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Park & Recreation Month



July is Park and Recreation Month, and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is challenging everyone to "Get Your Play On" at a local or national park. Their goal: to get everyone outside and engaged in play by hiking, taking an outdoor class, joining a sports team, or doing anything fun at the park. [Read more](#)

Posted by Sam O. on July 7, 2017

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Exit West



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Several books use the concept of a magical door to provide characters entry into other worlds, or to better places in this one. Exit West, a timely novel about refugees by Man Booker Prize winner Mohsin Hamid, employs this device?but because of the power of his plotting and beauty of his prose, it's highly believable.

The novel begins when a young man, Saeed, meets Nadia in an adult evening class in an unnamed country at some point in the near future. Civil war wracks the country; terrorists and militants roam the streets. [Read more](#)

Posted by Dory L. on June 14, 2017

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Learning a language for the first time, or brushing up on one you already know?the Library has all you need to make your journey as easy as possible. We offer a variety of resources, including books, audiobooks, apps, and in-person classes, to meet the needs of different learning styles (including for people learning English, through VITAL, the Library's adult education unit). [Read more](#)

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Limestone Month Activities



Did you know that the Empire

State Building is built with limestone from Monroe County? The Soldiers and Sailors Monument on the Circle in Indianapolis, the Biltmore Estate in North Carolina, Tribune Tower in Chicago, the Lincoln Memorial in D.C., and a host of other buildings and statues, including our own Library Bears?all use limestone from local quarries. You can travel all over the country to see some of these amazing creations?or you can stay right here in Monroe County, and enjoy a perfectly

awe-inspiring view of beautifully crafted stonework.

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Shakespeare in the Park

Monroe County Civic Theatre is giving free performances of *As You Like It*, the William Shakespeare comedy, in the park at Third Street Park (Third and Washington Streets, Bloomington) June 1?4. Before or afterward (hopefully not during!), you can also check out the various formats in which the play is available from the Library. [Read more](#)

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