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*The Charlotte County Libraries & History Monthly Newsletter*

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# Coming Soon to Our Collection

Browse through the hundreds of items that are on order right now: <https://bit.ly/OnOrderItems>



## **Tracy Flick Can't Win** by Tom Perrotta

June 7

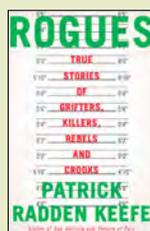
Tracy Flick is back! She is a hardworking assistant principal at a public high school in suburban New Jersey. Still ambitious but feeling a little stuck and underappreciated in midlife, Tracy gets a jolt of good news when the longtime principal abruptly announces his retirement, creating a rare opportunity for Tracy to ascend to the top job. Flick fans and newcomers alike will love this novel chronicling the second act of one of the most memorable characters of our time.

June 21

## **Vera Kelly Lost and Found** by Rosalie Knecht



In *Vera Kelly Lost and Found*, Rosalie Knecht gives Vera her highest-stake case yet, as Vera quickly puts her private detective skills to good use and tracks a trail of breadcrumbs across southern California to find her missing girlfriend. She travels first to a film set in Santa Ynez and, ultimately, to a most unlikely destination where Vera has to decide how much she is willing to commit to save the woman she loves.



## **Rogues** by Patrick Radden Keefe

June 28

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Empire of Pain* and *Say Nothing*—and one of the most decorated journalists of our time—come 12 enthralling true stories of grifters, killers, rebels, and crooks. As Keefe says in his preface, “They reflect on some of my abiding preoccupations: crime and corruption, secrets and lies, the permeable membrane separating licit and illicit worlds, the bonds of family, the power of denial.”

June 7

## **The Contractor** [DVD]

Involuntarily discharged from the Army, a special forces sergeant lands a contract with a private underground military force. When his first assignment goes awry, the elite soldier finds himself hunted and on the run, caught in a dangerous conspiracy and fighting to stay alive long enough to get home and uncover the true motives of those who betrayed him.



Happy Pride Month! Look for small rainbow hearts on the top of book spines while browsing our shelves to easily find our LGBTQ fiction books, or search the catalog for “LGBTQ” to see all the titles in the collection.

# Library Bulletin

## Author Visit with Trish Doller

Join us Saturday, June 25 at the  
Mid-County Regional Library

Local author Trish Doller will talk about the process that went into writing some of her nautical novels. She will discuss her young adult novel *Start Here* for a teen audience from 12 to 1 and her fiction book *Float Plan* for an adult audience from 2 to 3. Ask her questions about writing, publishing, and more in a Q&A session, and get your favorite books signed by the author.



*"I have been a fan of Trish Doller since she visited my high school book club 10 years ago! I have grown up with her books as she moved from young adult to adult fiction. Her characters are so real and relatable, and her twisting and exciting plots have kept me awake through many nights of reading past my bedtime. I am so excited to be able to share her talent with all of you!"* Melanie, Librarian

## Read and Feed

Free school lunch for all kids 18 and under from the Champs on Wheels bus! Lunch will be served (and must be eaten) on the library premises. Please register each child separately. Call 941.764.5562 for more details.

### Monday–Friday, June 1–July 29 (except July 4)

Mid-County Regional Library from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Port Charlotte Library from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

### Tuesday–Friday, June 21–24 and July 19–22

Englewood Charlotte Library from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.



## CHARLOTTE COUNTY DISASTER GUIDE



**It's that time of year again!  
Hurricane season began June 1.**

If disaster struck, would your family be ready? Prepare now! Be sure to pick up a copy of the Charlotte County Disaster Planning Guide at any of our library locations. Follow the tips and checklists in this guide to protect your loved ones, your home, and your business.



Share your original, fictional, short stories in our **What's YOUR Story** writing contest. Stories can be based far in the future, set in the past, or developing right now. Please limit your stories to 1,500 words, double-spaced. The contest is open to ages 13 and up. Gift cards will be awarded to the winners in Teen and Adult categories.

Submissions can be dropped off at the Mid-County Regional Library or emailed to [Charles.Meyer@CharlotteCountyFL.gov](mailto:Charles.Meyer@CharlotteCountyFL.gov). For more details, please call 941.613.3184.

**The Contest starts June 1. All entries must be submitted by midnight on July 30.**

# Archives Spotlight: Hurricane Charley

On August 13, 2004, Hurricane Charley slammed into Charlotte County as a strong Category 4 hurricane. As hurricane season begins, these photographs of Hurricane Charley's devastation, taken from Charlotte County Libraries and History's Raymond Collection, remind us of the powerful impact a storm can have on our community.

The unknown photographer explains these pictures were "taken as we came back into Punta Gorda two days after Charley.... We could have taken hundreds of pictures of Punta Gorda damage, it was unbelievable."



Mobile home debris on Sunshine Boulevard in Punta Gorda.



The back of Punta Gorda City Hall.



Brazilia Court in the Punta Gorda Isles neighborhood.



Brazilia Court in the Punta Gorda Isles neighborhood. Photograph taken a week after the initial photo.

The Raymond Collection was donated by Janeene M. Raymond of Bloomington, Illinois. Contact Historical Services at 941.629.7278 to see more photos from this collection, or visit the **digital archives** in our online catalog for other images of Hurricane Charley's destruction.

# Choose-your-own-adventure Books for Adults

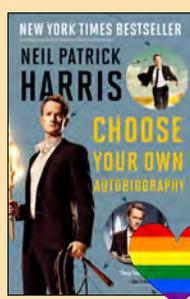
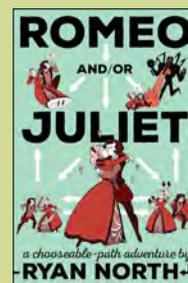
These interactive books have multiple possible endings that depend on your choices. Imagine a love story, escape a zombie, or re-write the classics in these choose-your-own-adventure stories.



**Highway to Hell: Can You Survive the Zombie Apocalypse?** by Max Brallier  
If you're a fan of horror, you've probably read your fair share of zombie stories. But this time it's different. In a horrific cross-country road trip (or rather, suicide mission), you must overcome obstacles of every kind to save zombified America from utter collapse.

**Romeo and/or Juliet** by Ryan North

Romeo loves Juliet. Or Rosaline. And Juliet loves Romeo. Or Viola. Or Orlando. It's Shakespeare as you've never played him before, packed with exciting choices, fun puzzles, secret surprises, terrible puns, and more than a billion possible storylines. You can choose to play as Romeo or Juliet, but you can also play as both of them, or as Juliet's nurse, or, if you're good, you can even unlock a fourth playable character.



**Choose Your Own Autobiography** by Neil Patrick Harris

Neil Patrick Harris puts the "u" back in "aUtobiography" as he shares intimate and hilarious stories about his early days in LA, life on the *How I Met Your Mother* set, award shows, and family life with David, Harper, and Gideon. He lets you, the reader, choose which path you want him to follow. All this plus magic tricks, cocktail recipes, and embarrassing pictures!

**My Lady's Choosing: An Interactive Romance Novel** by Kitty Curran

You are the plucky but penniless heroine in the center of eighteenth-century society; courtship season has begun, and your future is at hand. Will you flip forward to find love with the baronet Sir Benedict Granville? Or turn the page to true love with the hardworking highlander Captain Angus McTaggart? Or yet some other intriguing fate?



**Choose your own Misery: The Office** by Mike MacDonal and Jilly Gagnon  
You have endless choices, but few real options. Stuck at a job you hate, will you show up for your big presentation, or duck out with Debby, the HR rep? Play up the weird lump on your back for office-wide sympathy, or dive into an internet spiral that can only end in "ten kinds of cancer"? It's a modern choose-your-own-adventure tale—the comedic story of your soul-crushing existence.

# OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

**Summer reading is back and making a splash in 2022!**

Get ready to get wet, plumb the depths, and explore stories from the seven seas in this year's ocean-themed summer reading program. After two years of virtual programming, we're so excited to offer a full lineup of in-person summer programs in 2022.

**Beat the summer slide** Summer reading is one of the library's most important literacy initiatives. Studies show that kids lose an average of two months of reading proficiency each year they don't read over the summer, a phenomenon known as the "summer slide." Kids who do read over vacation gain an average of one month's proficiency. By middle school, these lost months add up to about two years; kids who haven't read in the summer will read more slowly and less fluently, and they fall far behind their peers in school achievement.

Since it's so crucial, we do our best to make summer reading incredibly fun! Kids and teens are invited to log their reading, earn beads, win prizes, and visit the library regularly to borrow new books and join in some of the coolest programs around.

**Dive in** The fun begins at our kickoff events on June 3 and 4. Find us at Tringali Park on Friday or McGuire Park on Saturday. We'll have water games, sea crafts, and live music! Pick up your kick-off bag, which contains everything you'll need to get started, including your reading log, instructions, event calendar, and fun goodies. You'll also choose a brag tag necklace to collect the beads you'll earn as you read. Don't worry if you can't make it to kick-off—register at any library location any time.

**How it works** Once you have your materials, start reading! Every 20 minutes you read, mark off a space on your reading log. Bring your log into the library to earn beads for your chain. We have sparkle beads, star beads, glow-in-the-dark beads, and beads shaped like all kinds of marine animals. You can choose a regular bead for every 20 minutes you've logged, or read for 40 or 60 minutes and earn a cooler bead. We're also challenging each branch to read 1,000 books this summer, so count these as you read to move your fish or submarine through your branch's display.

When you reach the summer goal of 800 minutes, you did it! You can choose a ticket to our end-of-summer Pirate Party on July 30 or a raffle ticket to enter to win fin-tastic prize bundles. Logs are due July 23. But don't stop reading! You can keep earning beads for your chain.



**Wet and wild programs** This summer is overflowing with ocean-themed fun! Here are just a few of our biggest programs to whet your appetite.

## Survival Island

June 11 at Punta Gorda and Mid-County Regional Libraries

Your family has been stranded on a deserted island with an assortment of items to build a boat, create habitable shelter, cultivate food, and find a way to get rescued. Can you survive?

## Teen Beach Cleanup

June 18 at Englewood Beach

Grab your beach shoes, sunscreen, and shades as we keep Englewood Beach pristine. You'll earn community service hours and get a cool tote.

## Interactive Shark Tooth Hunt

July 26 at Punta Gorda and Mid-County Regional Libraries

July 27 at Englewood and Port Charlotte Libraries

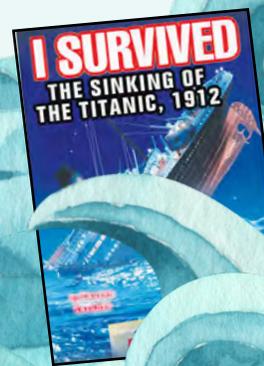
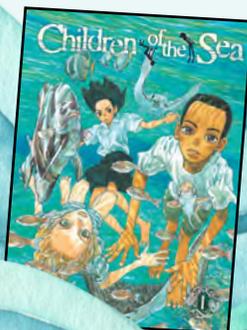
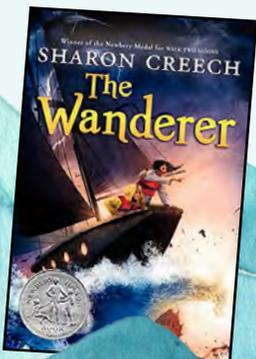
Dr. Ashley Oliphant ("The Shark Lady") will lead an interactive adventure through the shark's domain. While hunting for shark's teeth, kids learn to identify various species of shark by their teeth and keep what they find.



# HOW TO HOOK YOUR RELUCTANT READER

Does your child find books boring? Adults know reading is essential, but some kids just don't see the appeal. Try these proven strategies to help kids discover the joy of reading.

- o **Let your child choose.** Graphic novels, riddles, or magic tricks—if they're reading, it counts!
- o **Bring books along.** Read in the car, at the dentist, and anywhere your child might have to wait.
- o **Read aloud together, and make it fun.** Try different voices, ask your kids to guess what might happen next, and stop just when it's getting exciting—there's nothing like a cliffhanger to leave us wanting more.
- o **Extend the fun.** Reading about tigers? Visit them at the zoo. Trying a mystery? Play a game of Clue.
- o **Read the Sunshine State Books.** The new titles have arrived! Look for this year's red and yellow hibiscus stickers at the top of the spine, or see the full lists **on our website**.
- o **Ask for help.** Our librarians can help you find high-interest titles, like those below, at your child's level.



# What to listen to on your road trip

Traveling this summer? Here are some great audiobooks to enjoy along the way.

## If you are traveling with the family:

***Peter and the Starcatchers*** by Dave Barry (9 hours)

Soon after Peter, an orphan, sets sail on the ship *Never Land*, he befriends Molly, a young Starcatcher, who must guard a trunk of magical stardust from a greedy pirate.

***Trumpet of the Swan*** by EB White (4.5 hours)

Knowing how to read and write is not enough for Louis, a voiceless Trumpeter Swan; his determination to learn to play a stolen trumpet takes him far from his wilderness home.



## If you're traveling with teens — or if you want to be crying when you arrive:

***The Book Thief*** by Markus Zusak (14 hours)

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel—a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

***The Fault in Our Stars*** by John Green (7 hours)

Sixteen-year-old Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with Augustus Waters at a cancer support group forces her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life.



## If you want an Oprah recommended book:

***The Sweetness of Water*** by Nathan Harris (12 hours)

In the waning days of the Civil War, two brothers freed by the Emancipation Proclamation seek refuge on the homestead of George Walker and his wife, Isabelle. Parallel to their story runs a forbidden romance between two Confederate soldiers.

## If you love books:

***The Midnight Library*** by Matt Haig (9 hours)

Between life and death there is a library, and within that library, the shelves go on forever. Every book provides a chance to try another life you could have lived. Would you have done anything differently, if you had the chance to undo your regrets?



## If you want to rediscover America:

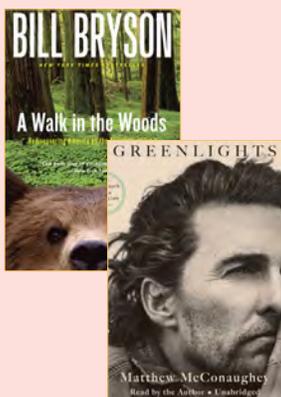
***A Walk in the Woods*** by Bill Bryson (6 hours)

Following his return to America after twenty years in Britain, Bryson decided to reacquaint himself with his native country by walking the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail.

## If you want to read a book filled with Texas charm:

***Greenlights*** by Matthew McConaughey (6.5 hours)

McConaughey's unconventional memoir is filled with raucous stories, outlaw wisdom, and lessons learned the hard way about living with greater satisfaction.



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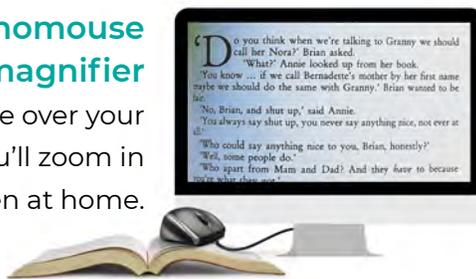


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# Meet Charlotte County's Sea Turtles

The experts at Charlotte County Natural Resources share how we can help sea turtles feel at home.



Sea turtles are hatching! From May 1 - October 31, our warm beaches are a favorite nesting site for these beautiful animals. In 2021, over 1,700 nests were identified on our shores.

Three of the world's seven species of sea turtles nest in Charlotte County: the Loggerhead, Green, and Kemp's Ridley. Of these, the Loggerhead is most commonly observed on our coast. Healthy sea turtles spend nearly their whole lives in the ocean. To see one in the wild, follow the food chain. Green sea turtles are usually seen near the shore, where they feed on

algae and seagrasses. A loggerhead, however, might be observed in the open sea feasting on a jellyfish buffet.

Female sea turtles come ashore only to nest, returning to the same beaches where they once hatched. A mother turtle will crawl onto the beach at night to lay between 50 and 200 eggs before returning to the water. In the morning, the Sea Turtle Patrol can spot the nest by the flipper marks that lead to it. They'll mark the nest to keep visitors from stepping on it. The golf-ball sized eggs will incubate in the warm sand for 45 to 60 days.

Baby turtles usually hatch at night and follow the brightest horizon into the water. Mother turtles do not return to the nest, so the tiny hatchlings must find their own way into the ocean when they emerge. They'll spend their first years in coastal waters among the seaweed, but it's a dangerous time! Though powerful swimmers, sea turtles cannot pull their heads or flippers into their hard shells like other turtles. This is one reason they're so vulnerable. Only one in 1,000 hatchlings survives to adulthood.

All sea turtles are protected by law. Loggerheads are a threatened species, while all others are endangered. This means our efforts to share the beach are essential to the reptiles' survival. Both adult sea turtles and hatchlings rely on moonlight reflected on the water to navigate back to the sea. Since artificial lights are brighter than the moon, it's critically important to dim the lights and close the blinds of beachfront homes and businesses during nesting season. Beachgoers can also help by keeping pets at home, avoiding flashlights and lighted cameras at night, and filling in holes, flattening sandcastles, and cleaning up trash and personal belongings when leaving.



**June 8 is World Oceans Day!**

Kids can register for a turtle-y awesome STEAM program with guests from Mote Marine.

June 8 - Port Charlotte

June 24 - Englewood

## What to do...

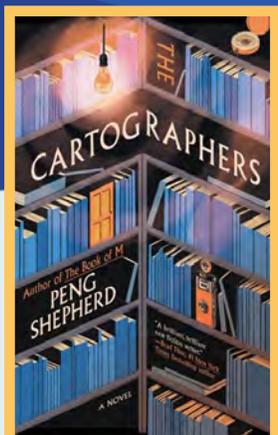
**If you find a live hatchling out of place**, like in a parking lot, call Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (888.404.3922) right away. If the hatchling is in danger, carefully place the hatchling in a bucket with damp beach sand in a shaded location. Do NOT place the hatchling in a bucket of water.

**If you see an adult sea turtle actively nesting**, keep the public away. Nesting can take up to an hour.

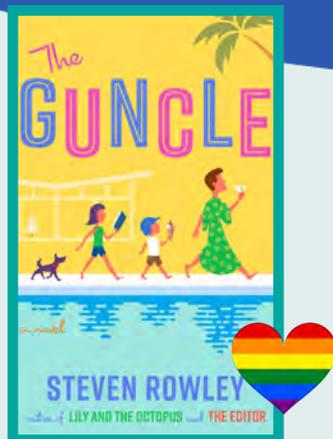
**If a sea turtle nest hatches on the beach**, keep the public away and let the hatchlings make their way to the sea on their own. Try to keep birds away.

**\*Do not touch sea turtles or their hatchlings\***

# Staff Picks



***The Cartographers***  
by Peng Shepherd



***The Guncle***  
by Steven Rowley



***This Poison Heart***  
by Kalynn Bayron

"*The Cartographers* is a modern-day adventure story about the magic of maps. When Nell discovers a mysterious map in her late father's belongings, she finds herself at the center of an intrigue 30 years in the making. This was a light-hearted thriller perfect for anyone who's wondered at what might be hidden beneath the veneer of the ordinary. I only wished I hadn't read the book jacket first—there were spoilers!"

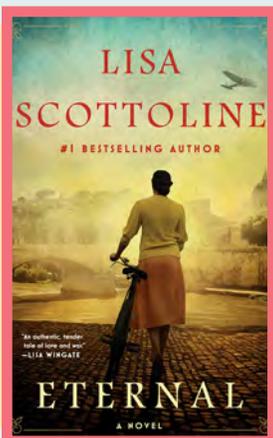
—Claire Myers, Tech Services

"If Patrick Dennis was alive to write *Mame* today, this is the book he would write. The humor is campy, hilarious and real. This is a great read to reinforce that family is as we build it."

—Jonathan Westbrook, Supervisor

"*Percy Jackson* meets *Legendborn* in this emotional and riveting novel! Briseis has a way with plants. She can grow them with a single touch. When she inherits a strange mansion surrounded by acres of untamed woods, she soon learns she is part of a legacy as dark as it is magical. It's full of diverse, loveable, and fierce females, has a fast-paced plot, and is so imaginative! Lovers of adventure, magic, insidious plots, and Greek mythology will dig this one!"

—Ashley Guerzo, Youth Librarian



## Reader's Rave

***Eternal*** by Lisa Scottoline

"This book is a quintessential example of historic fiction about fascism in Italy prior to World War II. Strong character development strengthens a reader's appreciation of this beautifully told story of young people's joys and struggles. It would lend itself to a successful motion picture."

—Eva M. E., Library patron



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