



ALL ABOUT BOOKS

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Largo Public Library Readers' Advisory Group

“No Real Floridian ever swims in the Gulf of Mexico during summer unless his boat has sunk.”

Jeff Klinkenberg, “Summer 101,” *St. Petersburg Times* (June 18, 2004)

Summer Escapes

What do Real Floridians do during the long, hot summer months? Real Floridians read! Plan your summer reading now with this list of “escape” reading recently received or on order at Largo Public Library.

Check our catalog for availability and place your requests now for great reading in the hot months to come.

For more reading suggestions or for assistance placing your requests, see staff at the first floor Information Desk or second floor Reference Desk.

Some summer suggestions, with descriptions provided by the publishers...

Jeffrey Archer *False Impression*

In the aftermath of an aristocrat's murder on September 10, 2001, for her priceless Van Gogh painting, Anna, a World Trade Center survivor, takes advantage of her "presumed dead" status and travels throughout the world to avenge the woman's death.

Alex Berenson *The Faithful Spy*

After proving his loyalty in Afghanistan and elsewhere, CIA agent John Wells, the first Western intelligence officer to penetrate the upper levels of al-Qaeda, is assigned to a mission on American soil by bin Laden's chief deputy. On his return to the U.S., Wells, now a devout Muslim, finds his years spent in deep cover have left him conflicted.

Dale Brown *Edge of Battle*

With tensions escalating along the U.S.-Mexican border, the U.S. launches Operation Rampart under the command of Major Jason Richter and his Task Force TALON, who find themselves targeted by drug kingpin Enrique Fuera.

Lee Child *The Hard Way*

Jack Reacher comes to the aid of Edward Lane, the head of an illegal soldiers-for-hire operation, who enlists Reacher's assistance to find a vicious kidnapper who has abducted Lane's wife and child, but Reacher soon discovers that his new employer's dirty secrets could get him killed.

Mary Higgins Clark *Two Little Girls in Blue*

Traumatized by the kidnappings of her twin three-year-old girls, only one of whom was recovered, a mother begins a desperate search when her returned daughter claims that the other twin, believed dead, is still alive and in mortal danger.

Harlan Coben *Promise Me*

Entertainment agent Myron Bolitar offers a ride home to a young girl to prevent her from accepting a ride from a drunk driver, but when the girl disappears, he is forced to rescue her to prove his innocence.

Stephen Coonts *The Traitor*

Sprung from retirement because French intelligence is acting strangely, Jake Grafton hooks up with Tommy Carmellini (of Liars & Thieves fame) to track down a worldwide conspiracy.

Patricia Cornwell *At Risk*

A Massachusetts D. A. who is running for governor looks for a way to employ cutting-edge DNA technology to fight crime, but when a shocking piece of violence intervenes, her state investigator is not so sure it is a random event.

Jeffrey Deaver *The Cold Moon*

Lincoln Rhyme is back, helped along by Amelia Sachs, who has her own case to solve even as she and Rhyme track a serial killer obsessed with clocks.

Barry Eisler *The Last Assassin*

Hoping to reconcile with the mother of his child, reluctant contract killer John Rain inadvertently places them in the path of dangerous enemies and is forced to recruit the help of his nemesis from the Japanese FBI and an ex-marine sniper.

Janet Evanovich *Twelve Sharp*

In her 12th outing, Stephanie Plum must contend with a female stalker and other crazies in Trenton, NJ.

Joseph Finder *Killer Instinct*

Lacking the competitive instincts considered necessary to get ahead in his sales job, Jason Steadman meets a recently hired Iraqi war veteran who recruits him for the company softball team and offers him a job in corporate security, a situation that turns ugly when Jason learns his new friend's true agenda.

Heather Graham *The Island*

While walking on the beach with her niece, Beth Anderson stumbles upon a human skull, and she becomes the target of a dangerous killer.

W.E.B. Griffin *The Saboteurs*

Griffin hooks up with his son to pen another tale featuring Wild Bill Donovan's agents, who are prepping for the Allied invasion of Italy.

Tami Hoag *Prior Bad Acts*

Assigned to protect a judge whose unpopular ruling on a serial killer has led to threats, Minneapolis homicide detective Sam Kovac and his partner, Nikki Liska, find their case taking a whole new direction when the judge is kidnapped.

Lisa Jackson *Shiver*

Detective Reuben "Diego" Montoya is back in New Orleans, where a serial killer is turning the Big Easy into his personal playground.

Iris Johansen *Killer Dreams*

Sleep therapist Sophie Dunston is about to have a really big nightmare.

Jonathan Kellerman *Gone: An Alex Delaware Novel*

Psychologist Alex Delaware and L.A.P.D. detective Milo Sturgis investigate the bizarre case of two students whose claims of abduction are revealed to be a hoax, a case that takes an odd turn when one student is found murdered and the other vanishes.

Stephen King *Cell*

Mayhem and violence are unleashed around the world when a pulse from a mysterious source transforms all cell phone users into homicidal maniacs, and only a small band of "normies" who avoided the technological attack can stop the rampage.

Dean R. Koontz *The Husband*

Kidnappers have nabbed the wife of Mitchell Rafferty, and they expect the modest working man to come up with \$2 million to get her back alive.

Elizabeth Lowell *The Wrong Hostage*

Joe Faroe, who was a kidnap specialist until a friend died trying to kill him, agrees to help federal judge Cate Silva when her son falls into the wrong hands.

Cody McFadyen *Shadow Man*

Once the FBI's hottest serial killer hunter, Smoky Barrett is left scarred in body and mind following a brutal encounter with a psychotic killer, and is on the verge of suicide when she is confronted by an all new evil called the Shadow Man.

Robert B. Parker *Blue Screen*

Nothing's sunny for Sunny Randall when he's hired to protect a sleazy movie mogul's girlfriend and the woman's best buddy ends up dead. But joining forces with Paradise, MA, police chief Jesse Stone helps.

James Patterson *Beach Road*

Hoping to revamp his career when he is hired to represent a triple-murder suspect, Montauk lawyer Tom Dunleavy finds the case complicated by his client's popularity and a dangerous secret being protected by East Hampton's privileged class.

James Patterson, ed. *Thriller: Stories to Keep You Up All Night*

A collection of stories from many popular authors, including Lee Child, Heather Graham, James Grippando, Alex Kava, and John Lescroart, edited by James Patterson.

Amanda Quick *Second Sight*

Venetia Milton earns big bucks photographing the artifacts owned by the brooding Gabriel Jones, whom she also manages to seduce, but after hearing that he is dead, she is stunned when he winds up on her doorstep very much alive and afraid for his life.

Karen Robards *Vanished*

Ten years after her six-year-old daughter disappears without a trace, Sarah Mason receives a phone call from a child with her daughter's six-year-old voice, causing Sarah to turn in desperation to private investigator Jake Hogan.

John Sandford *Dead Watch*

Summoned by the White House chief of staff to investigate a series of elected official disappearances, Army intelligence veteran Jacob Winter finds the situation worsening when one of the missing victims is found brutally murdered.

Lisa Scottoline *Dirty Blonde*

Federal judge Cate Fante finds her own double life coming to light when the defendant in a high-profile lawsuit ends up dead, and revelations threaten her future on the bench as well as her life when the killer comes after her.

John Updike *Terrorist*

Part Egyptian, part Irish American, and thoroughly disgusted with contemporary U.S. society, young Ahmad is good and ready to sacrifice himself for a cause.

Stuart Woods *Dark Harbor*

Investigating the unlikely murder-suicide case of his cousin, who secretly worked for the CIA, Stone Barrington is surprised to learn that his cousin had named him the executor of his estate just prior to his death.

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