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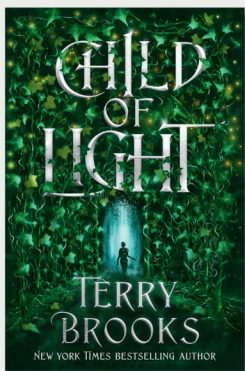
JUNE IS SUMMER READING

Read books, earn prizes!



JUNE 2025

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS



Feel the rush of a prison break as Terry Brooks drops you directly into the calamity as eight teens scatter to break free in *Child of Light*. The story focuses on Auris Afton Grieg's escape to freedom leaving behind the goblin confines she's known most of her life. While on the run,

Auris is separated from her friends but meets Harrow, a fae warrior who strongly believes Auris is fae too, even though she looks human. Trusting in his belief, Harrow whisks Auris away to the fae territories, a haven from the goblins.

This was my first fantasy read, and I can tell you it opened my eyes to a whole new genre. I love the magical elements and the subtle love story, which does not overshadow the action but instead, adds to the significance of the characters' choices. I have yet to find another book where I love the fae's abilities as much as in *Child of Light*.

Marina Rodriguez, Mobile Specialist



Fans of *Fun Home* will relish *Spent*, a fictional memoir comic novel which manages beautifully to be both a subtle social commentary and honest introspection a la Bechdel's unique style. The main character, Alison, struggles with her unexpected fame as an

author and all that comes with it, including an Emmy award-winning TV series that spins wildly out of her creative control. While desperate to show people how to free themselves from rampant consumer capitalism and live a more ethical life, she also can't shake the overspending lifestyle to which she and her partner have grown accustomed. *Spent* is as much a self-critical evaluation as it is a reminder of what matters: to take care of each other every day.

Rachel Timm, Adult Services Coordinator

WORDS FROM HOME



CALLING ALL WRITERS!

Danville Public Library will be publishing a collection of short prose, essays, and poetry written by authors from the Danville/Pittsylvania County region of Virginia as a part of the Reflections of Home Arts Festival.

There is no cost to participate. Entries must be the original unassisted, unpublished work of the submitting author and 1500 words or less. Authors must be age 13 or above and reside in Danville or Pittsylvania County.

Submissions will be accepted online at www.reflectionsofdanville.com Monday, June 2 through Friday, August 29. Not all submissions will be included in the publication.

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT

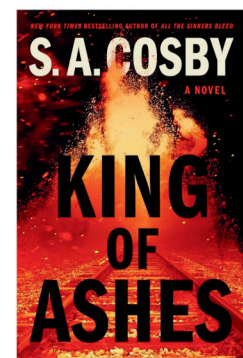


Award winning Virginia author **S.A. Cosby** was aptly described by *Garden & Gun* magazine as “the new king of Southern Noir”. Any reader of his books knows that this is a perfect description of Cosby's lyrical writing.

His latest novel ***King of Ashes*** hits the shelves on June 10

and is a big family crime story in the mode of *The Godfather*. Set in the fictional town of Jefferson Run (based on Petersburg, VA), main character Roman Carruthers squares off with “The Baron Brothers”, local drug lords. Roman has to decide whether he'd “rule in hell rather than service in heaven.” If you are a fan of reading cozy mysteries, let's just say that Cosby's novels are not your cup of tea.

Jess Austin, Technical Services Librarian



KICKOFF PARTY

THURSDAY, JUNE 5  5P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Enjoy a **bounce house**, **LEGO derby race**, giant lawn games, and a **scavenger hunt with prizes**.

Kids can **cool off with free Kona Ice kiddie cups**, and dance it out in the glow-in-the-dark dance room.

Don't forget to snap a memory at the photobooth and **register for the Summer Reading Challenge** to receive a **free library magnet!**

Register Here!



NEW LIBRARY CARDS



“It’s dangerous to go alone. Take this.”

Level Up at Your Library with a New Library Card! This summer, we're debuting all-new library cards to celebrate our **Summer Reading Challenge** and this year’s theme: **Level Up at Your Library!**

Whether you’re a seasoned reader or just beginning your journey, you can pick up a new card when you sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge, or upgrade your gear by purchasing a new one!

New look. Same great library.



Join the adventure from June 1 to July 31 with our Summer Reading Challenge!

Readers of all ages (0–109!) can participate by reading books and completing fun activities to earn exciting prizes.

How to Participate:

Track Your Progress:

Use the **Beanstack** app or website to **log your reading and activities**. Prefer paper? Pick up a log at any library service desk.



Complete Activities:

Engage in tasks like visiting the StoryWalk Trail, playing games or enjoying family reading time.

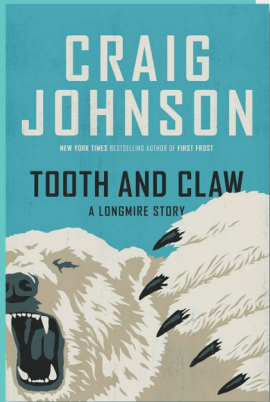
Earn Prizes:

Once you've met your goals, visit the library to claim your rewards. Remember, participants must be present to receive prizes.

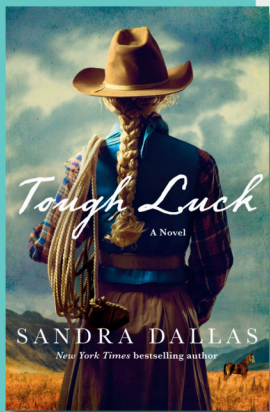


Don't miss out on this epic summer quest, gear up and level up at your library!

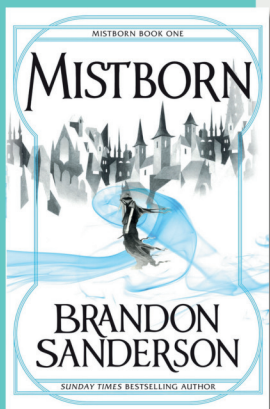
just read



This was a short book and I am so glad because I do not think my heart could have handled any more excitement. Where *Jaws* features the beast for only a few scenes, **the bear in *Tooth and Claw* is chasing you almost the entire time!** I honestly cannot wait to read this one again.
-Russell



I love a good western with a female lead! This book, set in 1863, follows **Haidie Richards and her younger brother Boots**, as they escape from an orphanage and travel to the Colorado territory in search of their father. Along the way, they meet some good friends, including a card shark and two very independent sisters.
- Jess A.



Mistborn: the Final Empire by Brandon Sanderson is a stirring epic fantasy tale, not just of magic and legends, but of the true cost of revolution and change in the face of tremendous hardship. Thrilling and heartbreaking in turn, this book left me reeling and ready for more.
-Liz

EXPLORE AUDIOBOOKS

June is Audiobook Appreciation Month!

Audiobooks are a fantastic way to enjoy stories, learn new things, and boost mental wellness – all on your own schedule. They're great for those with low vision, mobility challenges, or anyone who prefers to listen while commuting, walking, or relaxing at home.

Why Try Audiobooks?

- Accessible & easier to focus on
- Great for mental wellness (per Psychology Today)
- Perfect for multitasking & busy lifestyles
- Fun & educational for the whole family

Ways to Listen:

- CDs – Perfect for car rides
- Digital Options:
 - **Libby** – eAudiobooks for all ages
 - **Hoopla** – Over 1 million titles, including eAudiobooks, comics & more

Libby and Hoopla are both free to use with your library card!

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THESE BOOKS AND MORE ARE ALL AVAILABLE ON LIBBY OR AT THE LIBRARY!

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Happy Land

Written by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

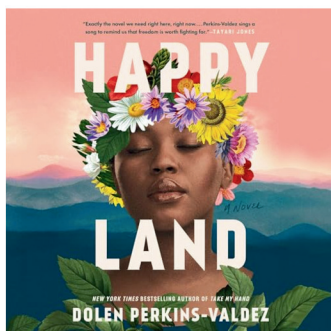
Narrated by Bahni Tupin

The audiobook version of *Happy Land* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez is narrated by the award winning actress Bahni Turpin and available on Libby. Together, the author and narrator bring to life the

“Kingdom of the Happy Land”, a settlement founded in 1865 by formerly enslaved families in Western North Carolina.

Founders William and Luella Montgomery were named “King and Queen”, and were able to purchase 210 acres at a little less than \$1 an acre from the family of Serepta Merritt Davis, widow of a plantation owner. For several decades, the kingdom thrived. Through shared labor and an “all for one, one for all” ethos, they built a self-sufficient community. Together, they raised crops, educated their children and sold medicinal cures, most notably “Happy Land Liniment,” a popular remedy made from plants and herbs.

Jess Austin, Technical Services Librarian



This little known story of both African-American and North Carolina history was the subject of another recent book, *The American Queen* by Vanessa Miller, and the audiobook is available on Hoopla.



**Check out
Free Audiobooks
on Hoopla and Libby!**

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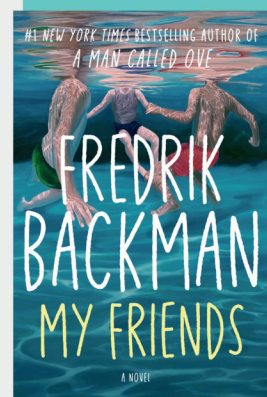
The second book in A.J. Landau's National Parks Thriller series, ***Cold Burn* takes place in Glacier Bay National Park in Alaska.** The first book in the series featured a weaponized rattle snake, so I can only guess what excitement is in store for me as Agent Michael Walker once again solves crimes and fights bad guys!

-Russell



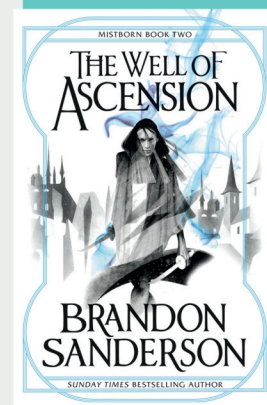
This is the newest book by the author of *A Man Called Ove*, which is one of the few books that made me cry! The main character, **Louisa, is an aspiring artist who was raised in foster care.** A painting that she has long admired is exhibited locally. This leads her on a quest to discover more about the mystery artist and the story of how the painting came to be.

-Jess A



Mistborn: The Well of Ascension by Brandon Sanderson picks up one year from where *The Final Empire* left off. The survivors face increasing challenges in their attempts to build a new society in the wake of the old one. I'm fascinated to learn how Vin and the others will navigate the new world they have brought about, including more secrets from the very beginning of the old empire.

-Liz



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1	2	3	4	<div>SUMMER KICKOFF</div> 
8	9	10	11	<div>10:30 - 11:30 AM Health Workshop</div> <div>4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Ozobot Adventure</div> <div>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Legal Aid Workshop</div> <div>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Just Write Workshop</div>
15	16	17	18	<div>CLOSE CELEBRATION</div> <div>June</div>
22	23	24	25	<div>11AM - 12PM Computers for Beginners</div> <div>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM The Loop Group</div>
29	30	<div>June</div> <div> <div>● Programming</div> <div>● Programming</div> <div>● Programming</div> <div>● Technology</div> </div>		

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
READING PARTY 5 PM TO 6:30 PM	6	7 11AM - 12:30PM Speed Puzzle Competition
12 PM Pop* PM Pures PM Workshop* PM Workshop	13 10:30 AM - 11 AM Book Babies	14 9AM - 10AM Books & Beans Social Hour 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM Youth D&D 11 AM - 12 PM - Seed Library Workshop*
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26 Beginners PM p	27 10:30 AM - 11 AM Book Babies 5 PM - 7 PM Teen Takeover*	28 9AM - 10 AM Market Adventurers

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Programs

LIBRARY FUN IN JUNE

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

Monday, June 2 - IndieLens Pop-up Film Screening
• Free For ALL: The Public Library

June 9, 17, and 25 - Library Pop Ups
• June 9 - Glenwood, June 17 - Coates Rec Center, June 25 - Main Street Plaza

Tuesday, June 10 - Better Business Bureau Presents
• Financial Aid and Debt Relief Scams

Saturday, June 14 - Trowel and Error - Seed Library Workshop
• Flowers to Attract Pollinators

Monday, June 16 - D&D&DIY
• Make Your Own Dice Tray

Tuesday, June 17 - Book Club **at Ballou Recreation**
• *Strawberry Shortcake Murder*

Tuesday, June 10 and Thursday, June 12 - Legal Aid Workshop
• Debt Collection Suits

Wednesday, June 18 - Flights of Fantasy Book Club **at Ballard Brewing**
• "Mistborn: The Well of Ascension"

Thursday, June 12 - Health Connection Workshops
• Health Insurance and Food Resources for Pregnant Individuals

Saturday, June 21 - Artist's Studio Series
• Polymer Clay with Lesly Martin

Monday, June 23 - Unrequired Reading - Classics Book Club
• "Rubyfruit Jungle" by Rita Mae Brown

Tuesday, June 24 - Adult Arts and Crafts
• DIY Fidget Stick

Wednesday, June 25 - Behind The Spy Glass: Detective Series
• Nancy Drew

Friday, June 27 - Teen Takeover
• Water Balloon Tournament

Saturday, June 28 - Market Adventurers Storytime
• Summer Reading Adventure (at Danville Community Market)

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JUNE'S READING CHALLENGE - BOOKS TO MOVIES

BOOKS FROM THE PAC



Sharks, Birds, and Little Women

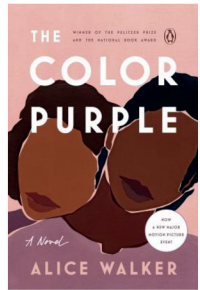
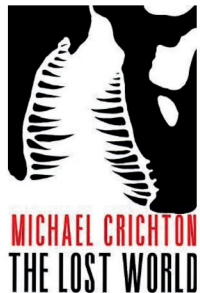
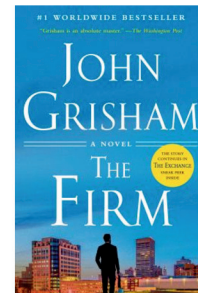
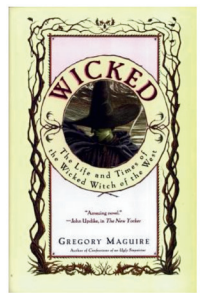
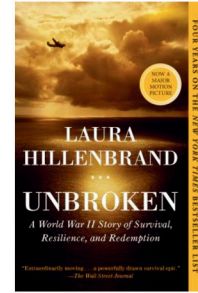
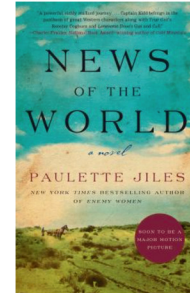
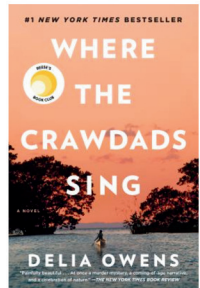
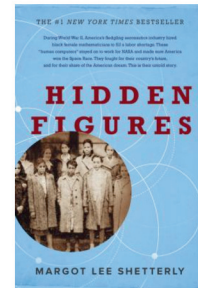
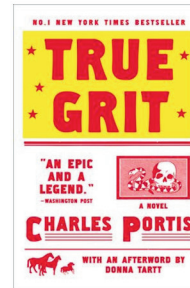
The reading challenge this month is to read a book that has been turned in to a movie. Russell and the Rach(a)els explore some of their favorites and even discover a few titles they did not know existed before Hollywood. Check out this month's podcast to listen in.

Some of the books discussed include *Memento Mori* by Johnathan Nolan, *The Birds* by Daphne du Maurier, *Story of You* by Ted Chiang, *Jaws* by Peter Benchley, *Here* by Richard McGuire, *The Last of the Mohicans* by James Fenimore Cooper, and *Little Women* by Louise May Alcott.

Scan the code below to listen to the podcast



“ [Percival Everett] said, the author doesn't complete the work. The readers complete the work by bringing in their experiences. ~Rachel Timm ”



FROM PAGE TO SCREEN



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UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMMING

Pop Culture Geek Out Hour

So much media; so little time. Join us to talk about the geeky things we love the most. Chat with us and fill up on recommendations from books, movies, podcasts, and more to keep you occupied all month. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required.

Auditorium **Tuesday, June 10**
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

Get More from Google

Learn how to use Google Sheets for budgeting! 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.

Computer Lab **Wednesday, June 18**
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

Artist's Studio - Polymer Clay

Develop your creativity and explore new forms of artistic self-expression through this series of workshops led by local artists and creatives. Artist Lesly Martin will give a presentation and lead a workshop in polymer clay creations! No previous skill necessary, materials provided. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required.

Auditorium **Saturday, June 21**
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. **No fee**

Unrequired Reading

Each month we read a new classic just for fun! Join us this month for our discussion of:
***Rubyfruit Jungle* by Rita Mae Brown**

Auditorium **Monday, June 23**
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, June 26**
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

RUSSELL'S JOKE CORNER

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.

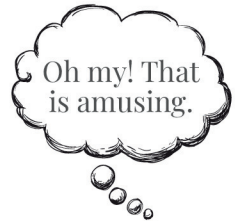
We decided it was time to give Russell's jokes the spotlight they deserve.

This month's joke:

How do we keep our library books warm?

We give them a book jacket!

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



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UPCOMING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

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 **Monday, June 2** **No Fee**

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

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.

Maker Space **Thursday, June 12**

4:30 p.m - 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

Behind the Spy Glass

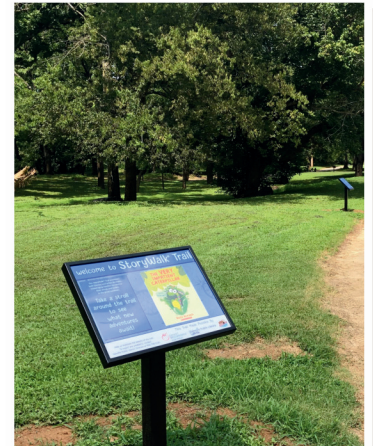
Get to know your favorite detectives and solve a mystery along the way. Ages 5-12 . Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Wednesday, June 25**

4 p.m - 5 p.m. **No fee**

STORY WALK TRAIL

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 June, the Trail will feature the book *The Case of the Stinky Stench* written by Josh Funk and illustrated by Brendan Kearney.

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

A DRAGON STORYTIME IS ROARING FUN



Dragons Have Landed at the Library!

When you stop by the library this month, you might spot some magical new visitors... **DRAGONS!**

Check out a few fiery book recommendations and a great song to celebrate our scaly friends with an at-home storytime adventure.

Bonus: These books even count toward your summer reading goals!

Swing Your Dragon Tail

Turn around **once** and swing your **dragon tail**.
Turn around **twice**, **flap your wings** and **shake your scales**.
Turn around **three times**, stomp your feet and **roar**.
Jump up high then sit down on the floor.

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Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration honoring the official end of slavery in the United States. The **Emancipation Proclamation**, by executive federal order, **proclaimed that all slaves were free, in 1863**. But, the Civil War had not ended and **rebel states, such as Texas, refused to obey the order**. It was **on June 19, 1865, when General Gordon Granger led thousands of federal troops into Galveston, Texas announcing that all those enslaved had been freed**. By withholding this information, powerful slaveholders had condemned enslaved people to two additional years of confinement.

June nineteenth, the date of Granger’s arrival became the target date for **Juneteenth celebrations** in Galveston, soon **spreading** to African American communities **throughout the state and eventually the nation**. In 1980, Emancipation Day, recognizing Juneteenth, became a legal holiday in Texas. Festivities are now held nationwide on or near the June nineteenth date. Some also refer to this day of remembrance as **Freedom Day, Emancipation Day, or African-American Independence Day**.

Speed Puzzle Competition

Race to the finish against other puzzlers to finish assembling a jigsaw puzzle provided by the library. Contestants may compete solo, with a partner, or with a team of 3-4 people. Ages 11 and up. Registration required by May 23. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space/Auditorium **Saturday, June 7**
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **No fee**

Choose Your Own Adventure

Want to experiment with your writing? Can’t decide between three different endings for your story? In this program, we’re playing with non-linear adventure stories that give your readers multiple paths: they choose what decisions your characters make and how the story unfolds! Ages 10-17. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

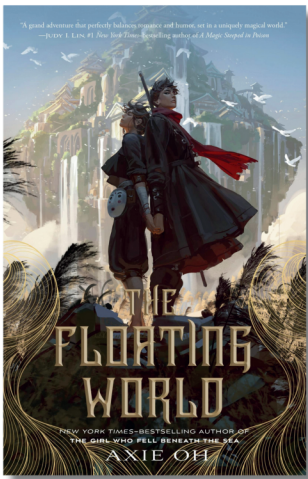
Computer Lab **Tuesday, June 10**
4 p.m. to 6 p.m. **No fee**

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, June 27**
5 p.m. - 7 p.m **No fee**

YA SUMMER READING RECOMMENDATIONS





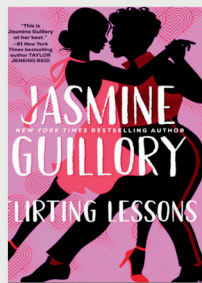
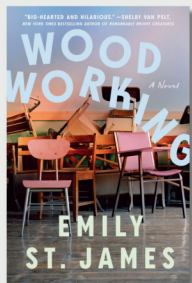
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Hours

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

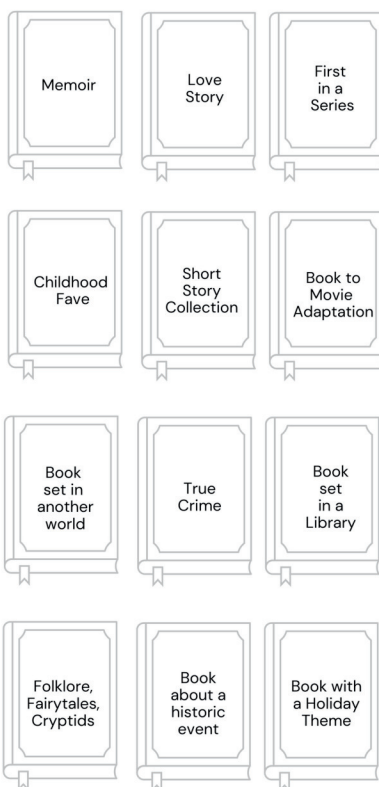
Upcoming Closings

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

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

DANVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY READING CHALLENGE BOOKTRACKER

Color in the books as you finish them!



Follow along with
the challenge
podcast at
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