

to use select L-P School District tech tools, the school district has a fiduciary and financial responsibility to assure staff competence and create ample safeguards.

The board's hesitation to publicize poor security is appropriate. Conversely, unwillingness to be very public on resolution and the qualifications of a \$100,000-a-year

IT director is inappropriate.
Doyle Ray Oakey

Between the Covers at Covered Treasures Bookstore

Books are essential travel companions

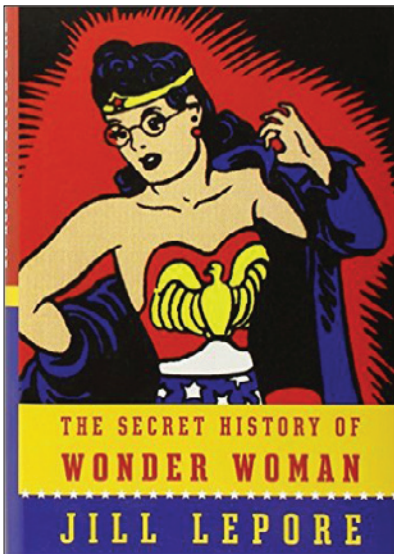
By the staff at Covered Treasures

We're in the middle of summer and family travel time. Paperback books travel well, and here are a few that will entertain you and the kids.

The Secret History of Wonder Woman

By Jill Lepore (Vintage Books), \$16.95

A riveting work of historical detection revealing that the origin of one of the world's most iconic superheroes hides within it a fascinating family story—and a crucial history of 20th-century feminism. Wonder Woman, created in 1941, is the most popular female superhero of all time. Aside from Superman and Batman, no superhero has lasted as long or commanded so vast and wildly passionate a following. Like every other superhero, Wonder Woman has a secret identity. Unlike every other superhero, she has also had a secret history.



Dead Wake

By Erik Larson (Broadway Books), \$17

A master of narrative nonfiction brings us the compelling and riveting story of the sinking of the Lusitania, a story many of us think we know but don't. Erik Larson tells it thrillingly, while painting a larger portrait of America at the height of the Progressive Era. Full of glamour and suspense, *Dead Wake* brings to life a cast of evocative characters, from famed Boston bookseller Charles Lauriat to pioneering female architect Theodate Pope to President Woodrow Wilson. Gripping and important, *Dead Wake* captures the sheer drama and emotional power of a di-

saster whose intimate details and true meaning have long been obscured by history. Did the Lusitania cause the U.S. to enter WWI or was there more to the story?

A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail

By Bill Bryson (Broadway Books), \$15.99

The Appalachian Trail stretches from Georgia to Maine and covers some of the most breathtaking terrain in America—majestic mountains, silent forests, sparkling lakes. If you're going to take a hike, it's probably a good place to go, and Bill Bryson is surely the most entertaining guide you'll find. He introduces us to the history and ecology of the trail and to some of the other hardy (or just foolhardy) folks he meets along the way—and a couple of bears. Already a classic, *A Walk in the Woods* will make you long for the great outdoors (or at least for a comfortable chair to sit and read in).

The Friends We Keep

By Susan Mallery (Mira Books), \$15.99

In this insightful and compelling story from book club favorite Susan Mallery, three close friends test the boundaries of how much a woman can give before she has nothing left. Mallery draws you into the lives of Gabby, Hayley, and Nicole and the various crossroads of their lives. As their bonds of friendship deepen against the beautiful backdrop of Mischief Bay, they will rely on good food, good wine and especially each other to navigate life's toughest changes.

The Woman Who Walked in Sunshine

By Alexander McCall Smith (Anchor Books), \$15.00

Business is slow at the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, so slow in fact that for the first time in her estimable career Precious Ramotswa has reluctantly agreed to take a holiday. The week of uninterrupted peace is short-lived, however, when she meets Samuel, a young troublemaker who is himself in some trouble. Ultimately, Ramotswa will need to draw upon her kindness, generosity, and good sense, and will serve to remind everyone that ordinary human failings should be treated with a large helping of charity and compassion.

Bones Never Lie: How Forensics Helps Solve History's Mysteries

By Elizabeth Macleod (Annick Press), \$14.95

Thanks to forensics, we now know that King Tut died of malaria. We also know that stomach cancer, and not arsenic as suspected, killed Napoleon. Seven intriguing stories about historical royal figures whose demise was suspicious, and hard scientific facts about crime-solving techniques make each event seem like an episode of "CSI" rather than a history lesson. Kids will be fascinated to find out how scientists use autopsy results, DNA testing, bone fragments, and even insects to determine the cause of death. This book will be hard to put down for kids who love mysteries.

DK Eyewitness Books: Space Exploration

(DK Publishing), \$9.99

Space Exploration takes young readers on a journey through the solar system and highlights advancements in space technology. Discover how satellites help us forecast the weather, how the Large Space Simulator is used to test spacecraft, and how the landing craft probes and explores planets. Learn how a special sleeping bag helps astronauts sleep in weightless conditions, how astronauts repair an orbiting spacecraft from the outside, and how an astronaut's body is affected upon reentering the Earth's atmosphere in this updated edition of a best-selling title from the Eyewitness series.

Cars, Trains and Planes Creativity Book and The Monster Creativity Book

By Anna Bowles and Penny Worms (Barron's Educational Series, Inc.), \$12.99 each

Whether it's big diggers, zooming trains, and high flying planes, or wacky aliens, wild monsters, and mythical beasts, these activity books will keep kids occupied. Featuring games, puzzles, stencils and stickers, no additional supplies are needed with this book, and it will help stave off the dreaded "Are we there yet?" question.

Until next month, happy reading.

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July Library Events

End of Summer Reading Party set for July 29

By Harriet Halbig

Summer reading is in full swing as I write this, but let me be the first to invite you to our End of Summer Reading Party on the Palmer Lake Village Green, from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, July 29. We'll have animals galore this year: miniature horses, giant lizards, and more. We'll also have face painting, crafts, an inflatable obstacle course, a toddler play area, refreshments, and more. Bring the whole family!

Monument Library is one of the most active in the district when it comes to summer reading. As of June 17, we have registered 13 babies, 1,216 kids and 442 teens in the program. Join us! There is still time to finish the program, which ends July 31.

Monument Library Events

Youth programs

- Each Monday throughout July, we will continue to have a special program for children ages 7 and up from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday mornings, in place of our usual story time, will be Summer Morning Fun programs from 10:30 to 11:30.
- Each Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:30 will be a program for school-age kids.
- July 4: The library will be closed.
- July 5: Laura Foye will bring her colorful chickens and there will be chicken crafts.
- July 7: I Want to Win
- July 11: Wilderness Readiness for Kids
- July 12: Wag that Tale with Denise Gard and her Border Collie Sienna

- July 14: Go Bananas
- July 16: The regular meeting of the Legos Club from 10 to 11:30 a.m. We provide the Legos and you bring your imagination. All ages are welcome.
- July 18: Minute to Win, a collection of brief challenges
- July 19: Dynamic Dance Party with streamers, music, and lots of movement for kids ages 7 and under
- July 21: Go Bananas featuring a music and movement theme

Adult programs

- July 8: If you have questions about using your computer, register for our Computer Help Lab from 9 to 10 a.m. Call us at 488-2370.
- July 13: From 5 to 5:45 p.m. we will have a program by local doctor of physical therapy Scott Simpson who will discuss the balance systems, fall facts, and what you can do to prevent unintentional falls. No registration is required.
- July 20: The Monumental Readers will meet from 10 a.m. to noon to discuss *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes. All patrons are welcome to attend this monthly book group.
- July 30: At 10 a.m. local firefighters will teach you how to better protect yourself and your property from wildfires. No registration is necessary.

Teen programs

- July 6: Come and play Superfight from 3 to 5 p.m. If that's not your style, we have other, more classic board games. This program is for grades 6 to 12.
- July 8: The Teen Advisory Board will meet from 4

to 5 p.m. in the study room. Help us to plan library programs and parties in the library for teens.

- July 20: Learn to make healthy microwave mug meals from 3 to 5 p.m. Join us to experiment with cooking healthful meals for one! Registration is required.
- July 27: Enjoy a library-friendly form of "The Amazing Race" from 3 to 5 p.m. Registration is required.
- Oil/watercolor/acrylic paintings by Lisa Cush will be on the walls of the library during July. A collection of cell phones from Chuck Hardy will be in the display case.

Palmer Lake Library Events

- July 4: All Pikes Peak Library facilities will be closed.
- Summer reading programs at Palmer Lake will be on Wednesdays, beginning at 10:30 a.m.
- July 7: Dynamic Dance Party
- July 13: A program on bees
- July 16: Our Saturday family program begins at 10:30 a.m. and will feature a speaker from Colorado Parks and Wildlife to discuss living with wildlife.
- July 20: Zumba for kids
- July 27: Ready, Set, Meet the Challenge, a collection of fun races and other challenges
- July 29: Please come to the End of Summer Reading Program Party on July 29 from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be activities and snacks for all ages. For more information, see the beginning of this article or pick up a flier at the library.

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