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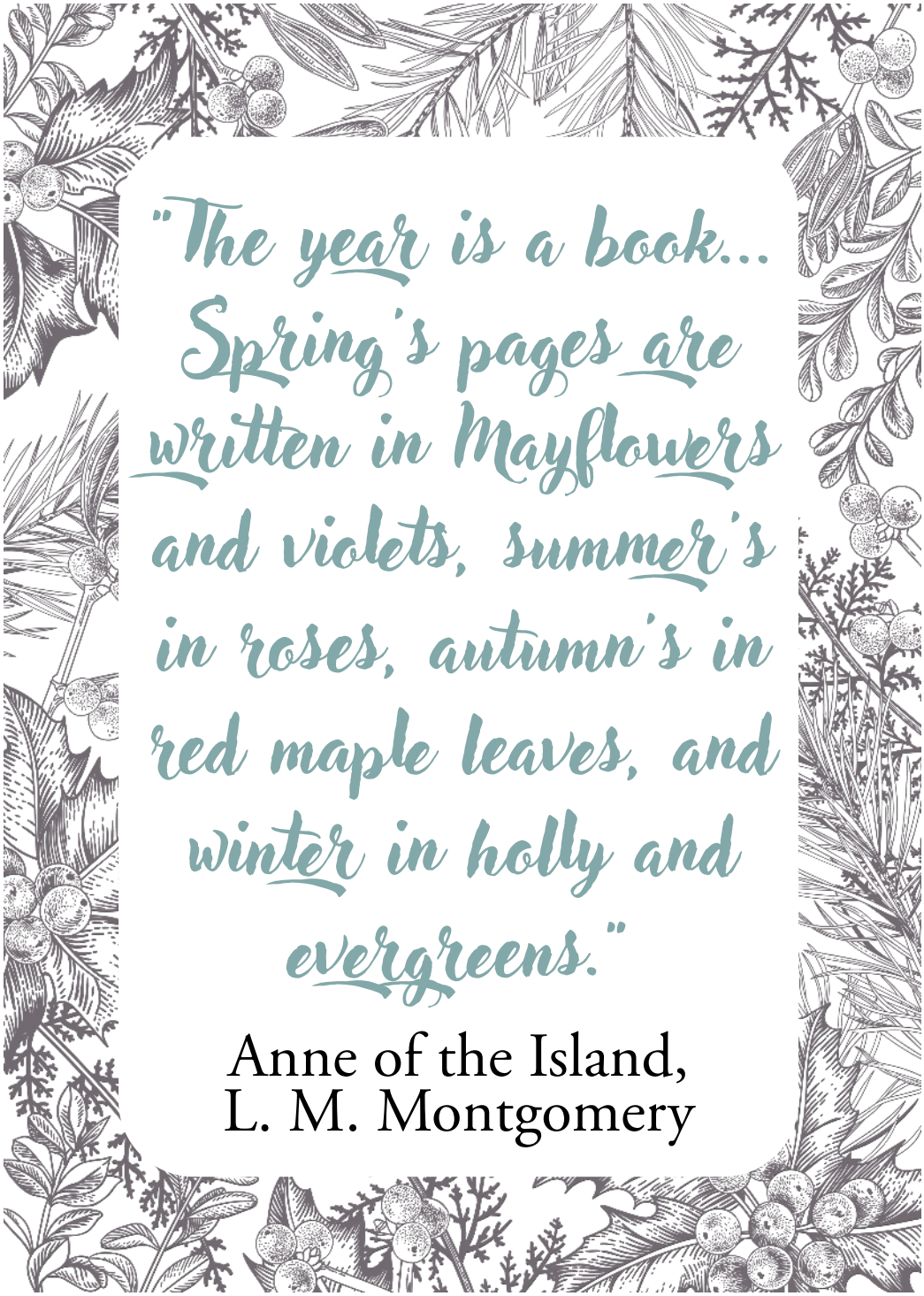
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LIBRARY NEWS



A MESSAGE TO THE FUTURE: HELP US FILL A TIME CAPSULE!

What would you want future generations to know about life in Scott County today? In partnership with the Scott County Visitors Commission, the library is helping preserve a piece of our present for the people of tomorrow!



This project has a special connection to our local history. In 1971, a time capsule was buried in the front lawn of the Scott County Public Library with plans to open it 50 years later. In 2021, the library hosted an event to open the capsule, giving attendees who had contributed items the opportunity to take them home. A few items remain at the library, waiting to be claimed by their owners or family members.

That same box will hold a new time capsule. In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States in 2026, the capsule will be buried in December 2026, with plans to open it 50 years later, in 2076, when the nation celebrates its 300th anniversary. Its contents will offer future generations a glimpse into our lives, our community, and the things that mattered to us in 2026.

How can you participate?
Packets provided by the Scott County Visitors Commission will be available November 15, 2026, at the following locations:

- Scott County Visitors Commission
  90 N. Main St. Scottsburg, IN 47170
- Austin Library
  26 Union Ave. Austin, IN 47102
- Main Library
  108 S. Main St. Scottsburg, IN 47170
- Lexington Library
  2781 Cherry St. Lexington, IN 47138

Additional details about the project and contributions will be announced as they become available.

LIBRARY NEWS

OUR HEROES TREE: REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED



Every photograph tells a story, and every keepsake holds a memory. As Veterans Day approaches, the library's Our Heroes Tree honors the veterans whose service has touched the lives of our patrons and their families.

Adorned with photographs and meaningful mementos brought in or created by library patrons, each item represents a personal connection to someone who served in the United States Armed Forces.

Together, these treasured pieces honor our veterans' service and sacrifice while preserving the memories of those who have made a lasting impact on their families.

Come see Our Heroes Tree!
Visit the Main Library in Scottsburg beginning the first week of November to reflect on the stories it holds and honor the men and women who have served our country.

COMING SOON: FINANCIAL SESSIONS

CENTRA CREDIT UNION

Make financial wellness part of your New Year's resolutions!

SCPL is excited to partner with Centra Credit Union to expand access to financial education, coaching, and valuable community resources. With this collaboration, we can amplify our collective impact and better serve our community, building responsive, respectful, and supportive relationships.

Session are being planned for 2027, just in time to knock out those New Year's resolutions for a healthier financial future!

Session dates and details will be shared through the Library's website, monthly calendars, and onsite at all library locations.

Family Fun @ SCPL



OCTOBER 5TH @ 4PM
ROZ PUPPETS PRESENTS: LITTLE DOG'S SPOOKY BONE HUNT

After learning that Mother Hubbard's cupboard was bare, Little Dog decided to head out to find her own tasty bone. Her nose leads her on a quest that includes some interesting encounters along the way. Will Little Dog ever find a bone?

DECEMBER 2ND @ 3:30PM
RIVER CITY PUPPETS GINGERBREAD JAMBOREE

Ralphie the Elf has one dangerous job; he has to feed the Gingerbread Beast! It gobbles up cookies, houses, and most of all… stories! With help from the audience, Ralphie must entertain the beast with hilarious versions of The Gingerbread Man, Hansel and Gretel, and a surprising new tale starring the Gingerbread Beast himself.

RIVER CITY PUPPETS



Library News

SUCCESSFUL SUMMER READING PROGRAM!

SCPL would like to thank everyone that participated in this year's Summer Reading Program, as well as the families who make reading a priority and local teachers who encourage students and parents to get involved.

UNEARTH A STORY™

SUMMER READING 2026 BY THE NUMBERS

- *Participants: 385*
- *Participants Completing the Program: 142*
- *Books Read: 5,470*
- *Pages Read: 191,330*
- *Programs Offered: 21*
- *Program Attendance: 561*
- *New Library Cards: 95*
- *Total Items Checked Out: 12,101 (physical & digital)*





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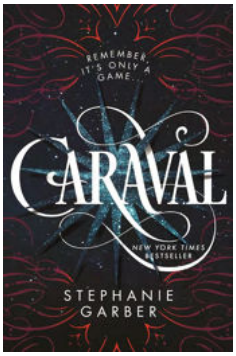
The Friends of the Library
Rusty Ammerman
Banzi Balloons
Roz Puppets
Brad Reynolds, Real Science Programs
River City Puppets
Professor Brian, The Professor Show
Domino's
Papa John's
The Square Bistro

CHAPTERS AND CHATTER

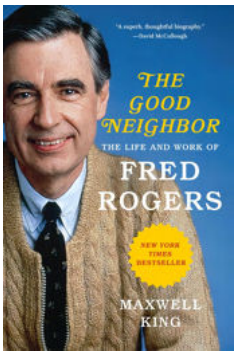
UPCOMING READS

2ND & 4TH MONDAYS @ 10AM & 4PM

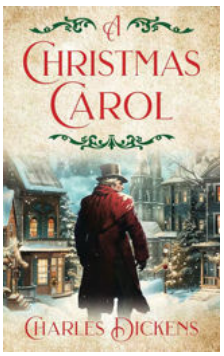
OCTOBER



NOVEMBER



DECEMBER



ONE-ON-ONE TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE

Monday - Friday
Main Library
812-752-2751
lilly@scott.lib.in.us

*By appointment only
To schedule contact Lillian.

Looking to learn something new?

Don't forget to check out *Gale Courses* for free* online classes!

GALE COURSES

*FREE WITH YOUR SCPL LIBRARY CARD
SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO
HTTPS://EDUCATION.GALE.COM/L-EVERGREENIN/

LIBRARY NEWS

Spotlight On

DIGITAL RESOURCES

SCPL aims to provide you with access to essential services and resources. In this volume of The Avid Reader, we're highlighting our collection of The Great Courses - a classroom you can take home - free with your library card.

Who says you need to go back to school to learn something new?

Here are a few reasons why SCPL's collection of The Great Courses is worth exploring on your next visit to the library.

- Taught by professors, professionals, and subject-matter experts.
- Designed to go beyond the basics, giving you an in-depth look at a subject.
- Learn at your own pace.
- The advantage of physical media - no need to worry about streaming availability, subscriptions, or having a particular app!



More than 100 titles available to choose from.

All three SCPL locations have a small collection!

Most titles offer a workbook and DVD. These can be checked out individually or together.

Loan Duration	Books; 3-week loan (2 renewals) DVDs: 1-week loan (1 renewal)

Check out The Great Courses at the Library and bring your next learning adventure home.

Stop by the Library or search the catalog to discover what's available!

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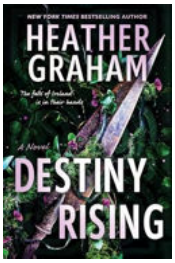
Adult & Young Adult

fiction



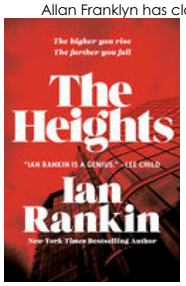
Revenge Plot
Stephanie Wrobel

After decades of toiling over one novel after another Arnie Tenderton has finally written his perfect book. What he needs next is a literary agent and Arnie wants the best - Claudia Conley. She already rejected him once, and Arnie has never forgiven her. He could move on. Instead, he finds out where Claudia is spending the holidays: alone in a remote house in the Catskill Mountains. He decides to show up there to make his pitch. Claudia may try to turn him down again, but this time Arnie won't take no for an answer.



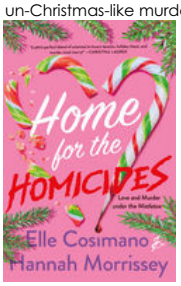
Destiny Rising
Heather Graham

In a slightly altered Ireland, where the Emerald Isle is threaded with magic, Shauna, the daughter of an Irish king, is forced to defend her homeland from Northern invaders. She enlists the help of Conor, the son of a Norseman, to help her. Together they must use the fabled Four Treasures to complete their task before their kingdom, and the magic within it, is colonized for good.



The Heights
Ian Rankin

The Heights is London's most coveted luxury high-rise apartment - designed to satisfy every need - where self-made owner-developer Allan Franklyn has claimed the penthouse. His neighbors include some of "Money London's" biggest personalities, who are used to service, deference, and privacy, all on their terms. But when nighttime concierge Dwayne Hogarth is found dead, none of that is in their control anymore, and everyone's under the scrutiny of Detective Sergeant Gillian Gish. Before long, unsavory truths and dark secrets are unearthed.

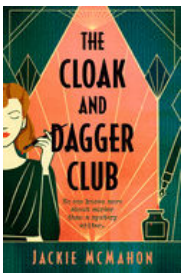


Home for the Homicides
Elle Cosimano & Hannah Morrissey

When Special Agents Holly Frost and Mark Shepherd are sent to the idyllic town of Christmas to investigate a very un-Christmas-like murder, they discover that even the coziest town has secrets. A tourist has been stabbed with an icicle in the middle of the town nativity scene, and with the annual Jingle Bell Jubilee just twelve days away, Holly and Mark must catch the killer before the town's biggest festival—and economic lifeline—falls apart.

next in the series

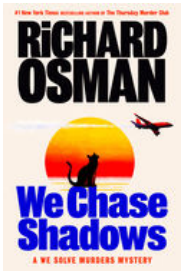
The Cloak and Dagger Club
Jackie McMahon



Series: The Cloak and Dagger Club, Book 1

London, 1930. Mystery writer Lucy Hubbard has been invited to join Horace Hazelmoor's elite group of writers - the Cloak and Dagger Club. When Horace is found with a knife in his back, Frank, her former fiancé is the prime suspect. Despite their complicated history, Lucy knows he's not capable of murder. With suspects galore and the danger rising, these two mystery writers must race to solve the crime--and fight their lingering feelings for each other--before the murderer strikes again.

We Chase Shadows
Richard Osman



Series: We Solve Murders Book 2

At sunrise, high in the Italian hills, a body is found on the steps of a beautiful private villa. On the body is a threatening note, signed by a mystery man. Back at We Solve Murders HQ, Amy, Rosie, and Steve leap at the chance to take on their first proper case. Once they start digging, the suspects keep piling up, yet the murderer keeps evading them. And as the trio chase a villain through the shadows, danger travels closer to home . . .

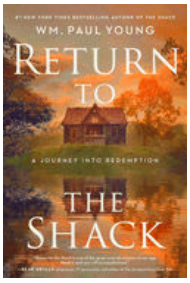
You Had Me at Bigfoot
Nancy Campbell Allen



Series: Daphne Drew Mystery, Book 1

Rookie journalist Daphne Drew is on assignment, covering a high-society wedding at a Pacific Northwest lodge, along with war photographer Clark, where they find whispered rumors of a missing maid . . . or reports of Bigfoot sightings. Soon the two uncover a tangled web of lies, legends, and lost fortune--one that ties the vanished maid, some returning friends, and the infamous DB Cooper together in a mystery that's anything but folklore.

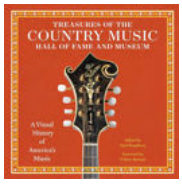
Return to the Shack
Wm. Paul Young



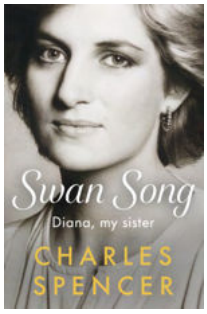
Series: The Shack, Book 2

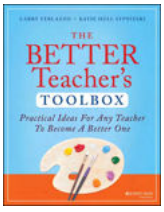
Ten years after the devastating events of The Shack, on what would have been their daughter Missy's sixteenth birthday, Mack and Nan confront the unthinkable when Mack is asked to visit death row to speak with the serial killer who abducted and murdered her. In the stark silence of the prison, Mack encounters not only the brokenness of another human being but also the raw weight of his own anger, doubt, and disappointment with God.

non-fiction



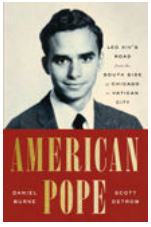












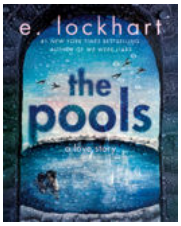




A heartfelt and hilarious tour of Dame Judi Dench's extraordinary life and career. From growing up in York to playing before sold-out houses on Broadway and in London's West End, she's done it all; and won an Oscar, a Tony, Golden Globes, Oliviers, and BAFTAs along the way. She reveals all to Brendan O'Hea - her friend and writing partner; stories of pranks, dissects her greatest screen roles, shares tales of her joyful marriage and talks about her passion for nature.

young adult

The Pools
E. Lockhart



Once, in a small New England town known for its hot springs, something terrible happened. It should have been a warning to stay away from the pools, but no one is afraid of the water anymore. When new girl Lexie meets golden boy Chester their chemistry is undeniable and feels bigger than both of them, despite their damage. One frigid winter five people go for a swim in the pools. Five people, including Chester. What happens there sends shock waves through the town and changes Lexie's life forever.

Vanishing Beauties
Becca Fitzpatrick



A teen beauty queen has vanished, and all evidence points to the girl's ex-boyfriend, Sascha Sinner. When a local vigilante group posts a hefty reward for his capture, 17-year-old Bunny decides to go after it--and him--hoping the prize money will help save her grandmother's farm. Sascha insists he didn't do it and wants Bunny to help him prove his innocence. When another disappearance reveals a hidden history of missing girls--a history that includes her own mother--she has to admit something is at play. Her search for the truth takes her to the very edges of town, into its darkly magical past, and dredges up secrets the other townsfolk would rather not surface.

Dead Girls
Beck Kubrick



In the cozy town of Clossdale, a serial killer rampages! Five girls missing in as many weeks! Bodies turning up on the forest floor! And all fingers point to one vile fiend: Ash Hargreeves. Except Ash didn't do it. She may be the daughter of the infamous Clossdale Killer - and okay, she's kind of a weirdo who has two friends total, but when the murders strike a little too close to home, Ash decides to take a stand. With the help of her besties, Ash is going to hunt down the killer, clear her mother's name, and stop there from being any more dead girls--now and forever. After all, WWJLCD: what would Jamie Lee Curtis do?

Wondrous
Heather Fawcett



Years after her first tumble down the rabbit hole, Alice returns to Wonderland for good. Even though Alice expects madness she doesn't expect to meet another real-world teenager, who claims she is the "true" Alice. Soon, more startling truths emerge: dozens of other so-called "Alices" have appeared in Wonderland, too and the Queen of Hearts one Alice is destined to save Wonderland from three ghastly mock dragons who have invaded from another realm. Whoever can stop them will be named " The Alice" while the others will be exiled, never allowed to return. But is Alice truly the Alice in Wonderland, or a mere footnote in another heroine's story?

coming soon

DVDs

movies



Young Washington
PG-13

In the rugged wilderness of colonial America, young George Washington finds himself deep in enemy territory, navigating lies, shifting alliances, and the violent collision of empires. When the orders fall apart, and the shots are fired, Washington must decide who to trust and how far he's willing to go, not for glory, but for the leader he must become.



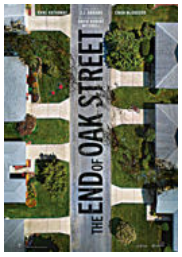
Masters of the Universe
PG-13

When the Sword of Power pulls Prince Adam back to Eternia after fifteen years, he finds his homeland crushed under Skeletor's rule. To save his family and restore the kingdom, Adam teams up with Teela and Man-At-Arms, embracing his destiny as He-Man, the most powerful man in the universe.



Over Your Dead Body
R

When miserable couple Dan and Lisa retreat to a remote cabin for a romantic reset, each arrives with a secret plan to kill the other. However, their carefully plotted traps and counterplots quickly unravel when strangers crash the weekend with plans of their own. As the toxic getaway spirals into chaotic carnage, Dan and Lisa must soon figure out if they want to save their marriage or survive it.



The End of Oak Street
PG-13

When a cosmic anomaly shatters suburbia, one family is thrust into a high-stakes, reality-bending adventure where time collapses, chaos moves in next door, and survival depends on sticking together



The Uprising
R

Andrew Garfield stars as the legendary leader of a ferocious rebellion against the tyranny of King Richard II. As war burns across England, he forms an army of the people to face the King's might in a fight for justice and survival.



Coyote Vs Acme
PG

After enduring years of catastrophic product failures at the hands of ACME, Inc., a tenacious, unemployed coyote uncovers a corporate cover-up and spearheads an unhinged battle against the multinational conglomerate that's been blowing him up in the name of profit. Also, there's a roadrunner. And dynamite.



Runner
PG-13

A former soldier is thrown into a brutal race against time when a critical medical delivery makes him and his unlikely partner the targets of a ruthless cartel. As the mission spirals into a deadly manhunt, every detour, delay, and bullet pushes them closer to failure. With betrayal closing in from every side, they must survive the chase and deliver their cargo to save the life of a little girl.



Frankenstein
R

Guillermo del Toro's spellbinding take on Mary Shelley's Frankenstein, i Shifting between the perspectives of the brilliant but callous Victor Frankenstein and the creature he fashions from flesh and then cruelly mistreats; del Toro movingly reframes the legend as a story of fathers and sons struggling to break free from cycles of trauma.

bingeworthy tv

Chief of War
TV-MA

Predominantly Polynesian cast led by Jason Momoa, follows the epic and unprecedented telling of the unification and colonization of Hawai'i at the turn of the 18th century.



Dutton Ranch Season 1
Not Rated

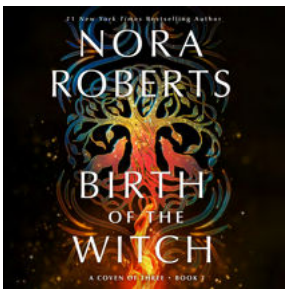
Beth Dutton and Rip Wheeler fight to survive on their cherished 7,000-acre ranch amid tough times and stiff competition, while ensuring young Carter becomes the man he's supposed to be.



audiobook picks

Birth of the Witch
Nora Roberts

Audiobook | Paranormal - Romance - Thriller



Niamh McShane was born a witch and died a witch in the same moment, at the tender age of thirteen. A victim of the madness that spread from Salem Town to her home on Piety Island.

Over three hundred years later, on the same island, Neve McShane wakes with excitement on her thirteenth birthday and unwraps gifts from her aunts. Then she receives something else: a revelation that will change her life.

Astonished, Neve learns that her aunts' tales of past lives aren't just whimsical fantasies. They are witches, and so is she. Their lives are bound together by that pivotal day centuries ago. Now Neve has been tasked with stopping a growing darkness. To prepare, Neve hones her skills and searches for clues to aid in her quest. And at night, she dreams of a young man from Ireland whose eyes met with hers for a fateful moment, centuries ago...

Murder Will Out
Jennifer K. Breedlove

Playaway | Mystery



Little North Island, off the coast of Maine, is so beautiful it could be a postcard. Organist Willow Stone cherishes her memories of childhood summers spent on the island with her godmother Sue... even though her visits ended abruptly, and she hasn't seen or heard from her godmother in over fifteen years. Until a letter from Sue–and word of Sue's death–brings Willow back.

When Willow overhears someone threatening the next heir to the property, she starts to question whether Sue's death was really an accident.

Through Willow's eyes, as well as those of others on the island, a mystery unfolds that keeps drawing Willow back to Cameron House and the very real ghosts that walk its corridors.

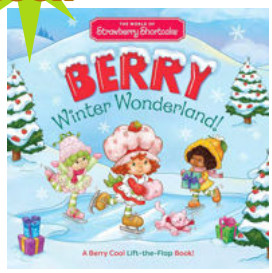
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Children's

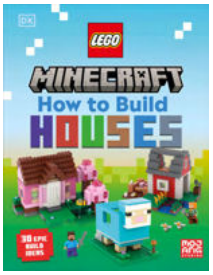
Interest Level: Pre-K - 3rd Grade

BOARD BOOK

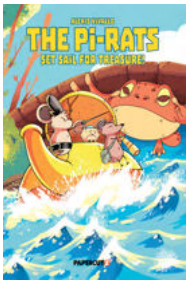
Berry Winter Wonderland
The World of Strawberry Shortcake

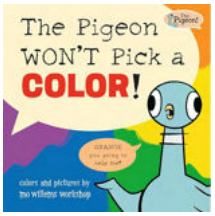


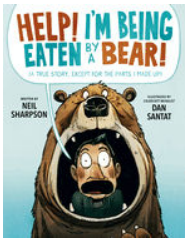
Bundle up, because Strawberry Shortcake has a sweet surprise--and she wants all her Berry Besties to share in the frosty fun! But first, she has to find them. Join her as she twirls through a winter wonderland, searching high and low for every last friend, in this berry merry lift-the-flap board book.

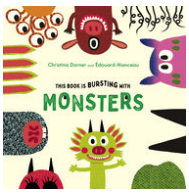


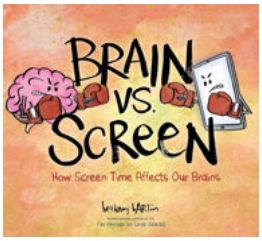


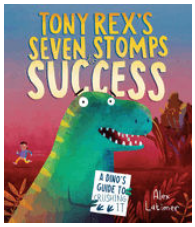


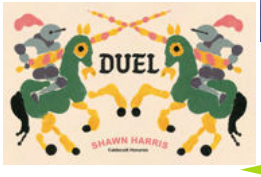


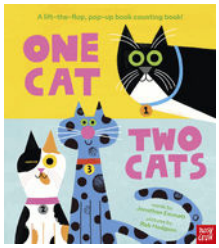


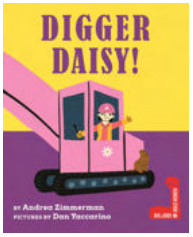


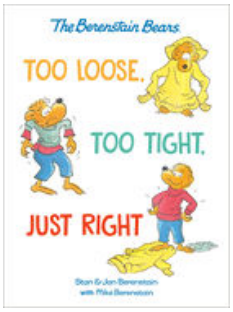






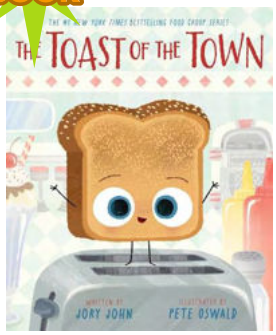






PICTURE BOOK

The Toast of the Town *Jory John*



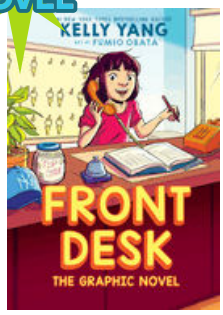
Meet Toast. He knows everybody, and everybody knows him. He pops up wherever help is needed - just because. But Toast wasn't always so warm and toasty. In his younger days, he kept to himself, loafed around, and mostly just felt a little . . . stale. It took one life-changing moment to help him rise to the occasion.

Can one ordinary piece of toast transform an entire community? And can helping others turn out to be the best thing since sliced bread?

Interest Level: 3rd - 8th Grade

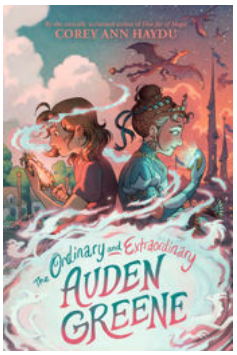
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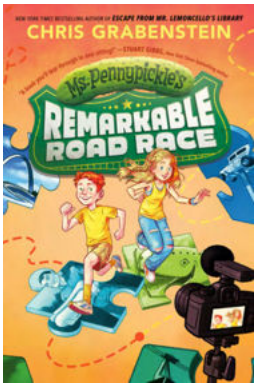
Front Desk *Kelly Yang*

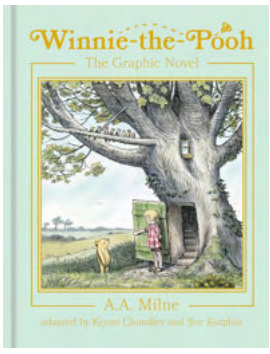


Ten-year-old Mia Tang lives in a motel, where she manages the front desk while her immigrant parents clean the rooms. She secretly helps her parents hide immigrants from the motel's cruel owner while pursuing her dream of becoming a writer. With courage, kindness, and determination, Mia must navigate a challenging year and find a way to make her dreams come true.















CHAPTER BOOK

Licorice *Kara LaReau*



Kitty is a scared little kitten who finally finds a home with a loving family at 5 Manderley Road. But her new house has a secret—the family's old cat, Licorice, may still be there! With strange smells, mysterious happenings, and a grumpy parrot who won't stop talking about Licorice, Kitty wonders if she's being haunted. A funny, spooky, and heartwarming adventure for young readers!

coming soon
Children's
movies



The Wingfeather Saga
Seasons 1-3
TV-Y7

The Wingfeather Saga chronicles the adventures of the Igiby family as they discover secrets, flee the evil Fangs of Dang, seek their place in the world, and make a stand against the mysterious ruler, Gnag the Nameless. They will need their special gifts and all the love of their noble mother and ex-pirate grandfather to survive the venomous Fangs, sea dragons, flabbits, and (*gulp*) toothy cows!



Tuttle Twins
Seasons 1-3
TV-Y7

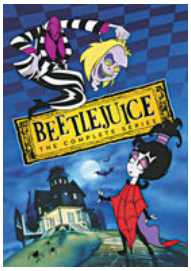
In Disney's live-action reimagining of the beloved Oscar®-nominated animated adventure, Moana answers the Ocean's call and, for the first time, voyages beyond the reef of her island of Motunui with the infamous demigod Maui on an unforgettable journey to restore prosperity to her people.



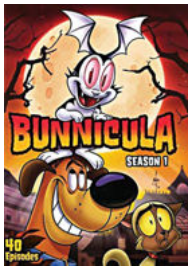
Mandie
Triple Feature
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The unforgettable adventures of Amanda Elizabeth Shaw.
Based on the popular books by Lois Gladys Leppard, this series is set in the early 1900s and boasts a delightful cast of characters who learn valuable lessons as they conquer hardships, solve mysteries, and celebrate life's triumphs.





Beetlejuice
The Complete Series
Not Rated



Bunnicula
Season 1
Not Rated



O' Christmas Tree
Not Rated



Jingle Bells
Not Rated



audiobooks & playaways

The Last Ember
Lily Berlin Dodd



Aerimanders are extinct. Or so the government would have you think. Centuries ago, these dangerous, dragon-like creatures were ordered to be destroyed.

But when twelve-year-old Eva Alexander acquires the world's last aerimander egg, everything changes. Suddenly, Eva is the target of unwanted attention from the Thieves' Union, a mysterious organization that orders its youngest member, the orphaned Dusty St. Ichabod, to steal the egg from Eva.

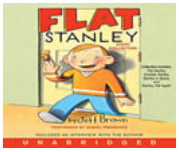
An epic game of cat and mouse unfolds. Initially at odds, the unlikely pair must come together to keep the egg out of the hands of power-hungry Eoin Parnassus, Director of Kingdom Secrets. As the duo races against time, their fates and that of the whole world are at stake. Because there's one question no one dares to ask: What happens when the egg hatches?



CLASSICS

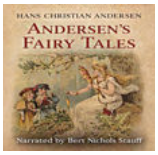








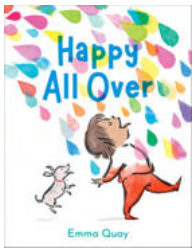


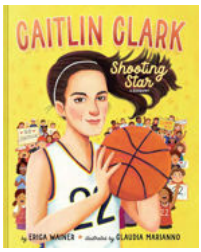


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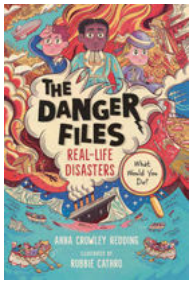








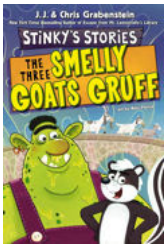
The Danger Files: Real Life Disasters
Anne Crowley Redding

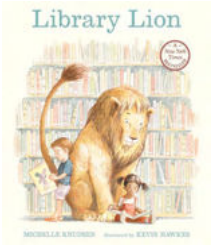


Delve deeper into some of the most dramatic disasters in history!
Using case files full of firsthand accounts, critical facts, do-at-home experiments, and clues, readers can become disaster detectives and determine for themselves what happened and why. Take on the sinking of the Titanic, the crash of the Hindenburg, the Great Influenza epidemic of 1918, the Boston molasses flood, and the fire that decimated the city of Chicago.









Program Guide

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE, AND SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED.

BEGINNER'S SEWING & PILATES CLASSES START:

October 13, 2026

ADVANCED SEWING & CARDIO CLASSES START:

October 15, 2026

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

EVENTS MARKED WITH AN R REQUIRE REGISTRATION.

Tuesdays

ADULTS

BEGINNER'S SEWING @10:30am

Learn the basics of using a sewing machine, make a cute project & build a foundation for future sewing endeavors!

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PILATES @4:30pm

Join us at the library for a fun, beginner-friendly Pilates class. Build strength, improve flexibility, and feel your best—no experience necessary!

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Thursdays

ADULTS

ADVANCED SEWING @10:30am

Put your sewing skills to work! Explore advanced techniques, learn new tips and tricks, and create something you'll be proud to take home.

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ADULTS

CARDIO @4:30pm

Boost your energy and get your heart pumping with a fun, beginner-friendly cardio class. All fitness levels are welcome!

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2026

ADULTS

CHAPTERS AND CHATTER BOOK CLUB

2nd & 4th Mondays
@ 10am & 4pm

TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE

Monday-Friday
By Appt. only

PUZZLE TABLE

Monday-Friday
All Day

1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS

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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2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS

KIDS

EARLY READERS STORYTIME @9:30am

Bring your kiddos in to make new friends, enjoy hands-on activities, and read some fun stories!

Grades K-2

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Look for information about our next round of classes and programs @ scott.lib.in.us &

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9am - 5pm
Tuesday, Thursday
9am - 6pm
Saturday
10am - 2pm

Branch Library Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
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Closed for Lunch 12pm - 1pm

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2nd Wednesday each month, at 3:00 pm

Closings

October
October 12th- Columbus Day
November
November 11th- Veterans Day
November 26th- Thanksgiving
November 27th- Thanksgiving
November 28th- Thanksgiving
December
December 24th- Christmas
December 25th- Christmas
December 26th- Christmas

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