

## **2026 – 2021 Nurturing for Community**

Selections may be from the 2026-2021-2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 Reading lists if not included in previous reports, children and youth titles can be read for credit in all plans of the Reading Program.

### **2026 Nurturing for Community**

#### **Namesake: Reflections on a Warrior Woman.**

N.S. Nuseibeh. Olive Branch Press 2024.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 1 Print copy.

Nusayba bint Ka'ab al Khazrajia was a legendary warrior who fought alongside the Prophet Muhammad at the dawn of Islam and was the ancestor of author N.S. Nuseibeh. In Namesake, Nuseibeh draws on Nusayba's stories as she explores the experience of being an Arab woman today and in the distant past. Her exploration takes her from superheroes and the glorification of violence to the rise of Arab feminism, to what courage looks like in the context of interminable conflict. By seeking to understand her namesake in the context of her own 21st-century concerns, Nuseibeh links our current ideas of Muslims and Arabs with their origins, exploring myth-making, identity, religion, nationhood, feminism, and race.

### **2026 Nurturing for Community**

#### **Finding Me.**

Viola Davis. Harper One 2023.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: Audiobook CD 18 copies. eAudiobook Libby. eBook Libby. Hoopla Flex WCPL 1 copy. Kindle. Large Print 14 copies. 71 Print copies.

In this powerful autobiography, acclaimed Academy Award-winning American actress and film producer Viola Davis shares her path to finding her purpose and voice in a world that didn't always see her. From a crumbling apartment in Central Falls, Rhode Island, to the stage in New York City and beyond, Davis details how she constantly ran from her past until she made a life-changing decision to stop running forever. In part a deep reflection, a promise, and a love letter of sorts to self, Davis hopes to inspire readers to light up their own lives with creative expression and rediscover who they were before the world imposed a label. (V) (S) (L)

### **2026 Nurturing For Community**

#### **Don't Follow Your Heart: Boldly Breaking the Ten Commandments of Self-Worship.**

Thaddeus J. Williams. Zondervan 2023.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: eAudiobook Libby. eBook Libby. eBook Hoopla. Kindle. 1 Print copy.

In Don't Follow Your Heart, Thaddeus Williams debunks what he calls the "ten commandments of self-worship," popular propaganda such as

#liveyourbestlife (always act in accord with your chief end—to glorify and enjoy yourself forever), #followyourheart (obey your emotions at all costs), or #yolo (pursue the rush of boundary-free experience). This type of self-worship is neither authentic, satisfying, nor edgy, but rather rehashes what is humanity's oldest lie. With a blend of theology, philosophy, science, psychology, and pop culture, Williams points readers to a life beyond self-defeating dogmas to a more meaningful life centered on Someone infinitely more interesting, satisfying, and awesome than ourselves.

**2026 Nurturing for Community**  
**The Personal Librarian.**

Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher. Murray Berkley 2022.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: eAudiobook Libby. eBook Libby. Koindle. Large Print 37 copies. Print 80 copies.

Named a Best Book of the Year by NPR and a Good Morning America Book Club Pick, this historical novel explores the life of J. P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, a Black American forced to hide her true identity and pass as White. In her twenties, Belle was hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library. She became a fixture in New York City society and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world. But Belle has a secret—she is the daughter of Richard Greener, the first Black graduate of Harvard and a well-known advocate for equality. Book available in English & Spanish.

**2026 Nurturing for Community.**

**Raising Kids Beyond the Binary: Celebrating God's Transgender and Gender-Diverse Children.**

Jamie Bruesehoff. Broadleaf Books 2023.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: eAudiobook Hoopla. eBook Libby. Kindle. 9 Print copies.

Drawing on the author's experience as a mother walking with and learning from her transgender child, as well as working with hundreds of families across the country doing the same, this book helps parents navigate the emotional, spiritual, and logistical landscape of raising a gender-diverse child. Grounded in the unequivocal truth of God's deep love and limitless creativity, and rich with personal stories, research, and practical steps, this book compels readers to move past "all are welcome" to loving and celebrating transgender and gender-diverse youth in the brilliance of their uniqueness.

**2026 Nurturing for Community**

**Sisterhood Heals: The Transformative Power of Healing in community.**

Joy Harden Bradford. Ballantine Books 2024.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: eAudiobook Libby. 11 Print copies.

For more than 20 years, Dr. Joy Harden Bradford has been working to help Black women heal together. In a sisterhood community with more than half a million members, she's the go-to therapist for Black women looking to prioritize their mental health and become the best possible versions of themselves. Now Bradford—the licensed clinical psychologist behind the award-winning podcast Therapy for Black Girls—is sharing all she's learned using the tenets of psychology and group therapy to help readers foster relationships that are not only positive, but transformative.

## **2026 Nurturing for Community**

### **The Talk.**

Darrin Bell. Henry Holt and Co. 2023.

Wayne Co, Library clevnet: eAudiobook Libby. eComic Libby. Kindle. 37 Graphic novel.

When Darrin Bell was six years old, his mother had “The Talk” with him, telling him he couldn’t have a realistic water gun. She said she feared for his safety, explaining that police tend to think of little Black boys as older and less innocent than they really are. With poignant humor, this book examines how The Talk shapes intimate and public moments from childhood to adulthood.

Drawing attention to the brutal murders of African Americans and showcasing revealing insights and cartoons along the way, Bell brings readers to the moment of reckoning when people took to the streets protesting the murders of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor. (V)

## **2026 Nurturing for Community**

### **Welcoming and Affirming: A Guide to Supporting and Working with LGBTQ+ Christian Youth.**

Leigh Finke. Broadleaf Books 2020.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 1 Print copy.

A companion to the youth book *Queerfully and Wonderfully Made: A Guide for LGBTQ+ Christian Teens*, this book serves as a practical, concrete tool to help adult faith leaders navigate tough questions. These questions include: How should I respond when a teen comes out? Do I have to tell their parents? What does it mean to be transgender? How do I talk to a trans youth? A handbook for pastors, youth workers, church leaders, educators, and other adults in Christian settings, the book provides answers to the most pressing questions about sexuality, gender, mental health, safe sex, and more.

SET-Check out the youth version of this book.

## **2026 Nurturing for Community**

### **The Women.**

Kristin Hannah. St. Martin’s Press 2024.

Wayne Co, Library clevnet: Audiobook CD on shelf 56 copies. eAudiobook Libby. Hoopla Flex WCPL eBook Libby. Kindle. 97 Large Print copies. 307 Print copies.

This celebrated novel is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm’s way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country have too often been forgotten. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, Frances “Frankie” McGrath joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path. A #1 New York Times, USA Today, Washington Post, and Los Angeles Times bestseller, *The Women* is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroine whose idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era. (V) (L)

**2026 Nurturing for Community Youth  
The In-Between.**

Katie Van Heidrich, Aladdin 2024

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 12 Print copies.

This middle-grade memoir details the experiences of a young girl and her family who must start over after losing their home. In the early 2000s, 13-year-old Katie Van Heidrich has moved more times than she can count. When Katie and her family come back from an out-of-town funeral, they discover their landlord has unceremoniously evicted them, forcing them to pack lightly and move quickly. They make their way to an Extended Stay America Motel, with Katie's mother promising it's temporary. There, they try to live a normal life amid the complexities of "the in-between," all while remaining hopeful for the future.

**2026 Nurturing for Community Youth  
Queerfully and Wonderfully Made: A Guide for LGBTQ+ Christian Teens.**

Leigh Finke. Beaming Books 2020.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: eBook Libby. Kindle. 10 Print copies.

This book for queer or questioning Christian teens offers loving and helpful answers to a host of questions during what can be a scary and confusing time: Is there something wrong with me? Will my friends accept me? When should I tell my family? What about church? Queerfully and Wonderfully Made offers insight and support from a group of LGBTQ+ professionals, as well as testimonies from young adult queer Christians who've recently been exactly where readers are. Not only does the book provide answers, but it offers the good news: God loves you exactly as you are. (S)

**2026 Nurturing for Community Children  
A Synagogue Just Like Home.**

Alice Blumenthal McGinty. Candlewick 2022.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 11 Print copies.

Rabbi Ruben loves his synagogue, but he doesn't love the creaking floorboards, leaking sink, or drafty windows. He's certain he can fix it up so it feels cared for, like a happy home—only Rabbi Ruben doesn't know much about home repair, and his creative fixes make things humorously worse. This lighthearted tale shows how a community can come together—sharing, helping, and caring—teaching Rabbi Ruben what really makes a place feel like a happy home.

**2026 Nurturing for Community Children  
Nell Plants a Tree.**

Anne Wynter. Clarion Books 2023.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 51 Print copies.

This award-winning children's picture book celebrates the efforts of one little girl whose careful tending of a pecan tree creates the living center of a loving, intergenerational Black family. And just as Nell's tree grows and thrives with her love and care, so do generations of her close-knit family. Inspired by the pecan trees of the creators' childhoods, the book is an evocative and joyful homage to creation.

## **2026 Nurturing for Community Children**

### **The Talk.**

Alicia D. Williams. Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books 2022.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 43 Print copies.

This Coretta Scott King Book Award winner introduces young readers to “The Talk” while inviting readers of all ages to journey alongside Jay, a little boy growing quickly into a bigger boy, and his loving family. This story is told in an age-appropriate fashion and provides space for parents to insert their discussions with their children to accompany prompting illustrations. The Talk is a gently honest and sensitive starting point for this far-too-necessary conversation.

While geared towards intergenerational reading with younger children, adult readers will also find it a powerful conversation starter for discussions about racism and the criminalization of children of color, especially Black children.

## **2025 Nurturing for Community**

### **All That is Secret (An Annalee Spain Mystery)**

Patricia Raybon. Tyndale House Publishers. 2021.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: Unlimited Electronic Hoopla Audio Book. 4 Electronic Kindle, Libby EBook. Unlimited Electronic Hoopla E Book. 17 print copies. 1 large print copy.

This is the first book in the Annalee Spain Mysteries, an exciting “history mystery” featuring a young Black theologian—a fan of Sherlock Holmes—who solves crimes during Colorado’s dangerous 1920s Klan years. In the winter of 1923, Professor Annalee Spain receives a cryptic telegram calling her home to Denver to solve the mystery of the murder of her beloved but estranged father. For a young Black woman, searching for answers in a city ruled by the KKK could mean real danger. Still, she launches her hunt for clues, attracting two surprising allies and following clues that land her among Denver’s powerful elite.

## **2025 Nurturing for Community**

### **All You Can Ever Know: A Memoir**

Nicole Chung. Catapult. 2018.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: Unlimited Electronic Hoopla Audio Book. 1 Electronic Libby Audiobook. 12 Electronic Kindle, Libby EBook. 3 Audio digital disc copies. 37 print copies.

Named a Best Book of the Year by more than 20 outlets, including NPR, The Washington Post, and TIME Magazine, this memoir details the life of Nicole Chung. Born premature, Chung was placed for adoption by her Korean parents, and raised by a White family in a sheltered town. But as she grew up—facing prejudice her adoptive family couldn’t see and finding her identity as an Asian American and as a writer—she wondered if the story she’d been told was the whole truth. Chung tells of her search for the people who gave her up, which coincided with the birth of her own child.

## **2025 Nurturing for Community**

### **The First Advent in Palestine: Reversals, Resistance, and the Ongoing Complexity of Hope**

Kelley Nikondeha. Broadleaf Books. 2022.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 1 Electronic Kindle, Libby EBook. Unlimited Electronic Hoopla E Book. 2 print copies.

Writer, liberation theologian, and community development practitioner Kelley Nikondeha is known for highlighting Palestinian voices and rights. In this book, she takes us back to the first Advent, where the landscape of Palestine is once again the geographic, socioeconomic, and political backdrop for the Advent story. This thought-provoking examination invites readers into a season of discovery, one that is realistic and honest and yet still wonders at the goodness of God’s grace. (Violence)

### **2025 Nurturing for Community**

#### **The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times.**

Michelle Obama. Crown. 2022.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 1 Electronic Hoopla E Book. 7 Electronic Kindle, Libby EBook.

3 Electronic Libby Audiobook. 110 print copies. 48 large print copies. 5 audio media players.

48 copies audio discs.

In this follow-up to her acclaimed memoir, former First Lady Michelle Obama shares practical wisdom and powerful strategies for staying hopeful and balanced in today's highly uncertain world. She opens a frank dialogue with readers, considering the questions many of us wrestle with: How do we build enduring and honest relationships? How can we discover strength and community inside our differences? What tools do we use to address feelings of self-doubt or helplessness? What do we do when it all starts to feel like too much? A New York Times and USA Today bestseller.

### **2025 Nurturing for Community**

#### **Meeting God in Paul: Reflections for the Season of Lent**

Rowan Williams. Westminster John Knox Press. 2015.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: Unlimited Electronic Hoopla E Book.

From Welsh Anglican bishop, theologian, and poet Rowan Williams comes this powerful reflection of the essential meaning and purpose of Paul's letters as Christians prepare for the Lenten season.

Williams, who was the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury (2002–2012), places a special focus on the social world of Paul and the "dangerous newness" that was Christianity, as well as the specific ways the behavior and language of the Christian community were being molded and shaped in Paul's time.

Easy to read and packed with illuminating spiritual insights. Questions for reflection or group discussion are provided for each chapter.

### **2025 Nurturing for Community**

#### **Seven Transforming Gifts of Menopause: and Unexpected Spiritual Journey**

Cheryl Bridges Johns. Brazos Press. 2020.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: Unlimited Electronic Hoopla Audio Book. Unlimited Electronic Hoopla E Book. 3 print copies.

Pastor and theologian Cheryl Bridges Johns brings readers this unique but much-needed reflection on the spiritual aspect of menopause, a dramatic but largely overlooked developmental window to the second half of life. The book gets to the very heart of the midlife journey, helping women find their unique voice and speak their truth in an era of #MeToo and #ChurchToo. Coming alongside readers as a wise spiritual guide, Johns identifies seven key developmental "tasks" of menopause and gives practical ways women can embrace each one. She encourages women to view these tasks as gifts as they experience the remarkable physical, emotional, and spiritual transformation that occurs in this stage of life.

## **2025 Nurturing for Community**

### **Speak, Okinawa: A Memoir**

Elizabeth Miki Brina. Vintage. 2022. 289p.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 17 print copies. 2 Electronic Libby Audiobook. 5 large print copies.

Elizabeth's mother was working as a nightclub hostess in Okinawa when she met the American soldier who became her husband. The language barrier and power imbalance followed them to the predominantly white, upstate New York suburb where they moved to raise their only daughter. Decades later, Elizabeth comes to recognize the shame and self-loathing that haunt both her and her mother and attempts a form of reconciliation, not only to come to terms with the embattled dynamics of her family but also to reckon with the injustices that reverberate throughout the history of Okinawa and its people. A heartfelt exploration of identity, inheritance, forgiveness, and what it means to be an American. (Violence) (Sex)

## **2025 Nurturing for Community**

### **Start with Hello: (and Other Simple Ways to Live as Neighbors)**

Shannan Martin. Revell. 2022.

This enlightening book addresses how a simple path can lead to a far more deeply connected life. Many people live detached, distracted, and divided from their communities. In *Start with Hello*, Martin invites readers into deeper connection through basic resets, street-level practices, and real-talk storytelling. It's a field guide for a life of security, camaraderie, and joy. For example, Martin shares: An open door is greater than perfect décor. Familiar is greater than fussy. And tender is greater than tough.

## **2025 Nurturing for Community**

### **Under the Skin: The Hidden Toll of Racism on American Lives and on the Health of Our Nation**

Linda Villarosa . Doubleday. 2022. 269p.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 33 print copies.

From an award-winning writer and a contributor to the 1619 Project comes this landmark book that uncovers racial health disparities in America, revealing the toll racism takes on individuals and the health of our nation. Villarosa lays bare the forces in the American health care system and American society that cause Black people to "live sicker and die quicker" compared to their White counterparts. Study after study of medical settings show worse treatment and outcomes for Black patients, who live in dirtier, more polluted communities due to environmental racism and neglect from all levels of government. Coping with the daily scourge of racism ages Black people prematurely.

## **2025 Nurturing for Community – Youth**

### **All My Rage**

Sabaa Tahir. Razorbill. 2023.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 2 large print copies. 4 audio media players. 65 print copies.

This heart-wrenching contemporary novel and National Book Award winner tackles family and forgiveness, love and loss, in a sweeping story that crosses generations and continents. Salahudin and Noor are more than best friends; they are family. Growing up as outcasts in the small desert town of Juniper, California, they understand each other the way no one else does until *The Fight* destroys their bond. When Sal's attempts to save his immigrant family's motel spiral out of control, he and Noor must ask themselves what friendship is worth—and what it takes to defeat the monsters in their pasts and in their midst. (Violence)

### **2025 Nurturing for Community - Youth**

#### **Charisma's Turn: a graphic novel**

Monique Couvson. The New Press. 2023.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: Unlimited Hoopla E Comic Book. 1 Electronic Kindle, Libby EBook. 15 print copies.

Named one of the Young Adult Library Services Association's 2024 Great Graphic Novels for Teens, this inspiring graphic novel addresses what can happen when Black girls are given the opportunity to find their genuine power. Charisma is grappling with mounting pressures from home and school. When frustrations with her family intersect with a conflict at school, she reaches a crossroads, facing a choice that could change her future.

### **2025 Nurturing for Community - Youth**

#### **Starfish.**

Lisa Fipps. Vintage Espanol/Nancy Paulsen Books, Imprint of Penguin Publishing Group. 2023. 244p.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 1 large print copy. 4 audio enabled books. 39 print copies.

From award-winning former journalist and author Lisa Fipps comes this Printz Honor winner about Ellie, who is tired of being fat shamed. Ever since Ellie wore a whale swimsuit at her fifth birthday party, she's been bullied about her weight. To cope, she tries to live by the Fat Girl Rules. But in her safe space—her swimming pool—she feels a weightless world. In the water, she can stretch herself out like a starfish and take up all the room she wants. Fortunately, Ellie has allies in her dad, her therapist, and her new neighbor. With this support buoying her, Ellie might finally be able to cast aside the Fat Girl Rules and starfish in real life.

### **2025 Nurturing for Community - Youth**

#### **New Kid**

Jerry Craft. Quill Tree Books. 2019.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: Unlimited Electronic Hoopla E Comic Book. 2 Electronic Kindle, Libby EBook. 4 audio media players. 136 print copies.

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to art school, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale school, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds—and not really fitting into either one.

### **2025 Nurturing for Community - Youth**

#### **You Are Here: Connecting Flights**

Edited by Ellen OH. Allida. 2024. 265p.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: Unlimited Hoopla E Book. Unlimited Electronic Hoopla Audio Book. 36 print copies. 3 audio media players. 2 Electronic Kindle, Libby EBook. 1 Electronic Libby Audio.

In this book written by 12 powerhouse Asian American authors, an incident at a TSA security checkpoint sows chaos and rumors, creating a chain of events that impacts a group of young Asian Americans in a crowded and restless airport. As their disrupted journeys crisscross and collide, they encounter fellow travelers—some helpful, some hostile—as they discover the challenges of friendship, the power of courage, the importance of the right word at the right time, and the unexpected significance of a blue Stratocaster electric guitar.

## **2025 Nurturing for Community – Children**

### **Berry Song**

Michaela Goade. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 2022.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 60 print copies.

This Caldecott Honor Book and Indie Bestseller is a gorgeous celebration of the land and the powerful wisdom of elders. On an island at the edge of a wide, wild sea, a girl and her grandmother gather gifts from the earth. Salmon from the stream, herring eggs from the ocean, and in the forest, a world of berries. Through the seasons, they sing to the land as the land sings to them. Goade's luminous rendering offers an invitation to readers to deepen their own relationship with the earth.

## **2025 Nurturing for Community – Children**

### **Grandpa's Window.**

Laura Gehl. Flyaway Books. 2023.

Wayne Col Library clevnet: Unlimited Electronic Hoopla E Book. 4 print copies.

When Daria visits Grandpa in the hospital, she marvels at the view of the ocean outside his window. She and Grandpa look out at the beach, hoping they will build sandcastles and fly kites together again. Grandpa's Window addresses the grieving process, both as a family member approaches the end of life as well as after death. The book includes a note for adults by Dr. Sharie Coombes, child and family psychotherapist, about how to support children who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

## **2025 Nurturing for Community – Children**

### **Something Happened in our Town**

Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins & Ann Hazzard. Magination Press. 2018.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: Unlimited Electronic Hoopla Audio Book. 1 Electronic Libby Audiobook. 29 print copies.

From three psychologists involved in community advocacy efforts focused on children's behavioral health and social justice comes this New York Times and #1 Indiebound bestseller centered on two families—one White, one Black—as they discuss a police shooting of a Black man in their community. The story aims to answer children's questions about such traumatic events and to help children identify and counter racial injustice in their own lives.

## **2024 Nurturing for Community**

### **A Little Piece of Light: A Memoir of Hope, Prison and Life Unbound**

Donna Hylton. Hachette Books. 2018

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 1 HTML, Adobe, EPub, Kindle. 6 print copies.

Donna Hylton's early life was a nightmare of abuse. In 1986, she took part in a horrific act and was sentenced to 25 years to life for kidnapping and second-degree murder. This tells the tale of her journey back to life as she faced the truth about the crime that locked her away for 27 years, as well as the family she found inside prison that ultimately saved her. Alongside this generation's most infamous criminals, she learned to fight, then thrive. Since her release in 2012, she has emerged as a leading advocate for criminal justice reform and women's rights.

### **2024 Nurturing for Community**

#### **The ABCs of Diversity: Helping Kids (And Ourselves) Embrace Our Differences.**

Carolyn B Helsel and Y. Joy Harris-Smith. Chalice Press 2020.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 1 HTML, Adobe, EPub, Kindle. 1 print copy.

How do we raise the next generation to respect and learn from people who look or believe differently than they do? From two educators who are also moms comes a guide to help parents and other teachers navigate conversations about all kinds of diversity. This practical resource includes activities to build compassion and empathy among differing religions, classes, races, genders, abilities, political affiliations, sexual orientations, nationalities, and more.

### **2024 Nurturing for Community**

#### **Blessed Youth: Breaking the Silence About Mental Illness with Children and Teens.**

Sarah Griffith Lund. Chalice Press. 2022.

Mental illness can be tremendously isolating. This book helps remove the barriers of stigma and shame associated with mental illness in children and teens, helping them understand they are worthy. In addition to a helpful collection of stories, the book includes practical resources such as prayers and a guide for age-appropriate talks about warning signs and how to get help for themselves and friends. The author, the Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund, is an ordained minister who also serves on the national staff of the United Church of Christ as the Minister for Disabilities and Mental Health Justice.

### **2024 Nurturing for Community**

#### **Choosing Us: Marriage and Mutual Flourishing in a World of Difference**

Gail Song Bantum and Brian Bantum. Brazos Press. 2022

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 1 print copy.

For years, people have asked the Bantums to reveal the secret to their marriage as a multiracial Christian couple, each with a high-profile ministry calling. The book tackles the mistakes, lessons, and principles that have helped the Bantums navigate 20-plus years of marriage, while inspiring readers to pursue mutual flourishing in their relationships. Choosing Us reflects the realities and demands of modern marriage and respects the callings and ambitions of both partners to build a relationship that thrives and reflects the kingdom of God.

### **2024 Nurturing for Community**

#### **Crying in H Mart: A Memoir.**

Michelle Zauner. Knopf. 2021.

Wayne County Library clevnet: 38 print copies

This memoir spent more than a year on the New York Times bestseller list. Penned by Michelle Zauner, the Korean American indie rockstar behind the solo musical act Japanese Breakfast, the book explores family, food, grief, love, and growing up Korean American. Particularly, it addresses mother-daughter relationships, as it was her mother's diagnosis of terminal cancer when Michelle was 25 that forced a reckoning with her identity and brought her to reclaim the gifts of taste, language, and history her mother had given her.

### **2024 Nurturing for Community**

#### **In My Grandmother's house: Black Women, Faith, and the Stories We Inherit.**

Yolanda Pierce. Broadleaf Books. 2021

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 1 HTML, Adobe, EPub, Kindle. 5 print copies.

From Yolanda Pierce, dean of Howard University School of Divinity, comes this gripping and honest reflection of the genuine faith she experienced at the knee of her Black grandmother. Born on a former cotton plantation, Pierce's grandmother raised her in the deep, steadfast faith inherited from those once enslaved. Here, Pierce reflects on the Divine she encountered in the everyday womanist theology she grew up in—rooted in liberating scriptures, experiences in the Black church, and truths. Alongside this run the tensions of race, spirituality, trauma, freedom, resistance, and memory, all contributing to the deep wells of faith and wisdom that continue to drive her.

### **2024 Nurturing for Community**

#### **The Loneliness Epidemic: Why So Many Of Us Feel Alone—And How Leaders Can Respond.**

Susan Mettes. Brazos Press. 2021.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 2 HTML, Adobe EPub, Kindle. 1 print copy.

Why are so many people experiencing deep loneliness? And how can the church respond? That is the crux of this new book from behavioral scientist and researcher Susan Mettes, who delves into the profound toll of loneliness in the United States. Mettes reveals that it is not the oldest Americans but the youngest adults who are loneliest. Social media can play a positive role in alleviating loneliness, helping to cultivate belonging and friendship. She offers meaningful ways the church can minister to lonely people, going far beyond simplistic solutions to addressing their inner lives and the God who understands them.

### **2024 Nurturing for Community**

#### **Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and A Mother's Will to Survive.**

Stephanie Land. Legacy Lit. 2019

This raw and unflinching book explores the lives of the working poor through the perspective of one single mother, Stephanie Land, forced to work as a housekeeper and survive on food stamps to support herself and her young daughter. Desperate to fulfill her own dreams, Land worked days and took classes online to earn a college degree and began to write relentlessly, sharing the true stories that weren't being told: the stories of overworked and underpaid Americans. She wrote to remember the fight, to eventually cut through the deep-rooted stigmas of the working poor.

### **2024 Nurturing for Community**

#### **Prey Tell: Why We Silence Women Who Tell the Truth and How Everyone Can Speak Up**

Tiffany Bluhm. Brazos Press. 2021

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 4 print copies.

Addressing men and women in all work settings—within the church and beyond—popular author and podcast host Tiffany Bluhm addresses sexual harassment, sexual assault, and the complex dynamics of power and abuse in systems we all find ourselves in. Ultimately, Prey Tell seeks to expose the cultural and spiritual narratives that silence women and illuminate the devastating emotional, financial, and social impact of silence in the face of injustice. The book is hailed as a must-read, though a difficult read, for anyone who longs to see justice upheld in the world.

### **2024 Nurturing for Community**

#### **The Seed Keeper: A Novel.**

Diane Wilson. Milkweed Editions. 2021.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 1 HTML, Adobe EPub, Kindle. 3 MP3, Overdrive Listen. 23 print copies. Rosalie Iron Wing has grown up in the woods with her father, who tells her stories of plants, of the stars, of the origins of the Dakhóta people. But one morning he doesn't return, and Rosalie is sent to live with a foster family. Years later, Rosalie returns to her childhood home and begins to confront the past on a search for family, identity, and community. In the process, she learns what it means to be descended from women with souls of iron—women who have protected so much through generations of hardship and loss.

### **2024 Nurturing for Community**

#### **The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King Jr., Malcom X and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation.**

Anna Malaika Tubbs. Flatiron Books. 2021

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 1 MP3, Overdrive Listen. 1 print copy. 1 HTML, Adobe EPub, Kindle Much has been written about Berdis Baldwin's son James, about Alberta King's son Martin Luther, and Louise Little's son Malcolm. But virtually nothing has been said about the extraordinary women who raised them. In her groundbreaking and essential debut *The Three Mothers*, scholar Anna Malaika Tubbs celebrates Black motherhood by telling the story of the three women who raised and shaped some of America's most pivotal heroes. These women used their strength and motherhood to push their children toward greatness, all with a conviction that every human being deserves dignity and respect despite the rampant discrimination they faced.

### **2024 Nurturing for Community**

#### **Truth's Table: Black Women's Musings On Life, Love and Liberation.**

Ekemini Uwan, Christina Edmondson, and Michelle Higgins. Convergent Books. 2022

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 13 print copies.

In their literary debut, co-hosts Christina Edmondson, Michelle Higgins, and Ekemini Uwan offer stories by Black women and for Black women examining theology, politics, race, culture, and gender matters through a Christian lens. These essays deliver a compelling theological re-education and pair the spiritual formation and political education necessary for Black women of faith. A finalist for the NAACP Image Award, this book is for anyone seeking to explore the spiritual dimensions of hot-button issues within the church, or anyone thirsty to deepen their faith.

### **2024 Nurturing for Community**

#### **Andale, Prieta!: A Love Letter to My Family.**

Yasmin Ramirez. Cinco Puntos Press. 2022.

This debut memoir by Mexican-American writer Yasmin Ramirez explores how tough lessons, and even tougher people, can teach us a great deal about love. Ramirez grew up profoundly influenced by the strong women in her life, particularly her grandmother Ita, as well as her great-grandmother, Lupe, and her mother, Leticia. In many ways, the book is also a reclamation of the sometimes-derogatory term *prieta*, which Grandma Ita used as a loving nickname for her, but is often used in Spanish as a slur to describe people with dark skin.

### **2024 Nurturing for Community**

#### **Blessed Youth: Survival Guide,**

Sarah Griffith Lund. Chalice Press. 2022

This pocket-size companion guide for youth covers topics that today's youth often face, such as anxiety, sadness, depression, phobias, OCD, panic attacks, PTSD, trauma, and therapy. It also helps youth recognize when they are experiencing an issue and encourages them to tell a parent, doctor, or another adult who can help. Youth are encouraged to be proactive with their mental health by developing good overall health practices and taking a pledge to promise to identify three people who they can contact if they begin having thoughts of self-harm and/or suicide.

### **2024 Nurturing for Community**

#### **Everything Comes Next: Collected and New Poems.**

Naomi Shihab Nye. Greenwillow Books. 2020. Youth.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 1 HTML, Adobe EPub, Kindle. 24 print copies 1 Audio disc.

Many are familiar with Naomi Shihab Nye, poet, essayist, and anthologist. Author of more than 20 volumes, Nye was the Poetry Foundation's Young People's Poet Laureate from 2019–2022. This collection offers an introduction to the poet's work for new readers, as well as a comprehensive edition for classroom and family sharing. It features favorites such as "Famous" and "A Valentine for Ernest Mann," as well as widely shared pieces such as "Kindness" and "Gate A-4." Writing prompts and tips by the award-winning poet make this an outstanding choice for aspiring poets of all ages.

### **2024 Nurturing for Community**

#### **Home is Not A Country.**

Safia Elhillo. Make Me A World. 2021. Youth.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 39 print copies.

Longlisted for the National Book Award, this poetic novel-in-verse centers on one girl, Nima, struggling with identity, loneliness, and acceptance in a culture far from her ancestral land. Caught between cultures and longing for what could be, Nima grasps for a new identity— that of a girl like her, a girl named Yasmeen, the name her parents meant to give her at birth. From acclaimed Sudanese American poet Safia Elhillo comes this reflection on family, home, and what it truly means to belong.

### **2024 Nurturing for Community**

#### **House of Sticks: A Memoir.**

Ly Tran. Scriber. 2021. Youth.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 23 print copies. 2 Audio disc.

This coming-of-age memoir addresses what it means to grow up a stranger in a strange land, clinging desperately to hope. After she immigrated with her family from a tiny town along the Mekong river in Vietnam to a two-bedroom railroad apartment in Queens, New York, Tran and her family struggle to survive. Her father spent nearly a decade as a prisoner of war, and all of them battle not only poverty and displacement but war trauma. As she grows up in this new land, Tran finds herself torn between two worlds, blending in while honoring her parents' Buddhist faith and working long hours in the family's nail salon.

## **2024 Nurturing for Community**

### **Other Words for Home.**

Jasmine Warga. Balzer + Bray. 2019. Youth.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 5 Audio disc. 4 MP3, Overdrive Listen. 3 HTML, Adobe EPub, Kindle. 48 print copies.

This New York Times bestseller and Newbery Honor Book centers on a young girl who moves from Syria to the United States. At first, everything in America seems too fast and too loud. Her new label of “Middle Eastern,” an identity she’s never known before, is difficult to understand. But American life also brings unexpected surprises— new friends, a whole new family, and a school musical. Maybe America, too, is a place where Jude can be seen as she really is.

## **2024 Nurturing for Community**

### **Alicia and the Hurricane: A Story of Puerto Rico.**

Leslea Newman. Children’s Book Press. 2022. Children.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 3 print copies.

From bestselling author Lesléa Newman comes this poignant story of a Puerto Rican child facing a hurricane and her concern for the beloved coquíes of her home island. Alicia and the Hurricane is a tender look at the resilience of people, and native creatures, whose lives have been disrupted by a natural disaster. With love and support, family and friends come together to share, rebuild, and fill Alicia’s heart with hope.

## **2024 Nurturing for Community**

### **Josie Dances.**

Denise Lajimodiere. Minnesota Historical Society Press. 2021. Children.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 20 print copies.

This rich and colorful tale brings to life the beauty of the powwow through the lens of one young girl, Josie. Josie dreams of dancing at next summer’s powwow. But first she needs many special things: a dress, a shawl, a cape, leggings, moccasins, and, perhaps most important of all, her spirit name. To gather all these essential pieces, she calls on her mom, her aunty, her kookum, and Grandma Greatwalker. They have the skills to prepare Josie for her powwow debut, where she will dance to honor her ancestors.

## **2024 Nurturing for Community**

### **Juna and Appa.**

Jane Park. Lee & Low Books. 2022. Children.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 7 print copies.

From acclaimed children’s book author and award-winning podcast and video producer Jane Park comes this magical story featuring young June and her greatest hero, her Appa. Juna loves Saturdays, when she gets to help her father in their dry-cleaning shop. But one Saturday, she witnesses a customer yell at Appa because of a lost jacket. Juna sets off on a magical journey to help find the jacket, encountering remarkable animals that show her the different ways that fathers care for their young. A sweet and touching tale about the love between fathers and their children.

### **2024 Nurturing for Community**

#### **Milo Imagines the World.**

Matt De La Pena. G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers. 2021. Children  
Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 1 MP3, Overdrive Listen. 74 print copies.

This poignant book takes readers on a journey with Milo and his sister, who are both Black, who take a long subway ride together. While his sister is glued to her cell phone, curious Milo draws pictures of the lives he imagines for other passengers, from the whiskered man with the crossword puzzle to the wedding-dressed woman with a little dog peeking out of her handbag to a boy in a suit. When the boy in the suit gets off on the same stop as Milo—walking the same path, going to the exact same place—Milo realizes that you can't really know anyone just by looking at them.

### **2024 Nurturing for Community**

#### **See You Soon.**

Mariame Kaba. Haymarket Books. 2021. Children.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 15 print copies.

How can children cope when people they love have to go to jail? Queenie loves living with Mama and Grandma Louise. Together, they go to the grocery store, eat ice cream, and play games in the park. But sometimes, when Mama is sick, she has to go away. One day, Queenie and Grandma ride the bus with Mama to the county jail. Queenie is worried and afraid to ask questions, overcome with worry and sadness. Yet soon Queenie opens a letter from Mama and savors every word. She knows Mama loves her and looks forward to their upcoming visit. Love is the star of this story.

### **2023 Nurturing for Community**

***The Barber's Cutting Edge.*** Gwendolyn Battle-Lavert and Illustrated by Raymond Holbert.  
Children's Book Press. 2004.

The Barber's Cutting Edge is a touching celebration of the close relationship between a young African American boy and his community mentor. Jam-packed with little boys, big boys, dads, and neighbors, Mr. Bigalow's barbershop is a familiar place to talk, play dominoes, read, and in Rashaad's case, get a little extra help with his schoolwork. For not only does Mr. Bigalow know all the latest styles, but he also knows all the words on Rashaad's vocabulary list. The text drawings capture the lively atmosphere and warm spirit of the barbershop.

Suitable for children.

### **2023 Nurturing for Community**

***Eyes That Kiss in the Corners.*** Joanna Ho and Illustrated by Dung Ho. Harper Collins. 2021.

A celebration of diversity, this lyrical, stunning picture book tells a story about learning to love and celebrate your Asian-shaped eyes. A young Asian girl notices her eyes look different from those of her peers and realizes her eyes are like her mother's, her grandmother's, and her little sister's eyes. They have eyes that kiss in the corners and glow like warm tea, crinkle into crescent moons, and are filled with stories of the past and hope for the future. Drawing from the strength of these powerful women in her life, she recognizes her own beauty and discovers a path to self-love and empowerment. This powerful, poetic picture book will resonate with readers of all ages.

Suitable for children.

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 1 MP3, Overdrive Listen. 2 HTML Kindle. 40 print copies. 10 audiobook

### **2023 Nurturing for Community**

***Firekeeper's Daughter – Novel.*** Angeline Boulley. Henry Holt and Co. 2021.

Angeline Boulley's debut novel is a groundbreaking YA thriller about a Native teen who must root out the corruption in her community. When family tragedy strikes, 18-year-old Daunis Fontaine puts her future on hold to look after her mother. The only bright spot is meeting Jamie, the charming new recruit on her brother's hockey team. Yet even as Daunis falls for Jamie, she senses the dashing hockey star is hiding something. Everything comes to light when Daunis witnesses a shocking murder, thrusting her into an FBI investigation of a lethal new drug. Daunis agrees to go undercover, drawing on her knowledge of chemistry and Ojibwe traditional medicine to track down the source. But the search for truth is more complicated than Daunis imagined, exposing secrets and old scars. Suitable for youth.

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 79 print copies. 7 audiobook.

### **2023 Nurturing for Community – Bonus book – counts 2 books Nurturing for Community**

***The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery.*** Sarah Augustine. Herald Press. 2021.

In this prophetic book, author Sarah Augustine, a Pueblo woman, reframes the colonization of North America as she investigates ways that the Doctrine of Discovery continues to devastate Indigenous cultures, and even the planet itself, as it justifies exploitation of both natural resources and people. This is a powerful call to reckon with the root causes of a legacy that continues to have devastating effects on Indigenous Peoples around the globe and a call to recognize how all of our lives and our choices are interwoven.

### **2023 Nurturing for Community**

***Magic Like That.*** Samara Cole Doyon and Illustrated by Geneva Bowers. Lee & Low Books. 2022.

In this celebratory book, a young Black girl finds confidence and excitement in the versatility of her natural hair and the way her different hairstyles reflect the natural world. Natural hair is magical, but magic isn't easy. As the girl patiently waits for her mother to finish her newest hairstyle, she wonders what stunning, majestic, awe-inspiring form her hair will take next. With radiant illustrations by Geneva Bowers and beautiful, poetic text by Samara Cole Doyon, *Magic Like That* will inspire young readers of all textures to believe in the beauty of their natural selves. Suitable for children.

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 33 print copies

### **2023 Nurturing for Community**

***Nevertheless: American Methodists and Women's Rights.*** Ashley Boggan Dreff. Wesley's Foundry Books. 2020.

This book tells the story of American Methodist women's efforts to fight for women's rights, beginning with the Women's Christian Temperance Union and ending with the #MeToo movement. Each chapter documents particular Methodist women and provides the reader with a basic historic context of the time or situation as it shows how Methodist women engaged and fought for women's equality and women's rights in American society and American Methodism. These Methodist women addressed the causes of oppression, and by stepping out of "their place," they made a place for others.

### **2023 Nurturing for Community**

***The Prodigal Prophet: Jonah and the Mystery of God's Mercy.*** Timothy Keller. Viking. 2018.

The story of Jonah is one of the most well-known but most misunderstood parables in the Bible.

In *The Prodigal Prophet*, pastor and New York Times bestselling author Timothy Keller reveals the hidden depths within the book of Jonah. Keller makes the case that Jonah was one of the worst prophets in the entire Bible. And yet there are unmistakably clear connections between Jonah, the prodigal son, and Jesus. Keller provides an answer to the extraordinary conclusion of this biblical parable—and shares the powerful Christian message at the heart of Jonah's story.

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 1 Audiobook. 6 print copies.

### **2023 Nurturing for Community**

***Stay This Way Forever.*** Linsey Davis and Illustrated by Lucy Fleming. Zonderkidz. 2021.

Celebrate the joy, wonder, and innocence of being a child with this love letter to the loved ones in your life, encouraging and affirming their own special qualities now and always. It is the third picture book authored by Emmy Award-winning ABC News correspondent and bestselling author Linsey Davis, beautifully and authentically celebrating diversity in its characters with whimsical, joy-filled illustrations from bestselling artist Lucy Fleming.

Suitable for children.

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 1 HTML, Kindle. 15 print copies.

### **2023 Nurturing for Community**

***Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World.*** Vivek H. Murthy. Harper Wave. 2020.

In this groundbreaking book, the 19th surgeon general of the United States Dr. Vivek Murthy makes a case for loneliness as a public health concern: a root cause and contributor to many of the epidemics sweeping the world today—from alcohol and drug addiction to violence to depression and anxiety. Loneliness, he argues, is affecting not only our health, but also how our children experience school, how we perform in the workplace, and the sense of division and polarization in our society. His message underscores the importance of human connection, the hidden impact of loneliness on our health, and the social power of community.

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 7 MP3, Overdrive Listen. 3 HTML, Adobe EPUB, Kindle. 30 print copies. 4 audiobook.

### **2023 Nurturing for Community**

***Vail's Tales.*** Vail Johnson and Ed Payne and Illustrated by Britt Sekulic. Proverbial Girl Publishing. 2019.

Vail Johnson, a 9-year-old writer, died suddenly in her sleep before she could turn 10, but she left pages of profound insight for someone so young. These four stories by Vail, teamed with storytelling skills of veteran journalist and children's author Ed Payne, are memorable tales that will leave her imprint on your heart. Suitable for children.

### **2023 Nurturing for Community**

***White Fragility: Why it's so hard For White People to Talk About Racism.*** Robin DiAngelo. Beacon Press. 2018.

This New York Times bestselling book by antiracist educator Robin DiAngelo explores the counterproductive reactions White people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality. Referring to the defensive moves White people make when challenged racially, White fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentativeness and silence. DiAngelo examines how White fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively.

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 61 MP3, Overdrive Listen. 166 HTML, Adobe EPUB, Kindle. 106 print copies. 6 audiobook. 2 Self-playing digital audio book.

### **2023 Nurturing for Community**

***World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks, and Other Astonishments.*** Aimee Nezhukumatathil. Milkweed Editions. 2020.

From award-winning poet Aimee Nezhukumatathil comes a debut work of nonfiction—a collection of essays about the natural world and the way its inhabitants can teach, support, and inspire us. As a child, Nezhukumatathil called many places home. But no matter where she was transplanted—no matter how awkward the fit or forbidding the landscape—she was able to turn to our world's fierce and funny creatures for guidance. The axolotl teaches us to smile, even in the face of unkindness; the touch-me-not plant shows us how to shake off unwanted advances; the narwhal demonstrates how to survive in hostile environments. Even in the strange and the unlovely, Nezhukumatathil finds beauty and kinship. Suitable for children.

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 8 HTML, Adobe EPUB, Kindle. 4 Book on CD. 30 print copies.

### **2022 Nurturing for Community**

***Becoming Grandma: the joys and science of the new grandparenting.*** Lesley Stahl. Blue Rider Press. 2016.

The author interviews scientists and doctors about physiological changes in women when they have grandchildren, anthropologists about why there are grandmothers in evolutionary terms, and psychiatrists about the therapeutic effects of grandchildren on both grandmothers and grandfathers.

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 20 print copies. 4 Audiobook CD. 1 Pre-loaded Audiobook. 10 Largeprint. 6 Electronic Format: HTML, Adobe EPUB, Kindle. 2 Electronic Format: MP3, Overdrive Listen.

### **2022 Nurturing for Community**

***Before We Were Yours*** (A Novel). Lisa Wingate. Ballantine Books. 2017.

"Memphis, Tennessee, 1936. The five Foss children find their lives changed forever when their parents leave them alone on the family shantyboat one stormy night. Rill Foss, just twelve years old, must protect her four younger siblings as they are wrenched from their home on the Mississippi and thrown into the care of the infamous Georgia Tann, director of the Tennessee Children's Home Society. South Carolina,

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet –15 Electronic Format: MP3, Overdrive Listen. 45 Electronic Format: HTML, Adobe EPUB, Kindle. 150 Print copies. 4 Largeprint.

### **2022 Nurturing for Community**

***The Boy Who Delivered Joy***. Marvin Bartlett. Gatekeeper Press. 2019.

A rare bone cancer robbed Jarrett Mynear of a normal childhood when he was two years old, but it didn't steal his spirit. This extraordinary boy captivated crowds with his courage, faith, and humor in the face of adversity.

Instead of feeling sorry for himself, Jarrett got busy. By delivering thousands of toys to sick children, the pint-sized Santa Claus traveled a path that led to national television appearances, prestigious awards, and a chance meeting with the President of the United States.

### **2022 Nurturing for Community**

***Brave Face, A: Two Cultures, Two Families, and the Iraqi Girl Who Bound Them Together***.

Barbara Marlowe and Teeba Furat Marlow with Jennifer Keirn. Thomas Nelson. 2019.

"The inspirational story of a woman who moved mountains to provide medical care for an Iraqi girl badly burned during a roadside attack, Barbara Marlowe's determination to fight for her future daughter highlights the way love can reach across both cultures and continents."

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 16 Print copies. 1 Audiobook CD. 2 Electronic Format: MP3, Overdrive Listen. 2 Electronic Format: 2 HTML, Adobe EPUB, Kindle

### **2022 Nurturing for Community**

***House on Lowell Street, the*** (A Novel). Linda A. Keane. Deep River Books. 2019.

Rose Morrison's comfortable life as a banker's wife is upended when her husband suddenly dies. His secret and formidable debts are now hers to somehow pay. To support herself and her son, Rose takes in boarders

Anyone who has struggled to do the right thing, even when the cost was high, will be heartened by this story of perseverance against all odds. History buffs will enjoy an insider's look at a little-known strike that reveals the challenges faced by union workers before legislation protected them.

### **2022 Nurturing for Community**

***Rewired: An Unlikely Doctor, A Brave Amputee, and the Medical Miracle That Made History***.

Ajay K. Seth. Thomas Nelson. 2019. Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 5 Print copies.

Rewired is the inspirational, miraculous story of Dr. Seth's revolutionary surgery that allows Melissa to not just move a prosthetic arm simply by thinking, but to actually feel with the prosthetic hand, just as she would with her natural arm. This resulted in what others have recognized as the world's most advanced amputee, all done from Dr. Seth's private practice in a community hospital, using a local staff, and with no special training or extensive research funding.

### **2022 Nurturing for Community**

***Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion.*** Gregory Boyle. Free Press. 2010. As a pastor working in a neighborhood with the highest concentration of murderous gang activity in Los Angeles, Gregory Boyle created an organization to provide jobs, job training, and encouragement so that young people could work together and learn the mutual respect that comes from collaboration. *Tattoos on the Heart* is a series of parables distilled from his twenty years in the barrio.

Wayne Co Public Clevnet – 5 Audiobook CD. 23 Print copies. 2 Electronic Format: HTML Adobe EPUB, Kindle.

### **2022 Nurturing for Community**

***Grit in Juarez: Beyond the Wall.*** Marion Surles. Love and Literary. 2019.

Pastors Miguel and Pati want to lead a different kind of church, one responsive to the needs of their community. Life is hard in this newly-formed neighborhood on the border. Can the local church help the families learn to work together as Christ's family to ease each other's burdens?

### **2022 Nurturing for Community**

***She Came to Slay: The Life and Times of Harriet Tubman.*** Erica Armstrong Dunbar. 37 ink. 2019.

"*She Came to Slay* reveals the many complexities and varied accomplishments of one of our nation's true heroes and offers an accessible and modern interpretation of Tubman's life that is both informative and engaging."

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 5 Audiobook CD. 39 Print copies. 2 Electronic Format: MP3, Overdrive Listen. 2 Electronic Format: HTML Adobe EPUB, Kindle.

### **2021 Nurturing for Community**

***Babbit and Joan, A Rabbit and a Phone.*** Denise Turu. Flyaway Books. 2020. Picture Book. Sometimes friends are best off with a little time apart. That's true for Babbit, a rabbit, and Joan, his phone. Yet Babbit has never left Joan at home before. Does he dare go out on a solo excursion? How will he know what to do? What if he gets lost? This charming, low-tech tale reveals that a small adventure can open up big possibilities.

Elementary fiction. Wayne County Library Clevnet – 3 print copies.

### **2021 Nurturing for Community**

***Binkle's Time to Fly.*** Sharmila Collins. Carolina Rabei, Illus. Flyaway Books. 2020. Picture book. Binkle can't wait until he turns from caterpillar to butterfly. He'll finally have strong, beautiful wings to take him high into the sky. But when the day comes, something is terribly wrong. Why are Binkle's wings so wispy and weak? How will he ever fly like the other butterflies if his wings are nothing like theirs? With some help and creativity, maybe there is a way to fly. . .

Elementary fiction. Wayne County Library Clevnet – 3 print copies.

### **2021 Nurturing for Community**

***Dangling: I May Have Cancer, But Cancer Doesn't Have Me!*** Amy Carr. Westbow Press. 2016. Are you or someone you love facing cancer? Perhaps you are coping with a chronic illness or facing one of the biggest disappointments of your life. Have you ever wondered how such a trial could change your life for the better? This is a personal story about how sometimes God teaches life-changing lessons that we otherwise would not have learned.

### **2021 Nurturing for Community**

***The Hate U Give.*** Angie Thomas Balzer & Bray. 2017. 499 P.

Starr, 16, moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and her fancy suburban prep school. This uneasy balance is shattered when she witnesses the fatal police shooting of her childhood best friend, Khalil. Soon after, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, a drug dealer or a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets. Cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What really went down that night? The only person who can answer that is Starr.

African American teenagers – Juvenile fiction. Wayne County Public Clevnet - 2 ebooks[Adobe, EPUB, HTML, Kindle]. 20 MP3 Overdrive Listen. 247 print copies. 25 Largeprint copies. 15 Pre-loaded Audiobook 39 Audiobook CD.

### **2021 Nurturing for Community**

***Indian No More.*** Charlene Willing McManis with Traci Sorell. Tu Books. 2019. 211p.

Regina Petit's family has always been Umpqua, and living on the reservation is all 10-year-old Regina has ever known. But when the federal government enacts a law that says Regina's tribe no longer exists, Regina becomes "Indian no more" overnight. For the first time in her life, Regina comes face-to-face with the viciousness of racism when her family moves to Los Angeles. In this moving middle-grade novel, Regina must find out: Who is Regina Petit? Is she Indian, American, or both? And will she and her family ever be okay?

Historical - Juvenile fiction Wayne County Library Clevnet – 22 print copies

### **2021 Nurturing for Community**

***Let's Work! Mexican Folk Art: Trabajos.*** Cynthia Weill and Bryant Boucher. Cinco Puntos Press. 2019.

This early-concept bilingual book brings every kind of job to life, including the work of the dedicated palm weavers of Flavio Gallardo's workshop, whose miniature palm weavings illustrate this playful book while teaching words for "work" in two languages. You can hold the woven illustrations in the palm of your hand—most pieces are no bigger than a dime! (Please use caution with children under three.)

Elementary Picture Book. Wayne County Library Clevnet – 8 print copies.

### **2021 Nurturing for Community**

***The Lifesaving Church: Faith Communities and Suicide Prevention.*** Rachael A. Keefe. Chalice Press. 2018.

Is your church prepared to save lives? Pastor Rachael Keefe shares her own painful story of depression and suicidality to help churches recognize and respond to those who are suffering. Each chapter includes actions to become a lifesaving community; an additional study guide is available for download. Wayne County Library Clevnet – 1 print copy.

**2021 Nurturing for Community**

***A Living Gospel: Reading God's Story in Holy Lives.*** Robert Ellsberg. Orbis Books. 2019.

These reflections on the lives of saints, prophets and spiritual masters draw particular attention to models of holiness that speak to the needs of our time. Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen and Flannery O'Connor are among those examined, as well as holy people who charted their own paths. In learning how to read the "living gospel" in their stories, we may learn to read our own lives in the same light. Wayne County Library Clevnet – 2 print copies.

**2021 Nurturing for Community**

***Sulwe.*** Lupita Nyong'o. Vashti Harrison, Illus. Simon & Schuster Books. 2019.

Sulwe has skin the color of midnight. She is darker than everyone in her family. She is darker than anyone in her school. Sulwe just wants to be beautiful and bright, like her mother and sister. Then a magical journey in the night sky opens her eyes and changes everything.

Elementary Picture Book Wayne County Library – 5 ebook [HTML, Kindle]. 80 print copies.