

Voting For The Special Election:

Early voting is now underway for the Special Election to be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. This is for the Proposed Constitutional Amendment, and every registered voter in Virginia has the opportunity to vote. The question on the ballot as presented:



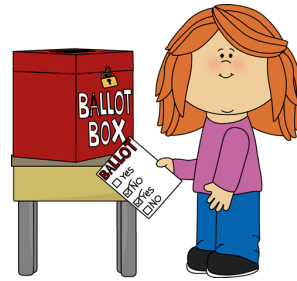
Proposed Constitutional Amendment:

Question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to temporarily adopt new congressional districts to restore fairness in the upcoming elections, while ensuring Virginia's standard redistricting process resumes for all future redistricting after the 2030 census?

The deadline to apply to "vote by mail" is April 10, and the deadline to register to vote is April 14.

Primary Elections will be held Tuesday, August 4, which has been changed from the original date in June.

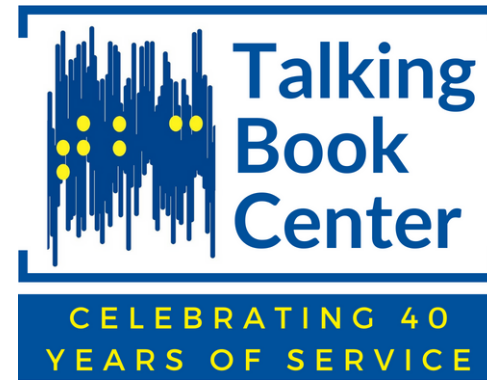
The 2026 General Election will be held November 3rd, and will include the election of U.S. Senator, U.S. House of Representatives, and local offices like city council or school board, depending on your local area.



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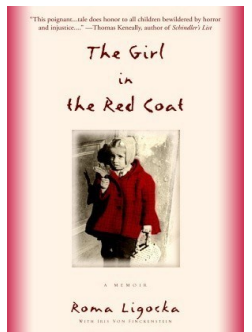
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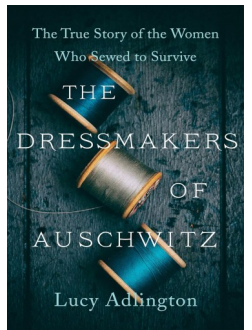
April 14 is Holocaust Remembrance Day:

DB133086 *The Girl in The Red Coat: A Memoir* by Roma Ligocka
The internationally bestselling memoir of survival and self-discovery by the woman whose childhood as the real-life girl in the red coat was so famously depicted in the film *Schindler's List*. 2003.



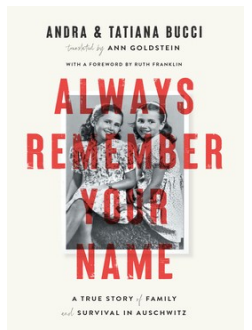
DB105643 *The Dressmakers of Auschwitz: The True Story Of The Women Who Sewed To Survive* by Lucy Adlington

Historian chronicles the lives of women who utilized their sewing skills to survive the holocaust while in captivity at the Auschwitz Birkenau concentration camp. The dressmakers labored within the death camp in a fashion workshop called the upper tailoring studio, producing garments for nazi women. Draws on multiple sources, including interviews with a surviving seamstress. 2021.



DB107981 *Always Remember Your Name: A True Story Of Family And Survival In Auschwitz* by Andra Bucci and Tatiana Bucci

A memoir of two sisters who survived Auschwitz and gives voice to the children we lost. 1944, six-year-old Tati and her four-year-old sister Andra were arrested, along with their mother, aunt, and cousin, and were deported to Auschwitz. An unforgettable narrative of the power of sisterhood in the most extreme circumstances, and of how a mother's love can overcome the most impossible odds, the Bucci sisters' memoir is a timely reminder that separating families is an inexcusable evil. 2018.



Staunton Parks & Recreation will be hosting their annual Senior Health Expo on April 17 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Gypsy Hill Park gym. Attendees at this free event will wind their way through booths specially designed to promote the health and well-being of seniors. The Talking Book Center will be hosting a table, so stop by and say hello!

Patron Recommendations:

DB131887 Theo Of Golden by Allen Levi

Questions linger about Theo, a pleasant but mysterious stranger, after his arrival in the southern city of Golden. Who is he, and why is he here? He arrives early one spring and visits a coffee shop where 92 framed pencil portraits are on display. Inspired, Theo sets out on a mission of purchasing all the portraits one at a time and quietly bestowing them on their 'rightful owners.' Stories are told; friendships are born; and lives are changed. It's a beautifully crafted story about the importance of wonder to a purposeful life. 2023.

New and Popular Books on BARD:

DB100166 Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell (historical fiction)

DB134328 The Invisible Woman by James Patterson (suspense)

DB103718 Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir (sci-fi)

DB134744 Found Money by James Grippando (suspense)

DB134470 Dead Med by Freida McFadden (suspense)

DB134783 Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Revenge; Jason Bourne 22 by Brian Freeman

DB134749 Private Rome: A Murdered Priest: Private 18 by James Patterson (mystery)

DB133346 Unexpected Amish Protectors; Amish Of Prince Edward Island 04
by Jo Ann Brown (religious romance)

DB133900 Designed With Love; Hope Of Cheyenne 02 by Tracie Peterson (religious fic.)

DB134374 Traveling Light: Releasing The Burdens You Were Never Intended To Bear
by Max Lucado (religion)

DB132461 What Is Christianity? The Last Writings by Pope Benedict (religion)

DB130052 Mark Twain by Ron Chernow (biography)

DBC34483 Broliology: A History Of The Umbrella In Life And Literature
by Marion Rankine (humor)

DB132091 Martha: The Cookbook: 100 Favorite Recipes, With Lessons And Stories
From My Kitchen by Martha Stewart (cooking)

DB134330 The Plaza: The Secret Life Of America's Most Famous Hotel by Julie Satow

DB131873 The Cowboy And The Senorita: A Biography Of Roy Rogers And Dale Evans
by Howard Kazanjian and Chris Enss (biography)

DB133911 Under Siege: My Family's Fight To Save Our Nation by Eric Trump (bio)



Westerns and Pioneer Tales:

DB107555 One For The Blackbird, One For The Crow by Olivia Hawker
Wyoming, 1876. The Bemis and Webber families have relied on each other to survive on the frontier. But then Ernest Bemis finds his wife, Cora, in a compromising situation with their neighbor. In one impulsive moment, a man is dead, Ernest is off to prison, and the women left behind are divided by rage and remorse. 2019.

DB101802 The Children's Blizzard by Melanie Benjamin
1888. Sisters Raina and Gerda Olsen work as teachers in the Dakota Territory. When a surprise blizzard strikes as school is letting out for the day, they must decide the fate of their students. Newspaperman Gavin Woodson covers stories of the survivors. 2021.

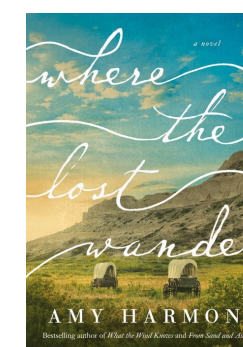
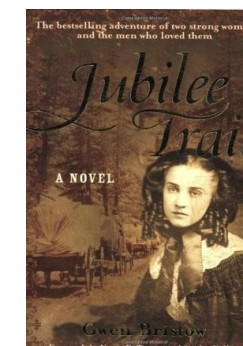
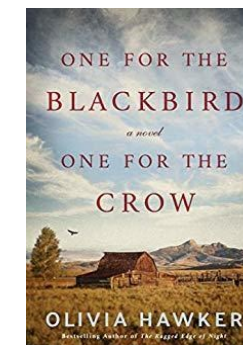
DB33721 Jubilee Trail by Gwen Bristow
When Garnet Cameron graduates from a young ladies' academy in New York in 1844, she is considered the perfect example of a genteel young woman. She has several offers of marriage, but not until Oliver Hale comes to town does Garnet accept a proposal. Even though it means a trip to California over the Jubilee Trail. But the hardships of the journey are almost too much for Garnet, especially when she becomes a pregnant widow. 1950.

DB100353 Where The Lost Wander by Amy Harmon
The Overland Trail, 1853. Eager to leave her grief behind, young widow Naomi May sets off with her family for a life out West. On the trail, she forms an instant connection with John Lowry, a half-Pawnee man straddling two worlds. 2020.

DBC20524 Lone Star Brides: Three Novels by Tracie Peterson
In the 1890s, three women with secrets hope to find a home for their hearts. Includes "A Sensible Arrangement", "A Moment In Time", and "A Matter Of Heart". 2015.

DB28290 Sundown by Michael Zimmer
Luke Howard becomes involved with gold prospectors and nesters seeking farm land. His troubleshooting work is complicated by a conscience and a developing romance. 2018.

DB82587 Oregon Trail: A New American Journey by Rinker Buck (NF)
Journalist Rinker Buck not only describes the historical Oregon Trail but also recreates the westward journey himself. Over the course of four months, Buck and his brother travel the route by wagon, and Buck recounts their adventure. 2015.



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DB109066 *The Drop Edge Of Yonder* by Rudolph Wurlitzer
Beginning in the savage wilds of Colorado in the waning days of the fur trade, the story follows Zebulon Shook, a mountain man who has a curse placed on him by a mysterious Native American woman whose lover he murdered. Zebulon sets out on the trail from Colorado, venturing to the remote reaches of the Northwest, a journey that traverses the Gulf of Mexico to Panama, and to San Francisco and the gold fields, bringing him face-to-face with mystics and outlaws, politically-minded prison wardens and Russian Counts. 2008.

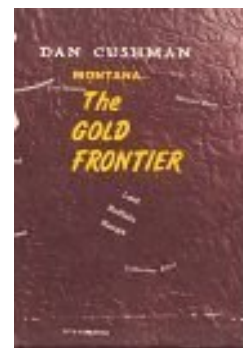
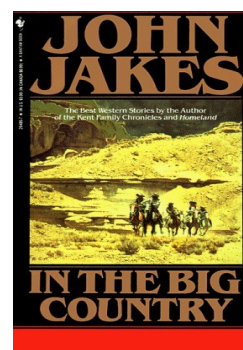
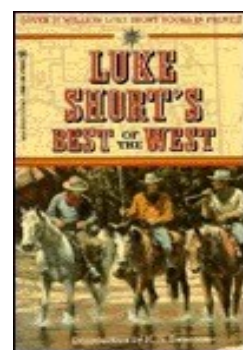
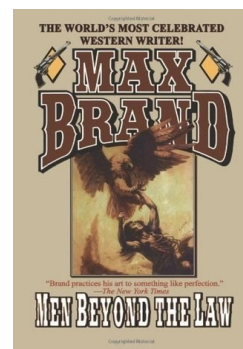
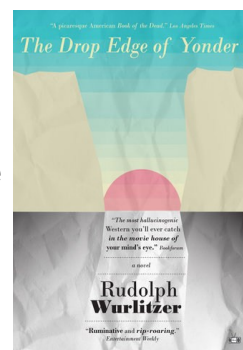
DB49047 *Men Beyond The Law* by Max Brand
A collection of three western stories originally published in the 1920s. "The Werewolf" has a spiritual element; "The Finding of Jeremy" deals with a young New Yorker seeking his fortune in the West; and "The Trail Up Old Arrowhead: A Bull Hunter Story" tells about a gentle giant.

DB21170 *Luke Short's Best of the West* by Luke Short
Short stories set in the American West of the nineteenth century. Includes the gallant men and women struggling to survive there, from the heroic town doctor to the small-time sheriff who faces the dangers of the frontier and the gun-wielding outlaws. 1983.

DB33778 *Best Western Stories Of John Jakes* by John Jakes
Included in this collection are recent efforts as well as entries first published in western pulp magazines in the 1950s. The subject matter varies, ranging from the romance between two middle-aged gamblers to a small town's hatred for a German-American family.

DB96590 *Savage Texas, Books 1-3* by William W. Johnstone
The first three books in the series, published between 2011 and 2013. In "Savage Texas", a former Yankee soldier and a gun for hire find themselves on opposite sides of the law in a town called Hangtree. Also includes "A Good Day to Die" and "The Stampeders". 2013.

DBC14127 *Montana: The Gold Frontier* by Dan Cushman (nonfiction)
The in-depth history of Montana's gold explorations; which includes wild frontier days of hardship and sudden fortune. Many interesting facts are revealed, including; Montana miners in two years dug the longest tunnel in the world; there were no placer mining millionaires; how gold was doctored to raise its price, and many more. 1992.



Color Titles: Yellow:

DB34784 *Yellow Bird; Charlie "Doc" Adams 07* by Rick Boyer (mystery)
While Doc Adams and his wife are visiting at the house of Doc's old classmate, they hear a gunshot coming from a politician's vacant home. When the victim turns out to be their friend George Brenner, the Adamses begin to suspect that their presence at the site was no coincidence. Doc and his brother-in-law, a policeman, investigate George's apparent double life. 1991.

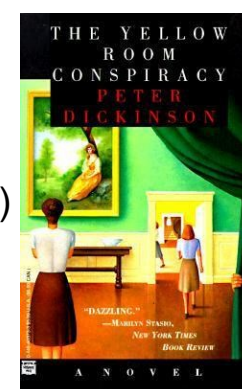
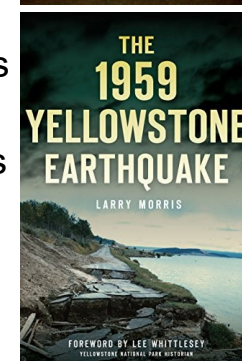
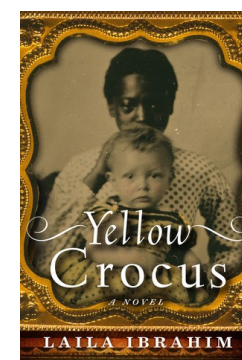
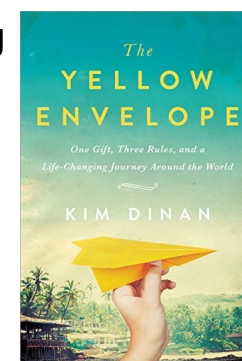
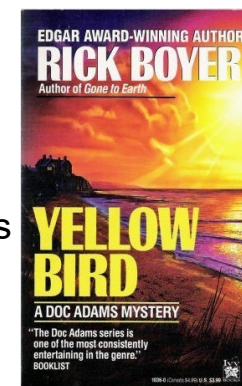
DB88662 *Yellow Envelope: One Gift, Three Rules, And A Life-Changing Journey Around The World* by Kim Dinan (travel)
As the author and her husband prepare to leave Portland to travel the world, a former boss provides them with a gift of money to give away, with three rules: don't overthink it, share your experiences, and don't feel pressured to give it all away. Shares life-changes and challenges. 2017.

DB84853 *Yellow Crocus* by Laila Ibrahim (historical fiction)
1837. Mattie, a young slave, has her infant son taken away from her in order for her to become the wet nurse to her master's newborn daughter, Lisbeth. They each imagine a different future. 2014.

DB115861 *1959 Yellowstone Earthquake* by Larry E. Morris (history)
August 17, 1959, a magnitude 7.5 earthquake rocked Montana's Yellowstone country. In an instant, an entire mountainside fractured and thundered down onto the sites of unsuspecting campers. More than two hundred vacationers trapped in the canyon feared the dam upstream would burst. As debris and flooding overwhelmed the river, injured victims frantically searched the darkness for friends and family. Historian Larry Morris tells the saga of the survivors, the first responders and the families who waited days and weeks for word of their missing loved ones. 2016.

DB41013 *Yellow Room Conspiracy* by Peter Dickinson (mystery)
Now that she is dying, Lucy Vereker has two requests of her longtime lover and friend, Paul Ackerley. One is to marry her, and the other is to explain how he killed Gerry Grantworth thirty-six years ago. Paul is shocked--he had always assumed that Lucy killed Gerry. They each agree to tell their side of the story. 1994.

DB63931 *Half A Yellow Sun* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (hist. fiction)
As the Biafran war erupts in 1960s Nigeria, three people are caught up in the turbulence: a thirteen-year-old houseboy, Ugwu; his master's mistress, Olanna; and Richard, a shy young Englishman. Their loyalties are tested while they flee from advancing Nigerian troops. 2006.



Pulitzer Prize Winners From The 1950s:

DB38655 The Town by Conrad Richter (historical fiction)

Pioneer Sayward Wheeler and her husband move from the old log cabin in the Ohio wilderness into a mansion, and one at a time each of their children moves out. 1950.

DB31442 The Caine Mutiny by Herman Wouk (war fiction)

During World War II, the crew of the Caine mutinies against Captain Queeg, accusing him of incompetence. The novel reaches its climax during the court-martial when they must prove their charges. 1951.

DB72116 The Old Man And The Sea by Ernest Hemingway (classic)

Classic tale of the old Cuban fisherman Santiago and his days-long struggle with a magnificent marlin on open water in a frail skiff. 1952.

DB42248 A Fable by William Faulkner (historical fiction)

In rhetoric that denounces war, the novel presents a parallel between the false armistice in France in 1918 and the Passion Week. A French corporal and his twelve followers bring action at the front to a standstill as they spread the gospel of the brotherhood of humankind. 1955.

DB25241 Andersonville by MacKinlay Kantor (war fiction)

Brooding, vivid chronicle of man's tragic inhumanity to man, based on events taking place in and around Georgia's Andersonville prison during the Civil War. The prison has been built on the land of humane planter Ira Claffey; together with his daughter he witnesses the misery, despair, heartache, and brutality of a wartime prison. 1955.

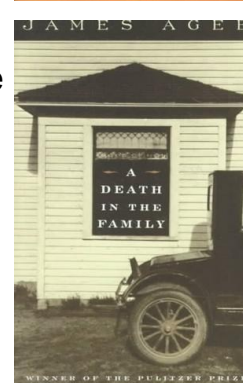
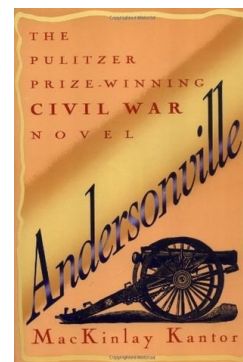
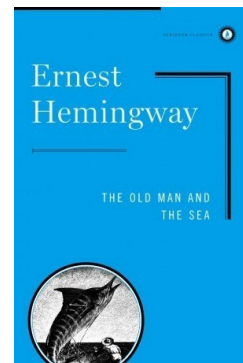
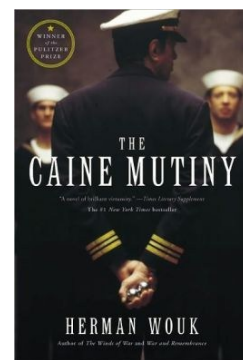
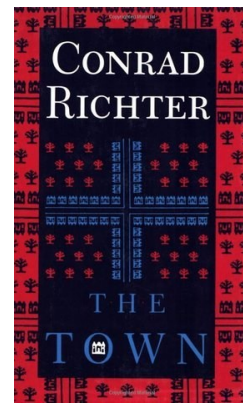
DB55669 A Death In The Family by James Agee (fiction)

A modern classic about the impact of tragedy on a close-knit family in Knoxville, Tennessee, in the early twentieth century. The story begins a few hours before the death of Jay Follet and ends on the day of his funeral. 1957.

DB37773 The Travels Of Jaimie McPheeters by Robert Lewis Taylor
In 1849 Dr. Sardius McPheeters decides to escape to California to strike it rich mining gold. Fourteen-year-old Jaimie is allowed a year off from school to accompany his father. But almost at once the hapless doctor must write to his wife that Jaimie is lost and possible dead. In fact, Jaimie is captured by murderers in the first of his many adventures. 1958.

DB54500 Selected Poems by Carl Sandburg (poetry)

Representative poems selected from the published collections of American poet, Carl Sandburg (1878-1967). Contains most of the Chicago Poems published in 1916, including the "groundbreaking" poems first published in Poetry. 1951.



Pulitzer Prize Winners From The 1950s:

DB42159 The Spirit Of St. Louis by Charles Lindbergh (memoir)

Personal account of the famous first solo nonstop flight to Paris. The saga begins in 1926 when Lindbergh was a pilot on the St. Louis-Chicago mail route, traces his struggle to get financial backers and to acquire the plane of his dreams, and details the historic thirty-three-and-one-half-hour flight in the Spirit of St. Louis. 1954.

DB58855 Profiles In Courage by John F. Kennedy (memoir)

Biographical sketches of historic statesmen who demonstrated great political courage at crucial moments in U.S. history. Includes John Quincy Adams, Daniel Webster, and others. Written by then-senator Kennedy while convalescing from the effects of war wounds. 1955.

DB40526 Behind The Times: Inside The New York Times

by Edwin Diamond (journalism biography)

A Times insider assesses the public performance and the daily life of the newspaper over twenty years. This columnist laments some changes, such as a perceived decline in hard news and increase in tabloid-variety stories, the addition of color to the traditional black and white pages, composition of the bestseller list, decisions about political endorsements, and the efforts to ensure diversity on its staff. 1994.

*The entire staff of the New York Times was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting in 1958.



DB83826 Jonas Salk: A Life by Charlotte DeCroes Jacobs
Stanford professor examines the research of the doctor who developed the polio vaccine. Salk (1914-1995), who also worked on flu and AIDS vaccines and multiple sclerosis treatment, was looked down upon by many in the scientific community because of his celebrity. 2015

*Tom Little won the Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Cartooning in 1956 for "Wonder Why My Parents Didn't Give Me Salk Shots?"

DB99595 The Last Voyage Of The Andrea Doria: The Sinking Of The World's Most Glamorous Ship
by Greg King

An account of the sinking of famed Italian ocean liner Andrea Doria after being struck by a Swedish vessel. The author also profiles the passengers and recounts how, unlike with the Titanic, audiences watched this event play out in real time through radio and television. 2020. *Harry A Trask won the Pulitzer Prize in Photography in 1957.

