

The Bandera PROPHEET

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Book some time with the Bandera Library

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The Bandera Public Library is still stocking up on new titles. New in fiction is Julia Alvarez's latest novel called *Afterlife*. Recently retired from the college where she taught English, Antonia Vega has the rug pulled out from underneath her when her husband suddenly dies. Vega usually turns to her favorite literature to help her through dark times, but this approach to grief is tested when life-altering events continue to bombard her.

Fans of crime fiction should check out *Broken* by Don Winslow. *Broken* is a collection of six short stories connected by themes of crime, corruption, justice and redemption. From cops who struggle to separate work and family life to high-dollar criminals working at the very top of the food chain, *Broken* will have readers repeatedly saying "one more page and then I'll go to bed".

Julia Spencer-Fleming's new book *Hid from Our Eyes* is the latest Clare Fergusson and Russ van Alstyne mystery. In 1972, having recently returned from serving in Vietnam, Russ van Alstyne is riding his motorcycle when he spots the body of a young woman in a party dress. The police quickly peg him as the suspect of this crime and a remarkably similar case that went cold twenty years earlier. Fast forward to the present day and van Alstyne is now the chief of police when he receives a call that the body of a young woman in a party dress is found. The details of the crime are almost identical to those of the very crime he was accused of as a young man.

For non-fiction readers who are interested in self-sufficiency, *Attainable Sustainable: the Lost Art of Self-Reliance* comes out on April 7th. Based

on a blog of the same name by Kris Bordessa, this book is filled to the brim with ways readers can lead a simpler life and become more self-reliant. There are recipes for natural remedies, tips on raising chickens, pickling your veggie garden harvest and even a section on how to make your own sourdough starter. In times like these, self-reliance and frugality has never been more important.

Have an instant pot but not a clue how to use it? The library has two new cookbooks specifically for those cooking with multicooker known as the Instant Pot. Milk Street, the radio call-in show about all things cooking, has released *Fast and Slow: Instant Pot Cooking at the Speed you Need*. It includes 150 recipes like “Black Beans with Bacon and Tequila” and “Hoisin-Glazed Baby Back Ribs.” For more Instant Pot cooking, *The Ultimate Instant Pot Cookbook* by Coco Morante has 200, easy and delicious recipes that cover a range of flavors and styles focusing on tried-and-true American classics.

Check out any of these titles and more using our curbside service.

Reserve the title online or by calling in and then pick it up by the front door. Remember to follow the library on Facebook and Instagram to stay up-to-date on new releases. You can also call the library and ask to sign up for our newsletter. We are here to help you!

Happy tales, y'all.