



# BETWEEN THE PAGES

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## Adult Summer Reading Roundup 2022

Thank you everyone who participated in the Adult Summer Reading Program.

We had 23 people turn in 137 challenges and 28 adults turned in reading logs for 203 books read.

We also had 38 people sign up to be trained on our laser cutter and heat/mug press in July and August.

Congratulations to the raffle winners, and we hope to bring more interesting and fun things to you all again next summer.



**BOOK SALE**  
August 9 - 26  
Mon-Thu 9-8 pm  
Fri 9-5 pm  
Sat 9-4 pm  
Sun Noon-4 pm  
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# Youth Summer Reading Roundup

Children have until Aug. 9 to turn in all reading logs for Session 2. Tickets for the raffles will be drawn after that.

Many Reading Logs were turned in for Session 1, and there have been a good amount for Session 2 as well.

Our programs were well attended in June and July. People liked having many choices regarding training sessions.

We appreciate the many patrons who took time to come to the library and attend our programs. Many youth participated in one or both of the sessions.

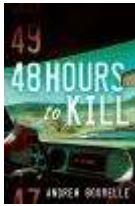
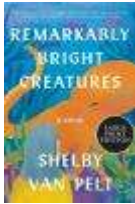
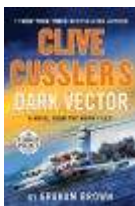
We will be taking a small break in August to make room for the Book Sale. Story Times will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 to 10:30 a.m.



## New Items

**Fiction**

The 6:20 man by Baldacci, David  
 The best is yet to come by Macomber, Debbie  
 Bet on it by Slaughter, Jodie  
 The big dark sky by Koontz, Dean R.  
 The bodyguard by Center, Katherine  
 Chrysalis by Child, Lincoln  
 Clive Cussler's dark vector by Brown, Graham  
 Dune by Herbert, Frank  
 The friendship pact by Shalvis, Jill  
 Grace under fire by Garwood, Julie  
 Hunted by Harris, Lisa  
 The it girl by Ware, Ruth  
 The last to vanish by Miranda, Megan  
 The lioness by Bohjalian, Chris  
 Look closer by Ellis, David  
 Nightcrawling by Mottley, Leila  
 The omega factor by Berry, Steve  
 Portrait of an unknown woman by Silva, Daniel  
 Reputation by Vaughan, Sarah  
 Second chance spring by Ross, JoAnn  
 The secrets of midwives by Hepworth, Sally  
 Survival by Harris, Lisa  
 Take no names by Nieh, Daniel  
 Things we do in the dark by Hillier, Jennifer  
 Twilight's serenade by Peterson, Tracie  
 Upgrade by Crouch, Blake  
 Zero hour by Bentley, Don

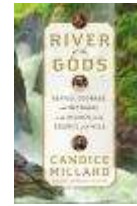
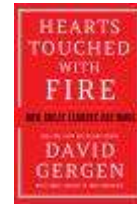
**Large Print**

The 6:20 man by Baldacci, David  
 The boardwalk bookshop by Mallery, Susan  
 Every cloak rolled in blood by Burke, James L.  
 Local gone missing by Barton, Fiona  
 Nightcrawling by Mottley, Leila  
 Nightwork by Roberts, Nora  
 Nora goes off script by Monaghan, Annabel  
 Portrait of an unknown woman by Silva, Daniel  
 Remarkably bright creatures by Van Pelt, Shelby  
 Sand Dollar Lane by Roberts, Sheila  
 Shattered by Patterson, James  
 Upgrade by Crouch, Blake

**Audiobooks**

The 6:20 man by Baldacci, David  
 48 hours to kill by Bouelle, Andrew  
 The adventures of Captain Underpants by Pilkey, Dav  
 Armored by Greaney, Mark

The best is yet to come by Macomber, Debbie  
 The big dark sky by Koontz, Dean R.  
 The Boardwalk Bookshop by Mallery, Susan  
 Chrysalis by Child, Lincoln  
 Clean air by Blake, Sarah  
 Cold, cold bones by Reichs, Kathy  
 Countdown to midnight by Brown, Dale  
 Dune by Herbert, Frank  
 A face to die for by Johansen, Iris  
 Fool me once by Winstead, Ashley  
 The girl who survived by Jackson, Lisa  
 The Hotel Nantucket by Hilderbrand, Elin  
 The it girl by Ware, Ruth  
 Listen to me by Gerritsen, Tess  
 Local gone missing by Barton, Fiona  
 The murder rule by McTiernan, Dervla  
 Never saw me coming by Kurian, Vera  
 Portrait of an unknown woman by Silva, Daniel  
 Red warning by Quirk, Matthew  
 A rip through time by Armstrong, Kelley  
 Shattered by Patterson, James  
 Sparring partners by Grisham, John  
 The spy who knew too much by Blum, Howard  
 The starless crown by Rollins, James  
 This will not pass by Martin, Jonathan  
 Two nights in Lisbon by Pavone, Chris  
 War brides by Bryan, Helen  
 When she dreams by Quick, Amanda

**Non-Fiction**

The game master's book of non-player characters by Ashworth, Jeff  
 The game master's book of random encounters by Ashworth, Jeff  
 The game master's book of traps, puzzles and dungeons by Ashworth, Jeff  
 Hearts touched with fire by Gergen, David  
 James Patterson by James Patterson by Patterson, James  
 Mean baby by Blair, Selma  
 The Office BFFs by Fischer, Jenna  
 The palace papers by Brown, Tina  
 Phil by Shipnuck, Alan  
 Postal exam secrets study guide by Mometrix Exam Secrets Prep Team  
 Proving ground by Kleiman, Kathy  
 River of the gods by Millard, Candice  
 A sacred oath by Esper, Mark T.  
 SAT premium study guide 2023 by Stewart, Brian W.  
 Secret city by Kirchick, James  
 The skyrim library

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**Videos**

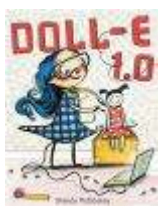
The Avengers: the complete Emma Peel megaset  
 The Boys—Seasons 1 & 2  
 Catch the fair one  
 The chosen—Season one  
 Clarice—Season one  
 The contractor  
 Dog  
 Evil - Season one  
 Fantastic beasts. The secrets of Dumbledore  
 Father Stu  
 The karate kid (Jaden Smith)  
 The karate kid (Ralph Macchio)  
 The killing—Seasons 1 and 2  
 The king's daughter  
 Lucifer—The complete fifth season  
 Scream  
 The Umbrella Academy—Seasons 1 & 2  
 The wedding veil legacy  
 The wedding veil unveiled  
 Zack Snyder's Justice League

**Non-Fiction Videos**

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**Teen Graphic Novels**

One-Punch Man V.1-3 by ONE  
 Ultimate Spider-Man by Jemas, Bill

**Easy Books**

All kinds of awesome by Hitchman, Jess  
 Ava in code land by Hitchman, Jess  
 Copybara is friends with everyone by Frost, Maddie  
 Doll-E 10 by McCloskey, Shanda  
 Mitzi and the big bad nosy wolf by Bateman, Teresa  
 Small Knight and the Anxiety Monster by Kasha, Manka  
 Tek, the modern cave boy by McDonnell, Patrick

**Juvenile Fiction**

The falcon's feather by Trueit, Trudi Strain  
 The final boss by Brady, Dustin  
 King Tut's adventure by Hoover, Connor

Minecraft the end by Hoover, Connor  
 The nebula secret by Trueit, Trudi Strain  
 On Snowden Mountain by Watts, Jeri Hanel  
 Pick your own quest. Alice in Wonderland by Hoover, Connor  
 Pick your own quest. Medusa's head by Hoover, Connor  
 Pick your own quest. Trapped in the 80s by Hoover, Connor  
 Return to Doom Island by Brady, Dustin  
 Return to Minecraft by Hoover, Connor  
 Small as an elephant by Jacobson, Jennifer  
 Ultimate gaming showdown by England, M.  
 The Willoughbys by Lowry, Lois

**Juvenile Graphic Novels**

Ghosts by Telgemeier, Raina  
 The legend of Zelda, by Himekawa, Akira  
 Ocarina of time, part 1  
 Ocarina of time, part 2  
 Majora's mask  
 Oracle of seasons  
 Oracle of ages  
 Four swords, part 1  
 Four swords, part 2  
 The Minish cap  
 A link to the past  
 The phantom hourglass  
 The Polarshield project by Pearson, Ridley

**Juvenile Audiobook Collection**

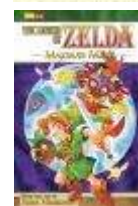
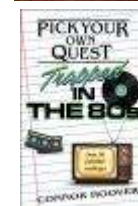
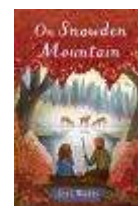
The ickabog by Rowling, J. K.  
 Words on fire by Nielsen, Jennifer A.

**Juvenile Non-Fiction**

How to code a rollercoaster by Funk, Josh  
 Memories of survival by Krinitz, Esther Nisenthal  
 Minecraft blockopedia by Jelley, Craig

**Juvenile Videos**

Jurassic world. Camp Cretaceous - Seasons 1-3  
 Rescue knights



*A complete list of new titles can be found on our website, [www.plattsmouthlibrary.org](http://www.plattsmouthlibrary.org), under New Titles.*

# Promises of a Trading Post on the Platte

By Harlan Seyfer  
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From the beginning of contact with the Otoe-Missouria Indians, various promises by various White Men were made to establish a permanent trading post at or near the Confluence of the Platte and Missouri Rivers. Lewis and Clark were no exception.

Thomas Jefferson's instructions to Lewis on this subject were general to vague - convey to the Indians "our dispositions to commercial intercourse with them; confer with them on the points most convenient as mutual emporiums, and the articles of most desirable interchange for them & us."

On 19 August 1806, when Lewis and Clark met with representatives from the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, the captains pledged that, if the tribe would "avoid the councils of bad birds" and behave, Lewis and Clark promised them, "as soon as possible after our return [to St. Louis] send a store of goods to the mouth of the river Platte to trade with you for your pelteries\* and furs."

In a *Nebraska History* article, Donald Jackson explained,

At this time, the government was engaged in a program of trade with the eastern Indians, having established "factories" or trading houses in several key locations. These factories, controlled by the Secretary of War through an establishment called the "Office of Indian Trade", never extended further west than Fort Osage near present Kansas City, Missouri. None was built at the mouth of the Platte, and by the 1820's the whole program collapsed under pressure from private trading interests.

But the Red Man cared little about how the White Man organized his side of the exchange. They looked out for their own interests with remarkable agility - to their commercial advantage. In an infrequent instance of Indigenous and American cultural world views coinciding, the Otoe-Missouria understanding of Lewis' speech, recorded in Otoe-Missouria oral tradition, was remarkably similar to what the Americans intended:

*Inca ska* [chief] Captain Lewis told our people that they [Lewis & Clark] were on a long journey and it would be many seasons before they would return to our country. When they came back and if we were living in a good way as the *hinka ska xanje* [Great White Father, i.e. President Jefferson] had told us, then when they went to the *hinka ska xanje chi* [Great White Father's house], they would tell him that we were living in a good way. The *hinka ska xanje* [Great White Father] would send us many goods and also build a *ikirutanki chi* where the *ÑyiShúje* and *ÑyiBraxge* meet [*ÑyiShúje* = Smokey River, i.e. Missouri River; *ÑyiBraxge* = Flat Water, i.e. Platte River]. At this *chi* we could trade our furs and pelts for goods that we may need.

The Otoe-Missouria also understood the threat behind Lewis' words. As historian James Ronda coldly observed, "If river Indians ignored American orders and followed the 'bad birds,' trade would be cut off and there would be much suffering."

While Lewis & Clark were pushing their way upriver, other events were taking place in the White Man's world. On July 4th, 1805, President Jefferson appointed James Wilkinson Louisiana Territory Governor. At the time, Wilkinson was Commanding General of the U.S. Army. He was perfidious. One historian titled his biography of the general "An Artist in Treason." Another historian characterized him as "the general who never won a battle or lost a court martial." The Spanish colonial officials in Mexico dramatically referred to him as "Agent 13" on their payroll.

In September 1804, Major James Bruff in St. Louis wrote General Wilkinson, "Suffer me now to suggest, that if a Military Post was established on the Missouri at the mouth of the river Platt between whose waters and those of the *del nord* [Rio Grande] there is but a short carrying place; where Traders from Santa Fe meet ours." Wilkinson remembered Bruff's suggestion, however incorrect its geography.

As Louisiana Governor, the Indian Trade Act of 1802 expressly prohibited Wilkinson from having "any interest or concern in any trade with the Indians ... excepting for and on account of the United States." Gliding through that loop hole, he assigned his



General/Governor James Wilkinson, an  
Artist in Treason

Source: WPO Journal, V45,N1,p. 22

\* According to the *American Heritage Dictionary, Fifth Edition*, a pelt is "the skin of an animal with the fur or hair still on it." That fur garment one thinks one is wearing isn't; it's a pelt garment.

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son, Lieutenant James Biddle Wilkinson, the responsibility of constructing a fort at the mouth of the Platte.

The result? The *National Intelligencer* newspaper in Washington, D.C. published a letter from a correspondent in St. Vincennes, Indiana, dated December 21, 1805:

We have nothing worth communicating, except that young Mr. Wilkinson, (who went up the Missouri, as the public have been some time since informed) has just returned to St. Louis, on account of a quarrel with some Indians, who killed one of his (Wilkinson's) party; upon which, the party killed one of the Indians.

Wilkinson's attackers were never clearly identified, but might have been Kickapoo forced westward by other tribes, who in turn were being driven west by White settlement.

To that article the editor of the *Intelligencer* added:

Since the foregoing was received the Editor has conversed with a gentleman, immediately from St. Louis, who informed him that the object of Lieut. Wilkinson's journey up the Missouri, was to establish a fort at the mouth of the river Platte; and that the party was fired upon about 300 miles up the Missouri. It was suspected that several Spaniards were with the Indians, as some white men were discovered.

Word of the young Wilkinson's failed mission reached Wilkinson's Army boss, Secretary of War Henry Dearborn, who found it necessary to write the Governor/General on November 2, 1805:

I have to repeat to you the sentiment, contained in my letter of the 16th ultimo," viz, —that no detachment should be made, to any distant new post, at present. And, as the establishment of new & distant posts will, at all times, be a proper subject for Executive discretion, the approbation of the President of the United States, should be considered necessary, previous to any actual arrangements for such objects. I hope you have not made any detachments or taken steps, which may not accord with the foregoing observations.

Meanwhile, following Jefferson's instructions, Lewis and Clark were sending chiefs to Wilkinson's headquarters in St. Louis to form a delegation to Washington. Little Thief, Grand Chief of the Otoes, and Eagle Feather, Grand Chief of the Arikara, were among those, but fell ill. These two chiefs instead requested to be taken back to their people to recover. The younger Wilkinson was tasked with taking the two invalids along with him. About 30 miles upstream, Little Thief died.

On 30 December 1805, General/Governor Wilkinson responded to Dearborn. It was all a misunderstanding, Wilkinson implied, "a Boat was suitably equipt & manned, with orders to the Officer Commanding [young Wilkerson] to ascend to the River plate, there to land the Otto Chief at his Village ..."

"The residue of the Detachment," Wilkinson continued, "must wait the return of the Men, to be sent with the Ricari, at the River plate, and of course Winter There." As noted, about 300 miles upstream, young Wilkinson's party was attacked and forced to return to St. Louis. There, incidentally, Eagle Feather recovered and was able to rejoin the delegation in Washington and meet President Jefferson.

There are other twists in this story, but those must await another time.



1804 Map Showing Incomplete Knowledge of the Platte River

The Octotata (Otoe) village on the Platte is shown as are the Paneise (Pawnee) villages.

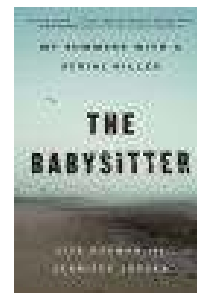
Source: David Rumsey Historical Map Collection

# Truth is Stranger Than Fiction

By Patti Jo Peterson  
Library Supervisor

It's long been said that "Truth is stranger than fiction." This adage especially applies to Plattsmouth Public Library's nonfiction section on the upper level. While murder mysteries are some of the most popular fiction items checked out on a daily basis, the nonfiction also features murder mysteries of the truer kind.

As a crime-show lover and former journalist, I was immediately drawn to *The Babysitter: My Summers with a Serial Killer*. Written by Liza Rodman and Jennifer Jordan, this book details the 1969 and beyond Cape Code murders committed by Tony Costa. As a child, Rodman went with Costa on drives to the woods, stores and just for rides. Decades later, she learned he had brutally killed several women and buried their parts in the very woods she accompanied him to. Despite its nonfiction venue, it reads like a novel, much like writer Truman Capote presented *In Cold Blood*.



If you're not finding what you're looking for in the fiction section, visit our nonfiction area and give it a try. You'll find everything from self-help books to casserole recipes, poems, werewolves and witches.

## StoryTime

### @The Library

## Tuesdays & Thursdays

# 10 - 10:30

Come enjoy some books and a craft or activity.  
It's a great way to build early literacy, creativity and social skills.

August Themes	September Themes	October Themes	November Themes
9th & 11th - The Moon	1st, 6th & 8th - Wishes and Trees	4th & 6th - Scarecrows	1st & 3rd - Food
16th & 18th - Robots	13th & 15th - Insects	11th & 15th - Witches	8th & 10th - Turkeys
23rd, 25th, and 30th - Back to School	20th & 22nd - Fall	18th & 20th - Pumpkins	15th, 17th, 22nd & 29th - Thankfulness
	27th & 29th - Apples	25th & 27th - Halloween	

# August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Woodcarvers Noon—3 pm	2 <b>Story time</b> 10-10:30	3	4 <b>Story time</b> 10-10:30	5	6 <b>Book Club</b> 10:00 - 11:00
7	8 Woodcarvers Noon—3 pm	9 <b>Story time</b> 10-10:30 Bridge Commission 4pm	10	11 <b>Story time</b> 10-10:30	12	13
<b>Book Sale Starts</b>						
14	15 Woodcarvers Noon—3 pm	16 <b>Story time</b> 10-10:30	17	18 <b>Story time</b> 10-10:30	19	20
<b>Book Sale</b>						
21	22 Woodcarvers Noon—3 pm Friends of the Library 5 pm	23 <b>Story time</b> 10-10:30	24	25 <b>Story time</b> 10-10:30	26	27
<b>Book Sale Ends</b>						
28	29 Woodcarvers Noon—3 pm	30 <b>Story time</b> 10-10:30	31 Library Board 5:30 - 8			