

# Great Readers, Great Leaders

# DEBBIE SCHELLER

for Carroll County Public Library



A lifelong reader, Debbie opened [A Likely Story Bookstore](#) in 2006 fulfilling her lifelong dream of owning a bookstore. Despite the competition of online booksellers, Debbie found there was room for a bookstore that not only offered an interesting browsing collection of 16,000 items and excellent customer service, but also focused on author events. Community engagement was the key to success.

Twelve years later, [A Likely Story Bookstore](#) is a vibrant gathering space and downtown anchor. Debbie works tirelessly connecting books and readers throughout the county. She hosts four book clubs in the store, and coordinates author visits in Carroll County for readers of all ages, with bestselling authors such as Dav Pilkey, Sandra Brown, and Brad Meltzer.

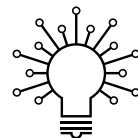
Debbie is passionate about the revitalization of Sykesville's Main Street and is an active community

business partner in supporting initiatives such as the Harvest Festival and the Art & Wine Festival. She notes, "Main Street has come a long way. We all have the common goal of making it a destination."

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# DEBBIE'S READS

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## [Whistling Past the Graveyard by Susan Crandall](#)

A wise and tender coming-of-age story about a nine-year-old girl who runs away from her Mississippi home in 1963, befriends a lonely woman, and embarks on a life-changing road trip.

## [Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, a Daring Escape and the Making of Winston Churchill by Candice Millard](#)

An epic story of bravery, savagery, and chance encounters with a cast of historical characters—including Rudyard Kipling, Lord Kitchener, and Mohandas Gandhi.

## [Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine, and the Murder of a President by Candice Millard](#)

The extraordinary rise to power of James A. Garfield, a scholar, Civil War hero, and renowned reformist congressman, who was nominated for president against his will.

## [Warcross by Marie Lu](#)

A strong female protagonist is featured in this highly engaging contemporary novel for young adults that envisions a future society where gaming is woven into daily life.

## [Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann](#)

A twisting, haunting true-life murder mystery about one of the most monstrous crimes in American history.

## [Leopard at the Door by Jennifer McVeigh](#)

Set in Kenya in the 1950s against the fading backdrop of the British Empire, a story of self-discovery, betrayal, and an impossible love.

## [The Alice Network by Kate Quinn](#)

A female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I and an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947 are brought together in a story of courage and redemption.

## [Pachinko by Min Jin Lee](#)

Four generations of a poor Korean immigrant family fight to control their destiny in 20th-century Japan, exiled from a home they never knew.

## [American War by Omar El Akkad](#)

A second American Civil War, a devastating plague, and one family caught deep in the middle.

## [Never Caught: The Washington's Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge by Erica Armstrong Dunbar](#)

A powerful tale that offers fascinating new scholarship on how one young woman risked it all to gain freedom from the famous founding father.

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