

## Library Closed to Public | May 9<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>

The library staff will soon be busy moving and rearranging items in our children's area to make it even more appealing for your children (and you) to enjoy! We will also be adding some exciting new features, including a new AWE station which has already arrived! The library will be closed to walk-in traffic from Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, though our drive-up window will remain open during normal business hours for picking up reserved items. Come into the library after May 14<sup>th</sup> to check out the new look!



If you would like to donate to this project there is still time. Each donation of \$4,000 will be recognized on a 3"x 8" (approx.) plaque on a shelving unit of your choice. Your gift or memorial will be recognized in the children's area for decades to come; talk to library staff soon about the possibilities!



## Star Wars Night | May 4<sup>th</sup>

May the "Fourth" be with you on the evening of Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30p to 7:30p at the Seward Memorial Library! Come join the library staff in celebrating all things Star Wars. Come dressed as your favorite Star Wars character (*optional*) for a fun evening of Galactic Empire fun. There will be activities, games, snacks, and a prize give-away every 30 minutes. You need not be present to win. "Come join us, you must!"

## Spark Joy Webinar | May 5<sup>th</sup>

On Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00p to 7:30p the Seward Memorial Library will host a live webinar featuring the "Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up" featuring Shannon Huneycutt, a professional KonMari® organizer. Seward is partnering with five other libraries, each of whom will have local participants in this webinar. Shannon will choose three lucky people who register ahead of that evening to receive prizes, so signing up online is suggested to attend this event. All registrants are encouraged to bring along a t-shirt and a pair of pants to practice the vertical folding technique Shannon will also demonstrate. Registration is available through our website: <https://www.sewardlibrary.org/events/spark-joy/>



## Movies Showing in May

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00p the library will show *Indian Horse*. Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00p we will show the movie *Belle*. Come enjoy these films!

## Summer Hours

Start May 1<sup>st</sup>

**Monday - Wednesday**  
9:00a - 6:00p

**Thursday**  
9:00a - 8:00p

**Saturday**  
9:00a - 12:00p

**Sunday**  
CLOSED

Drive Up Window Open  
Monday-Saturday 8:00a

## Upcoming Events

### May

**May the Fourth Party**  
May 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30p

**Mid-Week Movie:**  
**Indian Horse**  
May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:00p

**Spark Joy Webinar**  
May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00p

**Library Closed (Inside)**  
May 9<sup>th</sup> - May 15<sup>th</sup>

**Readers Choice**  
May 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00p

**Midday Mysteries**  
May 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:00p

**Mid-Week Movie:**  
**Belle**  
May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:00p

**R&R Book Club**  
May 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00a

**Summer Kickoff Party**  
May 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30a

**Random Reads**  
May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12:00p

## Summer Kickoff Party | May 21<sup>st</sup>

Come one, come all to this summer's extraordinary Summer Kickoff Party at Seward Memorial Library. Everyone is welcome to attend various activities beginning at 10:30a. Some activities include Seward's own Ukeladies, the Seward Rescue Squad, Chapter's Paige the Bookmobile, Seward Public Transit vehicle, inflatable bounce house and slide from Nebraska Bounce, Ethan Boggs and his Amazing Balloon Creations, and the MotorFood Truck (to purchase your lunch) just to name a few. There will be "Oceans of Possibilities" that you and your family will have a very good time!



## Summer Scavenger Hunt

Come into the library to receive your Summer Scavenger Hunt tracking sheet! The hunt begins May 23<sup>rd</sup> and ends at noon on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Many local businesses will have signs posted featuring ocean creatures. Visit these places so that you can record the answers to the questions on your sheet. Bring your completed sheet back to the library by noon on June 30<sup>th</sup> to enter our cash prize drawing sponsored by Friends of Seward Library. Five winners, including the \$100 grand prize winner, will be announced on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p at the String Beans concert at the Band Shell!

## Summer Programs Upcoming

Several special family programs are on the docket in June and July. We will be showing family friendly movies on Fridays at 1:00p during both months, except for July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Special programs in June, all beginning at 1:00p, include a visit from the Henry Doorly Zoo on the 1<sup>st</sup>, Ethan Boggs Balloon Program on June 9<sup>th</sup>, Wildlife Encounters on June 14<sup>th</sup>, and magician Keith West on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. A String Beans concert is scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p at the band shell.

In July we will host a Percy Jackson party, a Stuffed Animal Sleepover, and a Pokémon Party! In addition to these one-time events, July will also include two escape rooms so watch for details coming soon!



## Summer Reading Challenges

All summer reading challenges will begin Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Children from preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade get cards with 25 squares to track their reading and they will write their name on a sea creature to add to our ocean display. Each time the child reads a book, they cross off an ocean character on their card. With each visit to the library to get more books, they get a piece of candy. Each completed card allows the child to pick a prize from the prize cart, get two pieces of candy, and put their name on another sea creature for our display. If the group's goal of 2,022 books is met, a Pool Party for all participants a pool party is planned.

Teens in grades 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> will receive a punch card to track their reading progress. Every visit earns a them a piece of candy and for every punch card turned in they get a snack. A grand prize drawing at the end of summer will be held using all completed punch cards. The group's reading goal for the summer is 500 books read by July 29<sup>th</sup>. If this goal is reached, a pizza party takes place for all participants.

Adults receive a punch card to track their reading progress. We will once again be competing against York's Kilgore Memorial Library patrons to try to retain our championship title and keep our coveted trophy (as well as celebrate with a pizza party when we win)! Candy is given at every visit and completed cards will be kept for a grand prize drawing..



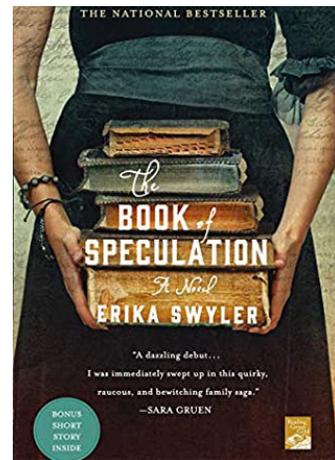
## Summer Storytimes Return

Starting Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30a, bring your toddlers under 3 to join us for Toddler Tuesdays. We will meet May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>. No registration needed.

Wednesdays and Thursdays from June 1<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, Preschool Storytimes will be held at the library at 10:30a. Plan to bring your preschooler (ages 3 to 6) to the library for oceans of fun. No registration required.

## All Seward Reads Together

The book selected for the 2022 All Seward Reads Together program is *The Book of Speculation* by Erika Swyler. This is an intriguing story about a young librarian, Simon, who lives alone in a house that is slowly crumbling toward the Long Island Sound. His parents are dead. His mother was a circus mermaid who held her breath for a living, but drowned in the same water his house overlooks. His younger sister Enola reads tarot cards for a traveling carnival. On a warm day in June, an old book appears on Simon's doorstep. The book is a log from a traveling carnival from the 1700s. The book speaks of strange happenings on a particular day in July to the ancestral females in his family. Could his sister be the next victim of a familial curse? The library owns several copies of this book in a variety of formats. Pick one up and watch for upcoming programs in conjunction with *The Book of Speculation*.



## Bookmark Contest Winners

Thank you to everyone who entered this year's Bookmark Contest as a part of National Library Week! There were so many great entries to choose from that it made selecting winners difficult. This winners of this contest for K-4 sponsored by the Friends of Seward Library are shown here.

*Top row, left to right:* Elliott Steckler, Annemarie Myles, Chloe Wintz, Maccoy Morken  
*Bottom row, left to right:* Joella Ettwein, Ayla Lund, Miriam Franssen

## Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Recently the library has received a few questions about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, mostly wondering why Seward was not yet a part of this wonderful program. We wanted to share some information with you that perhaps is not common knowledge.

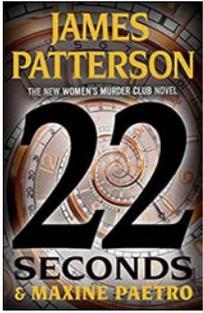
While this program is free for families who sign up, it is not free for the community/organization who sponsors it locally. The Imagination Library sends one book a month to children under the age of 5 who sign up. So a child could potentially receive 60 books in total if they register at birth. As mentioned already, this is free for the families who sign up, but the local sponsor pays (currently) \$2.10 per book per child.



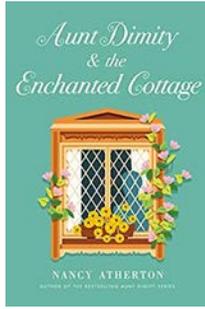
As you can imagine, this would add up to a lot of money very quickly. Communities who have become part of the Imagination Library, which *is* a great program, generally have many civic groups, businesses, and/or individuals who together commit to ongoing, regular financial support. Funds would need to be ongoing as it would certainly be a disappointment to children to start and then stop this program. Having to potentially limit the number of children who could participate based on available funds would also be a downside. Finally, having to continually fundraise would be less than ideal; committed and ongoing funding sources would need to be identified. Even then, promoting the program, registering the children, ordering the books monthly, and paying the invoices would take quite a lot of time.

All this being said, staff at the Seward Memorial Library would be thrilled to coordinate this program if local funds became available. If you know of interested parties, perhaps invite them to learn more about how they could assist in the funding piece. It would be a wonderful thing for the children of Seward!

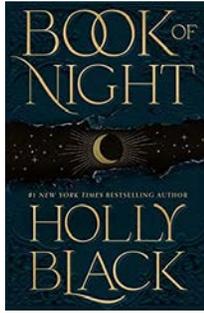
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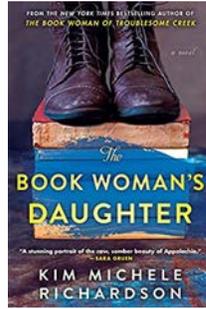
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by James Patterson &  
Maxine Paetro



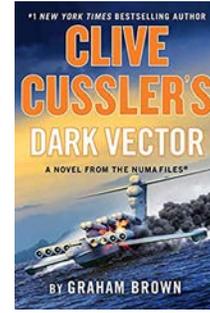
*Aunt Dimity & the Enchanted Cottage*  
by Nancy Atherton



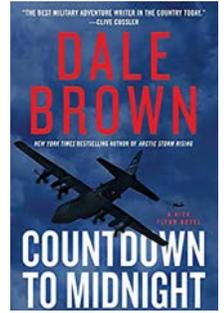
*Book of Night*  
by Holly Black



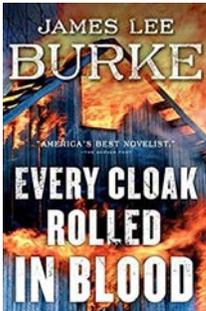
*The Book Woman's Daughter*  
by Kim Michele Richardson



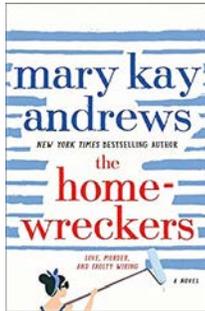
*Clive Cussler's Dark Vector*  
by Graham Brown



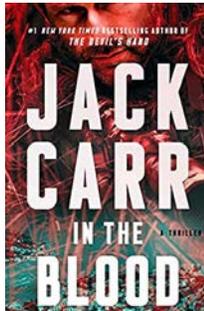
*Countdown to Midnight*  
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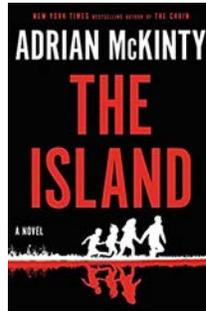
*Every Cloak Rolled in Blood*  
by James Lee Burke



*The Homewreckers*  
by Mary Kay Andrews



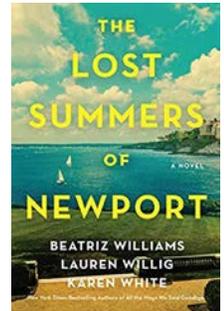
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by Jack Carr



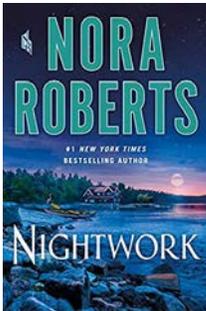
*The Island*  
by Adrian McKinty



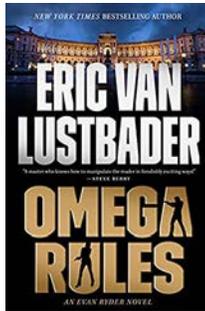
*The Lioness*  
by Chris Bohjalian



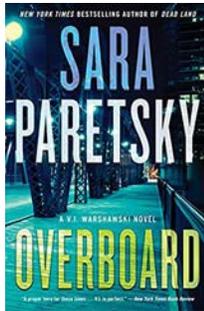
*The Lost Summers of Newport*  
by Beatriz Williams



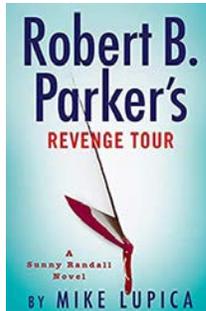
*Nightwork*  
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*Omega Rules*  
by Eric van Lustbader



*Overboard*  
by Sara Paretsky



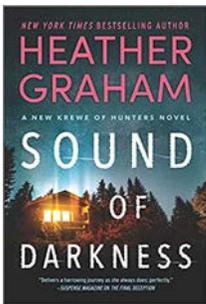
*Robert B. Parker's Revenge Tour*  
by Mike Lupica



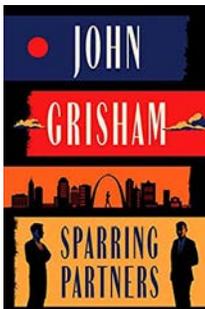
*Seasonal Fears*  
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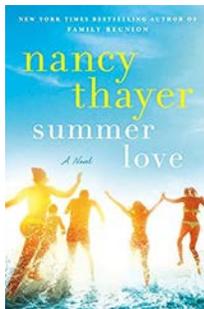
*Secrets*  
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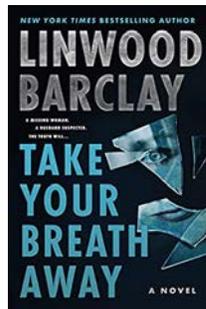
*Sound of Darkness*  
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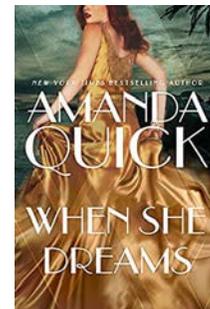
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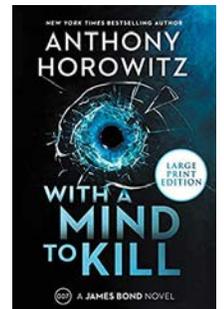
*Summer Love*  
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*Take Your Breath Away*  
by Lindwood Barclay



*When She Dreams*  
by Amanda Quick

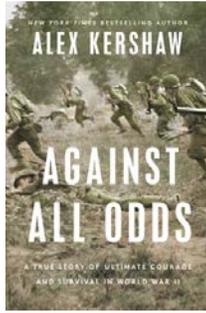


*With a Mind to Kill*  
by Anthony Horowitz

# NON-FICTION BOOKS COMING SOON



*365 Quick & Easy Tips Home Cleaning* by Weldon Owen



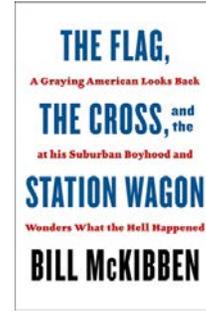
*Against All Odds* by Alex Kershaw



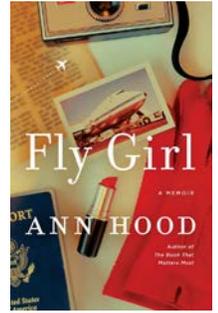
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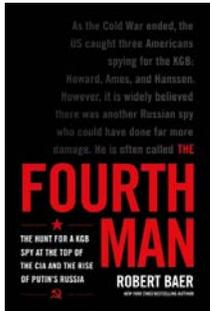
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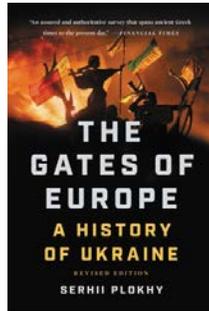
*The Flag, the Cross, and the Station Wagon* by Bill McKibben



*Fly Girl* by Ann Hood



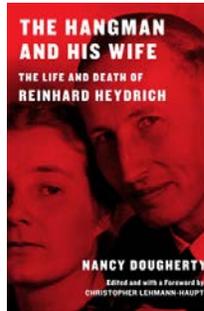
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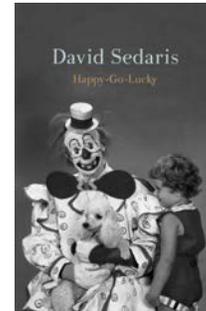
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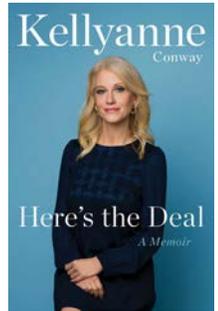
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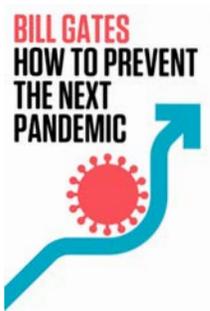
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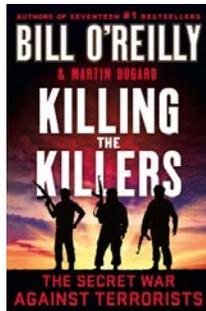
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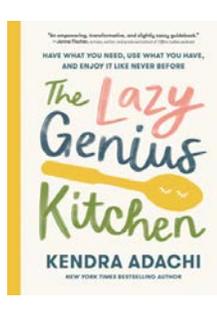
*Here's the Deal* by Kellyanne Conway



*How to Prevent the Next Pandemic* by Bill Gates



*Killing the Killers* by Bill O'Reilly & Martin Dugard



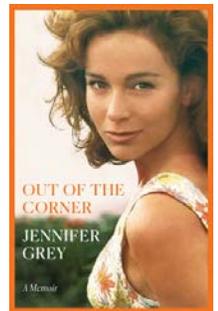
*The Lazy Genius Kitchen* by Kendra Adachi



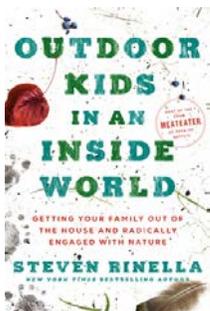
*Long Train Runnin'* by Tom Johnston, Pat Simmons & Chris Epting



*Managing Expectations* by Minnie Driver



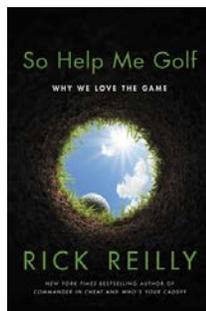
*Out of the Corner* by Jennifer Grey



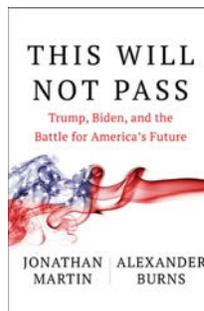
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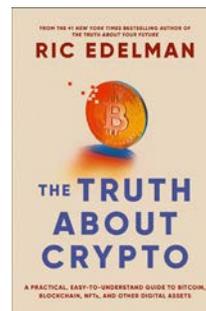
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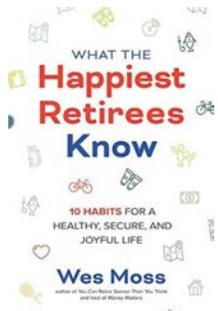
*So Help Me Golf* by Rick Reilly



*This Will Not Pass* by Jonathan Martin & Alexander Burns



*The Truth About Crypto* by Ric Edelman



*What the Happiest Retirees Know* by Wes Moss