

Allie's Pick

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

By J.K. Rowling; John Tiffany & Jack Thorne

Genre: Fantasy; Play

Formats available: Hardback; eBook

Location: J ROWLING; Axis 360; ADML/Overdrive

As a huge Harry Potter fan, I had mixed feelings when I heard about *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*. Of course I was excited at the idea that we were getting more to the story; on the other hand, it's a play not entirely written by J. K. Rowling. Since its release it has gotten many mixed reviews from fans.

So my advice to readers is this: Do not go in expecting to read the equivalent to the other Harry Potter books, but enjoy it!

I had planned on waiting until the hype had died down, but peeked at my mom's copy just to see... And I couldn't put it down! It was like visiting old friends you haven't seen in a while. The story primarily revolves around Harry's son Albus and Draco Malfoy's son, Scorpius, but of course many of our beloved friends appear as well. I'd like to say more, but it's really hard to say much without giving away spoilers. And yes, it is a play.



Lisa S.'s Pick

Hex

By Thomas Olde Heuvelt

Genre: Horror Formats available: Hardback; eBook

Location: Axis 360; Contact Information Desk to order print copy

Welcome to Black Spring – home of the curse of the Black Rock Witch. With her eyes and mouth sewn shut, she “watches” over the town and ensures none of its residents ever leave.

This is a very unsettling book, but totally worth reading if you love the horror genre! It's unnerving, wonderfully written prose. The story is centered on one family's strength and love during this scary tale. If you enjoy stories where both the best and worst can be brought out in people in stressful situations, this book is for you!



Sharina's Pick

Delia's Shadow

By Jaime Lee Moyer

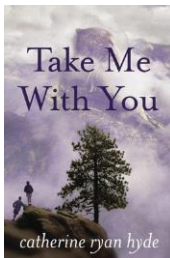
Genre: Paranormal; Historical Fiction

Formats available: Hardback; eBook

Location: F MOYER; Axis360

In the early 1900's Delia Martin arrives in San Francisco from New York. Delia is a wealthy 20 something who can see ghosts. While most of them leave her alone, one is persistently not. Using clues from the ghost (named Shadow), Delia discovers that she is a victim of a serial killer, who is killing again.

I would recommend this to lovers of paranormal/mystery/romance/historical fiction.



Heidi's Pick

Take Me With You

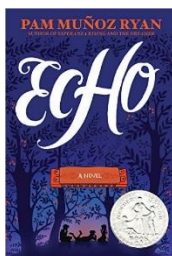
By Catherine Ryan Hyde

Genre: Fiction

Formats available: Hardback; Large Print

Location: F HYDE LGPRINT; See Information Desk to order regular print.

This is a story about a father who begins his RV camping trip to the National Parks alone as a tribute to his son, but ends up being an enlightening and heartwarming tale with a fresh perspective on many, many aspects of life. This is a wonderful trip for the reader to take as well. One you will be happy you embarked on and may just find yourself looking for more books by this author.



Cheryl's Pick

Echo

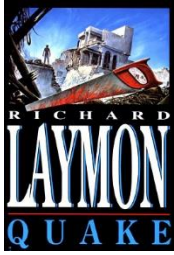
By Pam Muñoz Ryan

Genre: Children's Fantasy; Historical Fiction

Formats available: Hardback; Playaway; eBook; eAudiobook

Location: J RYAN RCYRB; ADML/Overdrive; Axis 360

A harmonica is the focus of four different stories. How the stories are woven together is brilliant. Reminds us how music helps people overcome adversity and has the ability to change lives forever. Beautiful harmonica and orchestra music is part of the performance in the playaway version.

**Georgia's Pick**

Quake

By Richard Laymon

Genre: Horror

Formats available: Print

Location: Contact Information Desk to order print copy

This month I've read the book *Quake* by Richard Laymon. It isn't quite as scary as some of his but is still somewhat gory. It is modern day L.A. and one of the largest quakes have hit. On one side of town is the mother. She was taking a bath when it hit and is stuck in the tub with half the house on top of her. The only person to save her is the creepy neighbor who has horrible intentions. Then we have the daughter who was in driver's ed during the quake. Her teacher takes them far from school and home and now she and three of her classmates have to walk miles to get back home. They encounter many odd happenings. They also have to dodge gangs and other mischief makers. Finally, we have the father, he has saved a woman and a girl from loiters and is trying to get home. They also, started driving but lost their car and now are walking from downtown L.A. to the suburbs. The book switches form character to character with ease. This isn't one of his best but it is still a good book from and excellent horror author.