

Great Readers, Great Leaders VIRGINIA HARRISON

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for Carroll County Public Library
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Virginia Harrison will be leaving the Board of Education in December 2018, after completing 11 years of service to the students and teachers of Carroll County Public Schools. She is an accomplished dressmaker and owner of Dressing by Virginia. She is a founding member of Carroll Citizens for Racial Equality and longstanding chair of the Carroll County Human Relations Commission. Virginia is a great reader and frequent customer of the Eldersburg Branch.

[In My Father's Garden by Lee May](#)

May shares how a common love of gardening helps him reunite with his estranged father after thirty-nine years.

[Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil by John Berendt](#)

In this thoroughly engrossing work of nonfiction, Berendt skillfully interweaves a hugely entertaining first-person account of life in Old South Savannah with the unpredictable twists and turns of a landmark murder case. A modern classic.

[And This Too Shall Pass by E. Lynn Harris](#)

A young black starting quarterback is accused of rape. Luckily, his grandmother has enough faith-driven wisdom to see everybody through. Harris offers a moving story that considers how people learn to love in a tough and toughening society.

[If This World Were Mine by E. Lynn Harris](#)

Four former classmates of a prestigious African American college have a "journal club" where, nearly 20 years later, they still meet regularly to talk about what's going on in their lives.

[Having Our Say, the Delany Sisters' First 100 Years by Sarah and A. Elizabeth Delany](#)

Both a vital historical record spanning the 20th century and a moving portrait of two remarkable, educated and accomplished women who continued to love, laugh, and embrace life after over a hundred years of living side by side.

[Life Beyond Measure: Letters to My Great-Granddaughter by Sidney Poitier](#)

Revered actor, Sidney Poitier reflects on his life, offering inspirational advice, wisdom and personal stories in the form of extended letters to his great-granddaughter.

[The Reader by Bernhard Schlink](#)

A mesmerizing and poignant story of love between a 15-year-old boy and a woman twice his age unfolds against the haunted landscape of postwar Germany.

[A Hand to Guide Me by Denzel Washington](#)

Denzel Washington, a national spokesperson for Boys and Girls Clubs of America, celebrates the organization's 100th anniversary with a collection of 70 celebrities' accounts of how as youngsters they were guided by a caring adult. Among the contributors are actors, athletes, authors, artists and former presidents.

[Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison](#)

Recipient of the National Book Award in 1953, and nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's The Great American Read, the book chronicles the travels of its narrator, a young, nameless black man, as he moves through levels of American intolerance and cultural blindness.

[The King Years by Taylor Branch](#)

Pulitzer Prize-winning author of the America in the King Years trilogy, presents selections that recount essential moments of the Civil Rights Movement. A masterpiece of storytelling on race and democracy, violence and nonviolence, The King Years delivers riveting tales of everyday heroes doing inspiring work.

[Becoming Dr. Q: My Journey from Migrant Farm Worker to Brain Surgeon by Alfredo Quinones-Hinojosa](#)

A gripping memoir of Dr. Q's journey from a 19-year-old illegal immigrant in California to a renowned neurosurgeon and neuroscientist at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

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