

# The Word on the Shelves



Your Monthly Dose of  
Books  
News  
and  
Library Happenings

## What's New on the Shelves?

May is a busy time in our community, filled with graduations, summer plans, and plenty to look forward to. Here at the library, we're getting ready for an exciting season ahead—be sure to check out details on our upcoming "Plant a Seed, Read" Summer Reading Program later in this issue.

It's also a great time to stop in and explore what's new. We've added fresh titles to our shelves, with more anticipated releases arriving throughout May—perfect for finding your next great read.

### On the Shelves Now:

*Final Storm*

by Fern Michaels

A photographer rebuilding her life is pulled into danger when love, loss, and long-buried secrets collide.

*Last One Out*

by Jane Harper

A return to a fading ghost town unearths grief, secrets, and a mystery that refuses to stay buried.

*Revenge Prey*

by John Sandford

Lucas Davenport and Virgil Flowers team up for a fast-paced hunt where the past isn't done with its victims yet.

*The Correspondent*

by Virginia Evans

A life unfolds through letters and emails, revealing humor, heart, and the hidden truths we don't always say out loud.

*Mad Mabel*

by Sally Hepworth

A darkly witty domestic suspense featuring a very complicated woman, a tangled family, and secrets that refuse to stay quiet.

### Coming in May:

*The Trouble Up North*

by Travis Mulhauser

A gritty, rural family story where survival, loyalty, and old bootlegging ties pull everyone into difficult choices.

*Beneath a Broken Sky*

by Joshua Moehling

A small-town mystery where long-buried secrets begin to surface and nothing stays hidden for long.

*Chasing the Clouds Away*

by Debbie Macomber

A warm, uplifting story centered on hope, second chances, and finding joy in life's unexpected turns.

*Ironwood*

by Michael Connelly

A crime thriller driven by investigation and danger, where uncovering the truth comes at a high cost.

*Final Target*

by Nora Roberts

A high-stakes romantic suspense story where danger and determination collide in a fight to survive.



## Library News

April was a busy and engaging month at the library!

We wrapped up our final after-school program of the season with a hands-on STEM Building Challenge using KEVA Planks, where participants put creativity, problem-solving, and engineering skills to the test.

On April 7th, we hosted an important informational session in partnership with the Connections Area Agency on Aging focused on identifying scams and fraud. The class provided valuable tips and resources to help community members stay informed and protected.

Looking ahead, May will be the final month of storytimes for the year, and we've enjoyed sharing stories, songs, and early literacy fun with

our youngest readers and their families throughout the year.

Staff are now busy preparing for our upcoming summer programs, including the "Plant a Seed, Read" Summer Reading Program—more details on the next page!

We are also pleased to share that our Local History Archive database will soon be updated to improve accessibility and meet WCAG 2.1 standards, helping ensure a better and more inclusive experience for all users.

Thank you for being part of a vibrant and active library season—we look forward to seeing you this summer!

### May Programs

#### **Preschool Storytime**

Date: May 1 & May 15 | Time: 10:30 AM  
Bring the kids for a fun-filled morning of stories, songs, and crafts!

#### **Protecting Yourself Online**

Date: May 5 | Time: 11:00 AM  
Join Pam from Connections to learn how to protect yourself online.

#### **Ceramic Painting Class**

Date: May 19 | Time: 5-7 PM  
Pick a ceramic project and learn how to paint with D&L Ceramics.  
Registration and payment required for your choice of ceramic. Call for more details.

### Good to Know

The library will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Labor Day.

#### **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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Read on to learn more about what's coming up at the library—including full summer reading details, registration information, and recognition of our generous donors who help make it all possible.

# Plant a Seed, Read!



## Summer Reading....

Our “Plant a Seed, Read” Summer Reading Program invites readers of all ages to grow their love of reading all summer long!

Participants will track reading, earn fun rewards, and take part in library activities designed to keep minds growing and imaginations thriving.

From young children to adults, everyone is encouraged to join in and help us cultivate a strong reading community this summer.



## Register Today!

Registration is open now! Our summer program officially kicks off on June 2nd, at which time participants can begin tracking their reading. . Families are encouraged to register early so participants are ready to start as soon as the program begins. Registration can be completed in person at the library or through our website.



## Thank You!

We are grateful to our generous community sponsors who help make the Summer Reading Program possible. Their support allows us to provide engaging prizes, activities, and incentives that encourage reading for all ages. Thank you for investing in literacy and helping our programs grow year after year!

# 2026 SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAMS

**June 2 @ 1pm**

Garden Critter Encounter: Plant a seed of curiosity as you meet fascinating garden critters up close with a local naturalist.



**June 9 @ 1pm**

Curtis Hed Magic Show: Plant a seed of wonder with a high-energy magic show full of laughs and surprises. Sponsored by Shelby County State Bank 



**June 16 @ 1pm**

Black Mambas Program: Plant a seed of courage while learning about South Africa's inspiring all-women anti-poaching team.



**June 23 @ 1pm**

Growing Little Gardeners: Plant a real seed and grow your own lettuce garden while learning fun gardening basics.



**June 30 @ 1pm**

Darrin Crow, Storyteller: Plant a seed of imagination with lively, engaging stories for all ages.



**July 7 @ 1pm**

Circus Pop Finale: Plant a seed of joy at our grand finale with a dazzling giant bubble show.



## Summer Schedule

Please refer to the schedule above for a full list of Kids Summer Reading events, programs, and activities taking place throughout the season. Complete details are also available on our website..

If you have any questions about registration, events, or how to participate, please don't hesitate to call or stop by the library. We are always happy to help and get you connected with everything happening this summer.

We look forward to welcoming you for a season filled with reading, learning, and community fun at the library!