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WHAT'S NEW?

MAR 3

- *Thor: Ragnarok* starring Chris Hemsworth & Cate Blanchett - DVD, Marvel Comics, Superheroes
- *Lady Bird* starring Saoirse Ronan & Laurie Metcalf - DVD, comedy, drama, coming of age, mother/daughter relationship

MAR 6

- *Children of Blood and Bone (Legacy of Orisha)* by Tomi Adeyemi - YA fiction, myths & legends, prejudice & racism
- *The Family Medici: The Hidden History of the Medici Dynasty* by Mary Hollingsworth - Biography, history, Italy, Europe
- *The Innocent Wife: a novel* by Amy Lloyd - Fiction, thriller/suspense, conspiracies, serial killers

MAR 13

- *Ferdinand* starring John Cena & Kate McKinnon - DVD, animated, comedy, family, based on book
- *The Handmaid's Tale: season 1* starring Elisabeth Moss & Yvonne Strahovski - DVD, based on book, dystopia, slavery, violence against women
- *Judy Moody & Friends: Not-So-Lucky Lefty* by Megan McDonald - kids fiction, intermediate readers, growing up
- *The Shape of Water* starring Sally Hawkins & Octavia Spencer - drama, thriller, mute character, fantasy, romance
- *Justice League* starring Gal Gadot &Ben Affleck - DVD, DC Comics, superhero team, action/adventure

MAR 20

- *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle* starring Dwayne Johnson & Karen Gillian - DVD, action/adventure, comedy, fantasy
- *Pitch Perfect 3* starring Anna Kendrick & Rebel Wilson - DVD, comedy, music

MAR 27

- *Legion: season 1* starring Dan Stevens & Rachel Keller - DVD, Marvel Comics, X-Men, Schizophrenia
- *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row* by Anthony Ray Hinton & Lara Love Hardin - Memoir, discrimination & racism, criminology

APR 10

- *Molly's Game* starring Jessica Chastain & Idris Elba - DVD, biography, crime, drama, based on book
- *Phantom Thread* starring Vicky Krieps & Daniel Day-Lewis - DVD, drama, romance, fashion

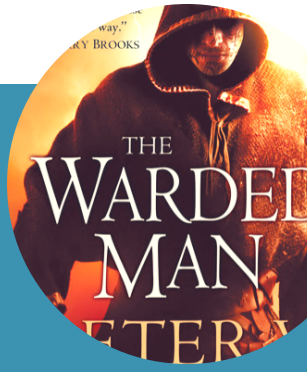
APR 17

- *The Fallen (Memory Man Series)* by David Baldacci - international mystery & crime

THE DEMON CYCLE SERIES

After reading Tom's Book Review are you curious about the books that follow *The Warded Man*?
Here they are:

TOM'S BOOK REVIEW:



THE WARDED MAN

BY PETER V. BRETT

So far, there are five book is in this series; the latest (*The Core*) came out in October of last year.

This is how the series starts...

Imagine you lived in a world where at sunset, a mist rises from the ground and solidifies into hundreds of hideous demons. Wicked and ugly demons that want nothing more than to tear you apart and eat you.

There are sand, wood, flame, and, worst of all, the giant rock demons. These creatures come up from a place called, "The Core" which sits in the center of this Earth-like world. They have an all-consuming hatred for humans and will stop at nothing to kill them.

The only thing standing between the humans and the demons are the Wards (magic symbols) that have been scratched, burned, and painted around the perimeter of homes and stables, any building or area you don't want demons hanging around or getting in.

If one does not keep their wards in constant repair or if a leaf blows off a tree (or something like that) and sticks to any part of a symbol, partially obscuring it, a demon will immediately find the flaw and get in, killing everyone inside (this happens often.)

Being a Warder (one who makes a living warding people's homes), is an art form, and only a select few have the talent for it.

In this world, the towns are tiny and very far apart from each other (known as "Forte Cities"). When you hear your neighbor's screams because a demon has gotten through their wards, there is nothing you can do but hide in your home behind your symbols and home they hold up.

There is no weapon to kill these things. They have long, sharp claws, and razor-sharp teeth, not to mention super-human strength; they also heal quickly, and the humans have pitchforks and broken-off table legs and such to use as a defense.

It wasn't always this way. Three-thousand years ago (now long forgotten) there were Battle Wards to use as a defense against these ugly demons. They were carved or painted on spears, swords, and shields and inflicted significant damage and even killed the demons. During the time of the Battle Wards, the demons were beaten back to the Core and over time became irrelevant and forgotten.

Three-hundred years ago, the demons made a comeback.

Here is where our protagonist, Arlen, enters the scene...

Arlen, a young warder, has stumbled across a spear with symbols he does not recognize; they turn out to be Battle Ward symbols.

The tables are now turning.

There is much more to this first novel, but I'm only given so much space to tell you how great it is.

If you enjoy character-driven epic fantasy, you will love this series.

Enjoy,
-Tom

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BLOOM FESTIVAL

PRESENTED BY: R.W. NORTON ART GALLERY

Join us on Saturday, March 24 for crafts, games, activities, music, museum tours, and more!

Fun for the whole family! Check it out, we hope to see you there!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Children's
Teens
Adults
All Ages

Just a helpful reminder

AULDS BRANCH

STEM (ages 6-12)
Monday, Mar. 5 & 19
Apr. 9 & 23
@ 4:00pm
Have fun with a combo of math, engineering, science, and more!

Crazy 8's Math Club (ages 6-12)
Monday, Mar. 12 & 26
Apr. 16 & 30
@ 4:00pm
Have fun with math by playing games and experimenting!

Story Time (ages 0-5)
Tuesdays, Mar. 6 - Apr. 24
@ 10:00am
Read stories, sing songs, and make crafts! Parents must stay with their child during this program.

Book Club (ages 18+)
Tuesday, Mar. 13 - *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough
Tuesday, Apr. 10 - *A Deadly Affection* by Cuyler Overholt
@ 11:00am

Homeschool Art Class (ages 6-17)
Wednesday, Mar.
Apr.
@ 1:00pm
Homeschoolers will learn a variety of art techniques and science exploration.

Lego Club (ages 6-12)
Wednesdays, Mar. 14 & 28
Apr. 11 & 25
@ 4:00pm
Get your creativity on building with Legoes!

Youth & Yoga (all ages)
Thursdays, Mar. - Apr.
@ 10:00am
Families have fun learning basic yoga poses while listening to a story.

BENTON BRANCH

Club 745 (ages 6-12)*
1st Tuesdays, Mar. 6 & Apr. 3
@ 3:30pm
Craft time for kids!

Crafting for Adults (ages 18+)*
2nd Tuesdays, Mar. 13 & Apr. 10
@ 2:00pm
Get your creative juices flowing with a variety of crafts and painting projects led by Benton staff.

Science Club (ages 6-12)*
3rd Tuesdays, Mar. 20 & Apr. 17
@ 3:30pm
Kids can have fun learning basic scientific principles and conducting experiments.

Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5)*
Fridays, Mar. 2 - Apr. 27
@ 11:00am
Books, music and movement, crafts, and play-time!

Teen Time (ages 13-17)*
2nd Fridays, Mar. 9 & Apr. 13
@ 3:00pm
Teens can participate in a variety of crafts and games in a laid-back environment.

Saturday Story Time (ages 0-5)*
Saturdays, Mar. 3 - Apr. 28
@ 10:30am
Books, music and movement, crafts, and supervised play-time. Parents with children ages 2 and younger must stay in the story time room during the program.

* Registration required, please call or visit the branch to reserve your spot.

CENTRAL BRANCH

First-Time Home Buyer's Class (ages 18+)*
Saturday, Mar. 3 & 10
@ 10:00am
Come learn what every first-time home buyer should know! Attendees will need to attend both sessions to receive a certificate of completion.

UnitedHealthcare: Heart Smart (ages 18+)
Tuesday, Mar. 6 & 13
@ 5:30pm
Representatives from UnitedHealthcare will be providing infomation on their "Jump-Start Your Health" guide. Use this 30-day guide to start a healthier lifestyle through fitness, diet, and knowledge.

Writing Effective Resumes and Cover Letters (ages 18+)*
Tuesday, Mar. 13
@ 5:30pm
Get your resume noticed with tips on what to include and how to phrase it. Also, get tips on using your resume for online job applications.

Personal Safety in Public Places (ages 18+)
Tuesday, Mar. 27 @ 5:30pm
Thursday, Apr. 19 @ 12:00pm
Join Bossier Parish Sheriff's Deputy Lt. Ron Glovier for an important personal safety session. Pertinent information and statistics on all-too-common incidents will be covered, as well as how to keep yourself safe.

COMPUTER CLASSES:

Intro to Computers (ages 18+)*
Mondays, Mar. 5 @ 10:00am
Mar. 19 @ 5:30pm

Navigating the Internet (ages 18+)*
Wednesdays, Mar. 7 @ 10:00am
Mar. 21 @ 5:30pm
Mondays, Apr. 9 @ 10:00am
Apr. 23 @ 5:30pm

Creating an Email (ages 18+)*
Fridays, Mar. 9 @ 10:00am
Mar. 23 @ 3:00pm

Keyboard Function Keys (ages 18+)*
Friday, Apr. 13 @ 10:00am
Thursday, Apr. 26 @ 5:30pm

Table Top Game Day (all ages)*
Saturday, Apr. 28
@ 11:00am
Join us in celebrating International Tabletop Games Day! This family-friendly event will include a variety of games with special guests and staff members on-hand to teach you how to play any unfamiliar games.

* Registration required, please call or visit the branch to reserve your spot.

HISTORICAL CENTER

Pages Past - An American History Book Club (ages 18+)
1st Thursdays, Apr. 5 @ 6:00pm
Join us for our first, informal American History book club. We will primarily read non-fiction; book selections will be announced soon! Contact us for titles.

CHILDREN'S & TEENS DEPARTMENTS

Teen Tuesdays (ages 13-17)
2nd Tuesdays, Mar. 13 & Apr. 10
@ 4:00pm
Teens are invited to attend this program which will encompass a variety of activities ranging from art to science. Ideas are welcomed!

Tween Tuesday (ages 9-12)
2nd Tuesdays, Mar. 13 & Apr. 10
@ 4:00pm
Tweens are welcome to join this creative arts program and enjoy a variety of activities.

BC Books & Beyond Book Club (ages 9-12)
2nd Tuesdays, Mar. 13 & Apr. 10
@ 6:00pm
Please call the Central Children's Department to get the titles selected for the month's Club.

Baby Story Time (ages 0-2)
Wednesdays, Mar. 7 - Apr. 25
@ 10:00am
no story time on Mar. 14
Enjoy a fun-filled story time with music and movement!

Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5)
Wednesdays, Mar. 7 - Apr. 25
@ 11:00am
no story time on Mar. 14
Ages 3-5 come have fun with music and movement while enjoying a story!

Saturday Story Time (all ages)
Saturdays, Mar. 10 & 24
Apr. 14 & 28
@ 11:00am
Kids have a good time listening to stories, along with music and movement!

Fun Friday (ages 6-8)*
Fridays, Mar. 16 & Apr. 20
@ 4:00pm
Formerly known as "Adventures in Writing," kids are encouraged to show their creativity through words!

EAST-80 BRANCH

Maker Monday (ages 6-12)
2nd Mondays, Mar. 12 & Apr. 9
@ 3:45pm
Come have fun with a variety of arts and crafts!

STEAM Day (ages 6-12)
4th Mondays, Mar. 26 & Apr. 23
@ 3:45pm
Explore science and technology with us!

Family Story Time (all ages)

- Special Event -
Story Time & Butterfly Release
Tuesday, Mar. 13 @ 3:00pm
Listen to a butterfly story and help us release butterflies!

Story Time
Tuesday, Apr. 10 @ 4:30pm
Enjoy our usual fun story time with snacks and crafts!

Teen Pinterest Party (ages13-17)
Friday, Mar. 16
@ 2:00pm
Join in helping to make pom-pom garlands and ribbon chandeliers for the children's area! Be inspired!

* Registration required, please call or visit the branch to reserve your spot.

HAUGHTON BRANCH

Crazy 8's Math Club (ages 8-12)*
Mondays, Mar. 5 - Apr. 9
@ 4:00pm
Join this six week program that makes learning about math fun!

Teens Teach Tech (all ages)
Mondays, Mar. 12 & 26
@ 3:00pm
Senior Citizens who need assistance with their computers or devices can make an appointment for a teen help them learn.

Evening Book Club (ages 18+)
- Monday, Mar. 12 - *Cooking for Picasso* by Camille Aubray
- Monday, Apr. 16 - Book TBD
@ 6:00pm

Teen/Tween Book Club (ages 9-12)
Monday, Apr. 2 - Book TBD
@ 4:30pm

Craft Hour (ages18+)*
Tuesday, Mar. 6 & 20
Apr. 3 & 17
@11:30am
Enjoy a variety of crafts and activities with good company!

Teen Game Day (ages 13-17)
Tuesday, Mar. 13
@ 11:00am
Test your skills in our Video Game Tournaments during your Spring Break.

Preschool Story Time (ages 0-5)
Wednesdays, Mar. 7 - Apr. 25
@ 10:00am
Join us weekly for stories, songs, and crafts.

Crochet Club (ages 18+)
1st Thursdays, Mar. 1 & Apr. 5
@ 10:00am
Meet with others and share project ideas to get inspired!

Famiy Story Time (all ages)
Thursday, Mar. 15
@ 3:00pm
Bring the whole family to enjoy stories and songs at this family event!

Dr. Seuss Celebration (ages 6-12)
Friday, Mar. 2
@ 4:00pm
Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with stories, crafts, and snacks!

Happy Hour Game Day (ages 18+)
Friday, Mar. 9 & 23
Apr. 6 & 20
@ 10:00am
Play cards, chess, board games, dominoes; and enjoy coffee and snacks.

Reading to Duke (all ages)
Saturday, Mar. 3 & Apr. 7
@ 1:00pm
Duke is a registered therapy dog who loves stories! This is a great way for kids to practice reading in a comfortable environment.

After-School Science Club (ages 9-12)*
2nd Friday, Mar. 9 & Apr. 13
@ 4:00pm
Students will meet after school to explore different science topics. In March, come make a terrarium and learn about ecosystems.

Teen Hour (ages 13-17)
Friday, Mar. 23 & Apr. 20
@ 3:00pm
Teens can hang out with friends and play games, craft, enjoy snacks, and more.

Saturday Bingo (all ages)
Saturday, Mar. 10 & Apr. 21
@ 1:00pm
Free bingo games! Play and win small prizes.

Easter Bunny Pictures (all ages)
Saturday, Mar. 17
@ 1:00pm
Lou Ann Holley of Holley's Hopping Habitat will bring bunnies and a special spring backdrop for a great photo op!

PLAIN DEALING BRANCH

Peaceful Sleep Kits (all ages)
Monday, Mar. 5
@ 9:00am
Learn tips to maximize good sleep with a busy schedule through meditation and relaxation.

Alzheimer's Awareness (ages 18+)
Monday, Mar. 12
@ 9:00am
Patrons will learn facts and fictions about Alzheimer's while enjoying some memory games.

Teen Chill Out Day (ages 13-17)
3rd Tuesdays, Mar. 20 & Apr. 17
@ 3:30pm
Gaming, socializing, movies.

Teen Chef Hour (ages 13-17)
4th Tuesdays, Mar. 27 & Apr. 24
@ 3:30pm
Teens learn healthy and fun ways to make light snacks.

Kids' Science Sprout House (ages 9-12)
Wednesday, Mar. 7
@ 3:30pm
Tweens will use science concepts to help them grow sprouts on sponges while celebrating the spring season!

DIY Bird Feeder (all ages)
Wednesday, Apr. 11
@ 3:30pm
Learn how to make a unique bird feeder with ice cream cones, peanut butter, birdseed, and twine!

DIY Caterpillar Clips (ages 5-12)
Saturday, Mar. 10
@ 1:00pm
Kids can help ring in spring by making these cute caterpillar clips that can be used to hang art or laundry, close a lunch bag, and more.

DIY Natural Cleaners (ages 18+)
Saturday, Mar. 24
@ 1:00pm
Get started on that spring cleaning with these DIY cleaners. Materials provided.

Celebrating Earth Day (ages 6-12)
Saturday, Apr. 21
@ 1:00pm
Celebrate Earth Day with us by making seed bombs! Once their done just throw them on the ground and watch your seeds sprout!

**For a special treat, stop into the branch on Thursday, March 15th to pick up your St. Patrick's Day Grab Bag! (while supplies last)

TOOKE BRANCH

Book Clubs:*

- Adult (ages 18+) -
Monday, Apr. 16 - *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah
@ 2:00pm

- Teen (ages 13-17) -
- Saturday, Mar. 17 - *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds
- Saturday, Apr. 21 - *All Bright Places* by Jennifer Niven
@ 1:00pm

-Tween (ages 9-12) -
- Saturday, Mar. 31 - *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell
- Saturday, Apr. 28 - *Surviving the Applewhites* by Stephanie Tolan
@ 3:30pm

Story Time (ages 0-5)*
Thursdays, Mar. 1 - Apr. 26
@ 10:30am
Read a book, sing songs, and enjoy a craft!

Chicken Foot Dominoes (ages 18+)*
4th Fridays, Mar. 23 & Apr. 27
@ 11:00am
Enjoy a game of dominoes amongst friends both old and new.

Family Movie Day (all ages)*
1st Saturdays
Mar. 3 - *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*
Apr. 7 - *Hercules*
@ 1:00pm

Easter Egg Hunt (all ages)*
Saturday, Mar. 31
@ 12:00pm
Come join us for a craft and book reading, followed by a hunt for eggs!

Teen Craft Time (ages 13-17)*
Saturday, Apr. 14
@ 3:30pm
Teens let their creativity loose with rock painting!

* Registration required, please call or visit the branch to reserve your spot.