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Flower Memorial Library Newsletter



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Portrait of Marietta Holley, popular humorist and author in the 19th century. Did you know her pseudonym was "Josiah Allen's Wife," as a way to use satire and humor to advocate for women's rights and social issues?



BUDGET Bites To-Go

Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library

Cornell Cooperative Extension
Jefferson County

Healthy Cooking on a Budget:
5-Part Workshop & Free Meal Kits

Event sponsored by
North Country Library System.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
6-7PM FOR AGES 18+
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM
THEME: MEALS FOR 2

Discover new ways to cook healthy meals on a budget at our 5-part workshop series! Each session features a themed, hands-on presentation by Cornell Cooperative Extension. Participants will then get to take home a free kit with ingredients, recipes, and nutrition info.

This month's theme is "Meals for 2" in honor of Valentine's Day! Jump to page 8 for more information, including how to register.

Registration is required!

This event is sponsored by North Country Library System.

Early Literacy Information & Events

Toddler Story Time & Crafts

Designed for ages 3-5, but all are welcome
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Every Wednesday

Join us every Wednesday at 10:30am for Toddler Story Time & Crafts! We'll read fun stories, dance, sing, and wiggle around. Then, we'll end our story time with a craft relating to the books we read. Each week we do a different theme, so every story time is its own unique experience.

Baby Story Time

Designed for ages 0-2, but all are welcome
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Every Thursday

Join us every Thursday at 10:30am for some fun stories, nursery rhymes, and wiggles! Then, at the end of our story time, little ones are encouraged to explore our play room and craft area to play and interact with other littles. We'll have toys, Play-Doh, and coloring sheets available to play with. Each story time has a different theme so every week will be its own unique experience!

Toddler Painting



For ages 0-5
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Friday February 6
Friday February 20

Join us in the Children's Room for some fun process painting! Our first process painting will involve using sponges to create paper plate hearts. Our second process painting will involve using forks to create fluffy polar bears.

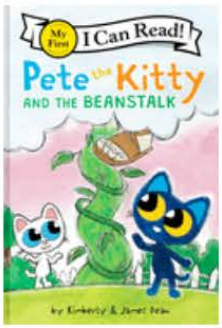
Music and Movement

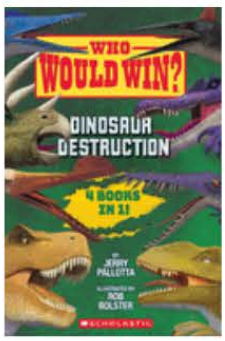
For ages 0-5
Facilitated by: Jamie (with guest Sarah Wolfe)
Children's Room at 10:30am
Monday February 23

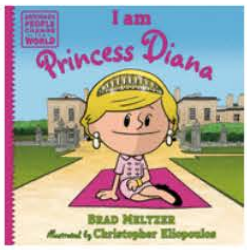
Does your child like to sing, dance, or just wiggle around? If so, come join guest Sarah Wolfe for a fun music and movement program! Music and Movement is a joyful and interactive music program that encourages little ones to get their bodies moving, their voices singing, and to make some beautiful noise. The session includes a sing-along with Sarah playing the ukulele.



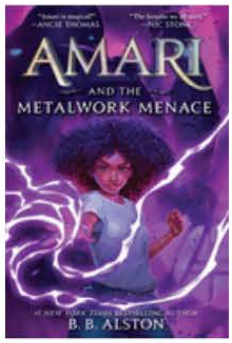
New in our Children's Room!











Events for Kids, Tweens, and Teens

Note: If you are 18-years-old and still attend high school, you may attend teen events.

Teen Take & Make Kit: Shrinky Dinks

For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 9am
Monday February 2



Go retro with this kit and make a fun Shrinky Dink keychain! Draw your design, bake it, and watch it shrink!

Note: Limit of 1 kit per person, max of 2 if picking up for a friend. Available in the Teen Space while supplies last!

Tween Gaming

For ages 8-12
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 6pm
Monday February 2



Join us for a snack, games (Nintendo Switch, Wii, PC, and board games), and a good time! Betcha can't beat us at Mario Kart!

Note: Limited to 12 participants on a first come, first served basis. No reservations can be made.

Kids & Tween Art Club

For ages 6-12
Facilitated by: Suzie
(with guest Shalaina Thompson)
Children's Room at 4pm
Friday February 6



Get messy and explore the world of art! Projects will be announced at the start of each event.



Stop by our upstairs Reference Department to color our community coloring page!

Teen Open Gaming

For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space from 4pm - 5pm
Every Friday



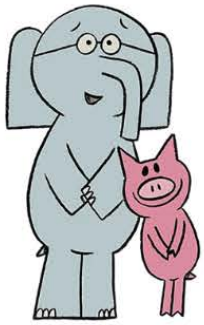
Stop by on Fridays for videogames, board games, and a snack!

Note: Limited to 12 participants. First come, first served.

An Elephant & Piggie Party

For all ages & abilities
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 6pm
Tuesday February 10

"Today I will fly!" straight to the library for our Elephant & Piggie Party! Celebrate Mo Willems' beloved duo with crafts and activities inspired by Gerald & Piggie's biggest (and silliest!) adventures.



Tween Crafternoon

For ages 8-12
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 4pm
Thursday February 12



Join us each month for a different craft and snacks! This month: No Sew Mini Pillows

Note: Limited to 10 participants on a first come, first served basis. No reservations can be made.

Note: If you are 18-years-old and still attend high school, you may attend teen events.

Kids & Tween Take & Make Craft Kit



For ages 3-12
Presented by: Jamie
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday February 14

On one Saturday of each month, grab a craft kit to make with your little ones!
This month: Valentine's Day Yeti Ornament

Note: Limit of 1 kit per child on a first come, first served basis. No reservation option.

Chocolate Taste Test



For ages 8-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 10:30am
Saturday February 21

We will be blind tasting different chocolates and ranking our favorites! Flavors will be revealed at the end of the taste test. Try them all and find a new favorite flavor! Afterwards, we will play candy trivia.

Note: There is a limit of 25 participants on a first come, first served basis. Food allergies cannot be accommodated due to the design of this program.

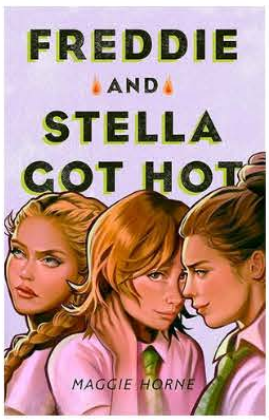
Book Display Brigade

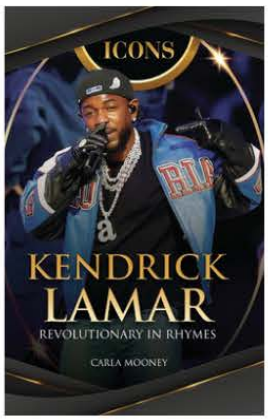


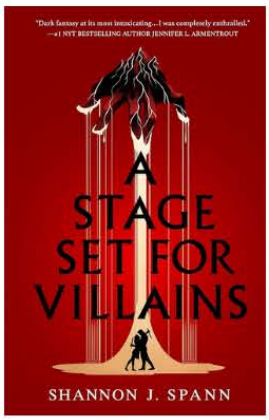
For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M
Teen Space at 4pm
Thursday February 26

Channel your inner designer and help make a book display for the Teen Space. Participants gain volunteer time for attendance.

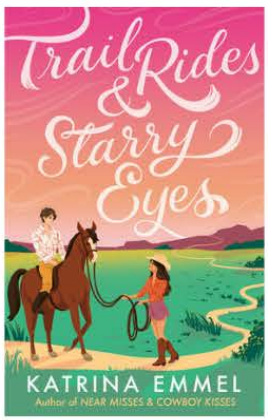
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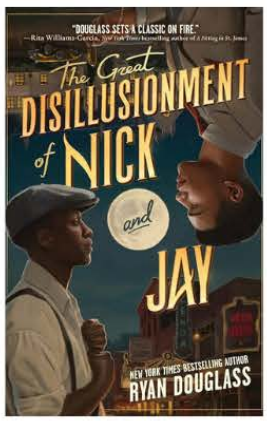












Interested in learning a new language or advancing your current language skills? Check out our LOTE4Kids online database! This platform has over 8,000 titles in more than 100 world languages!

Each book is read aloud by native speakers (not AI), and features English translations, leveled texts, multiple reading formats, and built-in comprehension quizzes.

Visit our website to get started - all you need is a library card!

LOTE 4Kids
Storytime, in Your Language

Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library

Information & Events for Both Youth & Adults

We are closed Monday, February 16th for Presidents' Day. We reopen on Tuesday, February 17th at 9am.

Pre-Superbowl Party



For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10am
Saturday February 7

Get pumped for the Super Bowl with a party at the library! Score big with crafts, games, and field-goal level fun! Wear your team colors and warm up for the big game with activities that are sure to be a total touchdown.

Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie
Future Makerspace at 4pm
Tuesday February 10

The Board of Trustees monthly meeting is held in the library's Future Makerspace. Meeting documents are listed on the library's website.

Life-Sized Candy Land



For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Ashley M.
South Reading at 12-7pm
Tuesday February 17
Wednesday February 18

Play life-sized Candy Land as this classic board game comes to life at Flower Library! Race to Candy Castle and play mini-games along the way.

Registration Required!

Players must call to reserve a time. Time slots are available every half hour on Tuesday, February 17 and Wednesday, February 18 from 12pm-7pm.
4 players max per group.

Call 315-785-7714 to register.

LEGO Club

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie (with guest Jack Falge)
South Reading Room at 4pm
Thursday February 19



Come build with us! Themed builds will be announced at each event.

Family Movie & Craft Afternoon



For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Suzie
South Reading Room at 2pm
Saturday February 28

Join us in the South Reading Room for a family friendly movie, a simple craft, and a tasty treat! This month's movie: The Bad Guys 2 (2025, rated PG).



Winter Reading 2025-2026

Lights, Camera, Read with Roswell!

December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026

Winter Reading is almost over, but there is still time to track and redeem your reading hours to try to win a prize!

1 hour of reading = 1 prize entry

To redeem in person, pick up a paper tracker and bring it to the Circulation Desk. To log your hours online, visit our website at flowermemoriallibrary.org and go to our "Reading Program" page. Be sure to complete all sections of your tracker, ticket, or online form to qualify. You can redeem hours as often as you'd like - no need to wait until the end! Each hour read can only be claimed once; either online or on paper.

Participants can choose which prizes they want their hours entered into. And every participant, regardless of age, will automatically receive one entry into our grand prize drawing: an Empire Pass for the 2026 season!

Children's Prizes (Ages 0-11)

4 tickets to Old McDonald's Farm
2 tickets to Water Safari
Regal Cinemas gift card



Teen Prizes (Ages 12-17)

Walmart gift card
Chrissy Beanz gift card
Regal Cinemas gift card



Adult Prizes (Ages 18+)

Watertown Garden Center gift card
Shower speaker & steamers gift set
Regal Cinemas gift card



Events for Adults

Adult Book Clubs

Original Library Book Club
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
Online via Zoom at 6:30pm
Monday February 9

Join us this month as we discuss the book James by Percival Everett. Copies of the book are available for check out on a first come, first served basis at the Circulation Desk. Zoom info can be found on our website event calendar.

VIRTUAL Between the Covers: Romance Book Club
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
Online via Zoom at 6:30pm
Wednesday February 25

Join us to chat about all things books and romance! At this meeting we'll discuss the book My Phony Valentine by Courtney Walsh. Zoom info can be found on our website event calendar.

Spice Club Kits - Rosemary
For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Main Floor at 9am
Monday February 2



Explore the world of flavor. The packet will include a spice sample, recipe cards, history of the spice, and a list of cookbooks you can check out from the library.

If you miss the kits, you can still get a peek at the recipes by visiting the homepage of our website!

Keep Warm Kits...Part 2!
For ages 18+
Presented by: Jamie
Main Floor at 9am
Monday February 2



Due to the popularity of our "Keep Warm" kits, we're offering another round! Adults 18+ are welcome to grab a kit to help stay cozy and comfortable. Kits include: Gloves, scarf, hand warmers, lip balm, hand lotion, a library bookmark, and our local resources guide.

Note: Limit of one kit per person on a first come, first served basis.

Senior Planet: Google Maps
For ages 55+
Presented by: Ashley P.
South Reading Room at 10:30am
Thursday February 5

Visit sites around the world from the comfort of your home, get a bird's-eye-view of your childhood neighborhood, or simply get directions to your next destination! Google Maps is a mapping application that offers satellite imagery, street maps, and street-view perspectives. It also has a route planner for your preferred transportation method, be it foot, car, bicycle, or public transportation. During this lecture, you'll get an introduction to the platform and a demonstration of how to use it. This session is perfectly timed for the upcoming end-of-the-month or spring travel season!

Google Maps

Paint by Number Kit



For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley M.
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday February 7

Valentine's Day approaches and what better way to celebrate than a bookish paint by number kit! Each kit includes all the supplies you need to create a beautiful painting. Instructions, canvas, paint, and paintbrush will be provided.

Note: Limit 1 kit per person, max of 2 if picking up for a friend! Available at the Circulation Desk while supplies last.

4th Annual Puzzle Tournament



For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Main Floor at 10:30am
Saturday February 14

Gather a team of up to 4 adults (ages 18+) and put your puzzle skills to the test! Compete to be the fastest team to finish a 500 piece puzzle. The 1st place team will receive a prize, and all teams will get to keep their puzzle.

Registration is required! Registration is open from January 25th through the close of business on February 11th (or until all 8 spots are full). You can register by filling out an online form or by calling Ashley P. at 315-785-7714. This will reserve one of eight spots for your team.

When registering, please have all team member names, a phone number for at least one team member, and a team name. The online form opens January 25th as well!

Are you or someone you know in need of hygiene items? Stop by the Circulation Desk and we'll happily provide you with any items you may need! We have toothbrushes/toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, soap, feminine products, and so much more!







BUDGET Bites To-Go

Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library
Cornell Cooperative Extension Jefferson County

Discover new ways to cook healthy meals on a budget at our 5-part workshop series! Each session features a themed, hands-on presentation by Cornell Cooperative Extension. Participants will then get to take home a free kit with ingredients, recipes, and nutrition info. Registration required for each individual session. Limited participants per session.

Event sponsored by North Country Library System.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
6-7PM FOR AGES 18+
IN THE LIBRARY'S COMMUNITY ROOM
THEME: MEALS FOR 2



Registration is required.
For questions and registration, contact the library at 315-785-7714.

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Budget Bites To-Go: Meals for 2

For ages 18+
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Community Room at 10:30am
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22	23 Ages 0-5 Music & Movement @ 10:30 am	24	25	26 Ages 12-17 Book Display Brigade @ 4 pm	27	28 All Ages Movie & Craft Afternoon @ 2 pm

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