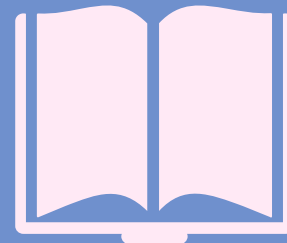


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GET TO KNOW BECKY!

Position: Clerk

How Long Have you worked here?: Approx. 10 years

Hometown: Athens, PA!

Favourite Library Book:

Fiction: *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict -
Historical Fiction/Biographical Fiction. Takes place during the
rise of Hitler and the Nazi Party.

Non-Fiction: *On Hitler's Mountain* by Irmgard Hunt
Writing of her life as an 11 year old living in the shadow of
Hitler. Irmgard shares chilling moments of her childhood.
Lives changed, lives lost, families destroyed.

Favourite Author: Currently, I must read Linda Castillo's Kate
Burkholder books. Brutal murders set in peaceful Amish
farming community.

Favourite Genre: WWII and Mystery!

Favourite Colour: I am a green girl! Step outside and witness
the many shades!

What do you want the Patrons to know about you?: God is
blessing me with the heart to live life, be a part of my
wonderful family and friends, and to give myself to our
community. Our Mother was a director at SML in the 60's, she
shared her love of books and adventure with her family and
all she encountered. I am passing this joy on.

Favourite Story from working at the Library: I do not have a
favorite story persay but I enjoy being able to share stories
with the wide ranging group of people that I see while
working at the Library.

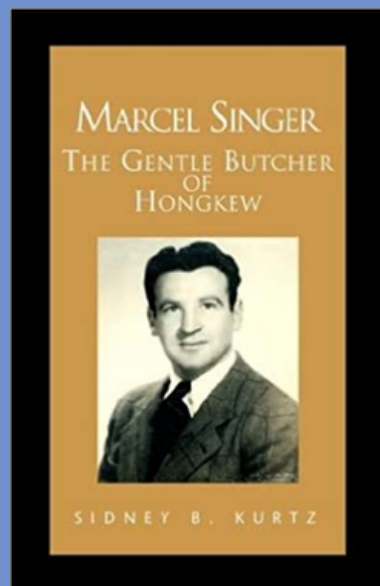


Why you think libraries are important: I believe with all my heart Spalding Memorial Library , and all Libraries are the cornerstone of every community. Getting lost in a book is an adventure, a wonderful way to travel the world, and exciting way to discover other cultures. We are a resource for research, job hunting, a gathering place for all ages. SML also provides free computer usages and internet access. Our libraries are a place to IMAGINE!



ADULT BOOK REVIEWS!

WRITTEN BY BECKY WILLIAMS



I must admit that I had a curiosity regarding this book , this story, as I discovered that the Director of Bradford County Library, Jeff Singer, is the grandson of Marcel.

As a young man Marcel learned the butcher business from his father's small shop on the Austro-Hungarian Border. Life was peaceful and prosperous for Marcel, and his family. As Jews, they found the only country that would take them in at the time was China. Thousands of miles from everything they knew, their journey took them to a different culture and language where they endured the harsh reality of unfair treatment because of their refugee status.

I found myself eagerly turning the pages, drawn to find out what happened. I truly could not put this book down. Many stories have been written over the years of the hardship and humanism of those persecuted for religion and race during World War II, however, this book an this family gave me a completely new insight into the strength and struggles of a very charismatic and loving family.

A Note from the Director!

Though we might find it best to no longer be talking about the year that was 2020, there are certainly some “Bests” from that unprecedented year that are still worth discussing. Of course, one of those is Best Books. During a year in which we struggled regularly to get library books for our patrons in a timely way, we managed to acquire a number of the most critically-acclaimed books of the year.

Of the titles featured on our “Best Books” list this year:

- One was donated by a patron who is a fan of the series (The Mirror & The Light).
- One book inspired a patron to read everything the author has written (The Glass Hotel).
- One was not in my pre-ordering catalog, and a patron had to ask me for it (Rodham).
- Three of them came home with me. Though I had many aspirations of reading them, I never found the time, and so I passed them along to someone with more need during a book-starved year (The Cold Millions, Luster, and What are you going through?).
- One book I read and then reread parts of again and again before I donated it to the library’s collection for someone else to become inspired by. If you have not yet read this amazing book from Glennon Doyle, I highly recommend it. Perhaps no other writer has given such brave and true voice to what it means to redefine oneself in the midstream of one’s life (Untamed).
- Two of the books (Hamnet and The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue) just arrived during this first week of January, though I ordered them months ago. Of the titles we provide to our patrons, 90% of them come from our book distributor, Brodart Co.

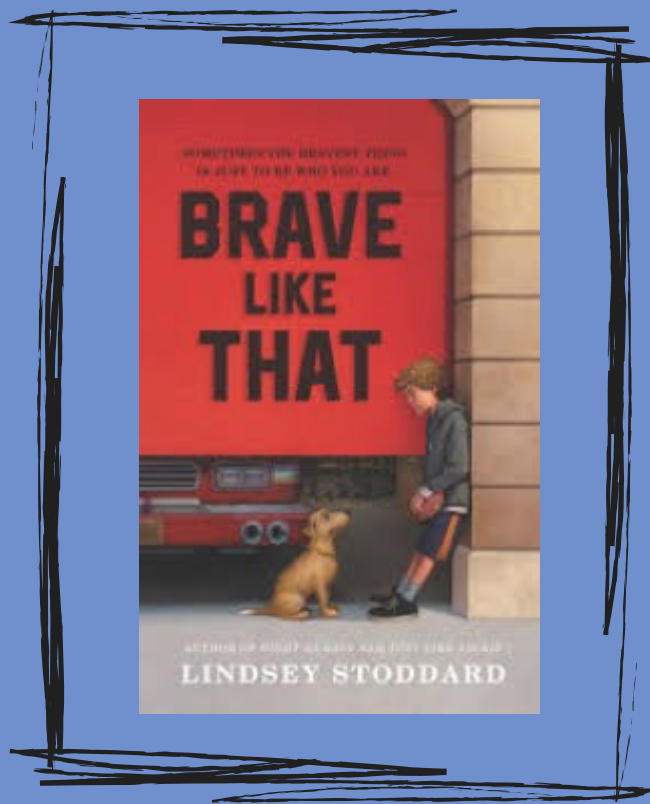
With this year's pandemic and its subsequent restrictions, our book distributor has not been able to send us our shipments in the prompt fashion we have all been accustomed to. I know this has been frustrating for our patrons, as it has been equally frustrating for library staff.

We strive in each way to be a reliable source for your reading needs. There were a few times, out of desperation, that we decided to order some new releases from Amazon.com. This proved a more reliable way of getting the books we were waiting for, but we chose to rely on our shipments from Brodart for most of our items. Brodart Co. is a book distributor based in our neighbor-city of Williamsport, PA. Since they headquartered in PA in the 1990s, Brodart has reliably employed an average of 600 Pennsylvanians in their processing facility. The roots of this company can be traced back to Arthur Brody, who invented the plastic book-cover and founded the company in 1939. The books we get from Brodart are preprocessed with their own unique book jackets, and they come to us almost ready for our patrons to read them. Having our books preprocessed saves us hundreds of man-hours each year. But more importantly, in the midst of the long-term crisis we are in, remaining loyal to our book distributor helps them stay in business and keep employing our neighbors.

We hope that you will bear with us as we continue to experience delays and wait for the books we want. The good news is that you don't have to wait to reserve one of the "Best Books of 2020." Please call the library for assistance at 570.888.7117. Happy 2021 to you.

Middle Grade Fiction Book Review

Written By Jessica Wright White

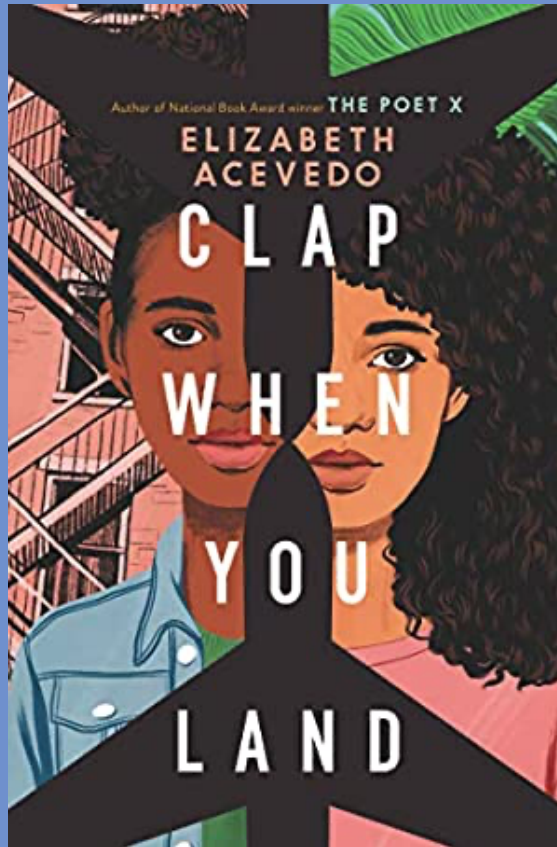


Brave Like That

By Lindsey Stoddard

Lindsey Stoddard's *Brave Like That* introduces Cyrus, an 11 year old boy who was found on the steps of the firehouse as a baby and adopted by one of the firefighters. Now that he is in middle school, Cyrus is worried that he will never be brave like his dad, a former high school football star who runs into burning buildings to rescue people. Cyrus would much rather join the band than play football, but he is afraid of disappointing his dad. When a stray dog is abandoned on the very same firehouse steps, Cyrus bonds with the pup instantly. Cyrus's connection to the abandoned dog leads him to skip football practice to volunteer at the animal shelter. When he is caught in a lie, he must come to terms with who he wants to be and what it truly means to be brave. This heartwarming and empowering story about standing up for what matters and being true to yourself is recommended for readers in grades 3-7.

Young Adult (YA) Fiction Book Review
Written By Jessica Wright White



Clap When You Land
By Elizabeth Acevedo

In *Clap When You Land*, Elizabeth Acevedo tells the story of two 16 year old sisters who are strangers until they learn of each other's existence when their father is killed in a plane crash. Inspired by the crash of American Airlines Flight 587 in 2001, the story is told in alternating chapters by Camino Rios, who lives in the Dominican Republic and Yahaira Rios, who lives in New York City. In the aftermath of the crash, they must each come to terms with their own grief, their father's secret, and their connection as sisters. This compelling novel in verse is recommended for readers in grades 9 & up.

What is ILL and how can I use it?

WE KNOW MANY OF OUR PATRONS HAVE SCRATCHED THEIR HEADS IN WONDER WHEN WE HAVE SAID
“WE DO NOT HAVE THAT BOOK, BUT WOULD YOU LIKE US TO ILL IT FOR YOU?” SO,
WHAT IS ILL?

INTERLIBRARY LOAN (ILL) IS A FREE SERVICE TO PATRONS THAT ALLOWS YOU TO BORROW BOOKS, MAGAZINES, AUDIOBOOKS AND DVDS FROM OTHER LIBRARIES IN THE COUNTY AND THE STATE.

SO, WHAT HAPPENS ONCE YOU ORDER THE BOOK?

ONCE THE BOOK HAS BEEN REQUESTED, THE PATRON ONLY NEEDS TO WAIT FOR THE NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL!

OUR FIRST STEP IS TO CHECK THE AVAILABILITY OF THE BOOK AT THE OTHER COUNTY LIBRARIES, LIKE SAYRE, BRADFORD COUNTY, OR MONROETON. WE ARE PART OF A NINE-MEMBER LIBRARY SYSTEM. IF WE DO FIND THE REQUESTED BOOK WITHIN THE COUNTY, THE LENDER LIBRARY PROCESSES THE PAPERWORK AND SENDS THE BOOK ON THE COUNTY VAN, WHICH RUNS DELIVERIES TWICE A WEEK, USUALLY ON MONDAY AND THURSDAY.

IF WE DO NOT FIND THE BOOK WITHIN THE COUNTY SYSTEM, WE THEN SEARCH FOR THE BOOK THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THE STATEWIDE DATABASE WE USE IS CALLED ACCESS PENNSYLVANIA. THE ACCESS PA STATEWIDE DATABASE OF RECORDS FROM PENNSYLVANIA'S PUBLIC LIBRARIES IS THE OLDEST SUCH DATABASE IN NORTH AMERICA. IT HAS PROVIDED THOUSANDS OF MATERIALS FOR OUR PATRONS.

ONCE THE REQUEST IS PLACED IN ACCESS PA, THERE IS A WAITING PERIOD FOR THE LENDING LIBRARY TO PROCESS AND MAIL OUT THE BOOK TO US. THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO DENY ANY REQUEST DUE TO THEIR OWN POLICIES. WE RECEIVE THESE BOOKS VIA THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SYSTEM SO MATERIALS ORDERED FROM THROUGHOUT THE STATE DO TAKE LONGER THAN BOOKS ARRIVING VIA THE COUNTY SYSTEM. THE LIBRARY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF RETURN SHIPPING FOR THE MAJORITY OF BOOKS THAT WE ORDER THROUGH THE STATE SYSTEM, SO WE ASK THAT YOU USE DISCRETION WITH THE BOOKS YOU REQUEST, AND ALSO DON'T FORGET TO COME AND GET THEM.

EACH LENDING LIBRARY MAY EXERCISE THE OPTION TO RECALL MATERIALS LOANED WITHIN THE ILL SYSTEM BASED UPON THEIR LOCAL NEEDS. IF THE MATERIAL IS RECALLED BEFORE YOUR LOCAL DUE DATE, WHICH SOMETIMES HAPPENS, WE ASK THAT YOU RESPECT THE NEEDS OF OUR LENDERS AND RETURN THE BOOK AS SOON AS YOU ARE ABLE TO. PLEASE BE ESPECIALLY CAREFUL WITH ITEMS WE HAVE BORROWED FOR YOU. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL LOSSES AND ANY DAMAGE DONE TO MATERIALS WE HAVE REQUESTED. ANY FEES WE MUST PAY DUE TO LOSS OR DAMAGE OF MATERIALS WILL BE PASSED ALONG TO THE RESPONSIBLE PATRON. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DOES NOT APPLY FOR ITEMS NOTED AS DAMAGED PRIOR TO CHECK OUT.

WE HOPE THAT THIS HAS EXPLAINED ILL AS A SERVICE THAT WE PROVIDE AND THAT SOME OF THE MYSTIQUE IS GONE. WE ENJOY HELPING YOU MAKE THE MOST OUT OF ALL THAT OUR WONDERFUL LOCAL AND STATE LIBRARY SYSTEMS HAVE TO OFFER, SO DON'T BE AFRAID TO LET US KNOW WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR. IF YOU DO HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW YOU CAN USE ILL PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US AT THE LIBRARY AT 570-888-7117 OR VIA EMAIL AT MCAMPBELL@SPALDINGLIBRARY.ORG

Spalding Memorial Library

January Grab & Go Storytime Crafts

Each bag contains crafts and coloring pages that relate to our January virtual storytime themes. Call the library at (570)888-7117 to reserve a bag for your child! If you need crayons and a gluestick or a scarf and beanbag to dance along with our storytime songs, just let us know!



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Snowmen



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Polar Bears



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Snowy Days



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Groundhog Day

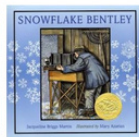
Winter Craft Kits



Call Spalding Memorial Library at (570)888-7117 to reserve a free craft kit for your child! Each craft kit contains the supplies to make a mitten suncatcher and a sparkly snowflake.

Snow STEM Kits

Design your own marshmallow snowflake, build a mini snowball fight catapult, and perform an exploding snowman experiment! Call Spalding Memorial Library at (570)888-7117 to reserve a free Snow STEM Kit for your child today!



Library Hours

**Mon-Thurs 12-3pm
and 4-7 pm**

Fri 12pm-3pm

Saturday 12pm-3pm



"Chill Out & Read" with Spalding Memorial Library! Read for 100 minutes to earn a winter prize bag (including slime!) Visit our website at www.spaldinglibrary.org and click on "Reading Programs" to register.

"If you only read the books that everyone else is reading, you can only think what everyone else is thinking." – Haruki Murakami