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# No Shelf Control

Austin Public Library | A Spicewood Springs Branch Zine





Happy New Year from the Spicewood Springs Branch! We present to you our first issue of the new year. Moving forward, our publication will be released quarterly. In this issue we are celebrating:

Black History Month, Women's History Month, and Library Lover's Month. We would also like to recognize the themes of resolutions and wellness.

Hope your year is off to a great start and let us know what you think of the zine by filling out the feedback form and dropping it in our book drop!

Ciao,

<3 Spicewooders

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# Virtual Book Clubs

We miss seeing your faces! Join one of the Spicewood Springs Branch staff (and friends) virtual book clubs.

Visit the Austin Public Library at [library.austintexas.gov](http://library.austintexas.gov) to find these and other book clubs. For registration, go to APL's page on Eventbrite.com

## Romance

Third Thursdays at 7 pm

**Jan. 21**

*The Soldier's Scoundrel* by Cat Sebastien



A scoundrel, Jack Turner grew up in the darkness of London's slums, born into a life of crime. His distrust of the nobility runs deep, especially of the gorgeous high-born soldier who personifies everything Jack will never be.

**Feb. 28**

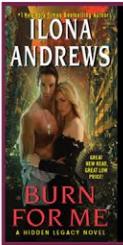
*The Kiss Quotient* by Helen Hoang



Stella Lane has Asperger's and very little dating experience. She decides she needs someone to practice with, so she hires escort Michael Phan. The Vietnamese and Swedish stunner can't afford to turn down Stella's offer, and agrees to help her check off all the boxes on her lesson plan.

**March 18**

*Burn for Me* by Ilona Andrews



Nevada Baylor is faced with the most challenging case of her detective career--a suicide mission to bring in a suspect in a volatile situation. Her quarry is a Prime, the highest rank of magic user, who can set anyone and anything on fire. Then she's kidnapped by Connor "Mad" Rogan--a darkly tempting billionaire with equally devastating powers. Torn between wanting to run and wanting to surrender to their overwhelming attraction, Nevada must join forces with Rogan to stay alive.

## YA for Adults

First Thursdays at 7 pm

**Jan. 7**

*Serpent and Dove* by Shelby Mahurin



Louise le Blanc fled her coven and took shelter in the city of Cesarine, forsaking all magic and living off whatever she could steal. There, witches like Lou are hunted, feared, and burned. Sworn to the Church as a Chasseur, Reid Diggory has lived his life by one principle: Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live. A wicked stunt forces them into an impossible union--holy matrimony.

**Feb. 4**

*American Street* by Ibi Zoboi



When Fabiola's mother is detained upon their arrival to the United States, Fabiola must navigate her loud American cousins, the grittiness of Detroit's west side, a new school, and a surprising romance all on her own.

**March 4**

*Juliet Takes a Breath* by Gabby Rivera



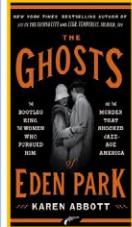
Juliet, a self-identified queer, Bronx-born Puerto Rican-American, comes out to her family to disastrous results the night before flying to Portland to intern with her feminist author icon--whom Juliet soon realizes has a problematic definition of feminism that excludes women of color

## True Crime

Last Thursdays at 7 pm

**Jan. 28**

### **The Ghosts of Eden Park by Karen Abbott**



A narrative history of George Remus, who the press called "king of the bootleggers," and a Jazz-Age murder trial

**Feb. 25**

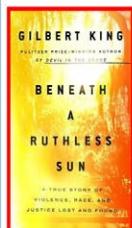
### **The Phantom Prince by Elizabeth Kendall**



The phantom prince, Elizabeth Kendall's 1981 memoir details her six-year relationship with serial killer Ted Bundy. Bundy is one of the most notorious serial killers in American history and one of the most publicized to this day. However, very rarely do we hear from the women he left behind--the ones forgotten as mere footnotes in this tragedy.

**March 25**

### **Beneath a Ruthless Sun by Gilbert King**



From the author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning bestseller "Devil in the Grove" comes a gripping story of sex, race, class, corruption, and the arc of justice. In December 1957, Blanche Bosanquet Knowles, the wealthy young wife of a citrus baron, is raped in her home while her husband is away. Journalist Mabel Norris Reese and an inexperienced young lawyer pursue the case, winning unlikely allies and chasing down leads until at long last they begin to unravel the unspeakable truths behind a racial conspiracy that shocked a community into silence

## Adult Graphic Novels

Second Mondays at 6:30 pm

**Jan. 11**

### **Bitter Root vol. 1: Family Business by David Walker**



Once known as the greatest monster hunters of all time, the Sangerye family specialized in curing the souls of those infected by hate. But those days are fading. Now, though, there's a new breed of monster loose on the streets of Harlem, and the Sangerye family must either come together or watch the human race fall to untold evil.

**Feb. 8**

### **LaGuardia by Nnedi Okorafor**



In an alternate world where aliens have integrated with society, pregnant Nigerian-American doctor Future Nwafor Chukwuebuka has just smuggled an illegal alien plant named Letme Live through LaGuardia International and Interstellar Airport... and that's not the only thing she's hiding.

**March 8**

### **The Low, Low Woods by Carmen Maria Machado**



Shudder-to-Think, Pennsylvania, is plagued by a mysterious illness that eats away at the memories of those affected by it. El and Octavia are two best friends who find themselves the newest victims of this disease after waking up in a movie theater with no memory of the past few hours. As El and Vee dive deeper into the mystery behind their lost memories, they realize the stories of their town hold more dark truth than they could've imagined.

# Book Clubs for kids!

## Graphic Novel Book Club Jr.

Third Thursdays at 4:30 pm

**Jan. 21**

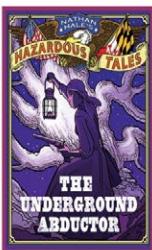
### *Super Sons: The Polarshield Project* by Ridley Pearson



The polar ice caps have nearly melted away, causing devastation to coastal cities. Jon Kent and Damian "Ian" Wayne are opposite in every way except one--they are the sons of the World's Greatest Heroes! To uncover a global conspiracy, this unlikely dynamic duo will need to learn to trust each other and work together to save the Earth.

**Feb. 18**

### *The Underground Abductor* by Nathan Hale



Araminta Ross was born a slave in Delaware in the early 19th century. But north of the Mason-Dixon line, slavery was illegal. Facing enormous danger, Araminta made it, and once free, she changed her name to Harriet Tubman.

**March 18**

### *My Video Game Ate My Homework* by Dustin Hansen



Dewey Jenkins wants to have the top science project in class to avoid summer school and win a state-of-the-art virtual reality video game, but after his friend Ferg accidentally breaks the console, they accidentally trigger the device, finding themselves transported inside a video game.

## Mother Daughter

Third Wednesdays at 6 pm

**Jan. 20**

### *Words on Fire* by Jennifer A. Nielsen



In 1893 twelve-year-old Audra lives on a farm in Lithuania, and tries to avoid the Cossack soldiers who enforce the Russian decrees that ban Lithuanian books, religion, culture, and even the language; but when the soldiers invade the farm Audra is the only one who escapes and embarks on a dangerous journey, carrying the smuggled Lithuanian books, unsure who to trust, but risking her life and freedom for her country.

**Feb. 17**

### *New Kid* by Jerry Craft



Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics. Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds--and not really fitting into either one.

**March 17**

### *Stand Up, Yumi Chung!* by Jessica Kim



When eleven-year-old Yumi Chung stumbles into a kids' comedy camp she is mistaken for another student, so she decides to play the part. What follows is a balancing act of making new friends and sustaining parental expectations.

# Quinoa Oatmeal

The fiber in the oatmeal helps control your blood sugar and keeps you feeling full until lunch. The quinoa gives your morning a little extra protein to start your day right. Serve the oatmeal with fresh fruit, nuts, maple syrup, brown sugar, or whatever else will get you through your day.

## MAKES ENOUGH FOR 4

4 cups water  
1/2 cup quinoa  
1 teaspoon olive or coconut oil  
1 cup steel-cut oats  
Pinch of salt  
1/2 cup of almond or soy milk

**1** Heat up the water in a kettle on the stovetop or in the microwave until it is near boiling. Put the quinoa in a strainer and rinse so that it isn't bitter after you cook it.

**2** In a saucepan, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the oats and stir them around until they smell kinda toasty, about 2 minutes. Add the quinoa and the hot water and bring it all to a boil. This won't take long because the water should already be hot.

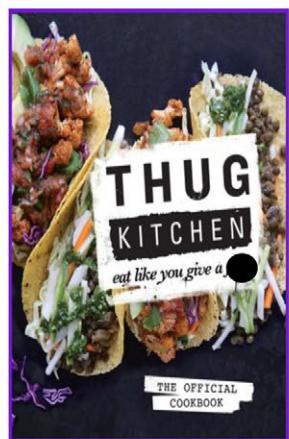
**3** Once it is boiling, turn down the heat on the pot and let it simmer uncovered. go check your Tumblr or Facebook while it cooks for 25 to 30 minutes. It should taste done now, not hard but still a little chewy. Add the almond or soy milk and turn off the heat.

**4** Love to hit snooze? Double the recipe and heat up the leftovers all week.

**D**o you like quinoa? Do you like oatmeal? Combine the two for an easy and nutrient packed breakfast.

If you're resolving to start eating a plant powered diet in 2021, this recipe gives you a great way to pack extra protein into your breakfast.

This recipe is from *Thug Kitchen*, available in physical and ebook versions



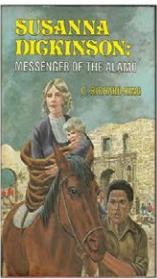


## Susanna Dickinson

Check out these library books:



*Girl of the Alamo*  
by Rita Kerr



*Messenger of the Alamo* by C. King  
(ebook)

Susanna Dickinson's final residence in Austin is currently a museum, located at  
411 E. 5th St.

We encourage you to visit, once it can safely reopen to the public.

### Sources

- <http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Parks/Dickinson/susannabiography.pdf>
- <https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/susanna-dickinson-museum>

**O**n the plaque outside her final residence turned museum, Susanna Dickinson is proclaimed the "toughest woman on the Texas frontier, [who] survived the Battle of the Alamo and five husbands."

Susanna Dickinson was born in 1814 in Tennessee. She moved out to Texas with her first husband, Almeron Dickinson, who fought and perished in the battle of the Alamo. Susanna managed to escape with her infant child and passed along the story to Sam Houston, which is how she became known as "the messenger of the Alamo" or the "gift of the Alamo."

When Susanna was denied financial aid as a widow, she had no choice but to remarry to survive. Unfortunately, she married an abusive drunk, so she divorced him. Afterwards, she ultimately received land bounty as war widow, and settled in Houston with a new husband, but was soon widowed once again. Her fourth husband divorced her on grounds of multiple adulteries, but Susanna had already left him at that point. She moved to Lockhart, opened a boardinghouse, and gained renown as a cook. It was here that she met her fifth and final husband, Joseph William Hannig, who happened to be twenty years her junior.

Susanna and her husband relocated to Austin where they started a furniture store and built the house on 5<sup>th</sup> street across from the stage coach depot. The business was successful and they were able to move into a larger house on Duval at 32<sup>nd</sup>. Susanna was almost 70 years old when she died in 1883. Although her husband remarried, he chose to be buried next to her when he died.

# OTHER THINGS LIBRARIES CIRCULATE



- MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
- TEACHING TOOLS
- LAB EQUIPMENT
- ACTIVITY KITS
- PROJECTORS
- GYM PASSES
- TOYS
- UMBRELLAS
- COOKING TOOLS
- SEED LIBRARY
- AV EQUIPMENT
- VIDEO GAMES
- BOARD GAMES
- PUPPETS
- THEATRE PROPS
- ART / PAINTINGS
- CAMPING EQUIPMENT

- FISHING EQUIPMENT
- GARDENING TOOLS
- HEALTH EQUIPMENT
- TOOL LIBRARY
- SPORT EQUIPMENT
- TELESCOPES
- PUZZLES
- KARAOKE MACHINES
- CAKE PANS
- MICROSCOPES
- MUSEUM PASSES
- COMPUTERS
- CAMERAS
- PEDOMETERS
- BIKES
- WALKING AIDS
- ORAL HISTORIES

## HEY, HOMESCHOOLERS!

Hey, homeschoolers! I am a librarian and a homeschooling parent. I like to match my knowledge of the Austin Public Library's (APL) collections, services, and programs to the needs of the homeschooling community. Here are two resources that you can access through APL's Virtual Library website using a full-purpose or digital resources library account number.

**Virtual Library** <https://library.austintexas.gov/virtual>

GALE IN CONTEXT

OPPOSING  
VIEWPOINTS

### Gale in Context: Opposing Viewpoints

Does your student need to write a paper or for a debate on one of today's social issues? Then head over to Opposing Viewpoints. This

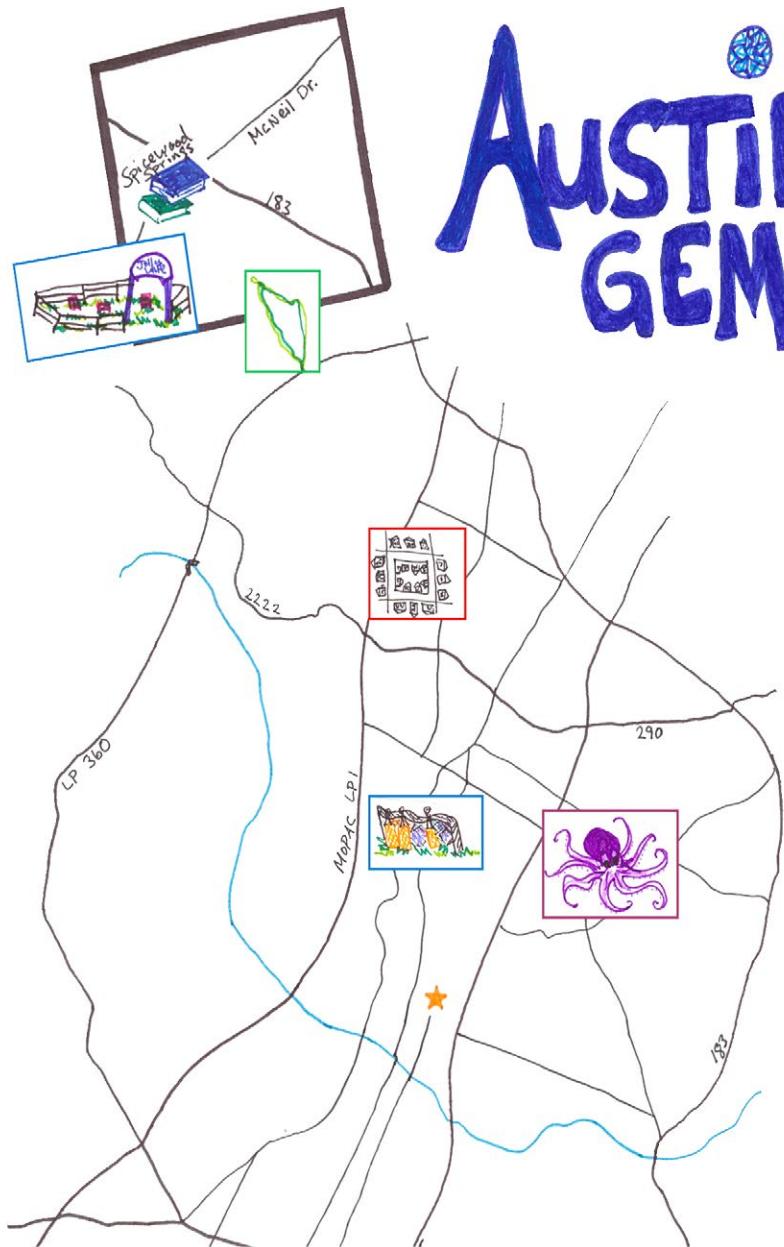
resource presents essays and articles from a variety of sources expressing pro and con views on current events and issues such as Black Lives Matter, teen suicide, vaccines, school reform, facial recognition technology, fast fashion, same-sex marriage, and many more. Wow! I learned a lot just browsing the categories and skimming a few articles. To get started, consider watching a video tutorial. Also, click Browse Issues for an easy way to dive into the articles. Issue categories include National Debate Topics, which makes it very easy for competition debaters to find appropriate resources.



### Texas Driving Permit Practice Tests

Look here for free driver's permit practice tests, handbooks, and FAQs. Students can take general practice tests or ones covering more specific topics, such as roads signs and fines. Some tests are easy and others are difficult. In addition to information for car drivers, there are resources for motorcycle and CDL tests. The materials are available in both English and Spanish. Parents, test your knowledge.

# AUSTIN GEMS



Explore a slice of Austin off the beaten path. For each issue this year, we'll turn the spotlight on some fun, local spots that you might not have heard of and are not the typical tourist locations. They will include public art, trails, parks, historical sites, and cemeteries. Have fun adventuring!

### **1. Irving and Hazeline Smith Memorial Trail**

#### **1/2, 5343 Old Spicewood Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78731**

Looking to avoid the crowds at the Greenbelt? Check out this easy, family-friendly little loop just off 360. There are educational signs and landmarks on the trail, including a historic wall, memorial bench, and mini waterfall. Look out for the baby turtles!

The Irving and Hazeline Smith Memorial Trail is not marked correctly in Google maps. The address is correct, but this trail is on the Northwest side of 360. In Google maps, the trail is mistakenly marked Inga VanNynatten Memorial Trail.

Recommended by our one and only Elizabeth!

### **2. Octopus Bathroom**

#### **Jessie Andrews Park at 2601 Philomena St**

If you happen to be in the Mueller area, check out this fantastical piece of public art of an octopus atop a public bathroom. Fair warning, the doors may or may not be unlocked. The park has a play structure for the kiddos and a nice seating area with string lights, perfect for enjoying a drink or a picnic.

### **3. Air Conditioned Village**

#### **The block made up of Twin Oaks Dr, Nasco Dr, Park View Dr, and Daugherty St. 78757**

Built in the 1950's, this block of Austin was selected to test out air conditioning in residential buildings.

Please be respectful while visiting, since they are peoples' homes.

### **4. Sparky Park**

#### **3701 Grooms St, Austin, TX 78705**

A fun little pocket park in Hyde Park, Sparky Park occupies the space of a former electrical substation. A whimsical wall/art installation wraps around the old electrical structures, hiding them from sight.

### **5. Jollyville Cemetery**

#### **8585 Spicewood Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78759**

Did you know there is a historic cemetery in the middle of the apartment complex right next door to our library?

Head to the Spicewood Springs Apartment Complex and park in the visitor parking in the second entrance from the library's entrance. There's a pathway alongside the fence on the left hand side which will lead you to this quirky slice of Austin history

# OUR BRANCHES ARE SEEDS

PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY

Public Libraries are important to me because they reflect a world that prioritizes sharing, cooperation, and solidarity. All that can, contribute a little (money, time, etc.) so that everyone can have access to much more than they could individually. The idea is that giving everyone equitable access to resources makes a better world for everyone. Public Libraries are one example of an alternative economy, where the whole point for the exchange is to increase the wellbeing of the communities they reflect, rather than on individualism and profit motives as the means of exchange.

The focus on these values is shared by other practices within our communities and make up what has been called the "Solidarity Economy".

## What is Solidarity Economy?

For the longest time I considered economy to be mostly about "money, profit, market prices, stocks, hierarchy, supply and demand, etc., and anything outside of that I considered to be run by the state. These overly simple misunderstandings did not account for the many ways we provide for one another, and that the economy can be more largely recognized as:

- How we provide for one another
- How we organize resources
- The types of social relations we establish while accomplishing those

All around us, we organize resources and our social relationships in many different ways, with different priorities, apart from the private sector, and the state. Not all exchanges are meant to mutually benefit all that are involved. Libraries are one way we organize and exchange resources, with the goal of benefitting all equally, which can be understood as an act of solidarity, a:

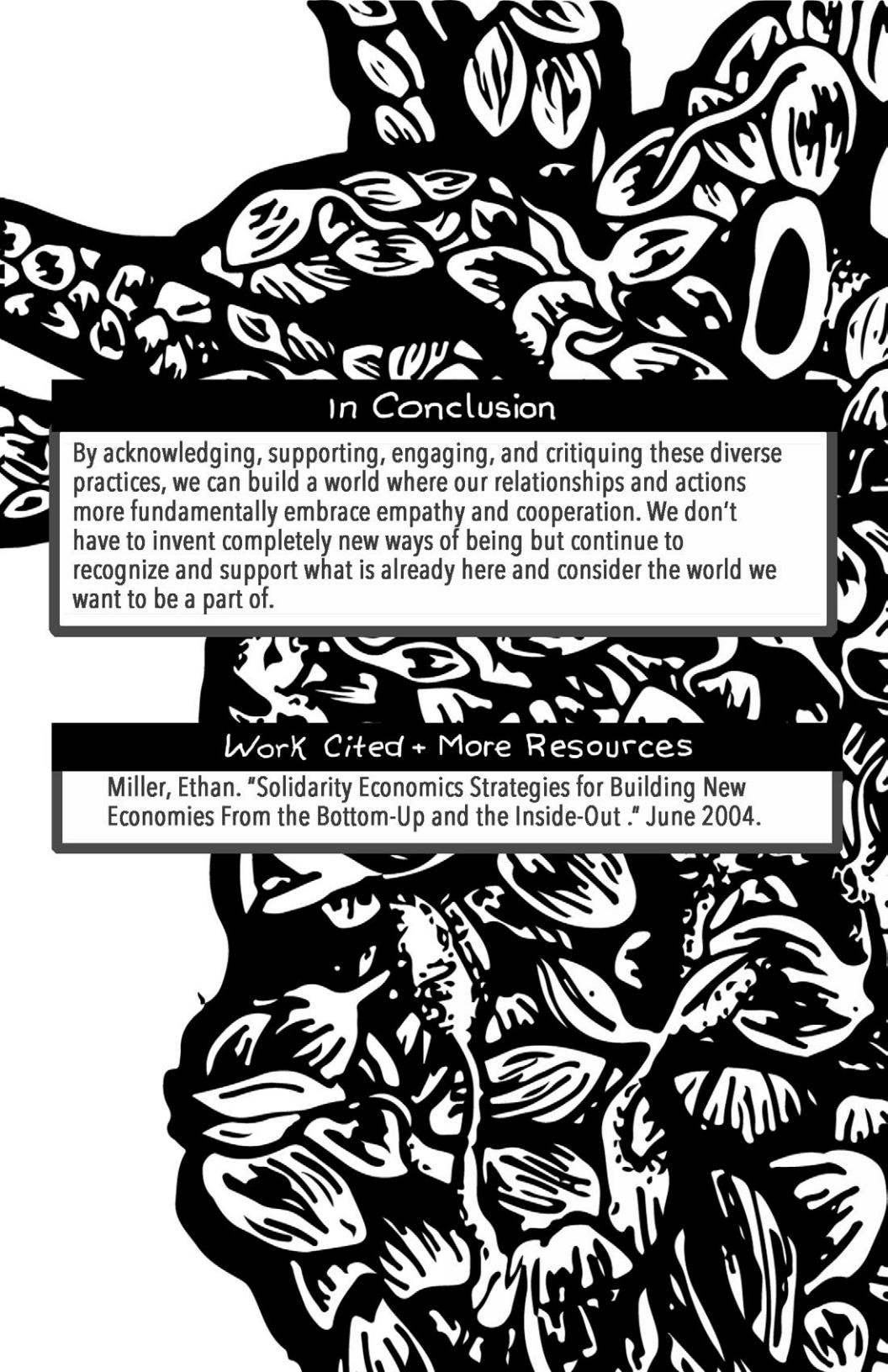
"process of taking active responsibility for our inter-relationships on both a local and global level...recognizing that our fates are connected with others...sometimes profoundly unequal and oppressive—demand conscious action and transformation."

When we put these concepts together, we have Solidarity Economy, "a woven patchwork of many diverse economies that are centered on life-values instead of profit-values." (Miller)

"Solidarity Economy" is about engaging in multiple diverse economies that prioritizes the social wellbeing of everyone over profit and production.

Here is a list of other microeconomies that may reflect aspects of solidarity economics:

- o Barter Economies
- o Householding Economies
- o Collective Economies
- o Scavenging Economies
- o Gift Economies
- o Worker-controlled Economies
- o Pirate Economies
- o Subsistence Market Economies
- o Worker Cooperatives
- o Community currencies
- o Libraries (book, seed, tool)
- o Potlucks
- o Alcoholics Anonymous
- o Self-help groups
- o Carpooling/Rideshare
- o Parenting
- o Mutual Aid
- o Volunteer Ambulance Squads
- o Gardening  
(and sharing the extra zucchini)
- o Seed-saving and exchange
- o Self-employment  
(under certain conditions)
- o Hunting, trapping, fishing
- o Food banks
- o Work barter
- o Rotating Credit Associations
- o Parks
- o Water fountains
- o Housing Co-ops
- o Hitching/ride-giving
- o Shared meals
- o Gathering Berries, Mushrooms, and Nuts
- o Logging for Use-Value on the woodlot
- o Earth, Sun, Life Itself (gifts!)
- o Opensource Programming
- o Community Development
- o Credit Unions
- o Doing favors
- o Lending/borrowing from neighbors and friends
- o Community Supported Agriculture
- o Free exchange of Ideas
- o Gleaners associations
- o Community Land Trusts
- o No-interest Loans Between Friends
- o Spontaneous gifts
- o Consumer co-ops
- o Lost-and-found
- o Volunteer Fire Departments



## In Conclusion

By acknowledging, supporting, engaging, and critiquing these diverse practices, we can build a world where our relationships and actions more fundamentally embrace empathy and cooperation. We don't have to invent completely new ways of being but continue to recognize and support what is already here and consider the world we want to be a part of.

### Work Cited + More Resources

Miller, Ethan. "Solidarity Economics Strategies for Building New Economies From the Bottom-Up and the Inside-Out ." June 2004.

# Tarantula Time

## Say Hello to My Little Friends

I started collecting tarantulas in 2007. These are some of the colorful little fuzzies I have kept along the way. I used to be a terrible arachnophobe, but I confronted that fear to show my 5-year old son that spiders are mostly harmless and an important part of our ecosystem. I've had as many as 35 at once, though I'm back down to one, my very first spider, Rudy Huxtable. I got Rudy in 2007, and she was around 5 years old then – so that puts her at nearly 18 years old. They are exceedingly easy to care for, though each spider must be kept in a separate enclosure. It has been a fascinating journey, watching their various behaviors, beautiful coloration and feeding habits. I recommend them for anyone wanting an easy pet to care for (for those not completely terrified of spiders, that is).

*Contributed by Patrick Walz*



**Bonanza Jellybean**

Greenbottle Blue, *Chromatopelma cyaneopubescens*

They are native to the Paraguáná Peninsula near Punto Fijo. They have an orange abdomen, bright green carapace (that's the head), and bright, electric blue legs. The Greenbottle Blue is a terrestrial species (meaning they live in the ground) that spins large, elaborate funnel webs around its enclosure.



### Carmen

Bengal Ornamental, *Poecilitharia Miranda*

This beautiful genus of tarantula can be found in the Chhota Nagpur region of India and often shows stunning markings and colors; they also grow to be quite large. These spiders are arboreal (meaning they live in trees).



### Juggers

Goliath Birdeater, *Theraposa blondi*

Found in Northern South America, Goliath Birdeaters are the world's heaviest Spider and can grow up to 12 inches in leg diameter. They have huge fangs and can bite, but they prefer to kick barbed hairs at potential predators, which can cause major eye and respiratory irritation.



**Rudy Huxtable**

Chilean Rosehair, *Grammostola rosea*

The most common and hearty tarantula of them all is also the most popular tarantula to keep as a pet! Commonly found in Chile, they are a terrestrial species.



**Shri**

Red Slate Ornamental, *Poecilotheria rufilata*

Another large and beautiful specimen of the Poecilotheria genus, the Red Slate Ornamental is endemic to South Western Ghats of India. She wears a gorgeous olive-green body with pink hairs (or setae) all over. Another arboreal species, she can grow up to 10-inches with legs stretched.



Zhaan

Antilles Pinktoe, *Caribena versicolor*

This photo is a spiderling, and yes, they really are this blue! This arboreal species is as beautiful as the tropical islands they come from.

### ‘Did You Know?’

Male tarantulas generally live around 3-6 years, but some species of females can live up to 35 years!

All tarantulas can bite and have venom, but the venom is generally mild and they'd prefer to use other methods to defend themselves.

Tarantulas in the Americas kick “urticating hairs” into the faces of predators, causing itching and burning in the attacker’s eyes and respiratory system.

The urticating hairs were often used as the main ingredient for “itching powder” a common prank product that caused terrible itching when applied to the skin.

There are more than 900 species of tarantulas - and counting!

**Check out these great resources at the Austin Public Library to learn more:**

The Tarantula Scientist by Sy Montgomery J 595.44 MO

The Tarantula Keeper’s Guide by Stanley Schultz 639.7 SC



FEBRUARY IS ...

## Library Lovers' Month

Celebrate with library-related jokes and puns!

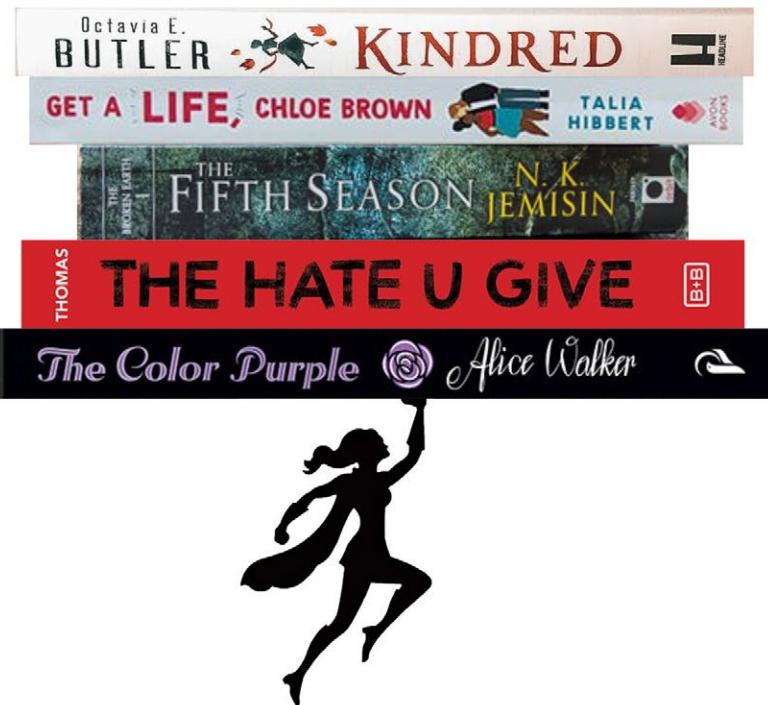


- ◊ What's the longest word in the dictionary?
- ◊ Why did the book join the police?
- ◊ What does Moby Dick like to eat?
- ◊ On a scale from one to ten, how obsessed with Harry Potter are you?
- ◊ What do Turkish librarians eat for lunch?



# You Had Me From Hello...

Sometimes a book reaches out and grabs you on the very first page—from the very first line. Below, enjoy a few of the opening lines that have grabbed us over the years. In recognition of Black History Month and Women's History Month, our selections for this edition are all by Black female authors. See if you can match them to their titles!



- \_\_\_\_ 1. *Kindred* by Octavia E. Butler
- \_\_\_\_ 2. *Get a Life, Chloe Brown* by Talia Hibbert
- \_\_\_\_ 3. *The Fifth Season* by N.K. Jemisin
- \_\_\_\_ 4. *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
- \_\_\_\_ 5. *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker

A.

You better not never tell nobody but God.



B.

LET'S START WITH THE END of the world, why don't we? Get it over with and move on to more interesting things.

C.

I lost an arm on my last trip home. My left arm.

D.

O nce upon a time, Chloe Brown died.  
Nearly.

E.

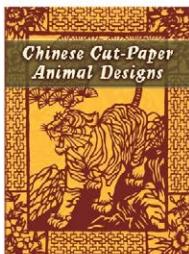
I shouldn't have come to this party.

# Fú Dào Le!

## A Lunar New Year Pun

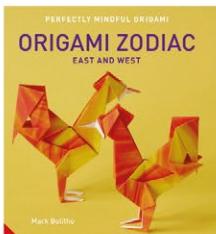
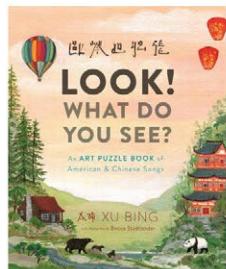
There's a certain Chinese character that you will often see posted upside down on doors, especially around the Lunar New Year. That character is 福 (fú), and it means "fortune" or "good luck." Why is it upside down? In Mandarin, 到 (dào) means "to arrive," and 倒 (also pronounced dào) means "inverted" or "upside down." So 福到了 (fú dào le) means "fortune has arrived," while 福倒了 (also fú dào le!) means "fortune is upside down." Because of this pun, people place an upside down 福 (fú) on their doors to invite the arrival of good fortune.





Would you like to explore some more beautiful paper-cut art? Check out *Chinese Cut-Paper Animal Designs*, which is available through Hoopla.

Want to tickle your brain with an inventive visual puzzle? This unique book features artist Xu Bing's "square word calligraphy," in which characters that look like Chinese calligraphy are actually English words in disguise. *Look! What Do You See?* is available through Overdrive and as a physical book.

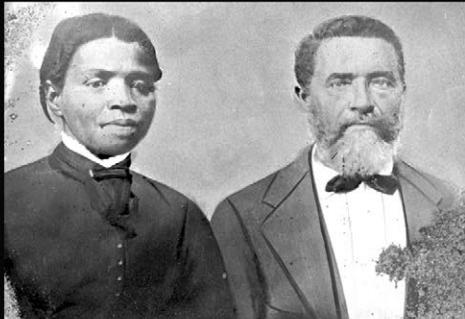


Fancy a challenge for both your hands and your brain? Try *Perfectly Mindful Origami: Origami Zodiac East and West* by Mark Bolitho, which presents 25 origami projects with fully illustrated step-by-step instructions and is available through Hoopla.



Happy Lunar New Year!  
The Year of the Ox begins on  
Friday, February 12.

# Rubin Hancock Farmstead



Photograph above likely taken between 1889 and 1899.  
provided courtesy of Lillian Robinson  
Background image is map provided by Austin History Center  
Rubin Hancock farmstead, is shaded

5 miles from the Spicewood Springs Branch, at the corner of Parmer and Loop 1, was a historic farmstead! "Rubin and Elizabeth Hancock were among the "first generation of freed [enslaved people] to purchase and farm their own land" (Blake) and they did it at this location from 1880 - 1916. It was uncovered during the construction of the highway through an archaeological survey and studied through excavation and oral history.

"The end of the Civil War in 1865 brought emancipation for slaves, announced in Texas on June 19, 1865. Sometime after that, Rubin and his three brothers bought land in the area north of Austin, making them landowners at a time when many others—Whites and African-Americans alike—were sharecroppers and tenants. With few resources available beyond their own strength and determination...Rubin and Elizabeth Hancock established a productive farm, raised a family of five children, and helped establish a small but stable community of African-American farmers." (Blake)

Rubin, Elizabeth, and their "...family members put forth a great deal of effort to achieve a level of equality and success, acquiring for themselves through their own hard work a comfortable life complete with both the necessities and some of the trappings of genteel respectability. All of the Hancock brothers were able to own and work their own farms. Each registered to vote and each married and raised a family—members of which still prosper in the Austin area. [This community]...was created by the will and effort of a group of people who had just come out of the bonds of slavery. Freedom was sweet and they made the most of it." (Blake)

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# READING & RECIPES:

## AFRICAN AMERICAN EDITION

### Hot Rolls Baptized In Butter

FROM THE YOUNGEST MARCHER BY CYNTHIA LEVINSON

#### INGREDIENTS

5 Tbsp. warm water  
1 package yeast  
5 cups flour, plus a little extra  
1/2 tsp. double-acting baking soda  
2 Tbsp. sugar  
5 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. salt  
1 cup shortening  
2 cups whole buttermilk  
1/2 cup butter, softened

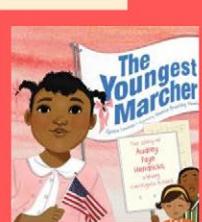
#### DIRECTIONS

1. Turn on the oven to 400 degrees F.
2. Pour the warm water into a small bowl. Sprinkle the yeast on top. Set aside.
3. Sift 5 cups of flour and the baking soda, sugar, baking powder, and salt into a large bowl. Place the shortening on top. With your fingers, cut the shortening into the dry ingredients until the dough is mixed up and crumbly.
4. Make a well in the middle of the dough. Slowly pour in the water-and-yeast mixture and the buttermilk. Stir ingredients together with a wooden spoon until the dough is sticky.
5. Spread a thin layer of the extra flour onto a large cutting board. Dump the dough onto the flour, turn it over, and knead it for a few minutes. Spread the dough with your fingers into a circle about 3/4 inch thick.
6. Dip a biscuit cutter in flour and cut out biscuits until you've used up the dough. Dip the top of each biscuit in the softened butter and place on a baking sheet, butter side up.
7. Bake the biscuits for 15 to 20 minutes until they're golden brown. Anoint with more butter and enjoy!

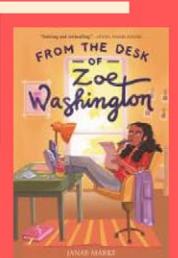




Baby Goes to Market by Atinuke is a delightful counting book written and illustrated by the author of the Anna Hibiscus series. In Baby Goes to Market a curious Baby joins his mama at a vibrant Nigerian market, gathering snacks from the local vendors, unbeknownst to his busy mother.



**The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Fay Hendricks, A Young Civil Rights Activist** tells the true story of the youngest participant in the 1963 Birmingham Children's March. Proving that one is never too young to stand up for what's right, it describes how Audrey learns about racial injustice listening to the adults around her kitchen table and decides she wants to volunteer to go to jail! Jail is lonely and little bit frightening, but she is relieved to return home to Hot Rolls Baptized in Butter, the recipe of which is included in the back along with a timeline of significant dates in the civil rights movement of the 1960's.



**From the Desk of Zoe Washington** is one of those rare middle-grade books that explores difficult subjects with just the right amount of hope and optimism. Zoe Washington's biggest dream is to win a kids reality baking show and become a star. But her world is upended when she receives a letter from her biological father in jail—a father she's never heard from her whole life. But in his letters he claims he's innocent, he loves her, and has some great playlist recommendations. Zoe is confused—how could someone go to prison wrongly? As she investigates, she becomes more and more convinced he's telling the truth. But what can she do to help? Especially without the support of her mother, a rocky relationship with her best friend, a grandmother who won't take sides, and without hurting the feelings of the white Dad who raised her? A sweet story of family and friendship that also touches upon racial discrimination in the justice system. Be sure to try out Zoe's signature Fruit Loop cupcakes as you read!



**A La Carte** by Tatiana S. Davis tells Lainey's story. She has it all figured out: she's going to work in her Mom's restaurant after high-school until she can have her own cooking show one day and be the first vegetarian African American celebrity chef. She doesn't have time for all the complicated feelings she has about her (former?) best friend and long-time secret crush. But she can't help but feel used and confused when he suddenly skips town without a word—and nearly her entire life savings. With the help of her mother and the spirit of Saint Julia (Child), Lainey has to figure out how to come to terms with her past and begin building towards her future. Interspersed with Lainey's recipes throughout, this is a scrumptious coming of age read for teens with an affinity for the kitchen.



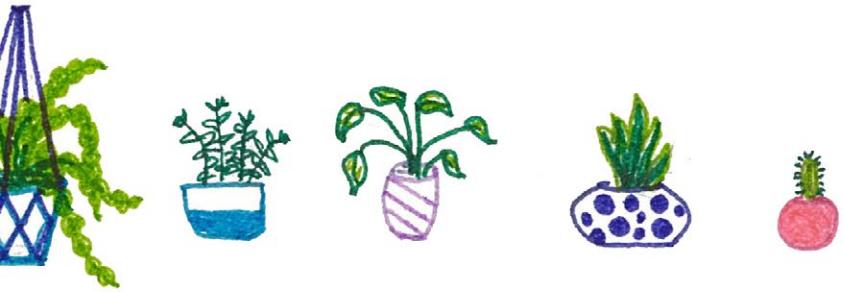
**Hunger: A Memoir of my Body** is Roxanne Gay's poignant and often painful autobiography of how she struggles with obesity, originally precipitated by childhood sexual trauma, in a society that only values and accepts thinness. Gay warns from the beginning, this is not a triumphant weight-loss memoir. Instead, it is raw-filled with vivid anecdotes, reflections, and rants from her life as she struggles to come to terms with decades of shame and self-loathing for a body that is deemed unacceptable in public spaces. A brutally honest, yet important read.

# Advice for the aspiring plant parent

I purchased my first houseplant in 2013 from the Great Outdoors garden center on South Congress. It was a mint plant in a beautiful white pot. I had a large, sunny window in my one-bedroom apartment. Not long afterwards, I added basil, lavender, and thyme to my windowsill garden. My success in those early days was mainly due to the abundance of sunlight streaming through that window and regular watering. None of those plants survived the summer of 2014. Since then, I have never lived without at least one houseplant.

My advice is based on my experience and true lack of expertise:

1. Don't invest a lot of money in plants. Buy little ones and be on the lookout for free plants and cuttings from friends. Ceramic pots, however, are worth the money. When your plant dies, you can reuse the pot. And make sure the pots have drainage holes!



2. If you don't have light streaming through your windows, make sure to look for low-light plants. Succulents are NOT low-light plants.
3. Start with one kind of plant and keep it alive for a couple months. Add on another plant. Don't overwhelm yourself with too many varieties and plants with different needs.
4. Ask your plant-savvy friends for help or check out books from the library!
  - 37 Houseplants Even You Can't Kill by Mary Kate Hogan
  - The Indestructible Houseplant: 200 Beautiful Plants that Everyone can Grow by Tovah Martin
  - How Not to Kill Your Houseplant: Survival Tips for the Horticulturally Challenged by Veronica Peerless



5. Don't be afraid to Scrounge: I once rescued a plant from an apartment breezeway and some terra cotta pots sitting by a dumpster. Check social media platforms for advice and cuttings from gardening groups

### Recommended Plants

Peace Lily - a very forgiving plant, the peace lily will literally tell you when to water it; the leaves will droop, but perk up after watering. It's like magic

ZZ Plant - it looks like a fake plant and is very tolerant of neglect.

Pothos - it's one of the most common houseplants because it's so easy to take care of. These plants grow long vines which can be draped over bookcases.



Spicewood Springs Branch and the Austin Public Library disavow any knowledge of the actions of, or the existence of the following writer. What you are about to read is the product of one warped mind. Also, 921 is the biography section.

## **DEWEY: THE LEGEND, THE MYTH, THE MAN**

by Katniss Everdeen

Much has been said about Dewey, so writing this isn't really all that helpful. However, his impact cannot be denied. The world applauded the establishing of his library classification system, the acceptance of it, and "acceptance" isn't even a word. His system has withstood the test of time and rivals the greatest ideas of the human race such as: democracy, the Enlightenment, and air conditioning. Because his system separated books by subject he reduced the amount of people bumping into each other. Yes, Dewey had answered the immortal question: "Where is your section on puma hairballs."

Thus were born the myths and legends that surrounded Dewey. Some say as an infant he was placed in a rocket and sent to Adams Center, New York as his home planet exploded; some say he stood 30 feet tall and combed his hair with the ribcage of a hippopotamus, while others say he single-handedly won the Spanish-American War riding astride a giant six-headed serpent, wearing x-ray glasses, and brandishing the Howitzers that replaced his arms. Nevertheless, there is little reason to believe these claims.

It seems his origins may have been a bit more mundane. Dewey was born December 10, 1851, the fifth and foremost child of Joel and Eliza Decimal. Most people have a childhood and Decimal was no different. At age five he systematized and classified his mother's pantry including arranging her spices alphabetically (Baby, Ginger, Posh, Scary, Sporty). It was a young Dewey Wilcox Decimal who organized the accounting books for his father's store and convinced him to stop selling tobacco, as Decimal felt the time spent smoking was time wasted. Even though the store failed, Decimal was certain he was in the right. This incident indicates he was already showing his penchants for captiousness, fastidiousness, superciliousness, punctiliousness, and other ous-ness words such as "meticulousness".

It was these qualities though that fueled Decimal's "passionate desire to reform the world". Eventually he attempted reforms of language, libraries, and the education system. In the 16th century, he helped out Martin Luther with the Reformation by putting his 95 theses in a nice order and in 1957 co-starred in "Reform School Girl" with Edd "Kookie" Byrnes.

Decimal attended Belle of Amherst College. After graduating in 1876 he remained on as acting librarian playing Irma Pince in Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. It was here that the hard rockin' of his reform-minded reformer's mind really kicked out the jams. He needed to create a new system for ordering not just his library's books but its compact discs and digital video discs as well.

One night as he was desperately pacing in his stately manor, distressed and despairing over the disparate and disorganized classification systems he had seen--books arranged by accession date, size, title, color, and views on Tik Tok--he deliberated on a diacatholicon. As if in answer, a bat flew in the open window! "A bat! That's it!" He declared. "It's an omen!" Determined, young Dewey denounced disorderliness. "I've decided," he said. "I shall devise a classification system that will get to absolute simplicity by using the simplest known symbols, the Arabic numerals as decimals, like my name..." he said, as he clenched his fist skyward, "Decimal. Dewey W. Decimal!"

Borrowing from previous systems established by W.T. (which stood for Wild Thunderlizard) Harris, Natale "The Spleen" Battezzani, and Sir Francis "Shakin'" Bacon, the world of subject indexing was rocked when he published "A Classification for the Nation by Changin', Arangin' an' Stagin' Every Book and Page an' Startin' a Rage an' a Craze in Your Location" by Dewey W. Decimal and Lin-Manuel Miranda. Decimal was correct in touting the ease of his system as you can see in call numbers such as: 248.3208828, 305.2422092, 578.7789099, 917.9777204, and of course, 942.0520922 are indeed simplicity itself. But even this didn't stop school, public, and academic libraries all over the world from using the Dewey W. Decimal system, although eventually libraries stopped using the "W".

In that same year Decimal founded the Armadillo Liberation Army (commonly known as the ALA), edited Library Journal, formed the Federal Metric Bureau of Investigation, the Spelling Reform Association, and started his own business, the Library Bureau, which sold library stuff to libraries. It was very successful and in the 1890's they invented the vertical filing system. This was much superior to the horizontal filing system what with everybody constantly tripping over the file boxes placed side-by-side and stretched across the floor and everything.

The Spelling Reform Association is interesting to note as Decimal felt that with a conversion to phonetic spelling, time could be saved and years shaved off a student's education, but then Marty McFly wouldn't have a prom to travel back to. Decimal felt strongly about this having written "that we hav the most unsyentifik, unskolarli, ilojikal & wastful speling ani langwej ever ataind." This "reform" did not take hold and not only because it was a stupid idea. First of all, everybody just thought it was Swedish. When Decimal changed the spelling of his first name to "Dui" he found it constantly mispronounced as "Dew-eye" and he acquired the nickname "Good Ol' Driving-Under-the-Influence". Also the French objected to spelling reform as their rule of at least four unpronounced letters per word would be violated.

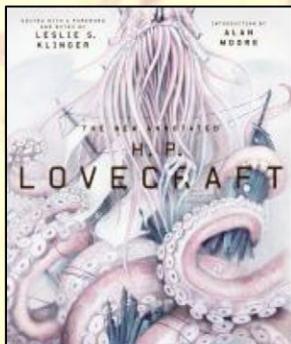
By 1883, after having been heavily recruited by Alabama and LSU, Decimal joined the Ivy League's Columbia College and became their Librarian-in-Chief. It was here he started the first Library School, but he had to move it elsewhere because Columbia objected to his admitting <gasp> women! He moved the school to Albany in 1888 when he became the Director of Libraries of the State of New York. Wanting to extend the benefits of libraries to all towns in New York, he initiated programs of traveling libraries, traveling Wilburys, and the Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants. In the 1890's he founded the Association of State Libraries, and was twice elected Generalissimo of the ALA.

While Decimal was forward-thinking and innovative, he was also a man of great hubris, and this would turn out to be his undoing. Inspired by the acclaim and universal adoption of the Dewey Decimal System, he felt the elements of the universe could be more orderly. Knowing the periodic table uses decimals, adorned in wings of feather and wax, he decided to fly to the sun to order its elements by atomic mass. If, like the myth, Decimal had been sent here in a rocket, the sun would have endowed him with super strength and the power of flight, but being from Adams Center New York, all he could do was talk to fish. He plummeted into the Icarian Sea, a yucky ball of feather and wax. His final words were: "Take me to a library where I can rest in peace in the 921's". And the guppies said "nope". It is impossible to calculate the influence of Dewey Decimal on librarianship and librariosity. So we won't.

# Lovecraftian Horror

March is National Reading Month and to celebrate, I'd like to share with you some of my favorite books (and one movie and one board game) that either inspired the writings of H.P. Lovecraft or that were inspired by his writings. This genre often comes with an eldritch mingling of horror, sci-fi, and even fantasy weaving tales of unnamable horrors, other dimensional places, or malevolent spirits of an unnatural and ancient world. I hope that you will enjoy these titles as much as I do.

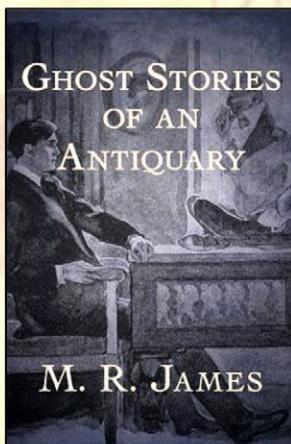
*Suggestions by Christopher Noel*



## The New Annotated H. P. Lovecraft

by H.P. Lovecraft, Edited by Leslie S. Klinger

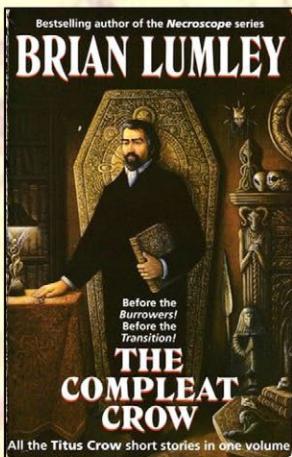
In this 852 page collection of Lovecraft's work, editor Leslie Klinger provides considerable explanation, historical context, and insight into story telling that is often cryptically metaphorical and provides us a glimpse into the author's own life and times. This book also includes over 300 illustrations including artwork and covers from the pulp magazines in which these stories were originally published.



## Ghost Stories of an Antiquary

by M.R. James

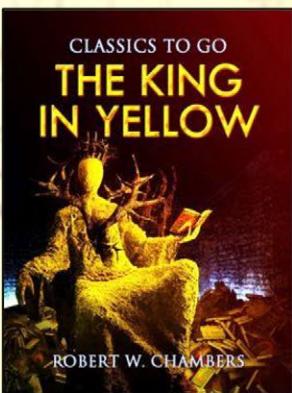
Published in 1905, this work of old style British ghost stories had an indelible influence on Lovecraft's work. The classic Jamesian ghost story usually goes this way: a reserved, scholarly man visits a quaint old town or ruined location where he comes upon some old tome or other antiquarian object that ultimately unleashes a wrathful, supernatural force. Lovecraft's later works used a similar formula to great success.



## The Compleat Crow

by Brian Lumley

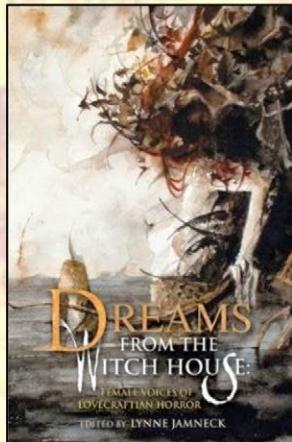
Following occult investigator Titus Crow, this collection of short stories (there are novels too) chronicles his encounters with all things nameless, interdimensional travel, and, of course, the dreaded anthropodermic, *Necronomicon*. If you're looking for Lovecraftian stories that are a little more adventure than horror, then this should be your first stop on the journey to R'lyeh.



## The King in Yellow

by Robert W. Chambers

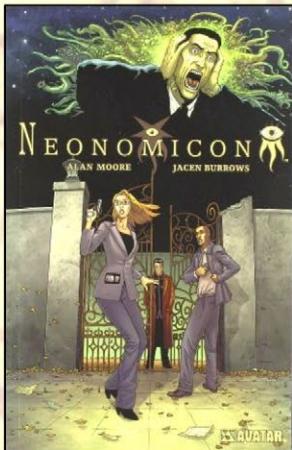
Published in 1895, *The King in Yellow*, is known to have been one of Lovecraft's favorite books. The volume comprises a series of ten short stories each of which recounts the unfortunate people that read a strange play of unknown authorship called *The King in Yellow*, a work that induces madness in all who dare read its cursed pages.



## Dreams from the Witch House: Female Voices of Lovecraftian Horror

Edited by Lynne Jambeck

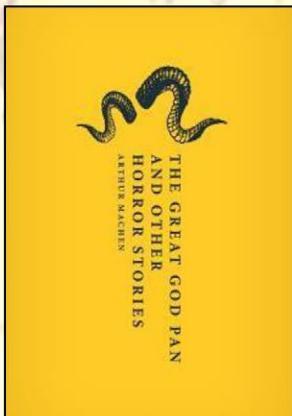
This anthology features stories from some of today's best female voices in eldritch horror, including Joyce Carol Oates, Caitlin R. Kiernan, Molly Tanzer, and many others. From "The Wreck of the Charles Dexter Ward" to "Pippa's Crayons," this is a must read for those who wish to experience the less heard voices of the women claiming this horror genre as their own.



## Neonomicon

by Alan Moore

Two FBI agents sent to investigate a series of ritual murders find themselves caught up in a plot more sinister than they could have ever imagined. Lovecraft and other weird fiction authors are referenced in the tale, but as authors of fact rather than fiction. Some elements of Lovecraft's life are also gleaned throughout this twisted story with a Nyarlathotepian surprise ending that will send you into madness.



## The Great God Pan and Other Horror Stories

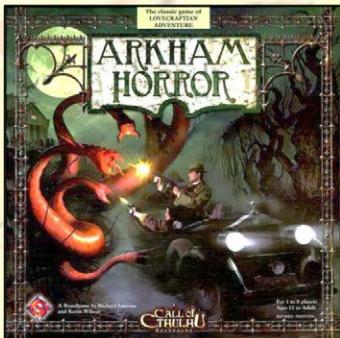
by Arthur Machen

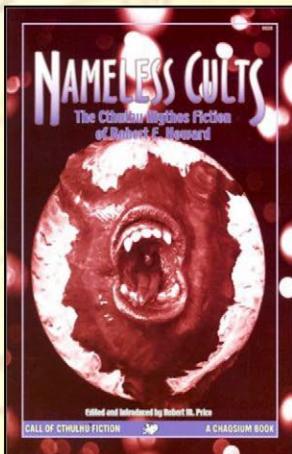
A 19<sup>th</sup> century Welsh author influenced by Poe and Robert Louis Stevenson, Machen proved an influence on Lovecraft as well. This volume includes some of his best works of occult horror such as "The White People" and "The Three Imposters," not to mention "The Great God Pan," Machen's controversial story about paganism and the fantastical powers of supernatural nature.

## Arkham Horror (Board Game)

Chaosium Games

In this cooperative game set in the fictional town of Arkham, Massachusetts, players take on the role of investigators assembling their resources, fighting monsters, and closing other dimensional gates to all things tentacled. Will you be able to maintain your sanity and close the portals before the horrific ancient one awakes and destroys all?

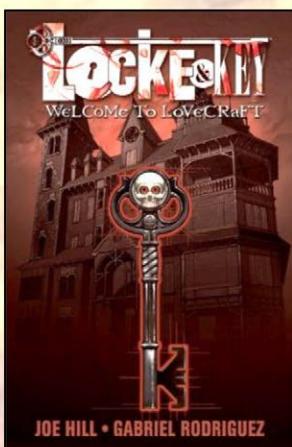




## Nameless Cults: The Complete Cthulhu Mythos Fiction of Robert E. Howard

by Robert E. Howard

From the creator of Conan the Barbarian and correspondence friend of Lovecraft himself, Howard left his own “mark of the Elder Sign” on the early days of the Lovecraftian horror canon. His heroes in these eldritch tales are men of brawn and battle not afraid to pick a fight with a Nightgaunt on the plateau of Leng.



## Locke & Key

by Joe Hill

The Locke family attempts to escape family tragedy by moving across the country to the old family estate located on the island of Lovecraft. Unfortunately an ancient being from another dimension seeks its freedom at any cost. Hill captures eldritch horror perfectly in this graphic novel series that I believe to be some of the very best in contemporary Lovecraftian story telling.



## The Cabin in the Woods (Film)

Directed by Drew Goddard

Unfortunately, in associating this film with the Lovecraftian horror genre something of the plot is given away. A comedic horror that begins like a parody of the overdone “clueless teens go camping in the middle of nowhere and end up being killed by supernatural beings trope,” the film slowly begins to unfurl into something completely unexpected, terrifying, and as cyclopean in size as Cthulhu itself.

# 5 Contemporary Albums by Black Artists

(All are listed In the API Catalog)



## Megan Thee Stallion "Good News"

The body positive full-length album debut of Dallas rapper Megan Thee Stallion.

## Leon Bridges & Khruangbin "Texas Sun"

An intoxicating collaboration between Ft. Worth r&b artist Leon Bridges and Houston psychedelic trio Khruangbin.



## Tyler, The Creator "Igor"

A tour de force by the playfully controversial, multi-talented Los Angeles based artist Tyler, the Creator.

## Jhené Aiko "Chilombo"

Performed mostly through stream of consciousness, this is the third album by songstress Jhené Aiko.



## Blood Orange "Angel's Pulse"

A nostalgia-inducing masterpiece produced by the versatile Dev Hynes aka Blood Orange.

# BOOKS TO READ



## The Future is Female! Women's Science Fiction Stories from the Pulp Era to the New Wave

Edited by Lisa Yaszek

Published in 2018, *The Future is Female* is a great book to celebrate both Library Lover's Month and Women's History Month. Nominated in 2019 for the Lucas Award (best anthology), *The Future is Female* assembles some of the most significant female authors of science fiction and their best Nebula Award winning work. From Clare Winger Harris's, "The Miracle of the Lily" originally published 1928 in *Amazing Stories* to Ursula K. Le Guin's, "Nine Lives" published 1968 in *Playboy* magazine, you can't go wrong with this anthology.

In the book's introduction we learn that women contributed significantly to the canon of speculative fiction printed in pulp magazines. Though not a genre they were typically known for, they had an influence. These women wrote tales that spoke of the maternal, invented alien races that questioned concepts of gender, and gave us brave, heroic women who resolved intergalactic conflict in ways that men knew not how. Available from the Austin Public Library!

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**2021 is a new year, after a brutally difficult 2020.**

It's a time when many are developing new resolutions and new habits to try to live a better, happier life. But are we putting our efforts in the right places? The Happiness Lab is tantamount to a free ivy-league education in the science and psychology of happiness, led by Yale professor Dr. Laurie Santos in bite-sized 40-minute podcasts. Though the commercials can be irritating, the quality of the content outweighs the inconvenience. Santos uses a combination of expert interviews, tightly produced anecdotes, stories, and scientific studies to explore the way our minds work to help or hinder us in our pursuit to live our best lives. Check out the seventh episode of season two for tips on How to Kick Bad Habits and Start Good Ones or the bonus episode A New Hope for ways to maintain our resolutions past the "fresh start" effect.

# Understanding UK Police Dramas



Have you ever watched a UK cop drama like *No Offence* (available at APL) and wondered what the heck DI Vivienne Deering is talking about when she tells DC Dinah Kowalski to go and “TIE” a suspect so they can move on with their investigation. And what’s going to get you more time in the nick, ABH or GBH, and who is this Nick person anyway. So for all those American lovers of British crime dramas, I’ve provided below some of the less familiar acronyms used by police in the UK along with some facts about the police and a breakdown of the hierarchy of detective ranks.

*Contributed By Christopher Noel*

**ABH** – (Actual Bodily Harm) Assault causing serious injury that does not result in permanent damage to the victim. The penalty is community service to 3 years imprisonment.

**CCTV** – (Closed Circuit TV) Used by UK police for tracking the movements of crime suspects.

**CID** – (Criminal Investigation Department) Plainclothes detectives belong to this branch of the police force and usually handle more complex cases.

**CPS** – (Crown Prosecution Service) Agency which provides legal advice to the police and prosecutes criminals in Wales and England.

**CSE** – (Crime Scene Examiner) Individuals who gather and record forensic evidence from a crime scene.

**Firearms Unit** – Each territorial police force in the UK has a firearms unit consisting of the only police officers permitted to carry firearms. Less than 10% of Met police officers carry a firearm.

**GBH** – (Grievous Bodily Harm) Assault causing injury that results in loss of a part or organ of the body, serious disfigurement, or bodily injury that can cause death or permanent injury to health. The penalty is community service to 16 years imprisonment.

**The Met** – (Metropolitan Police Service) Also known as Scotland Yard or the Old Bill, the MET is the police force responsible for the 32 boroughs of London.

**NCA** – (National Crime Agency) Agency responsible for handling organized crime; human, weapon, and drug trafficking; cyber-crime; and economic crime crossing regional or international borders. The UK's equivalent to the FBI.

**Nicked** – This means to be arrested while the “nick” refers to the police station or jail itself.

**MIT** – (Major Incidents Team) Specialized squads within the MET responsible for investigating homicides.

**PSD** – (Professional Standards Department) Police department which deals with complaints against officers and staff. It receives, records, investigates and resolves public complaints and also records and investigates misconduct allegations.

**SIO** – (Senior Investigating Officer) The SIO commands a team of police officers and other experts who investigate major crimes.

**Strangeways** – The informal name of HM Prison Manchester which is a high-security men's prison located in an area of north Manchester of the same name.

**TIE** – (Trace/Interview/Eliminate) The process of “T.I.E.ing” a suspect refers to the interview strategy to either eliminate a suspect from suspicion or get them to admit guilt.

**Uniform Branch** – These are the police officers that wear a standard uniform while patrolling the UK. If they are assigned a vehicle, it will be a marked car with warning lights and siren.

## The detective rank hierarchy from junior to senior.

Detective Constable (DC)

Detective Sergeant (DS)

Detective Inspector (DI)

Detective Chief Inspector (DCI)

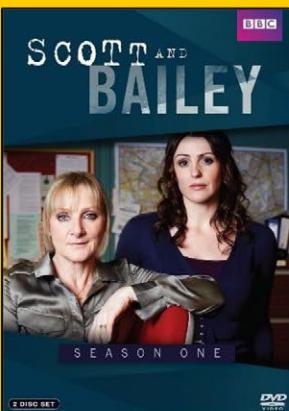
Detective Superintendent (DSI)

Detective Chief Superintendent (DCS)



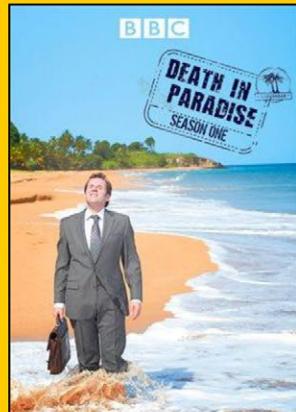
# Chris' Four Favorite UK Cop Shows

All titles available at Austin Public Library.



## Scott and Bailey (TV-14)

A thrilling investigative drama series exploring the personal and professional lives of two female detectives.



## Death in Paradise (TV-PG)

British cop Richard Poole is a fish out of water when he is sent to the tiny island of Sainte Marie to solve a mysterious murder.



## No Offence (TV-MA)

DI Vivienne Deering leads an ace but unorthodox squad that tackles Manchester's most gruesome and off-the-wall crimes.



## Vexed (TV-PG)

Vexed follows two mismatched police detectives as they banter and bicker their way through London's toughest cases.

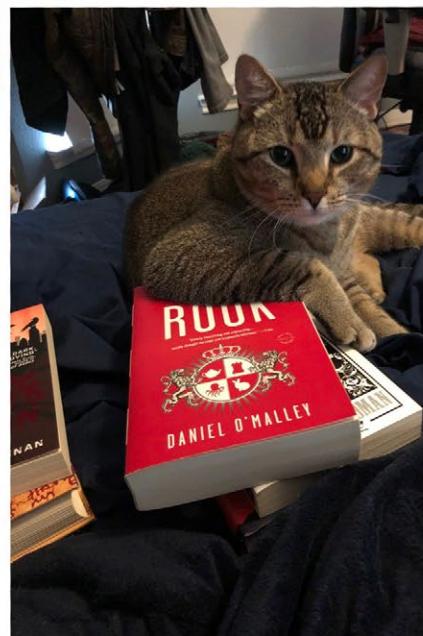


### *Amy in pink prom dress and combat boots.*

We found this place atop a parking garage in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. With dramatic sun lighting and what looked to be a burnt-out building in the background, it seemed the perfect backdrop for a post-apocalyptic fashion shot.

*Contributed by Christopher Noel*

# Plant and Animal Comrades!



1 & 2: Lemmy Living the dream shared by Monica, 3: Eva's House Plant  
4: Peeta, giving me a "what's up" on one of my telework days shared by Jessica W.



1. Delightful Snail Strolling Along, 2. Niece's pet fish, Noodle who I'm lucky to pet-sit shared by Laurie  
3. Peaches lying in her hammock shared by Chris

## Jane McCallum and the Women's Suffrage Movement



Nationally, women in the United States were granted the legal right to vote in 1920 when the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified. Men and women across the country, like Austin's Jane Legette Yelvington McCallum, fought decades for this right. In addition to being a suffragette, McCallum's political activities included campaigning for prohibition and serving as the Secretary of State of Texas from 1927-1933. McCallum High School in Austin is named after her husband, Arthur Newell McCallum Sr.

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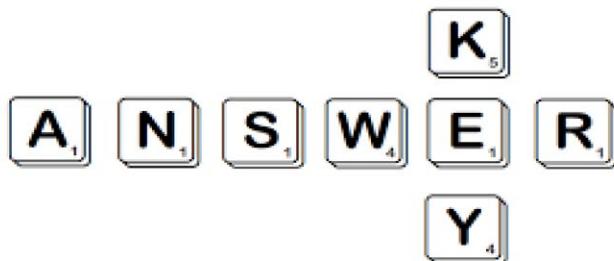
If you would like to learn more about women's history in Austin, here are a few ideas.

Contact the Austin History Center or visit their website.  
512-974-7480 | <https://library.austintexas.gov/ahc>

Peruse the Handbook of Texas online.  
<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook>

Visit historic Oakwood Cemetery in Austin.  
<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/oakwood-cemetery-chapel>





## Jokes answers

1. What's the longest word in the dictionary?

Smiles, because there is a mile between each s

2. Why did the book join the police?

He wanted to go undercover!

3. What does Moby Dick like to eat?

Fish and ships.

4. On a scale from one to ten, how obsessed with Harry Potter are you?

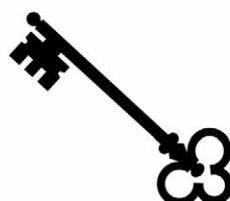
About nine and three quarters.

5. What do Turkish librarians eat for lunch?

Shhhh Kebabs

**You Had Me  
at Hello...**

1. C
2. D
3. B
4. E
5. A



# Answers

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EAPUBSCTVIOSIEUCFBWII FEOS  
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- MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
- TEACHING TOOLS
- LAB EQUIPMENT
- ACTIVITY KITS
- PROJECTORS
- GYM PASSES
- TOYS
- UMBRELLAS
- COOKING TOOLS
- SEED LIBRARY
- AV EQUIPMENT
- VIDEO GAMES
- BOARD GAMES
- PUPPETS
- THEATRE PROPS
- ART / PAINTINGS
- CAMPING EQUIPMENT

- FISHING EQUIPMENT
- GARDENING TOOLS
- HEALTH EQUIPMENT
- TOOL LIBRARY
- SPORT EQUIPMENT
- TELESCOPES
- PUZZLES
- KARAOKE MACHINES
- CAKE PANS
- MICROSCOPES
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