

Off the Shelf

MAY 2024

“We are the memories we don’t remember, which live in us, which we feel, which make us sing and dance and pray the way we do, feelings from memories that flare and bloom unexpectedly in our lives like blood through a blanket from a wound made by a bullet fired by a man shooting us in the back for our hair, for our heads, for a bounty, or just to get rid of us.” — *There There*

furiously, magnificently, tragically, the story of

“America” (Elle).

The National Endowment for the Arts Read—a partnership with Midwest—broadens our understanding of ourselves and neighbors through the power of shared reading experience. The goals of the NEA Big Read are to inspire meaningful conversations, celebrate local creativity, elevate a wide variety of voices and perspectives, and build stronger connections in each community.

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Orange crafts a novel of “pure, soaring beauty” (*New York Times Book Review*), “pulling together the intimacies of family, community, history, and violence” (*Rumpus*).

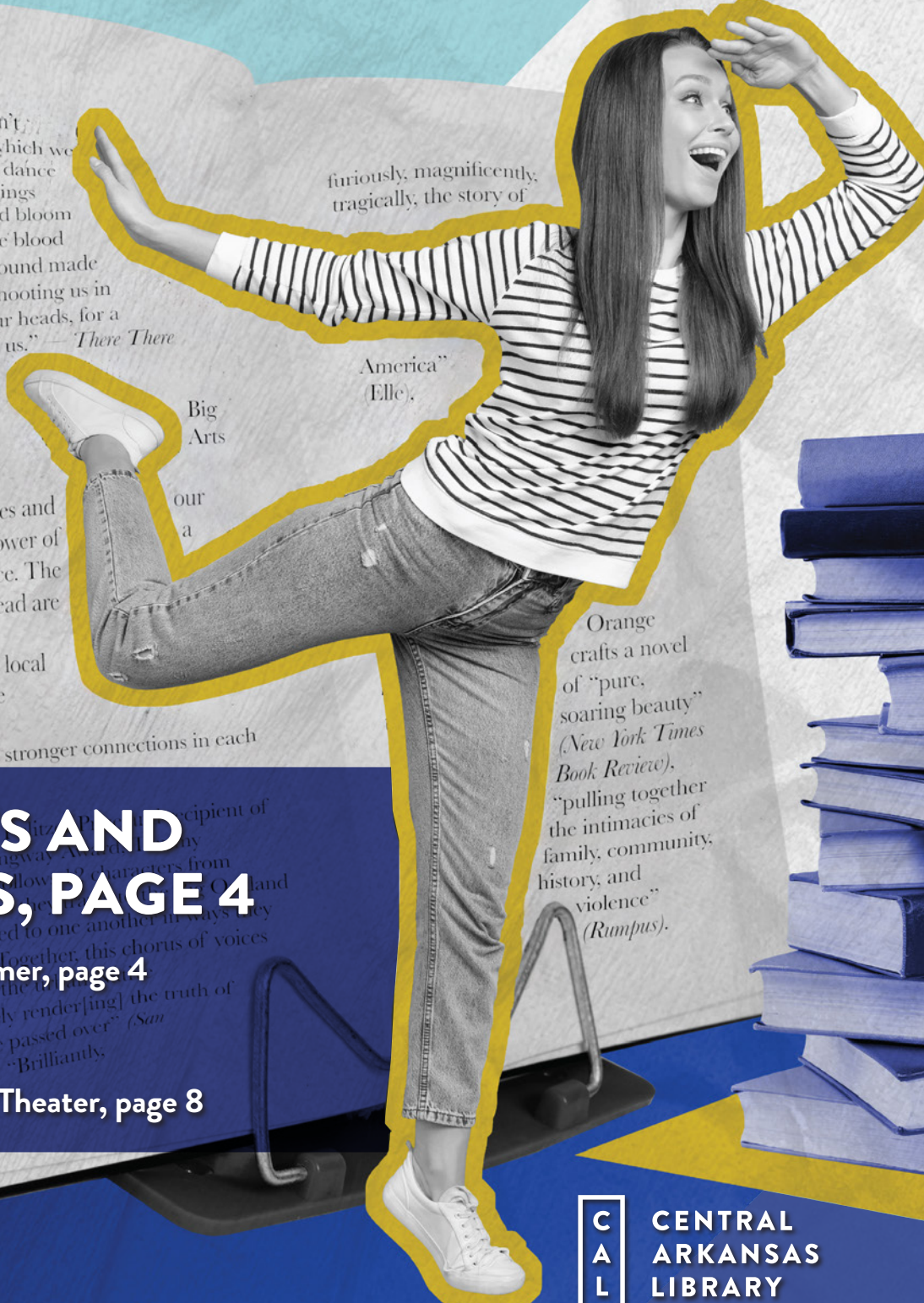
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LOCATIONS & HOURS

LIBRARY SQUARE

100 Rock Street | Little Rock | 72201

MAIN LIBRARY

(501) 918-3000
 Mon-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM
 Main Library is closed for renovations. Services are available at “Mini Main” inside Roberts Library.

BOBBY L. ROBERTS LIBRARY OF ARKANSAS HISTORY & ART

Butler Center for Arkansas Studies
 Roberts Library Research Room | (501) 320-5700
 Mon-Fri | 9 AM-6 PM | Sat | 12-4 PM | No Curbside

CALS BRANCHES

MILLIE M. BROOKS MICROLIBRARY

13024 Highway 365 South
 Wrightsville | 72183 | (501) 537-3186
 Tue/Wed/Thu | 9:30 AM-4:30 PM
 3rd Tuesday of the Month: 9:30 AM-7 PM | No Curbside

DEE BROWN LIBRARY

6325 Baseline Road
 Little Rock | 72209 | (501) 568-7494
 Mon | 9 AM-8 PM | Tue-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Sun | 1-5 PM

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON CHILDREN'S LIBRARY & LEARNING CENTER

4800 West 10th Street
 Little Rock | 72204 | (501) 978-3870
 Mon-Wed/Fri-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Thu | 9 AM-8 PM

JOHN GOULD FLETCHER LIBRARY

823 North Buchanan Street
 Little Rock | 72205 | (501) 663-5457
 Mon/Wed | 9 AM-8 PM | Tue/Thu/Fri/Sat | 9 AM-6 PM

MAUMELLE LIBRARY

10 Lake Pointe Drive
 Maumelle | 72113 | (501) 851-2551
 Mon-Wed/Fri-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Thu | 9 AM-8 PM

SIDNEY S. MCMATH LIBRARY

2100 John Barrow Road
 Little Rock | 72204 | (501) 225-0066
 Mon | 9 AM-8 PM | Tue-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Sun | 1-5 PM

RON ROBINSON THEATER

Call for availability | (501) 320-5715

ROCK IT! LAB

(501) 320-5748
 501 Makers & The Village | Mon-Fri | 9 AM-6 PM
 The River Shop | Sat | 10 AM-4 PM

MAX MILAM LIBRARY

609 Aplin Avenue
 Perryville | 72126 | (501) 889-2554
 Mon/Wed-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Tue | 9 AM-8 PM

ESTHER DEWITT NIXON LIBRARY

703 West Main Street
 Jacksonville | 72076 | (501) 457-5038
 Mon/Wed-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Tue | 9 AM-8 PM

OLEY E. ROOKER LIBRARY

11 Otter Creek Court
 Little Rock | 72210 | (501) 907-5991
 Mon-Wed/Fri-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Thu | 9 AM-8 PM

AMY SANDERS LIBRARY

10200 Johnson Drive
 Sherwood | 72120 | (501) 835-7756
 Mon | 9 AM-8 PM | Tue-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Sun | 1-5 PM

ADOLPHINE FLETCHER TERRY LIBRARY

2015 Napa Valley Drive
 Little Rock | 72212 | (501) 228-0129
 Mon | 9 AM-8 PM | Tue-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Sun | 1-5 PM

ROOSEVELT THOMPSON LIBRARY

38 Rahlng Circle
 Little Rock | 72223 | (501) 821-3060
 Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Tue/Thu | 9 AM-8 PM

SUE COWAN WILLIAMS LIBRARY

1800 Chester Street
 Little Rock | 72206 | (501) 376-4282
 Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Tue/Thu | 9 AM-8 PM

DIGITAL SERVICES



The new CALS app is live! Reserve books or mark them for later from your phone. Find out how the CALS app and apps from our digital content providers can enhance your library experience at cals.org/library-apps.



Browse digital versions of the latest issues of popular magazines.



Download up to five songs per week or stream unlimited music all day long.



Use this digital streaming service to access movies, TV shows, and graphic novels. Borrow up to five items per month.



Stream thought-provoking films from desktop to TV to tablet.



Borrow eBooks and audiobooks.



Formerly Lynda.com, LinkedIn Learning offers over 16,000 video courses and tutorials taught by industry experts.

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Library Card Basics

2-Hour: Laptops, Chromebooks, DVD players (to be used only inside CALS buildings)

7-Day: New release (high demand) DVDs, tools, weekend bags

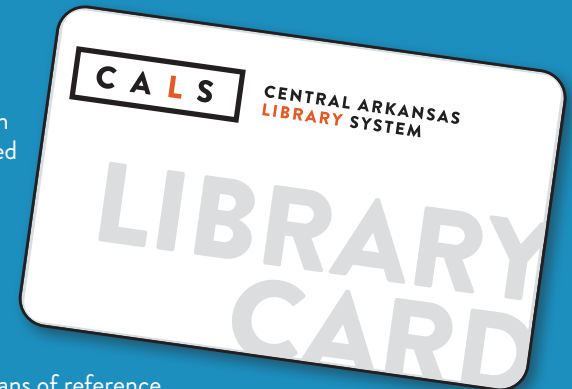
14-Day: New adult books, DVDs (including Binge Boxes), birdwatching kits, circulating magazines, engravers, fishing poles, hotspots, ID pens, Kill-A-Watt meters, oral history toolkits, telescopes, toys

28-Day: All other items

Extended (vacation) Loans: Items with holds cannot be extended. Extended loan periods, or vacation loans, may be granted at the discretion of a branch manager or department head. To be taken into consideration are the number of items the patron asks to check out; length of extension requested; popularity/demand for items requested.

Non-circulating (Reference): Special loans of reference materials may be made with the permission of the Head of Reference or Branch Managers.

MOBIUS and Interlibrary Loan Materials: The due date for ILL and MOBIUS materials is the later of 14 days from checkout or the date due written on the paper band.



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LIBRARY HAPPENINGS



CALS NEA Big Read 2024

Ron Robinson Theater | 100 River Market Avenue

As part of CALS NEA Big Read 2024 celebration of Tommy Orange's *There There*, we will have additional ebook copies available on OverDrive for patrons to check out between May 6 and May 24, 2024. You can download *There There* through CALS online catalog at cals.org, the CALS app, or the Libby app.

Tommy Orange will give a live presentation at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, at CALS Ron Robinson Theater. Register at cals.org.

NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.



Exhibition on Screen Presents, *Leonardo: The Works*

Saturday, May 11 | 4PM | Ron Robinson Theater

Many feature films have showcased the genius of Leonardo, but none have ever examined in such detail the most crucial element of all: his art. **Get tickets at ronrobinsontheater.org.**



IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR SUMMER @ CALS!

KICKOFF AT CHILDREN'S LIBRARY & LEARNING CENTER

CAMP CALS WILL INCLUDE: outdoor games, crafts, walking s'mores, a sensory room, the Be Mighty canteen, and more.

Top 10 Things to Do in May



May is often referred to as the bridge between spring and summer, and at CALS, we're taking advantage of that and heading outside. Whether you relax with a water view at Maumelle Library or watch the birds (and squirrels) at Fletcher Library, there's beauty around our branches. **Grab a book or an item from our "Library of Things," and enjoy the outside of our libraries before the summer heat is in full swing.**

1. Sounds in the Stacks with Bluesboy Jag!

It's not always quiet time at the library. Sounds in the Stacks pairs local musical artists with the serene setting of the library to create intimate concerts while you browse the shelves. Join us on May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Thompson Library for blues guitars and vocals by Bluesboy Jag.

2. Welcome back Williams!

After a six-month closure for renovations, the Williams Library is new, improved and ready for you. Join us for a **Block Party (May 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.)**, with music, face painting, food, tours, and activities. Can't make it to the party? Just plan to stop by and check out all the new changes, including the community kitchen, dedicated teen area, and podcasting room.

3. Enjoy a Tuesday.

Did you know that traditionally new books are released on a Tuesday? You can read tons of articles that argue the why, some citing the *New York Times* Bestsellers List measuring from Tuesday through Monday. Regardless, it gives us something to look forward to. This month grab Colm Tóibín's, *Long Island* (5/7/2024), the sequel to his wonderful novel, *Brooklyn*.

4. Print Making with Perrion Hurd.

(Saturday, May 11) Drop by the Rock It! Lab at Library Square between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. where you can make and take your own print. Perrion Hurd is an illustrator, painter, muralist, and printmaker working in Little Rock. Check out all the art happenings around the system all month long.

5. Interested in beekeeping? Come to the Children's Library and learn all about it. Check out the indoor (and outdoor – with a guide) hive and see if you can spot the queen. New all-ages beekeeping classes will help the beginner (2nd Thursday of the month) and advanced (4th Thursday of the month).

6. Get Footloose at Ron Robinson Theater!

It's prom season and we're celebrating with the most epic prom movie ever – *Footloose*. Watch it on the big screen Friday, May 10, at 7 p.m. Buy tickets at ronrobinsontheater.org.

7. Manga anyone?

Gou Tanabe's manga adaptation of H. P. Lovecraft's *The Hound & Other Stories* comes highly recommended and promises to be "super creepy." Make sure to check out all his adaptations.

8. Attend a life-changing author talk.

The Big Read has taken over CALS and there are so many events coming up, including a free talk on May 16 with Tommy Orange, award-winning author of *There, There* and *Wandering Stars*. Orange also has shorter pieces featured in *Never Whistle at Night*, *Wilderness Tales: Forty Stories of the North American Wild*, *The Decameron Project: 29 New Stories from the Pandemic*, and *Fourteen Days: A Literary Project of the Author Guild of America*. Check out all the events and find out more about The Big Read at cals.org/NEA-big-read-2024.

9. Check out a fishing pole! Whether you're looking for bass, bluegill or walleye, May is the perfect time to grab a pole and explore the Natural State. Check out a fishing pole at any branch.

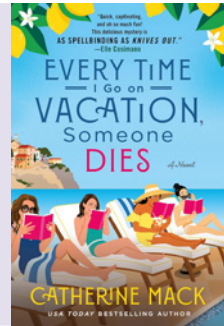
10. Check out a cookbook to elevate your Memorial Day barbecue.

Whether you're loading the grill with burgers, ribs, chicken, or veggies, these books will make sure your plates are picture-perfect.

Scan the QR code to buy tickets, checkout books and movies, and sign-up for the newsletter.

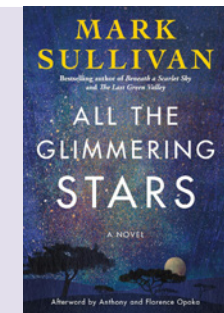


MAY NEW RELEASES



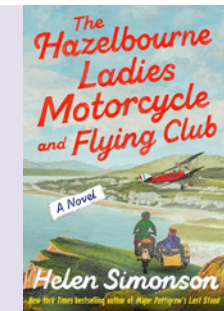
FICTION

Every Time I Go on Vacation, Someone Dies
by Catherine Mack



FICTION

All the Glimmering Stars
by Mark Sullivan, (5/7/24)



FICTION

The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club
by Helen Simonson, (5/7/24)



FICTION

Black Shield Maiden
by Willow Smith & Jess Hendel, (5/7/24)



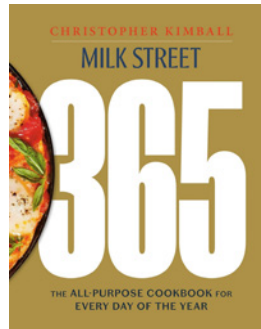
FICTION

Real Americans
by Rachel Khong



NON-FICTION

The Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War
by Erik Larson



NON-FICTION

Milk Street 365: The All-Purpose Cookbook for Every Day of the Year
by Christopher Kimball



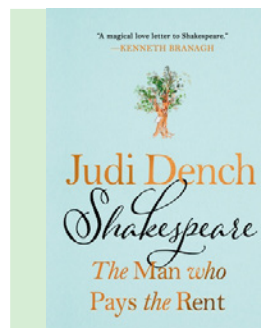
NON-FICTION

When You See My Mother, Ask Her to Dance
by Joan Baez



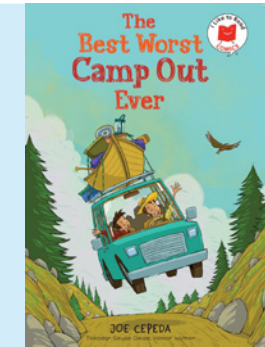
NON-FICTION

House Rules: How to Decorate for Every Home, Style, and Budget
by Myquillyn Smith



NON-FICTION

Shakespeare: The Man Who Pays the Rent
by Judi Dench



JUVENILE

Best Worst Camp Out Ever
by Joe Cepeda



JUVENILE

Come Again, Pelican
by Don Freeman, (5/7/24)



JUVENILE

The One and Only Family
by Katherine Applegate, (5/7/24)



JUVENILE

Seashell Key
by Lourdes Heuer



JUVENILE

Beastly Beauty
by Jennifer Donnelly, (5/7/24)



MUSIC

Dark Matter Pearl Jam



ADULT DVD

The Beekeeper



JUVENILE DVD

Super Detention



TELEVISION

Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan—The Final Season



GRAPHIC NOVEL

Junji Ito's Cat Diary: Yon & Mu
by Junji Ito

PROGRAM INFORMATION

CALS offers innovative programs that promote lifelong learning, connect patrons to technology, and advance knowledge. From storytimes to author talks, CALS has a full schedule with something suited for any age. See the full program calendar at cals.org/events-classes.

Be Mighty This citywide campaign connects kids and teens 18 and under to free meals. bemightylittlerock.org

Count Up This free after-school math tutoring program matches K-12 students with experienced tutors for one-on-one assistance. Spots are full. Sign up for the waitlist at cals.org/countup

Digital Literacy Whether you're a technology beginner or looking to expand your skills, there's a class for you. Digital Literacy Guides offer friendly, free, one-on-one assistance. cals.org/digital-literacy

Encyclopedia of Arkansas The mission of this free online encyclopedia is to collect and disseminate information on all aspects of the state's history and culture and to provide a comprehensive reference work for historians, teachers, students, and others seeking to understand and appreciate Arkansas's heritage. EncyclopediaOfArkansas.net

Rock It! Lab A partnership of CALS and Advancing Black Entrepreneurship (ABE), the Rock It! Lab provides resources and services, including technical assistance, mentorship, marketing and promotion, networking opportunities, business education, one-on-one instruction, and more to assist entrepreneurs in creating successful businesses. cals.org/rock-it-lab

Writing Circle Get tips and learn techniques for writing from professionals and your peers. Whether it's your memoir, a journal, short story, or novel, the CALS Writing Circle is a community that wants to see you succeed. cals.org

CALS RON ROBINSON THEATER

ON THE BIG SCREEN THIS MONTH



**Reel Injun* (2009, NR) | Free
Thursday, May 2 | 7PM

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The Matrix (1999, R)
Friday, May 3 | 7PM

BINGOFLIX: *Spaceballs* (1987, PG)
Saturday, May 4 | 7PM

Mildred Pierce (1945, NR)
Tuesday, May 7 | 7PM

Footloose (1984, PG)
Friday, May 10 | 7PM

*Exhibition on Screen Presents,
Leonardo: The Works | \$10
Saturday, May 11 | 4PM

**The Rocky Horror Picture Show* (1975, R) | \$8
Saturday, May 11 | 8PM

Mommie Dearest (1981, R)
Tuesday, May 14 | 7PM

Serial Mom (1994, R)
Tuesday, May 21 | 7PM

TERROR TUESDAY: *Psycho* (1960, R)
Tuesday, May 28 | 7PM

American Graffiti (1973, PG)
Thursday, May 30 | 7PM

Dazed and Confused (1993, R)
Friday, May 31 | 7PM

*FILMS ARE \$5 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Get tickets at RonRobinsonTheater.org.