



THE BOOK STALL

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Nancy Dreher, *Editor*



THE FRONT LINE



Summer is finally here! As the academic year draws to a close, I would like to highlight our **Book Stall in the Schools** program. In the past academic year, we've organized visits to over 180 schools on the North Shore and all around Chicagoland, including authors such as Fabien Cousteau, Judy Moody, John Flanagan, Loren Long, Kevin Henkes, and Sherry Rinker. These appearances are always free to the schools, and Event Coordinator Robert McDonald and Children's Buyer Kari Patch work with school librarians to make these appearances educational and exciting for young audiences. If you're interested in an author appearance for your school, give us a call.

Our summer events calendar is actually quite busy. Our downtown club partners have luncheons scheduled with many high-profile authors, such as Scott Pelley of *60 Minutes* (*Truth Worth Telling*) at The Union League Club on June 3), and Valerie Jarrett (*Finding My Voice* at the University Club, also on June 3), and George Will (*The Conservative Sensibility* at The Union League Club on June 27). Our popular Rep Night, on June 6, always attracts a large crowd eager to hear the word about great summer reads from our wonderful publisher reps. Call the store to make your (free) reservation as space is limited. Mystery readers will be excited to hear that Martin Walker will be in the store on June 11 to talk about his latest, *The Body in the Well*. Teresa Lucas of Good Grapes will start the evening with a brief talk about wines of Provence and will pour a few samples. Continuing our French-theme, Melanie Benjamin will present her novel *Mistress of the Ritz*, based on the true story of an American woman living in France and working with the Resistance during World War II. Melanie is a delight and her presentation on June 13 at 6:30 pm is guaranteed to be fascinating. Other friends make their way to us in July. Barbara Shapiro talks about *The Collector's Apprentice* on July 9, joined by Lisa Barr. Events are being added as I write, so please check the website calendar or sign up for our e-blast.

Summer is a great time to laze in the sun and read a good book. For sheer fun, pick up Linda Holmes' *Evvie Drake Starts Over* in our romance section. Evvie is a charming character with an honest and humorous take on her life, which has taken a turn for the worse when her (abusive) husband dies unexpectedly as she is packing the car to leave him. For a more serious read, Mary Beth Keane has written a wrenching but hopeful family story in *Ask Again, Yes* (See Liz's review on page 3.) And I couldn't put down Jean Kwok's *Searching for Sylvie Lee* (out June 4), a great book exploring the Chinese immigrant experience. For some riveting non-fiction reading, pick up Mark Bowden's *The Last Stone: A Masterpiece of Criminal Investigation*, an account of the disappearance of the Lyon sisters in 1973. This book struck close to home as I was at the same mall in suburban Maryland on the day the Lyons girls went missing. They were 10 and 12 years old; I was 11. Their disappearance dominated the headlines in our neighborhood and changed the way I viewed the world. And for those who are fascinated by the enigmatic Harper Lee, grab a copy of *Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee* by Casey Cep, which documents Lee's obsession with a murder case. My husband Roger enjoyed *The Wanderers*, out July 2, a new novel by Chuck Wendig and *Recursion*, out June 11, by Blake Crouch. My son Nicky (20) asked that I send him a copy of Douglas Brinkley's *American Moonshot: John F. Kennedy and the Great Space Race*, and he is really enjoying it.

Happy Summer—and see you in the store! *Steph*

MONDAY, JUNE 3

11:30 am, Luncheon, The Union League Club

SCOTT PELLEY

Truth Worth Telling: A Reporter's Search for Meaning in the Stories of Our Times

Mr. Pelley, best known for his work on "60 Minutes" and as an anchor and managing editor of the CBS Evening News, talks about his memoir that introduces his readers to unforgettable people who discovered the meaning of their own lives in the historic events of our times.



6:30 pm at the store

ROOTS & ROCK

Our friends from the Music Institute of Chicago's Roots & Rock program perform tunes from America's great musical landscape—including rock, folk, blues, country, bluegrass, and more. Their six-week **Roots & Rock** summer session begins Tuesday, June 11. For more information, see musicinst.org/mic-rocks or call 847 905-1500.

7 pm, University Club of Chicago, 76 E. Monroe

Unscripted: An Intimate Conversation with VALERIE JARRETT

Finding My Voice: My Journey to the West Wing and the Path Forward

Ms. Jarrett joins her friend Bruce Dold, the *Chicago Tribune's* publisher and editor-in-chief, to discuss her book in a *Tribune*-sponsored "Unscripted" conversation, described as "fun, frank, thought-provoking conversations moderated by celebrated journalists." Tickets are required and available at eventbrite.com or by calling The Book Stall at 847 446-8880. (Note: doors open at 6:15 pm.)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

7 pm, Highland Park Library, 494 Laurel

CATHERINE CUSSET

Life of David Hockney: A Novel

French author Catherine Cusset, shortlisted for France's most prestigious literary award the Prix Goncourt, discusses her new novel. Through a variety of sources—including her personal meeting with the artist—Ms. Cusset pieced together the puzzle of the revered artist's life and the enthralling stories that drove the creation of his legendary works.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

6:30 pm at the store

The Book Stall's Always-Popular PUBLISHERS REP NIGHT

Publisher representatives from **Random House**, **Macmillan**, and **HarperCollins** will be on hand to

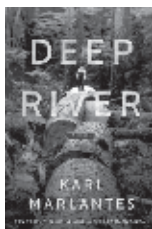
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THE INSIDE LINE

KATHLEEN CRAWFORD



Deep River by Karl Marlantes (\$30, out July 2). In his long-awaited second novel (following his debut novel *Matterhorn*), Marlantes presents us with a family epic that spans nearly 70 years. In the early 1900s in Finland, the Koski brothers Ilmari and Matti and



their sister Aino are forced to flee their beloved, Russian-oppressed country. In America, the three settle in the Pacific Northwest, not far from the Columbia River. The brothers quickly and adeptly learn the logging business while their fierce and determined sister becomes heavily involved in organizing the industry's first union. Marlantes deftly captures the solidity and stoicism that make up the Finn's *Sisu* (the Finnish concept described as stoic determination, tenacity of purpose, grit, bravery, and resilience), as he portrays the beautiful yet rugged landscape alongside the hardships and difficulties of pioneering days. The historical details, along with the beautiful prose, make *Deep River* an extremely enveloping story, reminding us that this great country was built by many capable, strong, and forward-thinking immigrants.

JON GRAND



Madame Fourcade's Secret War: The Daring Young Woman Who Led France's Largest Spy Network Against Hitler by Lynne Olson (\$30). Lynne Olson has done it again. This is the compelling story of a well-born French woman and the spy network she ran during



World War II. Relentlessly tracked by the Gestapo, members were brutally tortured and murdered when caught. Madame Fourcade herself was captured but managed to escape each time. The network, called the Alliance, was dubbed "Noah's Ark" by the Germans because members used the names of animals as their aliases. Fourcade was "hedgehog." She moved her headquarters, changed her hair style, and had dozens of other tricks. Fourcade kept the network intact and operating, providing valuable intelligence to the Allies. There are any number of spy stories coming out of WWII, but Lynne Olson's exceptional skill as a story-teller captures the drama, fear, tension, and danger that were Madame Fourcade's constant companions. Deprived even of the luxury of grief when her lover was killed, Fourcade soldiered on. This is a raw, sometimes difficult story of one woman's courage and single-minded purpose in a world fraught with danger.

Fall and Rise: The Story of 9/11 by Mitchell Zuckoff (\$29.99). It is perhaps too close in time for a comprehensive history of 9/11. It was a day that changed America, rattling our sense of safety. Separated by two oceans, it was an article of faith that an attack on American soil was unlikely. Yet there they were: planes filled with civilians turned into weapons targeting thousands of other civilians. Zuckoff has written about the people, not the buildings, bringing the tragedy to bitter life once again. And that is his purpose. Time heals and memory fades, deleting the immediacy of emotion and human anguish from history. In telling the stories of those aboard the planes and on the ground, Zuckoff reminds us that the tragedy is not the collapse of concrete and steel. The iconic pictures of the planes

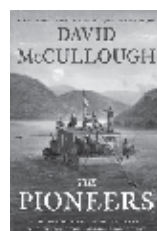


crashing into the structures and their ultimate collapse are seared in our memories. But ultimately, the tragedy must be measured in human terms. Zuckoff wants us to hear the voices of those who lived or died on that day. The loss of life was also the loss of potential. But as his title suggests, there is hope here as well. Just as the buildings have been repaired and rebuilt, the lives of family and friends, of first responders and others, indeed all those touched by 9/11, have also risen anew. In the end, this is not a book about geopolitics, or terrorism. It is a book about courage, love, resilience, and, yes, loss.

On Democracy by E.B. White (\$24.99). E.B. White is a familiar name to many of you. You may have read *Charlotte's Web* or relied on *The Elements of Style*. White was also a prolific writer of essays and poetry. He returned again and again to the topics of justice, equality, freedom, and the nature of democracy. The writings contained in this slim volume—some short and pithy; others more substantial—reflect the world around him beginning in 1928 and continuing up to 1976. Through economic crises, world war, and geopolitical tensions, White never lost his view of America as the best hope for the world—which is not to say that he was uncritical. He owned no rose-colored glasses. White's writings remind us of the crises and dislocations we have already overcome, even as he predicted the challenges we would face in the future. White believed in the American people and urges us to believe in ourselves: "...as a people we probably harbor seeds of goodness that have lain for a long time waiting to sprout when the conditions are right." The collection comes with an introduction by Jon Meacham. Readers sometimes skip such introductory material. In this instance, Meacham's notes are well worth reading.



The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West by David McCullough (\$30). It is hard to imagine the challenges faced by the early settlers to the region we now inhabit. The Northwest Territories, including what are now the states of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois, were ceded to the United States by Great Britain through the Treaty of Paris. The area was not uninhabited nor was it entirely unknown. Trappers had traded with native Americans for some time. As the area became part of the United States, settlers were encouraged to move west and populate the area. For many, it was a great opportunity to acquire land and a homestead. But travel was slow and arduous. As they moved further into the west, they met wilderness. Tribal groups were not always welcoming, and conflicts were inevitable. Yet the settlers persevered. With McCullough as our guide, we get to travel along and share the hardships of these determined settlers. We bear witness to their courage, their hopes, and their disappointments. We are their heirs. Read this for the Fourth of July.



MELANIE HAUCK



The Old Drift by Namwali Serpell (\$28) is an ambitious first novel which took her nearly 20 years to write. Zambia's history and near future are narrated through the stories of three families (black, brown, white) over four generations. Their lives intertwine until



they eventually merge in the latest generation. This saga focuses on memorable female characters; the book is divided into “The Grandmothers,” “The Mothers,” and “The Children.” Punctuating these chapters is a Greek chorus of mosquitos that observe and comment on these human beings. The title refers to an early 20th century colonial settlement on the Zambezi River near Victoria Falls. The Kariba Dam, constructed near that site, becomes a focal point of changes to Zambia, both for good and bad.

Serpell mixes historical narration with magical realism. Some characters are real historical figures like Edward Mukuka Nkoloso, the revolutionary head of the 1960s’ Zambian Space Program, and the Afronauts he trained. Others are pure imagination: a woman cries endlessly for decades; another grows hair continuously over her entire body. Through these characters we learn about Zambia’s colonization, revolution, and independence, the AIDS epidemic, and a fanciful look at Zambia’s technological future.

This is a good book club book: It is rich with symbolism (hair, hair everywhere!) and examines issues of gender, race, class, revolutionary politics, and technology. Serpell’s storytelling is inventive and clever; her writing is vibrant and buzzes with sensory details. And the literati have lauded *The Old Drift*; it’s been compared to Gabriel García Márquez’s *One Hundred Years of Solitude* and celebrated by Salman Rushdie. Dive deep in *The Old Drift* and you’ll be rewarded.

ANN KEIL



Black Death at the Golden Gate: The Race to Save America from the Bubonic Plague by David Randall (\$26.95). At the turn of the century, San Francisco, the largest city on the West Coast, was a booming port town with ships anchoring from all over the world. In 1899, the

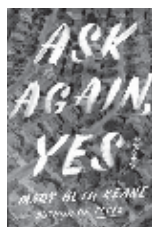


Nippon Maru sailed into the harbor flying the yellow flag, an indication of deadly disease on board. Two passengers had died on the voyage from Hawaii, and, later in the week, the bodies of two more passengers would wash ashore. The victims exhibited the characteristic tell-tale signs of the bubonic plague: black splotches on the extremities, a very high fever, and a tremendously swollen lymph node called a bubo. Death usually occurred within 24 hours of the first symptoms. The ship’s unhappy crew and passengers were quarantined and released after two weeks, and no further cases occurred for two months. Then, a laborer with the same symptoms died in Chinatown. Soon, other bodies were found, dumped in deserted buildings and alleys of the tenements of Chinatown. Identification of a victim could lead to quarantining of a household, cutting off their meager income and potentially starving the family. As overwhelmed physicians struggled to identify the cause of the disease and raced to contain what they feared would become an epidemic, politicians in California stalled, afraid that news of the plague would destroy the flourishing tourist trade. This is a fascinating, scary story, with elements of backroom political intrigue, racism, an earthquake, and a deadly disease. What more could you want in a book?

LIZ ROGATZ



Ask Again, Yes by Mary Beth Keane (\$27). This is the story of two newlywed NYC cops who end up living next door to each other in a suburb of the city. One policeman is from Ireland, as is the wife of the other policeman. You would assume that these two



couples would be fast friends, but that is not the case. After years of living side by side, but not really knowing each other, there is a sudden act of violence that rips these two families apart and severs the best friendship of their young teen children. We then follow these families during the painful ramifications of the aftermath and how they deal—and don’t deal—with what happened. The writing, the characters, and the circumstances make this novel come alive. It is such a tender telling of the fragility of happiness and the power of love. I cannot imagine that anyone picking up this book will be disappointed—it has something for everyone. I highly recommend it.

MICHAEL WYSOCK

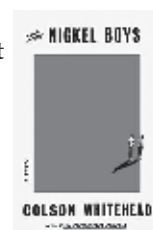


In his phenomenal new work of nonfiction, ***Underland: A Deep Time Journey*** (\$27.95), Robert MacFarlane squeezes, pushes, and pulls us down into the subterranean worlds hidden beneath our feet. We travel with him as he explores the potent



mysteries found in barely accessible spaces: the caverns of the English countryside; the icy cracks of Greenland’s glaciers; the labyrinthine man-made tunnels far beneath the streets of Paris; the vast galleries of mining operations; the future graveyards of our nuclear waste. With every subsequent descent and surfacing, this travelogue of the deep forces us to turn inward, to contemplate not only the fragility of our home planet but also our tiny—and, thus far, very short-lived—place within it.

In his latest novel, ***The Nickel Boys*** (\$24.95, coming July 16), Colson Whitehead shines a light into yet another dark corner of our country’s history, bringing to the page a fictionalized version of the infamous Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys. This Florida institution existed for over 100 years and garnered a reputation for its brutality. After its closure in 2011, a team of archeologists and anthropologists from the University of South Florida uncovered 55 unmarked graves on the school grounds. If not clearly implicating administrators in murders, these discoveries at least prove with certainty that school officials mishandled student deaths.



Whitehead sets his novel in the segregated south of 1960s Jim Crow Florida and thrusts us into the dark environment of Nickel Academy. Elwood Curtis, a dutiful, straight-A high school student and lover of Martin Luther King, Jr., finds himself unjustly admitted to this school, where he meets and befriends the tough and cynical Turner. As these two boys work to avoid bringing attention to themselves, they discover the graft, abuse, and horrors that lie at the heart of institutionalized racism. Their individual efforts toward self-preservation propel the novel to a surprising conclusion.

Whitehead is an astounding writer with enviable range. He can craft a surreal, alternate history as much as he can an engrossing zombie novel. It will come as no surprise, then, that this novel astounds as much as it appalls. Whitehead’s ***The Nickel Boys*** is a page-turner that forces us to reflect on race relations of the past, present, and future. That this work grew out of a horrific truth makes it all the more vital.



THURSDAY, JUNE 6, *continued*

recommend their favorite books of the season and give us all a look ahead to some special titles for summer reading and ones to look for in the fall. Raffle prizes and giveaways are part of the fun. This event is **free**, but space is limited. Reserve your spot by calling us at **847 446-8880**, or email events@thebookstall.com.

MONDAY, JUNE 10

2 pm at the store

DAN HANNA

The Pout-Pout Fish Cleans Up the Ocean

We're having a party to celebrate the latest Pout-Pout adventure, with the series' illustrator **Dan Hanna**, who will be on hand to sign copies of his work and show kids how he draws Pout-Pout Fish. See page 6.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

6:30 pm at the store

MARTIN WALKER

The Body in the Castle Well

Martin Walker speaks about his latest detective novel featuring Bruno, a former soldier turned policeman in the south of France. A young American art student found dead in the courtyard of an ancient castle leads Bruno to the scholar with whom she was studying. Mr. Walker is the former editor-in-chief and international affairs columnist at United Press International. Teresa Lucas of Good Grapes of Winnetka kicks off the event with a brief introduction to wines from Provence and some samples too!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

6:30 pm at the store

BRUCE HEYMAN and VICKI HEYMAN

The Art of Diplomacy: Strengthening the Canada-U.S. Relationship in Times of Uncertainty

Bruce Heyman served as U.S. Ambassador to Canada from 2014-2017. In their new book, he and his wife **Vicki Heyman** deliver a personal and insightful call to action about one of the most important bilateral relationships in the world—the relationship between Canada and the U.S.—and why diplomacy matters now more than ever before.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

6:30 pm at the store

MELANIE BENJAMIN

Mistress of the Ritz

Melanie Benjamin, bestselling author of *The Aviator's Wife* and *The Swans of Fifth Avenue*, speaks about her new novel, based on the story of a real-life American woman who secretly



worked for the French Resistance during World War II—while playing hostess to the invading Germans at the iconic Hotel Ritz in Paris. Joining Ms. Benjamin will be **Edward Kelsey Moore**, author of the bestselling novel *The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat*, and a second *Supremes* novel, *The Supremes Sing the Happy Heartache Blues*.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

PAWS Chicago Day in Winnetka

PAWS Chicago brings cats and dogs to Winnetka for adoption. PAWS is a national model in animal sheltering, committed to bringing an end to the killing of homeless cats and dogs. Meet your new pet in our store.

MONDAY, JUNE 17

6:30 pm at the store



REBECCA SIVE

Vote Her In: Your Guide to Electing Our First Woman President

Chicago author **Rebecca Sive** appears with Congresswoman **Jan Schakowsky** for a discussion of her book. Ms. Sive makes the



case for why voters need to mobilize now and includes an action plan that women can complete to help each other (or themselves) attain political power and work toward electing our first woman president.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

12 noon, Luncheon, University Club of Chicago

LEO DAMROSCH

The Club: Johnson, Boswell, and the Friends Who Shaped an Age

In 1763, the painter Joshua Reynolds proposed to his friend Samuel Jackson that they invite a few friends to join them every Friday at the Turks' Head Tavern in London. Harvard professor Damrosch conjures up the world of late 18th-century Britain and an extraordinary group of people whose ideas shape their age, and our own.

6:30 pm, at the store, The Book Stall Talks Business

SCOTT JEFFREY MILLER

Management Mess to Leadership Success:

30 Challenges to Become the Leader You Would Follow

Scott Miller, an executive vice president at FranklinCovey, speaks about how he knows what it's like to fail. He was demoted from his first leadership position after only three weeks—and that was just one of several messy management experiences on his two-decade journey to leadership success. He shares 30 leadership challenges that illustrate how you can rise when you fail.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

6:30 pm at the store

AMANDA LITTLE

The Fate of Food

Vanderbilt professor **Amanda Little** tells the story of the sustainable food revolution, weaving together stories from the world's most creative and controversial innovators on the front lines of food science, agriculture, and climate change.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

10:30 at the store

Scholastic Summer Read-a-Palooza

We are one of the sites around the country chosen for Scholastic's Read-A-Palooza Summer Reading Celebration. See page 6.

Book Discussion Groups at The Book Stall

Wednesday, July 17 at 9:30 am

Calypso by David Sedaris

Led by Judy Levin

A \$5 book discussion group participation charge is fully redeemable for merchandise in the store.

Go Green Reads Discussion Group

Monday, July 22 at 6:30 pm

Healing Earth: An Ecologist's Journey of Innovation and Environmental Stewardship by John Todd

There is no charge for participation in Go Green Reads discussion groups.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

2 pm at the store



MARY ALICE MONROE *The Summer Guests*

Mary Alice Monroe, author of the *Beach House* series, tells the story of her new stand-alone novel, *The Summer Guests*, about the bonds and new beginnings born from natural disasters and how, even



during the worst of circumstances—or perhaps because of them—one discovers what is most important in life.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

3:30 pm, Book Release Party at the store

JEFFREY BROWN

My Teacher Is a Robot

Chicago author/illustrator **Jeffrey Brown** celebrates his new book. See page 6.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

12 noon, Luncheon, University Club of Chicago

CHRIS JONES

Rise Up! Broadway and American Society from "Angels in America" to "Hamilton"

Chicago *Tribune* theatre critic **Chris Jones** tells the story of Broadway's renaissance from the darkest days of the AIDS crisis to the unparalleled financial, artistic and political success of Lin-Manuel Miranda's *Hamilton*.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

6 pm, The Union League Club



GEORGE F. WILL

The Conservative Sensibility

The Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist **George Will** speaks about his new book, his reflection on American conservatism. It examines how the Founders' belief in natural rights created a great American political tradition that now finds itself under threat.

TUESDAY, JULY 9

6:30 pm at the store



B.A. SHAPIRO

The Collector's Apprentice

Award-winning author **B.A. Shapiro**'s novel is the story of an American woman who after a scandal in America flees to Paris in the 1920s and works under an assumed identity for an American



art dealer. She becomes caught up in the Paris of artists and expats, including post-Impressionist painter Henri Matisse and writer Gertrude Stein. Ms. Shapiro appears in conversation with **Lisa Barr**, author of the novel *The Unbreakables*.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

6:30 pm at the store

GEORGE VAN DUSEN and MICHAEL DORF *Clear It with Sid: Sidney R. Yates and Fifty Years of Presidents, Pragmatism, and Public Service*

Michael C. Dorf and **George Van Dusen** illuminate the life of Congressman Sidney R. Yates, a preeminent national figure involved in issues that ranged from the environment and Native American rights to Israel and support for the arts. Mr. Dorf was Congressman Yates's Special Counsel in Washington

and remained his lawyer and campaign chairman until the congressman's death. Mr. Van Dusen, the mayor of Skokie, oversaw Yates's 9th District Operations for over 25 years.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

12 noon, Luncheon, University Club of Chicago

MELANIE BENJAMIN

The Mistress of the Ritz

For book description, see Ms. Benjamin's appearance at the store on June 13.

6:30 pm at the store

JON GREENBERG

If These Walls Could Talk: Stories from the Chicago Cubs Dugout, Locker Room, and Press Box

Jon Greenberg, the lead Cubs columnist and founding editor-in-chief of *The Athletic Chicago*, provides insight into the team's inner sanctum with a perspective of players, coaches, and personnel from moments of greatness, as well as defeat.

TUESDAY, JULY 16

6:30 pm at the store

KAREN DUKESS

The Last Book Party

Karen Dukess appears in conversation with Chicago *Tribune* columnist **Sally Higginson** to discuss her new novel, a tale of ambition and romance, set in the publishing world of 1980s New York and the beaches of Cape Cod. Bring your book group to this event and enjoy a glass of wine as well as some suggestions for your next great book for discussion. Register your group with The Book Stall and all your members will receive one year's free membership in our 10% Discount Club.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

• 11:30 am Luncheon, The Union League Club

• 6:30 pm at the store

SUMMER RAYNE OAKES

How to Make a Plant Love You:

Cultivate Green Space in Your Home and Heart

Ms. Oakes, an environmental scientist and entrepreneur who keeps over 1,000 live houseplants in her Brooklyn apartment, describes the reasons it's good for you to bring plants inside. She believes there is a strong psychological benefit to taking care of plants as a path to mindfulness—that taking care of other living things is a basic human need.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JULY 19 and 20

WINNETKA SIDEWALK SALES

TUESDAY, JULY 23

11:30 am, Luncheon, The Union League Club

WILLIAM MCKEEVER

Emperors of the Deep: Sharks—The Most Mysterious, Most Misunderstood, and Most Important Guardians

William McKeever, a founder of Ocean Guardian—an NGO dedicated to ocean conservation, looks into the misunderstood world of sharks and makes an urgent call to protect them from climate change and human hunters.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

10:30 am, Special Storytime

NATALIE ZIARNIK

A Lullaby of Summer Things

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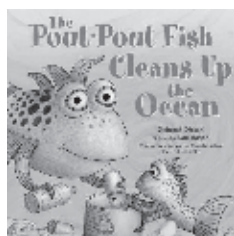
the children's line...



Hello, Children and Children's Book Fans, Happy summer! We have some fun events for you this June and July.

KARI PATCH

We start off with a party! On **Monday, June 10 at 2 pm**, young fans of the Pout-Pout Fish books will want to join us for a party with illustrator **Dan Hanna** celebrating the latest Pout-Pout adventure, *The Pout-Pout Fish Cleans Up the Ocean*. Mr. Hanna will be on hand to sign copies of his work and show kids how he draws Pout-Pout Fish. We'll also learn things that we humans can do to help the world's oceans. This free event is recommended for ages 4 and up. Registration is requested. Please save your child's spot by calling us at 847 446-8880 or emailing events@thebookstall.com.



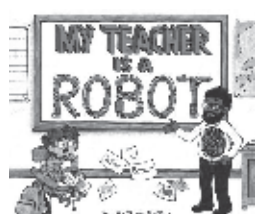
Then on **Saturday, June 22** we are delighted to be one of the sites around the country chosen for Scholastic's Read-A-Palooza Summer Reading Celebration. Join us for giveaways, crafts, and activities, photo-ops and a special in-store appearance with Clifford

the Big Red Dog and Dav Pilkey's Dogman!

As part of Read-A-Palooza, we'll be accepting donations of new and gently used books from Sunday, June 16 through Saturday, June 22. Books will be delivered to our friends at Bernie's Book Bank, which sources, processes, and distributes quality children's books to significantly increase book ownership among at-risk infants, toddlers, and school-age children throughout Chicagoland. This morning of character appearances and activities is recommended for kids ages 3 and up. Crafts and activities are aimed at kids ages 3-9. It is free and open to the public!



Tuesday, June 25 at 3:30 pm, we welcome Chicago author/illustrator **Jeffrey Brown** for the official book release party for his brand-new picture book, *My Teacher Is a Robot*. Mr. Brown will read the book,



draw some pictures for us, and autograph copies for his fans. Plus, there will be cake! This event is recommended for ages 4 and up and is free and open to the public. **We ask that you purchase your book from The Book Stall if you are entering the book-signing queue.**

Looking ahead to July, there are even more exciting events for the whole family!



On **Saturday, July 13**, join our friends at the **Arlington Heights Memorial Library** and author/illustrator **Jarrett Krosoczka** for this year's **FanCon** to celebrate all things comics and pop culture-related. For more information and schedules, visit <http://www.ahml.info/fancon>.

Do you know a budding entrepreneur? Have them bring their best ideas to the **Winnetka Idea Tank**! On **Wednesday, July 17, at 7 pm**, kids age 8-14 will have the chance to pitch their ideas to a panel of successful Chicago-based entrepreneurs and executives. Local author **Lowey Bundy Sichol** and a panel of business experts will hear pitches and award prizes. There will be cash prizes for top ideas and non-cash prizes for all participants. This event is open to the public and free to attend. Idea Tank is open to kids throughout the Chicagoland area (not just Winnetka). **Register at <https://www.winnetkaideatank.com/register-now>**. The Idea Tank will take place at the Winnetka Public Library, 768 Oak St., Winnetka, IL (location subject to change; see the above website for the latest information).



That's if for this edition. Until August,

Happy Reading! *Kari P.*

Good Reads for Summer at Home, on the Road, at Camp For First and Second Grade

Didi Dodo, Future Spy #1: Recipe for Disaster

by Tom Angleberger

WeirDo series by Anh Do

Mia Mayhem series by Kara West

Arnold and Louise series by Erica S. Perl

Time Jumpers series by Wendy Mass

Rabbit & Bear: Rabbit's Bad Habits

by Julian Gough and Jim Field

The Questioners series by Andrea Beaty

Middle Grade Readers

The Oregon Trail Choose Your Own Trail series by Jesse Wiley

Survivor Diaries series by Terry Lynn Johnson

Mac. B., Kid Spy series by Mac Barnett

Knights vs. Dinosaurs and Knights vs. Monsters

by Matt Phelan

Louisiana's Way Home by Kate DiCamillo

Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliott

The Last Last-Day-of-Summer by Lamar Giles

Max & the Midnighters by Lincoln Peirce

Best Babysitters Ever by Caroline Cala

Dragon Pearl by Yoon Ha Lee

Graphic Novels

Camp by Kayla Miller

Glitch by Sarah Graley

Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy by Rey Terciero and Bre Indigo

Super Sons Book 1: The PolarShield Project by Ridley Pearson

The Breakaways by Cathy G. Johnson

BETSY BALYEAT



A Wolf Called Wander by Rosanne Parry (\$16.99). Swift, a yearling wolf, is separated from his family after a rival wolf pack attacks and claims his family's territory as their own. Alone and grieving, Swift reluctantly leaves his mountain home. Even though

his father taught him to hunt elk, avoid skunks, and porcupines, and to carry on whenever their pack was under attack, life is still hard for Swift. Following a routine of walk, trot, and rest, he traverses prairies, canyons, and deserts, encountering men with rifles, wild horses, and forest fires. Illustrated through-



out with realistic black and white drawings by Mónica Armiño, this is a unique survival story inspired by the extraordinary true story of a wolf named OR-7. *Age 8 to 12*

Honeybees and Frenemies by Kristi Wientge (\$17.99). It is the summer before 8th grade and Flor is having the worst summer ever. Her best friend is going away to band camp, while Flor is stuck working in her family's mattress store dressed like a giant mattress. To make matters worse, it is Honeydale's 50th annual honey festival, and all prior Queen Bees are expected to compete for this year's title. This pairs Flor with her archenemy Candice, who has despised her since Flor won the title in second grade. But as the two girls get to know each other, Flor starts to think she and Candice are perhaps not as bad a team as she thought they would be. The girls service project is to work with a mysterious hermit, Mr. Henry. Crabby Mr. Henry has the girls assist him with his plentiful-but-ill bee hives. Candice and Flor both want the prize-winning money for being Queen Bee, even if it means learning all about bees and having Flor wear a "bee beard." The author has created spirited, realistic characters that readers will root for and identify with. Each chapter begins with a fascinating random bee fact. A very satisfying tale for readers grade 4 to 7.



Love from A to Z by S.K. Ali (\$18.99). When Zayneb gets suspended for standing up to her Islamophobic teacher, and he begins investigating her activist friends, Zayneb heads to her aunt's house in Doha, Qatar, for an early start to spring break. On the flight, she meets Adam, who converted to Islam when he was 11 after his mom, Zayneb's aunt's best friend, died from multiple sclerosis. Enamored with each other, Adam and Zayneb begin to share their life stories: Adam is keeping a huge secret from his father and his sister, and Zayneb has not shared with her aunt that she has been suspended. Both Zayneb and Adam are mourning loved ones. Slowly, they fall in love, but their different experiences of dealing with racism and pain threaten to drive them apart. This is a refreshing depiction of religion and spirituality coexisting with normal young adult relationships. *Age 13 up*



The Rest of the Story by Sarah Dessen (\$19.99). Emma Saylor doesn't remember a lot about her mother, who died when Emma was 10. But she does remember the stories her mom told her about the big lake that seemed to go on forever, with clear, cold water and mossy trees at the edges. Now it's just Emma and her dad, and life is good, if a little predictable, until Emma is unexpectedly sent to spend the summer with her mother's family—her grandmother and cousins—she hasn't seen since she was a little girl. When Emma arrives at North Lake, she realizes there are actually two different communities there. Her mom grew up in working-class North Lake, while her dad spent summers in the wealthier North Lake Resort. The more time Emma spends there, the more it feels like she is divided into two people as well. Then there is Roo, the boy who was her very best friend when she was little. Roo holds the key to her family's history, and slowly he helps her put the pieces together about her past. It is hard not to get caught up in the magic of North Lake, and Saylor finds herself falling under Roo's spell as well. But when summer ends and it's time to go back home, which side of her will win out? This is a perfect beach, lake, or camp read, with a page-turning romance and a complex family story. The book comes out on June 4; don't miss it! *Age 13 up*



AMY TROGDON



The Crayon Man: The True Story of the Inventor of Crayola Crayons by Natascha Biebow, illustrated by Steven Salerno (\$17.99). Many people have never heard of Edward Binney, but almost everyone knows Crayola crayons. There



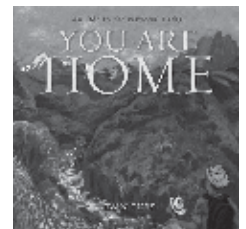
is nothing like the smell, look, and feel of a fresh box of crayons! Edward Binney was determined to create ways for children to draw with non-dusty color. His story, along with the truth behind the name Crayola, is told in this entertaining and knowledgeable book. *Ages 6-9*

Crab Cake: Turning the Tide Together by Andrea Tsurumi (\$17.99). The sea turtle, octopus, puffer fish, and others do what they want in the sea, but the crab cake...bakes? One day, an enormous amount of trash is dumped into the ocean. All of the animals are scared and shocked. What should they do? They look to crab, who feeds them and helps organize a clean-up movement. This is a story of the importance of friendship, especially in times of need, and an eco-friendly tale. *Ages 4-7*



You Are Home: An Ode to the National Parks by Evan Turk (\$18.99)

*Beneath the soaring doorways of stone,
and peaks that pierce the ceiling of clouds,
from every river, star, and stone
Comes the eternal refrain:
You are home.*



Gorgeous artwork compliments this testament to the beauty of our nation. From Maine To Hawaii, this book reminds us that every plant, person, and animal make this land the beautiful phenomenon that is America. *Ages 6 and up*

Shouting at the Rain by Lynda Mullaly Hunt (\$16.99). Delsie lives year-round with her grandmother on Cape Cod. Brandy, her best off-Cape friend, arrives changed from the girl who loved to treasure-hunt on the beach. She's wearing make-up and is into mani-pedis. Also a new, snobby girl, Tressa, arrives, and Brandy dumps Delsie. Also new to the island is Ronan, a dark, strange boy, whose father is a contractor. Delsie and Ronan slowly become friends, and Delsie realizes he is lonely too. With both of their mothers out of their lives, they have a lot in common. As Delsie's grandmother wisely says: "The ones that love you protect your feelings because they have been given a piece of you. Others may toss them around for the same reason." *Ages 9-12*



Dream Within a Dream by Patricia MacLachlan (\$16.99). Louisa (short for Louisiana) and her younger brother Theo travel to Deer Island to visit their grandparents every summer. Their ornithographer father and nature photographer mother travel all summer working. Louisa, who wants to be a writer, would love to be traveling with them. What is there to write about on a tiny island? She soon meets George, the son of a Tanzanian immigrant. He helps her to see the world in a different way. Her grandparents also show Louisa life from an older perspective. A story of love—young and old—and the importance of embracing the unknown. Patricia MacLachlan is one of my very favorite writers. Her prose is lyrical and heartwarming. *Ages 9-12*





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| Sat. | 1 | 10:30 am, Storytime at the store | |
| Mon. | 3 | 11:30 am, Union League Club SCOTT PELLEY <i>Truth Worth Telling</i> 6:30 pm at the store, ROOTS & ROCK 7 pm, University Club VALERIE JARRETT <i>Finding My Voice</i> | |
| Wed. | 5 | 7 pm, Highland Park Library CATHERINE CUSSETT <i>Life of David Hockney</i> | |
| Thurs. | 6 | 6:30 pm at the store, PUBLISHERS REP NIGHT | |
| Sat. | 8 | 10:30 am, Storytime at the store | |
| Mon. | 10 | 2 pm at the store DAN HANNA <i>The Pout-Pout Fish Cleans Up the Ocean</i> | |
| Tues. | 11 | 6:30 pm at the store MARTIN WALKER <i>The Body in the Castle Well</i> | |
| Wed. | 12 | 6:30 pm at the store BRUCE HEYMAN and VICKI HEYMAN <i>The Art of Diplomacy</i> | |
| Thurs. | 13 | 6:30 pm at the store MELANIE BENJAMIN <i>Mistress of the Ritz</i> | |
| Sat. | 15 | PAWS Chicago Day in Winnetka 10:30 am, Storytime at the store | |
| Mon. | 17 | 6:30 pm at the store REBECCA SIVE <i>Vote Her In</i> with JAN SCHAKOWSKY | |
| Tues. | 18 | 12 noon, Luncheon, University Club LEO DAMROSCH <i>The Club</i> 6:30 pm, at the store SCOTT JEFFREY MILLER <i>Management Mess to Leadership Success</i> | |
| Thurs. | 20 | 6:30 pm at the store AMANDA LITTLE <i>The Fate of Food</i> | |
| Sat. | 22 | 10:30 am, Scholastic Summer Read-A-Palooza | |
| Sun. | 23 | 2 pm at the store MARY ALICE MONROE <i>The Summer Guests</i> | |

| Tues. | 25 | 3:30 pm at the store JEFFREY BROWN <i>My Teacher Is a Robot</i> |
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| Wed. | 26 | 12 noon, Luncheon, University Club CHRIS JONES <i>Rise Up!</i> |
| Thurs. | 27 | 6 pm, Union League Club GEORGE F. WILL <i>The Conservative Sensibility</i> |
| Sat. | 29 | 10:30 am, Storytime at the store |
| JULY | | |
| Thurs. | 4 | Fourth of July, The Book Stall is closed. |
| Tues. | 9 | 6:30 pm at the store B.A. SHAPIRO <i>The Collector's Apprentice</i> |
| Sat. | 13 | 10:30 am, Storytime at the store |
| Wed. | 10 | 6:30 pm at the store GEORGE VAN DUSEN and MICHAEL DORF <i>Clear It with Sid</i> |
| Thurs. | 11 | 12 noon, Luncheon, University Club MELANIE BENJAMIN <i>The Mistress of the Ritz</i> 6:30 pm at the store JON GREENBERG <i>If These Walls Could Talk</i> |
| Tues. | 16 | 6:30 pm at the store KAREN DUKESS <i>The Last Book Party</i> |
| Wed. | 17 | • 11:30 am Luncheon, Union League Club • 6:30 pm at the store SUMMER RAYNE OAKES <i>How to Make a Plant Love You</i> |
| Fri. - Sat. | 19 - 20 | Winnetka Sidewalk Sales 10:30 am, Storytime at the store |
| Tues. | 23 | 11:30 am, Luncheon, Union League Club WILLIAM MCKEEVER <i>Emperors of the Deep</i> |
| Sat. | 27 | 10:30 am, Special Storytime NATALIE ZIARNIK <i>A Lullaby of Summer Things</i> |

