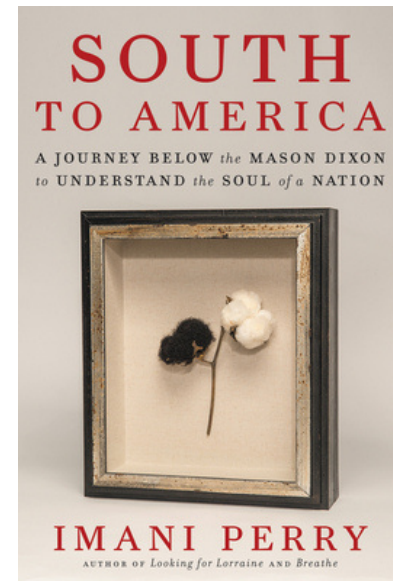
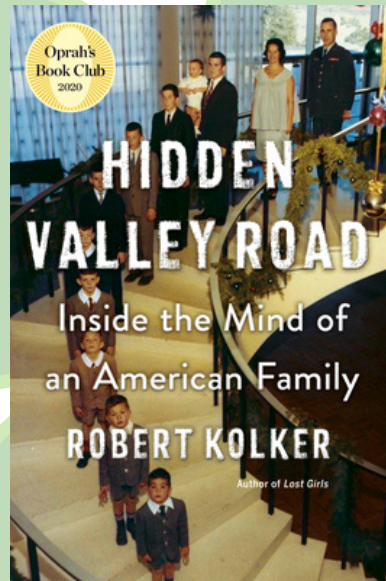


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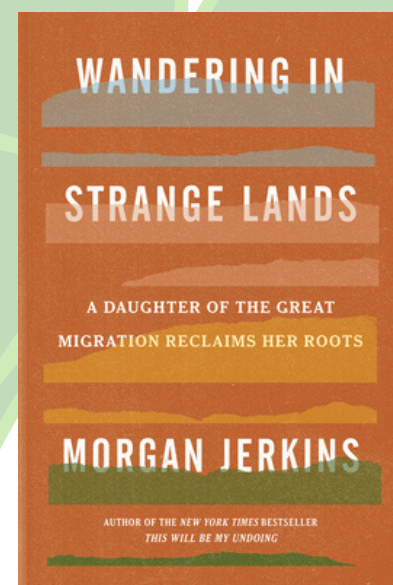
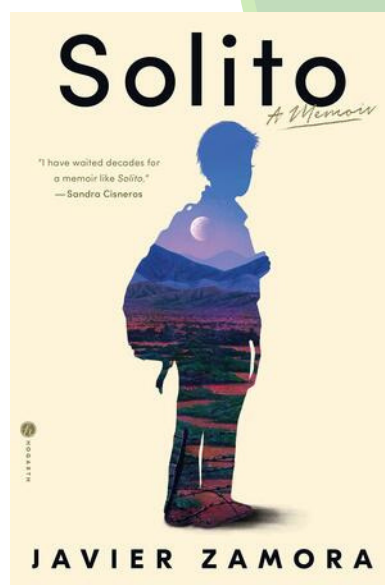
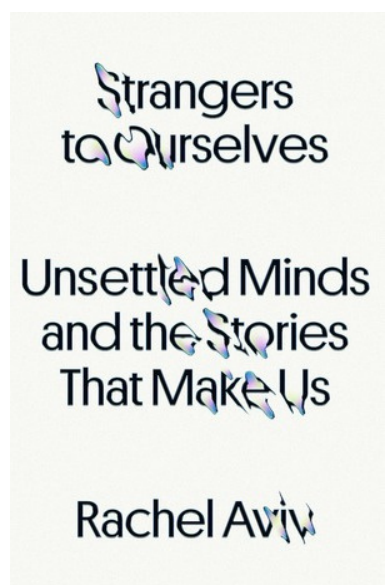
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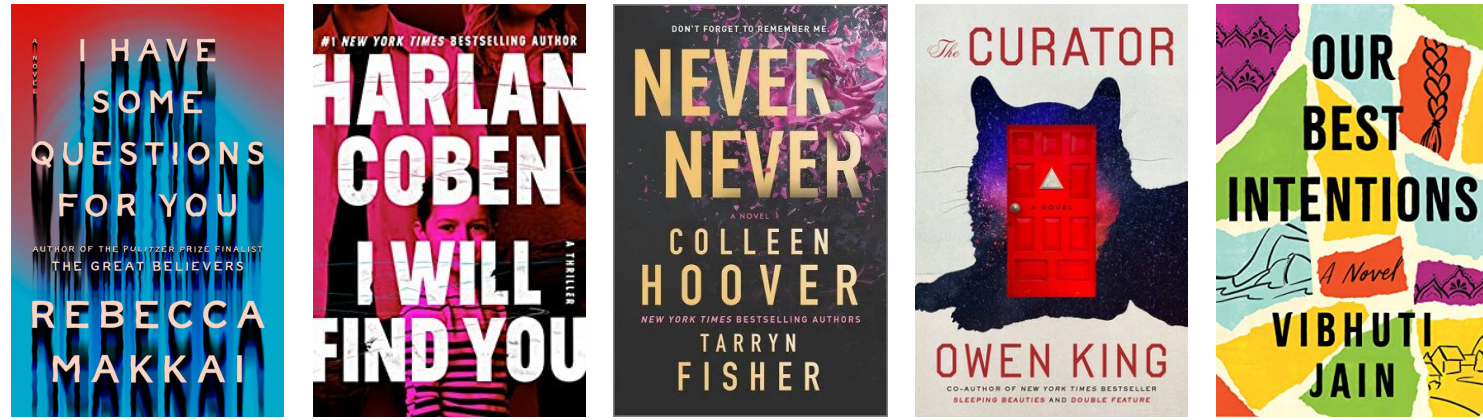


Happening at
Main Library!

New Titles

These items can be requested at the Main Library Reference Desk or at any branch library.

Adult Fiction



Adult Non-Fiction



Children's Books



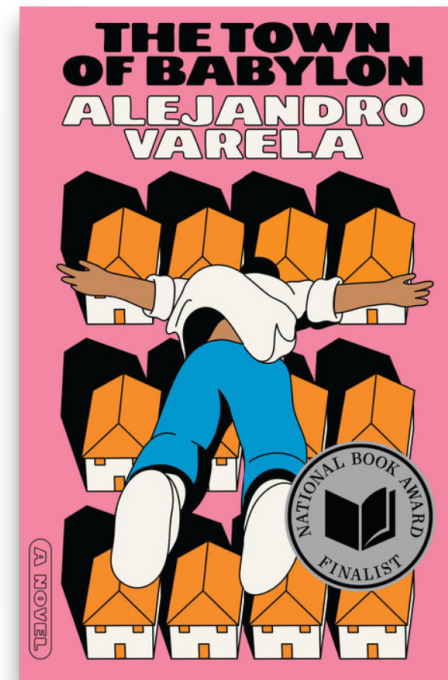
DVDs



Book Notes:

The Town of Babylon by Alejandro Varela

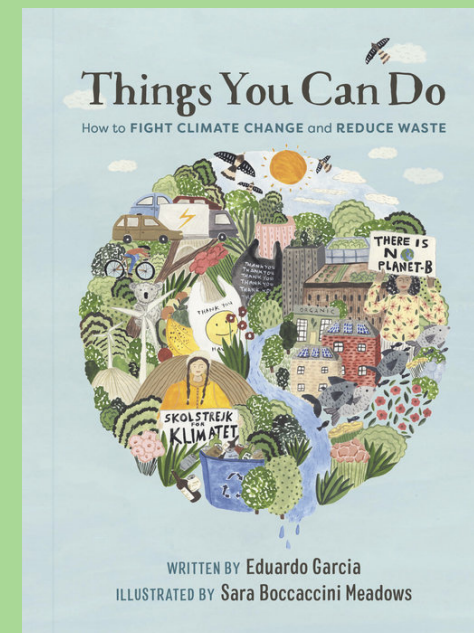
*reflective, lgbtqia+,
challenging, medium-paced*



The Town of Babylon, a novel by Alejandro Varela, centers Andrés, a gay Latinx/e professor who returns to his hometown after being estranged of it for many years in order to attend his twenty-year high school reunion. He ends up revisiting not only the area in which he grew up in, but also confronts the memories that resurface and the key people from his past that continue to remain there. The novel, which is a 2022 National Book Award finalist, interrogates the constant pressure on immigrants to succeed in the States, to mold their lives into what the American Dream tells them to, but at what true cost? *The Town of Babylon* is a pivotal interrogation into the need of community, of the unjust systems we live in, and of what it means when the American Dream is found to be feasible for certain people.

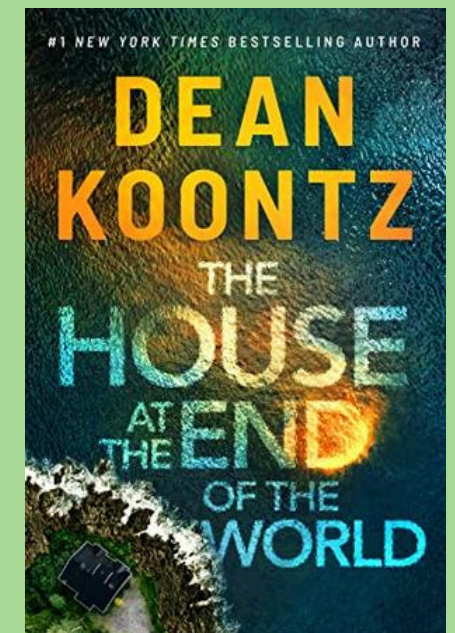
Staff Recommendations

Emily M. at
Southeast Branch



Current Reads

Stephanie at
Main Library





MARCH 2023

Monday-Tuesday 9:00-7:00, Wednesday-Friday 9:00-5:30, Saturday 9:00-4:00
CLOSED SUNDAY

Reading Public Library
Childrens Department
100 S. 5th Street,
Reading, PA 19602
(610) 655-6350



| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| | | 1 CRAFTY CREATIONS ROCK/WOOD PAINTING 3:30 PM | 2 STEAM THURSDAY BUZZING ROBOT BUGS 3:30 PM | 3 DROP IN ACTIVITIES AND PLAY | 4 DROP IN ACTIVITIES AND PLAY WITH LEGOS |
| 6 CHESS CLUB 3:30PM | 7 FOOD FOR THOUGHT 4:00PM | 8 CRAFTY CREATIONS MASON JAR CRAFTING 3:30 PM | 9 STORIES & SNACKS 3:30 PM | 10 DROP IN ACTIVITIES AND PLAY | 11 " SLURP JUICE SLIME" 11:00 AM |
| 13 CHESS CLUB 3:30PM | 14 FOOD FOR THOUGHT 4:00PM | 15 CRAFTY CREATIONS ST.PATRICK DAY MAGNET/KEYCHAINS 3:30 PM | 16 CITY OF READING 275TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 3:30 PM- 5 PM | 17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY DROP IN ACTIVITIES AND PLAY | 18 DROP IN ACTIVITIES AND PLAY WITH LEGOS |
| 20 CHESS CLUB 3:30PM FAMILY NIGHT 4:00PM | 21 FOOD FOR THOUGHT 4:00PM | 22 CRAFTY CREATIONS BUTTERFLY ART 3:30 PM | 23 STORIES & SNACKS 3:30 PM | 24 DROP IN ACTIVITIES AND PLAY | 25 DROP IN ACTIVITIES AND PLAY |
| 27 SENSORY FRIENDLY STORY TIME 10:30AM CHESS CLUB 3:30PM | 28 FOOD FOR THOUGHT 4:00PM | 29 CRAFTY CREATIONS DIY MINI WOODLAND ANIMAL PLANTERS 3:30 PM | 30 STEAM THURSDAY SOLAR LADYBUGS 3:30 PM | 31 DROP IN ACTIVITIES AND PLAY | |

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virtual story times, yoga, and more! Check out our new
website www.readingpubliclibrary.org for more information
about library services.



PROGRAM DETAILS



WEEKLY PROGRAMS



Chess Club

Learn to play chess or challenge our instructor from Million Youth Chess Club.
Mondays at 3:30 pm.
For all ages

Food for Thought

Celebrate our love of all things food!
Join Miss Julie to learn kitchen skills, try new recipes, and enjoy our food creations.
Tuesdays at 4:00 pm.
For all ages



Crafty Creations

Get crafty with Miss Melissa!
Check out the front of the calendar for each week's craft.
Wednesdays at 3:30 to 5:00 pm.
For all ages

Stories and Snacks

Join Miss Nancy as she reads brand new books - with snacks!
Thursdays at 3:30 pm.
Perfect for preschool and school age children.

STEAM Thursday

Join Miss Rosalin to make a buzzing robot bug and solar ladybugs
Thursday, 3/2 and 3/30 at 3:30 pm.
For all ages
While Supplies Last



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

City of Reading 275th Birthday celebration



Thursday, March 16, 2023
at 3:30 PM - 5 PM

Our city officially turns 275 years old today.
We will be celebrating with crafts, games, and cake.
For all ages



Welcome Spring Family Night

Monday, March 20, 2023
at 4 PM - 5 PM

Join us for a special spring planting program!

All ages welcome
While Supplies Last



Sensory Friendly Story Time

Monday, March 27, 2023
10:30 AM- 11:30 AM

Join us for sensory friendly story time and play.
Perfect for Pre School



Activities are appropriate for ALL AGES unless otherwise specified.
Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen.



MARCH EVENT SCHEDULE

Southeast Branch Library



All events are free and everyone is welcome.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FOR ADULTS

Get Cooking with the Food Trust: Thursday, March 9 2:30-4:30 pm
Engage in a fun nutrition lesson, learn how to make a healthy, delicious recipe, participate in a free taste test and go home with goodies!

Concussion Awareness Program: Thursday, March 23 at 4:00 pm
Learn how to prevent, recognize, and respond to concussions. Presented by Lucas Bianco, Alvernia University athletic trainer.

Springtime Craft: March 20 at 5:00pm
Let's paint our own terracotta pots and plant seeds. Come to the Library and make a springtime craft with us!

FOR TEENS

Teen Pizza and Pages: March 23 at 4:00pm
Discuss the book *Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly and enjoy pizza! Copies of the book are available--ask a librarian.

FOR KIDS

This is Your Story Mural Workshop: Thursday, March 1 at 3:30 pm
Help us create an artwork to mark the 275th year of Reading. You can: pose for a photo, make a screen print, or tell a story. The mural will be displayed on Penn Street this spring!

Slime Saturday: Saturday, March 4 at 11:00 am
Join us this Saturday to make green slime!

Family Movie Night: Monday, March 6 at 5:00 pm
Watch *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile* on our big screen, popcorn included.

Birthday Party for Our City: Thursday, March 16 at 3:30 pm
Come to the library to celebrate Reading's 275th birthday! Cake will be served courtesy of Redner's Markets

Preschool Movement Class: Monday, March 20 at 10:45 am
Fun class facilitated by All-Abilities Fitness that encourages playful movement and coordination activities.

Wiggly Worms: Monday, March 27 at 5:00 pm
Learn all about worms and the role they play in the environment. We will read a book, conduct worm experiments, and learn to compost with worms

For more events, visit readingpubliclibrary.org.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 10:30-2; 3-7
Tuesday 9-1; 2-5:30
Wednesday 9-1; 2-5:30
Thursday 9-1; 2-5:30
Friday closed
Saturday 10-3
Sunday closed

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

MONDAYS

Cub Corner Storytime | 10:45

TUESDAYS

Cafe Crochet | 3:30

WEDNESDAYS

Chess Club | 3:30

THURSDAYS

Painting Studio | 4-5
(no painting studio on 3/23)

SATURDAY

Lego Club for Kids | 10:30

SATURDAY

Virtual Yoga for Adults | 11:00

Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt All Month

Find the leprechauns hiding
on the shelves
and earn chocolate coins!



Reading Public Library Southeast Branch

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MARCH 2023

at the Northeast Branch Library

Due to COVID-19, programs may be cancelled without notice.
For more information, check out our website and social media!

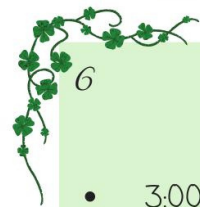
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Wednesday, 10:30-2, 3-7pm

Thursday, 9-1, 2-5:30

Saturday, 10am-3pm



- 6
- 3:00-5:00pm Chess Club

- 7
- 3:00-5:00 Craft Stick Architects

- 1
- 10:00am-12:00pm Free entry to Reading Science Center
 - 4:00-6:00pm Painting Workshop

- 2
- 3:00-4:30 Perler Bead Crafternoon
 - 6:30-9:00pm Free ESL Class

- 4
- 11:00am-12:00pm Virtual Adult Yoga Classes
 - 12:00-2:00pm Papercraft Projects

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- 2:30-3:30 Book Discussion
 - 3:00-5:00pm Chess Club

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- Storytime GoPack available
 - 3:00-5:00 Craft Stick Architects
 - 6:30-9:00pm Free ESL Class

- 15
- 4:00-6:00pm Painting Workshop

- 16
- FREE CAKE**
- 3:30-5:00pm Reading's 275th Birthday Celebration
 - 6:30-9:00pm Free ESL Class

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All programs are offered free of charge.
Please arrive on time in order to ensure your
spot in the program.

PROGRAMS

Children under 9 MUST be accompanied by an
adult, age 18+.

Free ESL Classes Thursday, March 2nd



Fun and encouraging
English classes for adults!



Youth Chess Club Mondays, 3-5pm

Grades K-12.
No experience necessary!

Virtual Adult Yoga Classes Saturdays, 11am-12pm

Perfect for the beginner, and suitable
for all experience levels!
Register at: onlineclasses@reading.lib.pa.us

Papercraft Projects Saturdays, 12-2pm



Simple weekly crafts for all ages.
Instructions and materials provided!



Storytime GoPacks Available March 14th, 9am



Free kits with materials for a kids' craft.
A list of suggested books to read alongside the craft is
also included!
(30 bags available on a first-come basis.)



Perler Bead Crafternoons Thursdays, 3-4:30pm



Spend some zen time crafting a Perler Bead project.
Use our hot iron to fuse your pixel-art creation
together.

Book Discussion 'Wish You Were Here' by Jodi Picault March 13th @ 2:30-3:30pm



Discussion & light
refreshments! Ask for a
copy of this month's
book at the front desk.

Painting Workshop Wednesdays, 4-6pm

Join our artist-in-residence for a
weekly art class. Open to adults
and kids of all ages.



Craft Stick Architects Tuesdays, 3-5pm

Budding architects are encouraged to show
off their creativity and skills. Build
constructions with wooden craft sticks and
hot glue guns!



Recommended age: 9+



LIBRARY DAYS AT READING SCIENCE CENTER

READING DISTRICT LIBRARIES

Families will be able to spend the morning at the
Reading Science Center for **FREE** simply by
showing your library card on these
two special dates!

MARCH 1 + APRIL 5
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Kick-off your visit with a story from one of our Berks
librarians, then explore over 45 interactive STEM exhibits,
including a special Early Learners' Area.



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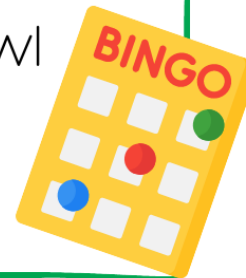
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Mondays

Game Night @ 3:30-5:00

03/06: Fish Bowl

03/20: Bingo



Wednesdays

STEAM @ 3:30-5:00

03/01: Spheros

03/08: Marble run

03/15: DIY Basketball
Hoop with Catapult

03/22: Drone Race

03/29: Straw Airplane

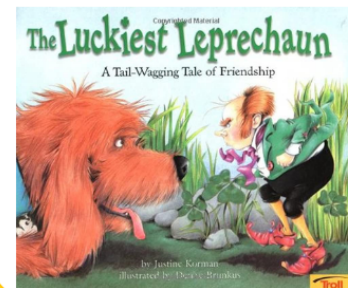


Mondays

Story Times @ 11

03/13

03/27



Thursdays

Chess Club @

3:30-4:30



Tuesdays

Arts & Crafts @ 3:30-6:00

03/07: DIY Croc Charms

03/14: DIY Bouncy Balls

03/21: Snack & Paint



Tuesday March 28th
Herb Lesson with Molly
Goslin

@ 3:30-4:30

Limited Spots

Call to reserve!

TEEN MARCH CALENDAR

Monday-Tuesday 9:00-7:00 * Wednesday-Friday 9:00-5:30

Saturday 9:00-4:00 * CLOSED SUNDAY

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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|
| | | 1  Mindfulness 4:00PM | 2 | 3  Art Night 4:00PM-5:00PM | 4  ANIME CLUB 2:00PM |
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PROGRAM DETAILS

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

CHESS CLUB

Learn to play chess or challenge our instructor
from Million Youth Chess Club.

**MONDAY'S AT 3:30PM
ALL AGES**

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Come in after school for homework help,
to hangout with friends, read and snacks!

**EVERY WEEKDAY
3:30PM-4:30PM**

MINDFULNESS

Learn mindfulness in the library!
Listen to different meditation exercises,
coloring activities and how to cope with
emotions.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY
4:00PM-5:00PM**

ART NIGHT

3/3 - Peach Blossom Painting
3/10 - Bad Bunny Art
3/17 - Shamrock Chalk Painting
3/24 - Bubble Art
3/31 - Crayon Day
**EVERY FRIDAY
4:00PM-5:00PM**

ANIME CLUB

Make candy sushi and watch anime
**SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH
2:00PM**

MOVIE DAY: SHREK

Watch Shrek with us!
**SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH
2:00PM**

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

TEEN WRITING CLUB

Write your story and change the future!
Meet new friends and community leaders

Food provided
**EVERY MONDAY
5:00PM-7:00PM**

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

Participate in a FREE financial literacy workshop
with Members 1st bank! Receive educational books,
piggy banks and eat pizza!

**MONDAY, MARCH 20TH
1:00PM**

TEEN LOFT SCAVENGER HUNT

Find 5 items around the teen loft,
get a goodie bag!

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
4:00PM-5:00PM**

RDG POETS

Read your poems, create poems and listen
to poems!

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD
4:00PM-5:00PM**