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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 1

Preschool playtime 10:30am

Tuesday, April 2

Mermaid crafts 3:30pm

Wednesday, April 3

Yoga Night 6pm

Music time w/ Mr. Rob 10:30am

Lego fun 3:30pm

Monday, April 8

Preschool playtime 10:30am

Tuesday, April 9

Over the Moon Stories 10:30am

Rainbow crafts 3:30pm

Saturday, April 13

Winthrop Walks 11am & 1pm

Tuesday, April 16

Chewonki 2pm

The Lorax Movie Night 6pm

Battle of Bunker Hill w/ Jim Nelson 6:30pm

Winthrop Walks 6pm & 7pm

Wednesday, April 17

Kids Yoga 10:30am

Earth Week Fun 2pm

Winthrop Walks 12pm & 5pm

Title Waves Book Group 6pm

Friday, April 19

Winthrop Walks 12pm & 1pm

Wriggly Worms 2pm

Saturday, April 20

Winthrop Walks 12pm & 2pm

Monday, April 22

Preschool playtime 10:30am

Tuesday, April 23

Over the Moon Stories 10:30am

Arbor Day crafts 3:30pm

Wednesday, April 24

Lego Fun 3:30pm

Monday, April 29

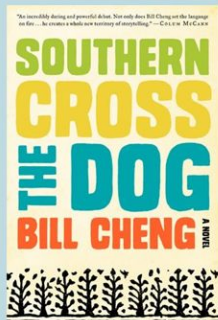
Preschool playtime 10:30am

Tuesday, April 30

Garden Crafts 3:30pm

Debut Author Snapshot

NEW BOOK COMING SOON:



Southern Cross the Dog
by Bill Cheng



A vividly imagined debut, frequently poetic—conjuring the Southern Delta of the first half of the 20th century as a fever dream, steeped in the blues.

The main character is a barrelhouse piano player and voodoo shaman, peripheral to the narrative as a whole, but pivotal to the life of protagonist Robert Chatham, a boyhood survivor of the Great Mississippi Flood of 1927.

The plot follows Robert from an apocalyptic flood through a devastating stint as the ward of a bordello, through his adult years as a laborer, working to clear the land for a dam that promises “A Shining New South,” even as it threatens the livelihood of the Cajun trappers who give Robert’s path another detour.

It’s hard to resist the sweep of Southern history conjured through the experience of his protagonist. The title suggests a mysterious piece of Southern folk art, and the novel works a similar magic.

New Kids Room Lineup!

1st Wednesday:
Music Time w/ Mr. Rob



2nd & 3rd Tuesday: Over the Moon Stories w/ Mrs. Desiree



4th Wednesday: Kids Yoga
w/ Suzanne Cobb



Screen It!

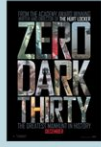
New DVD at the library:
**The Perks of
Being a Wallflower**
directed by Stephen Chbosky



A brief movie review by Richard Fortin

Stephen Chbosky was an aspiring filmmaker when he wrote his bestselling Salinger–esque novel in 1999, based on his own experiences growing up in the Eighties. The book was great. The film is better. We follow Charlie, his flamboyant friend Patrick and Patrick’s stepsister Sam. The trio work very convincingly together on screen, and Charlie’s voiceovers work better than the anonymous letters in the novel. The popularity and cult status of the book allowed Chbosky to make his movie, which is clearly how the story was meant to be represented. Chbosky directs with care and confidence, and although the story is aimed at a teen audience, the central themes and ideas (friendship/alienation/love/family) remain timeless.

Coming Soon in DVD



Hitchcock directed by Sacha Gervasi

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
directed by Peter Jackson

Killing Them Softly directed by Andrew Dominik

Les Misérables directed by Tom Hooper

Life of Pi directed by Ang Lee

Lincoln directed by Steven Spielberg

Rise of the Guardians directed by Peter Ramsey

Wreck-It Ralph directed by Rich Moore

Zero Dark Thirty directed by Kathryn Bigelow

We Recommend

NEW BOOK AT THE LIBRARY:
Life After Life by Kate Atkinson

The novel follows the many lives of Ursula Todd: she suffers relentless deaths but is reincarnated, to try again and again, finally scraping through childhood into her teenage years and beyond.

Ursula is vaguely aware of her remarkable gift, which manifests itself in her life as flashes of déjà vu or maddening anxiety, provoking troubled trips to a psychiatrist.

The novel sparks into life when Ursula arrives in London during the Blitz. She is now grounded and solid and, though we have several versions of her life and death in this era, we stay with her long enough, in the same frightening but familiar setting, to know her. The constant stop-starts are replaced by beautifully elongated snapshots of life.

We are treated to some splendid, though disturbing, imagery: as Ursula works to remove corpses after a raid, she lifts a body by the shoulders only to see him 'come apart like a Christmas cracker.' The zig-zagging line of the narrative steadies and sharpens and heads towards a great finale.

Literary Favorites



NEW BOOK AT THE LIBRARY: A Delicate Truth by John le Carré

The distinguished chronicler of Cold War espionage and its costs casts his cold eye on the fog of war and its legacy when the war sets terrorists against the mercenaries and independent contractors to whom international security has been farmed out.

In le Carré's 23rd novel, a colorless midlevel civil servant is plucked from the anonymous ranks of the Foreign Office, given a wafer-thin cover identity as statistician Paul Anderson and packed off to Gibraltar, where he's to serve as the eyes and ears and, mainly, the yea or nay of rising Member of Parliament Fergus Quinn, who can't afford to be directly connected to Operation Wildlife. As usual, le Carré tells a great story in sterling prose. The scenarios are up-to-date and the understanding of political intrigue is timeless.

Resolutely keeping potential action sequences just offstage, le Carré focuses instead on the moral rot and creeping terror barely concealed by the affable old-boy blather that marks the pillars of the intelligence community.

Lakes Region Forum at Bailey



April 16 at 6:30pm: The Battle of Bunker Hill and the Beginning of the American Revolution feat. Jim Nelson



Local author Jim Nelson will speak and sign copies of his newest book, "With Fire and Sword: The Battle of Bunker Hill and the Beginning of the American Revolution."

"With Fire and Sword" has received rave reviews from Publishers Weekly, The Philadelphia Inquirer and American History Magazine, to name a few. The award winning author gives a new history of the first set-piece battle of the Revolutionary War, and offers critical new insights into one of the most important actions of our country's founding.

Nelson tells the dramatic story of the fight that changed the face of the American Revolution. He looks at the events leading up to that day, the personalities on both the British and American sides, and the bloody outcome of those crucial choices, which would affect the British strategy on the battlefield throughout the coming six years of active warfare.

Nelson is a former professional sailor and the author of more than 15 works of historical fiction and nonfiction. His books have covered piracy in the Americas, the American Revolution and the naval action of the Civil War. He has appeared on the History Channel, the Discovery Channel and Book TV, among others.

Bailey's Most Wanted

Last Month's Most Requested Items



1. Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn
2. A Week in Winter by Maeve Binchy
3. The Storyteller by Jodi Picoult
4. Skyfall directed by Sam Mendes
5. Les Misérables directed by Tom Hooper
6. Argo directed by Ben Affleck
7. Life of Pi directed by Ang Lee
8. Downton Abbey Masterpiece Classic Series
9. Alex Cross, Run by James Patterson
10. Six Years by Harlan Coben

Notable Coming Soon

- Life After Life by Kate Atkinson
- Tapestry of Fortunes by Elizabeth Berg
- The Movement of Stars by Amy Brill
- The Smart One by Jennifer Close
- The Flamethrowers by Rachel Kushner
- The Woman Upstairs by Claire Messud
- The Interestings by Meg Wolitzer

