

Virginia Tax-Free Holiday And Emergency Preparedness:

The Virginia sales tax holiday is August 1-3 and includes supplies for school \$20 or less, plus clothing and footwear under \$100 per item. Hurricane and emergency preparedness products are also tax-free, so you can save money on items like portable generators and gas-powered chainsaws. Also this year you can save on Energy Star and WaterSense products like dehumidifiers, air conditioners, washing machines, and light bulbs. Virginia sales tax is currently 5.3% so you could save quite a bit of money on emergency preparedness items this weekend.



DB104048 Crisis Preparedness Handbook: A Comprehensive Guide To Home Storage And Physical Survival by Jack A. Spigarelli

DB67409 The Unthinkable: Who Survives When Disaster Strikes And Why by Amanda Ripley

DB82490 The Survival Savvy Family by Julie Sczerbinski

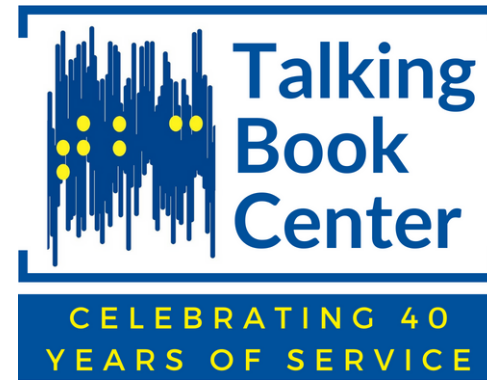
DB58312 Be Alert, Be Aware, Have A Plan: The Complete Guide To Protecting Yourself, Your Home, Your Family by Neal Rawls



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School Is Back In Session!

DBC12965 Schoolwomen Of The Prairies And Plains: Personal Narratives From Iowa, Kansas, And Nebraska, 1860s-1920s by Mary Hurlbut Cordier

DBC06135 I Learned More Than Them: True Story About Middle School Students Educating A Teacher by Bill Massey

DBC17715 It Won't Be Easy: An Exceedingly Honest, And Slightly Unprofessional, Love Letter To Teaching by Tom Rademacher

DB115691 Lessons Learned And Cherished: The Teacher Who Changed My Life by Deborah Roberts

DB113037 The Teachers: A Year Inside America's Most Vulnerable, Important Profession by Alexandra Robbins

DB81727 The New Cool: A Visionary Teacher, His FIRST Robotics Team, And The Ultimate Battle Of Smarts by Neal Bascomb

DB95774 The Montessori Toddler: A Parent's Guide To Raising A Curious And Responsible Human Being by Simone Davies

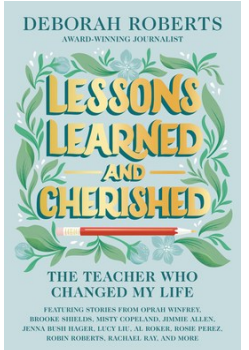
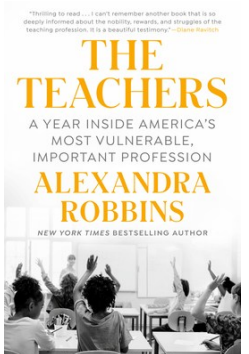
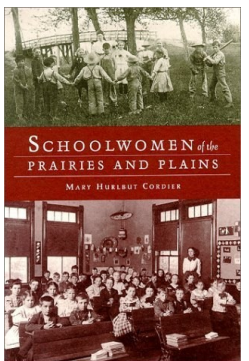
DB68015 Triumph Over Darkness: The Life Of Louis Braille by Lennard Bickel

DB57818 Helen And Teacher: The Story Of Helen Keller And Anne Sullivan Macy by Joseph P. Lash

DB18463 Masters: Portraits Of Great Teachers edited by Joseph Epstein

DB46906 The Professor And The Madman: A Tale Of Murder, Insanity, And The Making Of The Oxford English Dictionary by Simon Winchester

DB92214 The Good Neighbor: The Life And Work Of Fred Rogers by Maxwell King



Patron Recommendations:

DB123863 *The Hobbit: Or, There And Back Again* by J.R.R. Tolkien (fantasy)
Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return. 1937. (narrated by actor Andy Serkis who voiced Gollum in the recent *Lord Of The Rings* trilogy)

DB119252 *The Showman: Inside The Invasion That Shook The World And Made A Leader Of Volodymyr Zelensky* by Simon Shuster (biography)
Acclaimed journalist Simon Shuster gives us the first inside account of the Russian invasion of Ukraine from the perspective of President Volodymyr Zelensky and his team, who granted him unprecedented access. 2024.

New and Popular Books on BARD:

- DB103718 *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir (sci-fi)
- DB129316 *A Mind Of Her Own* by Danielle Steel (historical romance)
- DBC31601 *A Killing On The Hill* by Robert Dugoni (historical suspense)
- DB123898 *Sent Away* by Brenda Maxfield (Amish romance)
- DB128149 *Rebecca's Amish Heart Restored* by Tracy Fredrychowski
- DB128960 *Murder At The Island Hotel; Miss Underhay 15* by Helena Dixon (mystery)
- DB127764 *Music, Math, And Mind: The Physics And Neuroscience Of Music* by Dave Soldier (health, music appreciation)
- DB126867 *Sandwiches Of History: The Cookbook: All The Best, And Most Surprising, Things People Have Put Between Slices Of Bread* (cooking)
- DB127341 *AI For Life: 100+ Ways To Use Artificial Intelligence To Make Your Life Easier, More Productive,... And More Fun!* by Celia Quillian (technology)
- DB125544 *Creating Reading Rainbow: The Untold Story Of A Beloved Children's Series* by Barbara Irwin (stage & screen)
- DB126870 *Defend Us In Battle: The Promises Of St. Michael And The Heavenly Angels* by Marge Fenelon (nonfiction religion)
- DB126817 *The People's Bible: The Remarkable History Of The King James Version* by Derek Wilson (nonfiction religion, history)
- DB127685 *Realm Of Ice And Sky: Triumph, Tragedy, And History's Greatest Arctic Rescue* by Buddy Levy (biography, exploration)
- DB125988 *Jane Goodall At 90: Celebrating An Astonishing Lifetime Of Science, Advocacy, Humanitarianism, Hope, And Peace* edited by Marc Bekoff (biog.)



Horse Books:

DB108556 *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks (historical fiction)
Kentucky, 1850. A stable hand Jarret and a foal forge a bond that will carry the horse to record-setting race victories. Later, a young artist who has made his name on paintings of the racehorse takes up arms for the Union. 1954, A gallery owner celebrated for taking risks on contemporary painters, becomes obsessed with an equestrian oil painting of mysterious provenance. 2019, Jess and Theo find themselves connected through their shared interest in the horse--one studying the stallion's bones for clues to his power and endurance, the other uncovering the lost history of the unsung Black horsemen. Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington. 2022.

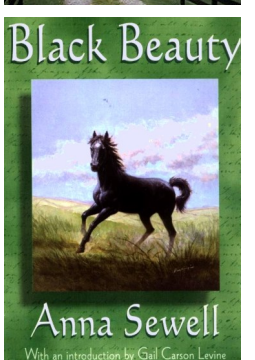
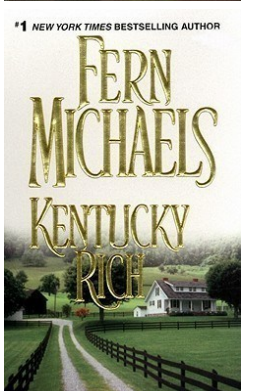
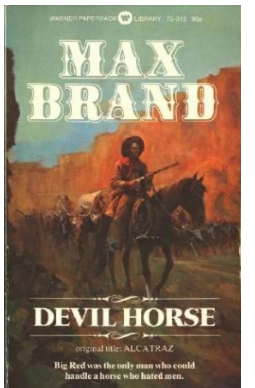
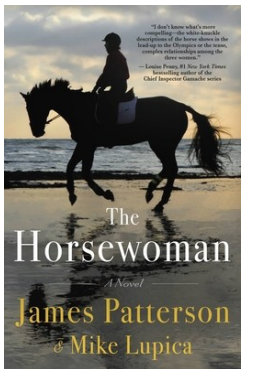
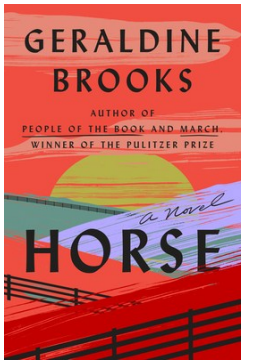
DB106198 *The Horsewoman* by James Patterson (sports fiction)
Maggie Atwood and her daughter Becky McCabe, both champion horse riders, vowed never to go up against each other in competitions--until the ones leading to the Paris Olympics. Both share the same dream to be the best horsewoman in the world. 2022.

DB27904 *Devil Horse* by Max Brand (western)
A tale about a horse no man could claim, a rogue stallion named Alcatraz, who had been taught to hate. After nearly killing a rider as he escaped to the freedom of the range, the stallion could not be caught until Red Jim rode through hell to claim him. 1922.

DB54431 *Kentucky Rich; Kentucky 01* by Fern Michaels (romance)
Nealy Coleman's father forces her and her illegitimate child out of the house. She is adopted by the Diamonds, owners of a Thoroughbred farm in Kentucky. Nealy becomes wealthy and successful over the decades and returns to her father's deathbed to confront him about the past. 2001.

DB74029 *Gypsy Wind* by Lisa Jackson (romance)
When horse breeder Becca Peters learns that oil baron Jason Chambers's plane has crashed, her thoughts rush to her former lover--Jason's son Brig. Was Brig on the plane too? 1984.

DB41291 *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell (juvenile fiction)
As a young horse, Black Beauty is well-loved and happy. But when his owner is forced to sell him, his life changes drastically. He has many new owners--some of them cruel and some of them kind. All he needs is someone to love him again. Whether pulling an elegant carriage or a ramshackle cab, Black Beauty tries to live as best he can. This is his amazing story, told as only he could tell it. 1877.



Horse Books:

DB100486 Chaos by Iris Johansen (thriller)

When CIA agent Alisa Flynn flaunts the rules by breaking into a mansion in the middle of the night, she skillfully circumvents alarms and outwits guards to find herself standing in billionaire Gabe Korgan's study--facing Korgan himself. Now she must convince him to help her rescue kidnapped African schoolgirls. 2020.

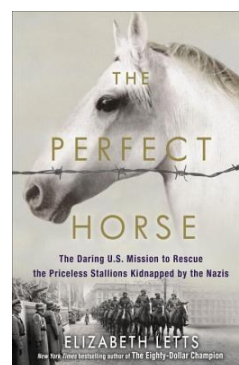
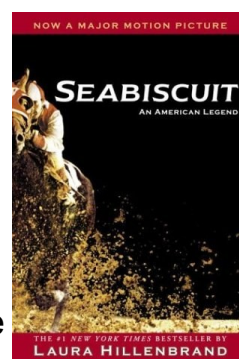
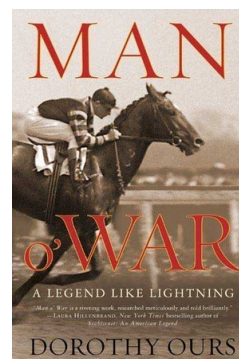
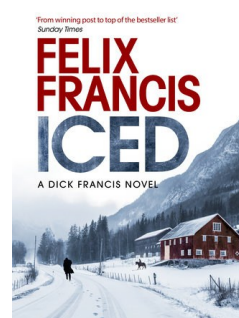
DB110433 Iced by Felix Francis (thriller)

Miles Pussett is a former steeplechase jockey but he now gets his rush from hurling himself down the Cresta Run, a Swiss ice chute, reaching speeds of up to 80 miles per hour. Finding himself in St Moritz during the same weekend as White Turf, when high-class horse racing takes place on the frozen lake, Miles gets talked into helping out with the horses. Seven years before, he left horseracing behind and swore he would never return. When he discovers something suspicious is going on in the races, something that may have a profound impact on his future life, Miles begins to search for answers. But someone is adamant to stop him—and they'll go to any lengths to do it... 2021.

DB63399 Man O' War: A Legend Like Lightning by Dorothy Ours (biog.) Biography of legendary racehorse Man o' War (1917-1947). The author profiles the thoroughbred's owners, jockeys, and trainer and recounts the animal's illustrious career in 1919 and 1920. Highlights record-breaking contests, the match race with rival Sir Barton--America's first Triple Crown winner--and the controversy surrounding Man o' War's lone defeat. 2006

DB51968 Seabiscuit: An American Legend by Laura Hillenbrand (biog.) Recounts the rise of an "undersized, crooked-legged" thoroughbred horse who in 1938 was the year's number-one newsmaker over Franklin Roosevelt, Hitler, and Lou Gehrig. Hillenbrand tells Seabiscuit's story through the three men who made a true long shot into a winner: owner Charles Howard, trainer Tom Smith, and jockey Red Pollard. 2001.

DB85593 The Perfect Horse: The Daring U.S. Mission To Rescue The Priceless Stallions Kidnapped By The Nazis by Elizabeth Letts (history) The true story of the rescue of priceless pedigree horses during World War II from a Nazi program designed to engineer a master race of the finest purebred horses. American soldiers planned and executed a mission to kidnap the horses and smuggle them away. 2016.



August Titles:

DB21333 August by Judith Rossner (psychological fiction)

Dr. Lulu Shinefeld is a New York psychoanalyst and twice-divorced mother of three. Beautiful Dawn Henley, a talented college freshman with a disastrous childhood behind her, is Shinefeld's new patient. The author portrays their parallel lives in a contemporary comedy of manners. 1983.

DB100608 Dark August by Katie Tallo (suspense)

When Augusta (Gus) Monet's great grandmother dies, she inherits a dilapidated house and stumbles across an old trunk of cold case files that her late police-detective mother obsessed over. Then Gus spots a news story about the unearthing of a body linked to one of the cases, and begins to investigate. 2020.

DB116109 August Blue by Deborah Levy (general fiction)

At the height of her career, the piano virtuoso Elsa M. Anderson walks off the stage in Vienna, mid-performance. Now she is in Athens, watching an uncannily familiar woman purchase a pair of mechanical dancing horses at a flea market. She drifts to the ferry port, on the run from her talent and her history. So begins her journey across Europe, shadowed by the elusive woman who seems to be her double. 2024

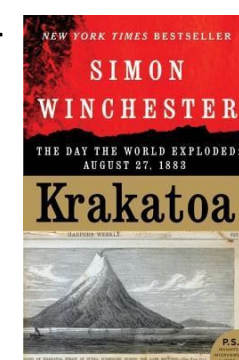
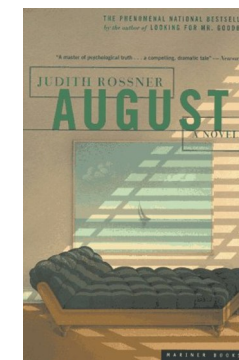
DBC00077 The Dry Grass Of August by Anna Jean Mayhew (hist. fiction) Novel offers a riveting depiction of Southern life in the throes of segregation, what it will mean for a young girl on her way to adulthood--and for the woman who means the world to her. 2011.

DB119808 Snow-Storm In August: Washington City, Francis Scott Key, And The Forgotten Race Riot Of 1835 by Jefferson Morley Portrays how the 19th century struggle against slavery erupted in Washington DC, thrusting the ambitious District Attorney Francis Scott Key into a uniquely American battle for justice. 2012. (history)

DB55879 Krakatoa: The Day The World Exploded, August 27, 1883 by Simon Winchester (history)

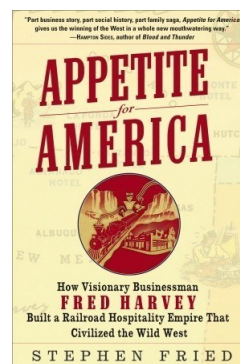
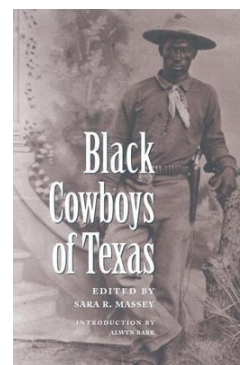
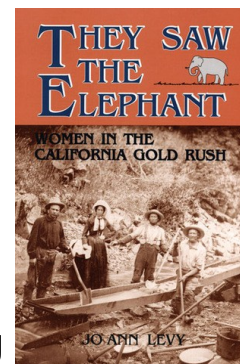
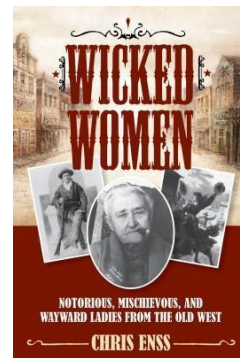
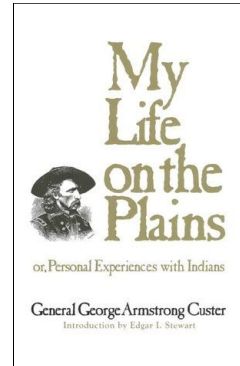
Author chronicles "the most devastating volcanic event in modern recorded human history," a cataclysmic eruption near Java in the Indian Ocean that killed 36,000 people. Explains some of the disaster's political, religious, economic, psychological, and scientific consequences. 2003.

DB18628 The Guns Of August by Barbara Wertheim Tuchman (history) A study of the background of World War I, and of the battles of Liege, Tannenberg, Hons, and others fought during the first thirty days. 1962.



The American West: Biographies

- DBC03156 From Fort Laramie To Wounded Knee: In The West That Was by Charles W. Allen
- DB32109 My Life On The Plains; Or, Personal Experiences With Indians by George Armstrong Custer
- DB34381 Love And Glory: Women Of The Old West by Larry Underwood
- DBC26566 Wicked Women: Notorious, Mischievous, And Wayward Ladies From The Old West by Chris Enss
- DB45965 Leaning Into The Wind: Women Write From The Heart Of The West edited by Linda Hasselstrom
- DBC19509 They Saw The Elephant: Women In The California Gold Rush by Jo Ann Levy
- DBC26898 Robbers, Rogues, And Ruffians: True Tales Of The Wild West In New Mexico by Howard Bryan
- DB30736 And Die In The West: The Story Of The O.K. Corral Gunfight by Paula Mitchell Marks
- DBC17885 Wyatt Earp, U.S. Marshal by Stewart Hall Holbrook
- DBC00028 Black Cowboys Of Texas edited by Sara R. Massey
- DB95696 Ghosts Of Gold Mountain: The Epic Story Of The Chinese Who Built The Transcontinental Railroad by Gordon H. Chang
- DBC18465 The Life Of John Wesley Hardin: As Written By Himself by John Wesley Hardin (Texas outlaw)
- DBC19522 Rush For Riches: Gold Fever And The Making Of California by J.S. Holliday
- DBC13368 The Donner Party: Weathering The Storm by Mark McLaughlin
- DBC00697 The Buffalo Book: The Full Saga Of The American Animal by David A. Dary
- DBC28451 Cherokee Sunset: A Nation Betrayed: A Narrative Of Travail And Triumph, Persecution And Exile by Samuel Carter III
- DB89112 Cattle Kingdom: The Hidden History Of The Cowboy West by Christopher Knowlton
- DBC12822 Appetite For America: How Visionary Businessman Fred Harvey Built A Railroad Hospitality Empire That Civilized The Wild West by Stephen Fried



The American West:

DBC02944 Hell On Wheels: Wicked Towns Along The Union Pacific Railroad by Dick Kreck

With the building of the Union Pacific Railroad in the 1860's, a new era of travel was born. The railroad's construction was a tremendous task as workers battled the land, weather, and nearby Indian tribes in order to complete the track. As the railroad made its way west, overnight settlements, known as "hell on wheels," sprang up. 2013.

DBC07164 California Gold Rush Glimpses II: Amazing Tales Of People, Life & Times by Craig MacDonald

In this collection of 23 short articles originally published in Sierra Heritage Magazine, the authors recount true stories, both historical and humorous, about life in the mining camps and towns during California's Gold Rush in the 1840s and 1850s.

DB62428 Lewis And Clark Through Indian Eyes by Alvin M. Josephy, Jr. Modern members of the tribes that Lewis and Clark encountered during their 1804-1806 western travels provide nine wide-ranging essays on the impact of the expedition on Native Americans. Contributors blend familial, tribal, and American history. 2006.

DBC18516 A Texas Cowboy's Journal: Up The Trail To Kansas In 1868 by Jack Bailey

In this earliest known day-by-day journal of a cattle drive from Texas to Kansas, Jack Bailey, a North Texas farmer, describes what it was like to live and work as a cowboy in the southern plains just after the Civil War. He shares his thoughts and feelings, and he records his take on many of the burning issues of the day, such as post-Civil War race relations.

DB59297 Cathy Williams: From Slave To Female Buffalo Soldier by Phillip Thomas Tucker

Post-Civil War Missouri. Account of buffalo soldier Cathy Williams, purportedly the first African American woman disguising herself as a man to serve in the U.S. military. Author traces Williams's escape from slavery, civilian employment as Army laundress, 1866 enlistment, and ultimate independence as a businesswoman. 2002.

DBC10126 Pretty-Shield: Medicine Woman Of The Crows by Frank B. Linderman

An elegant story of an Indian woman's life prior to the coming of the white man. Pretty Shield, a Crow Indian medicine woman, tells of her traditional way of life in what was to become Montana. This book has become a classic work in its field. 1973.

