Another group of exciting new books arrived today in our library.

**Redeemer: the life of Jimmy Carter**

From New York Times Book Review: “Balmer’s biography of Jimmy Carter is a refreshingly concise entry in a genre known for doorstops. The text runs just 192 pages. Balmer sets himself a clear task: to examine how faith influenced the career of a man who has said that "the single most important factor in my own life is Jesus Christ," and to explain why an evangelical president fell so out of step with voters that a divorced Hollywood actor handily defeated him four years later.”

E873.2 .B35 2014

**The bigot: why prejudice persists**

From Barnes and Noble: “Examining bigotry in its various dimensions—anthropological, historical, psychological, sociological, and political—Professor Bronner illustrates how the bigot’s intense hatred of “the other” is a direct reaction to social progress, liberal values, secularism, and an increasingly complex and diverse world. A sobering look at the bigot in the twenty-first century, this volume is essential for making sense of the dangers facing democracy now and in the future.”

HM 1091 .B76 2014

**The Sports strategist: developing leaders for a high-performance industry**

From Barnes and Noble: “In *The Sports Strategist: Developing Leaders for a High-Performance Industry*, authors Irving Rein, Ben Shields, and Adam Grossman demonstrate that relying too much on winning is a losing long-term strategy for dealing with these challenges. Instead, they argue that sports organizations must focus on identifying and maximizing key factors that, unlike winning, can be controlled and shaped. By building a more well-rounded business, sports strategists will position themselves and their organizations for sustainable success in the industry.”

GV 713 .R45 2015
The Pecan: a history of America’s native nut

From Library Journal: “...McWilliams weaves American history, agricultural history, and science into the story of the wild pecan groves and their transformation into an industrialized crop that some believe was saved by rising exports to China. While the author ends with some concerns about the future of the pecan, readers will be left with hope that the tree will persevere. VERDICT This excellent and charming story describes a tree that endured numerous hardships to become not only a staple of Southern cuisine but an American treasure”

SB 401 .P4 M39 2013

Caught: the prison state and the lockdown of American politics

From Barnes and Noble: “In this book, Marie Gottschalk examines why the carceral state, with its growing number of outcasts, remains so tenacious in the United States. She analyzes the shortcomings of the two dominant penal reform strategies—one focused on addressing racial disparities, the other on seeking bipartisan, race-neutral solutions centered on reentry, justice reinvestment, and reducing recidivism.”

HV 9471 .G667 2015

Redeployment

From New York Times Book Review: “Klay succeeds brilliantly, capturing on an intimate scale the ways in which the war in Iraq evoked a unique array of emotion, predicament and heartbreak. In Klay's hands, Iraq comes across not merely as a theater of war but as a laboratory for the human condition in extremis. Redeployment is hilarious, biting, whipsawing and sad. It’s the best thing written so far on what the war did to people's souls.”

PS 3611 .L4423 A6 2014
A short history of physics in the American Century

From Barnes and Noble: “As the twentieth century drew to a close, computers, the Internet, and nanotechnology were central to modern American life. Yet the advances in physics underlying these applications are poorly understood and widely underappreciated by U.S. citizens today. In this concise overview, David C. Cassidy sharpens our perspective on modern physics by viewing this foundational science through the lens of America’s engagement with the political events of a tumultuous century.”

QC 9 .U5 C36 2011

Prisoners, solitude, and time

From Barnes and Noble: “The book focuses on an aspect of the prison experience - time, its meanderings, measures, and meanings - that is seldom considered by academic commentators. Building upon prisoner narratives, academic critiques, official publications, personal communications, field visits, administrative statistics, reports of campaigning bodies, and other data, it presents a new framework for understanding the prison experience. The author concludes with a series of reflections on hope, the search for meaning, posttraumatic growth, and the art of living.”

HV 8728 .O36 2014

Austin City Limits: a history

From Barnes and Noble: “Austin City Limits is the longest running musical showcase in the history of television, and it still captivates audiences forty years after its debut on the air. From Willie Nelson’s legendary pilot show and his fourteen magical episodes running through the years to Season 35, to mythical performances of BB King and Stevie Ray Vaughan, to repeat appearances from Chet Atkins, Bonnie Raitt and Ray Charles, and recent shows with Mumford & Sons, Arcade Fire and The Decemberists, the show has defined popular roots music and indie rock. This is why country rocker Miranda Lambert -- relatively unknown when she taped a show almost a decade ago -- gushed to the studio audience, "Now I know I have arrived!" Austin City Limits: A History tells this remarkable story.”

ML 3524 .L28 2014
The stories of Jane Gardam

From The New York Times Book Review: “The most incisive stories by Jane Gardam...are constructed, more often than not, around a double take. From colonial postings abroad, from buried love affairs, from the lists of the presumed dead...a once-familiar figure suddenly looms. The unsettling appearance of such revenants—as in Proust or Anthony Powell’s A Dance to the Music of Time—brings about, in these deftly written tales, a shift, a re-evaluation, a fresh sense of what really happened in the past and an opening into a possibly altered future...Gardam’s sly and bighearted stories will give Americans another welcome opportunity to become familiar with her varied body of work.”

PR 6057 .A623 A6 2014b

American tax resisters

From Barnes and Noble: “”The American taxpayer”--angered by government waste and satisfied only with spending cuts--has preoccupied elected officials and political commentators since the Reagan Revolution. But resistance to progressive taxation has older, deeper roots. American Tax Resisters presents the full history of the American anti-tax movement that has defended the pursuit of limited taxes on wealth and battled efforts to secure social justice through income redistribution for the past 150 years.”

HJ 2362 .H87 2014

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“A dream doesn’t become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work.” – Colin Powell