

MEET GUEST AUTHOR LINDA JOY SINGLETON

By Maree Hawkins

Last October, I strolled through the Great Valley Bookfest in Manteca to see if there were any local or regional children's authors we might consider for a speaking engagement for the



eight- to 12-year old set. The bookfest was amazing (see page 6) and that's where I met our June 1 guest author, Linda Joy Singleton. Linda has published over 25 books for middle-grade and young adult readers.

Her career path began with her love of reading. Her childhood 100-book collection of girls series books like Nancy Drew, Judy Bolton and Trixie Belden led grew into an adult

passion. Today, thousands of juvenile series books fill her home library. At age 13 Linda sent a fan letter to Margaret Sutton, author of the Judy Bolton mystery series. That fan letter led to a friendship with Margaret and later a collaboration on a Judy Bolton mystery, which they cowrote.

When Linda was 14, she wrote down a goal: To write a book series of her own. Today she encourages children to follow their dreams and add in hard work and determination. Linda also shares that there is no magic age at which to begin a writing career. Linda wrote constantly as a teenager. She submitted stories to teen magazines. Nothing sold for years, but she admits it was a great learning experience.

Linda now lives on a farm in Burson, about 25 miles east of Lodi. It is there she often finds inspiration for her books from her farm animals. She especially loves cats. The first book of the *Curious Cat Spy Club* series features youngsters who rescue kittens and form a club to help animals through volunteering and solving animal mysteries.

On her website, Linda lists "Ten Things You Probably Didn't Know About Me" including this tidbit: She was bitten by a fish while on a Caribbean cruise and then put the scene in a book. You just never know what will inspire you!

**Calling all 8- to
12-year-old
would-be authors!**

Youngsters and tweens are invited to hear Northern California author Linda Joy Singleton speak on Saturday, June 1, 11:15 a.m. at the Modesto Library Auditorium.

Ms. Singleton, the author of numerous children's chapter books, began her writing journey at the age of eight. Her visit to Modesto will provide youngsters with ideas on how to improve their writing, remember their childhood, and what to write about (hint: her animals give her lots of ideas for books).

Ms. Singleton's books include *The Curious Cat Spy Club* series, *A Cat Is Better*, and *Lucy Loves Goosey*. She also has a picture book, *Crane and Crane* coming out this year.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library and funded by a grant from the Omega Nu Sorority - Phi Gamma Chapter of Modesto. For more information: Maree Hawkins, 529-1517.

Psst! If you are older than 12, help us spread the word about this June 1 event to youngsters and their parents.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

During the long, wet winter, we have been planting lots of seeds and now everything seems to be blossoming at once! As I write this, we just finished a very successful fundraiser at Barnes & Noble, the Used Book Sale and Scholastic BOGO sale are just around the corner, and we are preparing for the June 1 visit by author Linda Joy Singleton. Summer Reading Challenge also begins this month and we just got word that Alfred Matthews will again sponsor our Summer Reading Film Event at the State Theatre, where readers will enjoy



“Spiderman: Into the Spider-verse.” Other than that, not much going on...

Denise Nordell
President

P.S. We need LOTS of volunteers to help with Summer Reading Challenge registration from May 21 through July 6. Please check your calendars and drop me a line at dnordell@sbcglobal.net if you can help. Thanks!





Buy 1 Get 1 Free BOOK SALE

All NEW books

For Children and Teens

May 9 - 13, 2019

Downstairs in the Library Auditorium

Thursday	12 noon - 7 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Monday	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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Scholastic Discount Sale

Don't miss the Scholastic BOGO New Books for Kids Sale May 9-13.

The new high-quality, low-cost books for children and teens are “Buy One, - Get One Free”! Here is your chance to treat your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, or friends, teachers and neighbors to the joy of owning their own books – at a great bargain! Select new books from Scholastic and other publishers and stock the cupboard at home for summer vacation reading, future birthdays, Christmas or holiday presents, teacher or classroom gifts. FOML uses books we earn by working at the sale to support the mission of the library.

Go shopping! You win, we win, kids win: By putting more books in the hands of more children, everyone wins!



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Since the last issue, donations to Friends of the Modesto Library in memory of Colleen Bare were made by Richard Lear, Mel Nomann, John Crabb, and Maree Hawkins. Kathy Johnson made a donation in memory of Rita Winters.

Say Hello! to Michele Machado from the Children's Department



With the Summer Reading Challenge just around the corner, we talked with Children's Department staffer Michele Machado.

Michele, when did you start work at the library?

I started working for the Stanislaus County Library system in 2006 as a page in Keyes. I remember my mom telling me that the library was hiring after she saw the posting in a newspaper announcement. At the time I was going to California State University Stanislaus and with the Keyes Community Library just down the road, it seemed like a perfect opportunity. I grew up going to the Oakdale Community Library and remember thinking it would be the perfect place to work. I was right, but I had no idea back then the impact libraries have on their communities. Libraries are simply amazing.

I worked as a page in various locations for a few years and slowly applied and got promoted to other positions in the organization until I was hired in a full-time position in the Modesto Library Children's and Teen Services Department.

What is your job title?

My current job title is Children's Librarian Trainee. However, in May I will graduate with a Master of

Library and Information Science degree from San José State University's School of Information and be promoted to Children's Librarian. I am so excited!

How does your job interface with other positions at the Library?

For libraries to serve their communities and start conversations and partnerships, internal collaboration is key. Not only do I work with the wonderful and creative people in my department, but I also join forces with others to share opportunities and bring ideas into reality. I am a part of various committees, with members from all over our community libraries, whose aim is to provide innovative and engaging programming across the board.

What do you enjoy about your position?

The thing I love most about my job is that I can be me. I can be creative and goofy. I can be silly and ridiculous. And yet, I can also be heard and appreciated for the things that I do well. I am able to present important findings and express ideas to a group of people who are just as passionate about their jobs as I am. My strengths are recognized, and my worth is known and for that I am grateful.

What are some things you would like people to know about children's programs at our library?

The programs that we offer in our library are created and implemented with our communities in mind. We listen and we actively try to create programming that meets their needs. We also love interacting with our library "friends." Building relationships through shared interests, whether it be a unicorn craft event (where I am obviously wearing my unicorn onesie in the photo!), a DIY Kids STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) program, or a story time, is one of the most important things that we do, and one of our most favorite, too.

What are a couple of programs you are proudest of?

I am generally just proud of my department and all the work we put in to making a lasting impact on all those who come to visit our library. I am also proud of the readers in our community who make the Summer Reading Challenge such a success each year. And as the coordinator of youth portion of this program, I am proud to help keep our youngest community members reading over the summer to avoid summer slide and to have fun as well!

In 2014, I started the All-Teens Craft Fair to allow those kids who aged out of the All-Kids Craft Fair a place to continue to showcase their excellence and it has been well received.

A little about you... family? hobbies? hometown? pets?

I was born and raised in Oakdale, California—Cowboy Capitol of the World!—and consider myself a country kid, having spent most of my time growing up at my grandparents' dairy. That upbringing has made me not afraid of a little dirt and hard work. I enjoy crafting and being creative in any way possible. I also love to read, drink coffee (sometimes at the same time), make people laugh, and spend time with the important people in my life.



Shining Star Honorees Marshes and Carons

Some of our best "Friends" were honored at the Stanislaus Library Foundation's Shining Star Awards presentation on April 27. Paul and Holly Caron, owners of Alfred Matthews in Modesto, were recognized for their generous

support of the Friends of the Modesto Library, including their sponsorship of events including Summer Reading Challenge. Longtime library supporters Garrad and Dallas Marsh were honored for their contributions including



their support of Measure S – Save Stanislaus Libraries – the library tax which voters overwhelmingly approved in 2017.

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Friends of the Modesto Library provides funds to enhance the programs and services at the Modesto Library.

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Membership Update

From Membership Director Ellen Dambrosio

Our 2019 membership drive is off to a great start, in fact, the best in the 12 years I've been handling memberships. As of the beginning of April, we had 100 paid members. Our 2018 membership stood at 157 on December 31, and I'd like to see it reach 175 in 2019. Remember, memberships reset at the beginning of the year.

If you haven't yet renewed this year, please consider doing so. And if you are not a member, please make 2019 your first year of membership. The library staff have more requests of us than ever, and we're going to do everything in our power to fund them, so we need your help.

To further grow our membership roster, we hope some of you can enlist a new member to join this year. Tell others about Friends of the Modesto Library. Share this newsletter, which contains a membership application. Or point them to our website (<http://modestolibraryfriends.org>) where they can learn about us and donate or join online.

Welcome to our newest members, Patricia Lima and Jayne Jergentz.

Thank you for supporting the Modesto Library and the Friends!

Kudos!

Here's a shout out to the Library's Reference staff that appeared recently in The Modesto Bee.

Reconnecting with family brings joy

With the help of the Stanislaus County library reference desk, I was able to contact a long-lost niece who now lives in Oregon. I hadn't talked with her in over 35 years. We had lost contact due to lack of interest, instability, etc. after my brother, her father, died of a drug overdose when she was only 2 months old. She said two weeks earlier she had been feeling that she needed to contact my side of the family. It was such a joy to reconnect. This reconnection will greatly benefit both of us and our families. I urge all of you to reconnect with lost relatives.

David Shirk, Modesto



Let's Go to the Movies!

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Alfred Matthews, readers who complete the Summer Reading Challenge can attend a special showing of "Spiderman: Into the Spider-verse" at The State Theatre on July 13, hosted by Friends of the Modesto Library. Movie tickets are FREE for the first 500 readers who complete the challenge. AND... the first 100 who arrive at the theatre will receive a \$5 refreshment voucher, also courtesy of Alfred Matthews.



Imagine...

You visit the library in search of a book you've been wanting to read, but you're unable to find it in the library's catalog. Before you give up hope, think, "Zip Books!"

Zip Books is a new service for customers to request books and audiobooks that are not currently in the Stanislaus County Library's catalog. The item is delivered to your home, free of charge, using Amazon Prime. After you've finished with the item, you just return it to the library.

To get started with Zip Books:

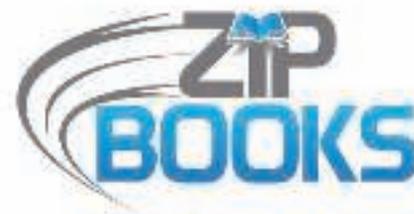
- Customers must have a valid Stanislaus County Library

card in good standing (\$10 of fines or less) and a valid email address.

- Zip Books can only be requested one at a time. However, after the item is returned to the library, you may request another one.
- Zip Books will be mailed directly to your home in 2-3 days after approval. Items are on loan for 3 weeks. Item due date receipt included with delivery. Zip Books cannot be renewed.

More Information:

<http://www.stanislauslibrary.org/zipbooks.shtm>



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

It's Showtime at Your Library!

This year's Summer Reading Challenge theme should inspire all ages to pick up a reading log or review sheet and start reading May 21 at any of the Stanislaus County Libraries.

Tween and teen readers in the "Hour

Challenge" (recommended for readers ages 9 to 18) can mark off a square for each hour of reading, and may visit the library after seven hours of reading to be entered into a drawing for awesome prizes. Once a log is finished, readers will receive an additional entry into the prize drawing.

In the "30-minute Challenge" children mark off a circle on the log for each day they have read or been read to for at least 30 minutes. Participants earn a prize for every seven days of reading. The "30-minute Challenge" is suggested for readers up to age 8.

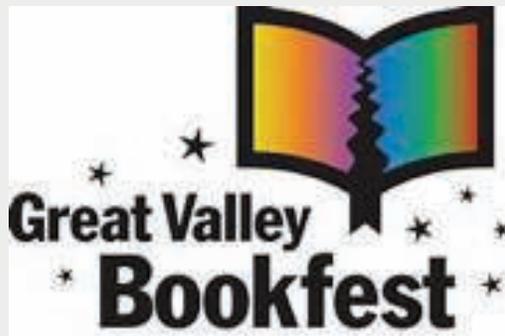
Grownups can participate, too, making Summer Reading a family event. Adults are encouraged to read or listen to books and fill out a review sheet and return it to the Modesto Library. With the help of the Friends of the Modesto Library, we will be giving out 10 weekly prizes at our branch. There is no limit to the number of review sheets that can be turned in. Review sheets can be picked up in the library or printed out online.

Summer Reading Challenge ends August 6.



FRIENDS NEEDED TO HELP WITH SUMMER READING CHALLENGE REGISTRATION

Say, can you spare a couple of hours a week to help register kids for Summer Reading? Friends of the Modesto Library has committed to staffing a registration table in the Children's Department from May 21 through July 27. Ideally, volunteers will work one, 2-hour shift each week and attend a brief training session in early May. But we're flexible so, if you'd like to help, please send an email to Denise at dnordell@sbcglobal.net or call (209) 765-6388.



Great Valley Bookfest will take place Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019, in the parking area near Bass Pro Shop at Hwy 120 and Union Road, Manteca. The book festival is an opportunity for authors and book lovers to joint together in a festive environment. You can talk with the authors, buy books and have fun! The event is free. greatvalleybookfest.org

Ongoing Story Times and Programs

- Wiggle Worms Story Time**
- Mondays & Tuesdays 10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.**
- Preschool Story Time**
- Wednesdays 10:15 a.m.**
- Bilingual Story Time**
- Thursdays 6:15 p.m.**
- Saturdays 10:15 a.m.**
- Family Story Time**
- Second Tuesday 6:15 p.m.**
- Lego Play**
- Wednesdays 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.**
- Game Day**
- First Thursday 3:30 p.m.**
- Coloring Day**
- Second Friday during open hours**
- DIY Kids!**
- Fourth Friday, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.**
- Family Book Club**
- Last Thursday, 4 p.m.**



USED BOOK SALE

Saturday, May 4

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Modesto Library Portico

BARGAINS GALORE

Fiction -- Children's Books – History and more!

Info: (209) 985-7156 or pat.glattke@gmail.com



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MAY 2019

May (all month)

All-Teens Craft Fair Sign-ups

It's that time again, crafters! Visit the library or our website to sign up for the 6th Annual All-Teens Craft Fair being held Saturday, June 15 on the Modesto Library Portico. Teens ages 13 - 18 must sign up before June 1. All crafts must be made and sold by teens. (209) 558-7810.

Thursday, May 2, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Game Day

Get your game on! Bring the family and play giant versions of Jenga, dominoes, and more! Children under 4 must have direct adult supervision. In the Children's Room.

Saturday, May 4, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Friends of the Modesto Library Annual Used Book Sale

Find bargains galore - Fiction, Children's Books, History, Biographies and more! On the Library Portico.

Saturday, May 4, 12–4 p.m.

"May the 4th Be With You" Game Day @ the Modesto Library

All ages are invited to drop in and celebrate Star Wars Day by playing board games at the Modesto Library in the Teen Area. Tweens and teens can learn and play NME (3-player chess). Games, including Star Wars-themed games will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own.

Monday, May 6, 5 p.m.

Excel Basics

Adults will learn how to open workbooks, create simple spreadsheets, and use basic functions of Excel. Advance registration is required. Call (209) 558-7814 to sign up.

May 9–May 13

Scholastic Discount Book Sale

Stock up on new books for babies, tots, young readers and the young at heart of all ages at this fundraiser hosted by Friends of the Modesto Library.

Thursday, May 9, 1:30 p.m.

Internet Basics

An introduction to the Internet and the World Wide Web. Advance registration is required. Call (209) 558-7814 to sign up.

Friday, May 10 (Open Hours)

Coloring Day

Add some color to your world! All ages can join us to unwind and have fun in a comfortable environment. Crayons and a variety of artistic designs will be available! In the Children's Room.



Monday, May 13, 5:00 pm

Excel Intermediate

A continuation of Excel Basics. Learn additional functions of Excel. Advance registration is required. Call (209) 558-7814 to sign up.

EVENTS

Tuesday, May 14, 6:15 p.m.

Family Story Time

Stories and activities perfect for families to enjoy together.

Thursday, May 16, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Vintage Faire Mall: Kids Club

Story Time goes on the road to the Vintage Faire Mall. Fun and educational games and activities for kids that focus on discovery through play. Join us at Center Court the Third Thursday of every month.

Saturday, May 18, 2 - 4 p.m.

Read-to-a-Dog

Certified by Therapy Dogs Alliance, this program gives children a relaxed, non-judgmental atmosphere to practice reading aloud. Designed for independent readers up to age 12. No sign-ups necessary. It will be a bark-tastic good time! (209) 558-7810.

Monday, May 20, 5 p.m.

Word Basics

Adults will learn how to open and save files and format Word documents. Advance registration is required. Call (209) 558-7814 to sign up.

**May 21 - August 3
Summer Reading Challenge**

Pick up reading logs for Children, Tweens/Teens and Adults to spark your summer reading no matter what your age. See related article in this issue.

Tuesday, May 21, 5 - 7 pm

Drop-In Rock Painting @ the Modesto Library

Celebrate the beginning of Summer Reading with a fun evening of rock painting for the whole family. We want to see your best



creations based on the Summer Reading theme "It's Showtime at Your Library." All materials will be provided.

**Thursday, May 23, 8:30 - 11:30 am
Senior Awareness Day**

Senior citizens are invited to stop by the Modesto Library to learn about resources that are available to them. Representatives from organizations and programs including HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program), Veteran's Services, and others will be on hand to answer questions and help with enrollment. Participants are invited to visit booths along the library's portico to learn about free resources while enjoying light refreshments and a free prize drawing.

Sponsored by Friends of the Modesto Library, Area Agency on Aging, HICAP.

Thursday, May 23, 1:30 p.m.

E-Mail Basics

This workshop covers the basics of creating and sending an email. You will need to have created your email account prior to the beginning of class. Advance registration is required. Call 209-558-7814 to sign up.

Friday, May 24, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

DIY Kids: Ojo de dios

This month at DIY Kids we'll be creating a traditional Huichol Indian craft—the ojo de dios. This STEAM program is perfect for school-aged children. Children under 6 must have direct parental supervision. In the Children's Dept.

**Saturday, May 25, 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Scrapbooking Fun**

Practice the art of scrapbooking. Open to scrapbookers of all skill levels. Participants will have free time to work on their own scrapbooks. Some materials will be provided but participants are encouraged to bring their own. Don't forget your photos! This program occurs regularly and participants are welcome to drop in at any time. Prizes are given out at every meeting.



MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 27, all libraries closed

Wednesday, May 29, 2 - 4 p.m.

Bring Your Own Device App Training

Prepare for your summer adventures by learning how to download eBooks, digital audiobooks and more to your device. Drop in to the Modesto Library Conference Room and let us show you the various free library apps available to you. Bring your device and library card. All devices welcome. (209) 558-7814.

Wednesday, May 29, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

VA Medical Van

VA Mobile Medical Outreach will provide medical services and benefits information to our veteran community at the Modesto Library. No appointment is necessary - simply check in inside the library. Enrollment specialists, medical providers, and Veterans Service officers on site. If available, please bring a copy of your dd-214.

Wednesday, May 29, 6 p.m.

Ableton Music Basics Workshop

Play live drum sounds, step sequence beats and make loops as you explore original songwriting with Ableton Live 10 + Push. In this fun and interactive program, you will learn the basics of navigating music production software and a digital instrument pad. Digital audio creation is new to the Library, so come experiment with us! You can start from scratch or bring an in-progress musical project. Open to all experience levels. Ages 13 and up.

Thursday, May 30, 4 p.m.

Family Book Club

Come together for a fun family read-aloud and discussion. We'll get you started and meet you next month to talk about the book. This month we're reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. In the Children's Dept.

JUNE 2019

Saturday, June 1, 11:15 a.m.

Author Visit with Linda Joy Singleton

Young readers and would-be authors ages 8-12 are invited to hear ideas on how to improve their writing, remember their childhood, and what to write about it from children's book author Linda Joy Singleton. Sponsored by Friends of the Modesto Library through a grant from Omega Nu.

June 1 - 7

Teen Tech Week / Book Emoji Contest

Hey Teens! Guess the YA book by the emojis to be entered into a free prize drawing at your local Stanislaus County Library! Limit one entry per person.

Thursday, June 6, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Game Day

See May 2

Friday, June 7, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Block Party!

Join us in the Toddler area for a 30-minute "block party!" We're going to break out the blocks and Story Time music for a half hour of fun so children can build to their hearts' content. In the Children's Dept.

Saturday, June 8 10:15 a.m.

Story Time with Robert Trujillo

Author/illustrator Robert Trujillo joins our Bilingual Story Time to share some of his stories.

Tuesday, June 11, 6:15 pm

Family Story Time with Circus of Smiles

Something fun for everyone! We'll share stories & activities perfect for families to enjoy together. This month we welcome the Circus of Smiles performers.

Friday, June 14 (Open Hours)

Coloring Day

Saturday, June 15 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

6th Annual All-Teens Craft Fair

Shoppers wanted for the 6th Annual All-Teens Craft Fair. All crafts are made and sold by teens. Crafters between the ages of 13 and

18 must sign up before June 2. For more information, contact the Modesto Library's Children and Teen Services Department at (209) 558-7810. On the Modesto Library Portico.

Saturday, June 15, 1-3 p.m.

The MoSt Summer Poetry Workshop Series

Join local poets as they lead a poetry writing workshop for the public. Participants will write drafts of new poems followed by a practice session of reading poems aloud. All experience levels are welcome.

Friday, June 21, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Dance & Play!

Meet in the Children's Room under the Tree where we'll break out the shakers, scarves, and Story Time music!

Friday, June 28, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

DIY Kids: Science Magic

Join us outside on the 16th Street lawn for a very messy hour of fun STEAM activities. Observe some fun experiments and participate in some messy science fun! All children must be supervised by an adult and may need help with experiments. STEAM = Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math.

Thursday, June 27, 4 p.m.

Family Book Club

See May 30

JULY 2019

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Thursday, July 4, all libraries closed

Thursday, July 11, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Game Day

See May 2

Friday, April 12

Coloring Day

See May 10

Saturday, July 13

"Spiderman: Into the Spider-verse" at the State Theatre

Summer readers who meet the Summer Reading Challenge receive free tickets to the show, courtesy of Alfred Matthews and Friends of the Modesto Library. Check with the Children's Dept. for details.

Saturday, July 20, 1-3 p.m.

The MoSt Summer Poetry Workshop Series.

See June 15

Thursday, July 25, 4 p.m.

Family Book Club

See May 30

Friday, July 26, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

DIY Kids: How to make a Mini Comic

This month at DIY Kids we will be making Mini Comics. Let your imagination come to life! Children must be supervised by an adult. This activity supports STEAM = Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. In the Children's Dept.

All programs are in the Modesto Library Auditorium, unless stated otherwise. Dates are subject to change. More programs to be announced. Please check the Stanislaus County Library's website at www.stanislauslibrary.org and click on Events and Classes for the latest information.

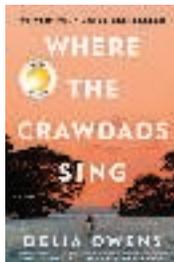
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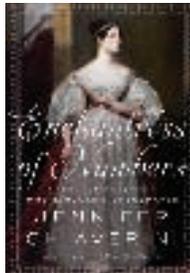
WHAT ARE YOU READING?



***Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens**

It underscores the importance of being able to read.

--Pat Glattke



***Enchantress of Numbers* by Jennifer Chiaverini**

Ada Lovelace(1815-1852) is fascinated by mathematics and science. In her teens she meets Charles Babbage and learns of his Analytical Engine machine. Ada realizes that the machine had applications beyond pure calculations, which is why she is regarded as one of the first computer programmers.

-- Maree Hawkins



***The Bookshop* by Penelope Fitzgerald**

A vintage narrative of parochial English life in the late 1950s. The story is about Florence Green, a middle-aged widow, who decides to open a bookshop in the small coastal town of Hardborough, Suffolk. While it certainly didn't lift my spirits, I enjoyed this short novel and am now reading Fitzgerald's other books.

-- Ellen Dambrosio