



The Word on the Shelves



Your Monthly Dose of
Books
News
and
Library Happenings

What's New on the Shelves?

As we welcome the new year, the library continues to be a place where our community can gather, learn, and explore. We are grateful for everyone who walked through our doors in 2025—whether to check out a favorite book, participate in a program, or simply enjoy a quiet moment among the shelves. It's because of our patrons that the library remains a vibrant and welcoming space for all.

January is a time for fresh starts and new stories, and there's no better place to start than here. From new books arriving on our shelves (see below for some great January releases) to upcoming programs and events, we're excited about what the year ahead holds and look forward to sharing it with you.

Coming in January:

Woman Down

by Colleen Hoover

A secluded retreat turns dangerous when secrets and a mysterious stranger disrupt a bestselling author's quiet life.

Dear Debbie

by Freida McFadden

A seemingly innocent letter unravels into a chilling psychological game where secrets refuse to stay buried.

My Husband's Wife

by Alice Feeney

A twisted domestic thriller where love, lies, and revenge collide inside a marriage that is anything but safe.

The Storm

by Rachel Hawkins

When a hurricane traps guests on a remote island, long-buried secrets surface with deadly consequences.

Private Rome

by James Patterson

A globe-trotting investigation plunges private detective Jack Morgan into a deadly conspiracy at the heart of Rome.

The Vows We Never Made

by Nicole Snow

A second-chance romance where unfinished promises and undeniable chemistry refuse to stay in the past.

Track of Courage

by Susan May Warren

Love and survival collide when danger in the Alaskan wilderness tests faith, trust, and bravery.

Order of Royals

by Jude Deveraux

A sweeping romantic adventure where royal secrets and forbidden love change lives forever.



A Place to Learn, Connect and Belong.
Stories and community, side by side.

2024
2025

BY THE NUMBERS



20,936

Neighbors welcomed into the library



17,851

Books, movies, and digital resources shared



4,812

Computer & wireless sessions bridging the digital divide

Library News

December was a busy and creative month at the library! One of our highlights was the After-School Maker Project, where kids made fleece tie pillows. The pillows were pre-cut, and participants tied the pieces together to create cozy pillows to take home. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and teamwork as they worked side by side. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make it such a fun afternoon!

Looking back on 2025, it was a year worth celebrating at the library:

- We welcomed 20,936 visits, a strong reflection of how much our community values library services and spaces.
- Patrons embraced digital reading, with 2,551 downloadable items checked out throughout the year.
- Our collection continued to grow with 718 new books and materials, bringing fresh stories and resources to our shelves.
- From storytimes to special events, we hosted 44 programs with 959 attendees, creating meaningful opportunities to learn, explore, and connect.

Did you know?

- 2025's most popular authors were Freida McFadden, Allen Eskens, and James Patterson, consistently topping our checkout lists throughout the year.
- Books were the most checked-out format, remaining a favorite among readers of all ages.
- Downloadable materials were checked out over 2,500 times, making digital reading more popular than ever.

Thanks to you, our patrons, the library continues to be a vibrant hub for learning, creativity, and connection—here's to another amazing year ahead!

January Programs

January is a quiet month at the library as we take a short program break after a busy holiday season. The cold weather gives everyone a chance to recharge, and our staff is using this time to plan exciting programs for the spring and summer.

Our next Story Time will be Friday, January 16 at 10:30 AM. Join us for stories, songs, and fun for little ones! While there are no after-school programs this month due to no early-out days, the library is the perfect place to explore books, digital resources, or enjoy a cozy visit.

Good to Know

Your library adventure starts here!
We're always happy to help you find your next great read, explore resources, or just enjoy a cozy visit.

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 checking in with us—come visit, explore, and make the library your go-to spot for learning, fun, and discovery in 2026!