



# The Word on the Shelves



Your Monthly Dose of  
Books  
News  
and  
Library Happenings

## What's New on the Shelves?

Ring in the new year with our January edition of *The Word on the Shelves*! Dare we say...it's more entertaining than an *Elf on the Shelf*? We're kicking off the year with a fresh batch of books that'll keep you turning pages through these cold winter nights—whether you're into spine-tingling mysteries, heartwarming fiction that might just make you cry (but in a good way), or action-packed adventures that'll make you question your current couch potato status, we have something for you. And don't forget—this issue is packed with all the exciting events happening at the library to start the year off right!

### On the Shelves Now:

*"Now or Never"*

by Janet Evanovich

She said yes to Morelli. She said yes to Ranger. With two fiancés and no idea what to do about it, she might not live long enough to marry anyone.

*"The Waters"*

by Bonnie Jo Campbell

A mesmerizing tale about exceptional women and the soul of a small town. Perfect for fans of *"Where The Crawdads Sing"*.

*"To Die For"*

by David Baldacci

The 6:20 Man returns to aid in a complicated FBI case—and he's about to come face-to-face with his nemesis, the girl on the train.

*"The House of Cross"*

by James Patterson

In Washington, DC, the president-elect is planning her inauguration. The list of Supreme Court candidates is highly confidential—until it becomes evidence.

### Coming in January:

*"They All Fall the Same"*

by Wes Browne (Jan 7)

An organized crime boss in Kentucky believes money and power are everything until his enterprise collides with a family tragedy.

*"Cross My Heart"*

by Megan Collins (Jan 14)

Emotionally charged, and a twisty novel about a heart transplant patient who becomes romantically obsessed with her donor's husband.

*"The Note"*

by Alafair Burke (Jan 7)

A vacation in the Hamptons goes terribly wrong for three friends with a complicated history.

*"The Crash"*

by Frieda McFadden (Jan 28)

A gut-wrenching story of motherhood, survival, and twisted expectations, McFadden delivers a snowbound thriller that will chill you to the bone.



## Library News

December was an exciting month at the library, with a wonderful mix of STEM learning, holiday cheer, and community support!

Our STEM program featured a take-home packet where kids could build their own straw rockets, exploring aerodynamics and launching their creations at home. The packets were a big hit, offering both a fun and educational experience for young engineers and rocket enthusiasts.

In addition to our STEM activity, we hosted a festive Ornament Making Program, where children enjoyed creating their own holiday ornaments to add a special touch to their celebrations.

Our Holiday Open House was another highlight of the season, featuring a bake sale, book sale, and festive refreshments. The event also included a special visit from Santa, delighting children and families alike.

The celebration culminated in our Raffle Fundraiser, which featured amazing prizes and raised funds to support future library programs. Thank you to everyone who donated to the raffle, participated in the open house and helped make this fundraiser a success!

We're grateful for all the support and fun shared this holiday season and look forward to more exciting programs in the new year!

## January Programs

This month, we're bringing you a mix of programs! Check out what's coming up:

### **Preschool Storytime**

Date: January 17 | Time: 10:30 AM

Bring the kids for a fun-filled morning of stories, songs, and crafts!

### **Michelangelo & The High Renaissance**

Date: January 21 | Time: 1:00 PM

Come learn about the Renaissance life, career and lasting legacy of Michelangelo Buonarroti.

### **Movie Afternoon**

Date: January 24 | Time: 1:30 PM

Enjoy a family-friendly film in a cozy setting, perfect for young movie lovers.

## Good to Know

As we wrap up this edition of The Word on the Shelves, we want to remind you that we're always happy to help you discover your next great read or find the resources you need.

### **Library Hours:**

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

### **Contact Us:**

Phone: (712) 364-2306

Email: [library@idagrove.lib.ia.us](mailto:library@idagrove.lib.ia.us)

Website: [www.idagrove.lib.ia.us](http://www.idagrove.lib.ia.us)

We look forward to seeing you soon - whether it's for a new book, an exciting program, or just a cozy corner to relax and read. Happy reading!