

Books & Beyond

Newsletter of the Elisha D. Smith Public Library in Menasha, Wisconsin

Novel Thoughts Book Club

Thursday, January 7, at 10:00am

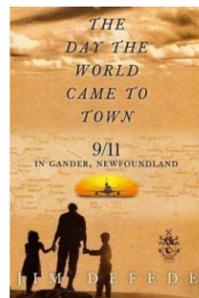
The Novel Thoughts Book Club will discuss ***Britt-Marie Was Here*** by Fredrik Backman. Everyone is welcome. If you would like a copy of this book, call us at 920.967.3690. This is an online book discussion. Join from your computer, tablet, smartphone, or telephone. Get the information you need to join at www.menashalibrary.org/calendar



Nonfiction Book Club

Tuesday, January 19, at 2:00pm

The library's Tuesday Afternoon Nonfiction Book will discuss ***The Day the World Came to Town*** by Jim DeFede. If you would like a copy of this book, call us at 920.967.3690. This is an online book discussion. Join from your computer, tablet, smartphone, or telephone. Get the phone number or link at www.menashalibrary.org/calendar



Research Your Ancestors

Saturday, January 16, at 9:00am, speaker at 10:00am

This month's genealogy meeting features UW-Oshkosh Archivist Joshua Ranger, who will explain how to search the university's catalog for genealogy resources. The UW-Oshkosh library is one of thirteen Area Research Centers, essentially a branch of the Wisconsin Historical Society. Its collection includes a portion of the Society's collection, particularly local history materials. Mr. Ranger will show us how to make sense of this large system to identify records relevant to family history. Chromebooks and WiFi hotspots are available for checkout from the library if you would like to use them to attend. Reserve those now by calling 920.967.3690. Find the link to join at www.menashalibrary.org/calendar

Drive-Up Service

Place holds on materials in the library catalog at: www.menashalibrary.org/catalog

Or get the Winnefox Mobile app.

Or call 920.967.3670 for children's materials or 920.967.3690 for materials for adults or young adults.

Or request materials at www.menashalibrary.org/request

You will receive a notice when they are ready. Pick up your materials at the library entrance within a week.

Check Out Your Online Library

www.menashalibrary.org/digital

Home Delivery

If you or someone you know would benefit from having library materials delivered directly to their home, let us know. Friends of the Menasha Library volunteers will deliver materials to residents of Menasha or the east side of Fox Crossing.

Fox Cities Reads

On January 26, at 7:00pm, Fox Cities Reads will announce their 2021 book selection on Facebook @FoxCitiesBookFestival).

The Reads' author events will be on April 15 & 16, but book discussions and other events will lead up to that.

Make sure to pick up a copy of the book and join the community conversations. Then make plans to visit with the author virtually.



Books Like Us A Winter Reading Program for All Ages

Sign up now for Books Like Us, the library's 2021 Winter Reading Program, and track your January reading to win badges, coupons, and prizes. This reading program for all ages begins Monday, January 4, and runs through Sunday, January 31.

Children age three through fifth grade are encouraged to read, be read to, and check out books and book bundles curbside. Your reading also counts for the MJSB Beanstack reading program. Teens and adults who complete the program will be entered into a drawing for Prize Baskets. Register and track your reading online at menashalibrary.beanstack.org.

Books Like Us 2021 Winter Reading



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Local Music Video Celebrates Library's Anniversary



Thursday, January 14, at 7:00pm

This year is a special year for your library as it celebrates its Quasiquicentennial, or 125th anniversary. We will celebrate throughout the year with special events and programs that highlight the library's history, showcase the present, and share plans for the future of the Elisha D. Smith Public Library. The library would not exist without the love and support of our community. Your participation in this celebration will be important throughout 2021.

Mark your calendars for our first celebratory program when we host a virtual concert — *Music Notes for 125 Years of Service* — featuring performances by talented musicians who have performed at the library, including those pictured below and more. This event will premiere on Thursday, January 14, at 7:00pm on Facebook (@MenashaLibrary).

Help us celebrate the day that the Wisconsin Department of State granted the Menasha Free Public Library Association the powers and privileges to conduct a free public library on January 14, 1896. Join us for this concert and stay tuned for more as we celebrate the Elisha D. Smith Public Library of the past, present, and future.



Erin Krebs



John Lambert



Randy Peterson



Elvis John



Pudge



Druid's Table



Still Blue

The library is closed Friday, January 1. Happy New Year!



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8:30 to 8:30 Mon.—Thurs.
8:30 to 6:00 Friday
8:30 to 4:30 Saturday
1:00 to 5:00 Sunday

This newsletter is free. If you or someone you know would like to receive it by mail each month, call 920.967.3662 or send an email message to dreyer@menashalibrary.org

For Children

* All programs are live-streamed on Facebook @MenashaLibrary

Book Boogie: Music & Movement Story Time

Mondays, January 4, 11, 18 & 25, at 10:00am*

Get ready and make music and boogie! Join us online for our four-week story program featuring books that “sing” plus action rhymes and songs. This fun participation story time is just right for active preschoolers and their caring adult.



Baby Story Times

Friday, January 8 and 22, at 10:00am*

Stories, rhymes, and songs for babies up to 24 months old.

Dinosaur Day Story Time

Friday, January 15, at 10:00am*

A special dinosaur story time for preschoolers.



Movin' and Groovin' Story Time

Friday, January 29, at 10:00am*

A rockin' story time for preschoolers.

Bilingual Story Times

Do you like stories read in English and Spanish? Check out our Facebook page @BibliotecaPublicadeMenasha for stories, puppets, and projects with outreach librarian Victor Flores.

January Take & Make

Beginning January 4, there will be a new take & make kit for you to pick up curbside, take home, and make. Free! Until supplies last.

See front page for information on this year's Winter Reading program: Books Like Us

www.menashalibrary.org/recommended reads

www.menashalibrary.org/childrensbookrequestform

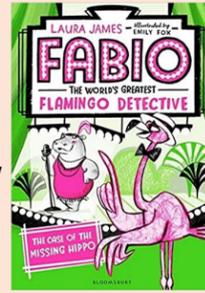
www.menashalibrary.org/stories
www.menashalibrary.org/cuentos

Recommended for Children

Call 920.967.3670 to place a hold on these books, ask for a pack of books to be set aside for you to pick up.

Fabio: The World's Greatest Flamingo Detective by Laura James

Fabio is the world's greatest flamingo detective. He and his giraffe associate Gilbert attend a talent show at the Hotel Royale. When a jazz singing hippo goes missing, a mystery ensues. Fabio and Gilbert are on the case! A fun third grade fiction read.



Fly on the Wall by Remy Lai

Twelve-year-old Henry Khoo embarks on a forbidden journey from Australia to Singapore to prove his independence to his overprotective family, while working out some problems with friends. Told in comics and prose.

Kenny and the Book of Beasts by Tony DiTerlizzi

Kenny and his dragon buddy Grahame are best friends until Grahame's old friend Dante the Manticore arrives and Kenny is left out in the cold. But there is a witch to defeat, a friend to rescue, and a mystery book to unlock. These quests are fit for a trio of old and best friends, right? A charming fantasy adventure about friendship.



Maya and the Rising Dark by Rena Barron

Maya battles her way through this exciting fantasy, encountering drooling were-hyenas, shapeshifting demons, and a creepy Lord of Shadows. Can she unlock her hidden powers in time to save her father? She feels lost in one of her favorite Oya comics, but this cartoon is all too real.



Popper Penguin Rescue by Eliot Schrefer

Long after Mr. Popper found his famous penguins a proper home, his distant relatives, Nina and Joel, move to a new house with their mother and find mysterious eggs in the basement.



NonFiction

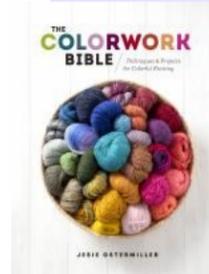
A Promised Land by Barack Obama

In the stirring, highly anticipated first volume of his presidential memoirs, Barack Obama tells the story of his improbable odyssey from young man searching for his identity to leader of the free world.



Colorwork Bible: Techniques and Projects for Colorful Knitting by Jessica Ostermiller

Master beginner and advanced colorwork knitting techniques in Interweave's most comprehensive colorwork guide to-date.



Expect a Miracle: Quotations to Live and Love By by Danielle Steel

New York Times bestselling author Danielle Steel shares her favorite words of wisdom, sayings, and quotes that she has turned to time and time again for inspiration and comfort.



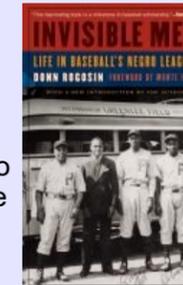
Help Yourself: A Guide to Gut Health for People Who Love Delicious Food by Lindsay Maitland Hunt

More than 125 gut-friendly recipes plus science-backed advice for wellness in body and mind. This game-changing cookbook will make you rethink how you eat



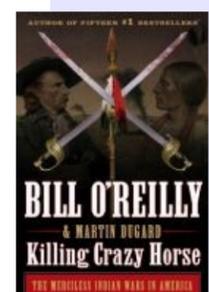
Invisible Men: Life in Baseball's Negro Leagues by Donn Rogosin

This memorable narrative, filled with the memories of many surviving Negro League players, pulls the veil off these “invisible men” who were forced into the segregated leagues.



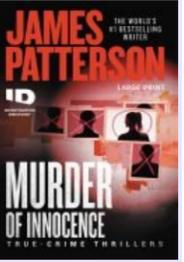
Killing Crazy Horse: The Merciless Indian Wars in America by Bill O'Reilly

This fast-paced, wild ride through the American frontier will shock readers and impart unexpected lessons that reverberate to this day.



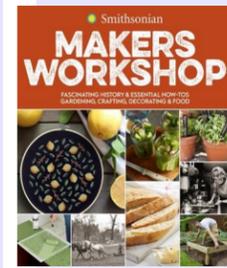
Murder of Innocence: True Crime Thrillers by James Patterson

Dive into two dark stories of crime and murder from bestselling author James Patterson, and can be seen on ID, inspired by true crime horrors where murder isn't always the worst thing that can happen to you.



Smithsonian Makers Workshop Fascinating History & Essential How-Tos

The Smithsonian Institution presents a uniquely curated collection of lively how-to projects and historical narratives of four realms of American domestic arts: cooking, crafts, decorating, and gardening.



Tailgreat: How to Crush it at Tailgating by John Currence

Bring home all the flavors and excitement of game day thanks to a lifetime of tailgating wisdom from a James Beard Award winner and Top Chef Masters contestant.



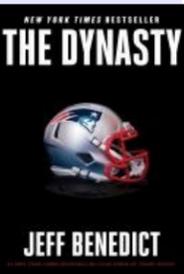
The Honeysuckle Cookbook: Easy Meals for Real Life by Dzung Lewis

100 crave-worthy, wholesome recipes and time-saving tips for busy home cooks from the founder and host of the Honeysuckle Channel.



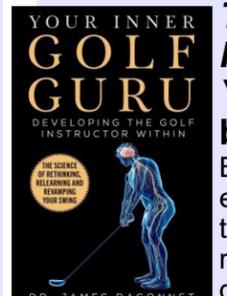
The Dynasty by Jeff Benedict

Journalist Jeff Benedict provides a sweeping account of the New England Patriots based on exclusive interviews with more than two hundred insiders--including team executives, coaches, players, players' wives, team doctors, lawyers, and more--as well as never-before-seen recordings, documents, and electronic communications.



Your Inner Golf Guru: The Science of Rethinking, Relearning, & Revamping Your Golf Swing by Dr. James Ragonnet

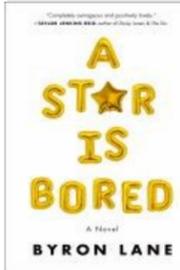
Before you sacrifice any more time, energy, and money on dated, conventional, and narrow golf methodologies, read this innovative book - a practical guide that will change your game.



Fiction

***A Most English Princess: a novel of Queen Victoria's Daughter* by Clare McHugh**

Princess Victoria, after marrying Prince Frederick, heir to the powerful kingdom of Prussia, is determined to bring about a liberal and united Germany, in this gripping and tragic story.



***A Star is Bored* by Byron Lane**

A debut novel by Carrie Fisher's former personal assistant follows the experiences of an assistant to an award-winning celebrity who becomes a close friend and possibly more as she conducts him through the wonders of Hollywood life.

***At Night All Blood is Black* by David Diop**

Haunted for refusing to kill an injured comrade who begged to be spared an agonizing death, a World War I soldier from Senegal begins killing enemy soldiers as penance, earning a sinister reputation.

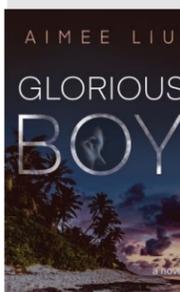
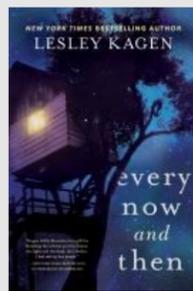


***Confessions in B-flat* by Donna Hill**

Follows the 1964 Civil Rights-era relationship between a passive-resistance protege of Martin Luther King, Jr. and a Harlem black culture supporter of Malcolm X.

***Every Now and Then* by Lesley Kagen**

A best-selling novelist reflects on a traumatizing experience she shared with two friends during the summer of 1960 in Wisconsin, where their innocence was upended by long-kept secrets and the escape of three patients from a mental institution.



***Glorious Boy* by Aimee Liu**

On a remote island in British India, a mute four-year-old and the local girl who cares for him disappear on the eve of Japanese occupation, forcing the boy's parents, a young anthropologist and her physician husband, to take drastic measures to save the children.

***How to Fail at Flirting* by Denise Williams**

Challenged by her friends to start enjoying her life when her university department is cut, a Type-A overachiever embarks on a daring to-do list that involves leaving an abusive ex and pursuing a career-risking fling with a charming stranger.

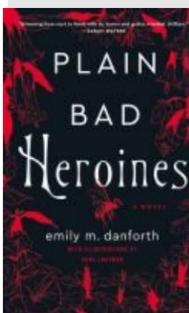


***Mr. Malcolm's List* by Suzanne Allain**

A well-to-do bachelor who would avoid matchmaking mothers and fortune hunters in favor of a perfect wife meets his match in a high-society misfit who reluctantly participates in a friend's plot for revenge.

***My Name is Anton* by Catherine Ryan Hyde**

Realizing that a neighbor is trapped in an abusive marriage, a smitten 18-year-old youth, haunted by his brother's accidental death, offers the woman shelter and a means to escape.

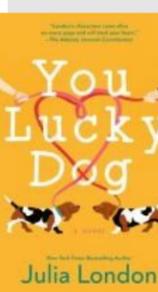


***Plain Bad Heroines* by Emily Danforth**

Follows the release of a best-selling book about an early 20th-century New England boarding school where gender-diverse students died under suspicious circumstances.

***The Last Story of Mina Lee* by Nancy Jooyoun Kim**

Suspecting foul play in the wake of her mother's accidental death, Margot Lee investigates her mother's past as a Korean War orphan and undocumented immigrant before uncovering profound secrets.



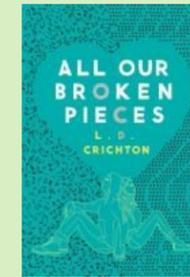
***You Lucky Dog* by Julia London**

An accidental dog swap unleashes an unexpected love match in this new romantic comedy from New York Times bestselling author Julia London.

Young Adult

***All Our Broken Pieces* by L.D. Crichton**

Musically gifted seventeen-year-old Kyler and his new neighbor Lennon, who is crippled by her OCD, discover that the strength to survive, live, and love can be found in unexpected places.



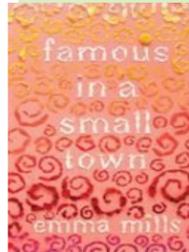
***Come on In: 15 Stories of Immigration and Finding Home* by Adi Alsaid**

This anthology explores the joys, heartbreaks and triumphs of immigration, with stories by critically acclaimed and bestselling YA authors who are shaped by the journeys they and their families have taken from home, and to find home.



***Dear Justyce* by Nic Stone**

Incarcerated teen Quan Banks writes letters to Justyce McCallister, with whom he bonded years before over family issues, about his experiences in the American juvenile justice system.



***Famous in a Small Town* by Emma Mills**

Loving her small community, school and best friends, Sophie develops an unexpected crush on a quiet, alluring new next-door neighbor, August, who seems to prefer keeping others at arm's length.

***Legendborn* by Tracy Deonn**

Wanting to escape her previous life after the death of her mother, 16-year-old Bree enrolls in a program for high school students at the local university before her witness to a magical attack reveals her undiscovered powers as well as sinister truths about her mother's death.



***Stormrise* by Jillian Boehme**

Doomed to a colorless future in spite of her elite combat skills, a girl warrior risks her life by disguising herself as a boy and joining a secret military rescue unit, a situation that is complicated by the increasingly urgent voice of a dragon she hears in her head.



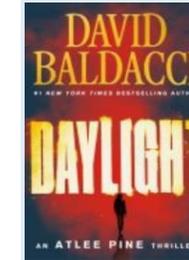
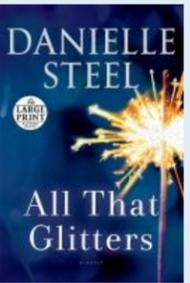
New Releases

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Large Print

***All That Glitters* by Danielle Steel**

When her life of privilege is upended by a terrorist attack that ends her parents' lives, a college senior struggles to rebuild, learning uplifting and heart-breaking life lessons throughout a series of relationships and opportunities.

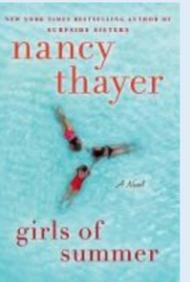


***Daylight* by David Baldacci**

When her search for her sister clashes with one of John Puller's high-stakes investigations, FBI agent Atlee Pine confronts traumatizing forces in the world of organized crime.

***Girls of Summer* by Nancy Thayer**

Skeptical about their mother's Nantucket romance with a younger man, siblings Juliet and Theo navigate their own tangled relationships involving an idealistic environmentalist and a girl fighting the trauma of a school tragedy.

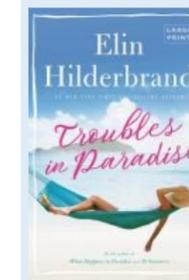
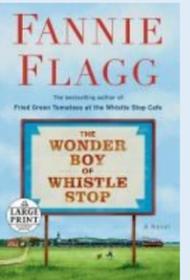


***The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline**

In this gorgeous novel, Christina Baker Kline brilliantly recreates the beginnings of a new society in a beautiful and challenging land, telling the story of Australia from a fresh perspective, through the experiences of Evangeline, Hazel, and Mathinna.

***The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop* by Fannie Flagg**

Taking a final visit to the ghost town where his mother Ruth's Whistle Stop Cafe made its famous fried green tomatoes, Bud Threadgoode discovers new friends and surprises about the community's women while triggering changes in his daughters' lives.



***Troubles in Paradise* by Elin Hilderbrand**

As drama unfolds after the death of her husband, who was leading a double life, Irene Steele gets help from a mysterious source and a new beginning in the paradise of St. John after the truth is finally revealed.

Mysteries

A Death Long Overdue by Eva Gates

When her former director is found dead in the water, librarian Lucy Richardson will have to get to the bottom of the mystery before the killer ends her tale.



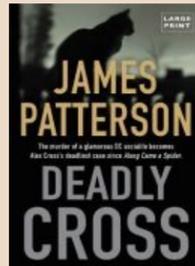
A Lady's Guide to Mischief and Mayhem by Manda Collins

Distancing herself from London notoriety when her latest sensational article leads to a high-profile arrest, Lady Katherine clashes with a handsome detective inspector after witnessing a murder upon her arrival in the country.



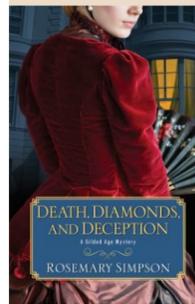
Deadly Cross by James Patterson

Investigating the assassination of the vice president's wife, Detective Alex Cross and FBI Special Agent Ned Mahoney travel to Alabama to uncover clues from the victim's early life.



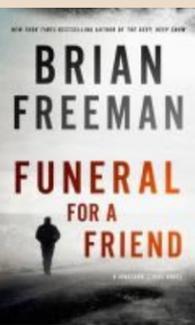
Death, Diamonds and Deception by Rosemary Simpson

When her sharp-eyed aunt declares a spectacular Marie Antoinette heirloom necklace a counterfeit, Prudence and her partner, Geoffrey, trace the necklace's stolen diamonds to a jeweler's murder and a banking family's dangerous secrets



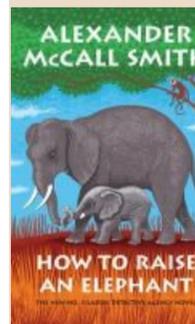
Funeral for a Friend by Brian Freeman

Jonathan Stride investigates after his best friend confesses on his death bed to covering up a murder that leads to the discovery of a body buried in his yard in the latest addition to the series following Alter Ego.



How to Raise an Elephant by Alexander McCall Smith

Precious Ramotswe and the rest of the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency must come together to raise a small elephant, in this two-ton case that employs Precious's maternal instincts.



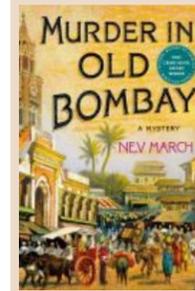
Midwinter Murder: Fireside Tales from the Queen of Mystery by Agatha Christie

Beware of deadly snowdrifts and dangerous gifts, poisoned meals and mysterious guests. This chilling compendium of short stories--some featuring beloved detectives Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple--is an essential omnibus for Christie fans.



Murder in Old Bombay by Nev March

Investigating the double murder of two women in 1892 Bombay, Captain Jim Agnihotri is confronted by suspicion on both sides of a divided land before his investigation triggers unexpected consequences.



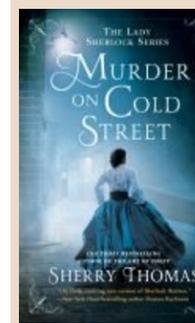
Murder is in the Air by Frances Brody

Invited by 1930 North Yorkshire's brewery queen to accompany public engagements that are then upended by the murder of a drayman, Kate Shackleton investigates two suspects, including a disreputable horse dealer and her hostess's conservative-minded father.



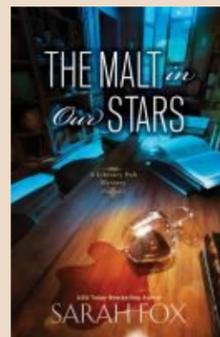
Murder on Cold Street by Sherry Thomas

When her friend refuses to defend himself after being found in a locked room with two murder victims, Charlotte Holmes navigates baffling evidence and rumors in a case that is further complicated by Lord Ingram's long-anticipated offer.



The Malt in Our Stars by Sarah Fox

Booking a famous novelist for a literary event, pub owner Sadie Fox ties the suspicious death of the writer's assistant to a vandalized film production site and a May Day masquerade ball at Shady Creek Manor.



DVDs

Antebellum

Successful author Veronica Henley finds herself trapped in a horrifying reality and must uncover the mind-bending mystery before it's too late.



Ava

A deadly assassin is forced to fight for her own survival when a job goes terribly wrong.

Bill & Ted Face the Music

A visitor from the future tells best friends Bill and Ted that one of their songs can save life as they know it and bring harmony to the universe.



Blackbird

A terminally ill mother arranges to bring her family together one last time before she dies.

Broken Hearts Gallery

Dumped by her boyfriend, a New York art gallery assistant creates an exhibit for souvenirs from past relationships.



Guest House

After getting engaged, couple Sarah and Blake decide to buy their dream home. Everything is going well until they discover that Randy, one of the friends of their house's previous owners, is still squatting in the guest house.

John Lewis: Good Trouble

Using interviews and rare archival footage, this chronicles Lewis's 60-plus years of social activism and legislative action on civil rights, voting rights, gun control, health care reform, and immigration.



Love, of Course

Amy is helping her daughter settle into college and lands a job to help with the annual Fall Harvest Festival. When Amy meets Noah, a charismatic, well-traveled professor, she learns more about herself and discovers a new life of her own.



Mortal

In this thriller, a sleepy Norwegian town erupts after an American backpacker is arrested. Witnesses claim a teen died after touching the stranger, and that he inexplicably started a fire that engulfed a farm. He warns a psychologist, Christine, that he has supernatural powers, and that anyone who gets too close to him dies.



Paydirt

A parolee teams up with his old crew determined to find a buried bag of cash stolen five years ago from a DEA bust gone bad, while being tracked by a retired Sheriff.



Spontaneous

Coming-of-age love story about growing up. When students in their school begin exploding (literally...), seniors Mara and Dylan struggle to survive in a world where each moment may be their last.

The Devil Has a Name

A psychotic oil matriarch leaves the whole industry exposed when she attempts to outfight a bullish farmer whose water has been poisoned.



Wedding at Graceland

After a romantic Christmas at Graceland, a couple plan their wedding while simultaneously juggling their very different parents.