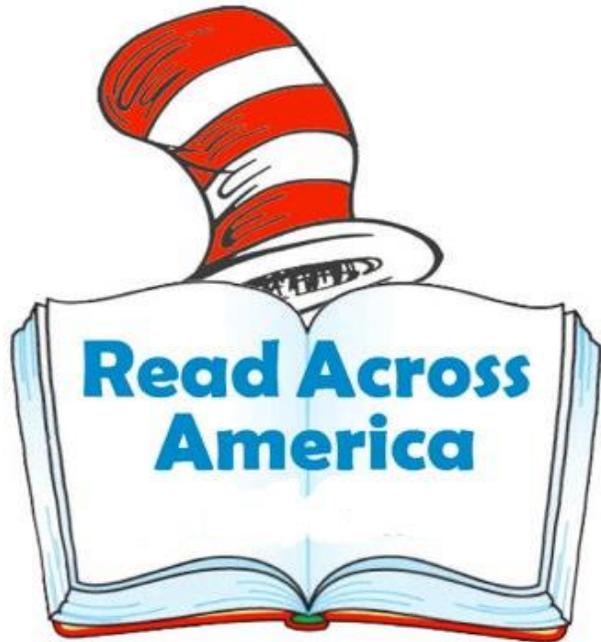




Read Across America

Saturday, March 2, is the birthday of Dr. Seuss and Read Across America Day



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Celebrate “National Reading Month” With Beaumont Library Board & Staff

by Luren Dickinson, Director

March is “National Reading Month” and the perfect time to learn about the reading tastes of Beaumont Library Board members and Staff. See what they like and what they are currently reading, and it might inspire you to do some reading yourself!

Margaret Coleman, Library Board President

I belong to three book clubs and enjoy reading historical nonfiction, book-to-film novels, and Pulitzer Prize winners. I recently finished Nyani Nkrumah's *Wade in the Water* and David Crann's *Killers of the Flower Moon*, which was turned into a prize-winning 2023 film.



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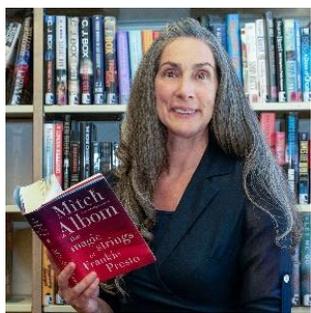


Bret Mahoney, Library Board Secretary

I read lots of Science Fiction and Fantasy. Two favorite series are James S.A. Corey's *The Expanse* and Robert Jordan's (finished by Brandon Sanderson) *Wheel of Time*. I am currently reading James Clavell's *Shogun* and Doris Kearns Goodwin's *Leadership in Turbulent Times*.

Luren Dickinson, Library Director

I just read *The Rediscovery of America*, a weighty history of the U.S. since 1492 from a Native American perspective. Recently, I have been reading whodunits and thrillers by writers like Lee Child, Vince Flynn, Thomas Perry, Alex Berenson, Harlan Coben, etc. I am now reading *Lone Wolf*, the latest "Orphan X" novel by Gregg Hurwitz.



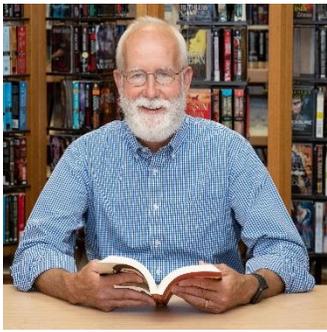
Cynthia Carr, Past Library Board President

I am drawn to reflective essays on nature and fiction about social and historical events. As a schoolteacher, I follow biographies and art books for students. My recent titles are *The Sentence*, by Louise Erdrich; *Braiding Sweetgrass*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer; *A Life Made by Hand: The Story of Ruth Asawa*, by Andrea D'Aquino; *Demon Copperhead*, by Barbara Kingsolver (and her essays from *High Tide in Tucson*); *The Little Liar*, by Mitch Albom; *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*, by James McBride; *When the Light of the World was Subdued, our Songs Came Through*, a Norton anthology of Native Nations poetry; and the poetry of Mary Oliver.



Jasmine Banuelos, Library Associate I

I love romance, historical fiction, memoirs, teen fiction, nonfiction, and graphic novels. My recent 5-star reads are *Romantic Comedy*, by Curtis Sittenfeld; *The Nanny*, by Lana Ferguson; *Someone Else's Shoes*, by Jojo Moyes; and *What Happened to Ruthy Ramirez*, by Claire Jimenez. I am now reading *Poisoned*, by Jennifer Donnelly, a teen fiction novel which is a retelling of *Snow White*. I love retellings and this one is really good!



Steve Perry, Library Board Member

I typically read several books at a time and am currently reading local writers: *Unheard Witness: The Life and Death of Kathy Leissner Whitman*, by Jo Scott-Coe, a Riverside C.C. Professor; *Exit Prohibited: A Memoir*, by Ellen Estilai, from Riverside; *be/trouble*, poems by Bridgette Bianca, from South Central; *These Black Bodies Are...*, edited by Romaine Washington, a poet/retired teacher from San Bernardino; and *Invasion of the Shadow People*, poems by Kevin Ridgeway, a SoCal poet.



Julia Schumacher, Supervising Librarian

Historical fiction and mysteries are my go-to reading choices. The last few books I read or listened to are *Diva*, by Daisy Goodwin; *The Socialite's Guide to Murder*, by S.K. Golden; and *Angels of the Pacific*, by Elise Hooper.

Jennifer Perez, Associate Librarian

I enjoy nonfiction that explores life, history, culture, and spirituality; poetry; memoirs; and some historical fiction. My favorite or recent ones are *The Body Keeps the Score*, by Bessel van der Kolk; *A Living Remedy*, by Nicole Chung; *Ikigai: The Japanese Secret to a Long and Happy Life*, by Miralles and Garcia; and *When Crack Was King*, by Donovan X. Ramsey.



Kelly Van Valkenburg, Assistant Director

I enjoy reading realistic fiction and young adult fiction, and, occasionally, graphic novels. I am now reading *The Fetishist*, by Katherine Min, published posthumously and maybe my favorite so far in 2024. Favorites from 2023 include *Vampires of El Norte*, by Isabel Canas; *The Spanish Daughter*, by Lorena Hughes; the *Light As a Feather* YA series, by Zoe Aarsen; and *All Tomorrow's Parties: The Velvet Underground Story*, a graphic novel by Koren Shadmi.

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Tuesday—10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Thursday—10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bookmobile Stops

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