

## Summer Programming

### Marigold Summer Program Preview

Programs and activities for all ages can be found at [marigoldprograms.ca](https://marigoldprograms.ca).

#### **Teen Summer Reading Challenge**

The Teen Summer Reading Challenge is back! Teens are encouraged to read books, and complete challenges to earn points and be entered into our draw. This year's prizes for the TSRC are:

1. First Place - Nintendo Switch, Mario limited edition with Super Mario Bros Wonder
2. Second Place - Eilik a desktop companion bot
3. Third Place - Lego Technic NASA Perseverance Mars Rover

Registration for the TSRC opens June 27<sup>th</sup>.



#### **Teen and YA Zine**

We want to get both, teens and young adults, engaged in our digital zine. Teens can earn points toward the TSRC by submitting their creative work.

The registrations for the TeenZine and YAZine open June 27<sup>th</sup>.



### **In-person programming**

The registration survey for this year's in-person programs has ended. If you missed it, send an email to [emilym@marigold.ab.ca](mailto:emilym@marigold.ab.ca). The 2024 theme is To the Stars. However, participants may create whatever they like with the supplied materials.

- **Program A: Blast off Buddies** Participants will be read a story and create creatures to take home!
- **Program B: Solar System Puppet Show** Participants will create their own puppet shows with popsicle stick puppets and a background.



- **Program C: Story Books** Participants will create their own stories using recycled audiobook cases. Participants will be able to share their stories at the end of the program.

- **Program D: Hanging Solar System** Participants will create their own hanging planets, galaxies, or comets.
- **Program E: Ozobots** Participants will be using this kit to code their own star maps, leading their Ozobots on a journey through space.



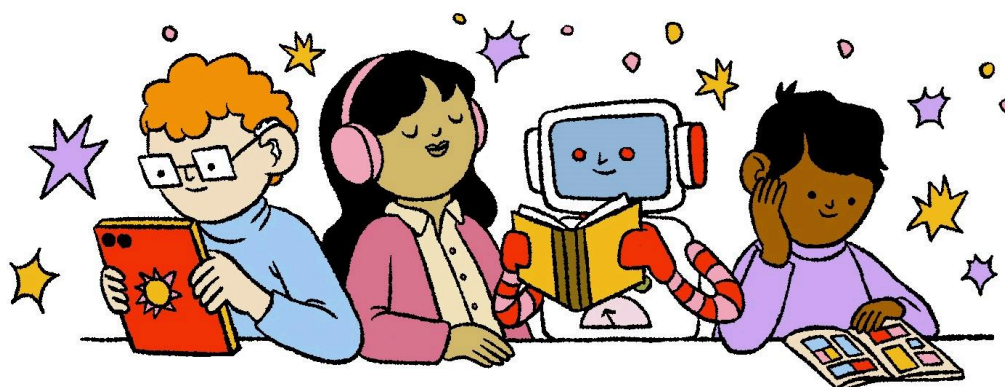
- **Program F: Check Out the Fossils** Participants will be read a story and dig for dinosaur bones. They will have to find each fossil to assemble the dinosaur as a group. Each participant will receive a dinosaur fossil to take home when the activity is done.

I look forward to bringing these activities to your libraries this summer!

Submitted by Emily Manderville  
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Marigold Library System

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**TD Summer Reading Club**



The TD Summer Reading Club has begun! When you register your library with the TD SRC site, your patrons can access digital resources and activities offered by the TD SRC. These activities include:

- Create an online notebook
- Read eBooks
- Vote in the Battle of the Books
- Review books
- Participate in weekly trivia
- Write stories
- Read and write jokes
- Read an original web comic
- View author/illustrator readings and workshops
- Print colouring sheets



Children can access all of these activities on the [TD SRC Kid's site](#). To access promotional materials, activity sheets, programs, and more check out the [TD SRC Staff site](#).

View the [TD SRC Teaser video](#) now and share it with your library patrons on social media.

Additionally, take advantage of this **free** opportunity through the National Film Board of Canada and find films to screen at your library this summer. For more information click [here](#).

## Marigold Library News

### Passive Scavenger Hunt Program Idea



Libraries are wonderful spaces for children to explore, learn, and grow. Inspired by the Didsbury Municipal Library, the Cochrane Public Library is excited to introduce a unique passive program idea that has been delighting young visitors for almost two years: our monthly scavenger hunt.

This engaging activity transforms each library visit into an adventure, encouraging children to explore and interact with their environment in fun and educational ways.

Each month, we introduce a new scavenger hunt theme. From Black History Month to Rodeo, Pride Month, and Indigenous History Month, our themes are carefully selected to be both educational and inclusive. The scavenger hunt is quite simple. We hide twelve colorful pictures throughout the library, ensuring that children explore different areas of our space to find them all. They use a scavenger hunt legend to track their discoveries and once completed, return it to the front desk with their name, age, and phone number.

While the primary reward is the fun and satisfaction of completing the hunt, participants also have a chance to win a larger prize. Completed forms are entered into a draw for a library book bag filled with a collection of high-quality donated books. The books are tailored to the child's age, as listed on the form.

By introducing a passive scavenger hunt, you can create an exciting, educational, and inclusive program that will keep children returning to your library month after month. It's a wonderful way to make the library fun and vibrant for young visitors while also gathering valuable program statistics.

To learn more, please feel free to contact me at [carmen.erison@cochranepubliclibrary.ca](mailto:carmen.erison@cochranepubliclibrary.ca).

Submitted by Carmen Erison  
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## Marigold IT: Finding Solutions Together



If your library needs a technical solution and you don't know where to start, don't hesitate to contact Marigold IT for support, advice, or assistance. The Strathmore Municipal Library's Director of Library Services, Rachel Dick-Hughes, did just that.

The Strathmore Municipal Library is a popular spot for local groups to meet. In a town with few large public spaces available for gatherings, the library's program room is frequently rented out both during and after library hours.

After-hours rentals require a library staff member to be "on call" in case of emergencies, issues, or questions about the program room. To facilitate this, Rachel needed an affordable solution that did not require her staff to give out personal contact details.

"I had a few parameters, and I started to search for options myself, but I quickly became overwhelmed," Rachel stated, "I struggled to find enough information about different options to make an informed comparison." At this point, she decided to take what she considered a "longshot" and contacted Marigold IT for assistance.

Marigold IT Specialist Steven Copland received Rachel's IT ticket. He didn't have a ready-made solution. However, he used his expertise, experience, and training to provide an overview of several options tailored to the library's needs, along with their approximate costs and pros and cons. Rachel plans to use this information to make a pitch to her library board at the end of May.

The proposed solution is intended to improve the safety and security of Strathmore Municipal Library staff members who administer the facility's program room.

"Steven's support has been incredibly helpful to me," Rachel said. "He gave me solid, reliable information. It seems over and above what I would expect from an IT department."

Marigold's IT team does more than just fix problems – they help your library find solutions.

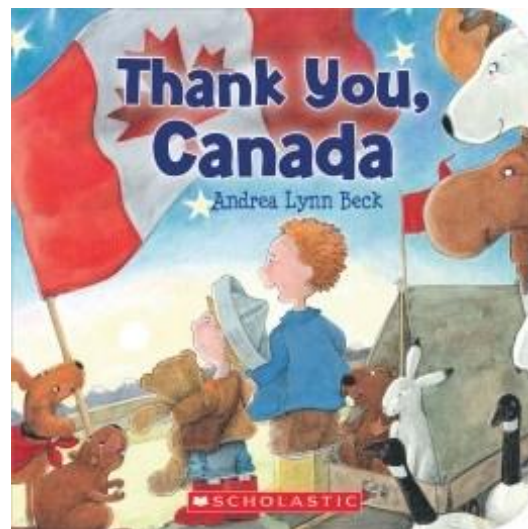
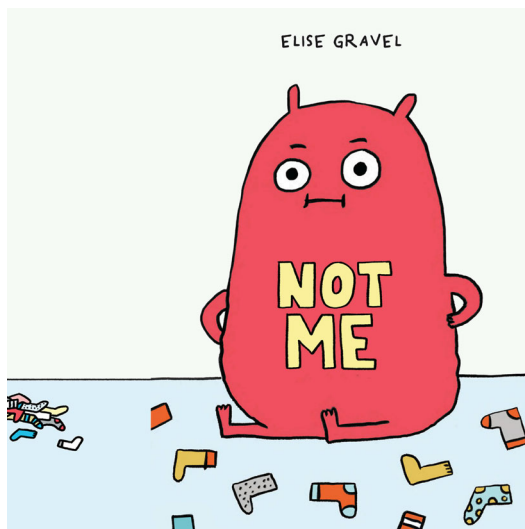
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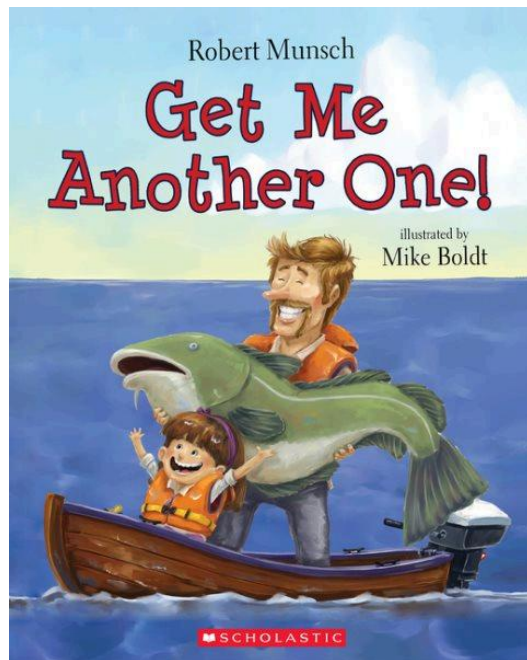
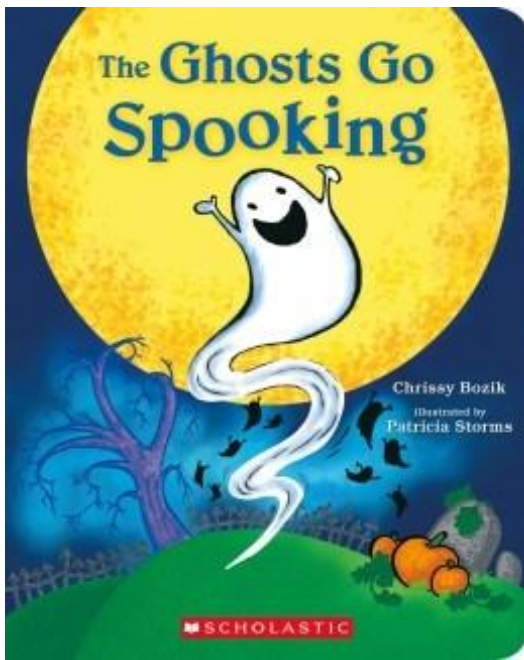
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### Marigold StoryWalks

Marigold is pleased to announce the next round of StoryWalks for the period of July 1-October 31, 2024! Please complete the [request form](#) to book your next StoryWalk.







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## Featuring our First Nations, Metis & Inuit Travelling Books Display!

We have new titles and some good older ones too, ready to be on display in your library. Loan time is four weeks, and you also get a display rack to set the books up on, so book [now](#) and bring some culture into your library.





Submitted by Barb Froese  
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## Indigenous Information

### Powwow Etiquette



Powwows are important cultural events and probably the easiest way to begin a relationship with your Indigenous neighbors – everyone is welcome to attend. Indigenous music and dance survive today because of brave people who kept the traditions alive despite the very real danger that these teachings represented. Residential schools, the last of which closed in 1996, were only one way that the church and the Canadian government tried to destroy Indigenous culture forever.

It only became legal to hold a powwow again in 1951, but even after that the schools worked very hard to discourage students from using their own language and taught that to take part in traditional activities was a sin. We are all very lucky that Indigenous knowledge survived.

While there are smaller Powwow events throughout the year, the Labour Day Classic takes place in Mîniî Thnî on the long weekend in September. These events will be ongoing for two days and competitors come from many nations. It will begin with the grand entry, which I consider a must see, followed by dance competitions in all age categories from tiny tots to elders.

Chairs near the dance floor are set aside for elders and any chair that has a blanket over the back has already been claimed.

I can think of no reason for a spectator to enter the dance area but if you need to go down to the front to perhaps say hello to someone, please do not walk across, enter and leave by the exit on the east side of the circle.

The music and regalia (not costumes) are exciting to us but are sacred items to the participants. They take hundreds of hours to make and are often family heirlooms. It is natural to want to take pictures and that is generally allowed during the competitions, but it is important to ask permission before taking pictures off the dance floor. Should you see a piece of regalia on the floor do not pick it up yourself, there are protocols that must be followed.



The arena director is the leader of the dance arbor, circle or arena. That lead position is designated to a person who has knowledge of the powwow arena. The AD sets the dance in motion and “directs traffic” so to speak.

The drums and singers are essential to the powwow. The music is powerful and beautiful. The songs are passed down through the generations as well as recently composed songs. Drum groups consist of families and friends. It is said that the drumbeats are related to the thunder and some consider them heartbeat of mother earth (Ina Makoche).

Women’s traditional dance regalia is less colorful than that used for fancy or jingle dancing but extremely beautiful. It is made from more traditional materials such as buckskin. Beads, bones, shells, and porcupine quills are used to decorate heavy breastplates, neck pieces, medallions, leggings, moccasins, and bags which are required for this dance. It can take many years to complete a traditional women’s regalia. The dress alone can weigh ten kilos and each heavily beaded added component adds to that. The movement of this dance is much more subtle. The Emcee or Iyapaha brings the powwow to life, they are sharp and witty, able to think on their feet and have knowledge of songs and dance. They have a good sense of humor as well!

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## eResources



### eResources Troubleshooting Guide

Troubleshooting is a common issue you may face when working in the library. Whether it's an eResource, eReader, or a mobile app, you can be prepared to help library patrons solve their problems. Did you know that Marigold has created an eResources Troubleshooting Guide to help you with that?! The guide provides an overview of common troubleshooting issues, which include specific eResources, devices, error messages, and basic troubleshooting tips. Simply access the document [here](#).

Still unable to find a solution? Contact our [Digital Experience Consultant](#).

## Professional Development



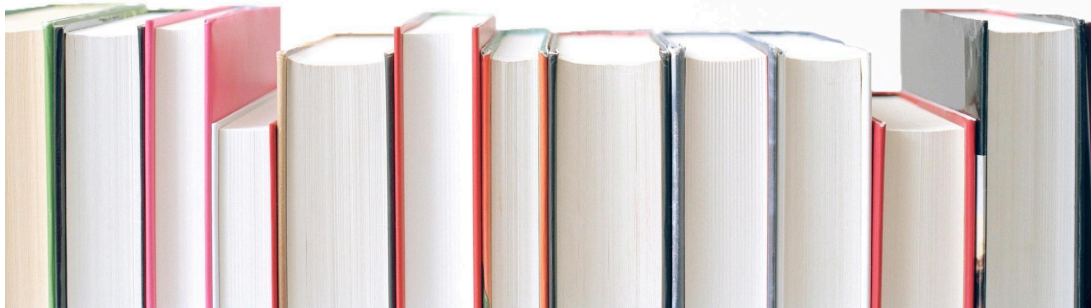
## The Professional Development Newsletter is Back!

You asked, and we listened. We've brought it back!

Inside this monthly newsletter, you will find a round-up of free or affordable professional development and training opportunities, including live or recorded webinars, in-person training sessions, articles, and more, on topics relevant to library managers, staff, and board members. You can find current and past newsletters [here](#).

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### Readers' Advisory Divas and Dudes Webinars

The Readers' Advisory Divas and Dudes is hosting their next webinar series on June 18 and 19, where they will present the top recommended titles for Canadian libraries coming out this fall.

**Adult Picks - June 18 from 11 AM - 12:30 PM**

Each season, a collective of publisher reps join forces to offer a lively readers' advisory-focused presentation showcasing the books they're excited about: dazzling debuts, hidden gems, book club favourites, Canadian authors, and many more.

Tune in for this 90-minute livestreamed Zoom webinar to discover over 60+ new adult fiction and nonfiction books publishing this fall that you can confidently recommend to your library's users. Handouts will be posted [here](#).

Register now

### **Kids and Teens Picks - June 19 from 11 AM - 1 PM**

Tune in for this 2-hour livestreamed Zoom webinar to discover over 80+ new books for young readers publishing this fall that you can confidently recommend to your library's users. Handouts will be posted [here](#).

Register now

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## **Proven Strategies for Library Outreach & Programming**

**June 20 from 12 PM - 1 PM**

There are many amazing outreach projects and programs that don't get widely discussed. From her many years of editorial work on library publications, plus attendance at countless conferences, Kathy Dempsey gets a bird's eye view of them all and is eager to share the most exciting ones. During this session, she'll explain the events and point you to start-up information so you can begin to level up your outreach right away. Discover this treasure trove of proven projects!

Participants will learn about:

- Attention-getting programs like Human Libraries
- Partnerships that will attract NEW library users
- Getting better promotion for your events
- How to increase attendance
- Management strategies to enable better outreach

If your library doesn't have designated staffers who study and specialize in outreach, programming, and promotion, you'll benefit greatly from having all these best practices

wrapped up in one inspirational package.

Find out more and register



## Managing Effective Library Boards

June 26 at 12 PM

Join John Chrastka, Executive Director of EveryLibrary, to learn how to manage a successful library board by understanding their types, roles, and responsibilities. John will help directors recognize and differentiate between various board types and foster a board environment that is proactive, engaged, and responsive to community needs.

### Attendees will learn how to:

Recognize and differentiate between the various board types and their specific roles in library management.

Understand and implement best practices for board agenda formulation and management.

- Master the importance and functioning of committees within board structures.
- Identify challenges and pitfalls faced by unprepared boards and devise strategies to address them.
- Gauge individual skills and familiarity in the areas of financial management, facility upgrades, legal contracts, and intellectual freedom.

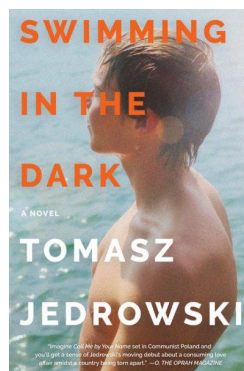
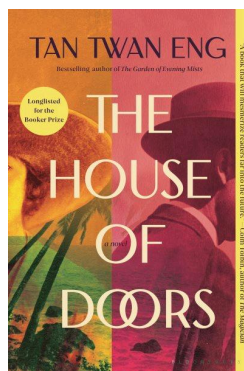
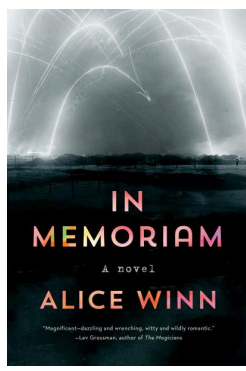
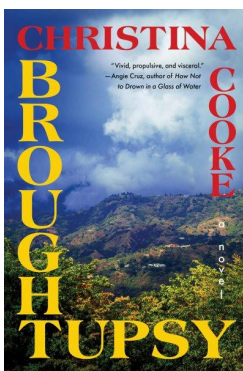
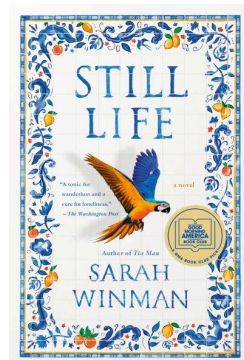
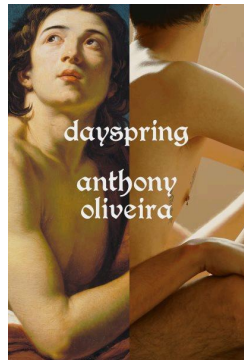
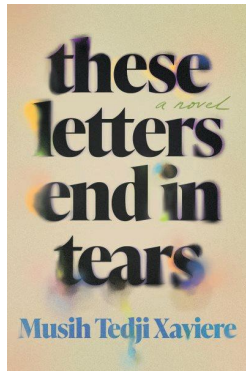
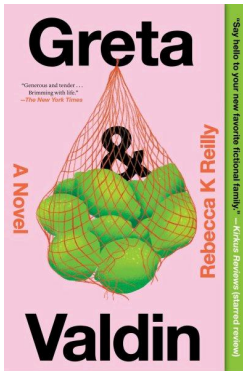
- Recognize the importance of seeking external expertise to enhance board decision-making.
- Foster a board environment that is proactive, engaged, and responsive to community needs.

If you're interested but not able to attend the live webinar, go ahead and register. A recording will be sent to all registrants after the fact.

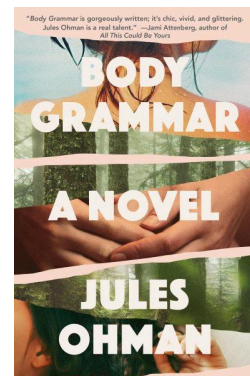
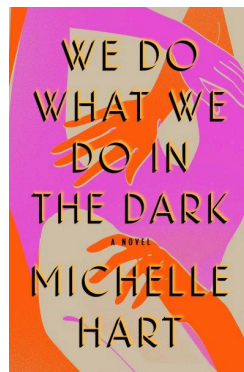
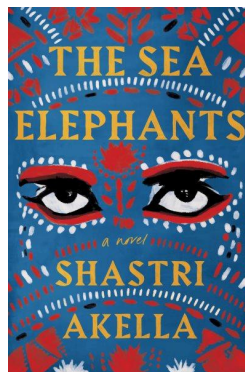
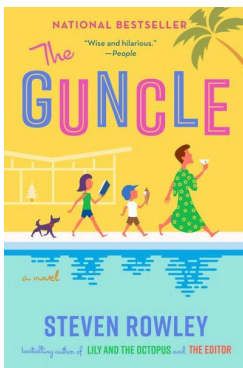
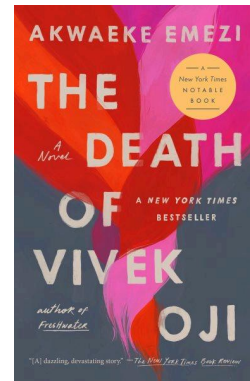
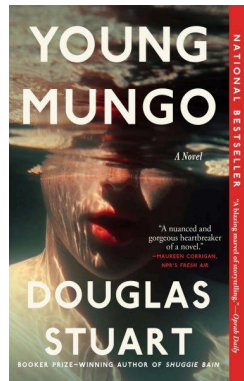
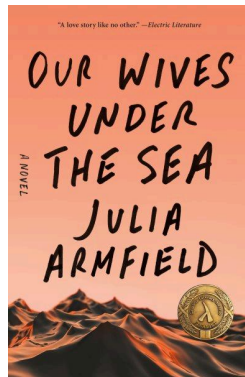
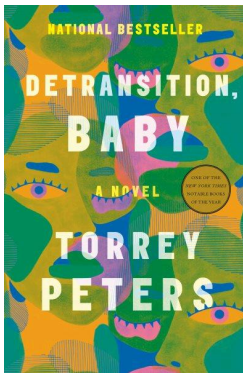
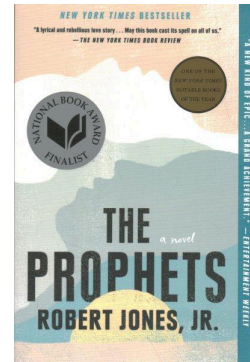
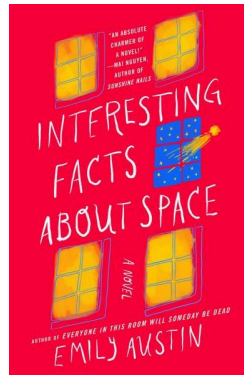
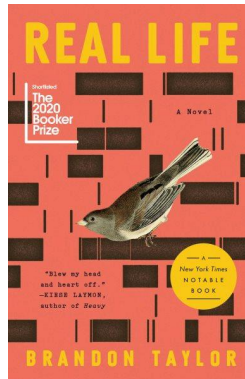
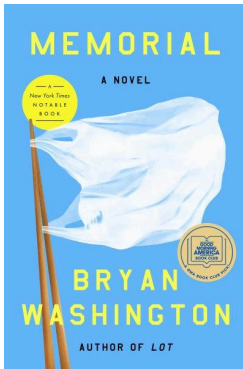
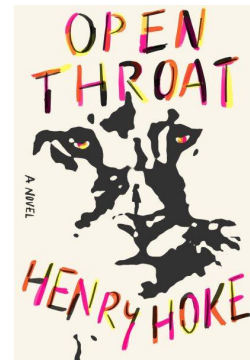
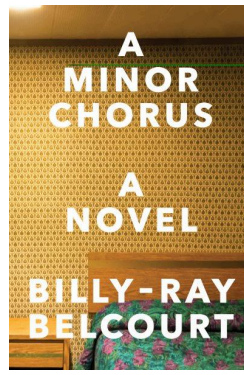
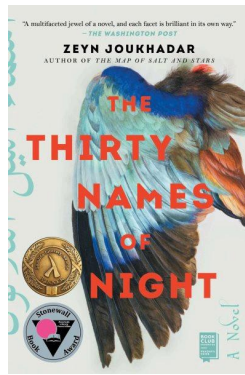
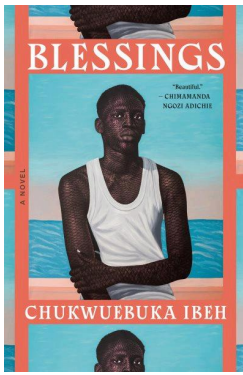
[Register here](#)

## June is Pride Month

Check out these LGBTQ+ titles today! Click on the book cover for a full synopsis.







## Share with Us!

What's happening in your library? We'd love to hear from you!

- News or updates about your library

- Programs or events you'd like to share
- Pictures of your library or events at your library

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