

Connect with Authors via the Library's New Online Resource: Library Speakers Consortium

All Buffalo & Erie County Public Library cardholders now have access to online virtual author talks featuring bestselling, award-winning, and highly acclaimed fiction and nonfiction authors from around the world.

This free virtual series takes place two to three times per month and includes the opportunity for audience members to ask the author questions. All events are archived for viewing/streaming at a later date 24/7. There is no limit on the number of people who can watch the live or recorded events.

A complete list of upcoming events and past recordings is available on Buffalo & Erie County Public Library's website at: <https://libraryc.org/buffalolib/upcoming>

One upcoming event is **The Stories, Science, and History of Birds** with Smithsonian Biologist Jay Falk on Tuesday, August 5 at 2:00 pm.



Examples of past events:



Master of Suspense: An Author Talk with Ruth Ware,
October 18, 2023
LibraryC.org/BuffaloLib/80516

Wordsmith and Wonder: An Author Talk with Jodi Picoult,
April 2, 2025
LibraryC.org/BuffaloLib/80565



A newsletter from the
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July/August 2025

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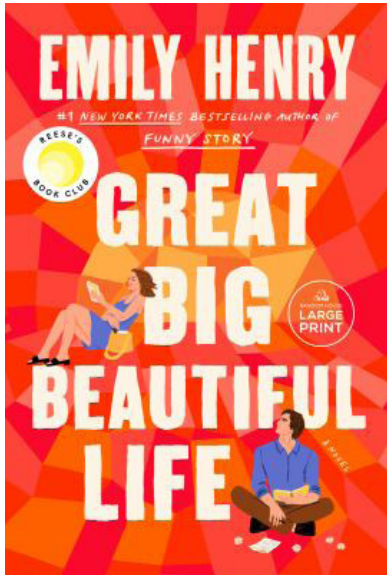
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When the Library2Go van visits:

- check out books, movies, music, audiobooks.
- get a library card or update your account.
- pickup holds and return items – just like at any library!
- have questions answered and be helped with a variety of needs.

New in Large Print



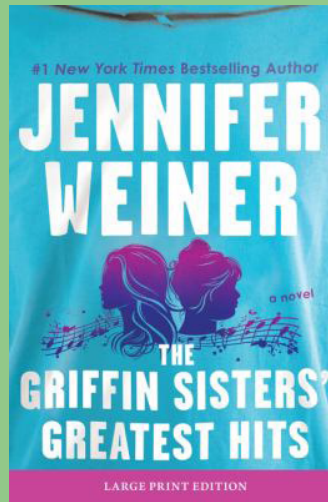
Great Big Beautiful Life by Emily Henry

Two writers compete for the chance to tell the larger-than-life story of a woman with more than a couple of plot twists up her sleeve. And they're

both competing to write the biography of a woman no one has seen in years, former tabloid princess Margaret Ives. Alice and Hayden's romance is one story; the other is Margaret's family's history during the gold rush and the early days of Hollywood.

One Good Thing: A Novel by Georgia Hunter

Two young Jewish women, escape first to a villa in the countryside to help hide a group of young war orphans and then to a convent in Florence where they pose as nuns and forge false identification papers for the Underground after the Germans invade northern Italy. A remarkable tale of friendship, motherhood, and survival.



The Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits: A Novel by Jennifer Weiner

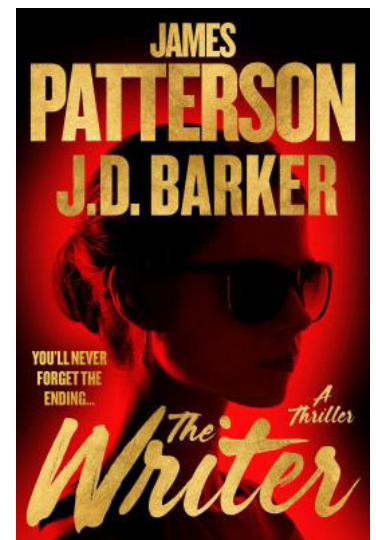
Cassie and Zoe Greenberg were thrust into the spotlight as The Griffin Sisters, a pop duo that defined the early

2000s. Together they skyrocketed to the top. Cassie preferred to stay in the shadows while Zoe lived for the stage.

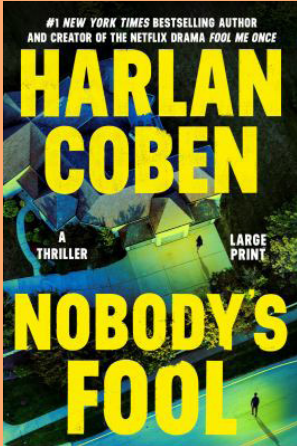
The Writer: A Thriller by James Patterson

NYPD Detective Declan Shaw gets a call: "How fast can you get to the Beresford Building on Central Park West?" In the apartment, Shaw finds a woman waiting for him.

She's covered in blood. A body is lying dead on the floor. Every book in the apartment's floor-to-ceiling shelves is by the same author: best-selling true-crime writer Denise Morrow. "This is you?" Shaw asks the woman. "You're a writer?" Only one person knows the ending to this story. Is she the victim or the killer?



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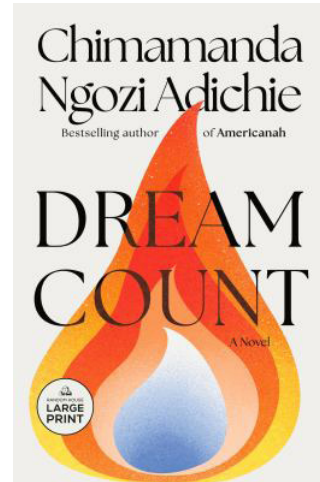
Nobody's Fool by Harlan Coben

Twenty-two years ago Sami Kierce woke up in Spain holding a knife and covered in blood next to the dead body of his girlfriend, Anna. He had no idea what

happened; he ran. Today he is a private investigator and night school teacher in New York City. One evening he recognizes a familiar face at the back of the classroom: Anna. When Kierce makes eye contact with her, Anna bolts. He knows he must find her and solve the mystery that has haunted him since that terrible day.

Far From Home: A Novel by Danielle Steel

Fleeing Paris in 1944 after her husband's execution for his part in the failed plot to assassinate Hitler, Arielle von Auspeck hides in Normandy under an assumed name, joins the Resistance, and forges a bond with a grieving widower, who is also part of the Resistance, as they fight to reunite with their loved ones.



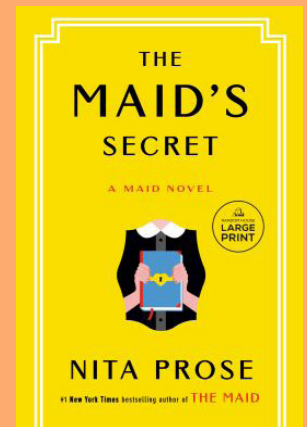
Dream Count: A Novel by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

A sweeping story about four women whose lives are shaped by love, longing, and pain. Chiamaka is a Nigerian travel writer living in the U.S. who

is unlucky in love. Zikora is a successful lawyer who unexpectedly finds herself a heartbroken single mother. Omelogor is a scholar researching pornography for a master's thesis in Women's Studies. And Kadiatou, Chimaka's housekeeper, is trying to reclaim her dignity after a terrible sexual assault.

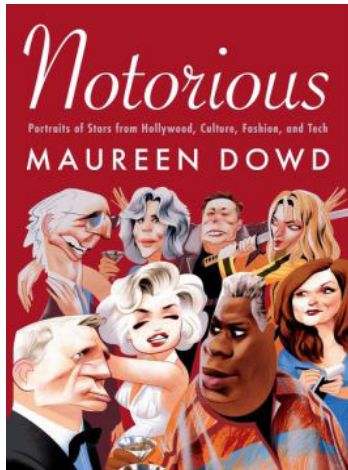
The Maid's Secret: A Maid Novel by Nita Prose

Head maid Molly Gray's discovery that the gold-colored display egg she inherited from her grandmother is a priceless Fabergé egg sparks a media frenzy, a daring heist, and revelations from her grandmother's hidden diary, intertwining a present-day mystery with a long-lost tale of forbidden love and family secrets in this third full-length Molly Gray mystery.



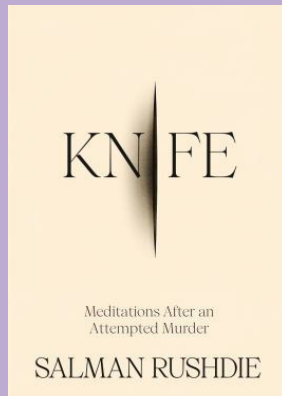
The Genre Shelf

Celebrities



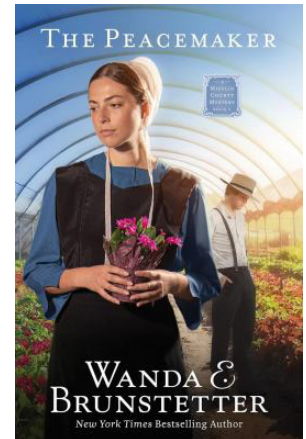
Notorious: Portraits of Stars from Hollywood, Culture, Fashion, and Tech
by Maureen Dowd
(available in regular print)

Memoir, Local History



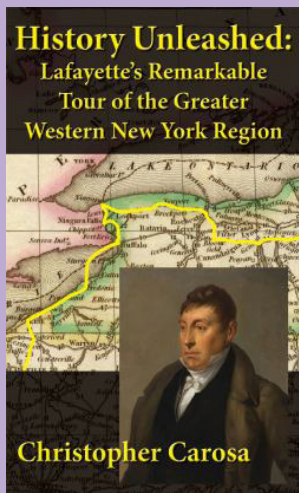
Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder
by Salman Rushdie
(available in regular print, large print, and audiobook)

Amish Fiction



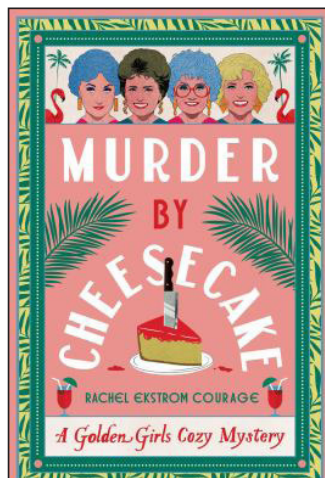
The Peacemaker
by Wanda E. Brunstetter
(available in regular print)

Local History



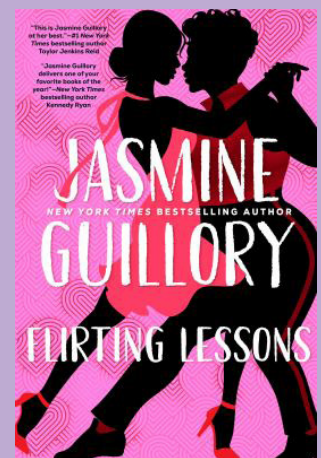
History Unleashed: Lafayette's Remarkable Tour of the Greater Western New York Region
by Christopher Carosa
(available in regular print)

Cozy Mystery



Murder by Cheesecake: A Golden Girls Cozy Mystery
by Rachel Ekstrom Courage
(available in regular print)

Romance



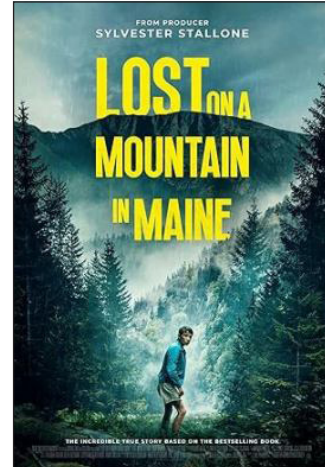
Flirting Lessons
by Jasmine Guillory
(available in regular print)

New and Coming Soon to DVD



Head Over Heels (2024)

TV-G



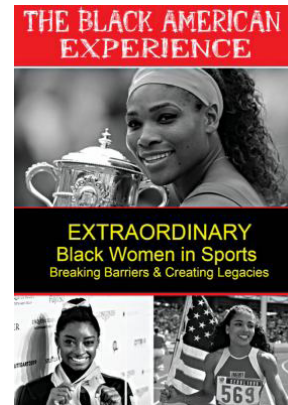
Lost on a Mountain in Maine (2024)

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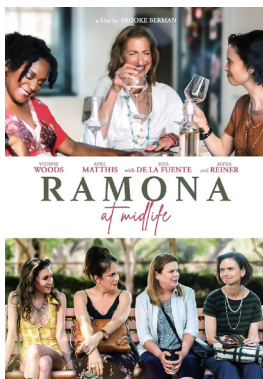
The Comeback Trail (2025)

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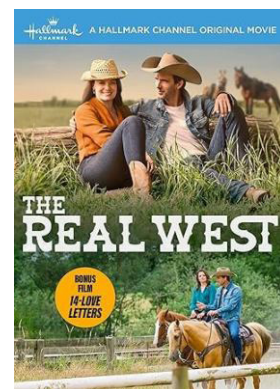
Extraordinary Black Women in Sports: Breaking Barriers & Creating Legacies (2025)

Not Rated



Ramona at Midlife (2025)

Not Rated



The Real West (2024)

Not Rated

Patron Recommendations



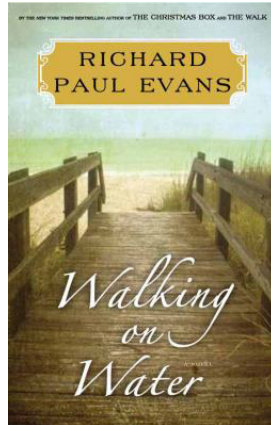
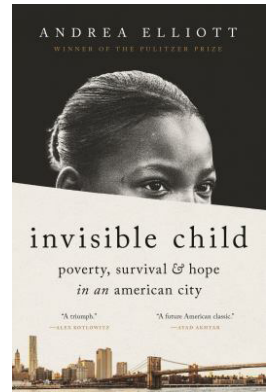
Bill at Elderwood at Williamsville was inspired to learn about ducks because of the new family of ducks who have also taken up residence there.

Patron Book Recommendation

Marilyn — Library by Mail patron

Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival & Hope in an American City by Andrea Elliott

Invisible Child is an enlightening book as to what it is like for a child (children) in the inner city and on welfare. Everyone should read it. It really opens your eyes to a world quite unknown to most. (available in regular print)



Patron Book Recommendation:

Anonymous — Library by Mail patron

Walking on Water: A Novel by Richard Paul Evans

A man with a goal to walk from Seattle, Washington to Key West, Florida. A lot of his adventure through so many states and the places and people he meets along the way. We also learn his reason for doing such a long walk. You will enjoy this fifth and end story — you won't need to read the entire series to love this book.

(available in regular print, large print, & audiobook)

Selected Programs at library branches and online

Shakespeare in the Park's 50 for 50 (Orchard Park Public Library)

Saturday, July 12 @ 11 am – 2 pm

See a special production of *Romeo and Juliet* presented by Shakespeare in Delaware Park. This one-hour adaptation of one of Shakespeare's most beloved plays is completely FREE and designed to introduce students and community members of all ages to the magic of Shakespeare. In addition to the performance, there will also be a pre-show workshop and/or a post-show talkback with the actors and teaching artists.

Registration required. Call 716-662-9851.
Orchard Park Public Library, Meeting Room

Libby (Virtual)

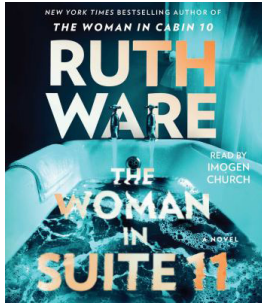
Monday, July 14 @ 1 – 3 pm

Discover how to borrow and enjoy ebooks and audiobooks using the Libby app for free with your library card. The session is taught by a Buffalo & Erie County Public Library librarian.



This is an online event. Visit www4.erie.gov/universityexpress/virtual-registration to register.

New and Popular Audiobooks

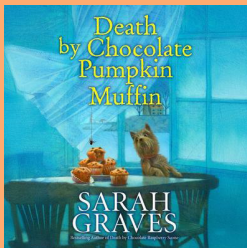


The Woman in Suite 11:

A Novel by Ruth Ware

In this follow-up to *The Woman in Cabin 10*, Lo Blacklock receives an invitation to attend the press opening of a luxury Swiss hotel owned by reclusive

billionaire Marcus Leidmann. Three years after the birth of her youngest child, Blacklock is ready to reestablish her travel journalism career by snagging an interview with Marcus.



Death by Chocolate

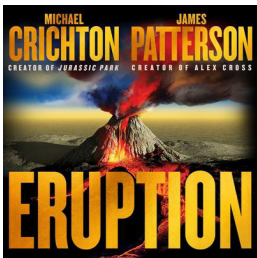
Pumpkin Muffin

by Sarah Graves

Number 8 in the *A Death by Chocolate* Mystery series.

Hank Rafferty, home repair TV show star, falls to his

death from his home's turret balcony while he and his guests await a dessert delivery from Jake and Ellie, proprietors of the Chocolate Moose shop.



Eruption: A Thriller by **Michael Crichton and James Patterson**

As the Big Island of Hawaii faces an eruption of unprecedented intensity, the U.S. military contends with

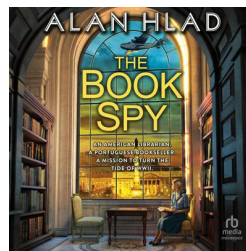
the consequences of a long-held doomsday secret. Mauna Loa, an active volcano inside Hilo Botanical Gardens, is going to erupt, endangering both nearby communities and possibly a cache of secret materials, stored by the military, that could release toxic waste. A team of experts is assembled to avert the disaster. Patterson completed the book that Crichton left unfinished before he died.



A Mother's Love: A Novel by **Danielle Steel**

Raising twins Valerie and Olivia is best-selling author Halley Holbrook's proudest accomplishment. Halley has been able to give

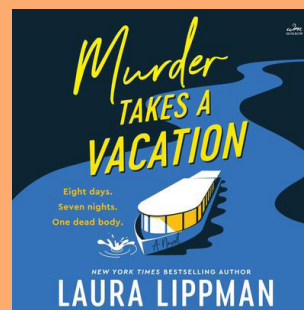
them the loving and safe home she never had, having survived a childhood so traumatic she's never talked about it with her girls. After both her daughters move to Los Angeles, she books a solo trip to Paris. On the flight over, she meets charming Bart Warner, and the two become fast friends.



The Book Spy by **Alan Hlad**

In 1942 U.S. President Roosevelt sends an unlikely new task force, comprising librarians and microfilm specialists trained in espionage, on a unique mission. By acquiring and

scouring Axis newspapers, books, technical manuals, and periodicals, the librarians can gather information about troop locations, weaponry, and military plans.



Murder Takes a Vacation:

A Novel

by Laura Lippman

Muriel Blossom, former assistant to PI Tess Monaghan, finds an 8 million dollar lottery ticket and goes on a French

cruise with her newfound wealth. She meets Allan on the flight to Paris; he takes her to dinner after they land. The next day he's found dead. The police question her as Allan had a recent picture of Muriel on his phone.

Crossword Puzzle

USA

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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 House pets
- 5 Heroic tale
- 9 Supporting structure
- 14 Spoken
- 15 Gets older
- 16 Cross between a lion and tiger
- 17 Naval forces
- 18 Sound
- 19 Screamer's throat dangler
- 20 North northeast
- 21 Fiber
- 23 Chow
- 24 One of the three graces
- 26 Rainy mo.
- 28 Upper atmosphere as it appears to arch over the earth
- 29 Sweet potatoes
- 31 Distress call
- 34 Capital is Islamabad
- 37 Topic
- 39 Cadre
- 40 Feign
- 41 Location
- 42 Inactive

- 44 Chits
- 47 Spots
- 48 Power unit
- 50 Internal Revenue Service
- 51 Goddess
- 52 Look at
- 56 Skewer
- 59 Jewish language
- 63 Rival
- 64 Hawaiian 'hello'
- 66 Dock
- 67 Large standing body of fresh water
- 68 Half man, half goat
- 69 Castle canal
- 70 Detail
- 71 Hunt
- 72 Raggedy Ann's friend
- 73 Sleeping places

DOWN

- 1 Prima ___
- 2 Great ape
- 3 Mallet
- 4 Crafty
- 5 Struts
- 6 Seaweed substance
- 7 DNA component
- 8 Afloat
- 9 ___ shot (2 wds.)
- 10 Large natural stream of water
- 11 Water (Spanish)
- 12 Thaw
- 13 Extremely long time periods
- 21 Carved Polynesian pendant
- 22 Structure that holds back water
- 25 Beggar
- 27 Clock time
- 29 Fancy boat
- 30 Negative (prefix)
- 31 Shriveled
- 32 Sign
- 33 Salt water covering earth
- 34 Small natural or artificial body of still water
- 35 Greek god of war
- 36 Sensitivity
- 38 Severe
- 39 Central Intelligence Agency
- 43 Couple
- 45 Freedom from want or fear
- 46 Traced
- 49 Tree
- 51 Type of alcohol
- 53 Oval
- 54 Thought of favorably
- 55 Thinks
- 56 Talk back
- 57 Small ground plot
- 58 Small particle
- 60 Austin novel
- 61 Blessing
- 62 Paved surface made for the passage of vehicles
- 65 Noah's boat
- 67 Liberal (abbr.)

INDEPENDENCE 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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| Ancestor | Forefathers | Parade |
| Band | Fourth | Patriot |
| Blue | Freedom | Pride |
| Celebration | Heritage | Red |
| Colony | Holiday | Republic |
| Constitution | Liberty | White |

Crossword Puzzle - Answers

USA

Solution:

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