



The Word on the Shelves



Your Monthly Dose of
Books
News
and
Library Happenings

What's New on the Shelves?

February may be the shortest month of the year, but it's full of exciting possibilities at the library! As we move through the heart of winter, we're looking forward to bringing you new stories, fresh programs, and plenty of reasons to stop by and stay awhile. Whether you're searching for your next great read, exploring new releases, or simply enjoying a quiet place to relax and learn, your library is here for you. Be sure to check out our upcoming books, programs, and events — there's something for everyone this month!

On the Shelves Now:

The First Time I Saw Him

by Laura Dave

Hannah and her stepdaughter are on the run, uncovering family secrets that could change their lives forever.

The Witching Hours

by Heather Graham

A chilling mystery unfolds in Salem as psychics and investigators chase dark, supernatural clues

Skylark

by Paula McLain

Two women, decades apart, navigate love, ambition, and courage in a story full of history and heart.

The Friend of the Family

by Dean Koontz

A gripping thriller where loyalty, trust, and danger collide in unexpected ways.

The Shop on Hidden Lane

by Jayne Ann Krentz

A mysterious shop, unexpected encounters, and a story that keeps you guessing until the last page.

Coming in February:

Good Intentions

by Marisa Walz

When carefully laid plans go awry, a story of secrets, mistakes, and surprising consequences unfolds

All the Little Houses

by May Cobb

A gripping tale of family secrets, hidden pasts, and the truths that shape our lives.

It's Not Her

by Mary Kubica

A psychological puzzle of identity, lies, and the shocking twists that keep readers on edge.

Jigsaw

by Jonathan Kellerman

Alex Delaware faces a new case where every clue could be the key to a dangerous mystery.

Cross and Sampson

by James Patterson

Two legendary investigators team up in a high-stakes chase that keeps readers turning pages.



Library News

While January was a quieter month for public programs, it was a very productive time behind the scenes at the library. We hosted a wonderful story time to kick off the new year and enjoyed spending time reading, learning, and connecting with our youngest patrons. It was a great way to start 2026 and set the tone for another year of community engagement.

Much of the month was also dedicated to important planning and administrative work that helps keep the library running smoothly. This included working on grant applications, completing our accreditation renewal, and tackling a variety of essential beginning-of-the-year paperwork. In addition, we began strategic

planning for 2026–2031, laying the groundwork for the library's future goals, services, and community impact.

Behind-the-scenes work like this may not always be visible, but it plays a vital role in strengthening the library and expanding what we're able to offer. From improving services and resources to developing new programs and partnerships, these efforts help ensure that we can continue to grow, adapt, and meet the evolving needs of our community.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to sharing many exciting updates, programs, and opportunities with you throughout the year!

February Programs

This month, we're bringing you a mix of programs for all ages! Check out what's coming up:

Preschool Storytime

Date: February 6 & 20 | Time: 10:30 AM
Bring the kids for a fun-filled morning of stories, songs, and crafts!

After School Adventures

Date: February 4 | Time: 1:30 PM
Join us for hands-on learning in a relaxed and welcoming environment

After School Adventures

Date: February 25 | Time: 1:30 PM
Build and test your own balloon-powered hovercraft in this hands-on STEM activity

Good to Know

Library cards are free for residents, public computers and Wi-Fi are always available, and our friendly staff are happy to help with research, printing, scanning, and more. Stop by or call anytime — we're here for you!

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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From our shelves to your hands, we can't wait to share another great month with you — see you at the library! Happy reading!