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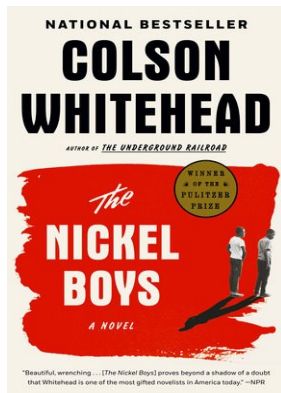
**HOURS**  
Monday/Wednesday  
10am-7pm  
Tues/Thurs/Friday  
10am-5pm  
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10am-2pm

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—BOOK NOOK—  
Used & collectable books  
for sale.

**Hours**  
Monday-Friday  
10am - 4pm  
Saturday  
10am - 1:30pm  
100% volunteer staffed—  
please call ahead for  
exact hours

**Let's Discuss  
Book Club**

*The Nickel Boys*

BY: Colson Whitehead

Thursday, March 10 @ 2-3 PM



When Elwood Curtis, a black boy growing up in 1960s Tallahassee, is unfairly sentenced to a juvenile reformatory called the Nickel Academy, he finds himself trapped in a grotesque chamber of horrors. Elwood's only salvation is his friendship with fellow "delinquent" Turner, which deepens despite Turner's conviction that Elwood is hopelessly naive, that the world is crooked, and that the only way to survive is to scheme and avoid trouble. As life at the Academy becomes ever more perilous, the tension between Elwood's ideals and Turner's skepticism leads to a decision whose repercussions will echo down the decades.

Based on the real story of a reform school that operated for 111 years and warped the lives of thousands of children, *The Nickel Boys* is a devastating, driven narrative that showcases a great American novelist writing at the height of his powers and "should further cement Whitehead as one of his generation's best" (*Entertainment Weekly*).

**Valentines Season**



Enjoy a blind date with a book ! From February 1st-14th  
checkout a wrapped book that will be on display near the circ  
desk and fall in love.

Tech Tuesday is now by appointment only Monday-Friday 1:30-4 pm

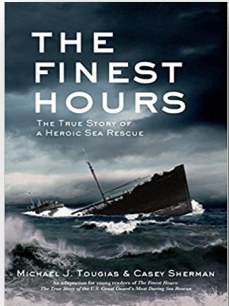


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Let's Discuss, Jr.  
Book Club



*The Finest Hours*

BY: Michael J. Tougias & Casey Sherman

March 7, 2022 @ 4:00-5:00 PM

On the night of February 18, 1952, during one of the worst winter storms that New England has ever seen, two oil tankers just off the shore of Cape Cod were torn in half. With the storm in full force and waves up to 70 feet high, four coast guardsmen headed out to sea in a tiny lifeboat to come to the rescue. They were the only hope for the stranded sailors. Despite incredible obstacles, these brave men risked their lives, remembering the unofficial Coast Guard motto: *You have to go out, but you do not have to come back.*

This is a fast-paced, uplifting story that puts young readers in the middle of the action. It's a gripping true tale of heroism and survival in the face of the elements.

*New York Times* bestselling author Michael J. Tougias adapts his histories of real life stories for young readers in his True Rescue Series, capturing the heroism and humanity of people on life-saving missions during maritime disasters.



*The BOOK NOOK*

*February Sale*

ROMANCE AUTHORS ARE 10 FOR \$1.00

If you have some extra time, visit the Book Nook and speak with a volunteer for more information. There's always room for one more!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2022

Dates are subject to change

February 2–Preschool Storytime with Miss Emily @ 11AM

February 7– Library Board of Trustee Meeting @ 5PM

February 7– Let's Discuss JR @ 4–5:00 PM

February 9– Preschool Storytime with Miss Emily @ 11 AM

February 10–Let's Discuss @ 2:00–3:00 PM

February 16–Preschool Storytime with Miss Emily @ 11 AM

February 23– Preschool Storytime with Miss Emily @ 11 AM

February 23–Kid's Crafts with Ms Lori @ 4:00–5:00 PM

Preschool Story time with Miss Emily

Wednesday from 11:00-12:00 PM



Kids Crafts with Ms. Lori

Wednesday February 23, 2022 from

4:00-5:00 PM



“THERE IS NO FRIEND AS LOYAL AS A BOOK”

–ERNEST HEMINGWAY