



What is on your nightstand? Books Discussed on June 3 and July 1, 2021

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds

- **Availability/Call number:** YA Fic Rey
- **Summary:** A bag of chips. That's all sixteen-year-old Rashad is looking for at the corner bodega. What he finds instead is a fist-happy cop, Paul Galluzzo, who mistakes Rashad for a shoplifter, mistakes Rashad's pleadings that he's stolen nothing for belligerence, mistakes Rashad's resistance to leave the bodega as resisting arrest, mistakes Rashad's every flinch at every punch the cop throws as further resistance and refusal to STAY STILL as ordered. But how can you stay still when someone is pounding your face into the concrete pavement?

American dirt by Jeanine Cummins

- **Availability/Call number:** Fic Cum, L.P. Fic Cum, and OverDrive/Bridges
- **Summary:** Lydia Quixano Pérez lives in the Mexican city of Acapulco. She runs a bookstore. She has a son, Luca, the love of her life, and a wonderful husband who is a journalist. And while there are cracks beginning to show in Acapulco because of the drug cartels, her life is, by and large, comfortable. Even though she knows they'll never sell, Lydia stocks some of her all-time favorite books in her store. And then one day a man enters the shop to browse and comes up to the register with a few books he would like to buy—two of them her favorites. Javier is erudite. He is charming. And, unbeknownst to Lydia, he is the *jefe* of the newest drug cartel that has gruesomely taken over the city. When Lydia's husband's tell-all profile of Javier is published, none of their lives will ever be the same.

Carrie by Stephen King

- **Availability/Call number:** Fic Kin and OverDrive/Bridges
- **Summary:** Carrie White may be picked on by her classmates, but she has a gift. She can move things with her mind. Door's lock. Candles fall. This is her power and her problem. Then, an act of kindness, as spontaneous as the vicious taunts of her classmates, offers Carrie a chance to be a normal...until an unexpected cruelty turns her gift into a weapon of horror and destruction that no one will ever forget.

Fatima's great outdoors by Ambreen Tariq

- **Availability/Call number:** J Pre Cen
- **Summary:** Fatima Khazi is excited for the weekend. Her family is headed to a local state park for their first camping trip! The school week might not have gone as planned, but outdoors, Fatima can achieve anything. She sets up a tent with her father, builds a fire with her mother, and survives an eight-legged mutant spider (a daddy longlegs with an impressive shadow) with her sister. At the end

of an adventurous day, the family snuggles inside one big tent, serenaded by the sounds of the forest. The thought of leaving the magic of the outdoors tugs at Fatima's heart, but her sister reminds her that they can keep the memory alive through stories--and they can always daydream about what their next camping trip will look like.

Give people money: how a universal basic income would end poverty, revolutionize work, and remake the world by Annie Lowrey

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.
- **Summary:** Imagine if every month the government deposited \$1,000 into your bank account, with nothing expected in return. It sounds crazy. But it has become one of the most influential and hotly debated policy ideas of our time. Futurists, radicals, libertarians, socialists, union representatives, feminists, conservatives, Bernie supporters, development economists, child-care workers, welfare recipients, and politicians from India to Finland to Canada to Mexico—all are talking about UBI. In this sparkling and provocative book, economics writer Annie Lowrey examines the UBI movement from many angles. She travels to Kenya to see how a UBI is lifting the poorest people on earth out of destitution, India to see how inefficient government programs are failing the poor, South Korea to interrogate UBI's intellectual pedigree, and Silicon Valley to meet the tech titans financing UBI pilots in expectation of a world with advanced artificial intelligence and little need for human labor.

Hearticulations: on love, friendship, and healing by Jeff Brown

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.
- **Summary:** In his fourth book of well-loved quotes, Jeff Brown delivers his most compelling message yet: the power of love, friendship, and healing. In his notoriously candid style, Jeff dazzles us with poignant, intimate, and insightful heartspeak. His wisdom and word wizardry encompass all forms of relationship: romantic partnerships, soul-friendships, family bonds, and our connection to the greater world. He also addresses the often gritty yet essential work of healing our wounds. We struggle in relationship, and we also heal in relationship. At a time when our world is fractured by polarized views, *Hearticulations* reminds us of the golden threads that bind us together our shared vulnerable humanity and that there is more that connects us than divides us.

I Needed a Viking: Poems by Alfa

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.
- **Summary:** Beloved contemporary poet Alfa is back with a brand-new collection of more than 180 heartfelt poems on the theme of woman warriors and the masculine heroes they long for. In gorgeous, compelling, and intimate prose, *I Needed a Viking* takes us on an emotional journey of a woman searching for strength during a storm.

Lady Sings the Blues by Billie Holiday

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.
- **Summary:** Taking the reader on a fast-moving journey from Billie Holiday's rough-and-tumble Baltimore childhood (where she ran errands at a whorehouse in exchange for the chance to listen to Louis Armstrong and Bessie Smith albums), to her emergence on Harlem's club scene, to sold-out performances with the Count Basie Orchestra and with Artie Shaw and his band, this revelatory memoir is notable for its trenchant observations on the racism that darkened Billie's life and the heroin addiction that ended it too soon. We are with

her during the mesmerizing debut of “Strange Fruit”; with her as she rubs shoulders with the biggest movie stars and musicians of the day (Bob Hope, Lana Turner, Clark Gable, Benny Goodman, Lester Young, Coleman Hawkins, and more); and with her through the scrapes with Jim Crow, spats with Sarah Vaughan, ignominious jailing, and tragic decline. All of this is told in Holiday’s tart, streetwise style and hip patois that makes it read as if it were written yesterday.

Latino in America by Rose Arce and Soledad O’Brien

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.
- **Summary:** Following the smash-hit CNN documentary *Black in America*, *Latino in America* travels to small towns and big cities to illustrate how distinctly Latino cultures are becoming intricately woven into the broader American identity. As she reports the evolution of Latino America, Soledad O’Brien explores how tens of millions of Americans with roots in 21 different countries form a community called “Latino” and recalls her own upbringing and what she’s learned about being a Latino in America.

Lock every door: a novel by Riley Sager

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library. This title is available on OverDrive/Bridges.
- **Summary:** The next heart-pounding thriller from *New York Times* bestselling author Riley Sager follows a young woman whose new job apartment sitting in one of New York’s oldest and most glamorous buildings may cost more than it pays. No visitors. No nights spent away from the apartment. No disturbing the other residents, all of whom are rich or famous or both. These are the only rules for Jules Larsen’s new job as an apartment sitter at the Bartholomew, one of Manhattan’s most high-profile and mysterious buildings. Recently heartbroken and just plain broke, Jules is taken in by the splendor of her surroundings and accepts the terms, ready to leave her past life behind.

Locke and key (series) by Joe Hill, Gabriel Rodriguez, and Robert Crais

- **Availability/Call number:** YA Fic Hil (Book 1)
- **Summary:** Following their father’s gruesome murder in a violent home invasion, the Locke children return to his childhood home of Keyhouse in secluded Lovecraft, Massachusetts. Their mother, Nina, is too trapped in her grief—and a wine bottle—to notice that all in Keyhouse is not what it seems: too many locked doors, too many unanswered questions. Older kids Tyler and Kinsey aren’t much better. But not youngest son Bode, who quickly finds a new friend living in an empty well and a new toy, a key, that offers hours of spirited entertainment. But again, all at Keyhouse is not what it seems, and not all doors are meant to be opened. Soon, horrors old and new, real, and imagined, will come ravaging after the Lockes and the secrets their family holds.

Mad as hell: America’s #1 all-night radio host takes on the dangerous world we live in by George Noory

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.
- **Summary:** I’m angry because sometimes I feel like a stranger in America. We live in a dangerous world that is sorely in need of an effective political system that deals with the ongoing destruction of the middle class, an aging population, permeable borders, technology out of control, and shocking,

mindless violence and wars. But we can bring back the America that makes us proud. It will take hard work and pulling together as a society.

March: book one by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.
- **Summary:** Congressman John Lewis (GA-5) is an American icon, one of the key figures of the civil rights movement. His commitment to justice and nonviolence has taken him from an Alabama sharecropper's farm to the halls of Congress, from a segregated schoolroom to the 1963 March on Washington, and from receiving beatings from state troopers to receiving the Medal of Freedom from the first African American president.

My grandmother's hands by Resmaa Menakem

- **Availability/Call number:** 305.896 Men
- **Summary:** In this groundbreaking book, therapist Resmaa Menakem examines the damage caused by racism in America from the perspective of trauma and body-centered psychology. The body is where our instincts reside and where we fight, flee, or freeze, and it endures the trauma inflicted by the ills that plague society. Menakem argues this destruction will continue until Americans learn to heal the generational anguish of white supremacy, which is deeply embedded in all our bodies. Our collective agony doesn't just affect African Americans. White Americans suffer their own secondary trauma as well. So do blue Americans—our police.

Nice Racism: how progressive white people perpetuate racial harm by Robin DiAngelo

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.
- **Summary:** In *White Fragility*, Robin DiAngelo explained how racism is a system into which all white people are socialized and challenged the belief that racism is a simple matter of good people versus bad. DiAngelo also made a provocative claim: white progressives cause the most daily harm to people of color. In *Nice Racism*, her follow-up work, she explains how they do so. Drawing on her background as a sociologist and over 25 years working as an anti-racist educator, she picks up where *White Fragility* left off and moves the conversation forward.

Phoenix rising by Karen Hesse

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.
- **Summary:** Nyle's life with her grandmother on their Vermont sheep farm advances rhythmically through the seasons until the night of the accident at the Cookshire nuclear power plant. Without warning, Nyle's modest world fills with protective masks, evacuations, contaminated food, disruptions, and mistrust.

Returning home by Angela Christensen

- **Availability/Call number:** Fic Chr
- **Summary:** Joan Marcus, a career woman in her mid-thirties living in Seattle, Washington realizes she has been in the same meaningless job for fifteen years. She hasn't married or had children. She

hasn't seen her family in fifteen years. In a cafe' during her lunch break she realizes she doesn't want to waste any more time looking for the things that matter in life any longer and takes a vacation from her job for a month. She travels to her hometown looking for clues to her life and where she is really meant to be and hoping she can reconnect with family and friends when her old flame from high school sparks feelings she tried burying and never thought she would ever have to face again.

Sold on a Monday by Kristina McMorris

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library. This title is available on OverDrive/Bridges.
- **Summary:** The sign is a last resort. It sits on a farmhouse porch in 1931 but could be found anywhere in an era of breadlines, bank runs and broken dreams. It could have been written by any mother facing impossible choices. For struggling reporter Ellis Reed, the gut-wrenching scene evokes memories of his family's dark past. He snaps a photograph of the children, not meant for publication. But when it leads to his big break, the consequences are more devastating than he ever imagined.

Symptoms of being human by Jeff Garvin

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.
- **Summary:** A sharply honest and moving debut perfect for fans of *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* and *Ask the Passengers*. Riley Cavanaugh is many things: Punk rock. Snarky. Rebellious. And gender fluid. Some days Riley identifies as a boy, and others as a girl. But Riley isn't exactly out yet. And between starting a new school and having a congressman father running for reelection in über-conservative Orange County, the pressure—media and otherwise—is building up in Riley's life. On the advice of a therapist, Riley starts an anonymous blog to vent those pent-up feelings and tell the truth of what it's really like to be a gender fluid teenager. But just as Riley's starting to settle in at school—even developing feelings for a mysterious outcast—the blog goes viral, and an unnamed commenter discovers Riley's real identity, threatening exposure. And Riley must make a choice: walk away from what the blog has created—a lifeline, new friends, a cause to believe in—or stand up, come out, and risk everything.

The best we could do by Thi Bui

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library. This title is available on OverDrive/Bridges.
- **Summary:** This beautifully illustrated and emotional story is an evocative memoir about the search for a better future and a longing for the past. Exploring the anguish of immigration and the lasting effects that displacement has on a child and her family, Bui documents the story of her family's daring escape after the fall of South Vietnam in the 1970s, and the difficulties they faced building new lives for themselves. At the heart of Bui's story is a universal struggle: While adjusting to life as a first-time mother, she ultimately discovers what it means to be a parent—the endless sacrifices, the unnoticed gestures, and the depths of unspoken love. Despite how impossible it seems to take on the simultaneous roles of both parent and child, Bui pushes through. With haunting, poetic writing and breathtaking art, she examines the strength of family, the importance of identity, and the meaning of home.

The Burgess boy by Elizabeth Strout

- **Availability/Call number:** Fic Str, CD Fic Str
- **Summary:** Haunted by the freak accident that killed their father when they were children, Jim and Bob Burgess escaped from their Maine hometown of Shirley Falls for New York City as soon as they possibly could. Jim, a sleek, successful corporate lawyer, has belittled his bighearted brother their whole lives, and Bob, a Legal Aid attorney who idolizes Jim, has always taken it in stride. But their long-standing dynamic is upended when their sister, Susan—the Burgess sibling who stayed behind—urgently calls them home. Her lonely teenage son, Zach, has gotten himself into a world of trouble, and Susan desperately needs their help. And so the Burgess brothers return to the landscape of their childhood, where the long-buried tensions that have shaped and shadowed their relationship begin to surface in unexpected ways that will change them forever.

The butterfly and the violin by Kristy Cambron

- **Availability/Call number:** Fic Cam
- **Summary:** Manhattan art dealer Sera James watched her world crumble at the altar two years ago, and her heart is still fragile. Her desire for distraction reignites a passion for a mysterious portrait she first saw as a young girl—a painting of a young violinist with piercing blue eyes. In her search for the painting, Sera crosses paths with William Hanover—the grandson of a wealthy California real estate mogul—who maybe the key to uncovering the hidden masterpiece. Together Sera and Williams slowly unravel the story behind the painting's subject: Austrian violinist Adele Von Bron. A darling of the Austrian aristocracy of 1942, talented violinist, and daughter to a high-ranking member of the Third Reich, Adele risks everything when she begins smuggling Jews out of Vienna. In a heartbeat, her life of prosperity and privilege dissolves into a world of starvation and barbed wire.

The devil wears Prada by Lauren Weisberger

- **Availability/Call number:** Fic Wei
- **Summary:** Andrea Sachs, a small-town girl fresh out of college, lands the job “a million girls would die for.” Hired as the assistant to Miranda Priestly, the high-profile, fabulously successful editor of *Runway* magazine, Andrea finds herself in an office that shouts *Prada! Armani! Versace!* at every turn, a world populated by impossibly thin, heart-wrenchingly stylish women and beautiful men clad in fine-ribbed turtlenecks and tight leather pants that show off their lifelong dedication to the gym. With breathtaking ease, Miranda can turn each and every one of these hip sophisticates into a scared, whimpering child.

The lake by Natasha Preston

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.
- **Summary:** Esme and Kayla once were campers at Camp Pine Lake. They're excited to be back this year as CITs (counselors in training). Esme loves the little girls in her cabin and thinks it's funny how scared they are of everything--spiders, the surly head counselor, the dark, boys . . . even swimming in the lake! It reminds her a little of how she and Kayla used to be, once. Before . . . *it* happened. Because Esme and Kayla did something bad when they were campers. Afterwards, the girls agreed to keep it secret.

The land of stories (series) by Chris Colfer

- **Availability/Call number:** J Fic Col

- **Summary:** Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy-tale characters they grew up reading about.

The next big story: my journey through the land of possibilities

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.
- **Summary:** From top CNN anchor and special correspondent Soledad O'Brien comes a highly personal look at her biggest reporting moments, from Hurricane Katrina, the tsunami in Southeast Asia, and the devastating Haiti earthquake to historic elections and high-profile interviews with everyday Americans. Drawing on her own unique background and consciousness as well as her experiences as a journalist at the front lines of the most provocative issues in today's society - and particularly from her work as host of the acclaimed series *Black in America* and *Latino in America*.

The personal librarian by Marie Benedict

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.
- **Summary:** In her twenties, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture in New York City society and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating for critical works as she helps create a world-class collection. But Belle has a secret, one she must protect at all costs. She was born not Belle da Costa Greene but Belle Marion Greener. She is the daughter of Richard Greener, the first Black graduate of Harvard and a well-known advocate for equality. Belle's complexion isn't dark because of her alleged Portuguese heritage that lets her pass as white - her complexion is dark because she is African American.

The power of zero by David McKnight

- **Availability/Call number:** 332.024 McK
- **Summary:** The United States Government has made trillions of dollars in unfunded promises for programs like Social Security and Medicare—and the only way to deliver on these promises is to raise taxes. Some experts have even suggested that tax rates will need to double, just to keep our country solvent. Unfortunately, if you're like most Americans, you've saved the majority of your retirement assets in tax-deferred vehicles like 401(k)s and IRAs. If tax rates go up, how much of your hard-earned money will you really get to keep?

The prophets by Robert Jones Jr.

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.
- **Summary:** Isaiah was Samuel's and Samuel was Isaiah's. That was the way it was since the beginning and the way it was to be until the end. In the barn they tended to the animals, but also to each other, transforming the hollowed-out shed into a place of human refuge, a source of intimacy and hope in a world ruled by vicious masters. But when an older man - a fellow slave - seeks to gain favor by preaching the master's gospel on the plantation, the

enslaved begin to turn on their own. Isaiah and Samuel's love, which was once so simple, is seen as sinful and a clear danger to the plantation's harmony.

The seven words you can't say on television by Steven Pinker

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.
- **Summary:** Why do so many swear words involve sex, bodily functions and religion? Why are some words rude and others aren't? Why can launching into expletives be so shocking - and sometimes so amusing? Steven Pinker takes us on a fascinating and funny journey through the world of profanities, taken from his bestselling *The Stuff of Thought*, to show us why we swear (whatever our language or culture), how taboos change and how we use obscenities in different ways. You'll discover that in Québécois French the expression 'Tabernacle' is outrageous, that the Middle Ages were littered with four-letter words, that 'scumbag' has a very unsavoury origin and that in a certain Aboriginal language every word is filthy when spoken in front of your mother-in-law.

The shining by Stephen King

- **Availability/Call number:** Fic Kin
- **Summary:** Jack Torrance's new job at the Overlook Hotel is the perfect chance for a fresh start. As the off-season caretaker at the atmospheric old hotel, he'll have plenty of time to spend reconnecting with his family and working on his writing. But as the harsh winter weather sets in, the idyllic location feels ever more remote...and more sinister. And the only one to notice the strange and terrible forces gathering around the Overlook is Danny Torrance, a uniquely gifted five-year-old.

The turn of the key by Ruth Ware

- **Availability/Call number:** Fic War, L.P. Fic War
- **Summary:** When Rowan Caine arrives at Heatherbrae House, she is smitten - by the luxurious "smart" home fitted out with all modern conveniences, by the beautiful Scottish Highlands, and by this picture-perfect family. What she doesn't know is that she's stepping into a nightmare - one that will end with a child dead and herself in prison awaiting trial for murder.

To Selena, with love by Chris Perez

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.
- **Summary:** One of the most compelling and adored superstars in Latin music history, Selena was nothing short of a phenomenon who shared all of herself with her millions of devoted fans. Her tragic murder, at the age of twenty-three, stripped the world of her talent and boundless potential, her tightly knit family of their beloved angel, and her husband, Chris Perez, of the greatest love he had ever known. For over a decade, Chris held onto the only personal thing he had left from his late wife—the touching and sometimes painful memories of their very private bond. Now, for the first time, Chris opens up about their unbreakable friendship, their forbidden relationship, and their blossoming marriage that was cut short.

*Unfu*k yourself: get out of your head and into your life*

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.
- **Summary:** Are you tired of feeling f*cked up? If you are, Gary John Bishop has the answer. In this straightforward handbook, he gives you the tools and advice you need to demolish the slag weighing you down and become the truly unf*cked version of yourself. "Wake up to the miracle you are," he directs. "Here's what you've forgotten: You're a f*cking miracle of being." It isn't other people that are standing in your way; it isn't even your circumstances that are blocking your ability to thrive. It's yourself and the negative self-talk you keep telling yourself.

Unshamed: drop the baggage, pick up your freedom and fulfill your destiny by Christine Caine

- **Availability/Call number:** 248.8 Cai
- **Summary:** Shame can take on many forms. It hides in the shadows of the most successful, confident, and high-achieving woman who struggles with balancing her work and children, as well as in the heart of the broken, abused and downtrodden woman who has been told that she will never amount to anything. Shame hides in plain sight and can hold us back in ways we do not realize. But Christine Caine wants readers to know something: we can all be free.

When you trap a tiger by Tae Keller

- **Availability/Call number:** J Fic Kel
- **Summary:** When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives, prompting Lily to unravel a secret family history. Long, long ago, Halmoni stole something from the tigers. Now they want it back. And when one of the tigers approaches Lily with a deal--return what her grandmother stole in exchange for Halmoni's health--Lily is tempted to agree. But deals with tigers are never what they seem! With the help of her sister and her new friend Ricky, Lily must find her voice...and the courage to face a tiger.

Where the crawdad's sing by Delia Owens

- **Availability/Call number:** Fic Owe, L.P. Fic Owe and CD Fic Owe
- **Summary:** For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So, in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life--until the unthinkable happens.

Where we go from here by Lucas Rocha

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.
- **Summary:** *Ian* has just been diagnosed with HIV. *Victor*, to his great relief, has tested negative. *Henrique* has been living with HIV for the past three years. When Victor finds himself getting tested for HIV for the first time, he can't help but question his entire relationship with Henrique, the guy he has -- *had* -- been dating. See, Henrique didn't disclose his positive HIV status to Victor until *after* they had sex, and even though Henrique insisted on using every possible precaution, Victor is livid. That's when Victor meets Ian, a

guy who's also getting tested for HIV. But Ian's test comes back positive, and his world is about to change forever. Though Victor is loath to think about Henrique, he offers to put the two of them in touch, hoping that perhaps Henrique can help Ian navigate his new life.

Who are you?: the kids guide to gender by Brook Pessin-Whedbee

- **Availability/Call number:** J 305.3 Pes
- **Summary:** This brightly illustrated children's book provides a straightforward introduction to gender for anyone aged 5-8. It presents clear and direct language for understanding and talking about how we experience gender: our bodies, our expression and our identity. An interactive three-layered wheel included in the book is a simple, yet powerful, tool to clearly demonstrate the difference between our body, how we express ourselves through our clothes and hobbies, and our gender identity. Ideal for use in the classroom or at home, a short page-by-page guide for adults at the back of the book further explains the key concepts and identifies useful discussion points.

I sang you down from the stars by Tasha Spillett-Sumner

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.
- **Summary:** As she waits for the arrival of her new baby, a mother-to-be gathers gifts to create a sacred bundle. A white feather, cedar and sage, a stone from the river. Each addition to the bundle will offer the new baby strength and connection to tradition, family, and community. As they grow together, mother and baby will each have gifts to offer each other. Tasha Spillett-Sumner and Michaela Goade, two Indigenous creators, bring beautiful words and luminous art together in a resonant celebration of the bond between mother and child.

Why bother? Discover the desire of what's next by Jennifer Louden

- **Availability/Call number:** This book is currently not available at the library but may be requested through Interlibrary loan depending on the lending library.
- **Summary:** In *Why Bother?* personal-growth expert Jennifer Louden challenges you to open your mind, your heart, and your life by following where the question leads. Through reflection and stories from others, Louden demonstrates how to bother when it feels impossible or like too much work, whether after professional defeats, heartbreak, illness, or life-changing loss. She shows why you must prioritize what's calling you at any time of your life, especially when you've sidelined your dreams to raise kids, pay the rent, or take care of aging parents. And crucially, she shows you how tapping into your deepest desires can give you the energy to move forward—even when the world seems in such dire straits. It's time to reclaim the dignity and beauty of your desires. It's time to get your bother on.

Winter in paradise by Elin Hilderbrand

- **Availability/Call number:** Fic Hil, CD Fic Hil and L.P. Fic Hil
- **Summary:** Irene Steele shares her idyllic life in a beautiful Iowa City Victorian house with a husband who loves her to sky-writing, sentimental extremes. But as she rings in the new year one cold and snowy night, everything she thought she knew falls to pieces with a shocking phone call: her beloved husband, away on business, has been killed in a helicopter crash. Before Irene can even process the news, she must first confront the perplexing details of her husband's death on the distant Caribbean Island of St. John.