

SOUTH RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

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This February, we're celebrating stories that honor resilience, creativity, and community. Inside this newsletter, you'll find SRPL staff picks for books, films, and TV—each available through the STELLA consortium. Don't forget, your library card gives you free access to ebooks, audiobooks, and streaming services!



“ In recognizing humanity of our fellow beings,
we pay ourselves the highest tribute ”

-Thurgood Marshall

HEART HEALTHY LIVING

with Lauren Grogan

Learn how to maintain a healthy heart through nutrition, exercise, and stress management. This seminar covers heart disease risks and lifestyle changes for better cardiovascular health. Registration required. **02/04 @6PM**

CHEF NICK IS BACK!

Due to popular demand, Chef Nick is returning to South River Public Library! Get ready to whip us some delicious, cheesy creations. Spots are limited—register now before it fills up!
02/20 @ 6PM



UPCOMING EVENTS

02/10: Monday Movie Mantinee
@1PM: MOANA

02/27: Book Discussion for Adults
@6:30PM

02/25: PJ Storytime @6:30PM



MEET THE AUTHOR!

Arianas Rosa is a local South River teen who has written the book *Strength of Shadows*. She will visit the library on **02/08 @ 1PM** to read an excerpt of her book, do a Q&A and sign copies of her book. Light refreshments will be served.

MEETINGS: SCHEDULE

02/11: Friends of the Library @7PM

02/11: Teen Advisory Board @6PM

02/25: Trustees meeting @7pm

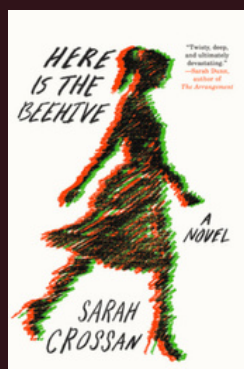
LIBRARY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Monday February 17

Closed (Presidents' Day)

STAFF PICKS

In spirit of Valentine's Day, SRPL's staff share some of their favorite novels they've enjoyed reading and think you might too!



A secret love, an unexpected loss, Ann's world unravels when the man she loved is gone. In this haunting novel-in-verse, grief & obsession blur the lines of reality.

TITLE: HERE IS THE BEEHIVE

AUTHOR: SARAH CROSSAN

DIGITAL ACCESS: LIBBY



Considered the very first cyberpunk novel, follow Case, a hacker navigating a world of AI, virtual reality, and corporate espionage.

TITLE: NEUROMANCER

AUTHOR: WILLIAM GIBSON

DIGITAL ACCESS: LIBBY

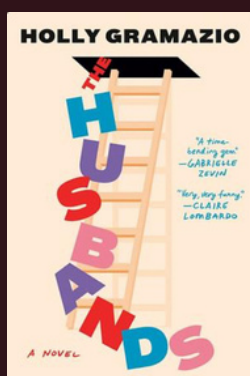


One choice changes everything for a family trying to navigate love, loss, and forgiveness. This book is a deeply moving story that will stay with you long after the final page.

TITLE: NIGHT ROAD

AUTHOR: KRISTIN HANNAH

DIGITAL ACCESS: LIBBY & HOOPLA

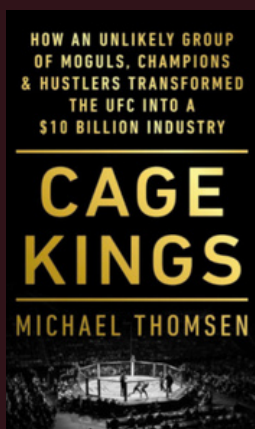


What would you do if strangers appeared claiming to be your husband? This surreal and compelling story explores the boundaries of love, identity, and the unexpected.

TITLE: HUSBANDS

AUTHOR: HOLLY GRAMAZIO

DIGITAL ACCESS: LIBBY

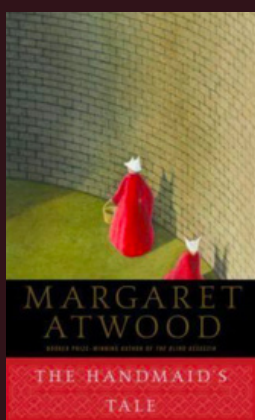


The gripping true story of how the UFC evolved from underground fights to a global sports empire. If you like sports history and behind-the-scenes drama, this is for you.

TITLE: CAGE KINGS

AUTHOR: MICHAEL THOMSEN

DIGITAL ACCESS: HOOPLA & coming soon to LIBBY



Margaret Atwood's iconic novel explores a chilling dystopia where women's rights are stripped away, resulting in a society both haunting and unforgettable.

TITLE: THE HANDMAID'S TALE

AUTHOR: MARGARET ATWOOD

DIGITAL ACCESS: HOOPLA & LIBBY

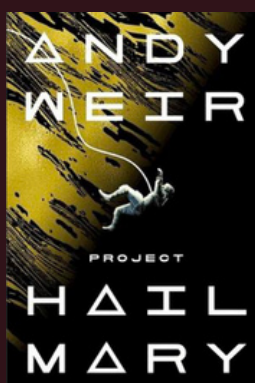


A sinister tale of mystery, betrayal, and forbidden power. Perfect for fans of romantic dark academia and vampire lore!

TITLE: IMMORTAL DARK

AUTHOR: TIGEST GIRMA

DIGITAL ACCESS: Coming soon to LIBBY

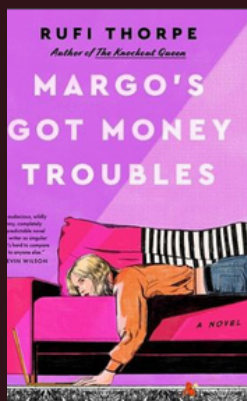


A schoolteacher wakes up alone in space with no memory and humanity's fate in his hands. This thrilling novel will keep you turning the pages.

TITLE: PROJECT HAIL MARY

AUTHOR: ANDY WEIR

DIGITAL ACCESS: LIBBY & HOOPLA



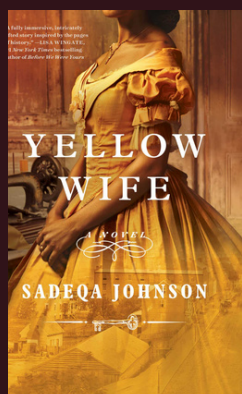
Facing single motherhood and financial strain, Margo turns to an unconventional side hustle, guided by her ex-wrestler father.

TITLE: MARGO'S GOT MONEY TROUBLES
AUTHOR: RUFİ THORPE
DIGITAL ACCESS: LIBBY & HOOPLA



A by-the-book caseworker is sent to evaluate an orphanage for magical children & discovers a found family that changes his life forever.

TITLE: THE HOUSE IN THE CERULEAN SEA
AUTHOR: TJ KLUNE
DIGITAL ACCESS: LIBBY & HOOPLA



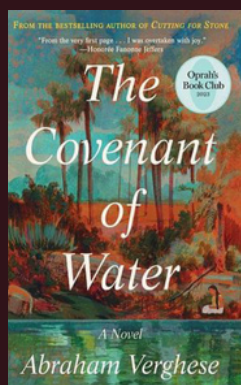
Born on a plantation but promised freedom, Pheby Brown's life takes a shocking turn when she's thrust into a notorious jail. A story of survival and resilience in 1850s Virginia.

TITLE: YELLOW WIFE
AUTHOR: SADEQA JOHNSON
DIGITAL ACCESS: LIBBY



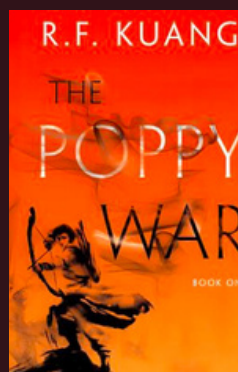
A mysterious curse & a family's buried secrets collide as Lulu Muñoz navigates her coming-of-age journey in a vibrant Tejano community.

TITLE: MALAS
AUTHOR: MARCELA FUENTES
DIGITAL ACCESS: LIBBY



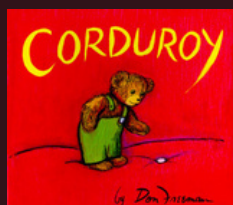
Spanning generations in South India, this saga weaves together family secrets, forbidden love, and the mysteries of water.

TITLE: THE COVENANT OF WATER
AUTHOR: ABRAHAM VERGHESE
DIGITAL ACCESS: LIBBY & HOOPLA

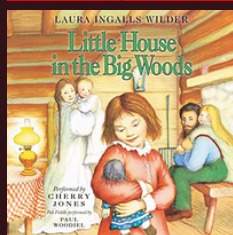


In the first book of this epic trilogy, a war orphan rises to the top of her military academy only to discover her deadly, godlike powers. A brutal tale of ambition, power, and the cost of war.

TITLE: THE POPPY WAR
AUTHOR: R.F. KUANG
DIGITAL ACCESS: LIBBY

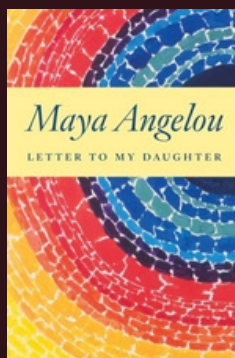


A small bear's big adventure in search of a home & a missing button.



A heartwarming glimpse into pioneer life through the eyes of Laura Ingalls.

TITLE: CURDUROY & LITTLE HOUSE IN THE BIG WOODS
AUTHOR: DON FREEMAN & LAURA INGALLS WILDER
DIGITAL ACCESS: LIBBY & HOOPLA



In this heartfelt collection of essays, Maya Angelou offers a wisdom, strength, and life lessons, sharing her experiences as a mentor, mother figure, and storyteller.

TITLE: LETTER TO MY DAUGHTER
AUTHOR: MAYA ANGELOU
DIGITAL ACCESS: LIBBY

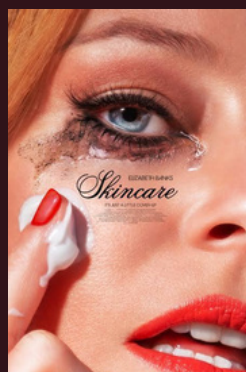
STAFF PICKS

SRPL's staff share some of their favorite TV & film.
Available on **hoopla** or **STELLA** consortium



Step into the dazzling world of 1920s Melbourne with the fearless & fashionable Phryne Fisher as she solves crimes with wit, charm and a pearl-handled pistol. Series.

TITLE: MISS FISHER'S MURDER MYSTERIES
DIGITAL ACCESS: HOOPLA



In this movie, beauty is power & danger lurks beneath the surface. When a top aesthetician's world is flipped by a rival, obsession & sabotage take a deadly turn.

TITLE: SKINCARE
DIGITAL ACCESS: LIBBY & HOOPLA



In the battle for power & survival, a fierce warrior must navigate war, loyalty, & destiny in this epic medieval movie.

TITLE: THE LAST KINGDOM SEVEN KINGS MUST DIE
DIGITAL ACCESS: STELLA



A young doctor discovers she's the heir to a powerful family of witches but with her newfound abilities comes a dark, sinister force. Series.

TITLE: THE MAYFAIR WITCHES
DIGITAL ACCESS: STELLA & HOOPLA



Trapped in a brutal reality, Alice escapes—only to discover the world is not what she imagined. An edge-of-your-seat movie of survival, truth, & empowerment. Starring Keke Palmer, Common, & Jonny Lee Miller.

TITLE: ALICE
DIGITAL ACCESS: HOOPLA



Carl loves collecting, but when his treasures start piling up, he learns an important lesson about sharing and letting go in this fun PBS Kids adventure. Series.

TITLE: CARL THE COLLECTOR
DIGITAL ACCESS: HOOPLA



Enter the glamour and intrigue of England's first department store, where ambition & secrets unfold in this captivating period drama. Series.

TITLE: THE PARADISE
DIGITAL ACCESS: STELLA & HOOPLA



Scandals, secrets, & high society drama. Follow Manhattan's elite as they navigate under the watchful eye of Gossip Girl.

TITLE: GOSSIP GIRL
DIGITAL ACCESS: STELLA

CRAFT'S CORNER



ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

This month we will be making macrame heart shaped keychains.

Date: 02/18
Time: 6 PM
Duration: 1 hour 30 min



KNIT & CROCHET

All levels, this group welcomes everyone who wants to create and connect.

Date: Every Thursday
Time: 2 PM
Duration: 1 Hour

DROP IN VALENTINE CRAFT

Drop in all day at our Valentine-making station and make a card for your special person.

Date: 02/13
Time: Anytime



PAINT & SIP: VALENTINES

Date: 02/10
Time: 6:30 PM
Duration: 1 hour

ACTIVITIES



MEDITATION

Discover the transformative power of of mediation and pranayama (yogic breathing exercises) as we delve into techniques aimed at cultivating inner peace and harmony. Led by Josh Melissari, certified meditation teacher. Registration required.

Ages 13+

Date: 02/06
Time: 6:30PM
Duration: 1 hour



DND & OTHER GAMES

Date: call SRPL for details
Duration: 1 hour



YOGA FOR ADULTS

Date: Every Monday
Time: 4PM
Duration: 1 hour



PILATES

Date: Every Friday
Time: 3PM
Duration: 1 hour



INTRO TO ACTING

Follow Your Art Series. Have you ever wondered what it's like to be an actor? Come join us for a brief intro to acting using the Meisner Technique. The class will consist of beginners working with each other to practice "repetition", the acting exercise that involves actively listening and repeating what you hear.

Date: 02/13
time: 6:30PM
Duration: 1 hour

Ages 12+

ACTIVITIES



STORY TIME

Stories, songs, crafts and open play.
Ages 0-3

Date: Every Friday
Time: 11 AM
Duration: 30 Minutes



MINI MOVERZ

Mini Moverz invites babies, toddlers, and their parents to a class filled with singing, dancing, and skill-building activities. Enjoy music, instruments, and fun as adults and little ones bond, socialize and play together.

Date: 02/03 and 02/24
Time: 11 AM
Duration: 30-45 Min



LIBRARY BUDDIES

Fun, friendship and creative playtime! Held downstairs in library playroom.

Date: Every Wed
Time: 11 AM
Duration: 1 Hour