



# The Word on the Shelves



Your Monthly Dose of  
Books  
News  
and  
Library Happenings

## Welcome to October at Your Library!

As the days grow shorter and the leaves begin to turn, October invites us to slow down, cozy up, and discover new stories. This month, instead of looking back, we're looking ahead—because October is overflowing with exciting new releases you won't want to miss! From gripping mysteries to heartwarming romances and festive holiday tales, these upcoming titles are the perfect companions for crisp autumn days as they arrive throughout the month. There's no better time to settle in and explore something new. Check out our list of October arrivals below and find your next great read!

***The Amish Ballerina* – Wanda Brunstetter**

A tender Amish tale of a young woman balancing her faith with her dreams of dance.

***The Second Story Bookshop* – Denise Hunter**

A charming story of love and second chances set in a cozy small-town bookshop.

***Sharp Force* – Patricia Cornwell**

A gripping Kay Scarpetta thriller that delves into forensic science and danger.

***Remain* – Nicholas Sparks**

A poignant love story of loss, resilience, and the enduring power of memory.

***Cry Havoc* – Jack Carr**

An explosive military thriller packed with action, betrayal, and high stakes.

***The Picasso Heist* – James Patterson**

A fast-paced art-world caper where priceless paintings and deadly secrets collide.

***The Sword of Light* – Heather Graham**

A supernatural thriller that blends history, legend, and suspense.

***Gone Before Goodbye* – Harlan Coben**

A twisting mystery about disappearance, deception, and family ties.

***Dying Cry* – Margaret Mizushima**

A riveting K-9 mystery as Deputy Mattie Cobb faces danger close to home.

***The Widow* – John Grisham**

A powerful legal drama about secrets, inheritance, and the search for justice.

***The Proving Ground* – Michael Connelly**

A taut crime thriller where courtroom battles and street justice collide.

***A Ferry Merry Christmas* – Debbie Macomber**

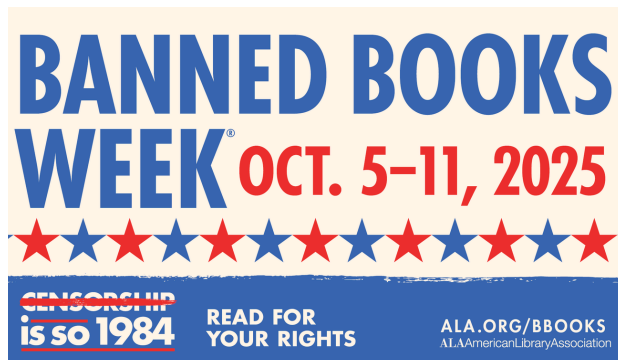
A warm holiday romance full of festive cheer and second chances.

***Coyote Hills* – Jonathan Kellerman**

A psychological thriller with Alex Delaware unraveling dark family secrets.

***Code Blue* – Fern Michaels**

A fast-moving suspense novel about justice, danger, and fierce determination.



## Banned Books Week: Celebrate The Freedom to Read

From October 5–11, libraries and readers across the country are recognizing Banned Books Week, an annual event that shines a light on the importance of free and open access to information. This week celebrates the stories that have been challenged or banned over the years—often for their themes, characters, or ideas—and reminds us why diverse voices matter.

Join us as we showcase some of the most frequently challenged books and invite you to explore these powerful reads for yourself. Banned Books Week is about more than just books—it's about protecting the right of every reader to choose their own story.

## Library News

We're excited to kick off a new season of Storytime and After-School Programs this fall! Storytime invites our youngest readers and their caregivers to enjoy books and fun activities together, while After-School Programs offer kids and teens a chance to explore, create, and learn in a welcoming space.

Meanwhile, fresh landscaping around the library's gazebo will be taking place during the first week of October. We're looking forward to unveiling the improvements soon—stay tuned for details on an upcoming ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of this new library space.

### October Programs

Discover all the ways to connect, learn, and have fun this October at the library:

#### **Preschool Storytime**

Date: October 3 | Time: 10:30 AM  
Bring the kids for a fun-filled morning of stories, songs, and crafts!

#### **After School Adventures**

Date: October 8 | Time: 1:30 PM  
explore, create, and learn in a fun, hands-on environment

#### **Movie Afternoon**

Date: October 17 & 24 | Time: 1:30 PM  
Enjoy a family-friendly film in a cozy setting, perfect for young movie lovers.

### Adult Programs

#### **Connections Class**

Date: October 9 | Time: 1:00 PM  
In partnership with Connections Area Agency on Aging, the library is offering a class designed to help seniors feel confident using computers and the internet. Participants will learn essential skills in navigating online resources—all in a supportive, friendly setting.

### 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

Stop by the library soon and discover all the stories and adventures waiting for you this October!



## Holiday Happenings at the Library

The holiday season is just around the corner, and the library is gearing up for our biggest celebration and fundraiser of the year! We're busy preparing for a season full of cheer, community, and of course, books.

Mark your calendars for our Holiday Open House on Sunday, November 23, where the library will be buzzing with festive fun. Stop by for our Bake & Book Sale, a yearly tradition that's perfect for picking up holiday treats and unique gifts while supporting the library. From delicious homemade goodies to gently used books, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

But the excitement doesn't stop there! Our Holiday Raffle kicks off on November 10, and we're inviting the community to help make it a success. The library is accepting donations for the raffle table through November 7. New items, gift sets, festive treats—your contributions help create a raffle full of treasures that our patrons will love.

The raffle runs through December 13, with winners drawn on December 15, making it the perfect way to add extra sparkle to someone's holiday season.

This event is more than just a fundraiser—it's a celebration of community and the joy of giving. Every raffle ticket purchased, every item donated, and every sweet treat enjoyed at the Bake & Book Sale helps support library programs, resources, and events that touch lives year-round. Whether you're a longtime library supporter or just discovering all we have to offer, this is your chance to join in the holiday spirit and make a difference.

We can't wait to see you at the library this holiday season—come share in the fun, pick up something special, and help us make this year's celebration the most memorable yet!

*Thank you for reading!*

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