

Upcoming Primary Elections:

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 is the date for Primary Voting in Virginia. The Democratic Party Primary is for Lt. Governor and Attorney General for the entire commonwealth, and the Republican Party Primary is for the Virginia House of Delegates for District 37 for residents of Lexington, Buena Vista, and Rockbridge County.



Cooling Assistance:

Applications for cooling assistance will be accepted from June 15 to August 15 for low-income households, from the Virginia Department Of Social Services. Contact Virginia Energy Assistance Program at 1-855-635-4370 for more info.

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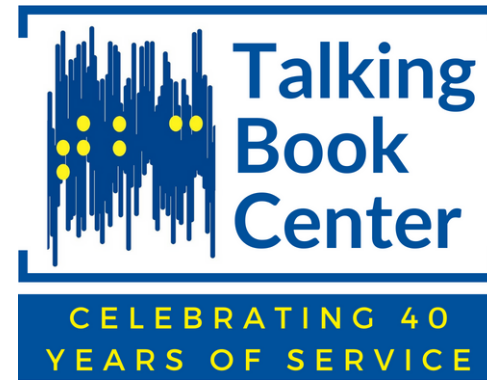
The Talking Book Center will be closed on Thursday, June 19th for Juneteenth, as well as Friday, July 4th for Independence Day. If you didn't know, Juneteenth is a federal holiday celebrated annually to commemorate the ending of slavery in the United States. The first Juneteenth celebration was June 19, 1866!



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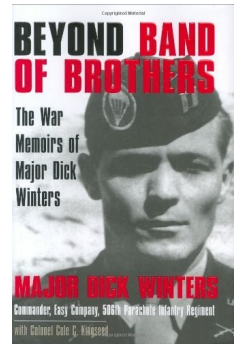
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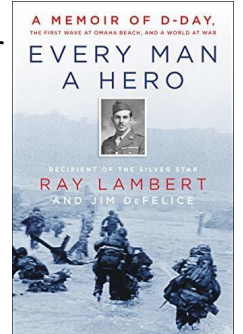
June 6 is the anniversary of D-Day. Here are some books of interest:

DB61999 Beyond Band Of Brothers by Dick Winters
Memoirs of the leader and men of Easy Company. The major describes the WWII battles fought to liberate Europe and the spirit of camaraderie and friendship within his infantry regiment. 2006.



DB40283 Band Of Brothers: E Company, 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne: From Normandy To Hitler's Eagle's Nest by Stephen Ambrose

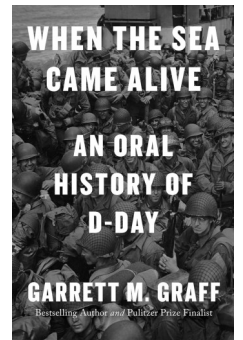
Drawing on journals, letters, and interviews with Easy Company, the author tells the story of the combat rifle unit that parachuted into France early on D-Day. Despite hardships and casualties, E Company was responsible for the capture of Hitler's Bavarian retreat at war's end. 1992.



DB96041 Every Man A Hero by Ray Lambert
An eyewitness account of D-Day by a decorated US Army medic who landed with the first wave on June 6, 1944, and saved dozens of his fellow soldiers on Omaha Beach, despite having his back broken and being wounded at least three times. 2019.

DB122991 When The Sea Came Alive: An Oral History Of D-Day by Garrett M. Graff

The most up-to-date and complete account of D-Day-the largest seaborne invasion in history and the moment that secured the Allied victory in World War II. D-Day is one of history's greatest and most unbelievable military and human triumphs. 2024.



DB60179 Overlord: D-Day And The Battle For Normandy by Max Hastings
Military historian chronicles World War II's Operation Overlord, the June 1944 Allied invasion of France that spelled the beginning of the war's end for Germany. Draws on personal accounts of participants from both sides to reconstruct infantry tactics and performance during the pivotal ten-week campaign. 1984.

Patron Recommendations:

DB87099 The Untold Story Of The Talking Book by Matthew Rubery (history)
The history of talking books. Covers the time from Edison's invention of the phonograph through early efforts to provide reading options for the blind and the early twenty-first century audiobook marketplace. Discusses controversies, such as decisions about what to record and the preferred ways to narrate a talking book. 2016.

DB127420 We All Live Here by Jojo Moyes (human relations)
Lila Kennedy is dealing with a broken marriage, two wayward daughters, a house that is falling apart, and an elderly stepfather who seems to have quietly moved in. Her career is in freefall and her love life is...complicated. So when her real dad suddenly appears on her doorstep, it feels like the final straw. But it turns out even the family you thought you could never forgive might have something to teach you: about love, and what it actually means to be family. 2025.

New and Popular Books on BARD:

- DB128273 Kill For Me, Kill For You by Steve Cavanagh (suspense)
- DB120063 James by Percival Everett (historical fiction)
- DB128112 Lethal Prey: Lucas Davenport 35 by John Sandford (myst.)
- DB127953 Phantom Limb by Lucinda Berry (psychological fiction)
- DB128430 Welcome To The Honey B&B by Melody Carlson (rel. fiction)
- DB128094 With All Her Heart; Amish Calling 03 by Kelly Irvin (religious fiction)
- DB128256 A Constant Love; Hope Of Cheyenne by Tracie Peterson (historical romance)
- DB128440 Taking Stock: A Hospice Doctor's Advice On Financial Independence, Building Wealth, And Living A Regret-Free Life by Jordan Grumet (finance)
- DB128265 The Survivor: How I Made It Through Six Concentration Camps And Became A Nazi Hunter by Josef Lewkowics (biography, history)
- DB119256 The Iliad by Homer (narrated by Kim Schraf) (poetry)
- DB127983 Serial Killers: The Minds, Methods, And Mayhem Of History's Most Notorious Murderers by Richard Estep (true crime)
- DB125046 Take Me Home: An Autobiography by John Denver (biography of musician)
- DBC28607 The Lost Book Of Herbal Remedies: The Healing Power Of Plant Medicine by Nicole Apelian (gardening, health)
- DB128211 Psalms: The Prayer Book Of The Bible by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (religion)
- DB127968 The Bible Recap: A One-Year Guide To Reading And Understanding The Entire Bible by Tara Leigh Cobble (religion)



Set In Virginia:

DB90865 Closer Than You Know by Brad Parks (suspense fiction)
Arriving to pick up her baby from childcare, Melanie Barrick is told that he's been removed by Social Services, but nobody will say why. Her nightmare grows when she learns her house has been raided by sheriff's deputies. They say they've found enough cocaine to send Melanie to prison for years. 2018.

DB91726 Bearskin by James A McLaughlin (suspense fiction)
Rice Moore has a job protecting the wildlife in the Appalachian Mountains, hiding from the drug cartels he betrayed. When he finds a bear carcass, he is determined to catch the poachers, but his plan might bring him to the attention of the people who want him dead. 2018.

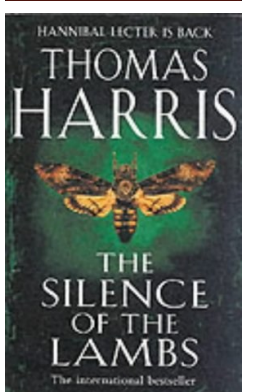
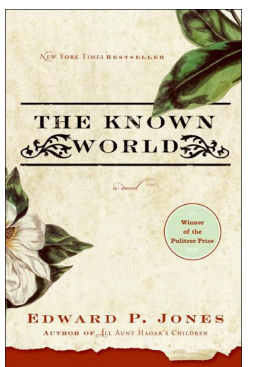
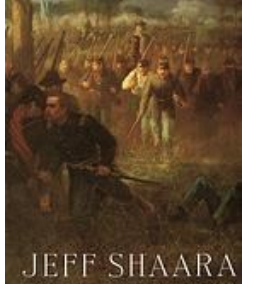
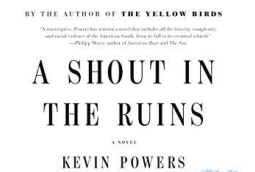
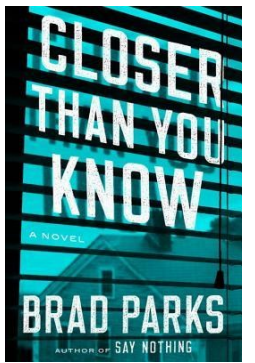
DB27020 The Silence Of The Lambs by Thomas Harris (suspense)
Clarice Starling, a young FBI agent, tracks down a serial killer, known as Buffalo Bill, who preys exclusively on overweight women. He flays the victims' bodies and deposits the remains in rivers. The only clues are provided by another sociopathic killer, Hannibal Lecter, 1988.

DBC16974 Murder With Peacocks by Donna Andrews (mystery)
Meg is knocking herself out trying to be a bridesmaid for the weddings of her brother, mother, and best friend. As she tries to help her ditzy relatives prepare for their various outrageous festivities, one of the guests is murdered, old crimes are uncovered, and she falls in love. 1999.

DB94302 A Shout In The Ruins by Kevin Powers (historical fiction)
The story of George Seldom, a man orphaned by the storm of the Civil War, looking back from the 1950s on the void where his childhood ought to have been. With the help of a young woman, he goes in search of his beginnings, all the while remembering the life that witnessed so much change during the 20th century, and so much that didn't. 2018.

DB43292 Gods And Generals by Jeff Shaara (historical fiction)
Shaara depicts the onset of the Civil War up to the Battle of Gettysburg. The story is told primarily through the lives of Stonewall Jackson, Winfield Scott Hancock, Joshua Chamberlain, and Robert E. Lee. 1996.

DB56918 The Known World by Edward P. Jones (historical fiction)
Manchester County, Virginia; 1855. At his death Henry Townsend, a thirty-one-year-old former slave who maintains a relationship with his owner William Robbins, owns more than thirty slaves himself and fifty acres of land. But the plantation falls apart as slaves betray one another. 2003.



Set In Virginia:

DB51202 Wish You Well by David Baldacci (family)

In 1940 a happy family outing turns to tragedy when their car overturns, killing the father and leaving the mother incapacitated. The two children, Lou and Oz, take her to great-grandmother Louisa's rural Virginia home, where the New York City kids face difficult adjustments. 2000.

DBC17589 A Bound Heart by Laura Frantz (historical religious romance) Lark McDougall tends the castle stillroom on the small Scottish Isle of Kerrera, where childhood friend, Magnus, is the laird. A tragic incident results in both being transported to America as indentured servants. Once in Virginia, she longs for her home in Scotland and for Magnus, who has been sent to a plantation in Jamaica. 2018.

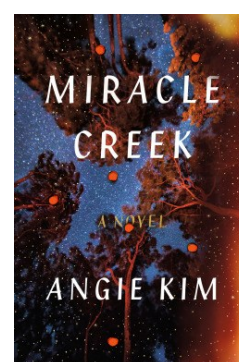
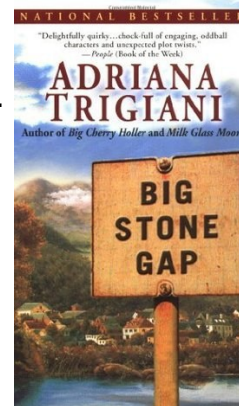
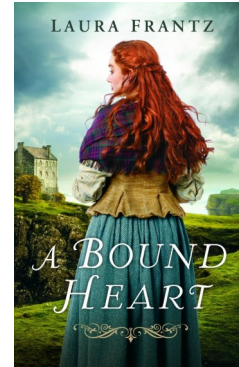
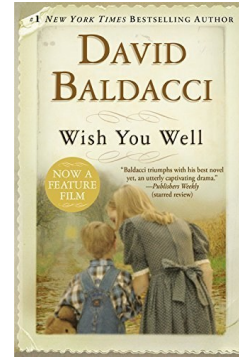
DB52742 Big Stone Gap; Big Stone Gap 01 by Adriana Trigiani (rom fic) Thirty-five-year-old Ave Maria Mulligan, self-proclaimed spinster of Big Stone Gap, Virginia, runs the local pharmacy, works on the rescue squad, and directs the outdoor drama. She thinks life has passed her by until a newly discovered skeleton in her family closet leads to a trip to Italy. 2000.

DB51146 Moll Flanders by Daniel Defoe (classic) Moral tale set in seventeenth-century England and Virginia recounts the crimes and misfortunes of a lusty and strong-willed woman. Among Moll's five marriages was one, unwitting, to her own brother. After years as a thief and a prostitute, she attains great wealth, and spends her old age comfortably repenting her youthful excesses. 1722.

DB96729 The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates (fantasy fiction) Born into bondage, Hiram Walker is robbed of all memory of his mother when she is sold. But Hiram is blessed with a mysterious power. This power saves him when he almost drowns, and he knows he must escape the only life he has ever known. 2019.

DB95021 Miracle Creek by Angie Kim (suspense fiction) In rural Virginia, Young and Pak Yoo run an experimental medical device known as the Miracle Submarine--a pressurized oxygen chamber that patients enter with the hopes of curing issues like autism or infertility. But the Miracle Submarine mysteriously explodes, killing two people, leading to a dramatic murder trial. 2019.

DB24598 Lie Down In Darkness by William Styron (psychological fic.) The story of the degeneration of a Southern family told in a stream of consciousness style by the father, as he follows the hearse which is carrying his daughter to the graveyard. 1951.



June Titles:

DB107632 June; Brides Of The West 02 by Lori Copeland (historical fict.) Like her sister before her, June leaves her Michigan home to embrace her future as a mail-order bride to a young Washington State pastor. But nothing works out as June expects. Caught up in her fiancé's vision for an elaborate tabernacle that would befit God's glory, she soon learns that not everyone approves of the plan. 1999.

DB117214 The Unmaking Of June Farrow by Adrienne Young (mystery) The Farrow women are known for their thriving flower farm—and the mysterious curse that has plagued their family line. The town remembers the madness that led to Susanna Farrow's disappearance, leaving June to be raised by her grandmother and haunted by rumors. After her grandmother's death, June discovers a series of cryptic clues regarding her mother's decades-old disappearance, except they only lead to more questions. 2023.

DBC03256 The June Rise: The Apocryphal Letters Of Joseph Antoine Janis by Bill Tremblay (historical fiction)

A fictionalized account based on the true story of Joseph Antoine Janis's visionary transformation from a Missouri farmboy to an advisor to Lakota chief, Red Cloud. 2001

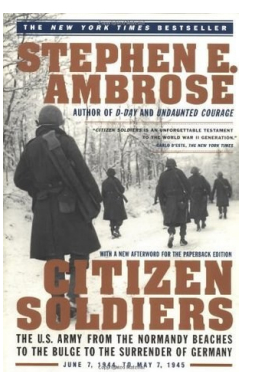
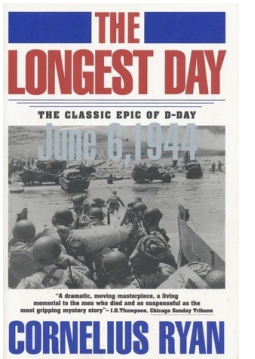
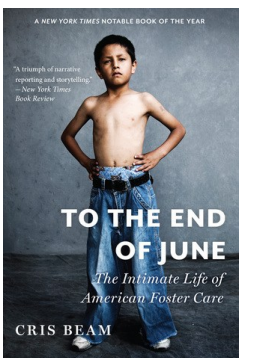
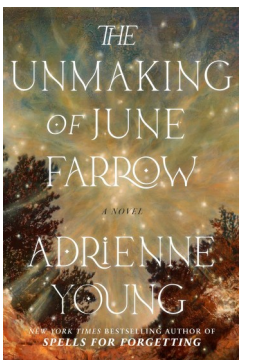
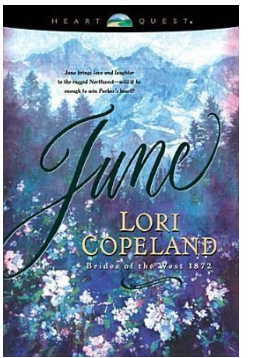
DB80080 To The End Of June: The Intimate Life Of American Foster Care by Cris Beam (social sciences)

Author explores the system of American foster care. Using the construct of a year in foster care, Beam follows the process of children from birth through aging out of the system at eighteen. Discusses the emotional and physical impacts on foster children. 2013

DB45003 Citizen Soldiers: The U.S. Army From The Normandy Beaches To The Bulge To The Surrender Of Germany, June 7, 1944 - May 7, 1945 by Stephen Ambrose (history)

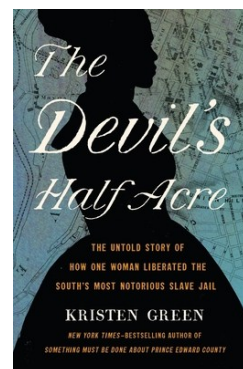
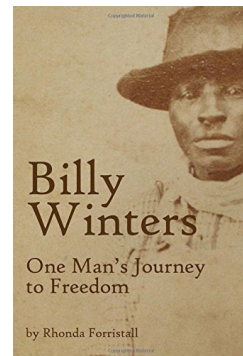
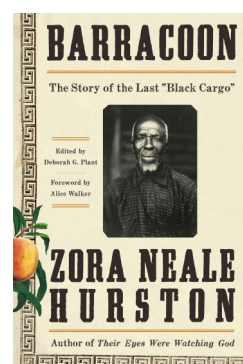
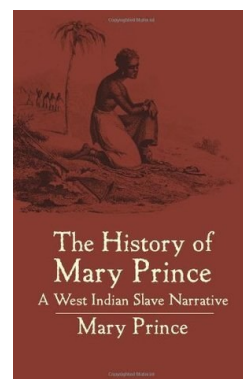
An eleven-month World War II chronicle spanning the period from D-Day to Germany's surrender on May 7, 1945. Using first-hand accounts of combat soldiers, the author depicts the valor and determination of Allied forces who advanced and prevailed in the face of harsh adversities. 1997

DB38896 The Longest Day: June 6, 1944 by Cornelius Ryan (history) A reconstruction of the D-Day invasion of Europe, covering the hours before and after the massive landing in Normandy. The author depicts the Nazi enemy the Allied forces fought and the civilians who were caught in the epic battle that would determine the course of fascism. 1959.



Enslavement: Biographies:

- DBC19702 Voices From Slavery: 100 Authentic Slave Narratives
- DB115957 Twelve Years A Slave by Solomon Northup
- DB112260 Narrative Of The Life And Adventures Of Henry Bibb: An American Slave by Henry Bibb
- DB30570 Narrative Of The Life Of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave by Frederick Douglass
- DB84284 A Muslim American Slave: The Life Of Omar Ibn Said (translated from the Arabic, written in 1831)
- DB91547 Barracoon: The Story Of The Last "Black Cargo" by Zora Neale Hurston
- DB56617 Unchained Memories: Readings From The Slave Narratives foreword by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.
- DB64511 Bound For The Promised Land: Harriet Tubman, Portrait Of An American Hero by Kate Clifford Larson
- DB124899 Nat Turner, Black Prophet: A Visionary History by Anthony E. Kaye
- DB112758 Master Slave Husband Wife: An Epic Journey From Slavery To Freedom by Ilyon Woo
- DB103194 Thomas Jefferson And Sally Hemings: An American Controversy by Annette Gordon-Reed
- DB88114 Great Crossings: Indians, Settlers, And Slaves in the Age of Jackson by Christina Snyder
- DB119609 Flee North: A Forgotten Hero And The Fight For Freedom In Slavery's Borderland by Scott Shane
- DB108675 American Slavery As It Is: Selections From The Testimony Of A Thousand Witnesses edited by Theodore Dwight Weld
- DB114251 The Devil's Half Acre: The Untold Story Of How One Woman Liberated The South's Most Notorious Slave Jail by Kristen Green
- DBC06257 Billy Winters: One Man's Journey To Freedom by Rhonda Forristall
- DB123129 History Of Mary Prince: A West Indian Slave Narrative by Mary Prince
- DB80843 Belle: The Slave Daughter And The Lord Chief Justice by Paula Byrne
- DB108782 The Black Joke: One Ship's Battle Against The Slave Trade by A.E. Rooks
- DB26238 Mutiny On The Amistad: The Saga Of A Slave Revolt And Its Impact On American Abolition, Law, And Diplomacy by Howard Jones



Enslavement:

- DB104068 The Agitators: Three Friends Who Fought For Abolition And Women's Rights by Dorothy Wickenden (biography)
- Harriet Tubman was enslaved, Martha Wright was a middle-class Quaker mother of seven, and Frances Seward was the aristocratic wife of her husband, William H. Seward, who served as Lincoln's Secretary of State. All three refused to abide by laws that denied them the rights granted to white men, and they supported each other as they worked to overturn slavery and achieve full citizenship for blacks and women. 2021.
- DB53160 Roots: The Saga Of An American Family by Alex Haley (biog.)
- Seven generations of the author's family, from 1767, when Kunta Kinte is captured in the Gambia, West Africa, and transported to Virginia as a slave. Chronicles Haley's ancestors' resettlement in Tennessee following the Civil War and describes his genealogical research. 1976.
- DB88969 The Other Slavery: The Uncovered Story Of Indian Enslavement In America by Andrés Reséndez (U.S. history)
- Historian describes the widespread, centuries-long, and illegal practice of the enslavement of Native Americans. Examines the lack of an abolitionist movement for these individuals and argues that mass slavery decimated Native American populations even more than disease. 2016.
- DB94615 White Cargo: The Forgotten History Of Britain's White Slaves In America by Don Jordan (history)
- An account of the more than three hundred thousand white slaves--including children--shipped to the American colonies by the British in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Draws on letters, diaries, and legal archives. 2019.
- DB83424 The Long Emancipation: The Demise Of Slavery In The United States by Ira Berlin (history)
- The author offers a framework for understanding the end of slavery in the United States, achieved over the course of nearly a century. Author examines the difficult road to emancipation within the larger concept of American freedom and identifies the many factors at work in the struggle. 2015.
- DB50070 Uncle Tom's Cabin, Or Life Among The Lowly by Harriet Beecher Stowe (classic fiction)
- Abolitionist Stowe's depiction of the moral injustice of slavery and the evils of materialism. Tom saves little Eva's life, and years later she tries to help him gain his freedom. Eventually, Tom's protection of runaway Eliza costs him his life at the hands of the brutal ex-Yankee Simon Legree. 1852.

