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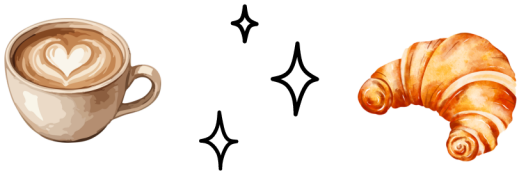
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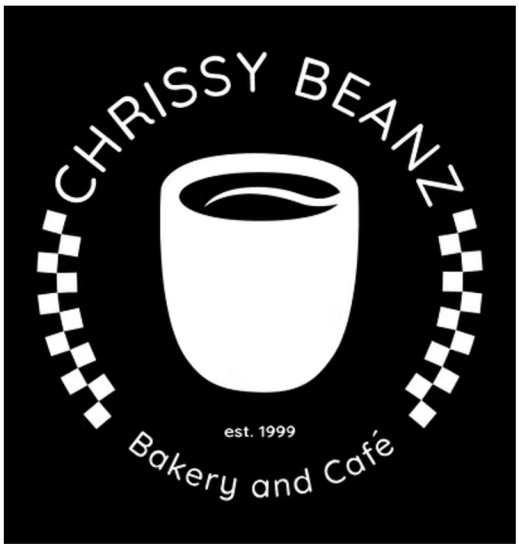


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"The Open Book" mural painting by Ella Condie Lamb, located in the library's North Reading Room.





From Beans to Business: A Coffee Shop Owner Shares Her Story

The Friends of the Flower Memorial Library proudly present an evening with local bakery owner, Sarah Macfarland on Wednesday, May 6 at 5pm!

Sarah, owner of Chrissy Beanz, will serve as the keynote speaker at the Friends' Annual Meeting. She'll share her journey as a business owner, her passion for coffee and baking, the challenges and successes she's experienced along the way, and her vision for the future.

Jump to page 6 for more information!

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 except 5/27

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 except 5/28

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 May 15

Join us in the Children's Room for some fun process painting! This month's process painting will involve using q-tips and our fingertips to create fluffy dandelions.

Music and Movement

For ages 0-5
Facilitated by: Jamie (with guest Sarah Wolfe)
Children's Room at 10:30am
Monday May 18

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.

Kids & Tween Art Club



For ages 6-12
Facilitated by: Suzie
(with guest Shalaina Thompson)
Children's Room at 4pm
Friday May 1
Get messy and explore the world of art! Projects will be announced at the start of each event.

Teen Get Ready Prom Kit



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 10am
Friday May 1

Event Season is upon us! Grab a Get Ready: Prom Kit for some basics to help you get ready for an event! Kits can be used for any occasion.

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

Teen Open Gaming



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 4pm
Every Friday except 5/29

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

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

Q: Why are librarians so good at solving problems?

Jump to page 4 for the answer!



Kids & Tween Take & Make Craft Kit



For ages 3-12
Presented by: Jamie
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday May 2

On one Saturday of each month, grab a craft kit to make with your little ones!
This month: Mother's Day Beaded Keychain

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

Tween Gaming



For ages 8-12
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 6pm
Monday May 4

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.

Homeschool (Mini) Prom



For ages 3-17
Presented by: Jamie & Ashley M.
South Reading Room & Community Room at 11am
Friday May 8

It's time for our 3rd annual Homeschool Prom! Bring your kids and teens in their favorite semi-formal attire for a library prom! Come dance the day away, strike your best poses, make some prom-themed crafts, and meet other local homeschool families at this beloved annual event. If your child or teen prefers to come dressed as a fairy, dinosaur, or just their favorite everyday outfit, that totally works too.

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

Tween Crafternoon



For ages 8-12
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 4pm
Thursday May 14

Join us each month for a different craft and snacks! This month: Rock Painting.

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

Teen Stress Less Kit



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 10am
Friday May 15

Regents and final exams are almost here! Feeling stressed? Chill out with this take-home kit packed with stress-relief items and helpful tips to get you through exam season.

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

Book Display Brigade



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 4pm
Thursday May 21

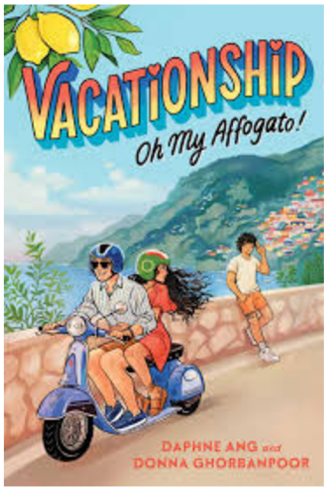
Channel your inner designer and help make a book display for the Teen Space. Participants gain volunteer time for attendance.

A: Because they always know how to check things out!

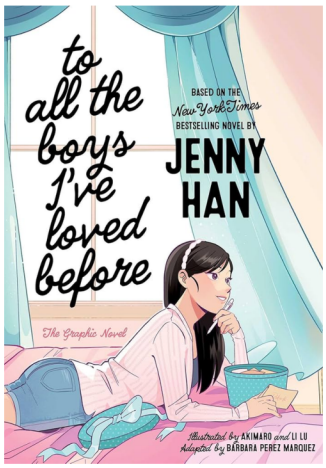
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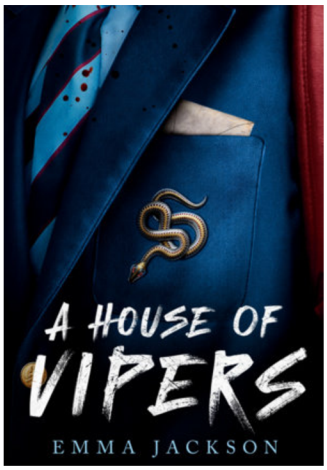


New in Our Teen Space

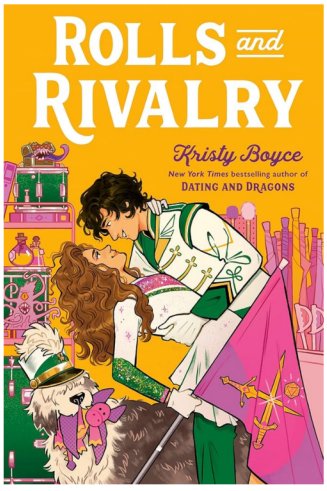












Information & Events for Both Youth & Adults

The library will be closed Saturday, May 23 and Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day weekend. We reopen Tuesday, May 26 at 9am.

Jedi Training Academy



All ages and abilities
Presented by: Ashley M.
Children's Room at 10am
Saturday May 2

Calling all Jedi Masters! Join us at the library for Jedi Training Academy. A lightsaber craft there will be, a scavenger hunt you shall complete, meet Darth Vader you will, and more!

Mother's Day Tea



For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Olivia
Community Room at 11am
Saturday May 9

In honor of Mother's Day, bring a special someone to enjoy a morning of tea and a simple craft.

Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie
Room TBD at 4pm
Tuesday May 12

The Board of Trustees monthly meeting is held the second Tuesday of each month. Meeting documents are listed on the library's website.

There will be no library programs from May 25-30 as we take a program break! This includes our weekly Story Times & Open Gaming.

Princess Tea Party



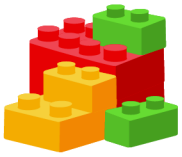
All ages and abilities
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 6pm
Tuesday May 12

Dress in your fanciest, most royal-like attire (or your favorite outfit) for a Princess Tea Party! Enjoy apple juice, sweet treats, crafts, and balloon twisting with Pililin Studio at this semi-formal affair. Although dressing up is encouraged, it is not mandatory.

LEGO Club

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie (with guest Jack Falge)
South Reading Room at 4pm
Thursday May 21

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





Special Events

The Friends of the Flower Memorial Library Annual Meeting: Highlighting Sarah Macfarland

All ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie
South Reading Room at 5pm
Wednesday May 6

The Friends of the Flower Memorial Library is proud to present an evening with special guest speaker Sarah Macfarland, owner of Chrissy Beanz Bakeries & Cafes.

On Wednesday May 6th, participants are invited to "From Beans to Business: a Coffee Shop Owner Shares Her Story." The event, also serving as the annual meeting for The Friends, begins at 5pm in the library's South Reading Room.

Participants will have the opportunity to hear Sarah's story; her love of coffee and baking, the challenges and triumphs of owning a business, and what the future holds. Light refreshments will be served.



Delores Johnson Author Talk & Book Signing

All ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie & Ashley P.
Community Room at 6pm
Tuesday May 26

Author Delores Johnson will be visiting the library! Come meet the author, get a signed copy of one of her books, and enjoy an evening filled with meaningful conversations.

Delores Johnson, a proud daughter of WWII Veteran SSGT Eddie Johnson, recently relocated to Upstate New York from Port Huron, Michigan. She is a Visionary, Self-Published Author and has been a Community Engager for over 30 years. Delores honors the legacy of her parents through all of her community engagement efforts through the years especially honoring our military veterans. She recently published her 4th edition of *U.S. Military Hidden Figures Publications* available on Amazon which features military veterans from local communities across the United States along with a Veterans and Military Families Journal. She also self-published her first children's Book, "Fun with Ricky and #7".



Photo of author Delores Johnson.

Events for Adults

Adult Book Clubs

Original Library Book Club
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Olivia
Community Room at 6:30pm
Monday May 11

Join us this month as we discuss the book Anxious People by Fredrick Backman. Copies of the book are available for check out on a first come, first served basis at the Circulation Desk.

VIRTUAL Between the Covers: Romance Book Club
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
Online via Zoom at 6:30pm
Wednesday May 20

Join us on Zoom to chat about all things books and romance! At this meeting, we'll discuss One Golden Summer by Carley Fortune.

Spice Club Kits: Everything But the Bagel Seasoning
For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Main Floor at 10am
Friday May 1



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!

Family Tree Kit
For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley M.
Main Floor at 9am
Saturday May 2



Looking to create a family tree, but are uncertain where to start? Grab our family tree kit! This kit contains a basic family tree template with instructions and tips for starting your family tree!

Adult Take and Make Craft Kit
For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday May 2



On the first Saturday of each month, grab a craft kit to make at home. Pick up at the Circulation Desk.

Use May's kit to celebrate the beauty of spring by painting your own bud vase perfect for one flower. Decorate your home or office with a one of a kind vase and a beautiful flower.
Vase, paint, and paintbrushes will be provided.

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

No Pressure Book Club
For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Community Room at 3pm
Wednesday May 6



Bring your current read, a well loved favorite, or find something new to love. Come and read at your own pace with other book lovers.

Let's Explore Tech: Ozobots



For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Community Room at 12pm
Thursday May 7

Curious about coding but not sure where to start? Come hang out with Ozobots – tiny robots that follow lines, read color codes, and do exactly what you tell them to do (most of the time!).

We'll draw, experiment, and see what happens as our Ozobots zip around the table. Along the way, you'll pick up basic coding ideas like sequencing and problem-solving without it feeling like a lesson. It's all about trying things out, laughing when it doesn't work, and celebrating when it does.

No experience needed and no pressure to "get it right." All supplies are provided – just bring your curiosity and be ready to play with robots!

Kitchen Herb Garden



For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Community Room at 4pm
Tuesday May 12

Come join us Tuesday May 12th to plant your own kitchen herb garden. Choose your favorite three herbs to plant your own mini kitchen herb gardens.

Note: Limited to 20 participants, first come first serve.

Your Financial Foundations: Learn at Flower Library with Navy Federal Credit Union

For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
South Reading Room
Wednesday May 13: Advanced Mortgage Topics at 6:30pm
Saturday May 16: Fraud at 11am

Take a moment to invest in yourself and your financial future. Join us for a welcoming, easy-to-follow series led by trusted financial experts, designed to help you build confidence and clarity around your money.

Each session includes a short, engaging 20-30 minute presentation followed by plenty of time for questions and discussion. You'll walk away with practical knowledge, useful strategies, and the confidence to make informed financial decisions – now and in the future.

Open Craft Club



For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Community Room at 6pm
Wednesday May 20

Join us for an open craft club, bring your current project or borrow library supplies to start something new. Or just spend some time with other crafty people. Light refreshments will be provided.

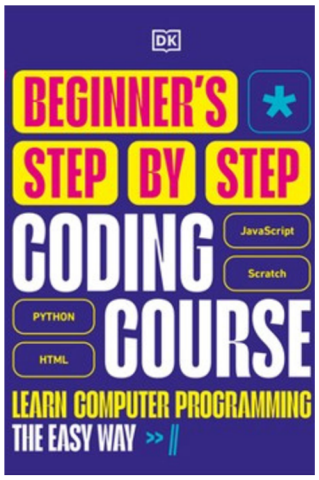


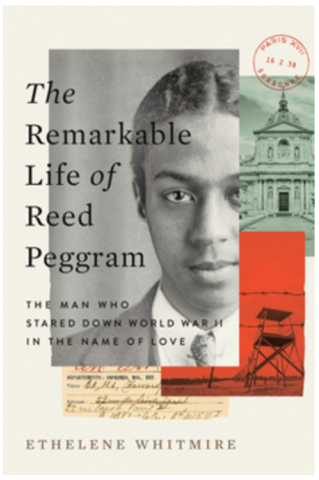
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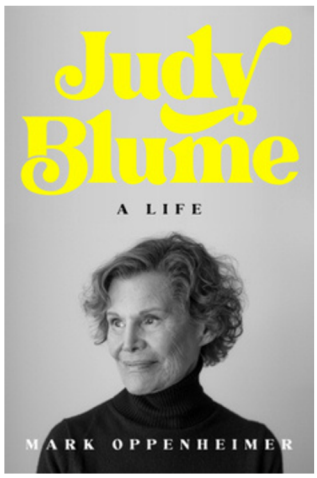
Big things are building at the library! We're thrilled to be working toward our brand-new Makerspace! Our Makerspace is going to be a future hub for creativity, tinkering, and hands-on fun. While we're still in the planning and funding stages, you may soon hear a little extra whirring (and maybe some hammering and drilling!) on the Second Floor as the magic starts to take shape. Thanks for your patience as we turn big ideas into an exciting new space for everyone to enjoy.

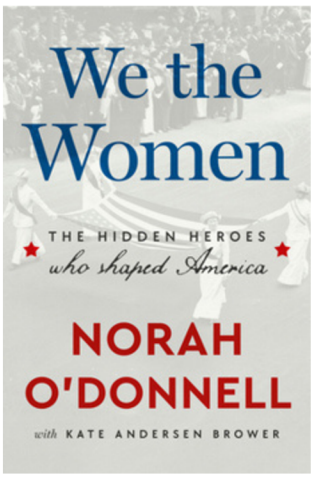
Visit our website for more information on this project including the official blueprints, sponsors, and more.

New in Adult Non-Fiction







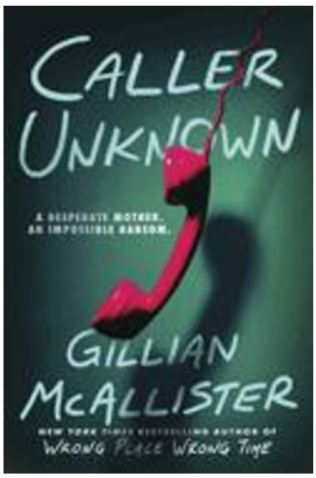


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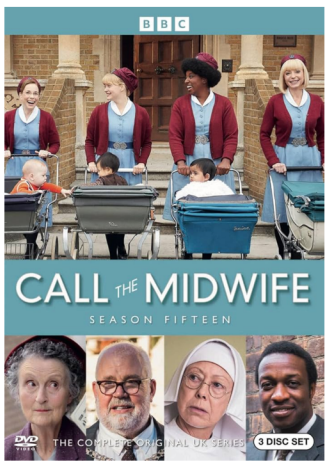




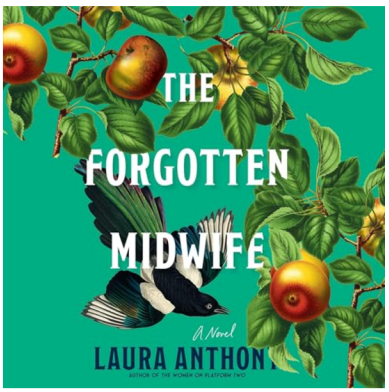


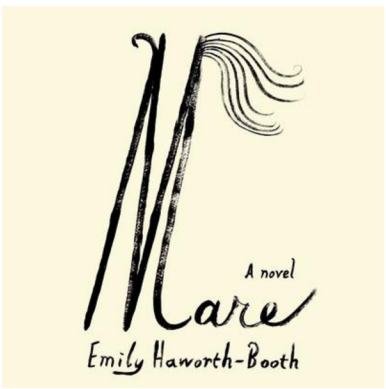


New in Adult Media









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