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Used & collectable books
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10am-4pm
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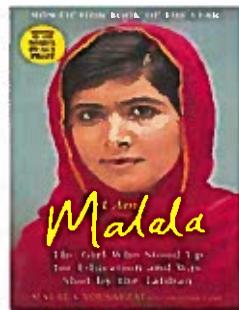
Patrons experiencing infectious diseases or their symptoms, such as the flu, may not enter the library until you have been at least 24 hours with a temperature below 100 F. Please maintain a distance of 6 feet between people. No food or beverage is allowed unless necessary for medical reasons. Please be aware that if the state puts restrictions on libraries, we may need to cancel events.



I Am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban

By: Malala Yousafzai

March 11, 2021 2-3pm



When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education.

On Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2012, when she was 15, she almost paid the ultimate price. She was shot in the head at point blank range while riding the bus home from school and few expected her to survive.

Instead, Malala's miraculous recovery has taken her on her an extraordinary journey from a remote valley in Northern Pakistan to the halls of the United Nations in New York. At 16 she became a global symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest nominee ever for the Nobel Peace Prize.



Let's Discuss

***Across Five Aprils* By: Trent Hunt**

Monday, March 1, 2021 5:30-6:30pm



The Newbery Award-winning author of *Up a Road Slowly* presents the unforgettable story of Jethro Creighton—a boy who comes of age during the turbulent years of the Civil War.

In 1861, America is on the cusp of war and young Jethro Creighton is just 9 years old. His brother, Tom, and his cousin, Eb, are both of fighting age. As Jethro's family is pulled into the conflict between the North and the South, loyalties are divided, dreams are threatened, and their bonds are put to the test in this heart wrenching, coming of age story.



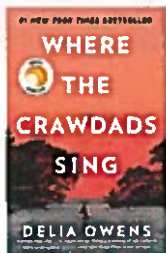
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Let's Discuss...

Thursday, April 8th, 2021
Where the Crawdads Sing
 By: Delia Owens



For years rumors of the "Marsh Girl" haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet fishing village. Kya Clark is barefoot and wild; unfit for polite society. So in late 1969, when the popular Chase Andrews is found dead, locals immediately suspect her. But Kya is not what they say. A born naturalist with just one day of school, she takes life's lessons from the land, learning the real ways of the

dishonest signals of the fireflies. But while she has the skills to live in solitude forever, the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. Drawn to two young men from town, who are each intrigued by her beauty, Kya opens herself to a new and startling world - until the unthinkable happens.



Let's Discuss JR

A special two part discussion of the classic prelude to Lord of the Rings! In April, we will meet to discuss Chapters 1-9 in May, we will meet to discuss Chapters 10-19 AND play Tolkein-themed trivia.

Monday, April 5th, 2021
The Hobbit by: J.R.R. Tolkien



If you care for journeys there and back, out of the comfortable Western world, over the edge of the Wild, and home again, and can take an interest in a humble hero (blessed with a little wisdom and a little courage and considerable good luck), here is a record of such a journey and such a traveler. In following the path of this humble adventurer, you will learn by the way (as he did) - if you do not already know all about these things - much about trolls, goblins, dwarves, and elves, and get some glimpses into the history and politics of a neglected but important period.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2021

- March 1:** Library Board of Trustees Meeting is a *virtual meeting*, 5pm; Let's Discuss Jr., "Across Five Aprils" by Trent Hunt, 5:30-6:30pm
- March 2:** Tech Tuesday, 1-4pm
- March 9:** Tech Tuesday, 1-4pm
- March 11:** Let's Discuss, "I Am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai, 2-3pm
- March 16:** Tech Tuesday, 1-4pm
- March 23:** Tech Tuesday, 1-4pm
- March 30:** Tech Tuesday, 1-4pm

We are open and ready to serve you!



We have developed a disinfecting protocol in accordance with CDC guidelines and recommendations.

Protocol Actions Include:

1. All returned materials are disinfected with UV light before being returned to the library collection.
2. All staff wearing masks.
3. Frequent sanitizing of touched surfaces.
4. Social distancing marked on the floor.
5. Water fountain is turned off.

The BOOK NOOK

- March Sale -
 Fiction Books

Buy one and get one FREE
 (same or lesser value)

The Book Nook does not accept encyclopedias, Readers Digest Condensed Books, text books, dictionaries, old magazines, VHS tapes or books in need of repair.

If you have some extra time, visit the Book Nook and speak with a volunteer for more information. There's always room for one more!

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-ALBERT EINSTEIN