

# Between the Stacks

Monthly Newsletter

September 2023



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# ●●● Program Spotlight ●●●

## 2023 Great Michigan Read

September 25, 2023  
6:00 pm



The Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library is thrilled to partner with Michigan Humanities to present an Evening with Angeline Bouley- author of the 2023-24 Great Michigan Read Selection "Firekeeper's Daughter." An instant bestseller, "Firekeeper's Daughter" focuses on fictional main character, Daunis, but brings to light so many themes and topics that Native American groups face in Michigan and throughout the country today.

Angeline Bouley, an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, is a storyteller who writes about her Ojibwe community in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. She is a former Director of the Office of Indian Education at the U.S. Department of Education. Angeline lives in southwest Michigan, but her home will always be on Sugar Island. Firekeeper's Daughter is her debut novel.

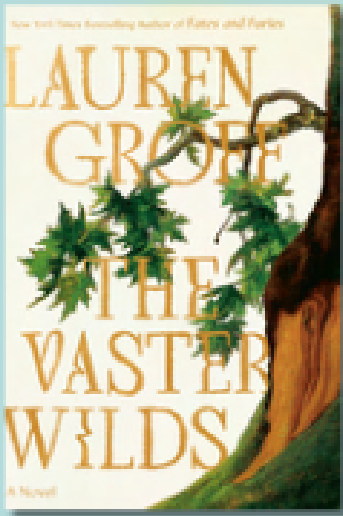
The 2023-24 Great Michigan Read is presented by Michigan Humanities and supported by national, statewide, and local partners, including the National Endowment for the Humanities, The Meijer Foundation, Library of Michigan, Image Creative Group, and BiblioBoard, Laborers' International Union of North America, MSU Federal Credit Union, and Library of Michigan.

This event is free and open to the public but registration is required:  
<https://tinyurl.com/mtvxuafa>.



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# New Releases



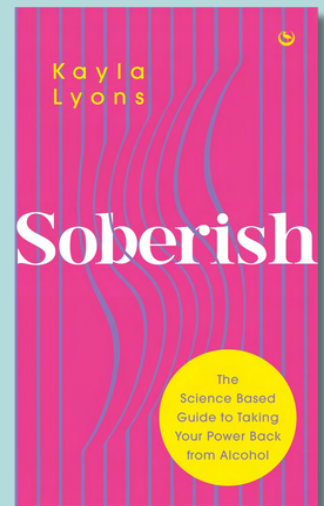
A taut and electrifying novel from celebrated, bestselling author Lauren Groff, about one spirited girl alone in the wilderness, trying to survive.

A servant girl escapes from a colonial settlement in the wilderness. She carries nothing with her but her wits, a few possessions, and the spark of god that burns hot within her. What she finds in this terra incognita is beyond the limits of her imagination and will bend her belief of everything that her own civilization has taught her. *(Sept 12)*

A non-judgemental guide to becoming “soberish”. Helps millennials and Gen Z create a relationship with alcohol that works for them using evidence-based tools and expert advice.

Are you ready to take your power back from alcohol?

Whether you’re looking to go booze free or want to make informed adjustments to your drinking habits, this inclusive and non-judgemental guide gives you the scientifically backed tools you need to create a relationship with alcohol that works for you, from cold exposure therapy to sound healing and beyond. *(Sept 12)*



A novelist's long-standing marriage suddenly turns upside down when she overhears her husband give his honest reaction to her latest book.

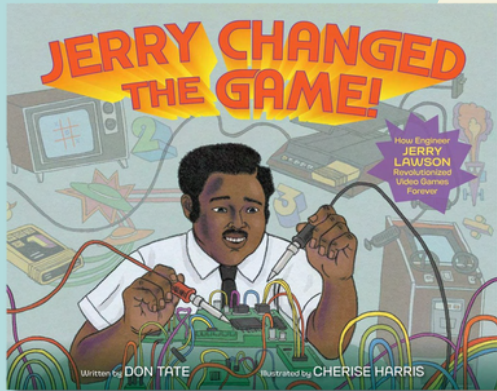
Directed by Nicole Holofcener

Starring Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Tobias Menzies

Rated R *(August 22)*



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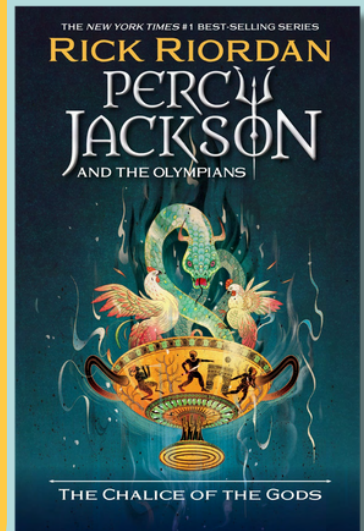
Before Xbox, PlayStation, or Nintendo Switch, there was a tinkerer named Jerry Lawson. As a boy, Jerry loved playing with springs, sprockets, and gadget-y things. When he grew up, Jerry became an engineer--a professional tinkerer--and in the 1970s, he turned his technical know-how to video games. Back then, if players wanted a new video game, they had to buy an entire new console, making gaming very expensive. Jerry was determined to fix this problem!

Jerry's tinkering and inventions changed the video gaming world forever. Today, gamers have access to hundreds of video games at the push of a button, all thanks to him. Game on! (*JENF TATE*)

The original heroes from The Lightning Thief are reunited for their biggest challenge yet: getting Percy to college when the gods are standing in his way.

After saving the world multiple times, Percy Jackson is hoping to have a normal senior year. Unfortunately, the gods aren't quite done with him. Percy will have to fulfill three quests in order to get the necessary three letters of recommendation from Mount Olympus for college.

The first quest is to help Zeus's cup-bearer retrieve his goblet before it falls into the wrong hands. Can Percy, Grover, and Annabeth find it in time? (*J RIOR, Sept 26*)



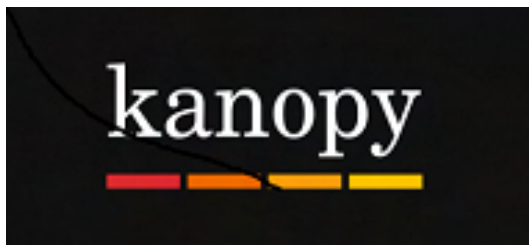
Four brothers. Two missions. One explosive read. Jennifer Lynn Barnes returns to the world of her #1 bestselling, TikTok sensation Inheritance Games trilogy, and the stakes have never been higher.

Drawn into twisted games on opposite sides of the globe, Grayson and Jameson—with the help of their brothers and the girl who inherited their grandfather's fortune—must dig deep to decide who they want to be and what each of them will sacrifice to win. (*Y BARN, Aug 29.*)

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# Meet Your Library Staff: Deborah



**How long have you worked at the Library?**

30 years

**What do you like best about working at the Library?**

I like the “detective work” aspect of looking through material, print or digital, figuring out how to provide information or material to people who need it or are just curious. The library is a socially conscious place that has a knowledge and cultural-based orientation, which provides access to and an environment for fostering practical and aspirational endeavors.

**Do you have any hobbies you enjoy?**

No, nothing I would call a hobby, unless you would count bibliomania

**What is your favorite book?**

I don't really have a favorite, these days. When I was a young adult, *Romeo and Juliet* seemed to crawl into my person, with youthful exuberance and at face value. Earlier this week I was listening to a program and the piece was referenced. Which reminded me that through the years, I have looked back on *R&J* at different phases of life and noticed different features of the story, and had realizations about what was going on. It has been a backdrop here for contemplations about different aspects of love and relationships, and my changing thoughts and attitudes.

**If you could invite any 4 people living or dead to a dinner party, who would they be?**

I picked these persons for their impact on history which has shaped the cultural and societal environment we live in. They all had tremendous insight into humanity and were able to manifest their thinking into influential creative works.

*Carl Jung* -His insight into the psyche and personality was and is beyond other scientists and thinkers. Particularly the allowance of spiritual and metaphysical aspects into his theories

*Thomas Jefferson* - Co-responsible for the most progressive individual rights-oriented government the world had ever known, and was able to articulate the basic vision axiom of the new country.

*James Madison* -The other most co-responsible for the thriving of this country necessary moderating and stabilizing influence on this country and managing to put out a writing for the constitution, that opposing and thrashing parties actually signed onto

*William Shakespeare* - On top of his understanding of human nature, his use of language continues to be astonishing, both for its beauty, craftiness, and timeliness.



# September Programs



## Youth Programs

- Early Connections Ages 0–5: Tuesdays, 10 –11 am
- Outdoor Storytime at the Farmer’s Market: Saturday, September 9th & 23rd, 10 am
- LEGO Club Ages 6–13: Monday, September 11th & 25th 5–6 pm
- Tinker Tuesday Ages 5–18: Tuesday, September 12th & 26th 4–5:30 pm
- Tween D&D Ages 9–13: Fridays beginning September 15th, 4–6 pm
- Pokemon Club Ages 8–18: Monday, September 18th, 5–6 pm
- Teen Anime Club Ages 12–18: Thursday, September 21st at 3 pm
- Teen Book Club\* Ages 12–18: Thursday, September 21st, 5:15 pm
- InBeTween Book Club\* Ages 9–12: Saturday, September 23rd, 2 pm
- Teen Zine Club Ages 12–18: Thursday, September 28th, 3:30 pm

\*Registration Required

# September Programs, *continued*



## Adult Programs

- Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, September 6th, 4:30 pm
- Classic Movie Night, Wednesday, September 6th, 5:30 pm
- Introduction to the READ Program and Tutor Training, Thursday, September 7th, Tuesday, September 12th, Wednesday, September 13th and 27th, Thursday, September 28th, 5 pm
- Computer Classes\*, September 11th, 18th, and 25th, 6 pm
- Worm Composting, Saturday, September 16th, 2-3 pm
- Adult Book Club\*, Monday, September 18th, 6 pm

## All Ages

- Open MakerLab, Tuesday, September 5th & 19th, 4-5:30 pm
- Memory Lab Grand Opening and Introduction, Thursday, September 14th, 3 pm and Saturday, September 16th, 11 am
- Sewing Club, Wednesdays beginning September 20th, 4-6 pm
- An Evening with Angeline Boulley\*, Monday, September 25th at 6 pm
- I Love My Neighbor, Saturday, September 30th, 12:30-2 pm

\*Registration Required

We want to hear from you! Take a moment to fill out our community survey!



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