
DCS MONTESSORI BOOK CLUB

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Montessori: The Science Behind the Genius by Angeline Stoll Lillard

Monday, **October 23rd**

Available on Kindle and print

Angeline Stoll Lillard shows that science has finally caught up with Maria Montessori. Lillard presents the research behind eight insights that are foundations of Montessori education, describing how each of these insights is applied in the Montessori classroom. In reading this book, parents and teachers alike will develop a clear understanding of what happens in a Montessori classroom and, more important, why it happens and why it works. Amid the clamor for evidence-based education, she presents the studies that show how children learn best, makes clear why many traditional practices come up short, and describes an ingenious alternative that works.



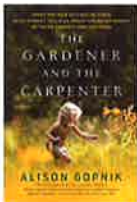
Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent and Lead

by Brene Brown

Monday, **December 11th**

Available on Kindle, Audible and print and also through Douglas County Libraries

Daring Greatly is not about winning or losing. It's about courage. In a world where "never enough" dominates and feeling afraid has become second nature, vulnerability is subversive. Uncomfortable. It's even a little dangerous at times. And, without question, putting ourselves out there means there's a far greater risk of getting criticized or feeling hurt. But when we step back and examine our lives, we will find that nothing is as uncomfortable, dangerous, and hurtful as standing on the outside of our lives looking in and wondering what it would be like if we had the courage to step into the arena—whether it's a new relationship, an important meeting, the creative process, or a difficult family conversation. *Daring Greatly* is a practice and a powerful new vision for letting ourselves be seen.



The Gardener and the Carpenter: What the New Science of Child Development Tells Us About the Relationship Between Parents and Children by Allison Gopnik

Monday, **February 12th**

Available on Kindle, Audible and print also through Douglas County Libraries

Caring deeply about our children is part of what makes us human. Yet the thing we call "parenting" is a surprisingly new invention. In the past thirty years, the concept of parenting and the multibillion-dollar industry surrounding it have transformed child care into obsessive, controlling, and goal-oriented labor intended to create a particular kind of child and therefore a particular kind of adult. Gopnik argues that the familiar twenty-first-century picture of parents and children is profoundly wrong—it's not just based on bad science, it's bad for kids and parents, too. Gopnik shows that although caring for children is profoundly important, it is not a matter of shaping them to turn out a particular way. Children are designed to be messy and unpredictable, playful and imaginative—and to be very different both from their parents and from each other.



Original Mind: Uncovering Your Natural Brilliance by Dee Joy Coulter

Monday, **April 9th**

Available on Kindle and print also through Douglas County Libraries

What would it feel like to experience the world again like a child—deeply engaged with our senses and filled with wonder and creativity? *Original Mind* takes us on an odyssey back to our "beginner's mind," and into our many undeveloped potentials. Through fascinating research, insights, stories, and engaging practices largely overlooked by other "brain science" books, Coulter challenges us to question the conventional definitions and limitations of our minds, and then to move beyond them. This odyssey explores a vast landscape of untapped dimensions of consciousness.

All meetings are Mondays from 7-9pm at DCS Montessori in the Cougars Den

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