



THE AVID READER

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2026 A New Chapter

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"A library is the only single place you can go to learn something new, be comforted, terrified, thrilled, saddened, overjoyed, or excited all in one day. And for free."

- Amy Neftzger

LIBRARY NEWS

Chapters & Chatter

Love to read and talk about books?
We have a book club for you!

Important Details

- No need to register; just come on in and chat
- 2 time slots available (10 am & 4 pm) - come at the best time for you
- Attending both discussion days is not required

For more information, call Lillian at the Main Library, 812-752-2751

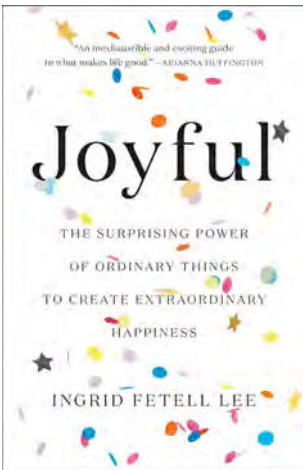
January

Monday, January 12th

Discussion of 1st half of book

Monday, January 26th

Discussion of entire book



"In Joyful, designer Ingrid Fetell Lee explores how the seemingly mundane spaces and objects we interact with every day have surprising and powerful effects on our mood.

Drawing on insights from neuroscience and psychology she reveals how we can harness the power of our surroundings to live fuller, healthier, and truly joyful lives."

February

Amusing Ourselves to Death
Neil Postman

Monday, February 9th

Discussion of 1st half of book

Monday, February 23rd

Discussion of entire book

March

Decluttering at the Speed of Life
Dana K. White

Monday, March 9th

Discussion of 1st half of book

Monday, March 23rd

Discussion of entire book

Are you

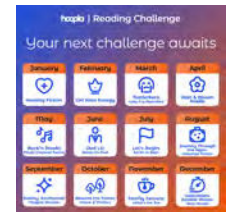
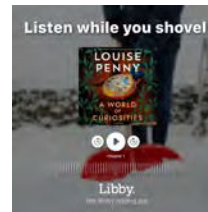
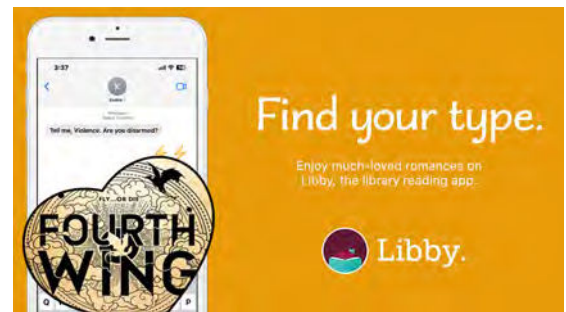
looking for new books?

For many years SCPL has purchased books from Baker & Taylor, one of the largest distributor of books to libraries in the United States.

In late 2025 we were informed that the company was closing. As a result, our purchases of new books were halted and we have had to find alternative options to best serve our community.

We would like to thank our avid readers for your cooperation and understanding as we navigate this challenge.

We look forward to serving up some new and exciting reads soon!



LIBRARY NEWS



One-on-one technology assistance is now available!
Here's a sampling of what we now offer.
Need help with something not listed?
Please reach out to us to see what we can do for you.

- Résumés
- New device set up
- Navigating Hoopla/Libby
- Setting up email
- Finding & printing documents

PLEASE NOTE

**THERE MAY BE SOME LIMITS TO WHAT HELP WE CAN OFFER.
WE CANNOT REPAIR DEVICES, GIVE LEGAL ADVICE, OR ENTER
PERSONAL INFORMATION FOR YOU.**

***By appointment only.**

To schedule call Lillian at the Scottsburg Main Library, @ 812-752-2751
or email at lilly@scott.lib.in.us

GALE

COURSES

Looking to pick up a new skill or boost your resume?

Check out Gale Courses, one of our free online learning resources available with your library card.

Gale Courses offers 325+ 6-week long interactive classes you can do at your own pace.

Classes are taught by college instructors who are experts in their field, and the course content is accessible for beginners as well as more advanced students.

Courses are offered on a wide array of topics, including:

- Beginning Writer's Workshop
- Certificate in Energy Medicine
- Computer Skills for the Workplace
- Creating Webpages
- Genealogy Basics
- Homeschool with Success
- Prepare for the GED Test
- Resume Writing Workshop
- Solving Classroom Discipline Problems
- Teaching Writing Grades K-3 & Grades 4-6

Plus, classes on computer programs and language learning.



**TO GET STARTED HAVE YOUR LIBRARY CARD NUMBER READY
(THE 12 DIGIT NUMBER ON THE BACK OF YOUR CARD).
SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO
[HTTPS://EDUCATION.GALE.COM/L-EVERGREENIN/](https://education.gale.com/l-evergreenin/)**



LIBRARY NEWS

Spotlight On

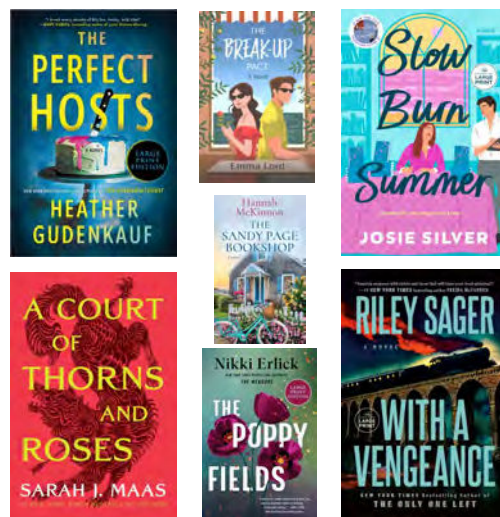
LARGE PRINT

SCPL aims to provide you with access to essential services and resources. In this volume of The Avid Reader, we will look at why Large Print materials are an essential accessibility tool and vital for our patrons.

What are large print books?

- Large print books have large font sizes designed to help visually impaired readers.
- The standard font size for a printed book is typically between 10 and 12 points.
- Large print books are usually published with a font size between 16 and 18 points.
- They do not differ in any other way from the original printed copy.

NEW LARGE PRINT @SCPL



Who should check them out and why?

Anyone can check out large print books. We may assume they are only for older readers and those with impaired vision, but they are helpful tools for all readers - including students and English language learners. Here's a few reasons why:

Simplicity & Comfort

Fewer words on a page reduces anxiety & improves comprehension
Larger font aids in reducing eye strain

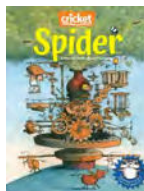
Selection & Availability

Popular authors and genres are printed in the large print format
Large print books @ SCPL generally have shorter wait times -
Skip the wait & check out that Large Print book!



SCPL carries a number of popular magazines!

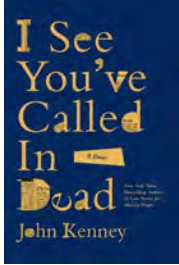
- Check out as many as you want (within the 100 total Evergreen item limit)
- Keep for 2 weeks (1 renewal is allowed)
- Our collection offers something for everyone
- Let us help you save some money and free up your precious space at home!



Now Available FICTION & NON FICTION

fiction

Obituary writer Bud Stanley isn't really living his best life. He's fallen into a funk after a divorce. He's not doing his job well and



I See You've Called In Dead
John Kenney

he's given up on dating. And he's about to be fired for accidentally publishing his own obituary one mildly drunken night (though technically they can't legally fire a dead person). As Bud awaits his fate at work, he does the only logical thing: He goes to the wakes and funerals of total strangers to learn how to live again.

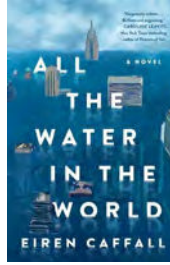
1994: Gardas Julia Harte and Adrian Clancy are called out to a sleepy housing estate in Cork to investigate a noise complaint to find that there is a serial killer at work in Cork.



The Dark Hours
Amy Jordan

2024: Now retired, Julia hopes to find peace. But then she receives a phone call from her old superintendent—two women have been murdered, their bodies marked and staged, just like in '94. It's happening again. Only this time the stakes are higher.

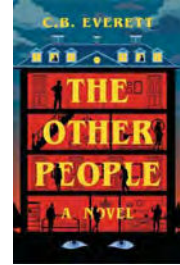
In this thrilling tale set in a flooded future, Nonie and her family have created a settlement atop New York's Museum of



All the Water in the World
Eiren Caffall

Natural History hunting and cultivating land in Central Park, preserving history. When a superstorm strikes, they flee north on the Hudson, encountering surprising and unsettling adaptations in nearby communities. Yet, they are resolute in creating a new world that respects all they've preserved.

Ten strangers woke up inside an old, locked house. They have no recollection of how they got there.

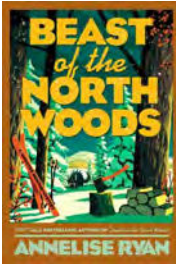


The Other People
C.B. Everett

In order to escape, they have to solve the disappearance of a young woman. But a killer also stalks the halls of the house and soon the body count starts to rise. Who are these strangers? Why were they chosen? Why would someone want to kill them? And who—or what—lurks in the cellar? While you can trust yourself, can you really trust The Other People?

next in the series

Beast of the North Woods
Annelise Ryan



Series: Monster Hunter Mystery, Book 3

A Wisconsin bookstore owner and cryptozoologist investigates when a local ice fisherman is found mauled to death and an eyewitness claims the man was attacked by a Hodag.

However, it is well-known that the creature doesn't exist and was created by a hoaxer.

So how could an imaginary creature be chomping on local sportsmen?

The Library Game
Gigi Pandian

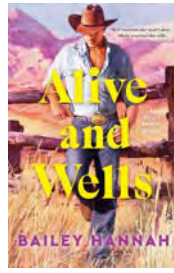


Series: Secret Staircase Mystery, Book 4

Tempest Raj and the family business, Secret Staircase Construction, are taking on a dream project: transforming a home into a public library that celebrates history's greatest fictional detectives.

When rehearsal for Gray House Library's murder mystery dinner and literary themed escape room ends in a murder, she and the rest of the crew must figure out who is making beloved classic mystery plots come to life.

Alive and Wells
Bailey Hannah

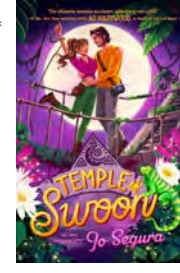


Series: Wells Ranch, Book 1

City girl Cecily Kennedy, fleeing an abusive marriage, suddenly finds herself working on a cattle ranch with grumpy ranger, Austin, as her boss.

When her troubled past threatens her safe haven, Austin realizes that somewhere between their trail rides and late night talks, she's branded herself on his heart.

Temple of Swoon
Jo Segura



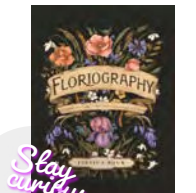
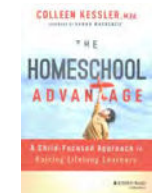
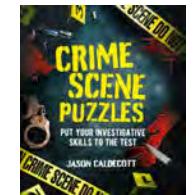
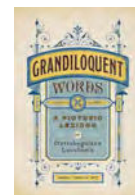
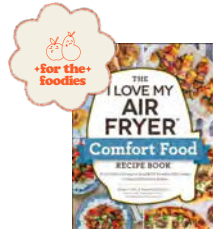
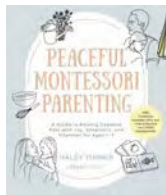
Series: Raiders of the Lost Heart, Book 1

Her mission: find the Lost City of the Moon in the Amazon rainforest.

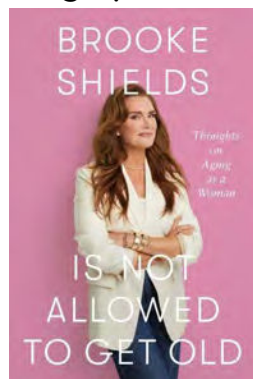
His mission: protect the holy temple . . . and his heart.

But they're not the only crew hunting for the lost city, and soon the untamed jungle—and their untamed hearts—might be the least of their worries...

non-fiction



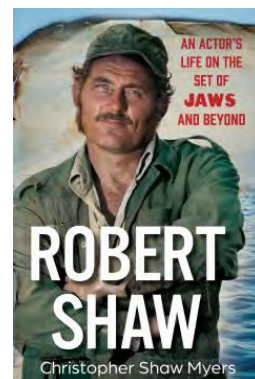
biographies



Brooke Shields has spent a lifetime in the public eye. Growing up as a child actor and model, her every feature was scrutinized, her every decision judged. Today Brooke faces a different kind of scrutiny: that of being a 'woman of a certain age.' With remarkable candor, Brooke bares all, painting a vibrant and optimistic picture of being a woman in the prime of her life, while dismantling the myths that have, for too long, dimmed that perception.



In this candid tell-all "Sister Wives" star, Christine Brown Woolley, traces her life from her polygamist upbringing in Utah to becoming Kody Brown's third wife and a reality TV personality, revealing both the ideals and struggles of plural marriage, as well as the journey that led her away from polygamy and the bold path she is carving to live apart from all she has ever known. Moving, genuine, and insightful, this is a uniquely powerful tour de force of Christine's journey toward and beyond her time in the spotlight as a sister wife.



Robert Shaw, the iconic star of Steven Spielberg's *Jaws*, comes boisterously to life in an up-close-and-personal biography that reveals the brilliant actor, esteemed playwright, prize-winning novelist, and loving and hard-living family man as never before.

Robert Shaw unforgettably commanded attention as the weathered seaman Captain Quint in the blockbuster sensation, *Jaws*. But what came before and after that landmark film is as dramatic as the hunt for the great white shark itself.

Now Available

FICTION & NON FICTION

ya graphic novels

Haley, the heroine who saved Willowweep Manor, is summoned back. Another pocket universe is collapsing, and the survivors are seeking refuge in Willowweep. As the newcomers transform the manor, a murder rocks Willowweep. Haley searches for the culprit, but the world she adores is disappearing beneath her feet. Worse, her friends are vanishing too. Can Haley become the new kind of heroine Willowweep needs?

The Nefarious Nights of Willowweep Manor
Shaenon K. Garrity



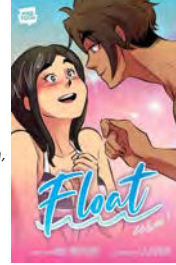
Blue Sargent comes from a family of psychics. Only, she has never had the same clairvoyant abilities. When Gansey asks her to join him and three other Raven Boys on his quest to find a long-forgotten Welsh king rumored to be sleeping beneath the mountains, Blue doesn't hesitate. Soon enough, she's swept into a strange and shifting world, one more dangerous than anything they could have dreamt up. Adapted by Stephanie Williams and illustrated by Sas Milledge.

The Raven Boys
Maggie Stiefvater



Amidst the chaos of her parents' bitter divorce, Alaskan teenager Waverly Lyons her parka for a summer of sunbans and short-shorts with her aunt in Florida, determined to be everything she isn't back home: cool, fun, dare she even say part of a group? There's just one problem. She doesn't know how to swim. Enter Blake who seems to hate her guts. But when he discovers her secret, Blake does the unthinkable. He offers to teach her.

Float
Kate Marchant



When Tabitha Laurie was growing up, a visit to Sommerland saved her belief in true love. Now she's landed her dream job at the park's prestigious summer program. Her dreams will come true if she gets one of the coveted princess roles. There's just one problem...she simply doesn't fit the park's idea of a princess. Tabi will need the support of new friends, and a lot of magic to make her own happily ever after... without getting fired in the process.

We Could Be Magic
Marissa Meyer



young adult

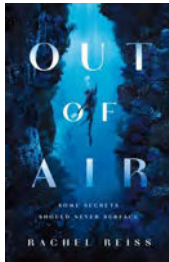
At an elite boarding school, 8 students are selected for an exclusive program, but only one will succeed. Their mentor, Meredith Graffam's unorthodox teaching methods push them past the breaking point. They begin to reveal their darkest secrets, take unthinkable risks and slowly start to turn on one another. But Graffam never expected them to turn on her...

When We Were Monsters
Jennifer Niven



While scuba diving off the Australian coast, Phoebe "Phibs" Ray and her friends uncover a legendary underwater treasure, but as strange transformations begin to take hold, they must fight to protect each other from dangerous treasure hunters and a dark, growing power.

Out of Air
Rachel Reiss



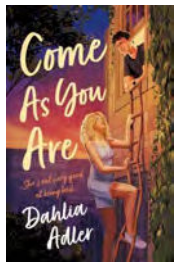
Dragons soar through the skies and protests erupt on the streets, but Vivien Featherswallow isn't worried. She's going to follow the rules, get a summer internship studying dragon languages, be smart, be sweet, and make sure her little sister never, ever has to risk growing up Third Class. She just has to free one dragon. By midnight, Viv has started a civil war...

A Language of Dragons
S.F. Williamson



After a broken heart and a mix-up that lands her in an all-boys dorm at Camden Academy, Evie Riley decides the only way to survive is to lean into her questionable new reputation... but she'll need help. Her grumpy emo dorm mate Salem Grayson needs her help to repair his relationship with his parents. And so they make a pact: he'll teach her how to be bad, if she teaches him how to be good.

Come As You Are
Dahlia Adler



2 New Collections

Materiales en español

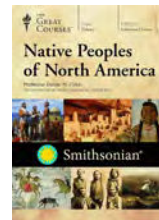
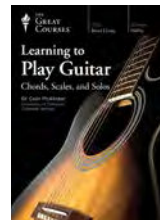
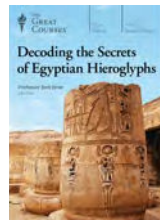
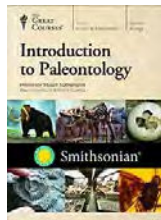
We are excited to be able to offer Spanish language materials! Currently located at the Main Library, the collection has approximately 60 items for all age groups, and in varying formats.

Spanish Language Materials



Great Courses

We have added over 100 of these high-quality educational courses, covering a wide range of topics & interests, taught by experts. A small collection can be located in each of our libraries.



Now Available Children's

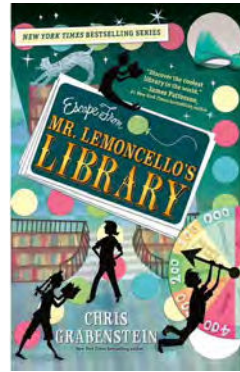
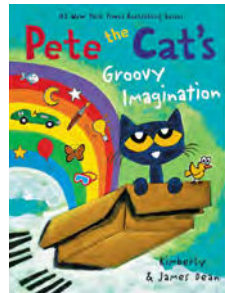
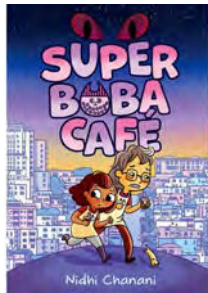
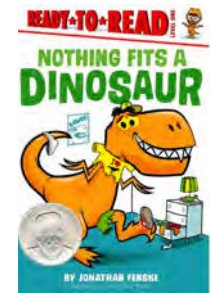
vox books

 print book, meet **audiobook**

In April 2025, SCPL welcomed its initial 44 Vox Books, with an additional 19 joining the collection in October 2025.

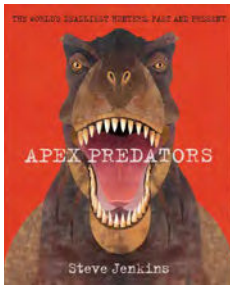
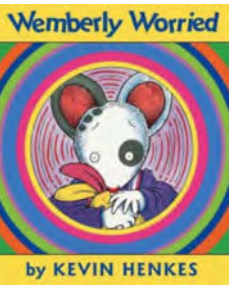
SCPL READERS HAVE BORROWED THESE BOOKS 311 TIMES SINCE!

check them out yourself

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library
Chris Grabenstein

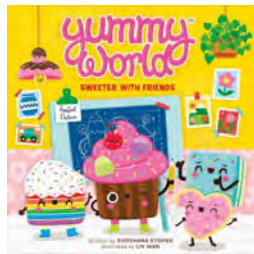
Lucky Kyle wins a coveted spot as one of twelve kids invited for an overnight sleepover in the library, hosted by Mr. Lemoncello. When morning comes, the doors stay locked. Kyle and the other kids must solve every clue and figure out every secret puzzle to find the hidden escape route!



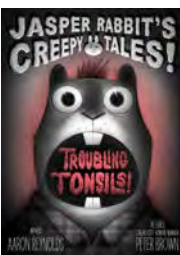
The Unlikely Hero: The Story of Wolf 8
Rick McIntyre and David A. Poulsen

The Unlikely Hero tells the action and adventure story of one of Yellowstone's most famous animals, Wolf 8: a runt of the litter who surprised scientists by becoming a powerful leader.

picture books



chapter books & graphic novels



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Science Kids: Dinosaur & Dino Descendants
Science Kids: Sharks & Underwater Predators
Science Kids: The Smartest & Longest-Living Animals
Science Kids: Volcanoes & The Biggest Eruptions

Now Available

DVDs movies



Freakier Friday
PG

The story picks up years after Tess and Anna endured an identity crisis. Anna now has a daughter of her own and a soon-to-be stepdaughter. As they navigate the challenges that come when two families merge, Tess and Anna discover that lightning might indeed strike twice.



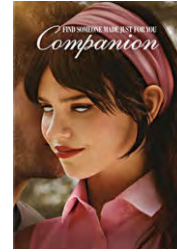
The Fantastic Four: First Steps
PG-13

Set against the vibrant backdrop of a 1960s-inspired, retro-futuristic world, Marvel Studios' 'The Fantastic Four: First Steps' introduces Marvel's First Family — Reed Richards/Mister Fantastic, Sue Storm/Invisible Woman, Johnny Storm/Human Torch and Ben Grimm/The Thing as they face their most daunting challenge yet.



Conclave
PG

Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with leading one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, selecting a new Pope. Once the Catholic Church's most powerful leaders have gathered from around the world and are locked together in the Vatican halls, Lawrence uncovers a trail of deep secrets left in the dead Pope's wake, secrets which could shake the foundations of the Church.



Companion
R

A group of old friends reunite at a secluded mansion, but their weekend getaway goes sideways when someone is not what they seem.



Dangerous Animals
R

A shark-obsessed serial killer holds Zephyr, a rebellious surfer, captive on his boat. Racing against time, she must figure out a way to escape before he carries out a ritualistic feeding to the sharks below.



Jurassic World: Rebirth
PG-13

Five years after the events of Jurassic World Dominion, the planet's ecology has proven largely inhospitable to dinosaurs. Those remaining exist in isolated equatorial environments with climates resembling the one in which they once thrived. The three most colossal creatures within that tropical biosphere hold the key to a drug that will bring miraculous life-saving benefits to humankind.



The Iron Claw
R

The true story of the inseparable Von Erich brothers, who made history in the intensely competitive world of professional wrestling in the early 1980s. Through tragedy and triumph, under the shadow of their domineering father and coach, the brothers seek larger-than-life immortality on the biggest stage in sports.



A Working Man
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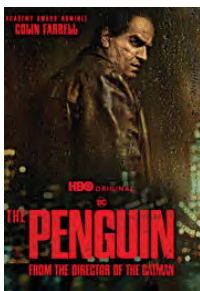
Levon Cade left his "profession" behind to live a simple life working construction and spending time with his daughter. But when his boss's teenage daughter vanishes, he's called upon to re-employ the skills that made him a legendary figure in the shadowy world of black ops.

bingeworthy tv

The Penguin

Not Rated

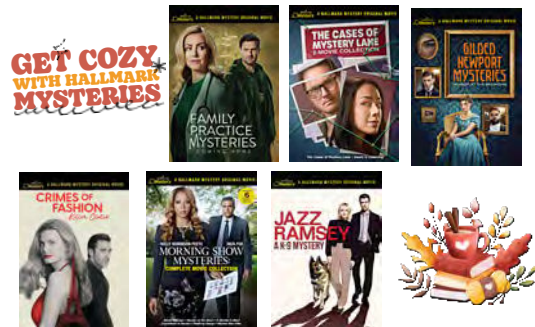
Following the events of The Batman (2022), Oz Cobb, aka the Penguin, makes a play to seize the reins of the crime world in Gotham.



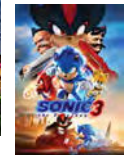
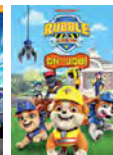
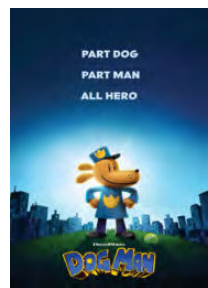
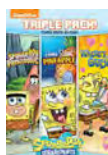
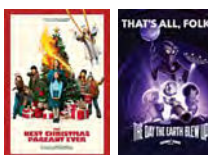
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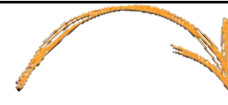
Severance centers on Mark Scout, leading a team of office workers whose memories are surgically split between work and personal lives. The 'worklife balance' experiment is questioned as Mark faces a mystery forcing him to confront the true nature of his work and himself.



kids picks



Program Guide



All programs start the week of January 26, 2026

ALL CLASSES ARE DESIGNED TO LAST 6 WEEKS UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

EVENTS MARKED WITH AN R REQUIRE REGISTRATION.

TO REGISTER REACH OUT TO CELESTA @ THE MAIN LIBRARY, 812-752-2751 OR EMAIL AT CELESTA@SCOTT.LIB.IN.US

All Programs are free, and supplies will be provided.



ADULTS

COFFEE & COLORING
@10am - 2pm

Need to unwind? Come color your cares away! Pop in anytime and let us provide a peaceful space for adults to relax, get creative, and connect with others.

Monday - Friday

ADULTS

CHAPTERS AND CHATTER
@10am & 4pm

January
Joyful
by Ingrid Fetell Lee

February
Amusing Ourselves to Death
by Neil Postman

March
Decluttering at the Speed of Life
by Dana K. White

2nd & 4th Mondays

Book Club



ADULTS

PUZZLE TABLE
All Day

Jigsaw puzzle lovers, join us anytime at our puzzle table to take part in our current puzzle project! Located upstairs at the Main Library.

Monday - Saturday



ADULTS

NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK
@10:30am

Have you been wanting to learn the basics about using a sewing machine? This class is for you. Learn your way around the sewing machine, make a cute project & build a foundation for future sewing endeavors!

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ADULTS

LEARN TO CROCHET
@4:30pm

So you want to learn to crochet? Then join Celesta to learn the basics of amigurumi, a crochet technique used to make stuffed animals and other objects.

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Tuesday

KIDS

TINY TOTS STORYTIME
@9:30am

Bring your tiny tots to the library for a fun story (or two,) crafts, music and fun!

AGES 0-5



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ADULTS

TIMELESS TREASURES
@10:30am

Got stuff? Wish you knew how to repurpose it? Get started in this exciting new class! We will provide the "stuff" and help you gain the skills and inspiration needed to repurpose your own favorite items.

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ADULTS

NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK
@1:30pm

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TEENS

CRAFTED EDGE STUDIO
@3:30pm

In our teen craft class teens will learn basic sewing skills as we explore ways to upcycle and create personalized 'worry monsters.'

AGES 11-14



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ADULTS

NEEDLEPOINT FOR BEGINNERS
@4:30pm

Join us as we explore slow stitching. Learn basic hand stitching skills while focusing on a mindful, deliberate approach in which your creativity can flow.

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Thursday

KIDS

EARLY READERS STORYTIME
@9:30am

Designed for kids in grades K-2, this storytime will help your kiddos make new friends and engage in hands-on activities!

GRADES K-2



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ADULTS

INTRODUCTION TO KNITTING
@1:30pm

Curious about knitting but not sure where to start? Our beginner friendly class is the perfect introduction. Learn the basics in a fun & encouraging environment.


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KIDS

AFTERSCHOOL ADVENTURES
@3:30pm

Hands on activities with a literary twist await in our after-school program. Have fun, get creative, build literacy skills and love of reading.

GRADES 3-5



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Reminder

Scott County Public Library's **UNATTENDED CHILD POLICY**

- Children under the age of 8 must be in the immediate presence of an adult
- Children ages 9-11 must have an adult present in the building at all times.
- Children ages 12-18 can be unaccompanied if they display acceptable behavior & abide by library rules for safety.

Children 15 & under must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian to use our computers.

Due to limited space, programming for older children may be restricted to kids only.

Our goal is to provide a safe, enjoyable experience for every child who visits the library. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



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Main Library Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9am - 5pm

Tuesday, Thursday

9am - 6pm

Saturday

10am - 2pm

Branch Library Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9am - 5pm

Closed for Lunch 12pm - 1pm

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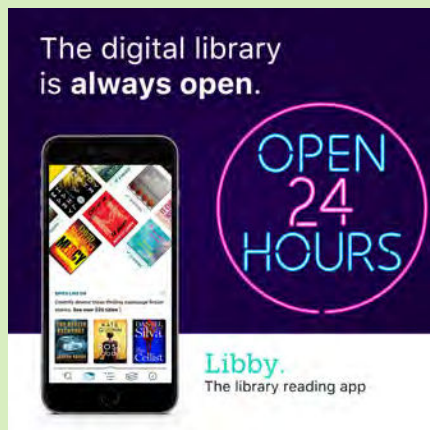
Public Board Meetings

2nd Wednesday each month, at 5:00 pm

Closings

JANUARY

January 1st - New Year's Day



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