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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, October 1

Preschool playtime 10:30am

Tuesday, October 2

Comic strip crafts 3:30pm

Wednesday, October 3

Story time 10:15am

Kids yoga 10:30am

Lego fun 3:30pm

Bailey Yoga Night 6pm

Tuesday, October 9

ALA birthday bookmarks crafts 3:30pm

Mainers in the Civil War

w/ Harry Gratwick 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 10

Story time 10:15am

Lego fun 3:30pm

Monday, October 15

Preschool playtime 10:30am

Tuesday, October 16

Ghost & Witch crafts 3:30pm

Community Film Series/Education 6pm

Wednesday, October 17

Story time 10:15am

Kids yoga 10:30am

Lego fun 3:30pm

Bailey Title Waves 6pm

Saturday, October 20

Halloween Party 1-3pm

Monday, October 22

Preschool playtime 10:30am

Tuesday, October 23

Haunted house crafts 3:30pm

Wednesday, October 24

Story time 10:15am

Lego fun 3:30PM

Monday, October 29

Preschool playtime 10:30am

Tuesday, October 30

Halloween crafts 3:30pm

Wednesday, October 31

Story time 10:15am

Music time w/ Mr. Rob 10:30am

Lego fun 3:30PM

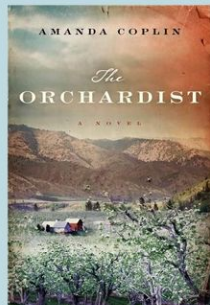


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# Debut Author Snapshot

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## NEW BOOK AT THE LIBRARY:



The Orchardist  
by Amanda Coplin



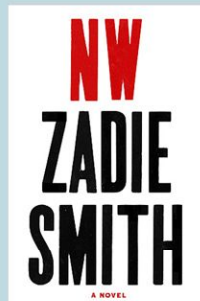
At the turn of the twentieth century, in a rural stretch of the Pacific Northwest, a solitary orchardist named Talmadge carefully tends the fruit trees he has cultivated for nearly half a century. One day two girls, barefoot and dirty, steal some apples and later appear on his homestead, curious about the man who gave them no chase. Jane and her sister Della take up on Talmadge's land and indulge in his deep reservoir of compassion. Yet just as the girls begin to trust him, brutal men arrive in the orchard, and the shattering tragedy that follows sets Talmadge on an irrevocable course not only to save and protect them, but to reconcile the ghosts of his own troubled past. Writing with breathtaking precision and empathy, Amanda Coplin has crafted an astonishing debut novel about a man who disrupts the lonely harmony of an ordered life.

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# Literary Favorites

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## NEW BOOK AT THE LIBRARY:



NW  
by Zadie Smith



With *NW*, her fourth novel, Smith is back with the force and oddities she's been famous for since the 2000 release of her bestseller, *White Teeth* and through her 2005 novel *On Beauty*, shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize.

The new novel profiles a neighborhood in the northwest corner of London, where Smith was born. Her cast of characters, including a crew of racially diverse, existentially troubled Londoners, speckle the pages. In this novel, one of Smith's great talents --the craft of compelling narrative story-building --is hidden beneath a more complex approach to telling the tale. The story follows the lives of several northwest Londoners, with brief forays into their childhood to set the scene, and longer lingerings in their world of adulthood, as they grow into new people outside their childhood homes.

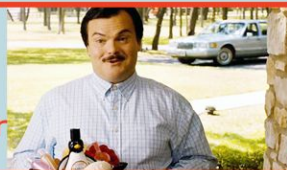
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# Screen It!

New DVD at the library:

**Bernie**

directed by Richard Linklater



*A brief movie review by Richard Fortin*

Richard Linklater directed one of the best romantic dramas of the 90s, *Before Sunrise*, and its equally superb 2004 sequel, *Before Sunset*. He is, in my opinion, one of the best directors of the past twenty years. His 2010 film, *Me and Orson Welles* was one of the most underappreciated films of that year.

In *Bernie*, Linklater demonstrates a casting ability that has distinguished his entire career, along with his remarkably simple directorial style. Bernie (Jack Black) is a well liked mortician in a small town, who brings little old widows comfort after their husbands pass away. Jack Black completely immerses himself in the character, and we never get a glimpse of the "Jack Black" brand. He *becomes* Bernie. This is a dark comedy, centered on a masterful performance. Irreverent, fun, and highly recommended.



# Footnotes / / a column by Shane Billings

*Surfacing*. I've long heard about this early Margaret Atwood novel, a landmark in contemporary literary fiction; feminist fiction; Canadian nationalist fiction. As I began my exploration of this award-winning author's work seven years ago with *The Handmaid's Tale*, followed by *Cat's Eye*, and then an odd choice, the underrated *Bodily Harm*, I knew that eventually I would make my way to 1972's *Surfacing*, the title of which fellow Canadian Sarah McLachlan echoed on her 1997 album.



Every so often, a novel is so powerful, evocative, confusing, or possibly a combination of all three, that you finish it in a sort of daze, not wanting to move on, and oddly unable to truly process what you've read. *Surfacing* provided such an experience for me. Twenty-four hours later, I'm still thinking about the book; its indelible atmosphere hovered on the edges of my brain throughout the day. I know I shall not soon forget it.

I came to this book expecting to like it very much, and I have walked away in awe. While very much of its time (not a bad thing), the novel deals with timeless themes and seems relevant in 2012. I hope to read it again in my lifetime. Some books leave permanent marks, and *Surfacing* is one of those books for me. Margaret Atwood has impressed me four times, and I can't wait to read the rest of her work. She is, as goes without saying, one of our most important living authors. I highly recommend this novel.

This is an abbreviated review. Visit: [shane-malcolm.blogspot.com](http://shane-malcolm.blogspot.com) for the full review.

## Bailey's Most Wanted

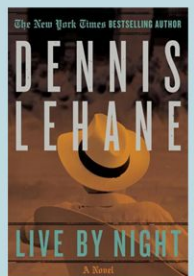
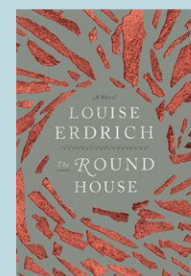
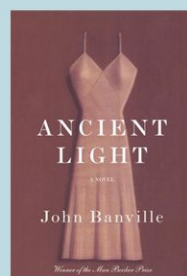
Last Month's Most Requested Items



1. Fifty Shades of Grey by E. L. James
2. The Light Between Oceans by M. L. Stedman
3. Fifty Shades Freed by E. L. James
4. A Wanted Man by Lee Child
5. When We Were the Kennedys by Monica Wood
6. Fifty Shades Darker by E. L. James
7. Bernie directed by Richard Linklater
8. Seconds Away by Harlan Coben
9. Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn
10. NW by Zadie Smith

## Notable Coming Soon

The Middlesteins by Jami Attenberg  
Ancient Light by John Banville  
The Round House by Louise Erdrich  
May We Be Forgiven by A. M. Homes  
Accelerated by Bronwen Hruska  
Live by Night by Dennis Lehane  
Phantom by Jo Nesbo





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## Readers Advisory

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In a season choked with books by big name authors, it's difficult to break through at all, let alone achieve a hit, but *The Middlesteins* by Jami Attenberg, the author's fourth book, has been called the "sleeper hit of the fall," and described as a "deeply satisfying story of a Chicago family coming apart at the seams, and weaving together at the same time." *The Middlesteins* has garnered across the board critical acclaim, and explores the hopes and heartbreaks of new and old love, the yearnings of Midwestern America, and our devastating, fascinating preoccupation with food.

Attenberg is the author of *Instant Love*, *The Kept Man*, and *The Melting Season*. She has written for *The New York Times*, *Salon*, and many more.

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## Mainer's in the Civil War

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Far to the north, the great state of Maine did not witness any Civil War battles. Mainers, however, contributed to the war in many important ways. Hailing from the mainland to the islands, soldiers bravely fought to preserve the United States in most major battles. Men like General Joshua Chamberlain, the hero of Little Round Top, proudly returned home to serve as governor. Maine native Hannibal Hamlin served as Abraham Lincoln's first vice president. And Maine's strong women sacrificed and struggled to maintain their communities and support the men who had left to fight. Author Harry Gratwick diligently documents the stories of these and other Mainers who preserved "The Way Life Should Be" for Maine and the entire United States. This event is cosponsored by the Winthrop Historical Society.

Gratwick will speak in the Reading Room of the library on October 9 at 6:30pm

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## Trustee Profile: Amy Cookson

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by Shane Billings  
photo by Richard Fortin



Amy Cookson's energy, organization, and passion for literature have made her a wonderful addition to the Board of Trustees of the Bailey Public Library over the past two years.

Born in Brunswick, Maine, Amy was raised in Winthrop and graduated from Winthrop High in 2001. She attended Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA, earning a BA in Political Science, with a minor in Women's Studies. She went on to attain a Master's in Public Policy and Administration from the Center for Policy and Administration at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. After graduate school, Amy worked in Albany, New York for two years as a Budget Analyst for the Department of Health. In 2010, she moved back to Maine, where she currently enjoys her job as the Field Director for the Maine Senate Democrats.

Outside of work, Amy keeps busy and involved with many projects. She serves as Vice President of the Board of Emerge Maine. Emerge is an organization with affiliates in ten states, which trains Democratic women to run for office. One of Amy's favorite pastimes is the theater. Having grown up attending productions by the Theater at Monmouth, she now serves on its Board of Trustees. And, of course, there is her work on the Bailey Library Board of Trustees, where she has been instrumental in writing grants; promoting new books; and representing the library in the community.

An avid reader, Amy's list of all time favorite books includes *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen, *The Good German* by Joseph Kanon, *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi, and the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling. More recent favorites include the novels *When She Woke* by Hillary Jordan and *The Mirage* by Matt Ruff, as well as Stacy Schiff's biography of Cleopatra.

Amy enjoys serving on the Bailey Library's Board of Trustees. When asked for her favorite thing about the library, she responds, "Our staff. They are enthusiastic and amazing." Thank you, Amy Cookson, for your dedication to the Board, the library, and the town of Winthrop.

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