

DANVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY News, Programs, and Events

Ruby B. Archie Library - 511 Patton Street, Danville

LIBRARY CONNECTIONS



May 2025



THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL TARTAN DAY SCOTTISH CULTURE CELEBRATION

On Saturday, April 5, the library hosted our third annual National Tartan Day event at Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History in partnership with the Virginia-Carolina Scottish Society. We featured dancing demonstrations by Monroe School of Highland Dance accompanied by piper Andrew Prioli from Hillsborough, NC, and musicians Lily Harwell and Sean Ashdown from Lenoir, NC. One hundred forty visitors perused displays of Scottish highland clans, tartans, territories, crest badges, music, weapons and coats of arms as well as enjoyed traditional haggis, tea, and shortbread cookies. We look forward to celebrating together again next year. Slàinte Mhath!







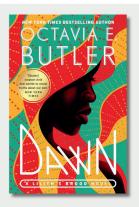






The Seed Library is a collection of seeds that you can borrow to plant and grow at home. Using a simple checkout method, library patrons can take up to three packs of seeds per household per month. Library staff, along with the Danville Master Gardeners, hold monthly gardening "Trowel and Error" workshops to offer education and support beginner gardeners as they learn how to grow, harvest, and save seeds. Our seed collection depends on donations seasonality. You'll see different seeds available at different times, so check in frequently to see what's available! The Seed Library is located in a vintage card catalog on the first floor of the library building.

WELCOME TO SODI



Dawn is the first book in a trilogy following post nuclear war humanity that has been saved from death by a species of gene trading aliens known as the Oankali. The first book follows a woman named Lilith as she wakes up from a centuries long sleep trapped aboard an alien spacecraft. Lilith must learn to co-exist with

her Oankali hosts and learn from them so that she can teach the next group of humans to be awakened.

This book has such an exaggerated pessimistic view of humanity that it forces you to really think about what you would do in the situation these humans have found themselves in. All the while making you question humanity, the way we view anything different from us, the way we view women, and the absolute basics of consent. It delves into the ideology of empathy, curiosity, and genetic purity while keeping the feeling of otherworldly horrific science fiction. If you are looking for introspective horror that will trap you inside your own thoughts this is the series to read.

Amber Pilkin, Information Specialist

April showers bring May flowers, and what a better time to introduce some changes. No other story brings the heartfelt grief and joy of change than Joseph Moldover's *Just Until*. This amazing story follows seventeen-year-old



Hannah as her carefully constructed world is turned upside down after she and her dad gain custody of her two troubled nephews. Now she must decide what is best for the kids, for her family, and for herself. If you love a found family, coming of age, young adult novel that will keep you turning the page then look no further!

Sodi Truex, Information Specialist

I'm Sodi, the newest addition to Danville Public Library's great staff. I enjoy reading all things supernatural, Young Adult fantasy, and thrillers. When I'm not working I'm writing horror/thriller short stories and novels and taking care of my piggies! I look forward to helping Danville's patrons and working with my fellow staff.



GET CAUGHT READING THIS MAY





This month, we encourage readers of all ages to enjoy books wherever they are—at home, in school, or right here at the library. Whether you're flipping pages in your favorite chair or tucked into a quiet corner of the library, it's the perfect time to pick up a good book and get reading.

FAIRY TALE BASH





Our Third Annual Fairy Tale Bash was truly one for the storybooks! Thank you to everyone who joined us for the enchanted evening.

From fairy tale crafts to bouncing in the castle, the night was packed with activities that sparked imagination and joy. One of the highlights? Ireland's incredible chalk art masterpiece, a stunning rendition of Cogsworth from *Beauty and the Beast* that wowed everyone!



We were also thrilled to welcome back our special guests from Infinity Acres - the Unicorn and Unidonkey made a magical appearance!



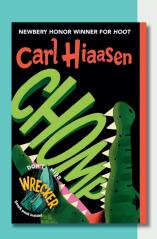
We loved seeing so many smiling faces, and we're already dreaming up ideas for our next Fairy Tale Bash! Until then, be sure to keep an eye on our calendar or stop by to see what other adventures we have planned for this summer!

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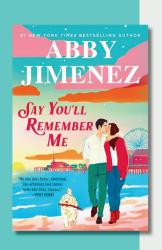


Dating and Dragons by
Kristy Boyce rolls a nat 20
for charm! This YA romcom
follows a DND group, where
sparks fly in and out of the
campaign. I recommend it
to anyone looking for a
sweet romance and a story
filled with good friendships!
This book added +5 to my
heart.

-Riley



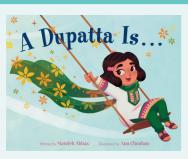
A hilarious romp through the swamps of Florida straight from our children's collection. I picked up *Chomp* in need of some **humor**, **hijinks**, **and chaos** and it did not disappoint. This story was **fun for all ages** and if you listen to the audio version on Libby, it's read by James Van Der Beek.
- Russell



What happens when you meet the maybe-love of your life the day before you move across the country? Between an impossible love story, a family struggling to adjust to hard new realities, and sweet animals you can't get enough of, this newest romcom by Abby Jimenez will give you all the feels. -Chrislyn

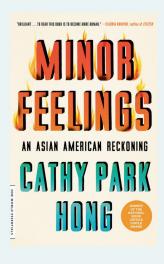
STORIES FOR ALL AGES













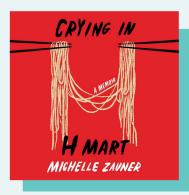
Scan the QR code for a curated list of AAPI titles on Libby!



AUDIOBOOK REVIEW

Crying in H Mart Written and Narrated by Michelle Zauner

In this intimate audiobook, Zauner narrates her struggle with her Asian American identity, her mother from Korea and her father American, and the grief she faces after losing her mother to cancer.





Through tearful grocery store
visits, memories of Korean meals,
and reflections on her childhood,
Zauner invites us to witness
her heartbreak and healing. It's
especially poignant in audio form,
as her voice cracks and carries the
weight of every memory.

And if the story leaves you wanting more of her artistry, check out her debut album, Psychopomp, available on Hoopla.

The album is a sonic companion to her grief, dreamy and emotional. The cover features a photo of her mother as a young woman, another beautiful thread connecting her music and her memoir.



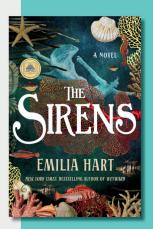
Riley Ryan, Circulation Supervisor



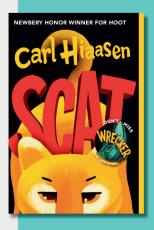
Celebrate AAPI Heritage Month on Hoopla!

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If you happened to listen to my podcast episode, you know I fell in love with Emilia Hart's debut novel, Weyward. I can't wait to dive into her newest book, The Sirens, which explores similar themes of women's resilience and features elements of magical realism!



I had such fun with *Chomp* that I downloaded the audio version of *Scat* read by Ed Asner. This story revolves around a boy being **accused of a crime he did not commit** and a tough teacher famous for making said boy write a paper about pimples. It is like **my childhood in story form.**-Russell



As soon as I heard someone describe this book as Hunger Games-meets-Ender's Game, I downloaded the audiobook. Darrow is part of the lowest color-caste of a society struggling to survive on Mars - only he's just learned that they've actually been living on Mars for generations and that Reds are slaves to a society that has kept them in the dark. If you also like dystopian sci-fi, this saga might be for you! -Chrislyn



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LIBRARY FUN IN MAY

Be sure to join us for one of our many great programs in the month of May. As always, visit any service desk to register for a program or give us a call at 434-799-5195.

For a full list of our library programs, visit www.readdanvilleva.org or scan the QR Code below.





*ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Thursday, May 1 - Legal Aid Workshop · Repairs and Security Deposits

Wednesday, May 14 - Better Business Bureau Presents · Avoiding AI Scams

Saturday, May 10 - Trowel and Error - Seed Library Workshop Growing Chemical-Free Food

Tuesday, May 13 - Legal Aid Workshop · Repairs and Security Deposits

Tuesday, May 13 - The Pod People - Podcast Discussion Series "Good Cult" with River Donaghey

Wednesday, May 14 - Flights of Fantasy Book Club • "Mistborn: The Final Empire"

Thursday, May 15 - Health Connection Workshops

Available Options After Losing Health Insurance Benefits

Friday, May 16 - Teen Takeover Life Size Games

Saturday, May 17 - Artist's Studio Series Mixed Media Collage with Krys Kinsel

Monday, May 19 - Unrequired Reading - Classics Book Club "The House on Mango Street" by Sandra Cisneros

Tuesday, May 27 - Adult Arts and Crafts

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Wednesday, May 28 - Behind the Spy Glass: Detective Series Sherlock Homes

Thursday, May 29 - Local History Presentation

The Danville Canal and the Roanoke Navigation Company

MAY'S READING CHALLENGE - SHORT STORIES

SHORT STORIES FROM THE PAC











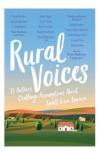




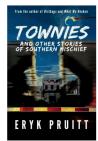


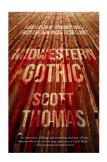
















To keep a long story short

The reading challenge this month is to read a collection of short stories, a favorite for Rachael Miller but less familiar territory for Russell and Rachel Timm. Check out this month's podcast to listen as the crew discuss short stories and their growth as readers.

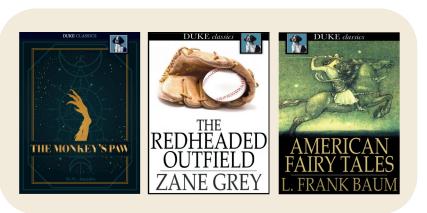
Some of the books discussed include *Something Rich and Strange: Selected Stories* by Ron Rash, *The Illustrated Man* by Ray Bradbury, *The Amazing Mr. Morality: Stories* by Jacob Appel, *The Purple Swamp Hen and Other Stories* by Penelope Lively, *Life Ceremony* by Sayaka Murata, *Uncommon Type* by Tom Hanks, *Normal Rules Don't Apply: Stories* by Kate Atkinson.



I just like the freedom that a short story gives you to just break the rules and do what you want, and no one can be mad at you because it's like 20 pages long.

~Rachael Miller

CLASSICS YOU MIGHT ENJOY FROM LIBBY



LISTEN TO THESE ON HOOPLA

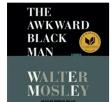












If you've ever met our director Russell, you know three things:

- He's passionate about libraries.
- He's got a heart of gold.

 And he really loves a good dad joke. (The cheesier, the better.)

Especially if it's library related.

We decided it was time to give Russell's jokes the spotlight they deserve.

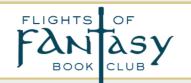
This month's joke:

Where does the library keep books about Big Foot?

The large-print section!

If that didn't get you... well we don't know what will.





Join us as we embark on a magical new journey in our all new *Flights of Fantasy*Book Club at Ballad Brewing.

We're diving into the epic world of Brandon Sanderson's Mistborn trilogy, where magic, mystery, and rebellion collide!

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Ballad Brewing

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

- Wed, May 14 Mistborn: The Final Empire
- Wed, June 18 Mistborn: The Well of Acension
- Wed, July 16 Mistborn: The Hero of Ages

Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. No fee.

3D Printing for Adults

Kids shouldn't have all the fun! Join us to learn how the 3D design process works and design a unique game piece. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Computer Lab Thursday, May 8

5 p.m. - 6 p.m No fee

Unrequired Reading

Each month we read a new classic just for fun! Join us this month for our discussion of:

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros Auditorium Monday, May 19

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m No fee

Board Game Cafe

Explore the wide world of modern board games with us. Library staff will lead a game selected from various tabletop games that are simple to learn and fun to master. This is a great way to meet new people and discover new games! Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium Thursday, May 22 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m No fee

The Loop Group

Bring your own knit, crochet, or other needlecraft project to work on! Share skills and learn techniques from others. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required.

Auditorium Thursday, May 22

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m No fee

Local History Presentation

The Danville Canal and the Roanoke Navigation Company. Jonathan Travis Hackworth will give a presentation about the rise and demise of the early 19th century navigation system for transporting trade goods, especially tobacco, around the falls located on the Dan River. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium Thursday, May 29

2 p.m. to 3 p.m. No fee

UPCOMING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Make your way to Dan Daniel Memorial Park where you will find the StoryWalk Trail: a series of posts that hold the pages of a storybook to be read while walking along the trail. The trail features a new story at the beginning of every month.

In May, the Trail will feature the book *Have You Seen Gordon?* by Adam Jay Epstein

The StoryWalk Trail can be found on the section of the Riverwalk Trail that runs below the Otterbots stadium.

Dan Daniel Memorial Park 302 River Park Drive Danville, Virginia



Book Babies

Music and rhymes, stories and fingerplays in a lap sit program for babies and their caregivers. Recommended for children 0-18 months.

Activity Room

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

- Thursdays, May 1, 15, July 3, 17
- Fridays, May 9, 23, June 13, 27, July 11, 25

Ozobot Adventures

Help Ozo find his way! Use simple coding to natigate tiny robots through wild adventures! No experience needed. Ages 6 - 10. Registration is required.

Maker Space

Thursday, May 15

4:30 p.m - 5:30 p.m.

No fee

Summer Reading Kickoff

Celebrate the start of our Summer Reading program with balloon animals, face painting, and a variety of other activities provided by community partners. Call (434) 799-5195.

Library

Thursday, June 5

5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

No fee

RECIPE FOR A PERFECT STORYTIME

With spring in full bloom, I've been in the mood for stories about flowers and fresh veggies and gardening. This camp song is a fun one to do with a variety of ages and good way to get the sillies out! Search Youtube for videos of this song to learn the motions and other verses.





Fruits and Veggies Unite!

Form **banana**, form, form banana (x2) Peel banana, peel, peel banana (x2) Go bananas, go, go, bananas! (x2)

Form the **orange**, form, form the orange (x2)
Peel the orange, peel, peel the orange (x2)
Squeeze the orange, squeeze, squeeze the orange! (x2)

Form the **apple**, form, form the apple (x2) Slice the apple, slice, slice the apple (x2) Eat the apple, eat, the apple (x2)

Chrislyn Gardner, Youth Services Librarian

UPCOMING TEEN PROGRAMMING

Dewey Decibels' Music Lab

Turn up the music by mixing your own songs! Learn about online tools for making music to make your own sound. Ages 10 - 17. Registration is required.

Computer Lab Wednesday, May 21

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m No fee

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.

Book Bedazzling

Maker Space Wednesday, May 14

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m No fee

Teen Takeover

After-hours at the library is for teens-only! This month's theme is Life Size Games. Join us for games, pizza and more! Grades 6 - 12. Registration is required.

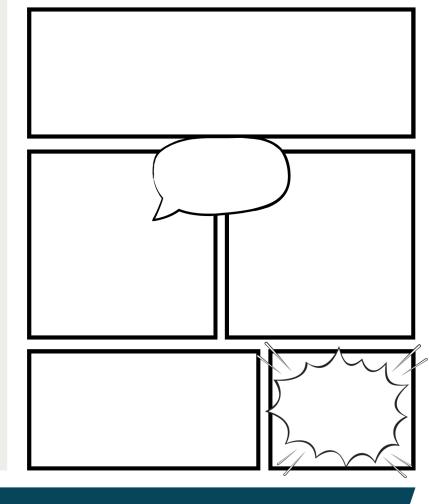
The Library Friday, May 16

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m No fee

NATIONAL CARTOONISTS' DAY

MAY 9th

Try your hand at Cartoon artistry by filling in the panel below!



SUMMER READING 2025

JUNE 1 - JULY 31

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

"Level Up at Your Library" this summer! Avoid Summer Slide while school is out by participating in the library's Reading Challenge. Children and adults of all ages can read and complete activities to **earn prizes**. A library card is not required to participate, but you'll want one to check out the books you choose for your challenge!

*Early registration opens May 27

SUMMER READING KICKOFF

Celebrate the start of our Summer Reading program with balloon animals, face painting, and a variety of other activities provided by community partners.

Library 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 5

No fee

Participants can log their reading themselves on the Beanstack

Tracker app or pick up a paper reading log at the library.





Let's keep in touch.

Scan the QR code to sign up for the digital version of this newsletter!

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MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU









STEP OUTSIDE AND READ



Riverwalk Trail



Main Street Plaza

The Riverwalk Trail is the perfect place to enjoy fresh air, sunshine, and a great audiobook.

Browse Libby or Hoopla for thousands of titles, pop in your earbuds, and turn your next walk into a story-filled adventure!



Union Street Pocket Park



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Just a short walk from the library, Union Street Pocket Park offers a quiet, comfortable spot to enjoy your next book.

With lots of seating and accompanied by the gentle sound of the fountain, it's the perfect place to slow down, relax, and get lost in a good story this summer.

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

Monday, May 26 the Library will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Thursday, June 19 the Library will be closed in observance of Juneteenth.





Follow along with the challenge podcast at readdanvilleva.org

