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Flower Memorial Library Newsletter

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The library is home to a fascinating collection of dolls once owned by our benefactor, Emma Flower Taylor, and her father, Roswell P. Flower. Most of these dolls were collected around the world during Roswell's travels. You can find the doll collection in the basement, on the right-hand side.

Friends of the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library

Annual Fall Book Sale

Bargain hunters and book lovers, rejoice! The Annual Book Sale is here!

Whether you're a devoted bookworm, an occasional reader, or someone who simply can't resist a good deal, the Friends Book Sale offers something for everyone. Browse thousands of gently used books, movies, music, puzzles, and more all at wallet-friendly prices.

From October 17-26. For more information, jump to page 7!

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 October 16
Friday October 30

Join us in the Children's Room for some fun process painting! Our first process painting involves using q-tips or our fingers to create colorful leaves on a tree. Our second process painting involves paper plates and sponges to create boo-tiful jack-o-lanterns.

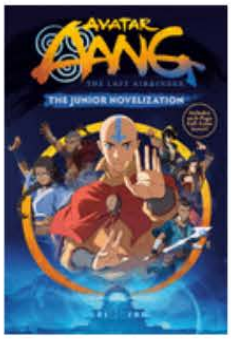
Music and Movement



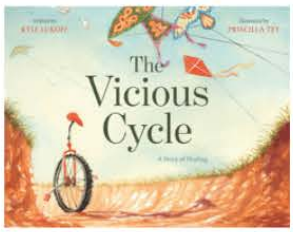
For ages 0-5
Facilitated by: Jamie (with guest Sarah Wolfe)
Children's Room at 10:30am
Monday October 26

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.

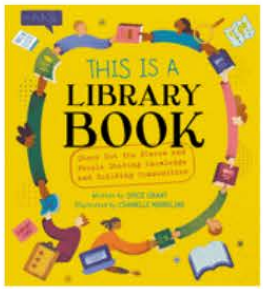
New in Our Children's Room

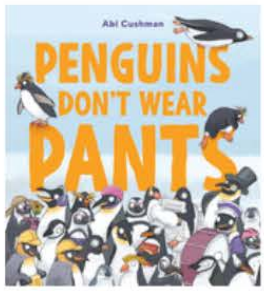












Events for Kids, Tweens, and Teens

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

Teen Take & Make Kits



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space
Thursday October 1 at 10am
Saturday October 17 at 9am

Get creative with our monthly teen craft kits! Each kit includes supplies and instructions for a fun project you can make at home. This month: Ghostly Coffins on 10/1 and Spooky Paintings on 10/17.

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

Kids & Tween Art Club



For ages 6-12
Facilitated by: Suzie
(with guest Shalaina Thompson)
Children's Room at 4pm
Friday October 2

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

Teen Open Gaming



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

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

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

Jump to page 6 for information on our annual Halloween event!



Tween Gaming



For ages 8-12
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 6pm
Monday October 5

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 Take & Make Craft Kits



For ages 3-12
Presented by: Jamie
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday October 10

On one Saturday of each month, grab a craft kit to make with your little ones!
This month: Halloween Charm Bracelet

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

PSA!

Please arrive on time to programs! Programs may be canceled if no participants arrive within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time.

Staff discretion will be used if necessary. We greatly appreciate your understanding and continued support for our programming!

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Book Display Brigade



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 4pm
Thursday October 22

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

Not-So-Haunted Headstones



For ages 6-12
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 6pm
Tuesday October 27

Get into the Halloween spirit by creating a haunted (or not-so-haunted) headstone! Paint and decorate a cardboard "headstone" using the provided art supplies. Supplies will be available on a first come, first served basis while they last.

Need volunteer services hours for honor society, church, or another organization? We have volunteer opportunities for teens coming up!

HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT-OR-TRUCKS

Date: Saturday, October 3

Time: 9:30am - 12:00pm

Ages: 12 and up can volunteer; event is for all ages

Possible tasks: Restock candy, help with crafts, run a game, take photos, guide patrons, set-up, clean-up

Costumes encouraged!

Please let Ms. Jamie know by 9/28 if you would like to volunteer!

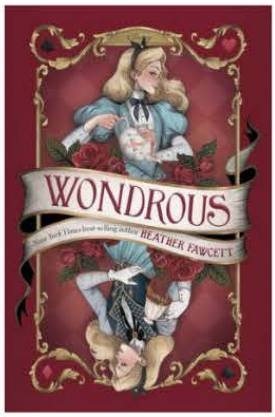
Contact Jamie at jlaplaca@ncls.org to let her know you'd like to volunteer at our Halloween event or to inquire about other opportunities!

Staff will be available to sign any volunteer forms you may have after the events.

New in Our Teen Space

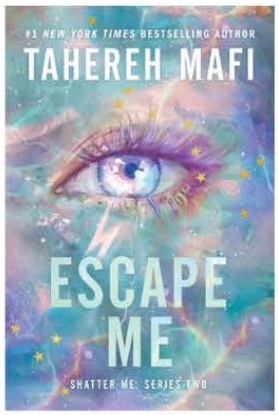












Q: What does a vampire say when they find a great book?

Jump to page 5 for the answer!



Information & Events for Both Youth & Adults

The library will be closed Monday, October 12 for Columbus Day & Indigenous Peoples' Day. We reopen Tuesday, October 13 at 9am.

Spooky Tea Party



For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Olivia
Children's Room at 11am
Saturday October 10

Join us for a morning of fright and delight! Witches, ghouls, and ghosts, come dressed in your spookiest clothes. Costumes are welcome but not required. Enjoy apple cider, snacks, and crafts.

Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie
Room TBD at 4pm
Tuesday October 13

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

LEGO Club

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie (with guest Jack Falge)
Children's Room at 4pm
Thursday October 15



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

A: "This is fang-tastic!"

Jump back to page 4 for the question!

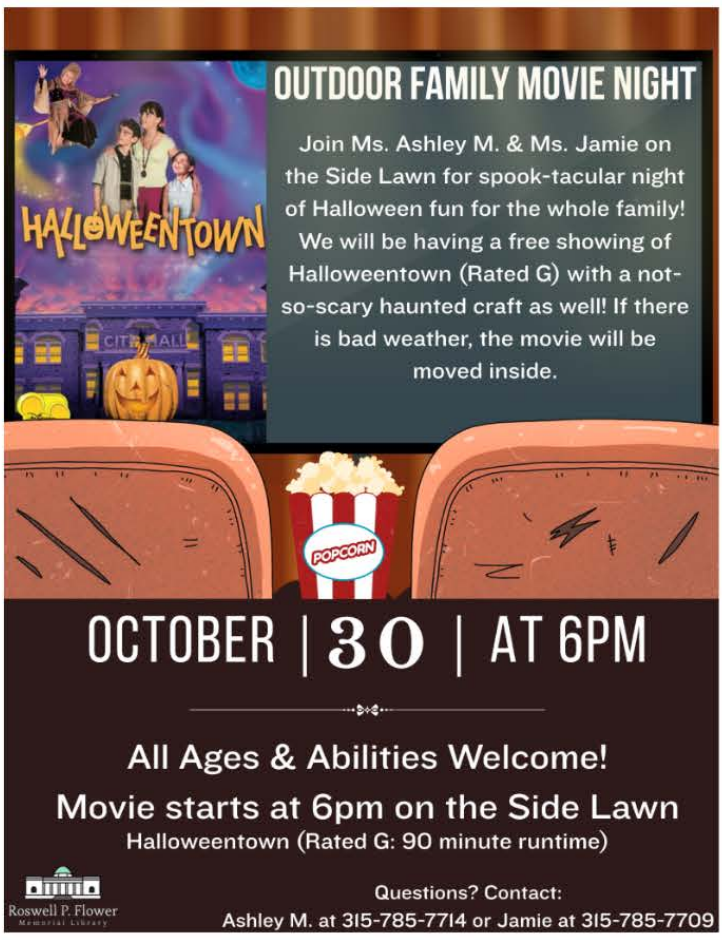


Outdoor Family Movie Night

For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Ashley M & Jamie
Side Lawn OR Main Floor at 6pm
Friday October 30

Join Ms. Ashley M. & Ms. Jamie on the Side Lawn for a spook-tacular night of Halloween fun for the whole family! We will have a free showing of Halloweentown (Rated G) with a not-so-scary haunted craft as well. If there is bad weather, the movie will be moved inside.

Note: This is an after-hours event, so some of our library services will not be available. This includes but is not limited to our public computers, Circulation Desk, Reference Desks, and Children's Room.



HALLOWEEN

TRICK-OR-TREAT-OR-TRUCKS

JOIN US FOR A SPOOKTACULAR DAY OF FUN THE WHOLE FAMILY WILL ENJOY! PLAY GAMES, GET CRAFTY, EXPLORE BIG TRUCKS, AND HONK SOME HORNS! COSTUMES ENCOURAGED! HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES WILL BE AT THE LIBRARY AND TRUCKS WILL BE AT CITY HALL.

CANDY IS INCLUDED WITH EACH ACTIVITY.
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TRICK-OR-TREAT BAGS.

Saturday, October 3rd

10AM-11:30AM

ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME

RAIN OR SHINE!

PETS & RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ARE NOT PERMITTED. SERVICE DOGS ARE WELCOME.
MOBILITY DEVICES MAY BE USED FOR ACCESSIBILITY PURPOSES ONLY.

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Special Events

ANNUAL BOOK SALE 2026

Bargain hunters and book lovers, rejoice!
The Annual Book Sale is here!

The sale begins with a Preview Night for members of The Friends of the Flower Memorial Library on October 16 from 6:30pm-8:30pm. To become a Friends member, sign up at the library, at the door at this event, or online via our website.

The sale is open to the public October 17-October 26. It is open during regular library hours. Cash only!

Whether you're a devoted bookworm, an occasional reader, or someone who simply can't resist a good deal, the Annual Book Sale has something for everyone. Browse thousands of gently used materials at wallet-friendly prices. (C'mon...$1 for a like-new copy of Twilight?! You can't beat that!)

And if you leave with more books than you can carry, you're not alone.

Every purchase helps support library programs, services, and special projects that benefit the entire community. So grab a giant Ikea bag, bring a friend, and get ready to hunt for literary treasures. You never know what you'll find!

For more information, please contact Library Director Suzie at 315-785-7701 or srenzi-falge@ncls.org.

Events for Adults

Adult Book Clubs

Original Library Book Club
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Olivia
South Reading Room at 6:30pm
Monday October 5

Join us this month as we discuss the book The Beautiful Mystery by Louise Penny. 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 October 14

Join us on Zoom to chat about all things books and romance! At this meeting, we'll discuss The Spellshop by Sarah Beth Durst.

Spice Club Kits: Pumpkin Pie Spice
For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Main Floor at 10am
Thursday October 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!

Tea Club Kit
For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday October 3



On the 1st Saturday of each month, grab a take home kit. Pick up at the Circulation Desk. Each kit will include two tea bags, two honey sticks, and brewing suggestions. This month's kit will include Stash Decaf Pumpkin Spice and Cinnamon Vanilla.

Adult Take & Make Craft Kits
For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday October 3



On the first Saturday of each month, grab a craft kit to make at home. Pick up at the Circulation Desk. This month's craft: Paint your own Halloween ornament.

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

Board Games & Bites
For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Old Watertown Room at 12pm
Friday October 9



Take a break from the workday and join us for Board Games and Bites! Adults are invited to bring a bagged lunch, meet fellow game lovers, and enjoy a relaxed hour of tabletop fun. We'll have a selection of games available, or feel free to bring a favorite to share. Whether you're a seasoned strategist or just looking for a fun way to spend your lunch break, there's a seat at the table for you!

Spooky Paint by Number



For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Old Watertown Room at 4pm
Thursday October 15

Join us for a spooky paint by number activity. Light refreshments will be served.

Note: Limit 15 Participants. No registration. In-person only. First come first served.

Anything Goes Reading Club



For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Old Watertown Room at 6pm
Wednesday October 21

Discover a space where stories and ideas come together. Welcoming curious readers to share in a relaxed environment. Join us in the historic Old Watertown Room to read in a beautiful space with ambiance music and light refreshments.

Participants will get to explore different genres, share thoughts, meet other readers, and even try a new title based on recommendations from your library staff!

Senior Planet: Protecting Your Personal Information Online



For ages 55+
Presented by: Ashley P.
1812 Room at 10am
Saturday October 24

This presentation will cover the ins and outs of how to protect your personal information online. We'll cover tips for staying safe in cyberspace, like safe browsing, how to recognize online scams, and when it's OK — or not — to share your personal information online.

Note: Although the curriculum is designed for ages 55+, all ages welcome to attend.

Link to Hope: Suicide Prevention Training

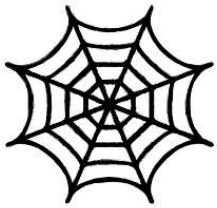


For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
1812 Room at 6pm
Wednesday October 28

If you encountered someone experiencing a medical emergency, would you know what to do? Now imagine you encountered someone experiencing severe emotional distress. Perhaps so severe they were even thinking about suicide. Would you know how to recognize if someone might be in that level of distress and know how to offer similar assistance like First Aid? In this workshop we will review some basic background information on suicide and discuss how to recognize the ways in which a person thinking about suicide often invites help either directly or indirectly, how to feel confident in approaching that person to ask openly and directly about suicide, what to do if the response is 'yes', and how to support someone if they acknowledge that they are thinking about suicide.

Note: Registration is required! Contact Ashley Pickett at 315-785-7714 to reserve your slot.

Cobweb Canvas



For ages 18+
Presented by: Olivia
Children's Room at 5pm
Thursday October 29

Join us for a spooky salt cobweb canvas craft.

Note: Limit 20 Participants. No registration. In-person only. First come first served.

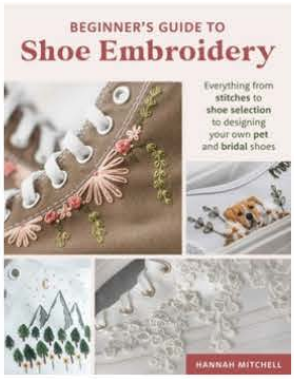
Graveyard Recipes: Recording Family History with Food

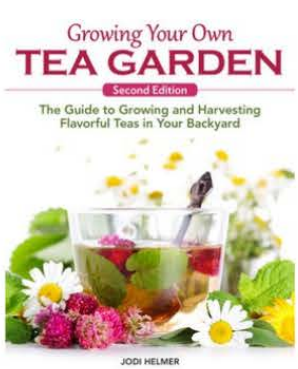


For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley M.
Old Watertown Room at 10am
Saturday October 31

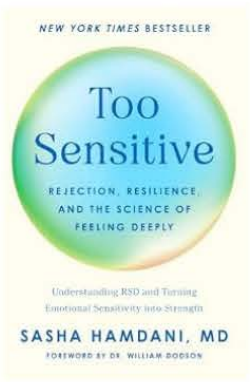
Let's explore the spooky side of genealogy! Learn about the fascinating phenomenon of graveyard recipes and discover how food can preserve memories, traditions, and history.

New in Adult Non-Fiction

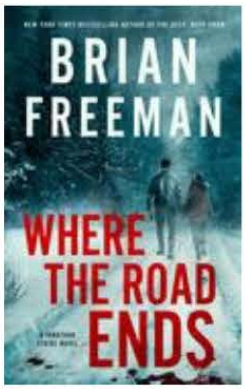


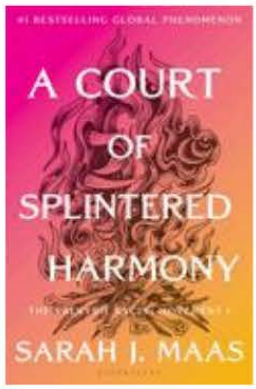


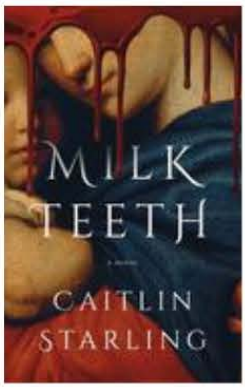


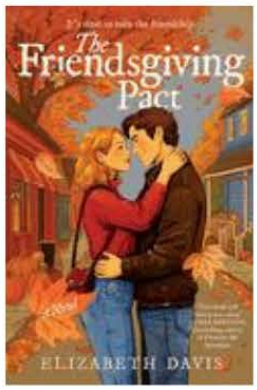


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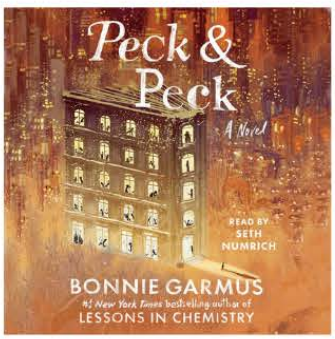








New in Adult Media



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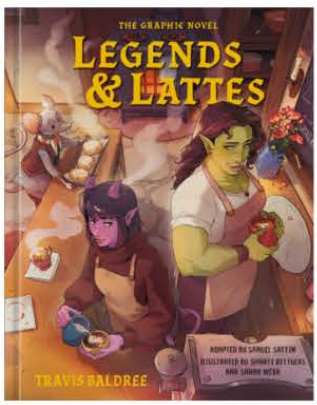


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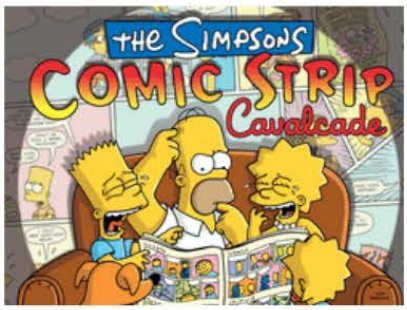


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New in Adult Graphic Novels









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