS - OH MY!

Dorothy from the *The Wizard of Oz* would have found lions, tigers and bears, plus a few other live animal mascots in and around Ouachita Parish if she had traveled here instead of Oz. At one time, Ouachita Parish High School had a live lion, Neville High School had a live tiger and Delhi High School had a live bear. Other mascots have included bulldogs, a monkey, a racoon and of course, a cat, the Library's own Gardenia.

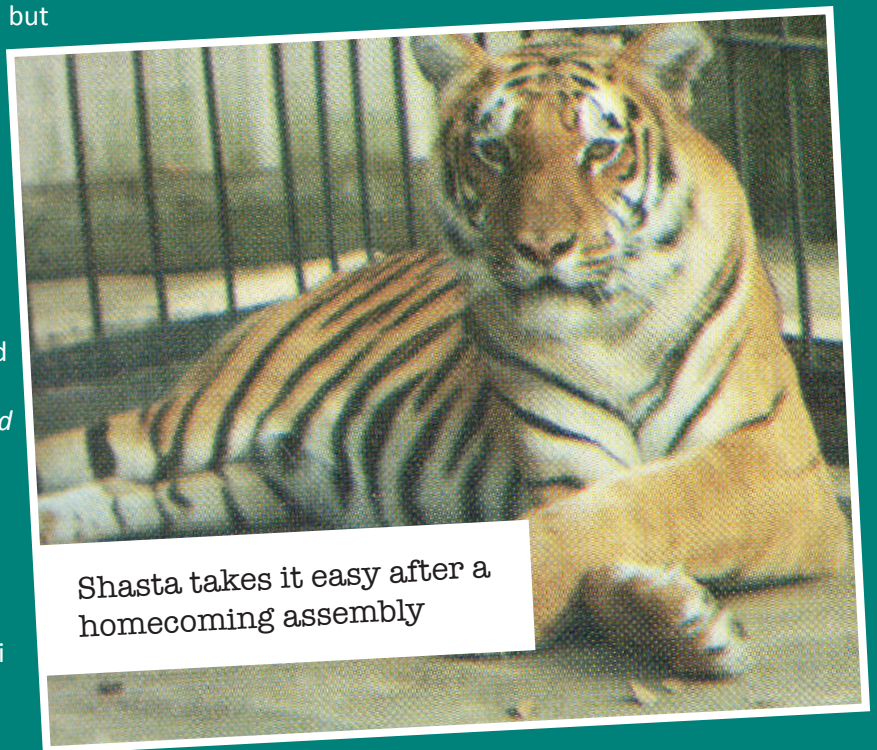
The earliest record of an animal mascot in our area is that of Louisiana Tech. The legend of their English Bulldog mascot dates to 1899 when a stray bulldog followed a group of five students home from class. Legend is that a fire broke out during the night and the bulldog saved the students by alerting them, but that first bulldog did not survive (orgs.latech.edu). There have been a succession of bulldogs at Louisiana Tech since then and Louisiana Tech introduced Tech XXII in 2018 (latech.edu).

In 1926 the Central Fire Station selected a racoon as mascot. The men of the station had tried several cats and even a rattlesnake before adopting "Coon" (*Monroe News Star* August 19, 1926). In 1942, the Monroe Fire Department had a monkey named Pedro for a mascot. Pedro was a gift from James A. Noe (*Monroe Morning World* December 20, 1942).

In 1956, Delhi High School received one of three bears that were raised from cubs and then given to new homes. One bear went to a zoo in Baton Rouge, one to Monroe's Bernstein Park (then home to the zoo) and the third went to the Delhi football team for a mascot. Both the Bernstein bear and the Delhi bear were housed at the zoo

with the Delhi bear being available for travel to football games (Jan. 5, 1956 *Monroe News Star*).

In 1963, students at Neville High School raised money to purchase a six-month-old tiger cub. The tiger lived at the Louisiana Purchase Gardens and Zoo and was named Shasta. Shasta attended pep rallies at the school and traveled to football games in a special truck and cage. Shasta rode in a parade in 1966 when Neville played the Ruston Bearcats. Shasta died February 16, 1972 after battling influenza. Afterward, Shasta II was purchased. Information and a picture from the 1980 Neville Yearbook, the *Monroyan*, shows Shasta III, who was also known as Big Red.



Shasta takes it easy after a homecoming assembly





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