



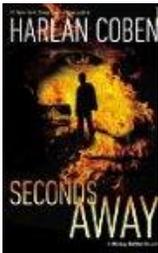
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STAFF PICKS

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

Recommended by Peggy:

Seconds Away by Harlan Coben



This action-packed second book in international bestseller Harlan Coben's Mickey Bolitar young adult series follows Mickey as he continues to hunt for clues about the Abeona Shelter and the mysterious death of his father, all while trying to navigate the challenges of a new high school.

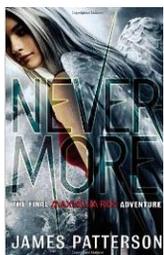
When tragedy strikes close to home, Mickey and his loyal new friends, sharp, witted Ema and the adorably charming Spoon, find themselves at the center of a terrifying mystery involving the shooting of their classmate Rachel. Now, not only does Mickey need to keep himself and his friends safe from the Butcher of Lodz, but he needs to figure out who shot Rachel, no matter what it takes.

Mickey Bolitar is as quick-witted and clever as his uncle Myron, but with danger just seconds away, it is going to take all of his determination and help from his friends to protect the people he loves, even if he does not know who, or what, he is protecting them from.

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Recommended by Kelli:

Nevermore by James Patterson



Maximum Ride and her faithful friends stand ready to face the two greatest threats that humankind has ever known, now combining forces in an unbeatable plot to destroy life as we know it once and for all. And this time, the enemy truly *can't be stopped*.

The danger mounts just as Dylan has finally worked his way into Max's heart, and just as her beloved Fang unexpectedly returns to the flock. An explosive confrontation between the two boys with a claim to Max's heart ensues, and the entire world hangs in the balance.

Recommended by Vicky:

The hidden Truth of Your Name

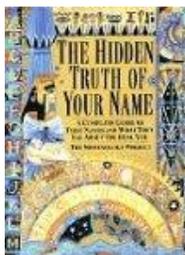
The complete guide to first names and what they say about the real you.

From the secret wisdom of Kabbalah, the Runes and numerology.

A guide to unlocking the hidden power of your name. Your name is not only your calling card, it also may determine how your life will unfold.

Mystics have studied the energies associated with names for centuries. This is the first book to synthesize their findings into one resource.

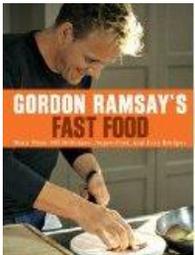
Created by a team of specialists, this reference guides you through the illuminating intricacies of three ancient systems of divination.



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Recommended by Andrew:

Gordon Ramsay's Fast Food



Everyone needs quick, healthy, and delicious recipes for feeding a family, and no one's better at providing them than Gordon Ramsay, the three star Michelin chef famous for his no-nonsense cooking.

Here he serves up a feast of doable ideas: more than 100 recipes and 15 great menus for putting food on the table each and every day. Many of the dishes take only 15 minutes to prepare and cook; none takes longer than half an hour, and you can put together an entire meal in only 30/45 minutes. Ramsay also offers time saving shortcuts, plus info on how to stock your pantry.

My Personal favorite is Chunky Fries, crumbed fish and mushy peas or as us Brits would say “**Fish & Chips with Mushy Peas**” followed by Tiramisu, all to die for!

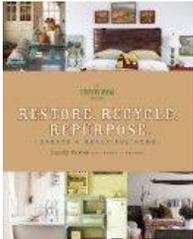
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Recommended by Ann:

If you like to save money, recycle and have fun shopping at Flea and Thrift Stores, then take a look at these two books:



- ***Flea Market Chic***



- ***Restore - Recycle - Repurpose***

Both are full of great decorating ideas. You'll learn how to repurpose things you already own and how to discover that second hand item that can be turned a one of a kind showpiece.

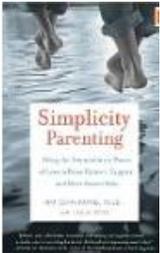
If you like to save money, help the environment and think outside of the box then you won't be disappointed in these two selections

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Recommended by Megan:

Simplicity Parenting: using the Extraordinary Power of Less to Raise Calmer, Happier, and more secure Kids

Author: John Payne, Author: Lisa M. Ross

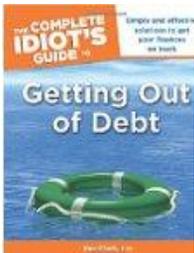


Simplicity Parenting explains how children are being overloaded with stimulation. How you can simplify your life creating a environment that will help your child succeed.

- Reduce toys, books, clutter, as well as sounds, and to much sensory overload.
- Create Rhythms and Rituals to daily tensions, battle free mealtime and bedtime.
- Schedule a BREAK in the schedule, have intervals of calm and connection.
- Scale back on media, manage "screen time" to limit the endless overload of information and stimulation.

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Getting Out of Debt

Author: Ken Clark



This practical guide helps you understand debt. Your mindset and how you got into it and some very successful ways to get out of it. We all know the formula – but once you are in debt....you have to Pay more than your minimum balance, and stop spending. I also learned so much more: budgeting-ways to get your partner to follow one too, bankruptcy-how and for how long it can affect your credit, guarding against identity theft, avoiding scams and rip-offs, and tools to stay out of debt.

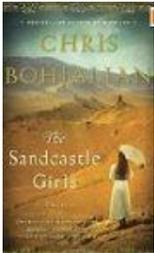
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Recommended by Patricia Doolan



The Sandcastle Girls by Chris Bohjalian



This spellbinding story travels between Aleppo, Syria in 1951 and Bronxville, NY in 2012. This historical love story is steeped in Mr. Bohjalian's Armenian heritage and is considered his most personal novel to date.

Elizabeth Endicott leaves for Syria with a diploma from Mount Holyoke College, a crash course in nursing and only a basic understanding of the Armenian language. It is WWI and Elizabeth has volunteered on behalf of the Boston-based Friends of Armenia to deliver food and medical aid to refugees from the Armenian genocide.

Flash forward to the present where we meet Laura Petrosian, a novelist living in suburban New York. Laura has not really given her Armenian heritage much thought until an old friend claims to have seen her grandmother's picture in a paper promoting an exhibit in Boston. Laura begins a journey that will reveal love, loss and a wrenching secret that has been buried for generations.