

# January 2021 Podcast

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## **Meghan** 00:18

Welcome everyone to January's podcast from the Clinton-Macomb Public Library. My name is Megan. I'm one of the Popular Materials and Outreach librarians here at Clinton-Macomb, and I have with me today, Nicole and today we are going to count down and then discuss some of the most popular items, the things that circulated the most from the year 2020. So without further ado, we're gonna count down some of these lists for you. Nicole is going to get us started.

## **Nicole** 00:49

All right, I'm going to start with our regular print fiction books. Number one was the Guardians by John Grisham. Number two was Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. Three was Hush, which was a Harriet Blue novel by James Patterson. Four is Camino Wind the second Camino Island book by John Grisham. Five was The Night Fire by Michael Connelly; six was Revenge by James Patterson. Seven was Walk the Wire, which was the sixth Amos Dec. Amis? I think Amos. I'm gonna need you to jump in and say that name is Amos. Such a British name. Okay, but that's by David Baldacci. Number eight is Fair Warning by Jack McAvoy or that's the third Jack McAvoy by Michael Connelly. Number nine is Blue Moon which is the 24th Jack Reacher book by Lee Child. And number 10 is The Boy from the Woods by Harlan Coben.

## **Meghan** 01:58

Yeah, that Jack McEvoy reminds me I feel like sometimes customers come into the library and they say I want that Jack McEvoy book and I'm looking at the author and I'm like, wait, that's not who wrote it. That's the character. Okay.

## **Nicole** 02:11

Sometimes they think that we're doing magic, but I'm going to be really honest, if I look search for Jack McAvoy and it doesn't come up. I switch right over to Google and I go to Jack McAvoy and it'll say that is Michael Connelly character

## **Meghan** 02:28

Right. Okay, I'm going to count down the top 10 most circulated large print books from the Clinton-Macomb collection a little bit different here a little bit. The most circulated large print book was Moral Compass by Danielle Steele. Number two: Texas Outlaw the second Rory Yates book by James Patterson. Number three Walk the Wire the Amos Decker book by James David Baldacci, number four

the 20th Victim, part of the Women's Murder Club series by James Patterson. Number five was the Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes; number six, Daddy's Girls another Danielle Steele novel, number seven, and eight and nine are all James Patterson books. Seven The River Murders; eight, The Blind Blind Side, Michael Bennett thriller, and nine the 19th Christmas. And rounding out our top 10 is Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens, which has been popular for a long time.

**Nicole** 03:34

Now be honest, were you going to say The Blind Side which is a movie with Sandra Bullock?

**Meghan** 03:40

It's also a book but yes, I was. The main character in The Blind Side is a Michael anyway.

**Nicole** 03:48

Okay, we'll go on to audiobooks. Number one is A Week at the Shore by Barbara Alinsky. Two is The River Murders by James Patterson. Three is the 20th Victim by James Patterson. We are going to notice some overlap here and we will talk about it later. Four is Hello Summer by Mary Kay Andrews, five is A Minute to Midnight, which is an Atlee Pine installment by David Baldacci; six is Stealth, which is a Stone Barrington book that is number 51, in the Stone Barrington series by Stewart Woods. Number seven The Night Fire by Michael Connelly; number eight Hideaway by Nora Roberts. Number nine Blue Moon which is the 24th Jack Reacher by Lee Child and number 10 Twisted 26: A Stephanie plum novel by Janet Evanovich.

**Meghan** 04:50

Yeah, very helpful there that that is the 26th book in the series.

**Nicole** 04:56

And yeah, I like that about the James Patterson one as well. Against victim. All right, well, that's gonna be number 20.

**Meghan** 05:03

Very convenient. Thanks, gal. Okay, and now we're gonna switch over to media. So like I said at the beginning, we're Popular Materials librarians on the first floor of the main branch. So all of that fun entertainment. stuff on the first floor is or domain things that we things that we purchase and things that are in our immediate environments. So we're gonna count down the top 10 most circulated movies, and we've combined a DVD and Blu-ray, and the most circulated is Little Women. Second is Once Upon a Time in Hollywood, third Spider Man Far from Home. Next is the Joker, or just Joker, I suppose. Once Upon a Time in Hollywood has taken a second spot on the list, this time in Blu-ray. Next is Aladdin. Then 1917. Number nine is Emma. And rounding out the top 10 is Ford Versus Ferrari. And

we have almost an even split between Blu-ray and DVD formats four Blu-rays, six DVD which is interesting to me because you know, Blu-rays are still coming around. Not everyone has a player.

**Nicole** 06:21

Hey, did you feel like people ask for DVDs much more often? Which is very silly because the other day someone was asking me do people still watch DVDs? Still have DVD players? I'm like, Yeah, of course. Absolutely. All right, the last list is the CDs. At number one. Now That's What I Call Music 73 number two is also Now That's What I Call Music but it's number 71.

**Meghan** 06:54

Man, 32 must've been not good.

**Nicole** 06:58

Right? People just skipped over that one. And number three was Chromatica by Lady Gaga. Number four was The Greatest Showman Original Motion Picture. Number five is Music to be Murdered by by Eminem. Number six is the 2020 Grammy Nominees. Number seven is Full Color by Taylor Swift. I'll jump right to number 10. Lover by Taylor Swift. Number eight is Rare by Selena Gomez and number nine is Manic by Halsey.

**Meghan** 07:33

Nice. So, I'm gonna jump right out and say it. I think that the main takeaway from our top 10s is people like what they like.

**Nicole** 07:43

Mm hmm.

**Meghan** 07:45

And people like James Patterson.

**Nicole** 07:48

People do like James Patterson.

**Meghan** 07:51

People like mysteries.

**Nicole** 07:52

A little bit of inside baseball. Most librarians aren't very fond of James Patterson. And yet, it's not. It's not because we don't like his writing. If you love his writing, it has nothing to do with that. It's just because he takes up so much room on our shelves.

**Meghan** 08:09

He does.

**Nicole** 08:10

It's just, oh, we have to handle those books so often that we're just like, oh, read something else. You know what? Everybody seems to love him. So, you know, it's, maybe he's the best author in the world?

**Meghan** 08:24

Yeah, well, and if you are a reader of James Patterson, you know, he's got almost as many co-authors as he does series, and I'll give the man credit. He gives those co-authors full, you know, not equal billing, but he gives them billing on the cover, they're well-listed. So if you like one of the co-authors, you certainly know who you're looking for. And if those co-authors have their own series, you can go and seek out some of their own books. But yeah, he, uh, he's nothing if not prolific, he puts out so many books every year with his name on the cover. So...

**Nicole** 08:57

Something I really appreciate him is he's probably doing more to promote authors than any publisher out there. You know, he goes, and he finds these authors that haven't, you know, really had much of a chance to publish much of their own or they're just not being noticed. And he helps them right. And he lets them like, he gives them a plot, lets them go crazy with it, and puts their name on the book. And I think, I think that's just really that's respectable.

**Meghan** 09:28

Yeah, ssharing the wealth.

**Nicole** 09:30

Also he does those classes. What are those classes are called the ones that are always seeing ads for online. Like, here's all these writers and they're going to teach you how to do their classes

**Meghan** 09:40

Masterclass or something maybe?

**Nicole** 09:42

Yes, he does a masterclass where he just teaches you how to, how to write and his style, which I wonder is that just him like farming for new authors? If he likes your work, will they give you a job because that's a bad deal?

**Meghan** 09:57

Yeah. So on our regular print, we have run the top 50 most circulated books in regular print James Patterson titles show up 14 times. So 14 of the most circulated books out of the top 50 were James Patterson, James Patterson books, which is really, you know, really impressive. Um, a little bit more here. So, a lot of these authors are part of a program that we offer called the Bestsellers Club so you can get on a list where you will automatically be placed on hold as soon as this author puts out a new book and, you know, James Patterson, John Grisham, Michael Conley, Harlan Coben, Nora Roberts, Debbie Macomber, all of these authors, and more are part of this program. And so some of these most-circulated authors, it's because we know who the audience is, we've already got them on a list. And if there are 100 people waiting for a James Patterson novel, that makes us able to have enough books to satisfy that demand. And it also means that all those customers get that book every time. So that can help. You know, these authors ensure consistent circulation because we know they're interested in in those titles. And if you're not on that list, and you love some of these authors, take a look on our website, you can fill that out or give us a call for help doing. There are very few honestly authors in these top 50 that are not part of that program. Very few.

**Nicole** 11:41

Right, we do have we've got a lot of lower on the list. We've got a lot of Danielle Steele a lot of John Grisham a lot of Stuart Wood. So those are all on the list. Basically, if you know an author that is very prolific, writes a lot of books and you always have to have them right away. That author is probably going to be on that list. We do have number 16 Ta-Nehisi Coates wrote *The Water Dancer*, and I don't believe he is on our bestsellers club.

**Meghan** 12:18

No, that was a debut novel for him. He's written some nonfiction stuff and was writing the Black Panther comic book series. But that is a novel. I think it was an Oprah pic. So anytime there's a celebrity who makes it part of their book club that tends to drive up circulation. So

**Nicole** 12:37

Right, it sure does. There's also everyone. I'm sure everyone has been recommended the *Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. So that comes in at number 34.

**Meghan** 12:50

And what's impressive about that is that book has got to be maybe five years old. And it's still still circulating well, it's just word of mouth sometimes is, is can make a book a popular choice. And I have heard that that movie is finally supposed to come out at the end of 2021. The Fanning sisters are supposed to star as the sisters. So we'll see if that becomes a casting...

**Nicole** 13:16

That's a good casting choice.

**Meghan** 13:17

If you haven't read the Nightingale yet, maybe this is your year.

**Nicole** 13:23

And speaking of things that are really old and still managed to make a list To Kill a Mockingbird by Lee by Harper Lee is number 44. And we were discussing before the podcast is that, you know where people reading that first school? Do people read it? Because they're just getting around to to Set a Watchman? Is that the...

**Meghan** 13:45

Yeah, Go Set a Watchman.

**Nicole** 13:48

Yes. Or and you know, is it just people really wanted to go back and read the classics?

**Meghan** 13:56

Yeah, it's hard to say. But it's um, it's always impressive when a book can have that level of staying power. Mm hmm.

**Nicole** 14:04

The Vanishing Half, which is our 1-2-3 pick for the next couple of months is made number 25. So I can only imagine that it's also going to make next year's list. We are promoting it like crazy. We're going to be Books on Tap is going to be talking about it or did just talk about it yesterday...

**Meghan** 14:25

Talked about it last night. And that book showed up on so many of the best of 2020 lists that I'm sure a lot of people are going to be interested. I've had it at home, and I just started reading it last night.

**Nicole** 14:37

Oh, you're going to love it. It's not even it's not the sort of book that I like because it spans several generations. And for me, I just like that because something bad is bound to happen if time passes, right. I want a book that gets wrapped up in like the first like in a couple of days. So I don't have to hear about like anybody dying or anything sad because, you know, I like I like all the scary stuff but underneath, but I'm just a little crybaby. So I can't take it.

**Meghan 15:12**

Yeah,

**Nicole 15:13**

My favorite thing. My favorite thing on this list is The Warehouse by Rob Hart. I have not read it. My, my favorite thing on this list is, the reason that's my favorite is because it made number 29 it is, I believe it looks like the only hot read, which if you're not familiar with our hot reads, it is they are books that we buy that are new releases every month, we put them out in on the table in front of each different department and the main library and the main branch. And basically they are things that we think that everyone's going to love that aren't bestseller club books that you know, maybe they didn't reach you but when you walk past them or when you you know see them in the bookmark and your curbside bag you will be really interested in the cover will grab you. So I guess the only read book on the list...

**Meghan 16:14**

There are a couple others. But go ahead...

**Nicole 16:18**

Oh, Little Fires Everywhere. But that was like last year's. Oh, I'm sorry. Vanishing Half was also hot read.

**Meghan 16:26**

Let's um, How Not to Die aAone was a hot read and the last of the top 50 number 50 was The Stationery Shop. Marjan, Kamali were hot reads, they...several of those were also part of our promotion and our program, battle of the books.

**Nicole 16:46**

So Megan, you don't gotta call me out like that? Well, you know, these are all my favorite then, because it just proves that you by using hot reads by doing battle books, we're really getting books out to people that maybe they otherwise would not have heard of. I think I think everyone would have heard of The Vanishing Half. I'm not sure everyone would have heard of The Stationery Shop.

**Meghan 17:14**

That's true. And what's funny is everyone that I have heard of who read the stationery shop loved it. And we had a display up over the summer when people were able to come into the library. And I know there are people who picked it up with no intention of being in the battle. They picked up some of those books and really enjoyed them. So yeah,

**Nicole 17:34**

I've definitely had patrons come in and recommend it to me. Yeah, I think is always a great side.

**Meghan 17:40**

Right?

**Nicole 17:41**

Have you read this? You should.

**Meghan 17:47**

know, how many of these bestsellers club books have you read? You know how many Patterson or Nora Roberts or Danielle Steele? Or Sandra Brown have you read?

**Nicole 17:56**

Do I have to say it? None? I haven't read any of these books?

**Meghan 18:04**

I haven't either. I have read none, none of the bestsellers club.

**Nicole 18:10**

We have to read a lot of books. I'm pretty much off the clock. We have to read a lot of books in order to do recommendations and find out what's out there. And so I feel like we don't really have time for these long series because those are I would those are safe. We know that those are good. We know everyone's going to love it. James Patterson, if someone comes in and said I finished all Stuart Wood have never heard of any other author. Can you just tell me another? Tell me another writer and we'll be like here have a Patterson, have a Lee Child, you know, have a Harlan Coben. I know very clearly that if somebody comes in and likes one of those, they're kind of like the other one.

**Meghan 18:57**

I feel the same way. So we tend to I tend the same thing to give those super popular authors a passing favorite thing to bring bring our reader something they haven't heard of.

**Nicole** 19:08

The only bestseller one that I always read is the in depth series. Nora Roberts writing as JD Robb, I believe, I believe she's on her 52nd book. I have read all of them. I have reread a lot of them. And yet it didn't make the list. There was a book this year Shadows and Death and it was it was on the holds list for eight months, maybe. I never got to see it.

**Meghan** 19:39

And maybe we should say so when we say the most circulated the top book, The Guardians by John Grisham. It circulated 256 times. No, that's probably you know, 20-25 individual books so they each went out at least 10 times. So it's getting into the pretty big numbers. And that's only, you know, there wasn't that's overnight even the whole year because The Guardians, not sure when it came out, I think maybe in the spring or summer, as a lot of circulations, there's a lot of people picking it up.

**Nicole** 20:16

And our numbers are a little bit skewed this year, because of the, you know, over this summer, we didn't have any renewals because we just basically extended everybody's due dates. We wanted to make sure that nobody got any fines from staying home and doing the right thing. So normally, we would have more checkouts for certain items, but yet the number one was you said 256 and number 50 had 106. So even when you get down to that level, you're still a lot of

**Meghan** 20:49

checkouts. Right. Especially in a year when, you know, people weren't taking anything out for at least maybe three months.

20:56

Mm hmm.

**Meghan** 20:57

So

**Nicole** 20:58

Do you want to talk about Where the Crawdads Sing? I think you've read that one. Have you?

**Meghan** 21:03

I have read that one. I liked it. I enjoyed it. I actually read it for a book club. They did it for books. Not this past summer, but the year before. And I liked it. Yeah, the way it has remained popular over two years is amazing. To me. It's one of those word of mouth books. And people just keep picking it up.

**Nicole** 21:24

It's on, it's on all of our lists. That that book just keeps coming back over and over and over. So, it must be amazing.

**Meghan** 21:36

it does show up in the top 50 regular print, but in large print, it's in the top 10 and it is interesting the differences between the large...

**Nicole** 21:47

and regular print. It's the second, it's number two.

**Meghan** 21:51

Okay. There's one book that doesn't show up on the top 50 at all in regular print, but it's in the top 10, The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes, who wrote Me Before You, she's a popular author, she is on bestsellers club, but The Giver of Stars. Top 10 in large print, but doesn't show up on the regular print. So interesting. Some of these different slightly different audiences for large print versus the regular print.

**Nicole** 22:19

Right, I would say 25 Patterson's on large print.

**Meghan** 22:25

Danielle Steele takes up a lot more real estate, especially in the top 20. But she's got several books on here.

**Nicole** 22:33

We do get a lot more romance on the large text list than we do on the other one. The other ones mostly mysteries.

**Meghan** 22:41

Yeah.

**Nicole** 22:41

And the large text is about halfway romance.

**Meghan** 22:45

Yeah, I think we saw one author again, who doesn't show up at all on the regular print list but has two books in the top 20 in large print is Robin Carr. Sunrise on Halfmoon Bay in The Country Guest House.

These are both Robin Carr books. She writes the Virgin River series, I think is her longest series. But these are...

**Nicole** 23:06

These are Virgin River series?

**Meghan** 23:08

I think is

**Nicole** 23:10

I keep hearing people talking about that.

**Meghan** 23:13

Yeah, I have not seen it. And she writes sort of like sweet romances. I think there's that in the south. And if you haven't picked up that might be somebody that if you like that sort of thing instead of gritty mysteries Robin Carr might be a new author for you.

**Nicole** 23:33

Now the really where it gets really interesting is in audiobooks because the ones we read out again, those are all bestsellers, for the most part all bestsellers club authors. Then you get down to the bottom and we're looking at Stephen King books. We're looking at Joe Hill books. Joe Hill is Stephen King's son if anyone doesn't know that, of course *Crawdads* makes it appearance. But the genres really start getting really mixed up. There's some Dean Koontz

**Meghan** 24:06

Yeah, it's a lot more split up between some of these you know, some of these romances Debbie Macomber is on here. We've even got Christian fiction with Karen Kingsbury in audiobooks, but yeah, those horror horror authors taking up some of these top 50.

**Nicole** 24:25

We have Amanda Quick with some historical fiction which didn't really show up and the other ones don't surprise because anytime we see historical fiction we always know all we have to buy that. We'd have to do if it's a world war two book, someone's gonna love it. But those didn't really make our tops really so I guess it's more of a we have a small dedicated fan base for World War two books for history books for horror. I'm definitely in the in that fan base for horror.

**Meghan** 24:57

Yeah, I think I did. Listen to Full throttle. But these are CDs. I listened to it as an downloadable audio so my checkout wouldn't even show up here.

**Nicole** 25:07

What do you use to download audio?

**Meghan** 25:09

I use the Libby app. I love it. If anyone you know has been an audio fan listening on CD, maybe you don't have one in your house or in your car anymore, let us know we can get you hooked up and get on your smartphone or through your computer. All right, you ready to talk about media?

**Nicole** 25:30

I am super ready to talk about media.

**Meghan** 25:34

All right,

**Nicole** 25:34

Are we going to movies or CDs?

**Meghan** 25:37

Um, let's do movies.

**Nicole** 25:39

Alright, let's do movies.

**Meghan** 25:42

Now the top one is Little Women. Did you see it?

**Nicole** 25:45

Okay, here's the thing. I did not see a Little Woman. Because I am basically I am Joey from friends. And if I have a book that makes me cry, I have to put it in the freezer. So I can't read. I can't read little woman. I can't watch little woman. I thought the costuming looked amazing. I watched all the previews. Not watch it.

**Meghan** 26:10

I understand because I saw that in the theater last January with my sisters and my mom. And yeah, I basically cried for two hours. It was great.

**Nicole** 26:24

Oh, see, you love to cry. I want those feelings up inside.

**Meghan** 26:29

Yeah, and the costumes were beautiful. I really liked sort of the approach to the story. You got a lot more you know, I'm I love the 80s. So I saw of course the Winona Ryder version. And that's the one that I'm familiar with. But this one a total different story from the same stories. And you know, that's what made me cry. I'm anticipating what happens and I just know I'm crying before it even happens. But you also got a lot more about the sisters as you know, sort of after they're grown up what they ended up doing with their lives and each of them. Oh, so unique. And man, the woman who played Amy was so great. I hated Kirsten Dunst. I hated, you know, Amy Ryder version, but I think it's Florence Pugh who played her in this version, and they just give her a better arc. And it was great. If you haven't seen little women, I do recommend it.

**Nicole** 27:25

Oh, so they did fix up the parts of the story that we didn't like, basically.

**Meghan** 27:31

Yeah, although confession time I have never read the book. I bought the book. A year and a half ago at the library book sale. I bought it so I could read it, but have never read it. It's been sitting on my nightstand for a year and a half.

**Nicole** 27:47

Well, speaking of historical movies based on a book, I have not seen Emma. And this is a major disappointment in my life. Because Emma is one of my very favorite books. I love Jane Austen. People are often surprised by that, but I love Jane Austen. And I even liked the 1990s with Gwyneth Paltrow. And they're ridiculously historically inaccurate costumes. And she for some reason insisted on being an archer in the movie. But whatever, it's great. I just love like I want to say the lines along with the characters. So I was so excited when this came out. And I was going to go to see it in theaters, March 20th, I believe. So that was shut down. I brought it home and my husband refused to watch it with me. So I'm having to take it back to the library because there were so many holes on it. That I felt so bad having it and no one else being able to use it. So I am going to watch that.

**Meghan** 28:57

Clearly they took you up on it. Yeah, I haven't seen that one either. It stars Anya Taylor Joy, who obviously after the Queen's Gambit has blown up on Netflix, maybe more people will be looking for stuff with her in it. I heard it's great, but I haven't seen it either.

**Nicole 29:12**

I've heard it's much better than the Gwyneth Paltrow version.

**Meghan 29:16**

I remember liking the Gwyneth Paltrow version as well, but I had not read the book at that point. So I like to know how I feel about it now.

**Nicole 29:23**

I guess I liked it in the way that I liked a lot of movies in the 90s when I was not even a teenager yet. And I thought that oh, you know, I'm Wagons East. That's definitely historically accurate. But I really did like in this list. Once Upon a Time in Hollywood. I'm not surprised that it's taking up two spaces in this list. It is it's that's about 400 circs altogether, between two. That was just it was amazing. And it was like you side with Little Women where you're waiting for the bad thing to happen. Because we know that it's based on the it's, it is an actor and his stunt double. And it's their story, but it's set about 50 feet away from the Sharon Tate murders. Oh, so, yes. So you think, Oh, this is not, I'm liking these characters. This is not going to end well. Then you have to remember, it's a Quentin Tarantino alternate universe. Like alternate history. You're like, oh, okay, this is gonna end fine. This is good. I'm very happy that it didn't go the way we all think it's going to go.

**Meghan 30:46**

Okay. Well, part of the reason I haven't been super excited about it is because it is Quentin Tarantino. And I feel like it's a little hit or miss the last Quentin Tarantino movie I watched was The Hateful Eight, which I fell asleep during despite the fact that it is a total bloodbath.

**Nicole 31:05**

Mm hmm.

**Meghan 31:05**

So you're telling me not to worry about this one.

**Nicole 31:10**

I am the exact same way. It is. It's very frustrating to me that some of his movies I just love I'd put them in my top 50. But some of them I can't stand. There was a movie that he did that was the sequel to Grindhouse. I can't watch more than the first 10 minutes of it. I hate it. So when I watched this one, I was very, you know, on the fence, is it going to be good? Is he going to end it with, you know, what we all think it's going to end with? But it didn't. It was okay. You know, the violence was? You know, it's Quentin Tarantino. So there's a good deal of violence. But it wasn't over the top crazy. it you know, the

story was really great. All the characters were really great. And in the end, you're happy for everybody, you know, which I think is very strange and utterance, you know, movie, almost every single character, you're like, well, that went well for them. And I'm happy that that that it went well.

**Meghan** 32:18

All right. At this point in time, I like watching movies where at the end, I can say I'm happy for you.

**Nicole** 32:24

Mm hmm. Yeah, that's all I want this year.

**Meghan** 32:26

I should say, like Nicole said, a little bit of inside baseball. So some of these are Blu-ray. But if you don't have a Blu-ray player at home, sometimes our Blu-ray versions also include a DVD. So if the DVD is all checked out, you can look at Blu-ray in the catalog and sometimes it will say two discs, one Blu-ray one DVD, and you'll be able to take that home even if you don't have a Blu-ray player.

**Nicole** 32:55

That's a very helpful tip.

**Meghan** 32:57

Yes. Um, the only other one that I saw Oh, I saw Spider Man Far from Home, and I saw Aladdin.

**Nicole** 33:06

Did you hate it? Aladdin? Aladdin. I mean, I know you love Spider Man. That's just goes without saying.

**Meghan** 33:13

It was good. I don't remember what happened in that one. We watch both of them. Like both of the Tom Holland Spider Man movies in the same weekend, I think. Oh, yeah.

**Nicole** 33:24

They were both good. That's the one where he goes to Italy.

**Meghan** 33:27

Okay, yes. Yep. That was fun. Marvel movies usually are fun. Aladdin, I think I thought it was fine. I watched it with my kid who had not seen the old one. So yeah,

**Nicole** 33:44

I'm gonna give you a lot of rant about Disney right now.

**Meghan** 33:46

Okay, go Go for it.

**Nicole** 33:49

Okay, so I was mad at Disney. Because recently, they've been redoing all of their old cartoons. All of our favorite like Disney Princess Disney Princess movies. As real life no singing. Like, no crazy magic, no singing. And I'm like how that's you're missing the thing that we love. missing it. You don't understand that. We watched this. Not for the story, which we've seen a million times, but because we love the songs. Then Aladdin comes along. And they did what we asked for, you know, they gave us a real life show with the songs.

**Meghan** 34:34

Uh huh.

**Nicole** 34:35

But that was bad too. Because the songs are no good. I'm sorry. I think that Robin Williams made that movie like that was it's so weird because I watched the original this week and just happened to just happen to get Disney Plus. We watched it and it didn't really occur to me. until the time that I watched it that the genie doesn't show up until about halfway through the movie. Yeah. And yet, it's like his songs that are really the best. And all the music is really great. But that that song where he comes in to, but they have this huge parade. And the genie leads Prince Ali up to the palace. There's just, I love Will Smith, but there's just no energy in him and that song. You know, it's just...

**Meghan** 35:35

You know, I think it was alright, it was not the same. So if you you know, want it to be a recreation. It's not exactly that. I'll give you that. But maybe it had just been so long since I had seen it or listen to the music that I was like, Oh, yeah, this is kind of like what I remember. And there's a lot going on visually. So that's something to distract you for sure.

**Nicole** 36:00

That's true. And I will say they put a lot of effort into that parade. They really did have all the monkeys, all the peacocks and really went for it.

**Meghan** 36:12

Yeah. Um, so Joker 1917 and Ford vs. Ferrari. Haven't seen those. But they've been very popular. So maybe...

**Nicole 36:25**

Not surprised by those. We've gotten a lot of phone calls about. Yeah, I've seen The Joker. I thought it was incredibly well done. But kind of maybe not the movie, not the kind of movie I'm going to watch again. Okay, so I'm interesting to see where it comes up on next year's. Yeah. Last year's list if it's still on the list. Yeah.

**Meghan 36:48**

Yeah, and I think next year is going to be weird because there's just so few movies coming out right now there's hardly there's just not a lot to offer our customer because so few movies are, are being made and being finished and being released. So right helping you out it bums us out too

**Nicole 37:07**

As many of you know, Amy buys the buys the movies, you know those because you're a we get a lot of phone calls for people looking for that DVD list. So she buys our movies at Main. And she's been all year she's been struggling to find new things for you. So we've really beefed up our TV series collection. So if there's a TV show you've been looking for, and we haven't had it, first of all, you should have rec should have requested it and request anything anytime. But if there's something you have have wanted, and we haven't had, there's a good chance we have it now.

**Meghan 37:48**

Let's make Laverne and Shirley in the top 20 for next year.

**Nicole 37:53**

Right. I was. I was so excited to see that. Um, Lovecraft country is already on DVD and we already have it.

**Meghan 38:02**

Oh, yeah, HBO is very good about putting their stuff on DVD. Thank you.

**Nicole 38:08**

Should we finish the CDs?

**Meghan 38:10**

Let's do it.

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**Nicole** 38:31

Okay, so, like we said we had a couple of compilations we had all those are two of the Now That's What I Call Musics did not have number 72. Which you know what? Now that I'm thinking about it. I really want to know what is on 72 that you guys you guys are sleeping on this year.

**Meghan** 38:57

We'll say the 2020 Grammy nominees in the top top 10 list. So maybe when 2021 nominees comes out we'll make them our greatest showmen soundtrack. I don't think that I listened to the soundtrack but the movie was a lot of fun, you know, uplifting so I can see why that was popular. And then of course, some really popular artists Lady Gaga, Eminem, Selena Gomez Javi and Taylor Swift showing up twice.

**Nicole** 39:23

You know what Taylor Swift puts out two albums. She's gonna have two albums on the top 10 that's just how it works.

**Meghan** 39:29

That's how it is.

**Nicole** 39:32

I asked for some of those for Christmas and they were not on this. They weren't in stock anywhere because oh

**Meghan** 39:37

my gosh

**Nicole** 39:40

I'm Eminem was another one of the the Music to be Murdered By, that's another one that was wasn't marketed for he just dropped a surprise album. And for that reason, I think it made number five on the list because people were crazy to have that album right?

**Meghan** 40:00

And I know Nicole is the one who buys music CDs. And I know that's one of Nicole's least favorite things when, of course you make requests. And when Eminem you know releases a surprise album, we haven't pre ordered it because it was a surprise. So you get them eventually. So don't lose hope.

**Nicole** 40:20

Yes, it's definitely my least favorite because Eminem, for example, did not even start producing that album in physical copies until after he had dropped it online. So it took like two weeks for us to order it not because anyone was being slow about it, or our distributor wasn't, you know, on his game is just we didn't, the CDs didn't exist. And I want to get you guys these things. But you do know that you can always go to free go and check out music if we do not have it yet on the physical copies.

**Meghan 40:59**

Yeah, hoopla offers music as well. So folklore when that came out, I think that was another surprise album. I downloaded it from listen to the whole album, borrow it for a week on hoopla.

**Nicole 41:11**

I think people actually have a I think people are definitely on top of that. Because this time when folklore was dropped, I didn't get any phone calls saying where is this? Even though definitely people checked it out the minute we got it, right. So I think all of our all of our patrons are really savvy with hoopla and freegal and everything else this year, and we've all become really great at the internet. Meanwhile, Now That's What I Call Music, volume 72 I'm going to be honest with you. There's a lot of songs I do not know on here, so I can't judge whether people should have been listening to this. But SR Rita by Shawn Mendes and Camila Cabello That's amazing. I love Camila Cabello.

**Meghan 42:01**

I don't know.

**Nicole 42:03**

Oh, she is, um,

**Meghan 42:06**

I know her. I don't know that song. I don't think.

**Nicole 42:10**

I am not going to sing it for you. You should look it up. She has actually the most amazing music videos because she is beautiful, but hilarious. Like, one of her music videos opens up as her with her as part of a talent of telenovela. She's an actress. And then she's watching herself be an actress on the screen. And so she's just lovely. And she deserved to be on this list. That's my campaign for next year, get Camilla cabella on the top 10 list.

**Meghan 42:50**

All right.

**Nicole** 42:51

So now we both have things that we need to do. We both have homework,

**Meghan** 42:57

And for all of our programs, Clinton-Macomb Public Library customers out there, keep checking things out. We'll bring them out to your car until you can come in.

**Nicole** 43:10

Yes. Yes, definitely keep coming by we are, we are not open for the public. But we are still running, we are still bringing you anything you need. We have a bunch of new ways for you to find things. I don't know if it has a title yet. But we are definitely starting a program where you can request as basically you can request a certain genre or something, say give me seven mystery books. And we'll give it to you. We'll check it out. We'll put it in a bag for you. It'll be a mystery, and you can bring it home. So definitely you can maybe you're not able to browse right now unless you're browsing online. But you will have brand new books that you hadn't thought about before or DVDs or whatever your request is. We also have Perfect Pairs, which is two books of the same sort of genre that you would probably want to read together. Or that if you like one, you'll like the other one. You can search for that on our catalog. Basically, we're doing everything that we can to make sure that you know what's on the shelves, even if you can't physically look at the shelves.

**Meghan** 44:32

Yep, and we miss you and we'll see you one way or another soon.

**Nicole** 44:38

Should we say goodbye and wave? This is like a Zoom call. Bye!

**Meghan** 44:43

Take care.