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- by Mohsin Hamid, (* NPR Interview)
- Kathy G: <u>The Other Einstein</u> by Marie Benedict, <u>Past Tense</u> (<u>Jack Reacher</u>, #23) by Lee Child, <u>Nine Perfect Strangers</u> by Liane Moriarty, <u>The Diplomat's Daughter</u> by Karin Tanabe, <u>Map of the Heart</u> by Susan Wiggs

National Library Week April 7-13

What a week to celebrate! Libraries in our country continue to see amazing use in spite of the fact that we can order books with a click. Melinda Gates does an incredible job in her video addressing how libraries connect communities. That 'connecting' thing is so important today. Libraries are no longer just about books and our librarians work tirelessly to determine what our communities can use to stay strong. Many libraries lend/offer everything from phone charges to tools to exercise equipment to speed dating nights. So even though you can stay at home and get stuff, make that little effort to stop in the place that has been dedicated to work in your best interest since 1731. Yeah, that's right.

How Does That Happen Where we get what we read

When we get together once a month for our unconventional book club, I am always interested in hearing not only what my gal pals have read but how they felt about it. The beauty of the group is that we all read what we want and then 'report.' Never would I guess that members would choose the books that they do. My stock question is,"How did you (ever) find that?" Many times it is a book that is not found on the best seller list or 'books for book clubs list.' It is recommended by a friend or they run across it while they are voluntarily shelving at the public library. I know that there is an abundance of websites with recommended books for your interest. However my heart is majorly warmed by knowing that we can come across gems without the help of cyberspace. Just sayin.

