



Coffee Chat: What We're Actually Reading: L&D Picks for Summer

- 11:04:24 From Carol Sheetz : It's already 102 real feel in IL at 11 AM!
- 11:04:37 From Lorie Brown : Hey all, I'm Lorie. I'm in Fort Worth and it's already 89* :*(
- 11:04:41 From Brandon Wilkins : Reacted to "Hey all, I'm Lorie. I'm in Fort Worth and it's already 89* :*(\" with 🙄
- 11:04:55 From Lorie Brown : My first time.
- 11:05:01 From Carol Sheetz : 89 here too in IL!
- 11:05:05 From Andrew Vercouteren : It's been a while--since last October
- 11:05:08 From Cynthia Lewis : UGH 93 in Baltimore 🥵 Hotter than south florida
- 11:05:11 From Brandon Wilkins : First one in a few months...
- 11:05:14 From Rhoda Green : 89 expected today in Northern California, low humidity. 70 right now.
- 11:05:21 From Cynthia Lewis : Reacted to "89 expected today ..." with ❤️
- 11:05:23 From Cynthia Lewis : Reacted to "First one in a few..." with 👍

11:06:15 From Rhoda Green : Here, if you are in shade, it is definitely cooler.

11:06:22 From Dawn Weiman : 97 in Harrisburg right now. "Feels like" is 110

11:06:37 From Rhoda Green : Reacted to "97 in Harrisburg right now. "Feels like" is 110" with 🤔

11:06:45 From Cynthia Lewis : Reacted to "97 in Harrisburg r..." with 🤔

11:06:52 From Rhoda Green : Reacted to "UGH 93 in Baltimore 🤔 Hotter than south florida" with 🤔

11:07:03 From Lorie Brown : Reacted to "97 in Harrisburg right now. "Feels like" is 110" with 🤔

11:09:03 From Dawn Weiman : Audiobooks are my favorite reading shortcut. I can listen in the grocery store or while I do chores.

11:09:09 From Cynthia Lewis : Reacted to "Audiobooks are my ..." with ❤️

11:09:18 From Carol Sheetz : Audiobooks while driving are the best!

11:09:26 From Dawn Weiman : Reacted to "Audiobooks while driving are the best!" with ❤️

11:09:53 From Carol Sheetz : Reading is my PERSONAL development!!!

11:10:02 From Lorie Brown : Reacted to "Reading is my PERSONAL development!!!" with 👍

11:10:32 From Cynthia Lewis : Audiobooks while walking. And while knitting when the husband has taken over the tv lol

11:10:45 From Dawn Weiman : Reacted to "Audiobooks while walking. And while knitting when the husband has taken over the tv lol" with 👍

11:10:59 From Carol Sheetz : In the evening, I do an audiobook while following along with the physical book at the same time. I never thought I would like that, but I love it! I kick up the

speed to 1.75, and let it READ to me!

- 11:11:04 From Dawn Weiman : And the Libby app!
- 11:11:11 From Cynthia Lewis : Reacted to "And the Libby app!" with ❤️
- 11:11:18 From Cynthia Lewis : I use Libby for my library, too!
- 11:11:25 From Dawn Weiman : Reacted to "I use Libby for my library, too!" with ❤️
- 11:11:28 From Cynthia Lewis : Reacted to "In the evening, I ..." with ❤️
- 11:11:33 From Carol Sheetz : Reacted to "And the Libby app!" with 🙌
- 11:11:45 From Carol Sheetz : Replying to "And the Libby app!"

YES! The Libby app is THE BEST!!!

- 11:11:52 From Carol Sheetz : Reacted to "I use Libby for my..." with 🙌
- 11:11:54 From Cynthia Lewis : Reacted to "YES! The Libby ap..." with ❤️
- 11:12:32 From Lorie Brown : for my "fun" reading I'll do Kindle or the library. For my own development - I want a physical book.
- 11:12:39 From Dawn Weiman : Hoopla and Libby have different business models. Some libraries offer one while others offer both.
- 11:12:47 From Shannon Tipton : <https://libbyapp.com/>
- 11:12:53 From Carol Sheetz : I'm reading a ton of fiction this year. The most I've ever read. I've read 36 books this year! I've been in a huge reading flow!
- 11:12:57 From Brandon Wilkins : Reacted to "Hoopla and Libby have different business models. Some libraries offer one while others offer both." with 👍
- 11:13:06 From Rhoda Green : My work book club is reading Learning That Lasts by Katrina Kennedy. It is a wonderful book about using reflection to help make learning stick. I'm actually reading it on work time. It is in paperback form.

11:13:17 From Cynthia Lewis : Reacted to "I'm reading a ton ..." with 🙌

11:13:19 From Carol Sheetz : Reacted to "My work book club ..." with 👍

11:13:38 From Lorie Brown : I wont bend a page to keep my place either.

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Absolutely NOT!

11:14:30 From Andrew Vercooteren : Replying to "I wont bend a page to keep my place either."

colored sticky tabs.

11:14:43 From Cynthia Lewis : Reacted to "colored sticky tab..." with 👍

11:15:13 From Jennifer Kirby : My faves for inspo are the following newsletters: James Clear 3-2-1 Shane Parrish Brain Food, Adam Grant Granted

11:15:50 From Rhoda Green : I highlight in kindle, but to date, have never looked up the highlights.

11:15:52 From Lorie Brown : I have 3 books in rotation. If one falls short, moving on.

11:16:10 From Jennifer Kirby : I have less than 5 DNF in my whole life. but sometimes the gem is caught in the end, so I can't drop it!

11:16:16 From Carol Sheetz : I have no issue NOT finishing a library book.

11:16:33 From Dawn Weiman : I follow Nancy Pearl's rule of 50. Give it 50 pages, if it doesn't capture me, then I'm done.

11:16:48 From Carol Sheetz : I always joke around that I'm no quitter, so I have to finish

the book! 🤔

11:17:02 From Brandon Wilkins : Reacted to "I always joke around that I'm no quitter, so I have to finish the book! 🤔" with 🙌

11:17:06 From Carol Sheetz : Reacted to "I follow Nancy Pea..." with 👍

11:17:28 From Cynthia Lewis : Reacted to "I follow Nancy Pea..." with 👍

11:17:34 From Cynthia Lewis : Reacted to "I have no issue NO..." with 👍

11:18:30 From Lorie Brown : There's only one book I've been disappointed with...Slideology. I might give it another chance but not anytime soon.

11:19:04 From Rhoda Green : Reacted to "There's only one book I've been disappointed with...Slideology. I might give it another chance but not anytime soon." with 😞

11:19:27 From Brandon Wilkins : @Lorie Brown - Really? I frickin' LOVE that book! It has taken my presentation game to another level...

11:19:40 From Rhoda Green : Replying to "There's only one book I've been disappointed with...Slideology. I might give it another chance but not anytime soon."

I just consult it for specific purposes. I love Duarte's books in general.

11:20:24 From Lorie Brown : I tried to like it...Don't get me wrong, it has AMAZING information. However, it does what it says NOT to do on a slide. The font is too small, too much white space and the images are distracting. :(

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too much white space and the images are distracting. :(

I hadn't even noticed but I can totally see your point...

11:22:02 From Andrew Vercouteren : If I have to read a book (e.g., I need to report on it to others) I fall back on SQ3R as a way to keep going.

11:25:56 From Brandon Wilkins : Replying to "If I have to read a book (e.g., I need to report on it to others) I fall back on SQ3R as a way to keep going."

@Andrew Vercouteren - SQ3R?

11:27:05 From Brandon Wilkins : Replying to "If I have to read a book (e.g., I need to report on it to others) I fall back on SQ3R as a way to keep going."

Survey - Question - Read - Recite - Review

11:27:08 From Lorie Brown : Replying to "If I have to read a book (e.g., I need to report on it to others) I fall back on SQ3R as a way to keep going."

<https://ctl.stanford.edu/students/reading-efficacy-sq3r-method>

11:27:15 From Rhoda Green : Reacted to "Survey - Question - Read - Recite - Review" with 👍

11:27:34 From Rhoda Green : good method of reflection!

11:30:30 From Lorie Brown : Can you put these in the chat?

11:30:43 From Carol Sheetz : Reacted to "Can you put these ..." with 100

11:30:46 From Shannon Tipton : These will be in the resources afterward.

11:30:54 From Cynthia Lewis : Reacted to "These will be in t..." with ❤️

11:32:09 From Andrew Vercouteren : Reacted to "good method of reflection!" with 👍

11:32:12 From Shannon Tipton : paperbackswap.com

11:32:20 From Rhoda Green : Reacted to "paperbackswap.com" with ❤️

11:33:50 From Heather Varney : Both.

11:33:53 From Lorie Brown : the last books that I have purchased are "Graphic Design for Everyone", "L&D Order Taker No More", and Diabetic Cookbooks.

Fiction - Mysteries but I use the library for those.

11:33:55 From Dawn Weiman : Mostly fiction, with some nonfiction.

11:34:12 From Andrew Vercouteren : Mixed between fiction/non-fiction

11:35:07 From Brandon Wilkins : Presentation/Training/Instructional Design books I'm reading:

Design for How People Learn - Julie Dirksen

Crush Your Next Virtual Presentation - Rick Altman

The Engagement Effect - Steve Spangler

Learning that Lasts - Katrina Kennedy

Interact and Engage - Kassy LaBorie

11:35:31 From Rhoda Green : I read a mix. Currently I am reading The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson. I'm loving it!

11:35:34 From Cynthia Lewis : Mostly fiction and auto/biographies

11:35:48 From Brandon Wilkins : Definitely a mix

11:35:51 From Heather Varney : For discounted/free ebooks, I use bookbub.com. I get a lot of my ebooks free up to \$2.99 when they come up on a promotional sale.

11:36:02 From Dawn Weiman : Reacted to "For discounted/free ebooks, I use

bookbub.com. I get a lot of my ebooks free up to \$2.99 when they come up on a promotional sale." with ❤️

11:36:14 From Brandon Wilkins : @Heather Varney - does it have newer/popular books?

11:36:37 From Cynthia Lewis : Just finished The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife by Anna Johnston (fiction) very good!

11:36:58 From Heather Varney : Yep. You can select the types of books you prefer. A lot of newer books go on promotional sales and that's when I get them.

11:37:13 From Brandon Wilkins : Reacted to "Yep. You can select the types of books you prefer. A lot of newer books go on promotional sales and that's when I get them." with 🙌

11:37:41 From Heather Varney : Ha! that looks like any flat space in my place. piles of books!

11:38:10 From Heather Varney : I'm a total book dragon. I hoard books.

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11:38:40 From Andrew Vercouteren : Reacted to "I'm a total book dragon. I hoard books." with 😊

11:38:41 From Cynthia Lewis : And short stories by Bernie Lewis (almost) all have happy endings - his latest is Seascapes and Other Kinnakeet Stories

11:38:42 From Dawn Weiman : Replying to "I'm a total book dragon. I hoard books."

If I weren't a librarian, I would be a book dragon too.

11:39:04 From Carol Sheetz : Yes, Heather! Reading books and collecting books are

TWO separate hobbies, and I enthusiastically participate in both!

11:39:11 From Cynthia Lewis : Reacted to "Yes, Heather! Rea..." with 😊

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11:39:29 From Lorie Brown : Reacted to "If I weren't a librarian, I would be a book dragon too." with 👍

11:39:47 From Rhoda Green : I have collections of mythology

11:40:16 From Carol Sheetz : Reacted to "I have collections..." with 😊

11:40:23 From Cynthia Lewis : @Carol Sheetz Have you read Out There Screaming?

Jordan Peele and John Joseph Adams

11:40:23 From Cynthia Lewis : [This is an encrypted message]

11:40:40 From Carol Sheetz : Replying to "@Carol Sheetz Have..."

No, do you recommend? If so, I'll look for it!

11:41:08 From Lorie Brown : 3 collections: Wine, Cookbooks, and Elizabeth Peters Amelia Peabody Mysteries,

11:41:09 From Heather Varney : Literature, Sci-Fi/Fantasy, Science of all kinds, economics/finance, leadership, business, history...I have a bit of everything.

11:41:26 From Shannon Tipton :

<https://www.learningrebels.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/LR-Summer-Learning-Bingo-Final.jpg>

11:41:31 From Carol Sheetz : Reacted to "3 collections: Win..." with ❤️

11:41:38 From Cynthia Lewis : Replying to "@Carol Sheetz Have..."

Yes! It's a compilation of short stories from the African American culture.

11:41:45 From Carol Sheetz : Reacted to "Literature, Sci-Fi..." with ❤️

11:42:49 From Carol Sheetz : Reacted to "Yes! It's a compil..." with ❤️

11:43:25 From Andrew Vercouteren : I always get taken in by cookbooks. Gorgeous pictures, but they're always oversized.

Inevitably, I try one recipe and then the book gets donated to the Library book sale....

11:43:34 From Cynthia Lewis : Reacted to "I always get taken..." with 👍

11:43:51 From Carol Sheetz : Replying to "@Carol Sheetz Have..."

Horror is a genre I typically stay away from, because I always say life is horrifying enough!

However, I'm intrigued!

11:44:23 From Heather Varney : Replying to "I always get taken in by cookbooks.

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Inevitably, I try one recipe and then the book gets donated to the Library book sale...."

Oh! I forgot to add those. I have over 300 ebook cookbooks. I like to learn about the types of foods and spices and the cultures that many share.

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11:45:14 From Shari Sprack : Replying to "I always get taken in by cookbooks. Gorgeous pictures, but they're always oversized.

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ooh, I like that. I am looking for something like that-thanks Shannon.

11:45:57 From Carol Sheetz : I love book recommendations! This is fun!

11:46:06 From Brandon Wilkins : Love the Heath brothers books!

11:46:58 From Cynthia Lewis : We Did Ok, Kid - Anthony Hopkins


11:47:10 From Cynthia Lewis : Replying to "We Did Ok, Kid - A..."

And he narrates the audiobook!

11:47:27 From Carol Sheetz : If anyone has a book recommendation about building an internal leadership development program, please share!

11:47:29 From Dawn Weiman : The Coaching Habit - Michael Bungay Stanier. I love his straightforward approach.

11:47:30 From Heather Varney : You have me beat, Shannon. I don't cook or bake much, but I enjoy reading through them.

11:47:51 From Heather Varney : Reacted to "The Coaching Habit - Michael Bungay Stanier. I love his straightforward approach." with 

11:47:53 From Jennifer Kirby : Reacted to "The Coaching Habit..." with 

11:49:07 From Dawn Weiman : I'm doing a leadership training this year based on The Coaching Habit - our supervisors need to learn more about effective communication with their staff.

11:49:56 From Heather Varney : Replying to "I'm doing a leadership training this year based on The Coaching Habit - our supervisors need to learn more about effective communication with their staff."

How is it working? I love MBS's approach to coaching.

11:49:57 From Carol Sheetz : Replying to "I'm doing a leader..."

Thanks, I have this book!

11:50:26 From Carol Sheetz : Reacted to "I'm doing a leader..." with 

11:50:43 From Heather Varney : Yep, love that book too.

11:50:51 From Dawn Weiman : Replying to "I'm doing a leadership training this year based on The Coaching Habit - our supervisors need to learn more about effective

communication with their staff."

I deliver the second half this month - I'll find out how it's working then. :)

11:51:00 From Cynthia Lewis : I like to refer to Coaching for Performance - Sir John Whitmore (the GROW method)

11:52:49 From Lorie Brown : Ken Blanchard - Leadership and the One Minute Manager

11:53:15 From Carol Sheetz : Thanks for the reminder about the Gallup books, Lorie!

11:55:33 From Heather Varney : So in other words they understood that leadership development happens over time, not a one and done training.

11:55:41 From Shannon Tipton : Reacted to "So in other words they understood that leadership development happens over time, not a one and done training." with 🙌

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11:56:19 From Brandon Wilkins : Reacted to "So in other words they understood that leadership development happens over time, not a one and done training." with 🙌

11:56:32 From Heather Varney : Sounds a lot like a program I created to develop a group of trainers on instructional design skills, presentation and leadership, and other topics.

11:56:47 From Lorie Brown : @Carol Sheetz I hope that helped

11:57:44 From Shari Sprack : Betty White Biography


11:57:44 From Cynthia Lewis : Remarkably Bright Creatures - Shelby Van Pelt (fiction)

11:57:44 From Dawn Weiman : West with Giraffes. Historical Fiction

11:57:45 From Carol Sheetz : It's The Manager - Moving From Boss to Coach - Jim

Clifton and Jim Harter

- 11:57:45 From Jennifer Kirby : Adam Grant Think Again,
- 11:57:45 From Lorie Brown : Non-Fiction - The Infinite Game - Simon Sinek - Changed my POV of life and work
- 11:57:46 From Brandon Wilkins : Presentation Zen - Garr Reynolds (Non-Fiction)
- 11:58:13 From Andrew Vercooteren : The Trusted Learning Advisor (Keith Keating)
- 11:58:36 From Carol Sheetz : Fiction - The Correspondent by Virginia Evans
- 11:59:28 From Rhoda Green : paperbackswap.com
- 11:59:29 From Cynthia Lewis : Audiobooks while walking (I walk 3-5 miles a day)
- 11:59:29 From Lorie Brown : Make reading a habit. 30 minutes before I go to bed.
- 11:59:30 From Brandon Wilkins : Have an ebook reader on your phone (Kindle, Hoopla, Libby, etc.)
- 11:59:31 From Carol Sheetz : Instead of turning on the TV - pick up a book instead - read the physical book while also listening to the audiobook
- 11:59:34 From Dawn Weiman : Carry my Kindle everywhere with me - so I can read in small moments. (I already talked about audiobooks.)
- 11:59:36 From Jennifer Kirby : Reading tip - I take notes in a separate journal. Notes about what it said specifically and what it sparked for me.
- 11:59:37 From Shari Sprack : Make time for yourself
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11:59:58 From Jennifer Kirby : Reacted to "Make time for your..." with 


11:59:59 From Greg Thompson : Make time to meditate

12:00:00 From Andrew Vercouteren : Listen to the audiobook version while reading the hard copy version.

12:00:01 From Carol Sheetz : Replying to "Make time for your..."


YES!


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<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/6eLRvrHwRtaJGmztgEfXw>

12:01:34 From Carol Sheetz : Reacted to "Audiobooks while w..." with 

12:02:37 From Shari Sprack : Good one, Lorie!

12:02:40 From Rhoda Green : George Washington movie - \$5 tickets on Fandango

12:02:46 From Shari Sprack : Happy 4th of July.

12:03:37 From Cynthia Lewis : Nothing tastes better than a hot dog at a ballpark YUM

12:03:50 From Rhoda Green : world record is 68 hotdogs, I believe