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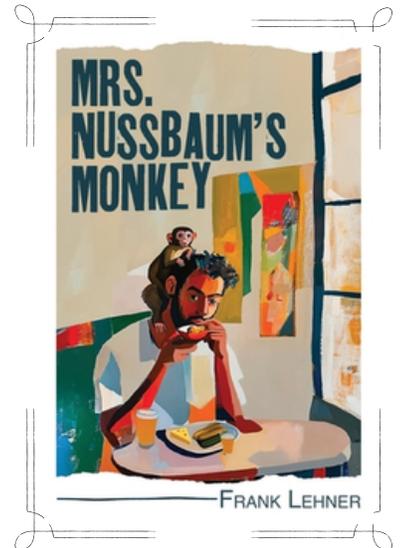
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MRS. NUSSBAUM'S MONKEY BOOK REVIEW

In his debut poetry collection published in the Working Lives Writing Series by Appalachian publisher Bottom Dog Press, writer, artist, and Crafton local Frank Lehner celebrates Pittsburgh and all of its inhabitants, big and small. Silent conversations with cardinals, stink bugs, and tomato plants pepper this collection, showcasing a love for nature reminiscent of poets like Ada Limón. Each poem is written in the

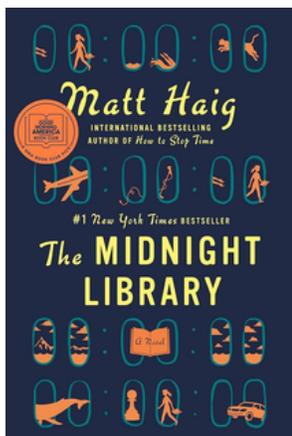


first-person perspective, making its contents that much more relatable to the reader, especially those most familiar with the flora and fauna of suburban Pittsburgh.

Lehner captivates the reader with vivid verse, staccato rhythm, and a wide range of poetic forms as he traverses Pittsburgh, from the Liberty Tunnel to Skookum Field, from 1963 to 2024. Even local readers will find something new hidden in each poem and will feel emboldened to explore this new side to a city they've called home for so long.

I met Frank Lehner not too long ago at a poetry workshop hosted by the Crafton Public Library and I discovered not only that I've been living on the same street as he and his wife, Nancy Koerbel, for many years, but also that Pittsburgh is a perfect muse for poets who dare to unearth the ants beneath decades-old bricks, the lanternfly carcasses glued to well-trodden pavement. With this said, I couldn't recommend Mrs. Nussbaum's Monkey more to local lovers of all things poetry and I look forward to reading more of Lehner's work in the near future.

~Natalie DC, library patron



No Strings Attached Book Club: November Book

When Nora Seed finds herself in the Midnight Library, she has a chance to make things right. Up until now, her life has been full of misery and regret. She feels she has let everyone down, including herself. But things are about to change.

The books in the Midnight Library enable Nora to live as if she had done things differently. With the help of an old friend, she can now undo every one of her regrets as she tries to work out her perfect life. But things aren't always what she imagined they'd be, and soon her choices place the library and herself in extreme danger.

Before time runs out, she must answer the ultimate question: what is the best way to live?

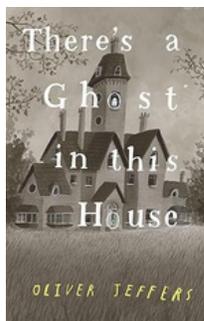
Youth Services Matinee

Our "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!" matinee was a success! We loved seeing everyone who came and watched the movie with us! This month, we are continuing the Charlie Brown trilogy with "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving". We will provide popcorn and drinks. Feel free to bring snacks or candy...we aren't like the movie theater! So grab a friend, a snack, and come to the library on November 15, 2025 at 1pm!

Children's Book Spotlight

There's a Ghost in this House
by Oliver Jeffers

A young girl lives in a haunted house but never sees the ghosts, no matter how hard she tries. You get to help her find them!



Staff Picks

Classic Fiction:
The Great Gatsby
by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Historical Fiction:
Carnegie's Maid
by Marie Benedict

Science Fiction/Fantasy:
The Midnight Library
by Matt Haig

Mystery/Thriller/Suspense:
The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires
by Grady Hendrix

Mental Health:
The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Caused an Epidemic of Mental Illness
by Jonathan Haidt

Horror/Suspense:
Gone Before Goodbye
by Reese Witherspoon, Harlan Coben

Romantasy:
The Serpent and the Wings of Night
by Carissa Broadbent

Romantasy:
Love, Theoretically
by Ali Hazelwood

Kids Graphic Novel:
Dog Man
by Dav Pilkey

Kids Picture Book:
I Am Not A Ballerina
by Lizbeth Ericka