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Staff members of the Benson Public Library share some of their favorite books...

Recommended by Peggy:

Reacher is back!

***A Wanted Man* by Lee Child**

A new masterpiece of suspense



Four people in a car, hoping to make Chicago by morning. One man driving, eyes on the road. Another man next to him, telling stories that don't add up. A woman in the back, silent and worried. And next to her, a huge man with a broken nose, hitching a ride east to Virginia.

An hour behind them, a man lies stabbed to death in an old pumping station. He was seen going in with two others, but he never came out. He has been executed, the knife work professional, the killers vanished. Within minutes, the police are notified. Within hours, the FBI descends, laying claim to the victim without ever saying who he was or why he was there.

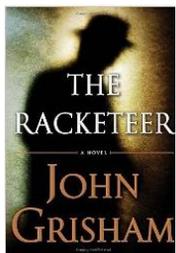
All Reacher wanted was a ride to Virginia. All he did was stick out his thumb. But he soon discovers he has hitched more than a ride. He has tied himself to a massive conspiracy that makes him a threat, to both sides at once.

In Lee Child's white-hot thriller, nothing is what it seems, and nobody is telling the truth. As the tension rises, the twists come fast and furious, keeping readers guessing and gasping until the explosive finale.

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Recommended by Kelli:

The Racketeer by John Grisham



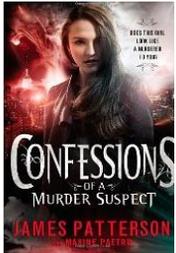
Given the importance of what they do, and the controversies that often surround them, and the violent people they sometimes confront, it is remarkable that in the history of this country only four active federal judges have been murdered. Judge Raymond Fawcett has just become number five. Who is the Racketeer? And what does he have to do with the judge's untimely demise? His name, for the moment, is Malcolm Bannister. Job status? Former attorney. Current residence? The Federal Prison Camp near Frostburg, Maryland. On paper, Malcolm's situation isn't looking too good these days, but he's got an ace up his sleeve. He knows who killed Judge Fawcett, and he knows why. The judge's body was found in his remote lakeside cabin. There was no forced entry, no struggle, just two dead bodies: Judge Fawcett and his young secretary. And one large, state-of-the-art, extremely secure safe, opened and emptied. What was in the safe? The FBI would love to know. And Malcolm Bannister would love to tell them. But everything has a price, specially information as explosive as the sequence of events that led to Judge Fawcett's death. And the Racketeer wasn't born yesterday . . . Nothing is as it seems and everything's fair game in this wickedly clever new novel from John Grisham, the undisputed master of the legal thriller.

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Recommended by Kelli:

Confessions of a Murder Suspect

By James Patterson and Maxine Paetro



On the night Malcolm and Maud Angel are murdered, Tandy Angel knows just three things: 1) She was the last person to see her parents alive. 2) The police have no suspects besides Tandy and her three siblings. 3) She can't trust anyone--maybe not even herself. Having grown up under Malcolm and Maud's intense perfectionist demands, no child comes away undamaged. Tandy decides that she will have to clear the family name, but digging deeper into her powerful parents' affairs is a dangerous-and revealing-game. Who knows what the Angels are truly capable of?

Recommended by Megan:

The Complete Book of Activities, Games, Stories, Props, Recipes and Dances for Young Children **By Pam Schiller, Jackie Silberg**



The Complete Book of Activities, Games, Stories, Props, Recipes, and Dances for Young Children, is a Valuable resource if you are a teacher, daycare worker, or just like to have a lot of fun with young children. There are action stories, fables, folktales, rhymes, puppet stories, listening stories, games, craft projects, recipes, dances, activities, and more. There are old favorites, new favorites, and everything in between..

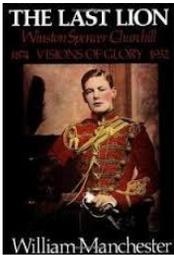
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Recommended by Andrew:

The Last Lion: Winston Spencer Churchill: Visions of Glory 1874-1932 V1

by William Manchester

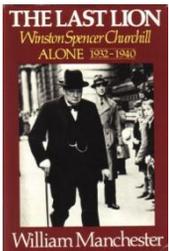
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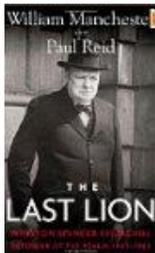
William Manchester met Winston Churchill on January 24, 1953. Their encounter on the *Queen Mary* sparked an intense curiosity in Manchester that would eventually result in his classic three volume *magnum opus* *The Last Lion*.

In this, the first volume, we follow Churchill from his birth to 1932, when he began to warn against the remilitarization of Germany. Born of a lovely, wanton American mother and a gifted but unstable son of a duke, his childhood was one of wretched neglect. He sought glory on the battlefields of Cuba, Sudan, India, South Africa and the trenches of France. In Parliament he was the prime force behind the creation of Iraq and Jordan, laid the groundwork for the birth of Israel, and negotiated the independence of the Irish Free State. Yet, as Chancellor of the Exchequer he plunged England into economic crisis, and his fruitless attempt to suppress Gandhi's quest for Indian independence brought political chaos to Britain.



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Throughout, Churchill learned the lessons that would prepare him for the storm to come, and as the 1930's began, he readied himself for the coming battle against Nazism--an evil the world had never before seen.

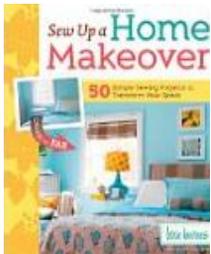


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Recommended by Vicky:

***Sew Up a Home Makeover* by Lexie Barnes**



Want to bring a new look to a tired room without spending a fortune? Designer Lexie Barnes shows you how to personalize your living space in just a few hours, with 50 fresh, fun, pattern-free sewing projects. Transform a living room with a custom-designed slipcover and coordinated pillows. Redecorate a bedroom in a weekend by sewing up a headboard cover, a lampshade, and matching window treatments. Learn how easy and inexpensive it can be to change the look of a child's room as she grows from a baby to a kid to a teenager.

Beautiful fabrics and basic sewing skills elevate any room from tired to inspired in just a few hours. These 50 projects are inexpensive to make and easily customized to suit your taste and furniture proportions. Simple instructions and complete material lists will have you making everything from pillows and slipcovers for your sofa to lampshades and colorful art for your walls.

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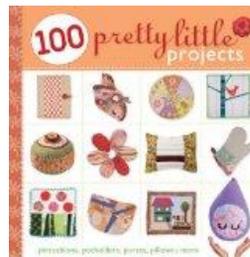
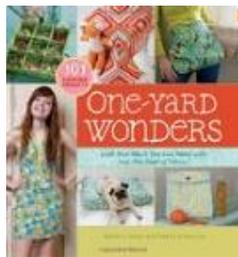
Recommended by Ann:

Whether you are a professional seamstress, art and crafter, or just love to collect fabric these two books are full of ideas.

***100 Pretty Little Projects* by Lark Crafts**

***One yard Wonders* by Rebecca Yaker and Patricia Hoskins**

Full of colorful photos, diagrams and patterns for those projects you've been waiting to make or those gifts you've been waiting to give. With a little time and a yard of fabric (or less) you can be creative, crafty, frugal and clean out that fabric stash all at the same time!



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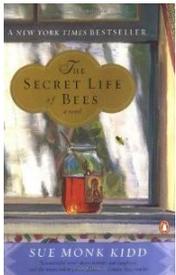
**Members of the Benson Friends of the Library
share some of their favorite books...**

Recommended by June Jacobson



The Secret Life of Bees

By Sue Monk Kidd



Set in the American South in 1964, the year of the Civil Rights Act and intensifying racial unrest, Sue Monk Kidd's, *The Secret Life of Bees* is a powerful story of coming of age, of the ability of love to transform our lives and often the unacknowledged longing for the universal feminine divine. Addressing the wounds of loss, betrayal and the scarcity of love, the author demonstrates the power of women coming together to heal those wounds, to mother each other and to create a sanctuary of true family and home.

Captured by the voice of this Southern adolescent, one becomes enveloped in the hot South Carolina Summer and one of the most tumultuous times the country has ever seen. A story of mothers lost and found, love, conviction, and forgiveness, the novel boldly explores life's wounds and reveals the deeper meaning of home and the redemptive simplicity of "choosing what matters".

The characters in this book are so true to life, the reader feels the emotions and relationships as if they knew them personally. The relationship to their bees is another interesting aside which I found very interesting. Although, the author has written 2 prior non-fiction books, this is her first attempt at fiction and I am looking forward to more from her in the future.