

*We grow smarter communities, one person at a time.*

## Let's get **WILD** About Reading!

**J**une kicks off our annual Summer Reading program and this year's Wild About Reading program is inspired by the WILD world of Maurice Sendak, author of the popular children's book *Where the Wild Things Are*.

### Why Summer Reading?

Each year we draw the attention of our community to the importance of reading for both children and adults. Reading reduces stress, builds vocabulary, improves memory, increases analytical thinking, improves focus and more.

It is important for students to continue reading during the summer to beat the summer slide, learning loss caused by periods of little reading. Just 20 minutes a day can keep students on track.

However, this year we are also encouraging our community to get out and enjoy other literacy activities such as book clubs, library events and more. By joining in on literacy activities, Summer Reading participants can earn additional points toward prizes in our Summer Reading program.

### How do points work?

Each minute read counts as a point and each activity completed counts as 5 points.

#### ■ 600 points

(10 hrs of reading) = Goal 1

#### ■ 1200 points

(20 hrs of reading) = Goal 2

#### ■ 1800 points

(30 hrs of reading) = Read it Forward

### It's **THAT** simple!

Signing up for our Summer Reading program is easy!

1. Sign in or create a Beanstack account.
2. Register for this year's Wild About Reading program.
3. Log minutes and activities to earn badges and prizes.

### Download the new **Beanstack app!**

Beanstack has released an easy to use [app](#), so users can now log minutes and activities on the go.

#### Benefits of the app:

- Sign up and log points from your phone.
- Use the reading session timer.
- Use the barcode scanner to add titles to your log.
- Manage the entire family's reading log.



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## **Volunteers help make it happen.**

Summer Reading is a busy time – we can use all the help we can get and not only do our volunteers help us, but we help them!

Many of our volunteers have never had a job before, so volunteering at the library gives them job experience. In addition to job experience, volunteers gain skill in reading to children, learn to take initiative and make lasting friendships.

Several of our library locations are still looking for volunteers. Learn more on the Intranet [HERE](#).

Don't forget! Check out the [Tips for Staff](#) volunteer guide to learn more about how you can make the most of your time with your library's volunteers.

## **Volunteer Tips Overview:**

- **Tell potential volunteers about the benefits of volunteering** such as job experience, service-learning hours and confidence building. They won't want to miss out on this opportunity!

- **Make your volunteers feel welcome.** Some ways you can make them feel like part of the team include greeting them each day, making yourself approachable by asking how they are doing and answering any questions. Help

them make the most of the volunteer experience by giving them projects to work on and remember that volunteers are customers too.

- **Learn how to log volunteer hours** by reading the steps in the [Tips for Staff](#) or asking your library's [Summer Super](#).

- **Communicate with teens** effectively by letting them take the lead and learning to say "yes" when you can, phrasing concerns as questions (i.e. "Have you considered...?" or "Have you tried...?"), assume they have the best intent, know your boundaries and get to know your volunteers.

- **Make volunteers feel like part of the team** by remembering to: feed them because sometimes just a simple snack can make things easier when you're hungry; give them goals so they know what your library is working to achieve; celebrate with them by having incremental celebrations of success; praise them and encourage them in their role; develop friendships; be positive about your library, your team and Summer Reading.



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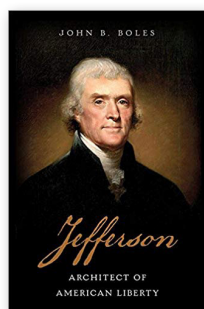
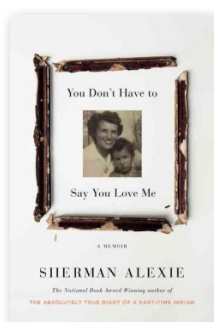
## Reading List: Bestsellers

**O**ur first American Creed film screening and community conversation begins June 9 at the Downtown Library. To fuel further conversation and spark related ideas, we have some related bestsellers listed below. To learn more about American Creed events, visit our [web page](#).

### **You Don't Have to Say You Love Me** by Sherman Alexie

Adult | Nonfiction

The story of a complicated mother-son relationship in a Native American family on the Spokane Reservation. The author also vividly depicts life on the reservation, touching on difficult topics including joblessness, alcoholism and drug abuse, fatal car crashes, violence, rape and child molestation, murder and exclusion from society.



### **Jefferson: Architect of American Liberty** by John B. Boles

Adult | Nonfiction

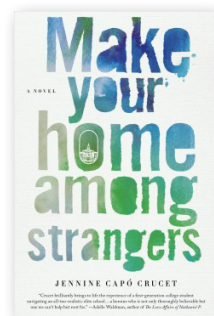
An in-depth biography of founding father, Thomas Jefferson, covering various defining parts of his life. The author asks that they reader consider things from the perspective of

someone living in that time, but does not excuse Jefferson. Some of the more heavily touched on topics include Jefferson's dispute with Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr, his thoughts on religion and his relationship with his enslaved servant Sally Hemmings.

### **Make Your Home Among Strangers** by Jennine Capó Crucet

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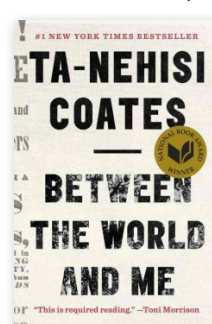
A coming of age story set in a Cuban American community in Miami Florida. The protagonist, Lizet, is the daughter of Cuban immigrants and she will be the first in her family to attend college. Her aspirations are directly juxtaposed to those of her older sister who aspires to marry and have children. Lizet struggles to find her place as she embarks on her first year of college.



### **Between the World and Me** by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Adult | Nonfiction

A series of essays confronting the issue of race in America



written as a letter from the author to his son. He discusses several difficult topics including mass incarceration, slavery and police brutality. He touches on what he believes it means to be a black man in America today. He cautions against the idea that racism exists only in the distant past.

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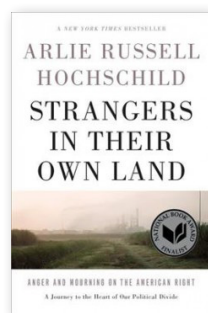
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#### Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right

by Arlie Russell Hochschild



**Adult | Nonfiction**  
The author discusses the emotion that underlies politics and the hostile split between America's two major parties. She spends time with many tea-party members and self-identified conservatives to address how they came to their beliefs. She discusses attitudes and behaviors centered on

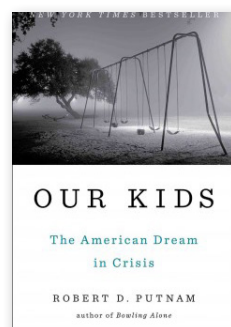
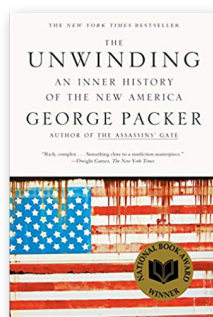
work, honor, religion, welfare and the environment that propel political viewpoints.

#### The Unwinding: An Inner History of the New America

by George Packer

**Adult | Nonfiction**

The personal histories of an Ohio factory worker, a Washington political operative, a North Carolinian small businessman and an internet billionaire. The author uses these unique experiences to discuss the unraveling of the American Century. Packer describes the decline of America from a very specific time: If you were born half a century ago, around 1960, then, he writes, "you watched structures that had been in place before your birth collapse like pillars of salt across the vast visible landscape."



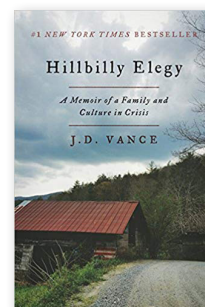
#### Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis

by Robert D. Putnam

**Adult | Nonfiction**

This title discusses the opportunity gap caused by class parity in America today, writing that there is increasing ghettoization in American neighborhoods by class. Putnam says

it's even harder for people to live better lives than their parents. He focuses on families, parenting, schooling and community to demonstrate the widening class gap.



#### Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis

by J.D. Vance

**Adult | Nonfiction**

The author narrates his memoir, answering his wife's question, "why won't you tell me about your family?" Vance tells the multigenerational saga of an eastern Ohio and

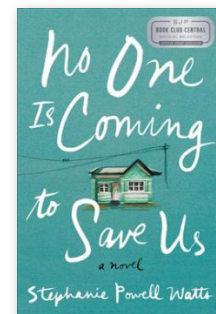
Kentucky family. A former marine and Yale Law School graduate, the author discusses his poor upbringing, taking a closer look at the struggles of America's white working class.

#### No One is Coming to Save Us

by Stephanie Powell Watts

**Adult | Fiction**

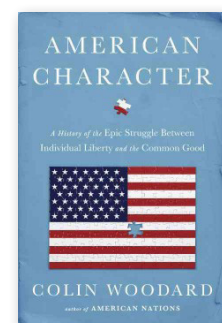
Publishers Weekly calls Watts' debut novel a "Great Gatsby Reboot", touching on the woes of a contemporary African American family in the South. JJ moves back to North Carolina to pursue his high school crush, Ava and finds she is in an unhappy marriage. Meanwhile, Ava's family struggles to attain the American Dream.



#### American Character: A History of the Epic Struggle Between Individual Liberty and the Common Good

by Colin Woodard

**Adult | Nonfiction**



A history of American political philosophies and analysis of the shift in views of the role of American government. Woodard writes that, "our country has never been united, either in purpose, principles, or political behavior." Kirkus reviews call the book, "thoughtful political theory for divisive times."

# Print book, meet audiobook.

## So, what are Vox Books?

Vox Books are audio enabled books now available for checkout at Metro Libraries. [Vox Books](#) is the name of the product produced by [Library Ideas](#).

## How do they work?

A speaker is attached to the print book and after pressing play, users can read along at their own speed. Customers can listen to the book out loud or through headphones. The battery is rechargeable and lasts approximately 125-150 plays. The charger is a micro-USB, also known as a "universal port" to make it easy to charge.

To learn how to use Vox Books, use the infographic below or watch this [how to video](#).

## What are the benefits of audiobooks?

- \* Increase word exposure and improve vocabulary.
- \* Increase reading speed, accuracy and fluency.
- \* Reduce anxiety for students who struggle to read the printed text.
- \* Increase comprehension.
- \* Educational independence.



## How to use

The VOX™ Reader is permanently attached to the inside of every VOX™ Book.



### User Controls

Adjust the volume using the + and - buttons. Move forward or back a page with the ← and → buttons.

### Listening Options

Use the built-in speaker above the control panel or attach earphones using the jack along the left side.

### Easy Charging

To recharge, simply insert the included wall charger into the earphone/charging jack and connect to a wall outlet.



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## COMING UP

**June 20**

Commission Meeting at  
Northwest Library

**June 27**

Staff Association Meeting at  
Bethany Library

**July 4**

Closed for Independence Day

**July 18**

Commission Meeting at  
Downtown Library

**July 25**

Staff Association Meeting  
at Edmond Library



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