



The Word on the Shelves



Your Monthly Dose of
Books
News
and
Library Happenings

August at Your Library — Soaking Up the Last Sweet Days of Summer

Hello, friends! As we turn the calendar to August, there's a familiar feeling in the air—those golden summer evenings and the slow but steady rhythm of back-to-school preparations creeping in. It's a time of both savoring what's left and gently looking ahead. Here at the library, we're embracing every bit of this beautiful in-between season with open arms. Whether you're soaking up a few more lazy afternoons with a good book, stopping in to cool off, or just popping by to say hello, we're so glad you're here.

So take a deep breath, grab an iced tea (or a library tote!), and read on to see what's happening this month. We can't wait to welcome you in.

On the Shelves Now:

"The Tenant"

by Freida McFadden

A gripping psychological thriller where a landlord discovers chilling secrets hidden behind a tenant's locked door.

"The Real Michael Swan"

by Bryan Reardon

When a man disappears during a mass attack, his wife's desperate search reveals the truth might be more terrifying than his vanishing.

"The Unraveling of Julia"

by Lisa Scottoline

A heart-wrenching legal drama about a mother fighting for justice after tragedy shatters her seemingly perfect world.

"She Didn't See it Coming"

by Shari Lapena

A chilling tale of murder, deceit, and betrayal—where everyone has something to hide, and no one saw it coming.

Coming in August

"Jenny Cooper Has a Secret"

by Joy Fielding (Aug 8)

A woman's carefully guarded past threatens to explode when a familiar face returns and secrets refuse to stay buried.

"Emma on Fire"

by James Patterson (Aug 19)

When a young woman becomes the prime suspect in a deadly blaze, uncovering the truth may burn more than it saves.

"Star of Wonder"

by Robin Lee Hatcher (Aug 19)

A heartfelt Christmas novella where family, faith, and forgiveness come together under the glow of a winter star.

"Smuggler's Cove"

by Fern Michaels (Aug 26)

The Sisterhood is back—this time taking down a ruthless smuggling ring hiding in plain sight on the coast.



July Wrap-Up: A Summer To Remember at the Library

What a fantastic summer it's been at the library! July was full of fun, learning, and connection—and we're so grateful to everyone who joined in to make it special.

Our Summer Reading Program wrapped up its final event on July 22, but the reading fun isn't over yet—logs can still be turned in through August 9. So if you're still counting up those minutes, keep going! With 149 readers registered and a whopping 50,560 minutes read throughout June and July, this summer has truly been one for the books.

We hosted three in-library programs that brought plenty of smiles and laughter: the ever-entertaining Dan Kirk, the musical magic of Aaron Fowler, and some serious sudsy fun with our bubble stations. We also brought the magic of the movies to the community by sponsoring three free showings at the King Theater, giving families another great way to connect and unwind this summer.

Our gazebo project is making exciting progress too—the sides are up, and we're now just waiting on the roof, electrical work, and landscaping. If all goes as planned, this lovely new space will be finished by the end of August, just in time for you to enjoy some crisp fall air with a book in hand!

And let's not forget the helpful cell phone class on July 21, presented in partnership with Connections Area Agency on Aging. Participants left feeling more confident and connected—proof that it's never too late to learn something new.

From start to finish, July was filled with energy, creativity, and community spirit. And while summer may be winding down, we're still going strong—so don't be a stranger. Come visit, check out something new, and keep those reading minutes rolling!



Warning:

Library visits may cause excessive reading, sudden laughter, and a love of learning.

Extras...



Let's talk aging well...

We're excited to welcome Connections Area Agency on Aging back to the library for a special afternoon program focused on aging well—because planning for the future is one of the best gifts we can give ourselves and our loved ones.

Whether you're caring for a parent or spouse, navigating your own next chapter, or simply curious about the resources available in our community, this program is for you. Join us on Tuesday, August 12 at 1:00 PM for a relaxed, friendly session where you'll learn about local services, support programs, and helpful tools designed to make aging a little easier—and a lot more empowered.

Bring your questions, bring a friend, and come ready to learn something new. We'll have helpful handouts, plenty of time for discussion, and of course, the welcoming library atmosphere you know and love. Everyone is welcome!



A Big Thank You to Our Community Partners!

Our Summer Reading Program wouldn't have been the same without the amazing support of our community partners. Your generosity helped us fill the library with laughter, stories, creativity, and so many happy memories.

Thank you for helping us create a summer that was truly unforgettable—for every reader, every age, and every smile along the way!

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Good to Know

Before you go, just a quick reminder—whether you need help finding your next favorite book, printing a document, or just a cozy spot to recharge, we're here for you. Stop in, call, or drop us a message—we love connecting with our community and helping however we can!

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

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Thanks for being part of our library family. Every visit, every checkout, every wave hello helps keep this place vibrant and full of life. We can't wait to see you soon!
