

LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

Ruby B. Archie Public Library News, Programs, and Events



July - August 2024

REFLECTIONS OF **HOME** ARTS FESTIVAL —Danville · Virginia—

Library to showcase local authors, artists, and artisans

Of Words and Art vendor fair set for September at the Community Market

New to this year's Reflections of Home Arts Festival is the Of Words and Art vendor fair, which will be held on Saturday, September 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in conjunction with the Danville Farmers Market.

The fair will feature both artistic and literary works created by local artisans and authors and is a part of the Reflections of Home Arts Festival, hosted annually by Ruby B. Archie Public Library staff. To protect the integrity of the fair, applicants will be accepted based on approval by the Reflections of Home Arts Festival Planning Committee.

Authors, artists, and artisans interested in setting up a booth should contact the library at readdanvilleva@danvilleva.org or visit www.ReflectionsofDanville.com. There is a \$15 entry fee to participate.

Artists needed to participate in the Reflections of Home Art Exhibition

The Library is currently accepting entries for the 2024 Reflections of Home Art Exhibition which will be held from September 23-27.

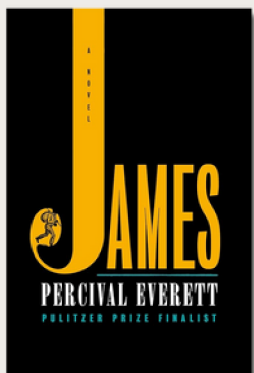
This year's theme, People, Places, Progress, asks artists to consider their relationship with our unique city. We hope that through various mediums, these pieces will reflect the people that make up our multi-faceted community, the places we hold dear, and explore how our home continues to evolve and grow.

Pieces will be judged and awards will be given for Best Mixed Media, Best Painting, and Best Photography.

For this exhibition, only 2D artwork will be accepted. All submissions must be completely dry and ready for hanging at time of entry. The maximum size for submissions is 36-inches by 36-inches.

Items will be on display to the public at the library. A \$20 nonrefundable entry fee must accompany submitted works. For more information, contact Riley Ryan at 434-799-5195 or email readdanvilleva@danvilleva.gov.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS



James by Percival Everett is a retelling of Mark Twain's literary classic, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* told from the point of view of Jim...or James as he prefers to be called. The timeline of this book parallels Twain's adventure neatly, but the narrative is a whole new story and an eye-opening glance into Jim's world.

Everett did a nice job in paying homage to the original work while expanding on the character arc of Jim and Huck. I consider myself lucky to have fallen in love with *Huck Finn* as a young reader, although I had a limited understanding of the world, and to have had the opportunity to rediscover the classic in a new light when I was ready to better understand the world through someone else's eyes.

Russell Carter, Library Director



Heartstopper is a graphic novel series that I recommend to everyone. A beautiful coming of age story that will have you giggling and kicking your feet at the sweetness. While the story focuses mostly on a beautiful friendship between Nick and Charlie that becomes a budding romance, it also follows a group of friends and a wonderful much

needed story of self-acceptance. Alice Oseman has an incredible talent for writing about triggering, emotional topics while making them easy to read and very impactful. It is very easy to find common ground with the characters, and to see yourself in their personal struggles. This series is impactful for teens and adults alike. It is sweet, emotional, the art is adorable, and it remains one of my favorite graphic novels of all time.

Amber Pilkin, Information Specialist

SUMMER READING KICKOFF WAS WILD!



Thank you to everyone who stopped by to play during the Summer Reading Kickoff Party in June! We always enjoy seeing your smiling faces! Keep reading and remember to stop in to pick up your completion prizes.

SPEAKING OF SUMMER READING

The summer reading challenge runs to the end of July. Books can be logged by downloading the Beanstack app or at www.beanstack.com. Just search for Ruby B. Archie Public Library and sign up for our summer reading challenge! If you need help, or would like to use a paper log, please visit any of our service desks and we will be happy to assist.



Don't forget, even if you complete the challenge before the deadline, keep logging your books. Every book logged helps us work toward our community reading goal!

THE YEAR-LONG CHALLENGE CONTINUES

If you are reading along with us in the year-long reading challenge, don't forget that July's challenge is to read books where the action takes place in another country. The challenge for August is to read books that take place at the beach or on the ocean.

If you get stuck, visit www.readandvilleva.org and click on the catalog button. We have a few suggestions to spark your interest each month!

COMPUTER and TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

Get More from Google

Do you use GMail? Join us to learn about the many other things you can do with the free apps included in your Google account. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Computer Lab **Wednesdays, July 17 and Aug. 14**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

Computers for Beginners

Flustered by technology? Let's start with the basics. Get an introduction to the basic functions of a personal computer, how to navigate the internet, and how to send and receive email. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Computer Lab **11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**
No fee

- **Tuesdays, July 30 and Aug. 20**
- **Thursdays, July 11 and Aug. 8**

Internet Safety 101

Learn the basics for protecting yourself and your privacy online. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Wednesday, August 21st**
2 p.m. to 3 p.m. **No fee**

Customized Computer Session

Whether you are struggling with technology or want to become more acquainted with computers, we can help. Schedule a session to receive one-on-one assistance with library resources, smartphones, email, apps, and minor technology issues. Sessions will be scheduled Monday-Friday, subject to availability. Please allow 48 hours advance notice. Call (434) 799-5195.

By appointment. **No fee**



CREATIVE and LITERARY PROGRAMS

Pop Culture Geek Out Hour

So much media; so little time. Join us to talk about the geeky things we love the most from time travel, to cryptids, and fandoms beyond. We will fill up on recommendations from books, movies, podcasts, and more to keep you occupied all month. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium Tuesdays, July 2 and Aug. 13
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. No fee

Let's Make a Scene! Reader's Theatre Series

Plays are best when we experience them together so join us, along with Smokestack Theatre Company, to read a role or just read along! This is not a performance. Participation is encouraged but not required. Scripts will be provided during the program. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Mondays**
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **No fee**

- **July 8 - *The Revolutionists* by Lauren Gunderson**
- **Aug. 12 - *Dancing at Lughnasa* by Brian Friel**

The Write Stuff – Writers Group

If you love writing, join us for inspiration, encouragement, and feedback. Bring what you are working on to share with the group or just come to discuss your craft. All genres and writing styles are welcome. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Tuesdays, July 9, 23, and Aug. 6, 20**
5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

Unrequired Reading – Classics Book Club

We all learned about the classics in high school. Let's read them again just for fun! Join our discussion for a fresh perspective on these enduring tales. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Mondays**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

- **July 15 - *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn***
- **Aug. 19 - *Native Son* by Richard Wright**

BAM! WOW! Adventures in Graphic Novels

Get together with fellow fans of comics, manga, and graphic novels to compete in trivia, share recommendations, and enjoy other fun activities. Bring your own gently used comics to swap with other enthusiasts! Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Tuesday, July 16**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

Just Write

Flex your creative writing muscles and exercise your imagination. Bring your journal, laptop, or other device and join in on writing activities, prompts, and exercises. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Thursdays, July 18 and Aug. 15**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

Artist's Studio Series

Develop your creativity and explore new forms of artistic self-expression through this series of workshops led by local artists and creatives. No previous skill necessary, all materials provided. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Saturdays**
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. **No fee**

- July 20 - Zine Crafting
- Aug. 17 - Linocut Printing

Checkmate! Adventures in Chess

Enjoy a day of chess with the Danville Chess Club. Beginners and experienced players alike are invited to meet, learn, and play with other chess enthusiasts in the community. All materials provided. Ages 13 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Saturday, July 20**
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. **No fee**

Adult Arts and Crafts

Unwind from your day with a relaxing arts and crafts project. Let your creativity shine to create a cute craft or inspiring art piece. Bring friends and meet new ones. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. **No fee**

- Monday, July 22 - Morse Code Bracelet
- Thursday, Aug. 8 - Cactus Rock Garden
- Thursday, Aug. 22 - Light-up Firefly Art

Needles & Hooks! Adventures in Needlecraft

Whether you are interested in learning how to knit, crochet, and embroider, or you've been doing it for decades, join us for a discussion about the future of needlecraft projects at the library. Bring something to work on or simply join us for a chat! Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium Thursday, August 29
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. No fee

Page and Screen

Is the book always better? Let's find out together. Share your thoughts on the strengths of each version as we look at popular movie adaptations of the books we love. This is a two-part program starting with a book discussion at Ballou Recreation Center, followed by a movie viewing at Ruby B. Archie Public Library. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195 or (434) 799-5216.

Ballou Recreation Center / Ruby B. Archie Public Library
11 a.m. to 12 p.m. **No fee**

- Tuesday, August 13
 - *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde
- Tuesday, August 20
 - *The Importance of Being Earnest* (2002 Movie)

Books & Beans Social Hour

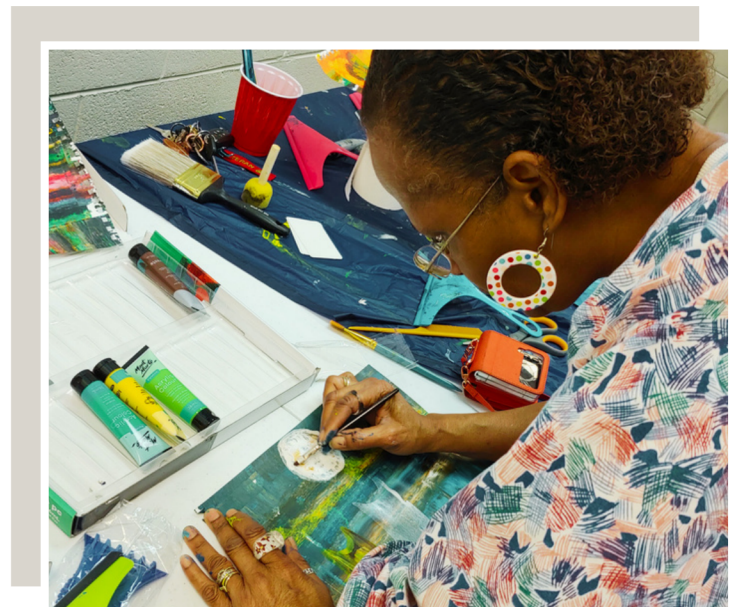
Let's discuss what we've been reading and discover what to read next! Join other booklovers for a casual morning of coffee and conversation. Ages 18 and up. No registration required.

Links Coffee House Cafe Saturdays, July 13 and Aug. 10
9 a.m. to 10 a.m. No fee

Books & Brews Social Hour

Let's discuss what we've been reading and discover what to read next! Join other booklovers for a casual evening of drinks and dialogue. Ages 18 and up. No registration required.

Ballad Brewing Wednesdays, July 31 and Aug. 28
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. No fee



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

GENEALOGY and COMMUNITY RESOURCE PROGRAMS

Legal Aid Workshops

Representatives from Virginia Legal Aid Society will present information for common legal issues that are pertinent to the community. Presentations will include general guidelines, applicable eligibility, common concerns, and helpful tools to assist with the topic. Programs will give general legal information only. Representatives cannot answer questions about specific situations. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **No fee**
Thursdays **5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

- **July 11 - Medicaid and Long-Term Care**
- **August 1 - Medicaid and Long-Term Care**

Tuesdays **1 p.m. to 2 p.m.**

- **July 9 - Guardianships for Adults**
- **August 13 - Guardianships for Adults**

VA-NC Piedmont Genealogical Society Presents

Learn helpful tips and hear interesting stories from a guest speaker. Topics will relate to genealogy, family heritage, and local history. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

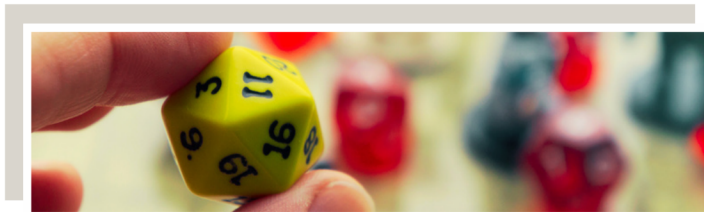
Auditorium **Thursday, August 1**
2 p.m. to 3 p.m. **No fee**

- **Kyle Griffith**

Genealogy 101 for Your Group

If you have a group of friends or colleagues interested in getting into genealogy, we are here to help. Learn about researching and documenting your family history. We will discuss simple steps for how to get started. All custom programs require advanced notice of at least 15 business days and are limited by group size. Sessions will be scheduled based on staff availability. Ages 18 and up. For more information contact Rachael Miller in Adult Services at millerm@danvilleva.gov or call (434) 799-5195.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS



Youth Dungeons & Dragons

Solve puzzles, defeat the monsters, and discover treasure along the way. All experience levels are welcome. This is a 5th edition game. First time participants receive a free set of dice. Snacks are provided. Saturday sessions include lunch. Grades 6-12. Space is limited. Register by the Monday before the program. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **No fee**

- **Mondays, July 1 and August 5**
 - **4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**
- **Saturdays, July 13 and August 10**
 - **10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Tween Craft Night

Join us for a night of crafts, music, and snacks. Bring your friends and make new ones. Ages 12-17. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Wednesdays**
5 p.m. to 6 p.m. **No fee**

- **July 10 - Pressed Flower Bookmarks**
- **August 14 - Canvas Creations**

Storytellers: Creative Writing 101

Are you a tween who is creative and loves to write? Explore and foster your creative voice through writing prompts and exercises. Covering short stories, poetry, prose, non-fiction, and more, writers will be able to share their work and collaborate with others in a relaxed workshop environment. Grades 6-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Tuesdays, July 16 and Aug. 6**
5 p.m. to 6 p.m. **No fee**

Teen Advisory Board

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is a way for teens to have a voice at the library and help others in their community. TAB goals include promoting library services, helping library staff develop teen programs and strong young adult book collections, and creating youth-led service projects. Grades 6-12.

Maker Space **Friday, July 26**
4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. **No fee**

Teen Takeover

After-hours at the library is for teens-only! Play video games with friends, make slime, have nerf battles, eat pizza, and more. Grades 6-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Second Floor **Friday, July 26**
5 p.m. to 7 p.m. **No fee**

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Checkmate! Adventures in Chess

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Auditorium **Saturday, July 20**
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. **No fee**

Firefly Circuit Art

Make your firefly painting come to life with LED paper circuits. Grades 6-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Monday, July 29**
5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

'Reflections of Home' Painting Class

Paint a masterpiece that pays tribute to your idea of 'home'. Projects will be featured on the StoryWalk Trail during the month of September as part of the 2024 'Reflections of Home' Arts Festival. The Trail can be found at the Upper Dan Daniel Memorial Park Trail Head. Grades 6-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Tuesday, August 20**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

Amazing Race at the Library

Teens will work in teams to follow clues and complete checkpoint challenges and roadblocks as they race around the "world" exploring local culture and history. Along the way they will be confronted with a number of tasks designed to test their knowledge and ability to cooperate and think under pressure. The team that completes the challenge in the least amount of time, will win this amazing race! Ages 12-17. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Second Floor **Friday, August 23**
5 p.m. to 7 p.m. **No fee**

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Little Explorers Storytime

Children and their caregivers are invited to join us for songs, stories, and activities that promote language development and pre-literacy skills. Recommended for ages 2-5. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Tuesdays, July 2 - August 13***
11 a.m. to 12 p.m. **No fee**
***No storytime on July 30**

LEGO Brick Engineers

Make your own LEGO brick creation to meet this month's creative challenge. Bricks provided; imagination required. All LEGO models will be displayed in the children's department. Ages 5-17. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Mondays, July 1 and Aug. 5**
No fee
• **4 p.m. to 5 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Code Challengers

Learn how to make your own computer games, mobile apps, and more! Join us to experience hands-on coding and robotics. No experience required: just curiosity and creativity! Ages 8-12. Registration is required as space is limited. Call (434) 799-5195.

Computer lab **Wednesdays, July 3 and Aug. 7**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

We Dig Science

We're getting down to the nitty-gritty this summer with a look at several sciences. Between digging up dinosaur fossils and doing messy experiments, this summer is sure to be "groundbreaking." Ages 5-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Thursdays**
5 p.m. to 6 p.m. **No fee**
• **July 11 - Egyptology**
• **August 8 - Marine Biology**

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Book Babies

Music and rhymes, stories, and fingerplays in a lap sit program for babies and their caregivers. Recommended for children 0-18 months. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Activity Room **Fridays, July 12, 26, and Aug. 9**
10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. **No fee**

Ancient Explorers

Delve into the depths of history by exploring civilizations of long ago. Discover what life was like for the peoples of the past from the Aztecs, to Feudal Japan, to Mesopotamia and beyond and their contributions to the world. Activities, experiments and crafts will bring the ancient world to life. Ages 7-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Mondays, July 15 and August 19**
4 p.m. to 5 p.m. **No fee**

Ozobot Adventures

Help Ozo find his way! Use simple coding to navigate tiny robots through wild adventures! No experience needed. Ages 6-10. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Thursdays, July 18 and Aug. 22**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

Life Size Jumanji

In the Jungle you must play or trapped in the library you will stay! Bring your friends for an interactive life-size game of Jumanji—A game for those who seek to find a way to leave their world behind. Complete challenges to see if you have what it takes to escape Jumanji before the time runs out. Ages 6-12. Snacks provided. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

2nd Floor **Friday, July 19**
5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. **No fee**

Forest Findings - Camouflage Chameleon

Learn about animals that camouflage through experiments and games. Ages 5-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Thursday, July 25**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

Evening Storytime at the Park

Explore, examine, and play outside in this STEAM storytime for littles. Recommended ages 2-5. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

StoryWalk Trail (DDMP) **Wednesday, July 31**
4 p.m. to 5 p.m. **No fee**

Little Learning Lab - Once Upon a Time

Explore, create, and learn through interactive STEAM based activities that will engage the mind and body as your child builds their fine motor skills and creativity while exploring scientific concepts. Ages 2-6. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Thursday, August 15**
4 p.m. to 5 p.m. **No fee**

Maker Mondays

Put your maker caps on to build, explore, tinker, and create fun hands-on projects. Each session will have different activities to try and problems to solve. Ages 6-11. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Monday, Aug. 26**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

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Maker Space **Tuesday, August 20**
4 p.m. to 5 p.m. **No fee**

Bluey Bonanza

Who's your favorite blue heeler pup? That's right, it's Bluey! Come celebrate the whole Heeler family at the library. We'll have a photo booth, play fun Bluey-approved games, and make some crafts. Ages 2-7. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Wednesday, August 28**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

Random Fandom - Percy Jackson

Embrace your inner geek at the library in a series of programs celebrating the awesomeness of Pokémon, Minecraft, Studio Ghibli, and more! Each month we will highlight a new fandom for you to create around, explore, and geek out about. Gather your friends and family and embark on this epic quest. Ages 7-17. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Thursday, Aug. 29**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**



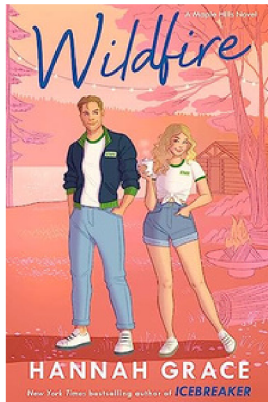
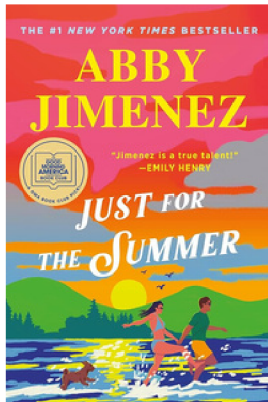
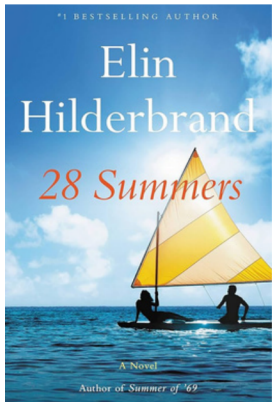
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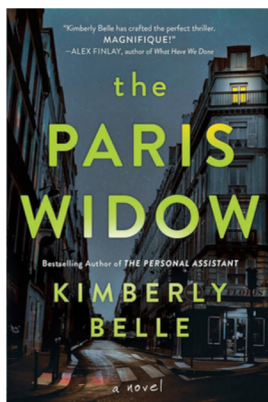
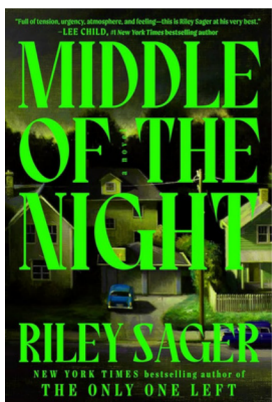
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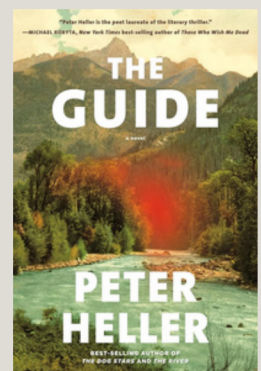
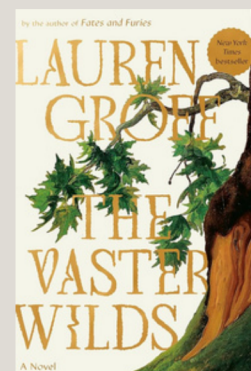
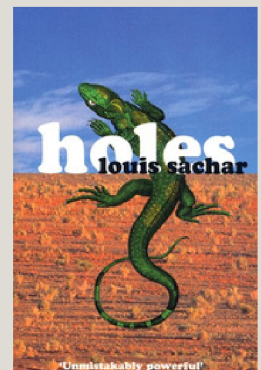
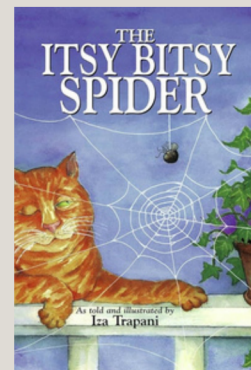
SUMMER LOVIN'



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Hours

Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Upcoming Closings

Thursday, July 4th the Library will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

Did you know?

These were some of the top titles read so far during our **Summer Reading Challenge!** Keep reading and logging through **July 31st** to help us reach our community reading goal!