

Spirit of Buffalo

Mural by Józef Sławiński (1905—1983)

Gifted by the Polish Arts Club of Buffalo, Inc. to the
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
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Józef Sławiński was born in 1905 in Poland and trained as a muralist in both Italy and Poland. He visited Western New York from 1961-63, returning in 1964. He went on to live & work in the Buffalo-Niagara area until his death in 1983.

Sławiński, a remarkably gifted artist, worked in a variety of media, including fresco, hammered copper, scratched tempera and wrought iron, but his favorite medium was sgraffito, a subtractive technique involving two or more layers of cement, worked on while still wet.

Sławiński extended the technique to four layers of colored cement, which gave magnificent results but was very labor-intensive. It may not have been duplicated by any other artist in the United States. Though

his work is found throughout the United States, his richest body of work is right here in the Buffalo-Niagara region.

Created in the 1970s, "*Spirit of Buffalo*" is 53" x 40" and weighs over 200 pounds. You can see the major features including City Hall with the McKinley monument. Also prominent are a bison, the Skyway, ships on the waterways, grain elevators, factory smokestacks and office buildings, all tied together with sweeping lines indicating highways and the dynamics of a powerful city.

In 2022, Josef's son, Jerzy Sławiński and his wife Tonya, donated the prized mural to the Polish Arts Club of Buffalo, with the hope that it would be publicly displayed. The Club board, under President Felix Klempka, voted to transfer ownership to the Library in Oct. 2022.



*A newsletter from the
Mobile Services
Department
Jan./Feb. 2025*

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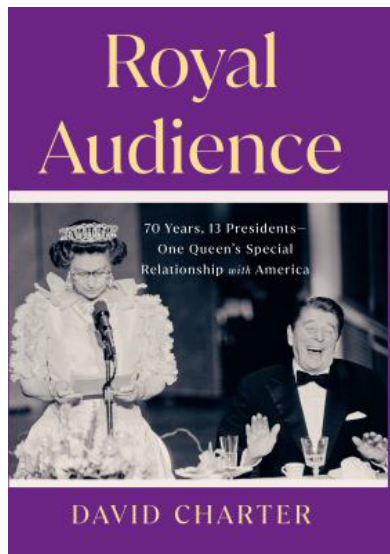
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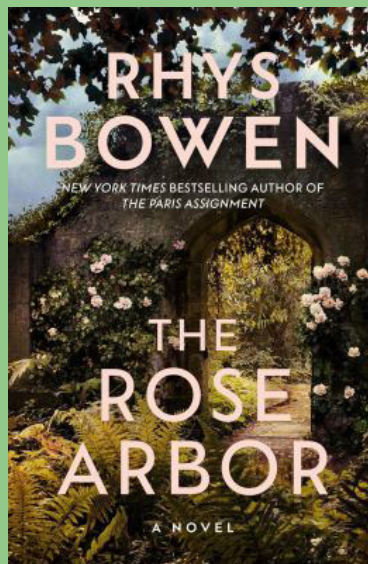
New in Large Print



**Royal Audience:
70 Years,
13 Presidents—
One Queen's
Special
Relationship
with America**
by David
Charter

Queen Elizabeth II developed extraordinary and varied personal bonds with thirteen U.S. presidents from Truman to Biden.

Also available in regular print.



**The Rose Arbor:
A Novel**
by Rhys Bowen

In 1968 London, obituary writer Liz Houghton helps her best friend, a police officer, investigate a high-profile case and uncovers a mystery dating back to

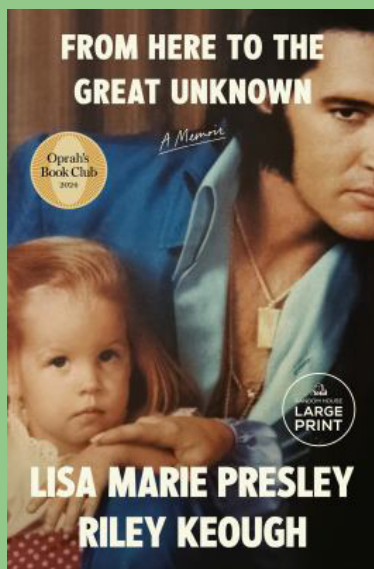
World War II that is linked to the recent disappearance of a young girl and a murder.

Also available in regular print.

**From Here to the
Great Unknown :
A Memoir**
by Lisa Marie
Presley

Lisa Marie Presley tells her whole story for the first time in an account that was completed by her daughter Riley Keough.

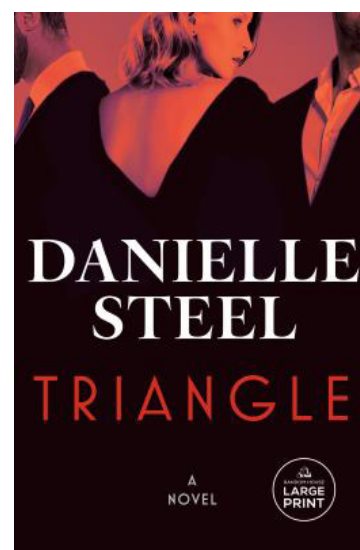
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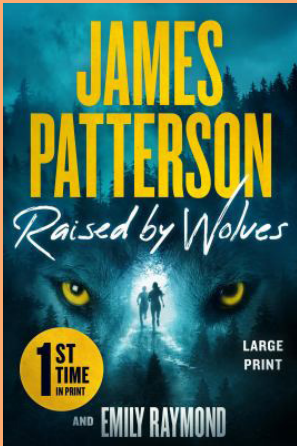
Triangle : A Novel
by Danielle Steel

Parisian art gallery owner Amanda Delanoe finds herself entangled in a dangerous mystery as she approaches her fortieth birthday.

Also available in regular print and audiobook.



New in Large Print

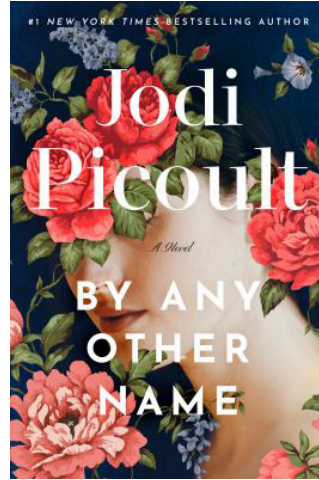


Raised by Wolves by James Patterson

Two teens who claim to have been raised by wolves are taken in by the police chief and his wife. The mystery of their upbringing brings

powerful forces to town, threatening the lives of everyone they love.

Also available in regular print and audiobook.



By Any Other Name : A Novel by Jodi Picoult

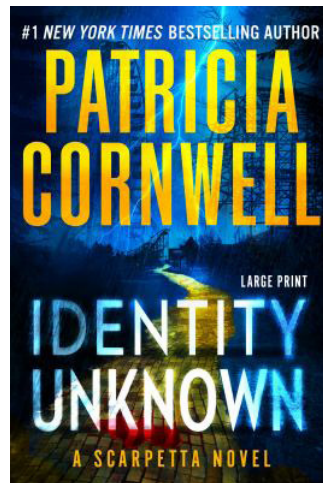
A captivating novel about two women, centuries apart, fighting to be heard—one of whom may be the real author of Shakespeare's plays.

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Identity Unknown by Patricia Cornwell

Kay Scarpetta is summoned by a bizarre murder scene where the victim is an old lover and lifelong friend.

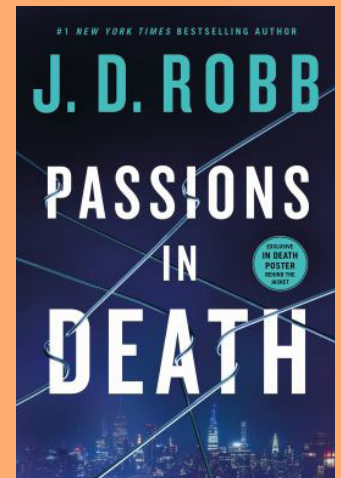
Also available in regular print and audiobook.



Passions in Death by J. D. Robb

On a hot August night, Lt. Eve Dallas and her husband, Roarke, speed through the streets of Manhattan to the Down and Dirty club, where a joyful, boisterous pre-wedding girls' night out has turned into a murder scene. Eve will not stop until she finds the killer.

Also available in regular print and audiobook.



The Genre Shelf

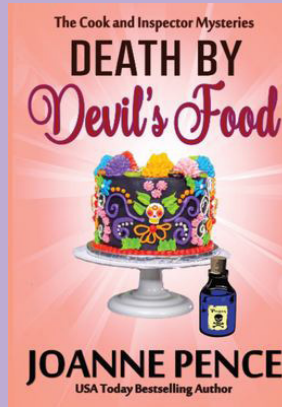
Amish Fiction



Healing Touch
by Suzanne Woods
Fisher

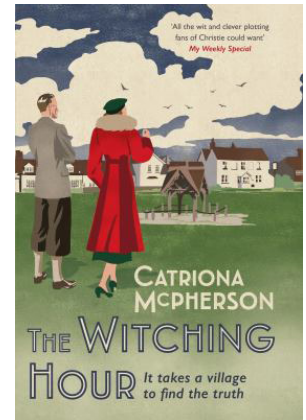
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Cozy Mystery



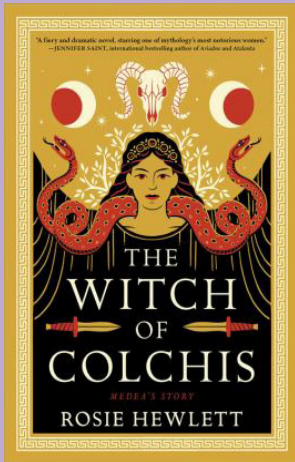
Death by Devil's Food
by Joanne Pence
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Historical Mystery



The Witching Hour
by Catriona
McPherson
(available in regular print)

Fantasy



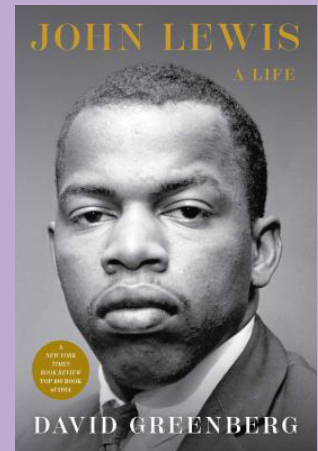
**The Witch of Colchis :
Medea's Story**
by Rosie Hewlett
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Horror



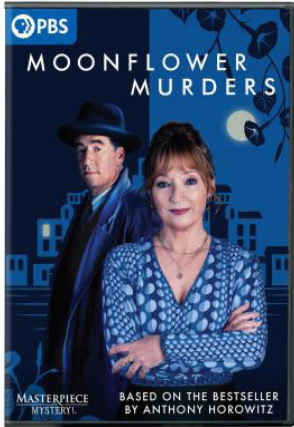
**We Came to Welcome
You : A Novel of
Suburban Horror**
by Vincent Tirado
(available in regular print)

Biography

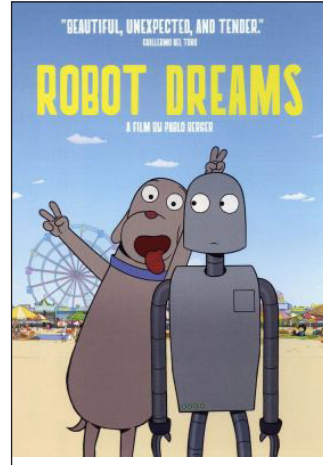


John Lewis : A Life
by David Greenberg
(available in regular print)

New and Coming Soon to DVD



Moonflower Murders (2024)
Not Rated



Robot Dreams (2024)
Not Rated



The Man with Two Brains (2014)
Rated R



It Ends with Us (2024)
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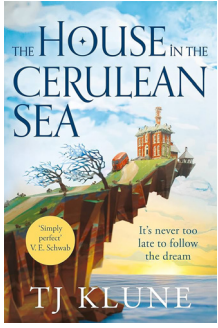
The Wings of Eagles (2007)
Not Rated



Someone Like You (2024)
PG

Recommendations

Employee Book Recommendation



Olivia A. - Librarian Trainee, Bookmobile

The House in the Cerulean Sea by TJ Klune

"When it becomes hard to find hope in a world that feels like it's falling apart, sometimes you need to read a cozy little book about a man learning to love life again. Every character in this book touched my heart in one way or another.

I mean, who could've thought sentient slime could be so endearing? An absolutely lovely read for fans of magic, found family, and cozy little island homes."

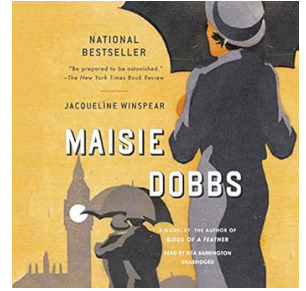
Available in regular print and large print.

Employee Book Series Recommendation:

Jennifer B. - Librarian, Bookmobile

Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear

"One of the best historical mystery series in print. The 18-book British series takes place from before World War I to just after the end of World War II. All the crimes relate to the personal experiences of these hostilities and their reverberations on the perpetrators and victims of the crimes as well as on Maisie, her family, and her friends. Readers will come to care very much about Maisie and everyone in her circle. Sadly, Jacqueline Winspear ended the series in 2024 with *The Comfort of Ghosts*. The books are best read in order." All are available in regular print, eight are available in audiobook, and nine are available in large print.



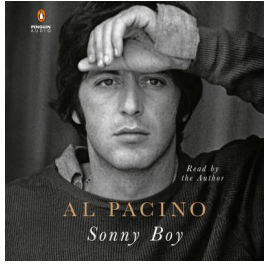
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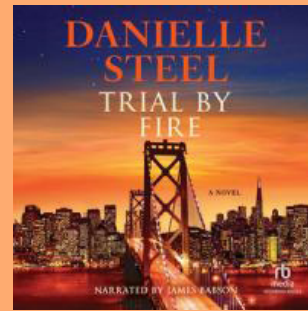
New and Popular Audiobooks



***Sonny Boy* by Al Pacino**

In good times and in bad, in poverty and in wealth, through pain and through joy, acting was Al Pacino's lifeline. This is the memoir of a man

who has nothing left to hide. All the great roles, the essential collaborations, and the important relationships are given their full due. Also available in regular print..



***Trial by Fire : A Novel* by Danielle Steel**

The life of a Parisian woman changes in a heartbeat when she's trapped by wildfires in California's Napa Valley. The author

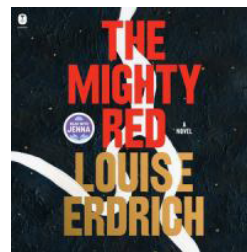
beautifully dramatizes how life's unforeseen challenges can sow the seeds for growth and a fresh chance at love—if one is willing to take the risk. Also available in regular print and large print.



***Book and Dagger : How Scholars and Librarians Became the Unlikely Spies of World War II* by Elyse Graham**

The untold story of the humanities scholars who became OSS spies, invented modern spycraft, and helped

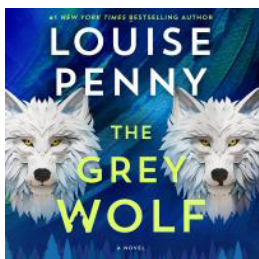
turn the tide of the second world war. Thrillingly paced and rigorously researched, this is an inspiring and gripping true story about a small but connected group of academics who helped to beat the Nazis. Also available in regular print.



***The Mighty Red* by Louise Erdrich**

In Argus, North Dakota, a collection of people revolve around a fraught wedding, but the book has more ambitious

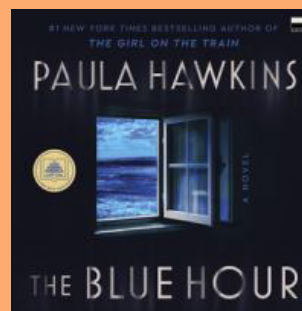
themes. It is about our tattered bond with the earth, and about love in all of its absurdity and splendor. Also available in regular print and large print.



***The Grey Wolf* by Louise Penny**

Armand Gamache is back in his 19th mystery! A missing coat, an intruder alarm, a note for Gamache, a puzzling

scrap of paper with a mysterious list—and then a murder. However, something much more sinister than any one murder or any one case is fast approaching. Also available in regular print and large print.



***The Blue Hour : A Novel* by Paula Hawkins**

Grace is the only inhabitant of Eris, an island with only one way out and unreachable from the Scottish mainland for twelve hours each day.

She is content in her own isolation, but when a shocking discovery is made at a London art gallery, a visitor comes calling. Also available in regular print and large print.

PRESIDENTS DAY

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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Pro
- 4 First letter in Hebrew alphabet
- 9 Flying saucer
- 12 Self
- 13 Regress
- 14 Today
- 15 Wing
- 16 Affirm
- 17 Wrath
- 18 Headquarters of British India
- 20 Chosen
- 22 American Kennel Club (abbr.)
- 24 MI
- 25 Assassinated in Dallas
- 29 Watergate

- 33 Spring flower
- 34 Cusp
- 36 Mineral
- 37 Bird claw
- 39 Uprightness
- 41 Headed
- 43 Before, poetically
- 44 Battery brand
- 48 Union Civil War hero
- 52 East southeast
- 53 Perfume
- 55 Luau dish
- 56 Ocean
- 57 Fiend
- 58 Part of a min.
- 59 Sticky black substance
- 60 Father son presidents
- 61 Deer relative

DOWN

- 1 Animal food
- 2 Stare at
- 3 Official record
- 4 European clover
- 5 Rule
- 6 Fencing sword
- 7 Sacred song
- 8 In this
- 9 Piece
- 10 Prow
- 11 Due
- 19 Chewbacca's partner (2 wds.)
- 21 Scalar
- 23 Central daylight time
- 25 Fox's offspring
- 26 Time period
- 27 Nothing
- 28 Shriill bark
- 30 Roman twelve
- 31 Fall mo.
- 32 Negative
- 35 Before (prefix)
- 38 American state
- 40 Offal
- 42 Braved
- 44 Letup
- 45 Afloat
- 46 365 days
- 47 Unconsciousness
- 49 Niche
- 50 Christmas song
- 51 Clock sound
- 54 Mater

VALENTINE'S DAY

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.

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L I F E W Y D N A C I T H O
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T R E E D I W R S F A F A I
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By Jimmy and Evelyn Johnson - www.qets.com

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| Admire | Caress | Goodness |
| Amorous | Chocolate | Happy |
| Arrow | Cupid | Kiss |
| Bouquet | Embrace | Love |
| Bow | February | Roses |
| Candy | Flowers | Sweetheart |
| Cards | Friend | Valentine |

PRESIDENTS DAY

Solution:

1	F	2	O	3	R		4	A	5	L	6	E	7	P	8	H		9	U	10	F	11	O
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44	R	45	A	46	Y	O	V	A	47	C			48	G	R	49	A	50	N	51	T		
52	E	S	E					53	A	R	O	54	M	A			55	P	O	I			
56	S	E	A					57	D	E	M	O	N				58	S	E	C			
59	T	A	R					60	A	D	A	M	S				61	E	L	K			

Sudoku

1			4		5			
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