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*Some extended weekend hours for events

From Wendy's Easy Chair

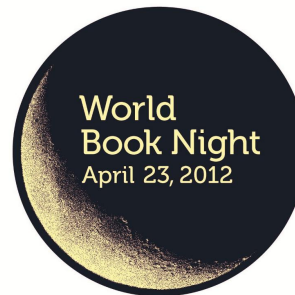
Wendy is a Redbery customer, an avid reader, and writes reviews for our website. Here's the latest on a book that's been getting a lot of buzz in the book world.

Greetings!

Dare we say that spring is in the air? We have buds on the trees and the spring peepers are peeping! It's time for the annual Spring Book Club Dinner at the Brick House Cafe, which will focus on two fabulous cookbooks! April 23 is World Book Night, a national event, in which we are participating. We also have a bestselling author coming to town: Andrea Cremer, author of the Nightshade trilogy for young adults. So...happy spring!

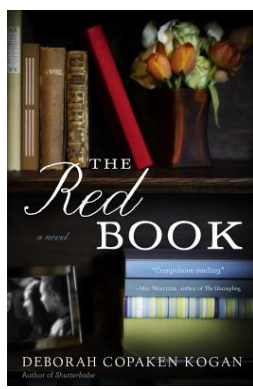
By the way, in case you missed it last month, we left the coupon at the bottom of this newsletter...it's good for \$5 off of a \$50 online order.

World Book Night



World Book Night is Monday, April 23. Publishers are providing books. Bookstores are organizing volunteers. Volunteers are bringing books to places that readers might not typically gather. It's a national event! In our community, volunteers are delivering books to the reservation, the jail, and a juvenile group home.

To thank our volunteers and celebrate community literacy, Redbery Books is throwing a World Book Night Party on Sunday, April 22, from 1:00 to 3:00 at the bookstore. Volunteers will be invited to share their reasons for choosing their book and we'll have treats and prizes and bargains on books!



The Red Book
by Deborah Copaken
Kogan

The Red Book begins with each of the main characters' entry into Harvard's Red Book, which is a life wrap up five years' after graduation. The main characters, Addison, Clover, Mia and Jane couldn't be more

To read more of Wendy's reviews, click [here](#).



The Rivers Eatery will be open from noon until 3:00, so c'mon in and have some pizza as we send our volunteers out into the world to promote literacy!

Author Visit



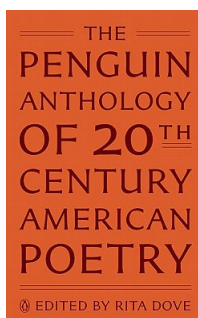
Andrea Cremer, author of the bestselling Nightshade Trilogy, will be at Redbery Books on **Friday, April 6, 5:00 p.m.** Andrea grew up in Ashland, Wisconsin and now lives in Minnesota, where she teaches at Macalaster College.



April is National Poetry Month

It began in 1996 as a month-long celebration of poetry designed to draw the attention of individuals and the media to the art of poetry.

Here are a few of our favorite books of poetry:



The Penguin Anthology of

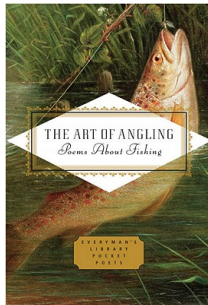
About the books: Calla is the alpha female of her werewolf pack and is destined to wed Ren, the alpha male, and start a new pack. When Calla spares the life of the new boy at school, she risks the future of her pack. The packs are all ruled by the Keepers, who practice witchcraft and rule over a multilayered society of nonhuman creatures with intriguing powers. They are all thrilling reads for older teens, full of twists and turns, adventure and romance. In fact, many adults are raving about Cremer's work as well!

A Flock of One's Own

**Are you looking for a great way to reconnect with the earth, the community, and your food sources?
Try raising chickens!**

20th Century American Poetry

This large volume contains the most significant and compelling poems of the last 100 years, compiled by Rita Dove, former U.S. Poet Laureate and Presidential Scholar. To order, click [here](#).



The Art of Angling: Poems About Fishing

Filled with humor, nostalgia, adventure, and beauty, this lovely book offers a bountiful catch of poems from around the world. Compiled by Henry Hughes, professor of English at Western Oregon State University. To order, click [here](#)



She Just Wants

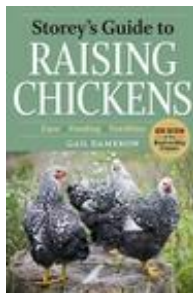
Freud asked the question, "What does a woman want?" Beverly Rollwagen answers the question with a brilliant collection of poems, each focused on a single image, concept, or desire, showcasing the poetic



Read this one for inspiration...

The Chicken Whisperer's Guide to Keeping Chickens, by Andy Schneider and Brigid McCrea, Ph.D.

From preparing your nursery for baby poultry to protecting your flock from predators, this book is a wonderful resource. The photographs alone are worth the investment in this beautiful volume. To order, click [here](#).



Read this one for the how-to...

Storey's Guide to Raising Chickens, by Gail Damerow

How much space does one need per chicken? What and how much do chickens eat? Which chickens are best suited to a cold climate? These are some of the many questions answered in this very thorough guide. It really has everything you need to get started! To order, click [here](#).

Spring Food and Wine Lovers' Dinner

What do you get when you combine two great cookbooks, one great chef, one wine conneissuer, and sixteen food and wine lovers?

It's the annual Redbery Spring Dinner at the Brick House Cafe!
Tuesday, May 22, 6:00 pm
\$50 per person

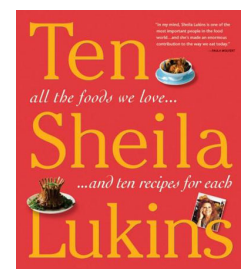
(includes five course dinner and wine paired with three courses)



Each course will be prepared with recipes from **two great cookbooks:**

Ten: All the Foods We Love...and 10 Perfect Recipes for Each, by Shiela Lukins

The ten best ways to use the first asparagus of spring. The ten best vegetable soups, stews, burgers, kebabs, and pastas. So perfectly right, you'll never need an eleventh! To order,



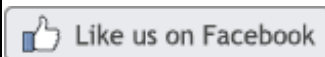
moments in everyday life that is both light and satisfying. To order, click [here](#).

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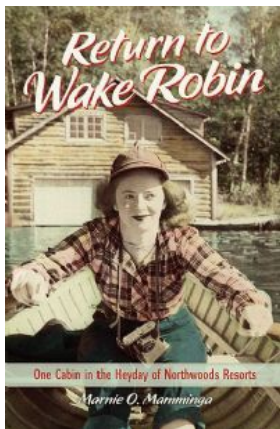
Show your support by "liking" the Northwoods Children's Book Conference on Facebook. Just click the icon below:



Thanks.

Bound to be a Redbery Bestseller:

Return to Wake Robin: One Cabin in the Heyday of Northwoods Resorts by Marnie O. Mammings

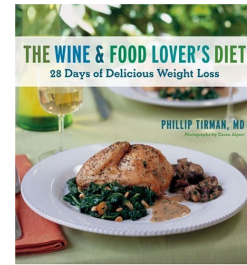


Published by the Wisconsin Historical Society Press, this series of historical essays just received a starred review from Publisher's Weekly! It

click [here](#).

The Wine and Food Lovers' Diet, by Philip Tirman

Eat good food, drink good wine, and lose weight! Sound too good to be true? Not with this guide to a healthier, fuller, longer, and more satisfying life. To order, click [here](#).

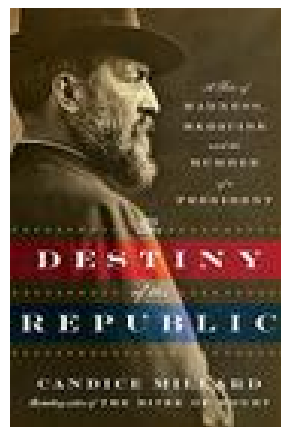


To reserve your spot, send an email to heather@thebrickhousecafe.net. Space is limited to 16 participants. Prepayment required, either at Redbery Books or The Brick House Cafe.

BOOK BUZZ: Staff Reviews

Libby Recommends...

Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine, and Murder of a President by Candice Millard



This book is definitely worth a read. Through Millard's gifted writing, the reader will recognize the seeds of greatness in the extraordinary man, James A. Garfield, our twentieth president. This is more than just a story of his assassination. Millard intertwines the stories of the insane Charles Guiteau (madness), the dangerous practices of many physicians of the time (medicine), and all the details of the assassination (murder) which includes the role Alexander Graham Bell played in all of it. It is a true crime story set during a time of turmoil in the United States. The Republican Party was deeply divided into two factions, and the political spoils system was a common practice in an era of political corruption. Garfield, a Civil War hero elected to Congress, was chosen against his will by a deadlocked Republican Convention as the party's nominee. However when elected, Garfield, a man of integrity and strong convictions, a gifted scholar, and a devoted family man who loved life, had a vision of the reforms he wanted to bring about. Referring to *Destiny of a Republic*, the author states, "This is my attempt to step back in time to understand these men and this moment in history and to tell a story that should never be forgotten." I agree. To order *Destiny of the Republic*, click [here](#).

Swamplandia!

takes place on Big Spider Lake at the 1929 log cabin that has been the author's summer retreat for five generations.

This would make a great gift for anybody who has enjoyed family get togethers in the northwoods. Think Mother's Day, Father's Day, Birthdays, and Graduations!

To preorder your copy of *Return to Wake Robin*, click [here](#).

P.S. Marnie has been a longtime Redbery customer and has promised to come for a reading/signing this summer. Yippee!

Mark Your Calendar

*April 5 9:30 am
Babies and Books


*April 6 5:00 pm
Author Andrea Cremer
Reading and Signing

*April 22 1 - 3 pm
World Book Night Party

*April 23
World Book Night

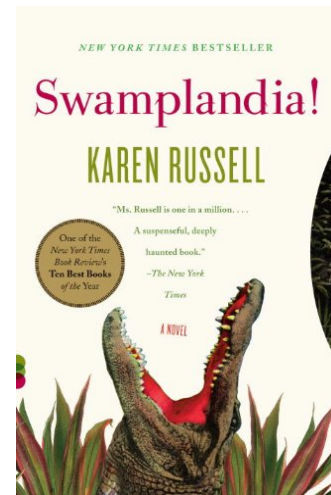
*May 22 6:00 pm
Spring Book Club Dinner

Find more information about these events at www.redberybooks.com

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by Karen Russell

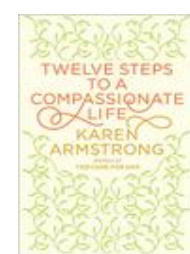
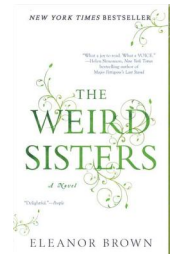
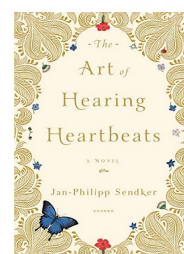
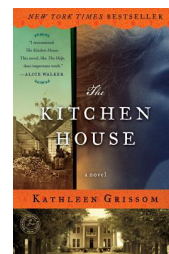


Sometimes I do judge a book by its cover so I resisted reading *Swamplandia!* until I saw it was chosen by The New York Times as one of the best ten books of 2011. Although swamps and alligators may not appeal to you either, this book is definitely worth the read. The sheer joy of reading Russell's use of language in her debut novel would be enough. I loved sentences like "A small black desk looked so weak that I didn't even like to rest my eyes on it." or "The river became a looking glass for the stars." The book contains history, mystery, danger, fantasy, humor, pain, and love. Mostly, it

is a story of family loyalty and the imperfections of the characters, including Chief Bigtree, self-named and head of the family, Hilola, mother and alligator wrestler, Grandpa Sawtooth who bites and lives on a nursing home boat, Kiwi, brilliant but socially inept brother, Ossie, sister who falls in love with the Dredgeman, and Ava, a determined thirteen year old alligator wrestler. It's a story told by Ava that I will long remember. To order *Swamplandia!*, click [here](#).

Bev recommends...

Bev has been reading up a storm this past month! Here's the short and sweet version of her reviews. Feel free to ask her more about the books when you see her in the store!



The Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom
"like *The Help* in a different era"

Art of Healing Heartbeats by Jan Philipp Sendker
"a tender and elegant novel"

Weird Sisters by Eleanor Brown
"provoked much discussion in book club"

Twelve Steps to a More Compassionate Life by Karen
"a wise and learned author"

Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos

"deserving of the Newbery Award it received"

The Flint Heart by Katherine Paterson and John Paterson
"why wasn't this a Newbery Award contender?"

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