



March-April

EVENT GUIDE 2025

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon - Thurs 9:00am - 8:00pm
Friday 9:00am - 6:00pm
Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday 12:00pm - 4:00pm

SMITHWORKS HOURS

Weekdays 2:30pm - 5:30pm

Kids & Families

Teens

Adults



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SMITHworks Community Studio

AT THE
ELISHA D. SMITH MENASHA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Open Weekdays 2:30-5:30pm

Look for this label to find upcoming classes and workshops in SMITHworks:

SMITHworks Makerspace Workshop

All Menasha Public Library events are **free and open to the public**. Some events* have limited space and require registration.

*To register for a starred event visit menashalibrary.org/calendar and click on the desired event or call the Reference Desk at 920.967.3690.

Family Story Time
Tuesdays, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18 at 10am

Ages 0-6 | Company E Room, lower level

Join us for 30 minutes of books and music for kids 0-6 and their families. Geared for preschoolers, but the whole family is welcome.

Teen Volunteer Council
Tuesdays, 3/4 & 4/1 at 3:30pm

Ages 12+ | Teen Space

Join us the first Tuesday of each month to volunteer at Menasha Public Library. This is your chance to share ideas about YOUR library while helping with various library and community projects.

Volunteer applications are available at the Reference Desk or contact Cindy: 920-967-3692 or schaeferkemps@menashalibrary.org.

Legal Clinic
Tuesdays, 3/4 & 4/1 from 4:30-6:30pm

Adults | Company E Room, lower level

Get free legal assistance on the first Tuesday of each month between 4:30 and 6:30pm. First come, first served. For details, visit our website calendar.

Fiction Book Club Discussion
"Firekeeper's Daughter"
by Angeline Boulley
Thursday, 3/6 at 10am

Adults | Company E Room, lower level

Everyone is welcome to join our fiction book club -- Novel Thoughts -- for some lively conversation about great novels - from classics to recent favorites! This month's book discussion title: "Firekeeper's Daughter" by Angeline Boulley. Request a hold by calling the Checkout Desk at 920.967.3680 or by emailing us at reference@menashalibrary.org.

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Grand Reopening Celebration held on Saturday, February 8, 2025



**Art Exhibit Reception:
Joann Mariahazy: Printmaking
and Beyond
Thursday, 4/10 at 6:30pm**

Adults | 📍 Main Floor

Visit the exhibit, enjoy Joann's printmaking, watercolors and design creations. She will share some of her new projects and inspiration. Light refreshments will be served.

**Music Workshop with Aurora Institute
for the Arts
Friday, 4/11 at 11am**

Ages 3+ | 📍 Fox River/Winnebago Room

Learn all about string instruments and making music in this kid-friendly music workshop with Aurora Institute for the Arts.

**Cooking Series: Ancient Grains
Edition - BBQ Chicken Quinoa Bowl*
Friday, 4/11 at 4:30pm**

Adults | 📍 Company E Room, lower level

Registration opens Saturday, April 1st.

Incorporate the nutrients, texture, and deliciousness of ancient grains to your family meals! All supplies and ingredients provided. This will be a hands-on cooking experience.

Ancient Grains Edition will be offered between February and April. Space is limited. Registration required. Limit: 1 Ancient Grains class per person. More details can be found on our website.

**Comic Book Club & Movie Party
Saturday, 4/12 at 10am**

Teens | 📍 Teen Space

We are completing our discussion of our *Fantastic Four* book and celebrating with *Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer* movie party! Yes, it is okay to join in our fun even if you have not read the book! We look forward to seeing you in our NEW Teen Space at 10:00AM followed by our party in the library's lower level Company E Room.

To request your copy of *Fantastic Four*, leave a message for Cindy at 920-967-3692. While supplies last.

**Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt
Monday, 4/14 - Sunday 4/20**

Families | 📍 Children's Section

Someone stole Peter Cottontail's precious golden egg! Thankfully the thief left clues around the library. Unravel the thief's riddles to help Peter find his special Easter egg! Available from April 14th - 20th. Drop in anytime.

**Switch Wednesday - MARIO KART!
Wednesday, 4/16 from 3:30-5pm**

Ages 10+ | 📍 Teen Space

Stop in the Teen Space the third Wednesday of each month for some Nintendo Switch Fun. This month we are playing Mario Kart!

**Preschool Play Date
Thursday, 4/17 at 10am**

Ages 1-6 | 📍 Company E Room, lower level

Preschoolers and their caring adult are invited to stop in and play at the library. We're hosting a Money Smart playdate! We'll have activities, games, and toys for ages 1 thru 6. Our preschoolers will earn "library money" with each activity and they can purchase items at the Money Smart Library Store.

**Earth Day: Butterfly Gardens - Nature
Talks with Rob Zimmer
Monday, 4/21 at 1pm**

Adults | 📍 Company E Room, lower level

Join Rob Zimmer for a fun, educational and colorful program all about growing and gardening for butterflies. You'll learn about many different host plants for a number of different species, as well as the best nectar plants for adult butterflies. You'll also learn to identify many of the butterfly species found in Wisconsin.

**Light and Shadows
Monday, 4/30 at 6:30pm**

Adults | 📍 Fox River/Winnebago Room

Registration opens Friday, April 18th.

Explore the elements of shadows and light to take your artistic expression to a different level. A class with local artist Joann Mariahazy. All materials included. Space limited.

**Baby Story Time
Thursdays, 3/6, 3/20 & 4/10 at 10am**

Ages 0-2 | 📍 Fox River Room

Join us for baby story time at the Menasha Public Library. This story time is geared for babies 0-2 and their caregivers; siblings are welcome to join!

**Teen Chapter Chasers-
"Fire Keeper's Daughter"**

Thursday, 3/6 at 4pm

Ages 12+ | 📍 Teen Space

Join our Native American guest as we discuss: *Fire Keeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley. Enjoy Indian Fry Bread that we will make in our new Teaching Kitchen! BONUS: Meet the author, Angeline Boulley, on Thursday, March 13th, 6pm at the Appleton Public Library.

"*Firekeeper's Daughter*" by Angeline Boulley is available for check out in person or on Hoopla. Questions? Call 920-967-3692 or email Cindy: schaeferkemps@menashalibrary.org

**Comic Book Club & RPG
Saturday, 3/8 at 10am**

Teens & Adults | 📍 Teen Space

This month we are continuing to discuss our *Fantastic Four* book in our new Teen Space. This book contains the origin stories and characters of the Marvel Universe. We will discuss the middle chapters of this book (pages 139-272) that reveal Marvel's transformative and timeless influence on an entire genre of fantasy.

Yes, it is ok if you missed the first meeting or even if you did not read the book! To request your copy of *Fantastic Four*, leave a message for Cindy at 920-967-3692 or email schaeferkemps@menashalibrary.org. While supplies last.

**Irish Tunes with Molly and Michael
Sunday, 3/9 at 2pm**

Adults | 📍 Company E Room, lower level

Join us to celebrate this time of the year with Irish music performed by Molly Conrand and Michael Theroux.

**SMITHworks Creative Writing Group
Monday, 3/10 & 4/14 at 6:30pm**

Adults | 📍 Fox River Room

Join us the second Monday of each month as we continue our monthly writing series.

**Hollywood Classic Films - Rocky
Tuesday, 3/11 at 1pm**

Adults | 📍 Company E Room, lower level

From February to April enjoy an acclaimed 70's Hollywood Oscar Winner movie. Each film will have a brief, but informative, introduction to provide context and allow for a deeper appreciation of the film. Discover these movies for the first time or view them again as film masterpieces. Hosted by Walt Ulbricht, MA, Film Studies UW-Madison. Come at 12:30pm for pizza and conversation! The movie begins at 1pm.

**Time Machine: Make a Diamond
Art Bookmark**

Tuesday, 3/11 from 3:30-5pm

Ages 12+ | 📍 Teen Space

Choose from a large variety of bookmark templates. Follow a pattern and decorate your bookmark with colored "diamonds and gem stones."

**Sewing Machine Basics*
Tuesday, 3/11 at 6:30pm**

Adults | 📍 Company E Room, lower level

Registration opens Tuesday, February 25th.

Bring your sewing machine and we'll walk through the basics of operating your machine. We'll thread needles, wind bobbins, change your sewing foot, and sew straight lines. Whether you have a brand new machine or one you haven't used in a while, bring it with you and we'll start sewing together. Program lead by Rachel from Rachel Ann Quilts, LLC. Note: This is not a sewing machine repair class.

Items to bring with you: your sewing machine and manual, thread, bobbin, thread scissors, and sewing machine needles.

**SMITHworks Demonstration: Sublimation
Wednesday, 3/12 at 2pm**

Adults | SMITHworks

SMITHworks Makerspace Workshop

Come watch a librarian demonstrate sublimation, then stay during SMITHworks open hours and try it out yourself!

**Preschool Play Date
Thursday, 3/13 at 10am**

Ages 1-6 | Fox River/Winnebago Room

Join us for playtime at Menasha's public library. This event is geared for preschoolers (ages 1-6) and their caregivers; siblings are welcome to join!

**Cooking Series: Ancient Grains
Edition – Mediterranean Farro Salad*
Friday, 3/14 at 4:30pm**

Adults | Company E Room, lower level

Registration opens Tuesday, March 4th.

Incorporate the nutrients, texture, and deliciousness of ancient grains to your family meals! All supplies and ingredients provided. This will be a hands-on cooking experience.

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**Spring in the Garden – Nature Talks
with Rob Zimmer
Monday, 3/17 at 1pm**

Adults | Company E Room, lower level

Join Rob Zimmer for a look at spring in the garden. From spring-blooming bulbs to perennials, spring-flowering trees, shrubs and more. Rob will also take a look at the hottest plants for the year and some of his favorite garden shopping destinations.

**SMITHworks Demonstration: Cricut
Wednesday, 3/19 at 2pm**

Adults | SMITHworks

SMITHworks Makerspace Workshop

Come watch a librarian demonstrate using a Cricut, then stay during SMITHworks open hours and try it out yourself!

**Switch Wednesday – MARIO KART!
Tuesday, 3/19 from 3:30–5pm**

Ages 10+ | Teen Space

Stop in the Teen Space the third Wednesday of each month for some Nintendo Switch Fun. This month we are playing Mario Kart!

**Spring Break Week
Monday – Friday, 3/24–3/28**

Ages 3+ | Children's Section

Drop-in activities available all day in the Children's Section during Spring Break Week (3/24 - 3/28): Monday: Melty Beads, Tuesday: Board Games, Wednesday: Legos, Thursday: Bracelet Making, Friday: Puzzles

**Cricut 101 Workshop*
Monday, 3/24 at 5:30pm**

Teens & Adults | SMITHworks

Registration opens Monday, March 3rd.

SMITHworks Makerspace Workshop

Join us for a fun and hands-on Cricut 101 workshop, perfect for beginners! In this class, you'll learn the basics of Cricut Design Space as well as how to cut, weed, and transfer vinyl to create your very own personalized keychain to take home. Whether you're brand new to Cricut or need a refresher, this is the perfect opportunity to ask questions, gain confidence, and start crafting with ease. No experience necessary —just bring your creativity!

**SMITHworks Demonstration: 3D Printing
Wednesday, 3/26 at 2pm**

Adults | SMITHworks

SMITHworks Makerspace Workshop

Come watch a librarian demonstrate 3D printing, then stay during SMITHworks open hours and try it out yourself!

**John J Humski's Art Exhibit
Closing Reception
Saturday, 3/29 at 10am**

Adults | Main floor

Enjoy refreshments while learning about the life and talent of artist John J Humski (1898-1985).

**Fiction Book Club Discussion
"The Time Traveler's Wife"**

by Audrey Niffenegger

Thursday, 4/3 at 10am

Adults | Lake Winnebago Room

Everyone is welcome to join our fiction book club -- Novel Thoughts -- for some lively conversation about great novels - from classics to recent favorites! This month's book discussion title: "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger. Request a hold by calling the Checkout Desk at 920.967.3680 or by emailing us at reference@menashalibrary.org.

**First Thursday Books and Treats
Thursday, 4/3 at 4pm**

Ages 12+ | Teen Space

Come to Teen Space to enjoy book discussion, chocolate mousse, and activities! This month we will be reading and discussing the first chapter of "Dealing with Dragons" by Patricia C. Wrede. Pick up a (free!) copy of your book at the information desk beginning in March. Return May 1, 2025 to finish what we started and receive a new book!

**Craft & Create Fridays
Fridays, 4/4 & 4/18**

Ages 3+ | Children's Section

Drop-in craft activities available in the Children's Section on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. April 4th - Glue Bonanza
Glue things together to make weird creations!
April 18th - Wooden Egg Ornament
Paint and decorate a wooden egg!

**Spanish with Gonzalo ~
Español con Gonzalo
Mondays, 4/7 – 4/28 at 6pm**

Adults | Elisha D. Smith Conference Room

Spanish with Gonzalo is a Spanish-speaking conversation circle led by a native speaker. It is an intermediate level group where you can practice with others learning to speak Spanish. Gonzalo provides lots to talk about, including visual and audio presentations about Latin American culture. This is a casual program rather than an academic course.

**Hollywood Classic Films –
Kramer vs. Kramer
Tuesday, 4/8 at 1pm**

Adults | Company E Room, lower level

From February to April enjoy an acclaimed 70's Hollywood Oscar Winner movie. Each film will have a brief, but informative, introduction to provide context and allow for a deeper appreciation of the film. Discover these movies for the first time or view them again as film masterpieces. Hosted by Walt Ulbricht, MA, Film Studies UW-Madison. Come at 12:30pm for pizza and conversation! The movie begins at 1pm.

**Time Machine: Make a Gemstone Tree*
Tuesday, 4/8 from 3:30–5pm**

Ages 12+ | Teen Space

Registration opens Tuesday, March 11th.

Join rock and gem enthusiast, Ann Voges, as she guides you to create your own beautiful tree of gems. All materials will be provided including semi-precious stones such as amethyst, tiger eye, and jasper. If you have a special rock you would like to use as a base, bring it along.

**Quilting: How to Get Started*
Tuesday, 4/8 at 6:30pm**

Adults | Company E Room, lower level

Registration opens Tuesday, March 11th.

Want to learn about quilting? This evening's conversation is the perfect introduction for beginners. Hosted by Elisha D. Smith Public Library in partnership with Rachel Ann Quilts, LLC, this class will teach you the basics of quilting. Along with information about fabric, patterns, and notions, Rachel will have quilts and quilt blocks on display. Note: This is not a sewing class.

**Zumba Latin Dance Aerobics
Wednesdays, 4/9–4/30 at 6pm**

Adults | Company E Room, lower level

Certified Zumba instructor Stephany Figueroa is back in April and July to lead this high energy fitness program. Join us every Wednesday evening @ 6pm the entire month of April 2025. Our programs are free to our patrons, no registration is required; however, childcare is not provided. Dress comfortably and be prepared to move.

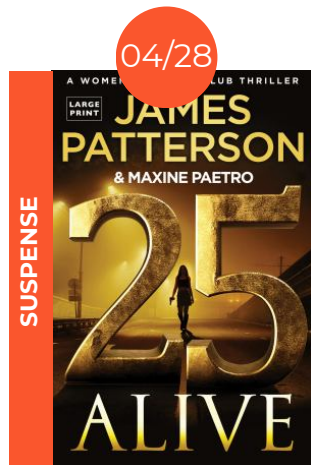
The newest, buzzworthy book releases.



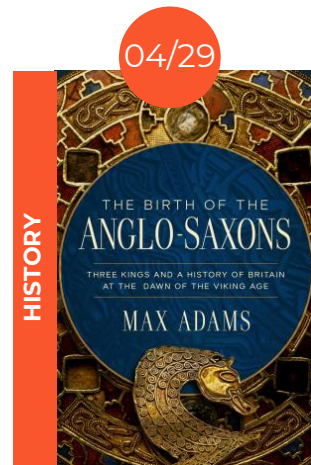
04/15
Six Days in Bombay by Alka Joshi
 An Anglo-Indian nurse journeys from Bombay, through Prague, Florence, Paris and London, to prove her innocence after a famous painter dies in her care.



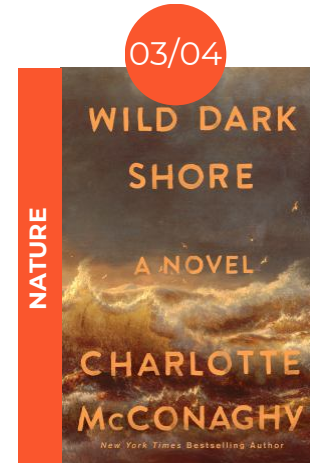
04/22
Great Big Beautiful Life by Emily Henry
 Avery, eager to break free from her uptight ways, turns to notorious flirt Taylor for lessons in confidence, but they risk of falling for each other.



04/28
25 Alive by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro
 When a homicide detective finds out her onetime partner turned chief of police is a new murder victim, she must investigate the clue he left for her.



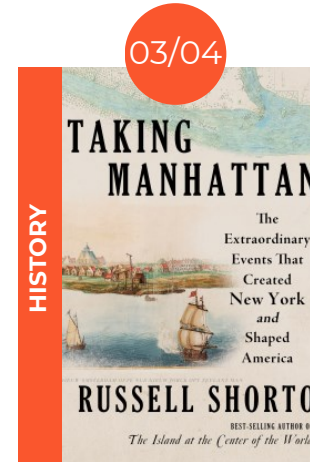
04/29
The Birth of the Anglo-Saxons by Max Adams
 Focuses on two kings, their economic innovations, and their influence on medieval England's geography, kingship, and church relations.



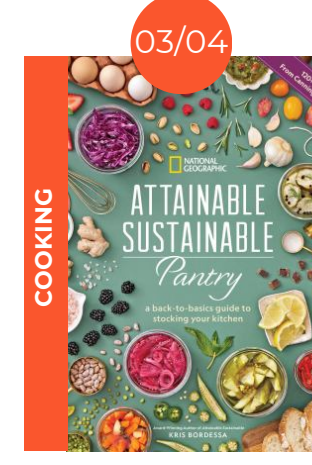
03/04
Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy
 On a remote island near Antarctica, the Salt family's fragile existence is upended by the arrival of a mysterious woman who washes ashore during a storm.



03/04
Propaganda Girls by Lisa Rogak
 While working in the European theater, China and Washington, D.C., four women contributed to one of the most successful military campaigns in WWII.



03/04
Taking Manhattan by Russell Shorto
 Examines the 1664 English takeover of Dutch-controlled New Amsterdam, exploring how negotiations shaped New York's foundation as a diverse, capitalist hub.



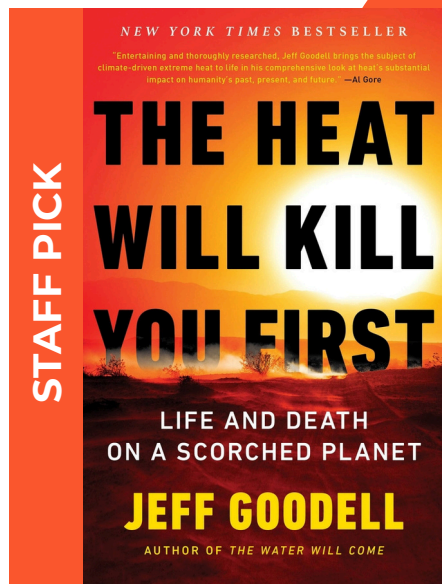
03/04
Attainable Sustainable Pantry by Kris Bordessa
 A guide featuring over 120 recipes to replace processed foods with homemade alternatives, offering healthier, more cost-effective options.



03/04
Blood Moon by Sandra Brown
 Haunted by a case, a detective teams up with a true crime producer to solve the disappearances of local girls, all who went missing during the night of a blood moon.



03/04
Super-Italian by Giada De Laurentiis
 Superfood-rich recipes inspired by Italian cuisine, focusing on nutrient-dense ingredients like olive oil, legumes, and vegetables to promote health and longevity.



The Heat Will Kill You First by Jeff Goodell

New York Times best-selling journalist Jeff Goodell presents a "masterful, bracing" (David Wallace-Wells) examination of the impact that temperature rise will have on our lives and on our planet, offering a vital new perspective on where we are headed, how we can prepare, and what is at stake if we fail to act.

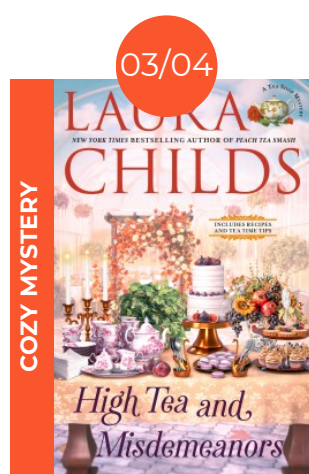
- Victor, Librarian

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One Good Thing by Georgia Hunter

In occupied Italy, Jewish best friends Lili and Esti hide war orphans in a convent where they forge false papers for the Underground.



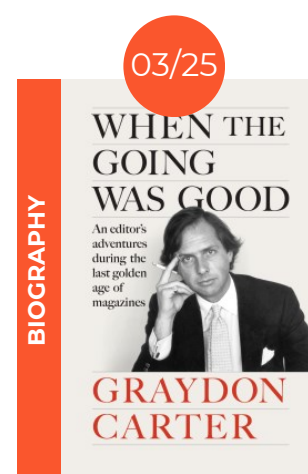
High Tea and Misdemeanors by Laura Childs

While catering an elegant wedding, tea shop owner Theodosia Browning investigates a murder after a suspicious greenhouse collapse turns deadly during the celebration.



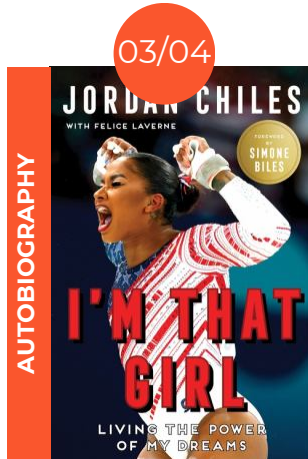
There Is No Place for Us by Brian Goldstone

The working homeless, trapped by skyrocketing rents and stagnant wages in gentrifying cities, are examined through the lens of five families.



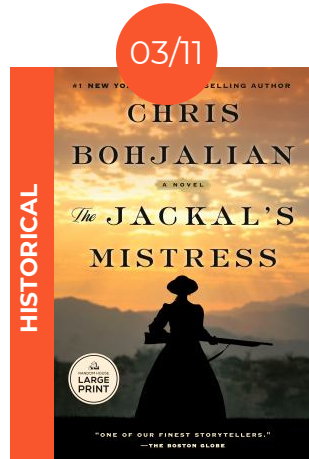
When the Going Was Good by Graydon Carter

A journalist and editor recounts his journey from launching Spy magazine to transforming Vanity Fair during his 25-year tenure.



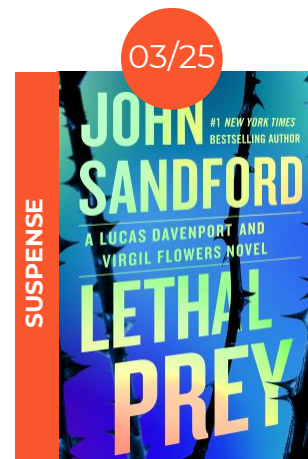
I'm That Girl by Jordan Chiles

A two-time Olympian gymnast chronicles her journey to the podium while overcoming racism, childhood trauma and devastating setbacks.



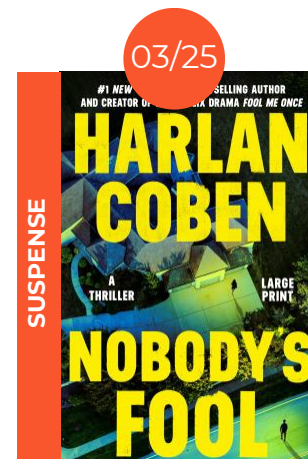
The Jackal's Mistress by Chris Bohjalian

Libby Steadman weighs the odds of potential treason to aid a gravely injured Union officer in hopes of trading him for her captured Confederate husband.



Lethal Prey by John Sandford

When a true-crime blogger finds the murder weapon to a cold case, detectives Davenport and Flowers must find a killer lurking in plain sight.



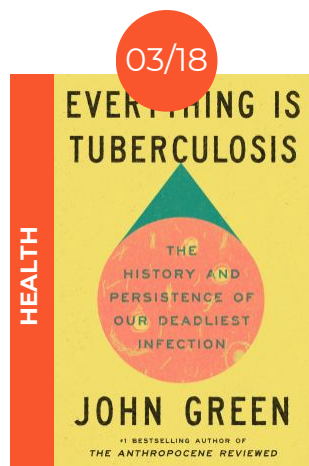
Nobody's Fool by Harlan Coben

Years after running away from his girlfriend's murder, Sami Kierce sees her, alive. She bolts, but he must find her so he can bury the mystery that has haunted him.



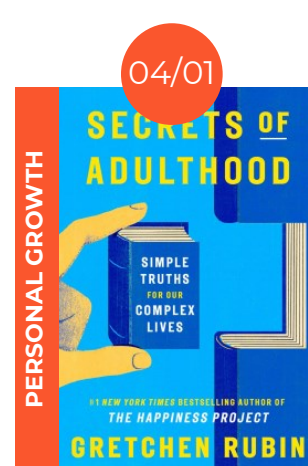
The Paris Express by Emma Donoghue

On a train journey to Paris, a politician, a medical student, an inventor, and an anarchist navigate ambition and hidden motives that will culminate in disaster.



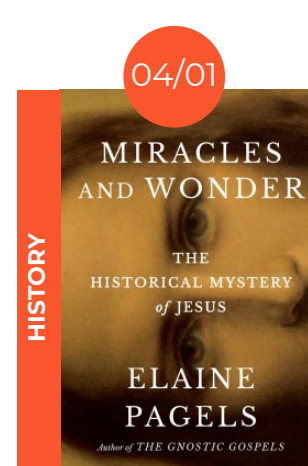
Everything Is Tuberculosis by John Green

The exploration of tuberculosis's historical and social impact, highlighting global healthcare inequities and personal stories.



Secrets of Adulthood by Gretchen Rubin

Contains key insights into simple truths for living with greater satisfaction, clarity and happiness. By the author of The Happiness Project.



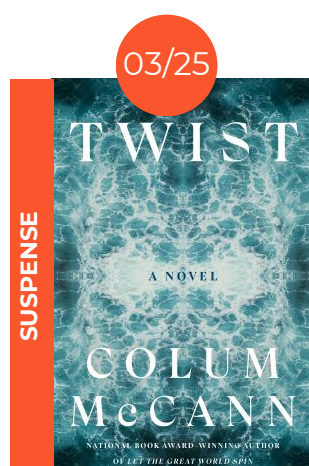
Miracles and Wonder by Elaine Pagels

An extraordinary new account of the life of Jesus that explores the mystery of how a poor young man inspired a religion that reshaped the world.



The Summer Guests by Tess Gerritsen

Maggie Bird and her fellow ex-CIA operatives must search for a missing teen, a buried corpse, and dark secrets that might unravel their new lives.



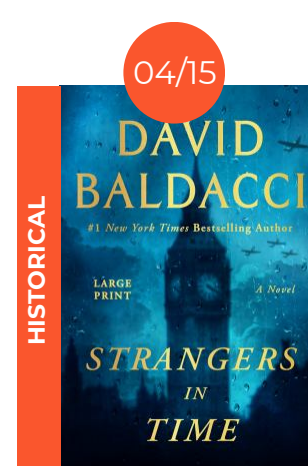
Twist by Colum McCann

A journalist investigates the human cost of fiber-optic cable repair on Africa's west coast when he joins a mysterious engineer and freediver at sea.



The Sirens by Emilia Hart

Lucy searches for her missing sister in an Australian town shrouded in eerie legends and the supposed haunting ties of twins shipped there 200 years ago.



Strangers in Time by David Baldacci

A young thief, a returning refugee, and a bookshop owner rediscover the spirit of family in wartime London and form an allyship as danger approaches.