



# SIGHT & SOUND BITES



the newest items in CDs, DVDs, AUDIOBOOKS, and PLAYAWAYS



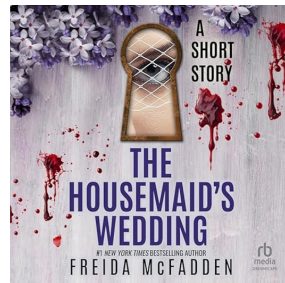
CD

**Wonder & Awe**  
Mercy Me



CD

**Snipe Hunter**  
Tyler Childers



Audiobook

**The Housemaid's  
Wedding**  
Freida McFadden



Audiobook

**Atmosphere**  
Taylor Jenkins Reid

## NEW DVDS



**Karate Kid:  
Legends**  
PG-13  
2025 ·  
Family/Action ·  
1h 34m



**Cooking with the  
Legends**  
TV Mini Series  
2009–



**The Boys**  
2019 · Drama ·  
4 seasons



**Neighborhood  
Watch**  
R  
2025 · 1h 33m



**The Accountant 2**  
R  
2025 ·  
Action/Thriller ·  
2h 12m



**A Good Girl's  
Guide to  
Murder**  
2024 · Thriller ·  
1 season

# THE LITERARY LION



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**INFORMING, ENRICHING, EMPOWERING**

## SEPTEMBER 2025



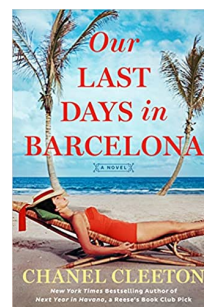
## BOOK OF THE MONTH



***Twice a Quinceañera* by Yamile Saied Méndez**

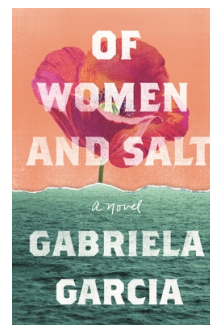
Nadia Palacio, an accomplished young woman, decides to throw herself a quinceañera for her 30th birthday after calling off her wedding to her cheating fiancé. Inspired by a magazine about self-celebration, she plans a treintañera, transforming her wedding venue into a celebration of her achievements. However, she unexpectedly reunites with her enticing college fling, complicating her plans. "Twice a Quinceañera" is a heartwarming tale about self-empowerment and second chances at love.

## READ ALIKES



***Our Last Days in Barcelona* by Chanel Cleeton**

In Chanel Cleeton's novel, Isabel Perez travels to Barcelona in 1964 to find her missing sister, Beatriz, uncovering a shocking family secret. Exiled from Cuba, Isabel teams up with an unexpected ally, becoming entangled in espionage. Meanwhile, in 1936, Alicia Perez arrives in Barcelona with her daughter Isabel, facing the turmoil of impending civil war and a haunting reunion with her past love. The intertwined stories of mother and daughter explore the conflict between family expectations and personal desires.



***Of Women and Salt* by Gabriela Garcia**

In present-day Miami, Jeanette struggles with addiction and seeks to understand her family history from her mother, Carmen, a Cuban immigrant. After taking in a neighbor's daughter detained by ICE, Jeanette embarks on a journey to Cuba to confront her grandmother and uncover family secrets. Gabriela Garcia's "Of Women and Salt" explores the personal and political betrayals that shape the lives of these women, reflecting on maternal choices, inherited memories, and the strength of those who share their stories despite adversity. It's a profound narrative about America's complex roots.



***Olga Dies Dreaming* by Xóchitl González**

In 2017, Olga and her brother Prieto are prominent figures in their Brooklyn neighborhood, with Prieto as a congressman and Olga as a wedding planner. However, their personal lives are tumultuous. Olga's search for love leads her to Matteo, prompting her to face family secrets tied to their mother, Blanca, who abandoned them for a radical cause. With Blanca's return coinciding with the devastation of Puerto Rico's hurricane, "Olga Dies Dreaming" explores themes of political corruption, family conflict, and the true meaning of the American dream amidst adversity.

## KPL'S ONLINE SERVICES



**Libby  
by Overdrive**



**Boundless  
by Baker & Taylor**



**Kanopy**



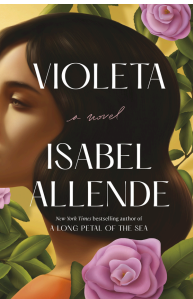


WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

- Library Card Sign-up Month
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Labor Day - Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> (Closed)



KPL SPOTLIGHT: HERITAGE CELEBRATION



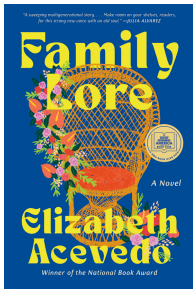
Violeta by Isabel Allende

The epic tale of Violeta del Valle spans a century, witnessing major 20th-century upheavals. Born in 1920 during a storm, Violeta's life is marked by significant events, including the aftermath of the Great War and the Spanish flu. Her family's resilience during the Great Depression leads them to a remote area where she matures and experiences love and heartbreak. Through letters to a beloved, Violeta recounts her life's journey, shaped by historical events like women's rights movements and two pandemics. Isabel Allende crafts a deeply emotional narrative of passion, determination, and humor in the face of adversity.



Last Seen in Havana by Teresa Dovalpage

A Cuban American woman, Mercedes Spivey, searches for her long-lost mother while restoring a beautiful Art Deco home in Havana. After her grandmother's illness prompts her return to Cuba in 2019, she hopes to uncover the mystery of her mother's disappearance. Parallely, a college student in 1986 falls for a Cuban soldier but finds that life in Havana is not as it seems. As Mercedes delves into her family's secrets, their intertwined stories unfold.



Family Lore by Elizabeth Acevedo

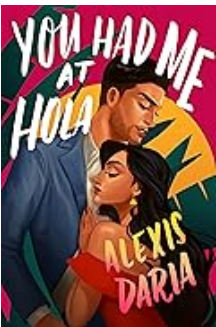
Flor has a unique ability to predict death, prompting her to organize a living wake to celebrate her life, leaving her sisters—Matilde, Pastora, and Camila—wondering about her motives. Each sister faces personal challenges: Matilde confronts her husband's infidelity, Pastora takes charge to solve family issues, and Camila seeks recognition. Meanwhile, cousins Ona and Yadi navigate their own struggles with love and motherhood. Spanning three days before the wake, \*Family Lore\* explores the Marte women's lives, blending their past and present across Santo Domingo and New York City, all conveyed through Elizabeth Acevedo's distinctive voice.

SERIES CHECKLIST: ALEXIS DARIA – PRIMAS OF POWER

1. You Had Me at Hola

2. A Lot Like Adios

3. Along Came Amor



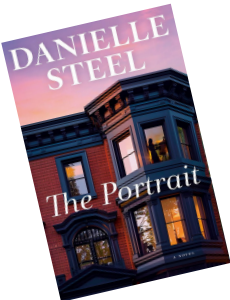
- Rich Family Dynamics: Every Rodriguez and Amato gathering feels like showing up at your own larger-than-life family party.
- Fierce, Relatable Heroines: Jasmine, Michelle, and Ava each navigate career goals and personal scars with humor and heart.
- Steamy Slow-Burn Romance: From slow-burn attraction to fiery confessions, Daria balances sizzling chemistry with real emotional stakes.
- Latinx Culture Front & Center: Authentic details on food, language, and family traditions weave through each love story, adding warmth and color.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH



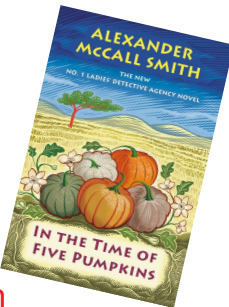
‘Having fun isn’t hard when you’ve got a library card.”  
~ Marc Brown

NEW BOOKS COMING OUT THIS MONTH



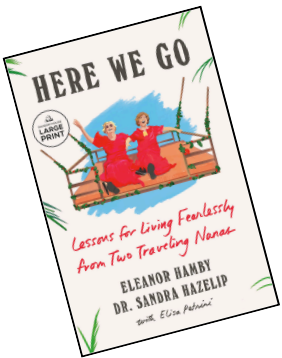
The Portrait by Danielle Steel

The Girl from Devil’s Lake by J. A. Jance  
Santa’s Holiday Spectacular by Fern Michaels  
The Hallmarked Man by Robert Galbraith  
Calder Strong by Janet Dailey  
107 Days by Kamala Harris

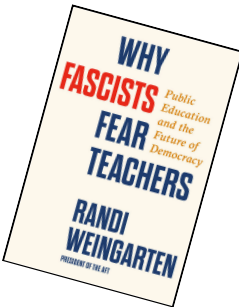


In the Time of Five Pumpkins by Alexander McCall Smith

The Iron Storm by Jack DuBrul & Clive Cussler  
A Sea Glass Christmas by Davis Bunn



Dark Horse by Felix Francis  
Lover Forbidden by J. R. Ward  
Still Bobbi by Bobbi Brown  
Here We Go by Eleanor Hamby



Shot Ready by Stephen Curry  
Ava Hunting by Kiki Swinson  
The Book of Sheen by Charlie Sheen  
Love at First Fright by Nadia El-fassi  
A Dark and Deadly by Julia Kelly

Why Fascists Fear Teachers by Randi Weingarten

KANKAKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKCLUBS

Tuesday Morning Book Club - September 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

In Five Years by Rebecc Serle

The Tuesday Morning Book Club meets to discuss a variety of books throughout the year on the second Tuesday of each month. Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor while we talk literature over coffee and tea. This is a free program. Bring your friends and come ready to chat about this month's book! Call the Adult Services department with further questions - 815.939.4564

Soul Collections - Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

A Spell of Good Things by Ayòbámi Adébáyò

Soul Collections meets to discuss both fiction and non-fiction books written by Black authors. Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor while we enjoy snacks and great conversation about this month's book. This is a free program and open to all! Call the Adult Services department with further questions - 815.939.4564