

The Word on the Shelves



Your Monthly Dose of Books News and Library Happenings

What's New on the Shelves?

There's something a little magical about reading on a rainy spring day—when the world outside is starting to bloom, but it's just as inviting to slow down, curl up, and watch the rain fall with a good book in hand. We're excited to share a new selection of books now on our shelves—take a look at our featured releases and see what's waiting for you! Keep reading to see what's coming up and mark your calendar so you don't miss out. We look forward to seeing you at the library this month!

On the Shelves Now:

Scorched Line

by Shannon Baker

A rural sheriff's search for truth collides with secrets and danger on the Nebraska plains.

When Justice Comes

by Colleen Coble

A woman returns home and is pulled into a decades old mystery of betrayal, faith, and justice.

The Missing Sister

by Joshilyn Jackson

A woman's life unravels when a long-lost sister appears—and nothing is what it seems.

The Creek, the Crone, and the Crow

by Leah Weiss

In Appalachia, a mysterious woman's arrival stirs folklore, healing, and long-buried secrets.

The Last Letter

by Rebecca Yarros

A heartfelt story of love, loss, and unexpected connection sparked by a soldier's final wish.

Coming in April:

The Mother-Daughter Book Club

by James Patterson

A group of women find friendship, healing, and surprises through the bonds of a shared book club.

The Fair Chase

by Travis Mulhauser

A tense hunt in the wilderness turns into a gripping story of survival and moral reckoning.

The Lost Girls of Craven County

by Emily Matchar

A journalist uncovers chilling truths behind missing girls in a tight-knit Southern community.

The Sapphire Sea

by Davis Bunn

Adventure and intrigue unfold as hidden secrets surface along a stunning coastal setting.

Hope Rises

by David Baldacci

A powerful story of resilience and second chances in the face of life's toughest challenges.



Library News

March was a busy and productive month at the library, even if our program calendar was a little lighter than usual. Behind the scenes, staff have been hard at work preparing for our upcoming summer programs, completing grant applications, and adding new materials and resources to better serve our community.

We've still enjoyed some great moments together this past month, including our regular storytime, two movie afternoons featuring Elio and Zootopia 2, and a creative LEGO Day. These smaller programs continue to be a wonderful way for us to connect, learn, and have fun together.

A big highlight this month was receiving a generous donation from the Norma Jean Warner Trust, along with 485 other libraries across the state.

We are incredibly grateful for this support, which helps us continue to grow our collection and expand the services we offer.

In addition, we've been busy inventorying our STEM kits to ensure everything is organized, complete, and ready for use. If you didn't know we offer these, we encourage you to stop in and explore the selection—we currently have 18 STEM kits available for checkout, offering hands-on learning opportunities for a variety of ages and interests.

As we look ahead, much of our focus is on planning and preparing for a full lineup of summer programs. We can't wait to share more details in the coming weeks and hope you'll join us for all the fun ahead!

April Programs

Fraud & Scams

Date: April 7 | Time: 1:00 PM
Join Connections AAA to learn how to protect yourself from scams & fraud.

Preschool Storytime

Date: April 17 | Time: 10:30 AM
Bring the kids for a fun-filled morning of stories, songs, and crafts!

Early Out Program

Date: April 22 | Time: 1:30 PM
Stop by after school for a fun STEM project in the children's library.

Good to Know

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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April showers bring the perfect excuse to curl up with a good book—come in, explore, and let us help you find your next rainy-day favorite!