

Welcome to the
Circle of Friends

**SUMMER READING
STARTS NEXT MONTH!**



The busy winter months in the Keys may be over, but we're not slowing down over here at the BPK Library! We're gearing up for all the fun of summer reading kicking off just next month! When school is out, summer reading is IN! Our amazingly creative library staff here at the BPK Library is ready for all our Lower Keys kids to read from Coast to Coast and from Cover to Cover. So amid all the fun of vacations and camps, kids can also engage with fun reading incentives, crafts and events in the cool library AC throughout the heat of our Lower Keys summer! Get ready to read!

Supporting the summer reading program is one of the highlights of the year for the Friends of the BPK Library! We love providing fun perks and prizes to encourage our local kids to keep reading and exploring all summer. Every used book purchased and every membership registered contributes directly to our BPK Library! Thank you from coast to coast and cover to cover!

****Summer Reading Program Preview****

June Events

Summer Reading Kickoff!: Monday, June 1st all day from 8-5! Get your bags and your swag and get ready to read!

Do Art!: Monday, June 1st from 10-11am: Do Art!

Productions is back to kick off our creative and animated summer fun!

Composting workshop: Thursday, June 4th from 10:30-11:30. Learn all about ways to turn food scraps into soil!

Sea Turtles with Nature Nancy: Friday, June 12th from 11-12. Come learn all about baby sea turtles!

Miss Patty's Sing-Along!: Thursday, June 18th from 2-3: Come sing and dance the afternoon away with us!

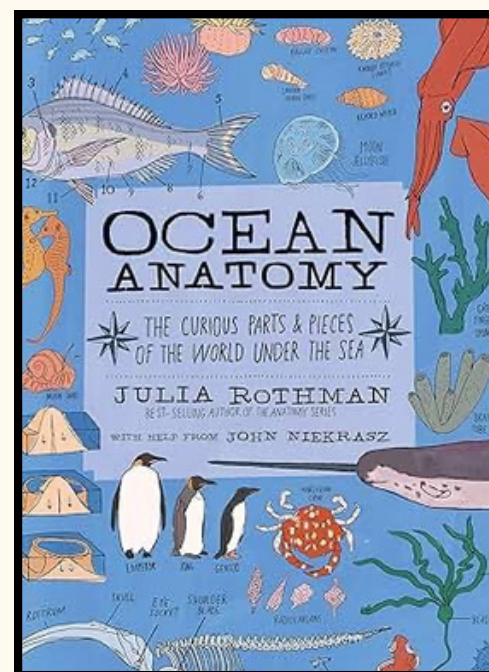
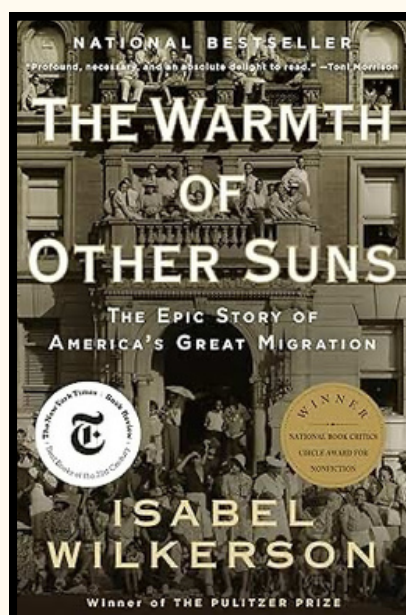
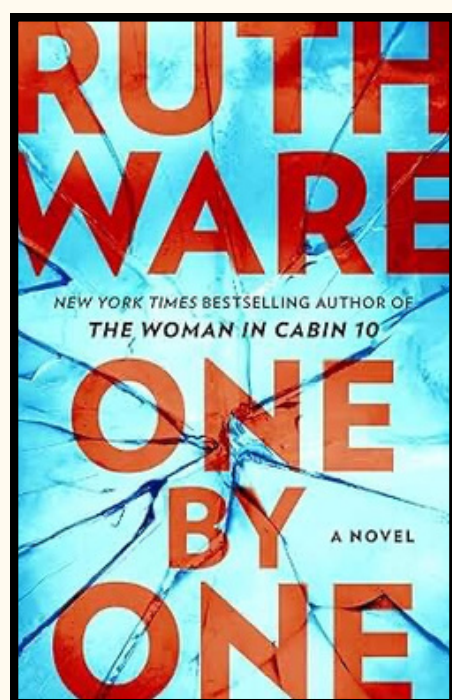
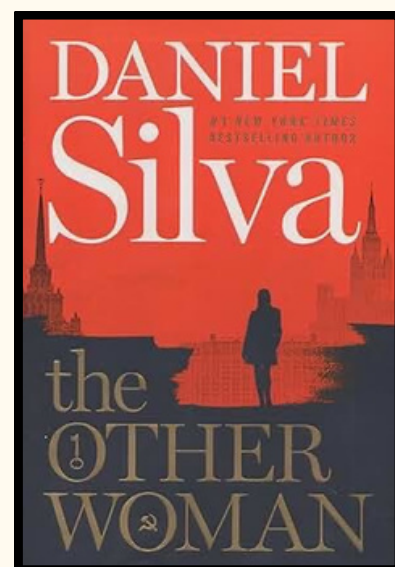
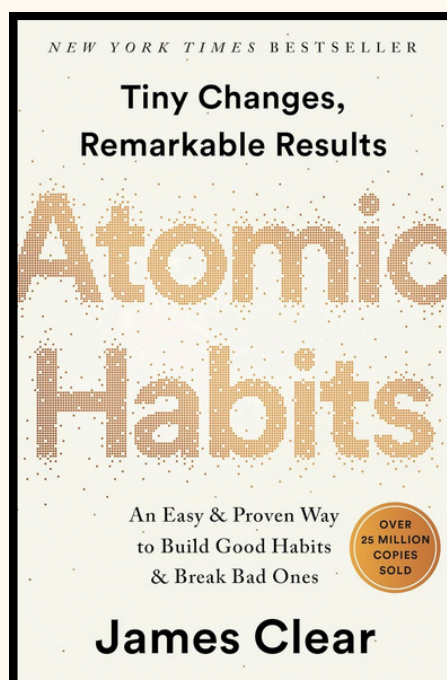
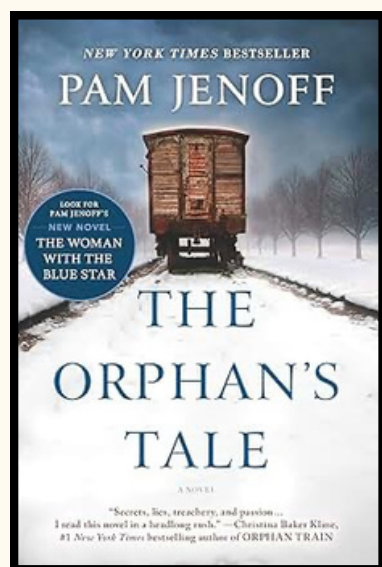
Monroe County Sheriff's Animal Farm: Thursday, June 25th from 10-11! Come meet the Farm's furry friends!

*All summer reading events are
free and open to the public!*

What's on the Shelf?

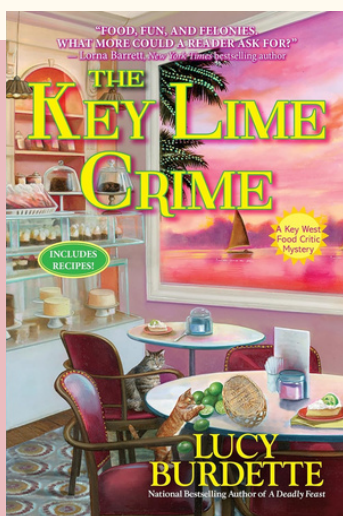


Thank you to both those who donate books and those who buy our books each month to help support our BPK library! Here's a few titles available first come first serve! Paperbacks we ask for a \$1 donation and hardbacks we ask for a \$2 donation!



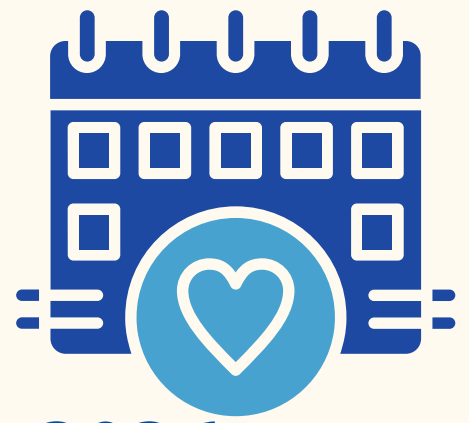
Thank you BPK Library friends, book lovers, and community!

We so appreciate everyone who came to our spring book sale and the murder mystery tea in March! We raised several hundred dollars during our used book sale, all of which is used to purchase supplies for fun activities like our monthly kids' parties and summer reading prizes!



The Book Lovers book club did a fabulous job with Murder Mystery Tea! All the actors had us fooled as we tried to identify the murderer while enjoying snacks and prizes. Author Lucy Burdette even came up to support the event!

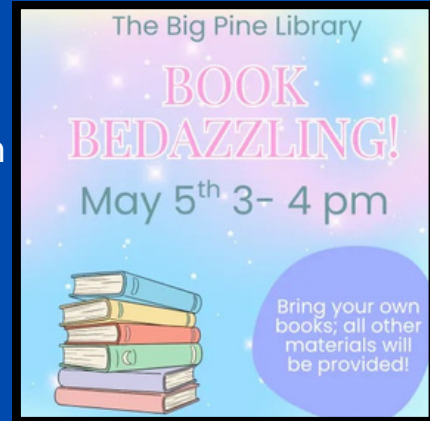
What's going on at the Big Pine Key Library ?



Special Events in May 2026

For Adults

Book Bedazzling!: Tuesday the 5th from 3-4. Bring your favorite book and make it beautiful! All art supplies for bedazzling will be provided, but it's BYOB: Bring your own book ;)



For Kids of All Ages

Mangrove Propagation Workshop with Florida DEP: Friday the 8th from 11-12

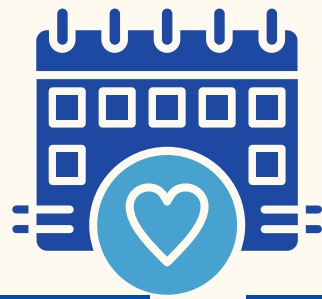
Sleep-Under at the library!:

Friday the 22th from 2-5!

Double feature movies on the new projector!



Weekly Events



Monthly Events

Pokemon Club: Mondays/
Wednesdays 3-4:45

Story Time with Kaleila:
Tuesdays/Thursdays 10-11:30

**Teen Dungeons and
Dragons:** Tuesdays 4-7

Youth Chess Club:
Tuesdays 4:30-7

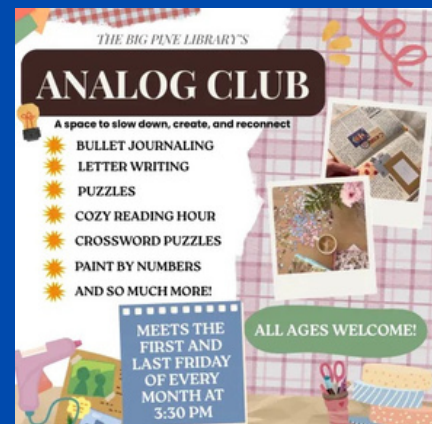
Mahjong: Wednesdays 10-
12

**Drop-in reading and
nature programs for kids:
Outdoor Explorers and
Library Scouts:** Grab a
booklet and earn badges!

**May Potions Club: SPACE
THEMED!** Tuesday the 19th
from 3-4

Crochet Club: 1st and 3rd
Wednesdays at 1:30

**Analog Club: All things
artsy No screens in sight!:**
first and last Fridays 3:30-5



**Big Pine Book Lovers Book
Club:** 3rd Saturday at 10

More details on the BPK Library Calendar:
<https://monroecountypl.librarycalendar.com/events/month?branches%5B73%5D=73>

Big Pine Book Lovers Book Club

10am BPK Library: Third Saturday of the Month

All adults are welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact:

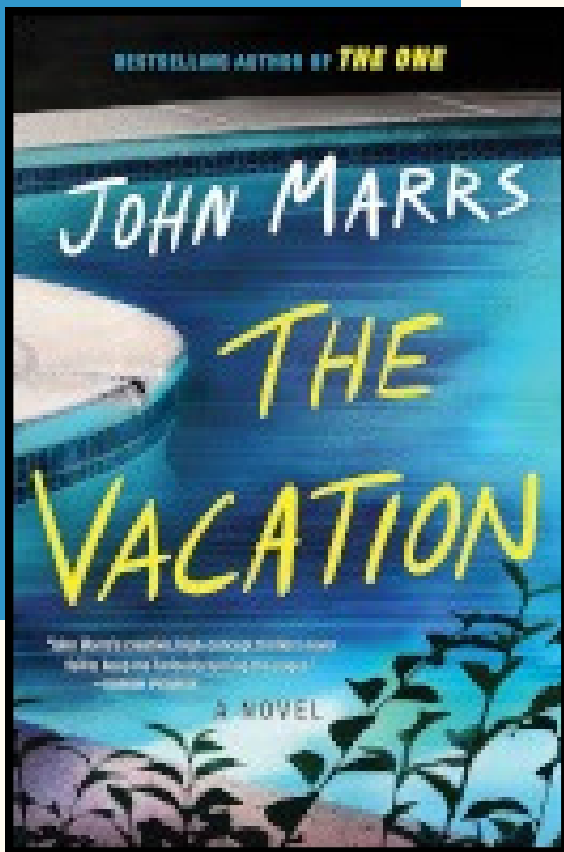
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MAY 2026

DISCUSSION

May 16st at 10am

The Vacation
by John Marris



How far would you run to escape your past?

Venice Beach, Los Angeles. A paradise on earth.

Tourists flock to the golden coast and the promise of Hollywood. But for eight strangers at a beach-front hostel, there is far more on their minds than an extended vacation. All of them are running from something. And they all have secrets they'd kill to keep...

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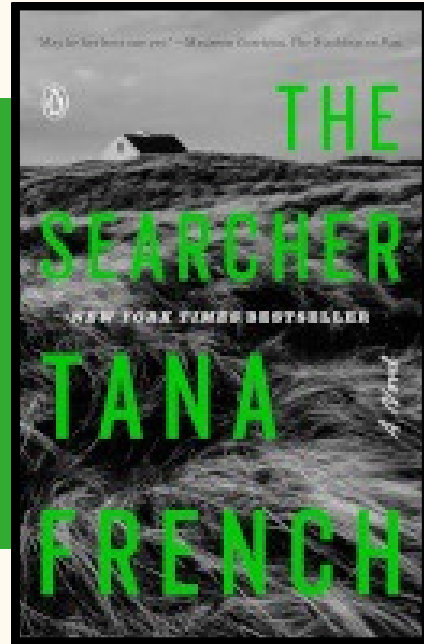
JUNE 2026

DISCUSSION

June 20th at 10am

The Searcher

by Tana French



Cal Hooper thought a fixer-upper in a bucolic Irish village would be the perfect escape. After twenty-five years in the Chicago police force and a bruising divorce, he just wants to build a new life in a pretty spot with a good pub where nothing much happens. But when a local kid whose brother has gone missing arm-twists him into investigating, Cal uncovers layers of darkness beneath his picturesque retreat, and starts to realize that even small towns shelter dangerous secrets.

“One of the greatest crime novelists writing today” (Vox) weaves a masterful, atmospheric tale of suspense, asking how to tell right from wrong in a world where neither is simple, and what we stake on that decision.

Get to know your BPK Library: Faces and Spaces

Asst. Branch Manager Chris Galloway



Chris has been at the Big Pine Key Library since 2023.

Originally a tech guru and manager of the Ding Darling Wildlife Society stores, he now helps keep everything running smoothly at our BPK Library! Chris loves all things tech, birds and seashells!

The Magazine Racks!

Want to read the latest from a variety of magazines and newspapers, but don't want to deal with all the subscriptions? Come check out all of the exciting options at the BPK Library that you can browse!





*Have a minute to spare?
We'd love to know your
thoughts!*

Our BPK Library would love to know which services, resources, and programs you currently use or would be interested in seeing provided in the future! Please take just a minute to click on the link below and take our survey. We appreciate all the responses we received last month and would love to hear from more of you!

 [***BPK Library Survey***](#) 

**Thank you for reading our
May/June newsletter and please
continue to be a regular supporter
of our Big Pine Key Library!**



The purposes of the Friends of the Big Pine Key Library are to promote community interest in and use of library services; to encourage public support for adequate library facilities; and to raise funds to supplement library resources.