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Happy New Year!



Introducing Mango Languages

Meet [Mango Languages](#), the newest resource available to every person with a library card. PhD-created, linguist-approved language-learning software teaches practical conversation in over 70 languages, while keeping the vibe fun and encouraging. And, if you were wondering, yes, you can learn how to speak Pirate.

Not only is this a great and enjoyable tool for people to learn Spanish, French, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, or any other foreign language, it's great for people who speak (or want to speak) English as a second language. Mango Languages features lessons to learn English from the person's native language.

And a patron doesn't have to be stuck in the library to learn. They can login from home, at school, on the go with a mobile device, and even download

lessons if they won't be able to connect to the Internet.

Want to promote Mango Languages? We've been spreading bookmarks with the books going through ILL and we've also dispersed small posters to each library. You can also check out www.youtube.com/user/mangolanguages and www.facebook.com/mangolanguages for easy ways to share information about this resource!

Mango Languages



Save the Day: February 28, Advocacy Day

Every year means a new opportunity to explain to lawmakers in Albany just how important libraries are to the community! The year, Advocacy will fall on Wednesday, February 28. While the exact times of each meeting has yet to be finalized, some of the CEFLS staff will be making the trip down. We'd be more than happy to be joined by anyone willing and CEFLS will handle transportation. Let [Dawn](#) know if you're interested in sharing why libraries matter!

Email Dawn



Advocacy Alert

On the subject of advocacy and why it's so important for some of us to make the trip down to Albany, here's a message from Jeremy Johannesen at NYLA:

Governor Cuomo released his FY2018-19 Executive Budget proposal & accompanying legislation. This signals the start of state budget negotiations. Though the Governor proposed an additional 3% in education funding in this year's budget, he **CUT STATE LIBRARY AID by 4%**. Our libraries are critical to the state's educational infrastructure. **We need YOU to [TAKE ACTION NOW](#)** and let your elected officials know that State Library Aid must be treated fairly in this year's final budget – State Library Aid **MUST** increase in proportion to any increase in overall education funding.

From the Governor's Executive Budget Proposal:

Library Aid - \$91.6M (-4% CUT)

The proposed funding is \$4M less than what was in last year's enacted state budget. This proposed CUT fails to acknowledge the crucial role libraries serve in our communities, and the contributions they make to our state's education system.

Libraries ARE Education! State Education Law requires that Library Aid should be \$102.6M for FY2018-19. Libraries should be fully funded under the law. Absent of that, library aid must at least increase each year in parity with increases in education funding.

Library Construction Aid - \$14M (\$10M CUT)

As you know, the State Library Construction Aid program received a \$10M increase in last year's enacted budget. Governor Cuomo has proposed eliminating that additional funding. The State Division of Library Development estimates that library renovation and construction needs are \$1.7B statewide. Over 48% of public libraries in NYS are 60+ years old, and an additional 33% are 30+ years old. Investment in the Library Construction Aid program must be increased to address aging infrastructure, energy inefficient buildings and the evolving ways people use libraries.

NOW is the time for YOU to SPEAK UP and let your legislators know that state library aid MUST be treated fairly and equitably in this year's state budget!

[TAKE ACTION NOW!](#) With less than 30 seconds of your time, you can send a letter to your elected officials and legislative leaders.

Without your voice, library funding is faces a 4% CUT in this year's budget.

As always, NYLA is relying on its members to take action, and contact your elected officials through NYLA's online advocacy tools, encourage your colleagues and patrons to participate in these actions. Encourage everyone to "[Get on the List](#)" NYLA has developed, and visit nyla.org/advocacy for updates. When engaging with your elected officials, it is important that you discuss the great work you and your library are doing, and to also stay on message by using the [talking points](#) we have on our website. For those of you on social media, we have posted a set of tweets that we encourage you to use, and tweet at your local Assemblyman and Senator.



Funding Campaigns for Small & Midsize Rural Libraries

Northern New York Library Network (NNYLN) is [hosting a webinar](#) on Thursday, February 15 to offer a step-by-step approach to working with library systems to improve library services by leveraging stable funding.

Julie has registered and will be attending it at CEFLS headquarters. [Contact her](#) if you'd like to join us or you can always register for it to attend it on your own.

NNYLN Webinar



Take Your Child to the Library Day

What is Take Your Child to the Library Day?

A formal day on which libraries from around the world invite families and their children to come to the library to showcase the value of the library to their communities.

When is it?

Saturday, February 3, 2018

Why should I bother?

Regardless of population or economic status, your library serves children in your community. Take advantage of the positive PR this worldwide celebration provides as you do more of what you already do so well!

What can I do to celebrate?

The possibilities are pretty much endless. Many libraries opt to have a special event, but you can simply highlight a program that you already do – or even just show off your library space. No matter your budget or staffing, there are many ways for your library to participate. Author or book character visits, games, giveaways, LEGO clubs, make-and-take crafts, performers, story times, giveaways, and many more options. Check out [NYLA's website](#) for more details.

Keep your eyes peeled for the some posters, post cards, and more information coming in the van delivery to help you promote your activities if you choose to join the fun. If you do make a plan, send the details to us at CEFLS so we can help promote them on social media and beyond.

Take Your Child to the Library Day



Tell the Story of Library Savings Through Pictures

From Kelsey Dorado of NYLA:

Real People. Real Dollars is an effort to drive more library advocates to the [NYLA Online Advocacy Center](#) and increase awareness of

Library Advocacy Day. This effort was originally started by the [Mid-Hudson Library System in 2016](#) and is now going statewide!

We're calling on libraries from across the state to participate in the 2018 Real People. Real Dollars. campaign. Investing in libraries has a big return on investment for the communities they serve, help us **tell that story in pictures** as we prepare for [Library Advocacy Day](#) on February 28!

How To Participate:

1. Work with an avid library user or family of avid library users to calculate how much they save in a year using the [NYLA Library Use Value Calculator](#).
2. Once the annual figure is calculated:
 1. take a screen shot of the calculation to have on hand and
 2. use the **sign template for either an [individual](#) or [family](#)** and fill in the dollar figure they have calculated
 3. snap a photo of the person or family holding up this sign, like the one to the right (*don't forget to use your photo release form!*).
 4. have your patron sign up to be a library champion using the [NYLA Online Advocacy Center](#).
3. Post this to your Facebook page (and Twitter and Instagram...) with a message telling the story of the picture and pushing your followers to use the [NYLA Online Advocacy Center](#) to reach out to their legislators. Feel free to tag your legislators in your post and be sure to use the hashtags:
#NYLALAD18 #LibrariesAreEducation
4. Upload your photos to the [Google Drive Folder](#).
 1. all photos must be labeled
LibraryName_PhotoNumber (ex.
AlbanyPublicLibrary_1)



Computer Threats

There's a good chance you've heard of the security flaws in many computers, laptops, tablets, and cellphones somewhere online or in the news. Called "Meltdown" and "Spectre", both are considerable threats to your electronics. What is so significant about these flaws is that they are not due to software issues, but are tied to hardware. Intel processors are most at risk (it's still somewhat unclear how susceptible AMD and ARM processors are) due to a design issue. [Graz University of Technology explains](#):

Meltdown breaks the most fundamental isolation between user applications and the operating system. This attack allows a program to access the memory, and thus also the secrets, of other programs and the operating system.

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Spectre breaks the isolation between different applications. It allows an attacker to trick error-free programs, which follow best practices, into leaking their secrets. In fact, the safety checks of said best practices actually increase the attack surface and may make applications more susceptible to Spectre.

While Spectre seems to be more difficult to tackle, there are steps you can take to protect your electronics from Meltdown. While it is a hardware problem, software tweaks can be used to work around the flaw.

1. **Keep your device updated** - Make sure to run the latest system update for your device. Microsoft

has released a cumulative update (KB4056892) to address the issue. Apple has released update 10.13.2 for an initial fix as well.

2. **Keep your browsers update** - Mozilla has already updated their Firefox browser and Google is working on a fix for their Chrome browser.
3. **Update your BIOS** - This will take a bit more work, but if you search for the latest updates available from your computers' manufacturers (DELL, HP, Lenovo, etc.) for the specific model of computer (Optiplex 9020, Pavilion x360, etc.), you can download the latest version of your computer's BIOS (Basic Input/Output System). This is the code that runs on your computer before your operating system starts.
4. **Be mindful of the type of info is on your computer** - This one's more basic level, but it's a good idea to think about what kind of sensitive information is stored on each computer. Horizon stores very little personal information luckily, but patrons can regularly enter social security numbers or credit card numbers into online forms. Make sure that browser histories and cookies are cleared after sessions and that nothing remains saved that might be valuable to hackers.
5. **Think about passwords and security** - Another basic one, but make sure to have various, strong passwords. Also, take advantage of 2-step verification that uses a text message or authentication app that ensures only you can login to your account. And keep an eye out for any strange activity on email, bank, or credit accounts.



New Kits

Big ideas come in small packages! We've been having a great time sending out our new kits to libraries and correctional facilities. We've made it a priority to add unique bags that bring new learning opportunities to patrons, and we want to bring them to you and your community. Have you seen these yet?

JUMP START Kit

Focuses on the five simple activities of talking, writing, reading, playing, and singing which strengthen early literacy skills for Kindergarten readiness.

- **ABCs:**
3 books (Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, MY First ABC, Eating the Alphabet), CD and book set (Wee Sing & Learn ABC), Activity Coconut tree (includes 1 tree and 26 lower-case foam letters with velcro), Melissa & Doug wooden letter matching puzzle (52 pieces), Water WOW! Alphabet water reveal pad that allows kids to practice writing, and one activity booklet.
- **Colors:**
3 books (Mouse Paint, Little Blue and Little Yellow, A Color of His Own), CD (Rock n Learn Colors, Shapes & Counting), Brighter Child Colors and Shapes flash cards (54 cards), Melissa & Doug chunky colorful fish puzzle (8 pieces), Water WOW! Colors & shapes water-reveal pad that allows kids to practice writing, mini field mouse finger puppet, themed coloring pages, crayons, and one activity booklet.
- **Weather:**
4 books (Maisy's Wonderful Weather Book, Freddy the Frogcaster, Down Comes the Rain, Let It Snow), CD (Let's Go! Travel, Camp and Car Songs), rainbow column windsock, weather dress-up puzzle (9 pieces), weather dial, themed coloring pages, crayons, and one activity booklet.
- **Fun with Food:**
3 books (The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Good Enough to Eat!, My Very First Book of Food), CD (Smart & Tasty 1: Good Food Moves for Kids

includes tunes that teach children how to have fun with food while they learn about healthy eating), The Very Hungry Caterpillar lacing cards, pretend play food set (15 pieces), themed coloring pages, crayons, and one activity booklet.

- **Nursery Rhymes:**

3 books (My Very First Mother Goose, Humpty Dumpty, Sing and Sing Along: Baa Baa Black Sheep), CD and book set (Wee Sing Nursery Rhymes & Lullabies), nursery rhymes hand puppet set (includes 6 puppets), Melissa & Doug nursery rhymes sound puzzle (6 pieces), themed coloring pages, crayons, and one activity booklet.

- **Get Up and Go:**

5 books (Get Up and Go!, Dancing Feet!, Looking After Me: Exercise, The Busy Body Book, You are a Lion! and other fun yoga poses), CD (Brain Breaks Action Songs Let's Move!), Move Your Body! Fun Deck Cards (includes 58 cards), Monster Catching Hands and Ball set, and one activity booklet.

Maker Kit

Bring hands-on learning to your library without the dedicated space and pricey entry fee.

- **Beading:** Want to try to make a pendant? Earrings? This Maker Kit allows you to tinker with wire and beads at your own pace without having to buy the tools necessary to get started.
- **3D Pen:** Draw in 3 dimensions! Use this pen to create pieces of art with colorful filament in minutes. Includes laminated templates for you to practice your craft.
- **Snap Circuits Jr.:** Create working circuits in minutes with Snap Circuits Jr.! This Maker Kit is great for kids to get some hands-on learning about how electricity works by making lights flash, fans spin, and speakers produce sound.

Book Club in a Bag

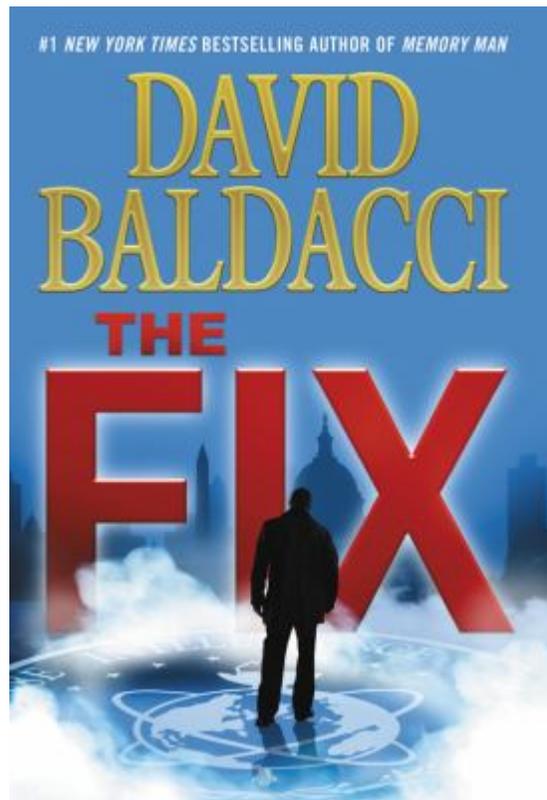
12 numbered copies of a book and laminated discussion questions in a canvas bag.

- [Beauty Queens](#)
by Libba Bray
 - [Bettyville](#)
by George Hodgman
 - [Bone Gap](#)
by Laura Ruby
 - [The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics](#)
by Daniel James Brown
 - [Cinnamon and Gunpowder](#)
by Eli Brown
 - [Eleanor & Park](#)
by Rainbow Rowell
 - [Etta and Otto and Russell and James](#)
by Emma Hooper
 - [Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City](#)
by Matthew Desmond
 - [Fahrenheit 451](#)
by Ray Bradbury
 - [The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II](#)
by Denise Kiernan
 - [I'll Meet You There](#)
by Heather Demetrios
 - [Kitchens of the Great Midwest](#)
by J. Ryan Stradal
 - [The Japanese Lover](#)
by Isabel Allende
 - [Lab Girl](#)
by Hope Jahren
 - [Lost Lake](#)
by Sarah Addison Allen
 - [The Martian](#)
by Andy Weir
 - [1984](#)
by George Orwell
 - [Noggin](#)
by John Corey Whaley
 - [The Rent Collector](#)
by Camron Wright
 - [The Sympathizer](#)
by Viet Thanh Nguyen
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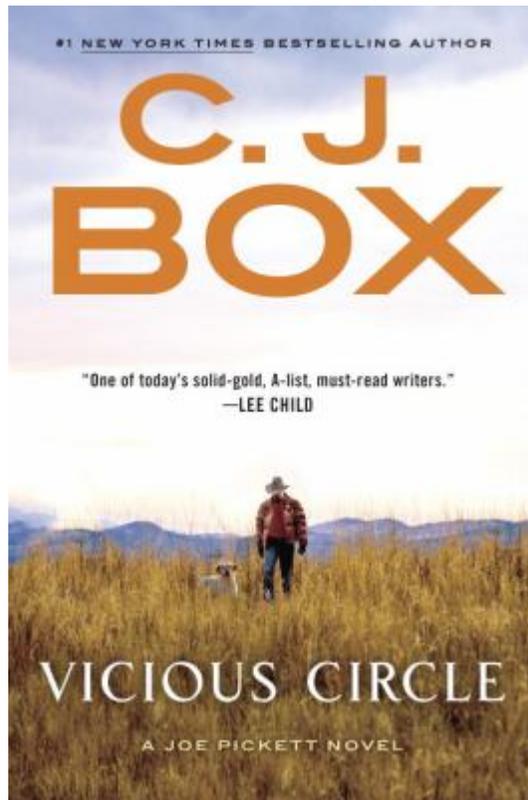
The Top 10

These were the titles that were checked out more than any others in the entire system in 2017:



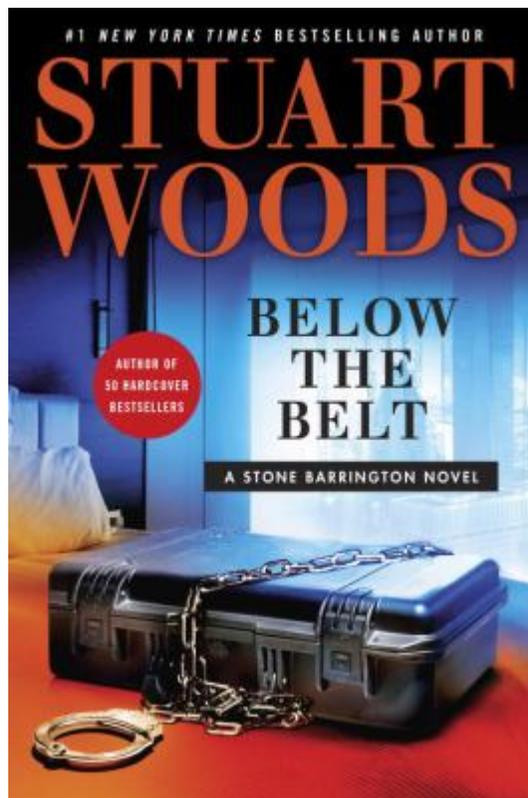
1) [The Fix](#)

David Baldacci



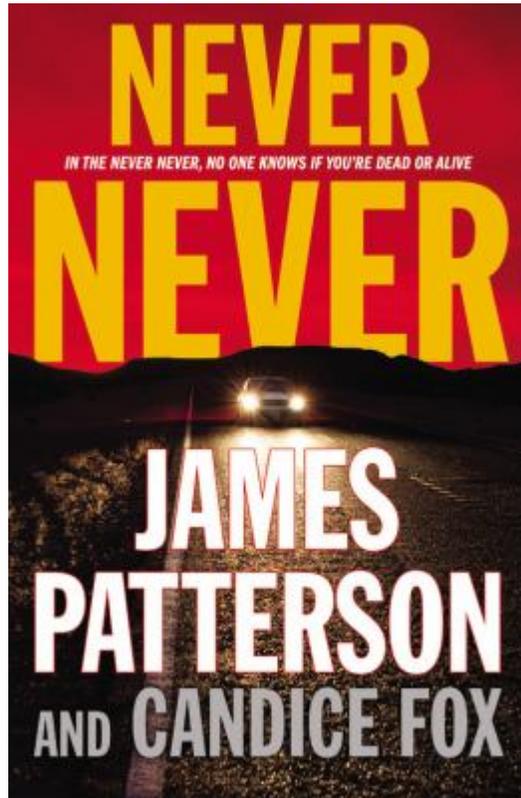
4) [Vicious Circle](#)

C.J. Box



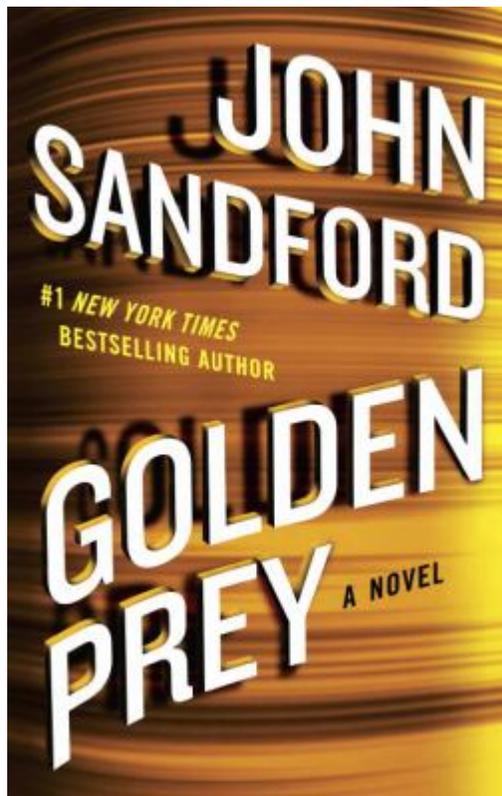
7) [Below the Belt](#)

Stuart Woods



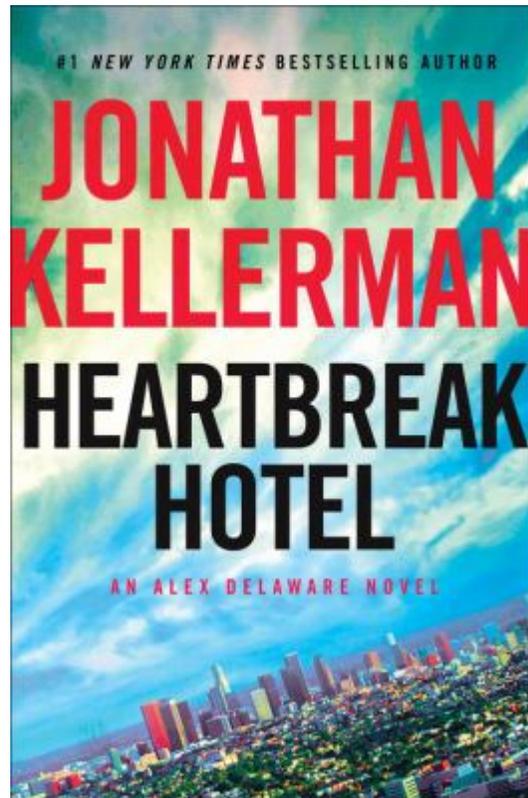
2) [Never Never](#)

James Patterson



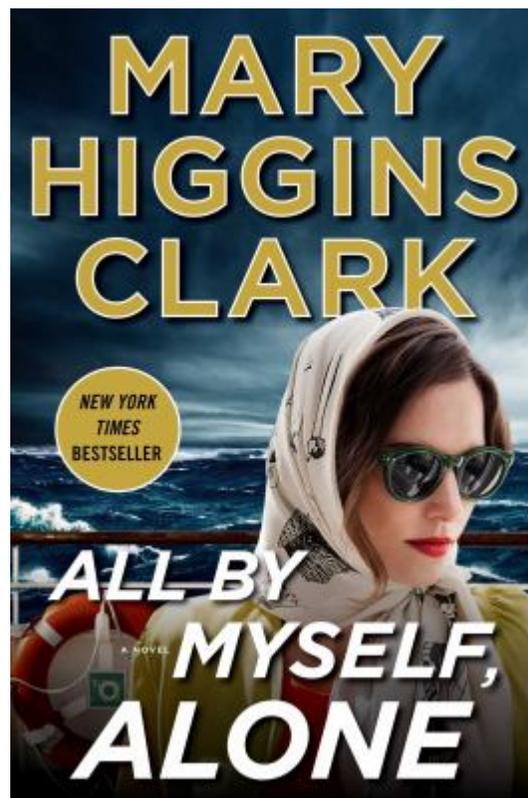
5) [Golden Prey](#)

John Sandford



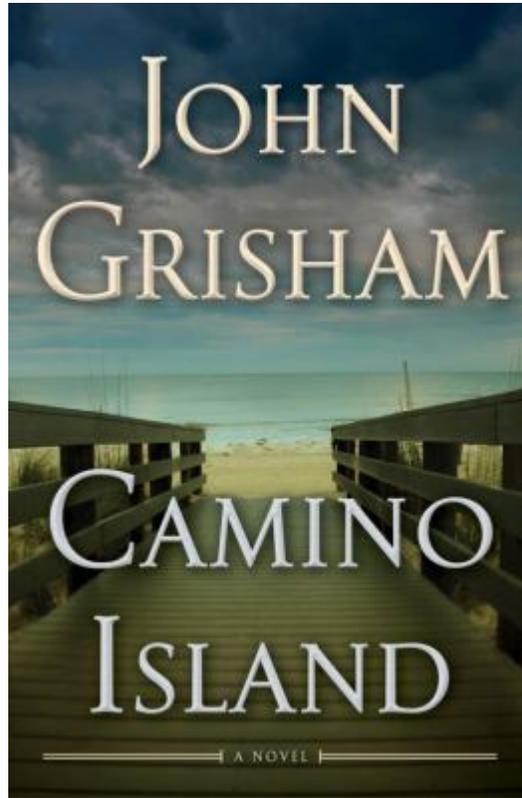
8) [Heartbreak Hotel](#)

Jonathan Kellerman



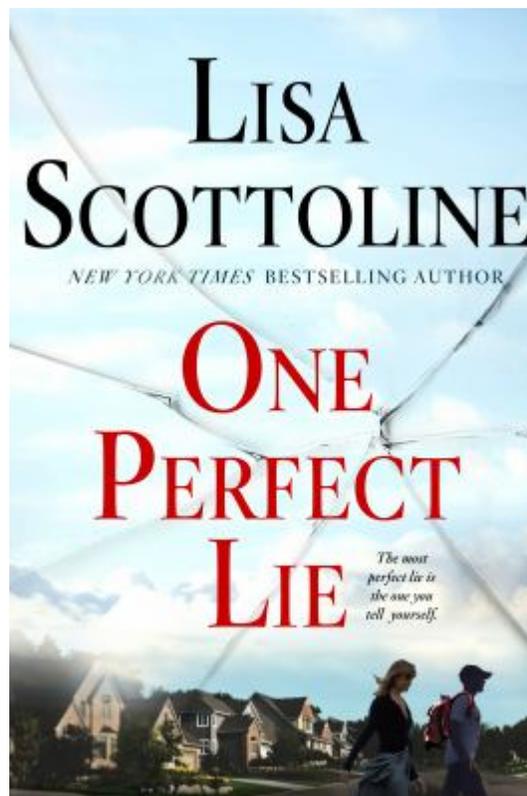
10) [All By Myself, Alone](#)

Mary Higgins Clark



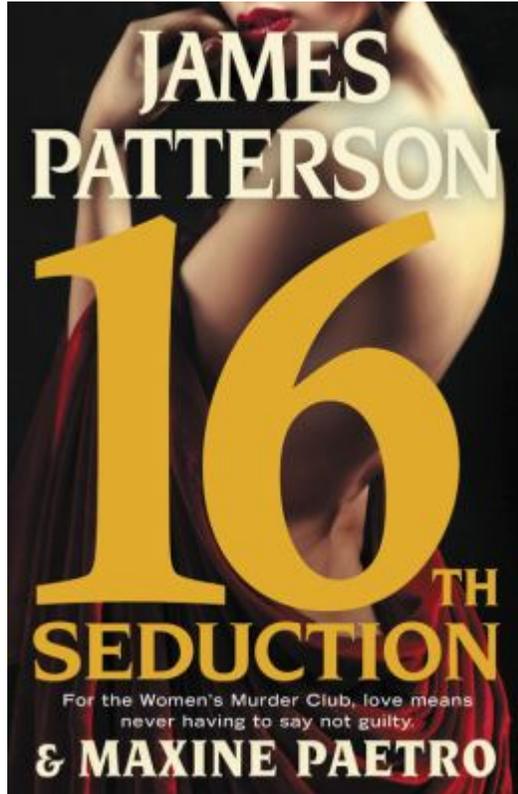
3) [Camino Island](#)

John Grisham



6) [One Perfect Lie](#)

Lisa Scottoline



9) [16th Seduction](#)

James Patterson

“Books are a uniquely portable magic.”

– Stephen King

Share Something

Don't be shy! The Pathfinder is meant to share useful information across member libraries in a timely and condensed manner, but doesn't replace the Trailblazer, which is meant to share stories

from around the System. Do you have something to contribute to the Pathfinder? Contact [David Fuller](#) and it could be in our next issue.



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