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# Peters Township

## Destination Wellness

PTHS senior **Jake Bode**  
hosts virtual 5K  
to raise awareness  
on mental health



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PETERS TOWNSHIP  
**PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
OPENING BOOKS, DOORS AND MINDS

#### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday through Thursday	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sundays	Closed

## REVISIT THE PAST WITH RESOURCES FROM THE PT LIBRARY

Peters Township Public Library is in the process of formalizing the library's local history resources into the Peters Township Public Library Historical Archives (PTPL Historical Archives). Through funding from The Peters Township Library Foundation, Carolyn Friedrich, Consulting Archivist, is leading the work to preserve and increase access to these historical materials assisted by Margaret Deitzer, Reference Librarian.

#### PTPL HISTORICAL ARCHIVES



The archives will document the evolution of Peters Township from a sparsely populated rural farming and mining community into a regional treasure – recognized for its outstanding quality of life and excellent school district. In the Local History Room at the library, Friedrich and Deitzer are recording the development of the township through the identification, collection, and preservation of materials with historical significance to the community. Each collection in the PTPL Historical Archives is first organized and described according to archival best practices. Once this meticulous work is completed, the public will be able to access the archival collections. Finding aids are under development to help anyone learn more about the content of each individual collection. When this work is complete later in 2021, visitors will be able to view the collection by appointment only.

#### PA PHOTOS & DOCUMENTS



*Train traveling on the railroad line through McMurray. This rail line later became Arrowhead Trail. PTPL Historical Archives Hutchison family papers.*



*The late John Opeka being interviewed in 2004 for "Life in Peters Township."*

Beginning in December 2020, the library launched an impressive collection of digitized archival materials on the statewide resource PA Power Library called *Pa Photos and Documents*. Pennsylvania Libraries have contributed treasured historic and cultural materials digitally to this remarkable collection. Friedrich and Deitzer will continue to digitize and add photographs and documents representing highlights from the history of the Township to the library's new online collection.

In addition to the photographs and documents available in this online resource, the library has added oral history recordings and transcripts from the project "Life in Peters Township" to the collection. The library worked with the Senator John Heinz History Center Oral History Service on this project beginning in 2003. Interviewees shared stories about their life, memories, and experiences about growing up, working, and living in Peters Township. While the transcripts have



*Peters Township High School Class of 1940. PTPL Historical Archives Lansdown-McMurray family papers.*

been publicly available in the library for years, this addition to library's materials in *PA Photos and Documents* will increase access to this rich resource on Peters Township history.

We are extremely grateful to the many individuals and families who donated their original historical items to form the collections that now comprise the PTPL Historical Archives. These collections consist primarily of photographs, programs, business and legal records, deeds, maps, scrapbooks, and other ephemera. For those interested in donating original materials to these archives, please email [MDeitzer@PT-Library.org](mailto:MDeitzer@PT-Library.org) to learn more.

To visit the Peters Township Public Library's collections in *PA Photos and Documents*, visit [ptlibrary.org](http://ptlibrary.org) and select the drop-down menu under "Resources". Go to "All Resources – A to Z" and scroll down and select *PA Photos and Documents*. Enter "Peters Township Public Library" in quotations to review the collections.



# WINTER READING CHALLENGE Kindle Paperwhite Winners!



CRYSTAL KUZMA  
Adult Winner

Thank you to the 157 Readers who participated in our Winter Reading Challenge! Together you logged a total of 290,494 minutes of reading—well over our library goal of 250,000 minutes! Watch for details of our Summer Reading Program for all ages coming in June!!



LILY WINTER  
Youth Winner

## NEW! Wonderbook

THE READ-ALONG  
BY PLAYAWAY



Playaway is changing the way kids read along. Every Wonderbook is a print book with a ready-to-play audiobook inside. Kids will press play to read along with their favorite books and then switch to learning mode for literacy learning and fun.

Visit our Wonderbook display in the Youth Services Department or search for "wonderbook" in the WAGGIN catalog at [ptlibrary.org](http://ptlibrary.org) to see what is available to borrow!



# YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMMING

**Visit the library events calendar at [ptlibrary.org/events](https://ptlibrary.org/events) to register for a program or to reserve a program kit. Spring Session programs have begun and will run for 8 weeks through May 21.**

## Special Events

### AUTHOR VISIT WITH PATTI CORNELIUS



*Thursday, Apr. 22, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom*

Pennsylvania author Patti Cornelius joins us to read her book *Archie's Dragon*. Archie is sad because he cannot celebrate his 8th birthday with his friends due to the pandemic.

With the help of a wool dragon made by his grandmother, Archie discovers what's really important. The program includes a craft session where Mrs. Cornelius will show us how to make our own wool characters. Registration is required to receive the Zoom meeting invitation. Each registered family will receive a kit of supplies to make their own creation. Limited to 25 families. Learn more about the author at [archiesdragon.com](https://archiesdragon.com).

### CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK BINGO

*Monday, May 3, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom*

Join Ms. Linda for an exciting Children's Book BINGO during National Children's Book Week. Play a few rounds of BINGO while enjoying a treat and some lemonade. Everyone has a chance to win some children's books while having an exciting evening! Registration is required at [ptlibrary.org/events](https://ptlibrary.org/events) to reserve your Bingo kit and receive the Zoom meeting invitation. Limited to 25 participants.

### A CELEBRATION OF MOMS FEATURING DANIEL TIGER

*Thursday, May 6, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. via Zoom*

It's Mother's Day week! Let's celebrate with everyone's favorite tiger! Join Ms. Shannon live for songs and stories. Registration is required at [ptlibrary.org/events](https://ptlibrary.org/events) to reserve your free activity kit and receive the Zoom meeting invitation. Limited to 25 families.

### MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU STORYTIME

*Tuesday, May 4, 6:30 p.m.*

Attention Star Wars Fans! Join Ms. Shannon as she shares some Star Wars stories on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page and library's YouTube channel. Register at [ptlibrary.org/events](https://ptlibrary.org/events) to reserve a kit of Star Wars crafts and activities. Limited to 24 participants.

### BEST BOOKS FOR BABIES BOOK SHOWER



*Saturday, May 22, 11 a.m. to 12 Noon, Shelter # 1, Peterswood Park*

Calling all new moms and dads and future moms and dads: Our Best Books for Babies Shower is returning! Join Ms. Linda and Ms. Patty this spring morning at Peterswood

Park Shelter #1 to discuss the 2020 picks for the Best Books for

Babies selected by the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. There will be games, stories, time to browse the books, a basket raffle of the 2020 selections, and of course a treat. Each participant will receive a copy of one of the 2020 selections. Registration is required at [ptlibrary.org/events](https://ptlibrary.org/events). Limited to 25 families.

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### SUMMER READING KICKOFF

*Saturday, June 5, 4 to 6 p.m. OR Sunday, June 6, 2 to 4 p.m.*

Time to get warmed up to Summer Reading! PT Library Summer Reading Program will offer reading incentives and programs for patrons of all ages, birth to adult. We will be transitioning our Summer Reading to the Beanstack App and will have more information soon. Once you have signed up, swing by the "PT Zoo" to grab your goody bag during the kickoff times. More details coming soon!

## Virtual Spring Programming

### ONE MINDFUL MOMENT MONDAYS

*For all ages*

*Mondays through May 17, 9 a.m.*

Start your week off with Ms. Linda for a stretch, a story, and a mantra for the week. These calm 10 minutes will set the tone for a peaceful, mindful week. Watch the videos on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page or the library's YouTube channel.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR TIME



*For all ages*

*Monday through Friday through May 21, 10 a.m.*

Ms. Shannon would love to be a part of your morning routine with your littles at home. During these weekday video visits, she will talk about the day of the week, the weather, and

sing songs. Join her every morning at 10 a.m. or watch them when convenient for you. Ms. Shannon will post her weekly videos on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page and the library's YouTube channel.



### BEDTIME STORIES

*Suggested for ages 2 to 7*

*Monday through Thursday through May 20, 7 p.m.*

*Kit pick up begins the Thursday before each new weekly session.*

End your day with us with an evening bedtime story with Ms. Linda, Ms. Patty, Ms. Shannon, and Ms. Sydney. We will share an adventure each week as we explore different themes. Videos will be posted on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page at 7 p.m. or watch them when convenient on the library's YouTube channel.

Register online at [ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) to reserve your weekly kit of activities for pickup. Limited to 24 weekly kits.  
April 5: Unicorns! National Unicorn Day is Apr. 9.  
April 12: Rain  
April 19: Flowers  
April 26: Bugs  
May 3: Backyard Birds  
May 10: Sports  
May 17: Outer Space

### NEW MONTH, NEW BOOK UNBOXING



*For the whole family  
First Monday of the Month,  
11:30 a.m.*

Get a sneak peek at what will be hitting the shelves at PTPL Youth Services Department. Join Ms. Linda on April 5 and May 3 as she opens

a box filled with new arrivals and gives you a quick preview at some of the titles. Videos will be posted on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page or watch them when convenient on the library's YouTube channel!

### BOOK BABIES

*Suggested for ages birth to 15 months  
Tuesdays, Apr. 6 and 20, May 4 and 18, 11 a.m.*

Have fun with Ms. Patty and giggle with your precious baby from the comfort of your home! We will listen and dance together to your favorite childhood songs. Registration is required. Sign up at [ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) for the April 6 session to register your little one for the entire series and to reserve your kit for a one-time pickup at the library. Only registered participants will receive directions via email to access the videos.

### MOTHER GOOSE STORYTIME



*Suggested for ages 1 to 2 ½ years  
Tuesdays, Apr. 6 and 20, May 4 and 18, 11 a.m.*

Spend some quality time in your home with your little one. Sing along to fun tunes, while working on fine and gross motor skills and direction

following with Ms. Patty's help. Registration is required. Sign up at [ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) for the April 6 session to register your little one for the entire series and to reserve your kit for a one-time pickup at the library. Only registered participants will receive directions via email to access the videos.

### FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHTS

*For the whole family  
First Tuesday of the Month, 6 p.m.*

Join Ms. Sydney on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook Page for a monthly fun-filled FB Live, family-friendly trivia night!

**Tuesday, Apr. 6** – Help us celebrate National Library Week with some trivia about your favorite library.

**Tuesday, May 4** – May the 4th be with you! Explore the galaxy of the Jedi and the Sith in our Star Wars Trivia.

### VIRTUAL CHESS WITH A CHAMPION



2019 Chess with a Champion session

*For Grades 1 to 6  
Tuesdays, Apr. 6 and 20, May 4 and 18, 6:30 p.m.*

Mr. Pete, our local Chess Champion, is back and ready to share the basics on how to play chess through a virtual platform! He will be sharing basic chess play techniques and skills to make your game even better.

A library staff member will be assisting Mr. Pete during each session. Registration is required for each session at [ptlibrary.org/](http://ptlibrary.org/) events to receive the Zoom meeting invite. Limited to 10 participants per session.

### STEM SATURDAYS

*Suggested for Grades 1 and up  
Second Saturday of the Month, 10 a.m.*

Watch Ms. Linda's videos while joining in with your free STEM kit. Register at [ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) to reserve a kit. Limited to 24 participants. Videos will be posted on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page or watch them when convenient on the library's YouTube channel.

#### Saturday, Apr. 10 - Measuring Up

All it takes is a measuring tape and your imagination! Measure how high you can build Legos, how tall your dog is, or what is the circumference of your head? Kids will learn about measurement while they are having fun doing measuring activities.

#### Saturday, May 8 - Set Sail for Spring

Time to dream of warm weather and sunny day activities. Build and paint your own wooden sailboat. As the name suggests, sailboats rely on the power of the wind for propulsion and use a large cloth or synthetic sails for this purpose. Let's learn more about boats!

### TINY TUNES MUSIC



*Suggested for toddlers and up  
Second Monday of the Month, 2 p.m.*

This energetic program features playing and learning about music with Ms. Linda. Register at [ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) to reserve your

kit that accompanies each program and to receive directions via email to access the videos on the library's YouTube channel. Limited to 24 participants.

#### Monday, Apr. 12 - Shakey Eggs

You will learn how to repurpose leftover plastic Easter eggs to create a new instrument! Let's create Shakey Eggs together and then learn some new spring songs. Pick up your Shakey Egg kit beginning April 1.

#### Monday, May 10 - MandoHarps

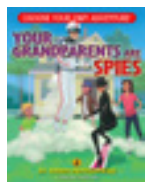
Learn about stringed instruments and create your own! Pick up your MandoHarp kit beginning April 29 to create your own with Ms. Linda.

### CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE BOOK CLUB VIA ZOOM

The CYOA Book Club is for readers in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. These readers will be most successful when attending with an adult. Join Ms. Sydney as we read a different adventure each month



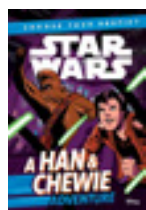
and you help to shape the ending of the story! Register by the Friday before to receive the Zoom meeting invite. Limited to 20 participants. Our last meeting will be in May, and then we will take a break for the summer.



**Saturday, Apr. 17, 10 to 10:30 a.m. – Your Grandparents are Spies**

Do you know everything about your grandparents? Do you know they are actually spies? What will happen when your parents go away for a long weekend and your grandparents are in charge? Will you go zip lining, visit the

moon, or retrieve the stolen briefcase? No matter what you choose, adventure awaits!



**Saturday, May 15, 10 to 10:30 a.m. – Choose Your Destiny! STAR WARS: A Han & Chewie Adventure**

Jump inside the Millennium Falcon and help Han and Chewie as they journey across the galaxy. You will have to think

like a true smuggler to keep Han and Chewie safe from Imperial TIE fighters, Mandalorian mercenaries, and so much more!



Bryson and Brayden enjoying their Take and Make Activity Kits!

## Tweens and Teens Spring Programming

### TWEEN & TEEN GAME NIGHT VIA ZOOM

For Grade 4 through 12

Thursday, Apr. 8, 7 to 8 p.m.

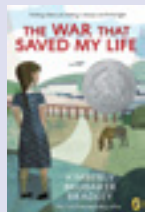
Thursday, May 13, 7 to 8 p.m.

Join Ms. Shannon and Ms. Sydney for an awesome virtual game night! Play dice, cards, or adventure games online and try to win a prize from the library. Registration is required at [ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events). Participants will need to access an additional link provided in the Zoom session. Limited to 15 participants.

### TWEEN BOOK CLUB VIA ZOOM

For ages 9 to 13

Registration is required at [ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) to receive the Zoom meeting invite. The first five Tweens to register will receive a complimentary copy of the book. Limited to 12 participants.



**Thursday, Apr. 22, 4:30 p.m.** – Join Ms. Linda to discuss *The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. This novel examines WWII through the eyes of a disabled child eager to escape her life of neglect and abuse. With the threat of German bombs being dropped on London, most parents are anxious to get their children out of the city. Registration for the May

book discussion opens on this date too!



**Thursday, May 27, 4:30 p.m.** – Ms. Linda invites you to join the discussion of *Wish* by Barbara O'Connor. This novel is about a girl who, with the help of a true-blue friend, a big-hearted aunt and uncle, and the dog of her dreams, unexpectedly learns the true meaning of family in the least likely of places.

### POPPIN' READS TEEN BOOK CLUB VIA ZOOM

For Grades 7 through 12

Thursday, Apr. 29, 7 p.m. Registration deadline is

Sunday, Apr. 25

Thursday, May 27, 7 p.m. Registration deadline is

Sunday, May 23

Join Ms. Sydney at the end of each month to share some pop, popcorn, and good reads with your friends. Tell everyone about a book you liked, or maybe did not like, and get some recommendations from your peers. Register early to receive

Zoom meeting invite and information about picking up your pop and popcorn from the library. Limited to 25 participants.

### TWEEN & TEEN STAR WARS NIGHT VIA ZOOM

For Grades 4 through 12

Sunday, May 2, 7 to 8 p.m.

Join us online as we play Star Wars Bingo, Mad Libs, and Trivia! Register early and come to the library to pick up your activity kit then join our live Zoom session for warp speed fun. 'Out of this world' prizes will be up for grabs! Registration is required at [ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) to receive the Zoom meeting invite. You will need to pick up your activity kit by Saturday, May 1. Limited to 25 participants.

### VIRTUAL BOOKFACING CONTEST

National Library Week is April 4 to 10. Use the cover art from a book and pose for a picture! Send your picture to [spauley@pt-library.org](mailto:spauley@pt-library.org) by Saturday, April 10 or comment on our Facebook posts for a chance to win a gift card.

### SPINE LABEL POETRY CONTEST

April is National Poetry month! Check out a bunch of books from PTPL or use your own bookshelf to create a poem using the titles on the book's spine. Visit the PTPL YS Facebook Page for examples. Take a picture of your creation and send your picture to [spauley@pt-library.org](mailto:spauley@pt-library.org) by Friday, April 30 or comment on our Facebook posts for a chance to win a gift card.

### TWEEN/TEEN DIY ACTIVITIES

Register at [ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) for a kit for each activity. Supplies are limited.

#### Harry Potter DIY Light Switch Plate Cover

Kit pickup Friday, April 16 to Thursday, April 22

Register for a kit to create your own Harry Potter Lumos light switch cover. Limited to 30 kits.

#### May the 4th DIY Lightsabers

Kit pickup Friday, April 30 to Tuesday, May 4

Register for a kit to create your own lightsaber. Watch a tutorial on Tuesday, May 4 on the PTPL YS Facebook page to help you create your lightsaber! Limited to 12 kits.

#### Rubber Stamp Bookmarks and Cards

Kit pickup Friday, May 7 to Thursday, May 13

Register for a kit to create bookmarks and cards with rubber stamps. Each kit will include several stamps and ink pads. Makes perfect gifts for Mother's Day! Limited to 24 kits.

# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

**Visit the library events calendar at [ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) to register for a program or to reserve a program kit.**

## NEW PROGRAM AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR



Beginning April 1, Sydney Krawiec transitioned from her part-time position in the Youth Services Department to the newly created full-time position of Program and Outreach Coordinator. Ms. Sydney will be planning, coordinating, and implementing programs that link to the educational, informational, and public service goals of the library. We are currently accepting Program Proposals for virtual programs that can be offered via Zoom. Visit <http://tiny.cc/program-proposal> to submit a proposal to be reviewed by library staff.

## PT LIBRARY DINNER PARTY VIA ZOOM

**Wednesday Apr. 7, 6 p.m.**

Join our relaxed dinner party from home and catch up with friends or make some new ones. For April, we ask that you prepare a meal using your leftover Easter ham or other ham substitute. Share your recipes and socialize safely while sharing a meal with your community. Registration is required to receive the Zoom meeting invite for this dinner party. Limited to 20 participants. Only one registration needed for each household participating.

## DIY SEED BOMBS IN THE PARK



**Tuesday Apr. 27, 7 p.m.**

Pepper your yard this spring with native wildflowers. Join us at Pavilion #2 at Peterswood Park to make your own seed bombs for the spring. Social distancing and masks are required. Kits are reserved for PT Library cardholders. Supplies are

limited and registration is required to reserve your materials and seat for this program. Limited 15 participants.

## DIY ARROW STRING ART IN THE PARK

**Tuesday May 25, 7 p.m.**

Bring your hammer and create string art using nails and string. Join us at Pavilion #2 at Peterswood Park to make your arrow décor for your home. Social distancing and masks are required. Kits are reserved for PT Library cardholders. Supplies are limited and registration is required to reserve your materials and seat for this program. Limited 15 participants.

## Library-Sponsored Clubs

### EVENING BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

You will need to register [ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) to receive the Zoom meeting invitation to participate in these online discussions. Please call the Reference Department at 724.941.9430 #2 for more information.



**Wednesday, Apr. 14, 7 p.m.**

*Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens  
Viewed with suspicion in the aftermath of a tragedy, a beautiful hermit who has survived for years in a marsh becomes targeted by unthinkable forces. In Owens's evocative debut, Kya Clark is a young woman growing up practically on her own in the wild marshes outside Barkley Cove, a small coastal community in North Carolina. In 1969, local lothario Chase

Andrews is found dead, and Kya, now 23 and known as the "Marsh Girl," is suspected of his murder.

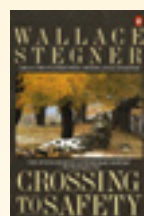


**Wednesday, May 12, 7 p.m.**

*The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff  
After discovering an abandoned, photograph-filled suitcase in Grand Central Station in 1946, a young widow sets out to discover who the people in the pictures are. Jenoff's terrific, fast-paced novel follows a network of female WWII operatives in a smartly constructed narrative.

### AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

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**Wednesday, Apr. 21, 1 p.m.**

*Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner  
This American writer celebrates a respected 50-year career with his latest novel, which is an appropriately autumnal consideration of life and human relationships. Two young couples Sid and Charity and Larry and Sally, from different backgrounds--East and West, rich and poor--befriend each

other in 1937 Madison. They meet in the academic backwater of a Wisconsin university. At first, they are excited by the future success they fantasize about, but soon they are confronted by the threat of scholastic failure and physical illness.

**Wednesday, May 19, 1 p.m.**

Planning Meeting

### MYSTERY BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

You will need to register [ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) to receive the Zoom meeting invitation to participate in these online discussions. Please email Peter Stamoolis at [pstam5225@yahoo.com](mailto:pstam5225@yahoo.com) for more information.



**Tuesday, Apr. 27, 1 p.m.**

*Love Me to Death* by Allison Brennan  
Six years ago, Lucy Kincaid was attacked and nearly killed by an online predator. She survived. Her attacker did not. Now Lucy's goal is to join the FBI and fight cyber-crime, but in the meantime, she's volunteering with a victim's rights group, surfing the Web undercover to lure sex offenders into the hands of the law. But when the predators she hunts start turning up as murder victims, the FBI takes a whole new interest in Lucy.

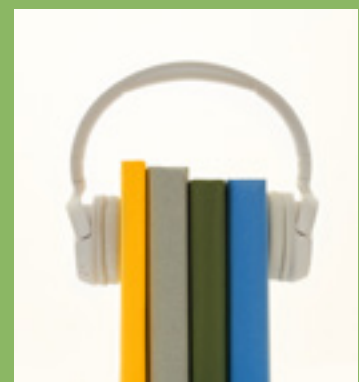
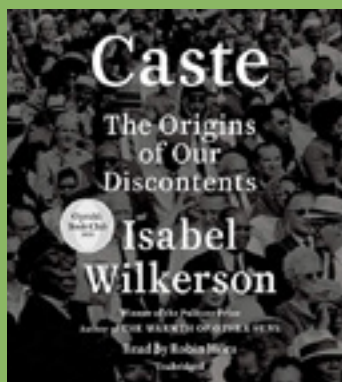
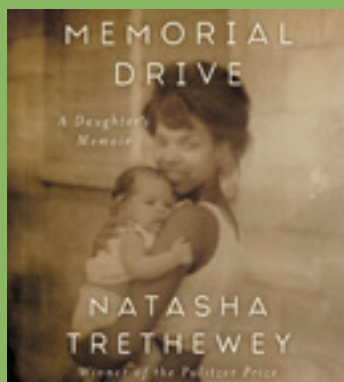
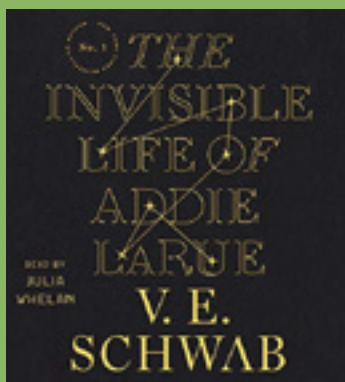
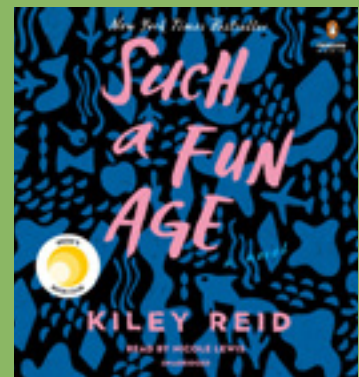
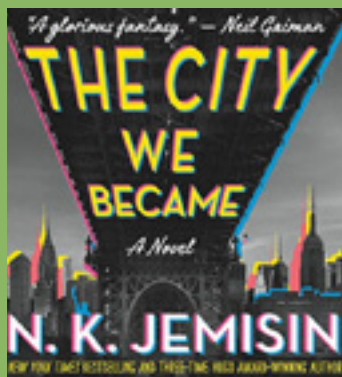
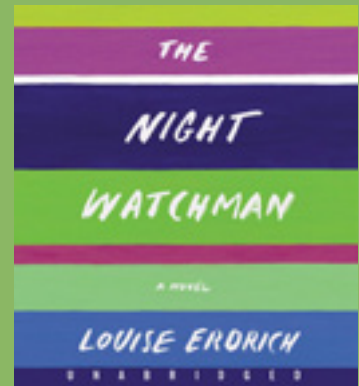
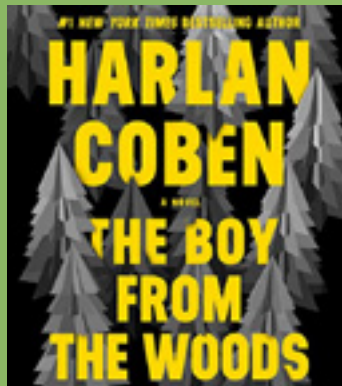
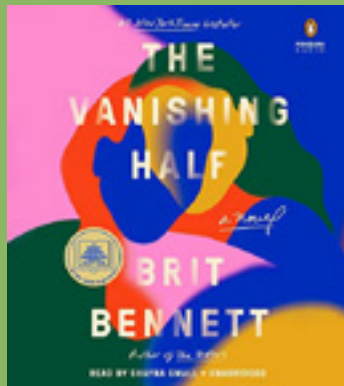
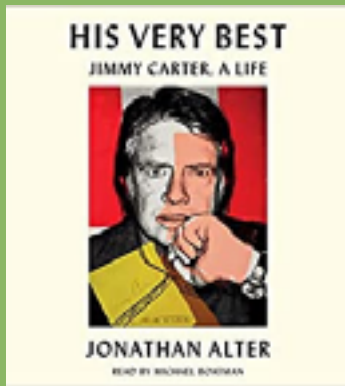


**Tuesday, May 25, 1 p.m.**

*Gone for Good* by Harlan Coben  
As a boy, Will Klein had a hero: his older brother, Ken. Then, on a warm suburban night in the Klein's' affluent New Jersey neighborhood, a young woman—a girl Will had once loved—was found brutally murdered in her family's basement. The prime suspect: Ken Klein. With the evidence against him overwhelming, Ken simply vanished. And when his shattered family never heard from Ken again, they were sure he was gone for good.



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