

# ANDOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

*Quarterly Newsletter*



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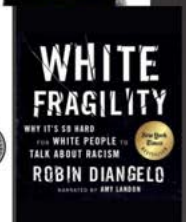
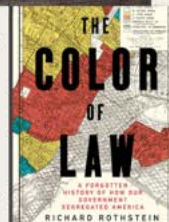
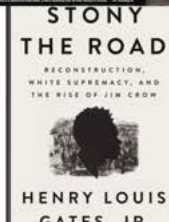
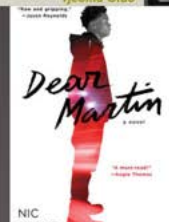
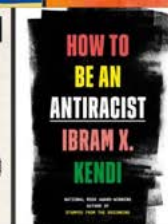
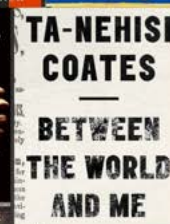
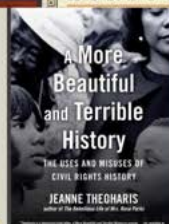
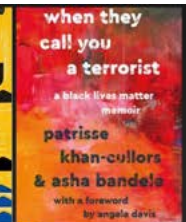
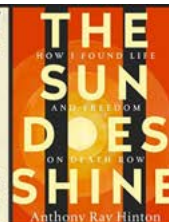
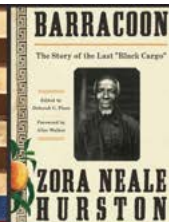
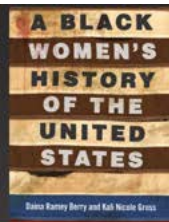
It's now even easier to find  
the cake pan, ECD, and  
board book you want!

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## DIGITAL ESCAPE ROOMS

*Two fun, new digital escape rooms made by APL librarians*  
These escape rooms are intended for all ages and may be completed individually or as a group.

A digital escape room follows the same concept as a physical escape room. It is a technical game comprised of a story and a set of puzzles that must be solved to "escape." Some puzzles are easily solved within the game and others will provide hints in the form of online links.

Want to play? Find links to both of our escape rooms below as well as on our website and Facebook page.



### Escape from Treasure Island

Sail the high seas, find buried treasure, and escape from pirates in this APL Digital Escape Room based off of Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson! Access the escape room [here](#).



### Rapunzel: Escape the Tower

Can you help free Rapunzel from the tower before the evil Enchantress returns? Rapunzel and the Prince can escape only with your help! Access the escape room [here](#).

## FACEBOOK LIVE STORY TIMES

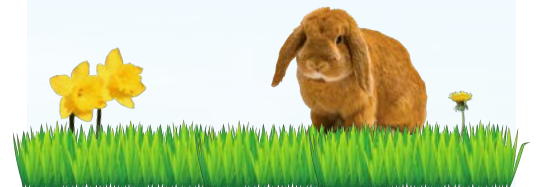
*Every Tuesday at  
10:00 am*

*Through July 28th*



*Join Ms. Jennifer  
every Tuesday  
until July 28th on  
the Andover  
Public Library  
Facebook page for  
live story times!*

*Stop by the  
Library  
afterwards to pick  
up a fun grab-  
and-go craft!*







# SUMMER READING GOES DIGITAL

## Beanstack

Participation this year is on our new tracking app: Beanstack. Download the "Beanstack Tracker" app by Zoobean from your smart device's app store. In the app, follow these steps to make an account:

- (1) Answer "Yup" to, *Does your school, library or Bookstore already use Beanstack?*
- (2) Search for Andover Public Library (KS).
- (3) Click on *Don't Have an Account? Sign Up!* and enter a username and password of your choice.
- (4) Add any readers in your family (each child will need to be added as a reader) and join challenges!

Even if you already use Beanstack with another library, you will need to register again to use it with APL.

You can use the Beanstack app or go to [this website](#) to register for all Summer Reading Challenges



## Challenges

This year, APL's Summer Reading Program is all digital! There are several options for readers of all ages:

- The *Summer Reading Challenge 2020* is our traditional summer reading challenge with prize books.
- The *Elementary Age Summer Reading Activity Challenge 2020* is a fun challenge for elementary aged readers. This challenge asks the participant to complete at least five challenges out of 12 to be automatically entered into a drawing at the end of the summer.
- The *Adult Summer Reading Challenge 2020* is a fun activity challenge for adult readers. Adult readers will read at least five books in different categories to be entered into a drawing at the end of the summer.

Our Summer Reading Program runs from June 1st through July 30th. The first badge (ticket) redemption for the *Summer Reading Challenge 2020* is on June 10th. No badges may be redeemed after July 31st.

# NEW SERVICES

## RBdigital

We are proud to introduce RBdigital as an addition to our eAudiobook services.

Our RBdigital catalog includes over 37,000 audiobooks with zero holds! That means many of your favorite titles and bestsellers are always available to you - no waiting required!

Download the RBdigital app via your devices App Store or access the catalog with your preferred web browser to listen online.

RBdigital can be accessed online [here](#).

A new version of the RBdigital app was released to the Apple app store on June 16. This new version will no longer support iOS versions 9 and 10. If you currently have the RBdigital app downloaded and use one of these operating systems, RBdigital will continue to operate. However, to upgrade your app with this new release and to use future versions of it, you will need to use iOS 11 or later.

Check out our website for how-to videos and articles on using RBdigital!

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## TumbleBookLibrary



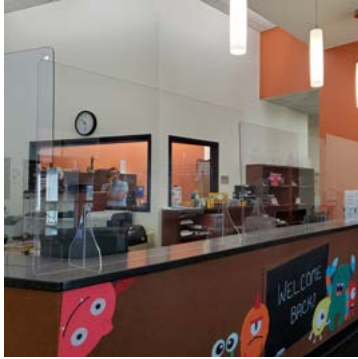
APL now has a subscription to TumbleBookLibrary! It's unlimited and it's FREE for you to use from home.

TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of e-books for children with a catalog of over 250 animated, talking picture books. TumbleBookLibrary also features Spanish and French books, read-along chapter books, non-fiction books, and exciting games and puzzles.

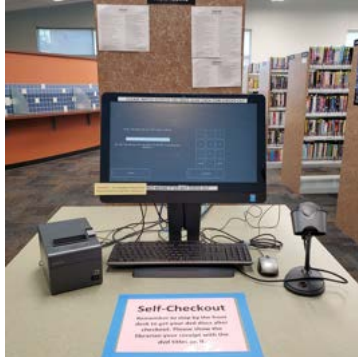
You can use your computer, tablet, or smartphone - all you need is an internet connection. There are no downloads: books are streamed right to your device at the click of a button.

Access APL's TumbleBookLibrary [here](#)!

# CHANGES AT APL



Protective barriers at the Circulation desk



Self-checkout is now located at the New Books shelf



Protective barriers at the passport desk and passports by appointment only



Self-serve copier now located in the magazine area



Cake pans and ECD books are now organized by letter! Look for the first letter of the cakepan or the author's last name for ECD books



Holiday board books are in the round display next to the picture books



Board books are now organized by the author's last name



Pick up your holds and return library materials in the lobby



# Book Reviews

## THE HAPPY EVER AFTER PLAYLIST

by Abby Jimenez



Two years after the death of her fiancé, Sloan Monroe is still struggling to regain a sense of normalcy amidst her grief. The basics of daily life are neglected and friendships are severed. It isn't until she meets the charming Jason Tucker that she begins to understand the mess she has allowed her life to become. Slowly, Jason helps her move beyond her past and find friendship and love again. But simply moving on isn't as easy as it appears.

In a romantic genre where writing is often propped up by hackneyed and shallow story lines, *The Happy Ever After Playlist* by Abby Jimenez stands apart. In addition to fully crafted characters, her story is a testament to the pain of grief and the struggle to heal. But most importantly, it maintains humor and realistic responses to change without being bogged down in emotional angst. It is the perfect balance between comedy, drama, and romance. Does the book have its occasional cliché moments? Of course. But then, what romance doesn't?

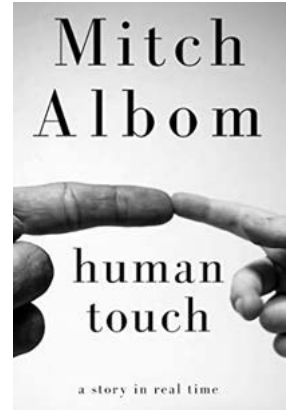
*The Happy Ever After Playlist* is highly recommended and can be read either as a standalone or as a sequel companion to Jimenez's *The Friend Zone*.

Review by Jackie Wilkerson, APL Circulation Librarian

## THE HUMAN TOUCH

By Mitch Albom

One of my favorite authors is Mitch Albom. When the coronavirus pandemic started Mitch Albom decided to write a real-time novel about hope. Each week he posted a chapter of the book.



I read an interview where he talked about the process of writing this book. Unlike published books, this book was unedited, there were no rewrites, it was just his words typed out and put online.

The book is about four families that share a single street corner. They have become close over the years and get together each weekend. One family is of Chinese descent and during the book, you see how hard it is for this family as criticism against their heritage arises. There is a doctor and his family. He faces many challenges as this virus progresses and eventually hits him personally. The town preacher struggles when he is notified to shut down his church. Will he follow his faith and put other lives in danger? The fourth family runs the local mill in town. His shelves are empty and supplies are hard to get. He and his wife deal with rude customers and rebellion in his own family. The housekeeper of one family is the mother of a very special little boy named Moses. Why has Moses never been sick? What secret is his mother hiding and why does she think he is the answer to healing the world?

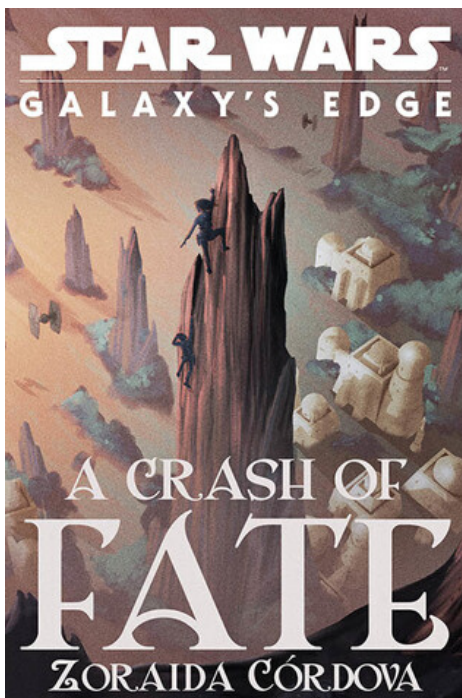
Mitch Albom wrote this book to provide a ray of hope and I believe he did that for me.

Review by Karyn Schemm, APL Assistant Director

# Book Reviews

## A CRASH OF FATE

by Zoraida Córdova



### An Audiobook Review

If you like Star Wars, but have never listened to a Star Wars audiobook, you should give one a try. They have very high production values. The sound effects are a wonderful addition.

*A Crash of Fate* is another fine Star Wars audio. The narration is excellent.

This story shifts back and forth between two characters who were good friends growing up but she moved off-world and he stayed behind. She finds herself back on the remote planet and in a jam and who does she meet, but her childhood best friend. Sparks fly...literally and figuratively. This is the most romance that I have seen, or rather heard, in a Star Wars book. It reminded me of some YA titles I have read. If you are into that sort of thing, great. If you aren't, well there just might be enough Star Wars to keep you happy.

Review by Tom Taylor, APL Director

## GIRL GONE VIRAL

by Alisha Rai

Former model and young widow, Katrina King, craves a low-profile life, but when she meets a cute guy at a coffee shop, she's suddenly viral on Twitter. Desperate to escape before the identity of #CuteCafeGirl is discovered, Katrina's



bodyguard Jas Singh whisks her away to his family's orchard. Will Katrina be able to keep her growing affection for Jas at bay? Will Jas' long-running family dispute get in the way? Will Katrina keep her identity secret?

I settled down with *Girl Gone Viral* thinking it would be a fluffy, sweet romance with little filler, but was I wrong -- *Girl Gone Viral* is so much more! This is the second in the Modern Love series by Alisha Rai, and while I haven't read the first book in the series, I don't think that affected my reading of *Girl Gone Viral*.

Both of the main characters struggle with mental health (depression, anxiety, and PTSD), and the discussions of therapy, how to support a friend that needs help, and complex family dynamics were handled well and with compassion. It's not often that I find a fiction book that addresses mental health in such an everyday, commonplace way. I'm encouraged to see the beginnings of the normalization of mental health and therapy in contemporary fiction.

The pacing of the romance was near perfect. I liked the slow burn and the will-they-or-won't-they drama. I did feel, however, the ending was rushed and would have liked a few more pages fleshing that out. Overall, I really enjoyed this quick read and will look for the first in the series.

Review by Sara McEachern, APL Support Librarian