

Friends OF THE MODESTO Library Newsletter

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FOML BOOK SALE

Save the date : Old favorite is back May 3

The fifth annual FOML Used Book Sale is returning to the east portico of the Modesto Library, 1500 I St., on Saturday, May 3. But something new and very exciting is happening this year.

As usual, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on that day, there will be thousands of great reads, including kids' and teens' books, cookbooks, and many topics including self-help, mysteries, spiritual and sports. Prices are \$1 hardbound, 50 cents paperback.

Volunteers are welcome the day of the sale, to set up tables, starting at 6:30 a.m., neaten tables, help buyers and staff the registers. Trucks are needed to move the books from the warehouse to the library from 6:30 to 8 a.m.

And, of course, we need buyers. Lots and lots of buyers. Please help spread the word.

For more information, call Clare Noonan at 522-5054.



With a lot of help from our Beard Family friends

What's different this year is that the Beard Family Companies are matching the proceeds of the sale up to \$4,000. For instance, a \$3,200 profit will become \$6,400. Many thanks are due to the family members who made this matching grant happen. Thanks also go out to Beard employee Theresa Cooper, who has been so helpful to the crew that sorts books for several months before the sale.

This is the third year that Beard has allowed the books for the sale to be stored and sorted on its site. Without such help, the sale could not have been as successful.

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Meetings are held the first Wednesday of March, June, September and December at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Conference Room and are open to all members or interested individuals.

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FROM THE CO-PRESIDENT

From goblins to good reads – fall had it all

Fall was busy for the Modesto Library and its Friends. I was lucky enough to hand out treats and trinkets after the Halloween story time co-sponsored by FOML and the Stanislaus Library Foundation. The costumed kids were adorable practicing their “Trick or Treats” and “thank yous” as they paraded by.

The Scholastic Book Fair was a wonderful success in November, thanks to all the volunteers who worked the sale. In addition to profits and rewards of more than \$1,000 for FOML, we

bought more than \$1,300 worth of books for either library programs or for 10 local youth-serving-agencies through generous “Wish List” donations from book clubs, businesses and individuals.

New paint, equipment, books, and library literacy programs like Día De Los Niños/Libros in April are part of this year’s FOML budget of \$20,000 in support of the Modesto Library.

Membership renewals are coming in for 2014 and we hope you will send yours in if you haven’t already. The

annual dues are a mainstay of our budget, as are the receipts from the grocery affinity card programs with Raley’s, O’Brien’s, and Save Mart.

We hope you have checked to be sure you marked Friends as the recipient with the new Raley’s Something Extra program, because the program has changed.

Perhaps I’ll see you at the annual membership meeting March 5 to say it in person, but if not, as always: Thank you for YOUR support!

– Anne Britton, co-president



New effort to support our libraries

Passing the county-wide renewal of the sales tax that funds the Stanislaus Libraries may get easier. A new organization is working to reduce the percentage of votes needed to pass from 62% to 55%. From the website at <http://everylibrarycalifornia.org/> :

“EveryLibrary California is specifically charged with the task to work to win the proposition stemming from SCA7. SCA7 is a bill currently under review that would go to the voters of California in November to decide about making a constitutional change allowing libraries to win tax measures through a 55% margin instead of the current super majority of 66%. This would mean that libraries could win the funding that they need to be sustainable much more easily. We are here to fight to win for sustainable California Libraries.”

EveryLibrary California (ELC) is organized as a localized extension of EveryLibrary, a national non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to political action at a local level to create, renew, and protect public funding for libraries of all types. It helps local groups build financial and tactical support to ensure that local library initiatives pass at the ballot box.

Both EveryLibrary and ELC are always in need of donations and volunteers and both organizations can be found online at <http://everylibrarycalifornia.org/>.

As FOML begins 2014, the year 2017 does not seem that far away. It will again be time to organize support and publicity for the sales tax initiative, which supports Stanislaus County libraries. It would be very helpful if a 55% vote margin rather than a 66% vote margin were the goal. EveryLibrary and ELC can be sources of help and support for our local library ballot initiative.

Many thanks to Dittos Print for printing our newsletter.

Catch up with FOML at general meeting March 5



Changnon

Make plans now to attend the general meeting of the Friends of the Modesto Library, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Please join us in the beautiful C. K. McClatchy Conference

Room at The Modesto Bee, 1325 H St., Modesto.

All are welcome to attend this enjoyable kick-off to the 2014 FOML year, featuring guest speaker Tom Changnon, county superintendent of schools with the Stanislaus County Office of Education.

SCOE serves more than 175,000 students in our county, with more than 100 various programs, and is continuously involved in meeting the needs of our growing educational community. Whether your interests are with AVID, after-school programs, college awareness, Foothill Horizons or YES Company, Changnon is the source of current information regarding our county school system and where it is heading.

Please join us for an informal and informative evening with a very engaging speaker.

FOML wishes to thank Eric Johnston, publisher and president of The Modesto Bee, for again allowing the use of his building for FOML's general meeting.

Refreshments will be served. Please contact Barbara Quinn jjbkquinn@sbcglobal.net if you can help with wine or finger food desserts for the evening. We hope to see you there!

Calling all members: It's time to renew

Can it really be that another year has gone by since I last paid my annual Friends membership dues? It sure can. I'll take my checkbook out tonight. If

time has slipped away from you, too, please take a moment to drop a check in the mail or leave it in the Modesto Library's administrative office. An application form is available on the back of this newsletter or on our Web site at modestolibraryfriends.org (then click the Join Us link). Your membership is greatly appreciated.



Something for everyone in The Little Shop

Please stop by The Little Shop the next time you're in the library and take a look at what we have to offer: books (new and used), DVDs, VHS tapes, childrens' items, local artists' wares, seasonal gifts and more.

We also have the 2014 Book-A-Day calendars for sale for \$10. Stop in, check us out, and pick up your calendar today! All proceeds help support the library and are much appreciated.

You can also pick up a SHARES card in The Little Shop and help the library every time you shop at Save Mart, FoodMaxx, or Lucky.

The Little Shop is staffed entirely by volunteers and is always in need of help in order to continue with our current open hours. If you would like to volunteer, please stop by and pick up an application.

Library fundraiser takes to the runway March 30

The Stanislaus Library Foundation is the umbrella organization that financially supports all 13 county library sites. The summer reading programs for children, 'tweens, teens, and adults is funded by money raised by



the Foundation. The group also helps finance the ebook program.

This year, the Foundation is holding a fashion show Sunday, March 30, at 2 p.m. at the Martin Petersen Event Center. The cost is \$35 and includes a fashion show featuring clothing for men, women and children from many Stanislaus County merchants. Desserts and beverages will be served. Groups of friends may enjoy the afternoon by purchasing a table for eight for \$300.

Come on out and support the Foundation and all of its efforts to fund programs for the Stanislaus County Libraries. For more tickets or more information, contact the Stanislaus Library Foundation at 204-9360 or Lee Ockey at 531-4500.

Book club members take note: Special event coming

Planning is underway for a special book club event to be held at the Modesto branch of the Stanislaus County Library.

We need to know who you are so we can keep in touch regarding the time and date for this entertaining evening you do not want to miss. Please email a contact email address for your book club to Christine Brereton at cmbjaneaugusten@gmail.com. Thank you.

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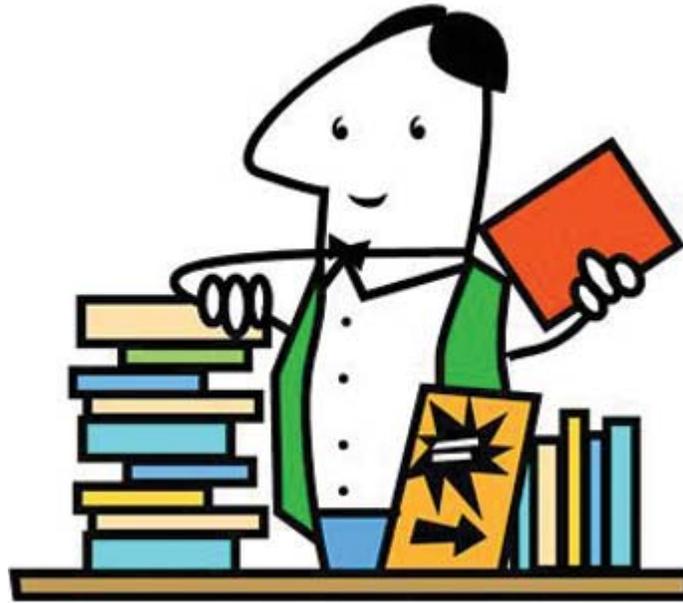
Volunteers serve the library in many different ways

The Modesto Library relies on a special group of people – our volunteers – who have many different jobs throughout the building. These volunteers are an important reason the library is the wonderful place we enjoy visiting. There are four main areas in which volunteers help the staff complete their never-ending list of jobs: circulation, children's, reference, and CSV/Acquisitions.

The volunteers in the circulation area help with filing DVDs, reshelving DVDs, cleaning books, and sticking Honor books.

The volunteers in the CSV/Acquisitions area work with receiving new materials and opening them, as well as mending books and helping the library staff with material deselection.

The volunteers in the children's area have the



pleasure of helping prep materials for children's projects. Volunteers also prep books and straighten shelves in the children's area. During the summer they help with the summer reading program and give out

prizes.

The volunteers in the reference area work on a variety of projects: newspaper indexing, scanning books, pulling books, and other needs as they arise.

Reference volunteers

also help people use our computers by showing them how to log on, set up an email account, and search web sites as well as helping with support questions. These volunteers usually work one to two times a week for three to four hours.

Finally, the reference area has volunteers who help promote computer literacy through classes on using a computer. Volunteers are always needed in this area.

We owe all these volunteers a big thanks for their efforts in keeping our library going.

If any of these jobs sound like something you'd like to do and you are looking for a way to provide a needed service to the community and the library staff, please consider being a Modesto Library volunteer. Call Lindsey Pimentel at 558-8949 for further information.

Here's a volunteer opportunity job you can deliver on



Volunteers are needed to deliver books and library materials to homebound residents.

For more than 40 years, volunteers have been the backbone of the Stanislaus County Library's Home Delivery Service, recognized in 2003 by the National Association of Counties with an Act of Caring award.

Today, the service provides library materials to more than 100 people in homes

and assisted living facilities. Currently, there is a waiting list of 12 individuals in need of the service.

Volunteers are matched with library customers to select and deliver library materials to homebound residents. Their visits are often the highlight of a person's day. Many Home Delivery Service volunteers say they find the experience rewarding as well.

Volunteers generally make

deliveries once a month. They are asked to give four hours a month with at least a six-month commitment. They are also required to use their own car, carry automobile insurance and submit to fingerprinting and a background search.

Giving just a little time can make a huge difference in someone's life. To learn more about becoming a Home Delivery Service volunteer, please call 558-7817.

Island life is a hit in Children's Reading Room



After much planning and hard work, the new Play and Learn Station is up and running and proving to be a huge success in the Children's Reading Room.

The project was possible thanks to a grant from the California State Library Association.

The Play and Learn Station is designed to promote tactile, hands-on play for children of many ages.

There are multiple interactive sets are

interchangeable, depending on the season, the age of the children, or even the interest of the community. Right now, the Farmer's Market is featured.

This interactive adventure includes fruits and vegetables for children to "buy." There is a scale for weighing just the right amount and a cash register to assist with the purchase.

The children even may slice fruit or vegetables at the Velcro areas, allowing them to practice different skills.

Other sets that have been purchased include a building component, a sand design center and magnetic pieces. In the building set, the children are able to use blocks to create cities, cars or whatever they would like. The sand set will be used in outside activity events. The magnetic pieces set will allow the children to create signs or other sayings.

Drop by the Children's Reading Room and see why the Play and Learn Island is such a hit!

Are books about teens meant for them alone?

A number of books in the last few years have been (supposedly) for teens. Yet adults have put them on the best seller lists. Of Amazon's current top 10 best selling books, three are nominally teen fiction: "Divergent" by Veronica Roth; "The Fault In Our Stars" by John Green; and "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak.

Some "teen" books passed around by adults are great adventure yarns like "The Hunger Games" trilogy, which is still near the top 100 best selling, though published four years ago. But how do you explain a book like "The Fault In Our Stars?" A story of a 16-year-old girl dying of cancer who is in love with a teen cancer survivor sounds like a disease-of-the-month theme popular among some teens. Green turns it into an edgy and very human encounter with compelling characters and a remarkable use of language.

Many of the books that have stayed with me long after

reading them are targeted at teens, but resonate to readers of any age and make me want to share them.

Two examples: "The Scorpio Races" by Maggie Stiefvater asks the reader to consider what you would risk for the person, place or thing that you love most – or hate most. And "Code Name Verity" by Elizabeth Wein was a book I did not want to read but within 15 pages found it was so much more than just an adventure of spy vs. Nazi in WWII. I also found Green's book changing what I thought life is all about. It's not about how we love, but how we live. And I wanted to talk to friends about it!

If you have read "The Fault in Our Stars" and love it – or hate it – please join the book discussion set for Wed., March 19 at 7 p.m. in the Modesto Library Conference Room. Contact is Mark at 572-3420 or mheinzi@att.net. Teens are welcome but I'm targeting adults. -- Anne Britton

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

The six featured readers are among 15 local authors writing a Community Novel as part of Stanislaus County Library's Stanislaus Reads and Writes. Each author of this as-yet unnamed mystery set in Stanislaus County will write one chapter.

The novel will be published online (http://stanislauslibrary.org/stan_read_write.shtml) in print and audio formats, one chapter per week, beginning in mid-April. Copies of the book will be available in the library as well as for purchase. The culmination of this collaboration takes place Nov. 16 at the Gallo Center for the Arts with an appearance by "A Series of Unfortunate Events" author Lemony Snicket, aka Daniel Handler.



"The Lover's Dictionary: A Novel" by David Levithan
Julia Washington, Modesto



"Low Pressure" by Sandra Brown
Doug C. Souza, Modesto



"Travels With Charley, In Search of America" by John Steinbeck
Alexandra Deabler, Modesto



"The Creation of Eve" by Lynn Cullen
Tally Scully, Riverbank



"The Witching Hour" by Anne Rice
Ellie Cummins, Riverbank



"Time After Time" by Tamara Ireland Stone
Loretta Ichord, Hickman

Good books for your reading list

With the beginning of 2014, lists of books we should all read this year have popped up on various websites and in newspapers. One of the lists that caught my eye is from Goodreads.com. It identifies the 10 books that everyone should read at least once. The books were selected because they encourage thought and discussion. Why not check the list over and see how many you have read? Or better yet, how about adding one of these books to your list to read in 2014. -- Judy Pierce

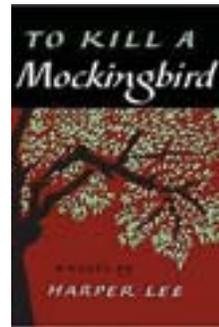
"To Kill A Mockingbird"
– Harper Lee

"1984"
– George Orwell

"Pride and Prejudice"
– Jane Austen

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"
– J.K. Rowling

"The Diary of A Young Girl"
– Anne Frank



"Animal Farm "
– George Orwell

"The Hobbit "
– J.R.R. Tolkien

"The Catcher in the Rye"
– J.D. Salinger

"The Little Prince"
– Antoine de Saint-Exupery

"The Great Gatsby"
– F. Scott Fitzgerald

eBooks at your fingertips

Are you aware of the eBook program at the library? In September 2012, the eBook program began for the countywide library system. The collection began with about 400 book titles. The collection continues to grow each week with the addition of new and current titles. When the program began, 333 books were checked out. Checkouts have steadily increased and in April 2013, 1,512 eBooks were checked out.

eBooks can be costly to purchase. Usually if a book has been released in paperback, the title can be purchased for as little as \$6. Other titles, especially the very popular titles and/or authors, can be as much as \$85. Frequently, publishers will inflate prices to libraries or even refuse to sell to libraries altogether. For example, the eBook version of the cookbook "Barefoot Contessa Foolproof" is priced at \$18 for consumers. The cost for the eBook to the library is \$85. The book "Team of Rivals,"

which was the basis for the movie about Lincoln, was not even available for purchase by libraries. This is a challenge that the public needs to be aware of. The Friends of the Modesto Library has thus far donated \$8,000 the past two budget years to use for purchasing eBooks.

eBooks come with restrictions. Some publishers limit the number of times a book can be checked out. Harper Collins limits it to 26 checkouts. Penguin allows libraries to check out its eBooks for one year only from the purchase date. eBooks can be checked out to only one person at a time, like hard copies of a book.

To check out eBooks, go to stanislauslibrary.org and click on the materials tab. Click on eBooks and you'll find five easy steps to follow that will allow you to browse, check out, read and transfer eBooks using the 3M Cloud Library, Mac Application, or Android Application. Enjoy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Feb. 12 7 to 8 p.m.

Caregiver College: The Basics of Estate Planning. The Modesto Library once again has partnered with Community Hospice to host a series of programs for caregivers of aging loved ones. Attendees can gain practical information to become a better family caregiver. February's topic will touch upon the importance of estate planning in securing assets and other finances. To register, call Community Hospice at 578-6300.

Feb. 15 1 to 2:45 p.m.

Writing Workshop Series: Introduction to Creative Writing. As part of Stanislaus Reads & Writes, the Modesto Library will host a series of writing workshops from February through August. Associate Professor of English at California State University Andrew Dorsey will lead a Creative Writing Workshop. All writers and aspiring writers are welcome to join this free program. Please sign up at the Modesto Reference Desk at 558-7814.

Feb. 22 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Scrapbooking Fun. Join the Modesto Library and local scrapbookers at a free program to learn about new techniques and spend time working on your own personal scrapbook. All levels are welcome. Most materials are provided but you are encouraged to bring your own (especially your pictures). Free prizes are given out at every meeting. This group meets regularly and you are welcome to drop by any meeting you would like.



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March 5, 6 p.m.

Easy Crock-Pot Meals. Professional cook Bernadette Burns will demonstrate how to create an easy crock-pot meal. In addition, she will show participants how to use a pressure cooker to create quick and easy meals for you and your family to enjoy. Space is limited. Please sign up at the Modesto Reference Desk at 558-7814.

March 5 6:30 p.m.

General Membership Meeting Friends of the Modesto Library. Kickoff to 2014 featuring Tom Changnon, county superintendent of schools. C.K. McClatchy Conference Room, The Modesto Bee, 1325 H St., Modesto.

March 10 6 p.m.

Estate Planning: The Best Things in Life Aren't Things. In this educational seminar, local attorney Gina Leguria will show how a lack of estate planning has been failing American families. The aftermath of these no plan or "bare bones" estate plans has been the loss of assets, financial devastation and resentment within even the closest of families. Wealth is not just financial. What will happen when you are gone? This seminar will touch upon traditional estate planning goals, which include protecting material wealth from probate and taxes and transferring estates to beneficiaries.

March 29 Noon to 5 p.m.

Writing Workshop Series: Writing to History and Culture. Part of Stanislaus Reads & Writes, poet, author, and scriptwriter Indigo Moor will help writers use poetry and prose to write about culture and history and fictionalizing reality. Writers and aspiring writers are welcome to join this free program. Please sign up at the Modesto Reference Desk at 558-7814.

APRIL

April 9 6 p.m.

Naturalization Information Session. Join the Modesto Library and a representative from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at a free session on the naturalization process, the naturalization test and the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship.

April 16 5 to 8 p.m.

Law Program: Grandparents and Guardianship Rights. Join the Modesto Library and local attorneys E.F. Cash-Dudley, Stacy Speiller and Patricia Torres at a free presentation on information regarding the rights of grandparents and guardians. The attorneys will be happy to help answer any questions the participants may have. This free program is open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided. Call 558-7814 to reserve your seat.

April 26 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Día de los Niños/Libros. The Day of the Child/Day of the Book celebration highlights the importance of early literacy for children. A variety of events will be held throughout the library.

April's writing workshop has not been scheduled yet. It will have a poetry theme to coincide with National Poetry Month.

Don't forget our Used Book Sale May 3 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. east portico of the library.

More programs to be announced. Please check the Stanislaus County Library's website at www.stanislauslibrary.org and click on events to see information about upcoming events.

MJC debuts East Campus Library & Learning Center

The Modesto Junior College East Campus Library & Learning Center opened the doors of its remodeled facility Jan. 13, 2014, to the delight of students and staff who had been waiting 16 months for this day.

The library, originally built in the 1920s and remodeled in the 1960s, now boasts new lighting, electrical, heat and air, paint, carpets, furniture, eight group study rooms and a copy room in approximately 36,000 square feet.

Students can sit at one of the 170 computers available to them for educational use, or choose tables, carrels, or upholstered seating options while they study.

New, shorter book shelves help make the room appear larger and brighter than previously.

Research help is available from a librarian most hours that the facility is open.

As the building's name implies, the library is now joined by the learning center, which offers free tutoring to MJC students in many subjects.

The new joint facility makes it easier for students to be academically successful by offering a variety of services under one roof.

The West Campus offers a similar configuration in its Library & Learning Center, located in Yosemite Hall 235. Both campuses offer free wifi to those



who bring their own laptops or mobile devices.

Naming opportunities are available for those who wish to memorialize a loved one, salute a mentor or honor a family member while making a donation to the library.

One example is the eight study rooms. For more details, call 575-6068 or stop by the MJC Foundation office in room 209 of the Morris Memorial Building at 435 College Ave.

Community members are always welcome at the MJC Library & Learning Centers. Visitors may read materials in the library or conduct research in the subscription databases. Those who wish to check out materials can make a small donation to Friends of the MJC Library.

Hours of the East Campus Library & Learning Center are Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 8:15 pm, and Saturday, 8 am to 4:45 pm, when classes are in session.

During the renovation, the library relocated to the Morris Building where it occupied most of the bottom floor. Only six computers and 19 chairs were available to students in Morris, but research help continued to be offered in person, online, and via phone.

Additionally, a computer lab was set up in the Classroom Annex building utilizing library computers.

Author's note: *If you ever attended MJC and have fond memories of the library, I hope you'll stop by one day and see how it has changed. I think you'll be impressed.*

- Ellen Dambrosio

Caldecott awards recognize distinguished children's picture books

Wild things roar their terrible roars and gnash their terrible teeth. Seven ducklings make their way to safety in the Public Garden in Boston. A little boy has a special bell that he receives after riding a mysterious train. In a house in Paris, walked 12 little girls in two straight lines. What do these four events have in common? They all occur in Caldecott Award Books: "Where the Wild Things Are," "Make Way for Ducklings," "The Polar Express" and "Madeline's Rescue." These books were chosen for their wonderful and often unique illustrations.

It has been 75 years since the first Caldecott award winning book was chosen by the Association for the Library Services to Children, a division of the American Library Association. The award is given annually to the artist of the

most distinguished American picture book for children. The Caldecott was named in honor of nineteenth-century English illustrator, Randolph Caldecott.

Each year, books are submitted by Dec. 31. The books are reviewed by a committee and a winner is selected. The committee also cites other books that are worthy of attention and they are referred to as "Honor Books". Last year's selection, "This is Not My Hat," was written and illustrated by Jon Klassen.

Look for next year's winner to be announced in the spring. There is a special section in the Children's Library reserved for these Caldecott winners. You are sure to find a book that will become a favorite of yours.

- Sully Hannah

Books as movies - how do they fare?

As avid readers it is always questionable when one of our favorite books is made into a movie.

It seems that Hollywood has found lots of interesting material recently for the big screen.

Coming to life in theaters the next few months are at least 15 books you can find in our Modesto Library.

It might be interesting to choose one or two of these to read and then head to the theater and see how the movie presents the story.

Coming out soon:

"Labor Day" by Joyce Mayna

"The Monuments Men" by Robert Edsel

"Winter's Tale" by Mark Helprin

"Vampire Academy" by Richelle Mead

"A Long Way Down" by Nick Hornby

"Divergent" by Veronica Roth

"The Fault in Our Stars" by John Green

"The Giver" by Lois Lowry

"The Dark Places" by Gillian Flynn

"This Is Where I Leave You"

by Jonathan Tropper

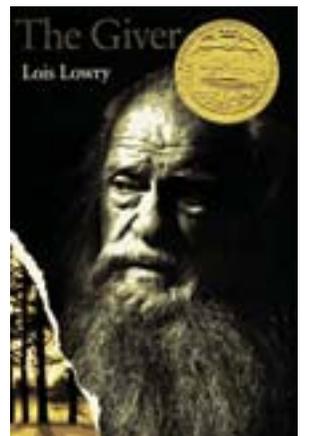
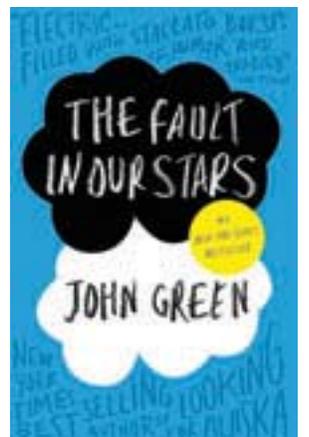
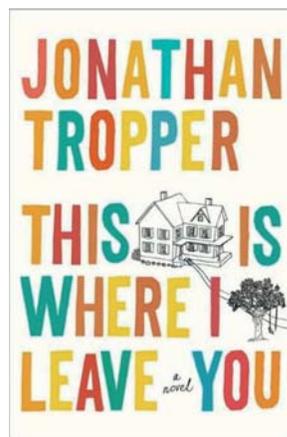
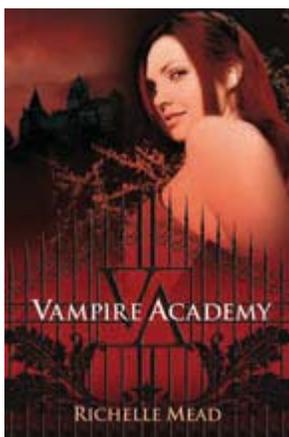
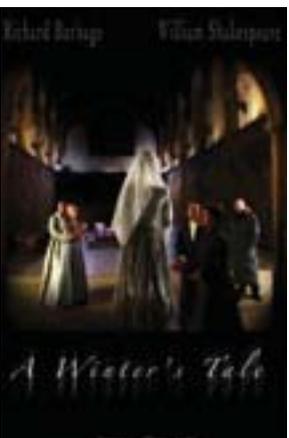
"The Maze Runner" by James Dashner

"Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn

"Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand

"Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail" by Cheryl Strayed

"Serena" by Ron Rash



QUICK STARTS

First sentences from books in the New Books section

"Beyond the Bear: How I Learned To Live And Love Again After Being Blinded By A Bear"
by **Dan Bigley and Debra McKinney**

"That half-dead man on the operating room table was me, Dan Bigley."

"Beg, A Radical New Way Regarding Animals" by **Rory Freedman**

"Like every other psychotic dog mom, I could write an entire book about my pack."

"Bingo's Run" by **James A. Levine**

"Krazi Hari was the only person I didn't mind calling me Meejit, because he was crazy."

"early decision, Based on a true frenzy" by **Lacy Crawford**

"Shall I tell you the people who referred me?" the mother was saying, speaking quickly, wishing to show her hand but clearly trying to sound not pretentious or, worse, deluded about her own importance."

"Americanah" by **Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**

"Princeton, in the summer, smelled of nothing, and although Ifemelu liked the tranquil greenness of the many trees, the clean streets and stately homes, the delicately overpriced shops, and the quiet, abiding air of earned grace, it was this, the lack of a smell that most appealed to her, perhaps because the other American cities she knew well had all smelled distinctly."

"tell my sons, A Father's Last Letters" by **Lt. Col. Mark M. Weber**

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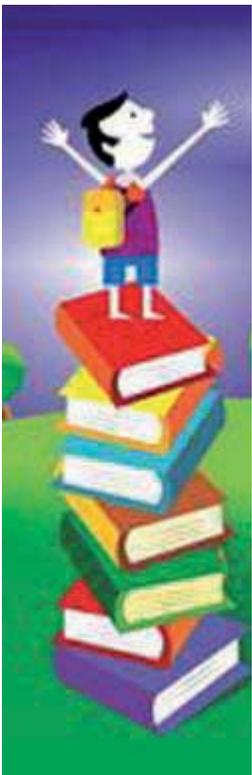
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