



Friends of the Library: Speaker Series

The annual February Speaker Series is a free event for the community, hosted by the Friends of McCord Library. Join us each Saturday during February, in the Lower Level, at 10:00 for an exciting presentation. Each week is a new and interesting topic!

Topics & Speakers:

02/01- Frederick Dunn: "Honeybees"

02/08- Master Gardeners' David Olson: "Winter Sowing"

02/15- Janet Woods: "Maple Syrup Production"

02/22- Dan Adamus: "Mellon Veterans Outreach Campus"

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Monday, February 17- Presidents Day

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY—THURSDAY

9:30 - 7:00

CLOSED FRIDAY

SATURDAY 9:00 - 4:00



Trivia Night

February 11

6:00-7:00

Think you're a trivia master? Prove it! Join us on February 11th at 6:00 PM for a fun-filled night of facts, laughs, and bragging rights. Teams of up to 6 can compete for glory, but don't wait—call the library at 814-725-4057 or swing by the Main Desk to register. Registration will end on February 8. Let the brain games begin!



Annual Appeal

Our Annual Appeal raises money that is used for maintaining our historic building, purchasing new books, programs, and many other aspects that keep the library open to the community. We are 80% to our goal of \$10,000. It is not too late to give!



Library Programs:

Read Across America

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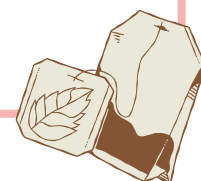
Blind Date with a Book

February 1 - 28

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Tea Library

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February Take and Make

Available at the Main Desk.

February's activity:

Greeting Cards and Valentine Cards
Includes supplies to make 2 cards.



Join us for Graphic Novel Club

When: Tuesday, February 11

Time: 4:00-4:30

Where: Multi-Purpose Area (Lower Level)

Graphic Novel Club is open to tweens.

Each month we meet to talk about graphic novels and enjoy some snacks.

READ ACROSS AMERICA 2025

Join our Read Across America Challenge and explore books set in all 50 states! This self-paced challenge is open to adults (18+) and teens (12-17). Register at the Main Desk to get your progress tracker and a suggested reading list. Each book you read counts as an entry for the grand prize—a \$50 gift card for one winner in each age group! You can enter up to 50 times, and the list is just a guide—you're welcome to choose your own titles. Read all year and return your progress tracker in December. Start reading today and you might be our next lucky winner!



T(w)een "Crafternoon"

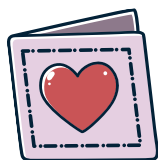
Cards

Saturday, Feb 15 @ 1:00

Thursday, Feb 20 @ 4:00

Join us for an in person card program.

All materials will be provided



LEGO Club

Monday, February 3

Ages 6-12

Join us every first Monday @ 4:00



Welcome to the new books list! These books may be placed on hold

Adult Non-Fiction

- Aldridge, David: The basketball 100
- Chung, Connie: Conni: a memoir
- Clinton, Hillary Rodham: Something lost, something gained: reflections on life, love, and liberty
- Garrett, Jonny: The meaning of beer: how our pursuit of the perfect pint built the world
- Gorton, Stephanie: The icon & the idealist: Margaret Sanger, Mary Ware Dennett, and the rivalry that brought birth control to America
- The Great British baking show. comfort bakes
- Hill Edwards, Justene: Savings and trust: the rise and betrayal of the Freedman's Bank
- O'Heir, Jim: Welcome to Pawnee: stories of friendship, waffles, and Parks and Recreation
- Vargas, Jose Antonio: Dear America: notes of an undocumented citizen
- Wong, Alice: Disability intimacy: essays on love, care, and desire
- Zamora, Javier: Solito: a memoir
- Zehme, Bill: Carson the magnificent

Adult Fiction

- Allegri, Adriana: The sunflower house
- Baldacci, David: To die for
- Blake, Olivie: The atlas complex
- Brown, Rita Mae: Time will tell
- Coble, Colleen: I think I was murdered
- Connolly, Lauren: PS: I hate you
- DeWitt, Tarah: The co-op
- Jewell, Lisa: Breaking the dark
- Jones, Kristi: Murder in the ranks
- Kane, Darby: What the wife knew
- Kim, Juhea: City of night birds
- Klassen, Julie: A winter by the sea
- Lavery, Daniel M: Women's hotel
- Rieger, Susan: Like mother, like mother
- Snelling, Lauraine: A season of harvest
- Swinarski, Claire: The funeral ladies of Ellerie County
- Tierney, Marie: Deadly animals
- Tokarczuk, Olga: The empusium
- Turansky, Carrie: A token of love
- Williams, Beatriz: The author's guide to murder

Adult Fiction Large Print

- Berenson, Laurien: Peg and Rose play the ponies
- Bunn, T. Davis: Midnight harbor
- Coryell, Tasha: Love letters to a serial killer
- Dave, Laura: The night we lost him
- Dugoni, Robert: A killing on the hill
- Goldberg, Lee: Ashes never lie
- Graves, Sarah: Death by chocolate raspberry scone
- Haines, Carolyn: Blue Christmas bones
- Penrose, Andrea: Murder at King's Crossing
- Strout, Elizabeth: Tell me everything

Non-Print

Book on CD

- Connelly, Michael: The waiting
- Ellsworth, Loretta: The French winemaker's daughter

DVDs

- The apprentice
- The middle. season 3
- The middle. season 4

Children's

Blue Dot- Picture Books

- Bell, Cece: Animal albums from A to Z
- Cook-Cottone, Catherine P.: The worry monster: calming anxiety with mindfulness
- Gehl, Laura: Snow is...
- Polacco, Patricia: A sea of gold / a Ukrainian family's story through the generations
- Pung, Alice: Be careful, Xiao Xin!
- Santomero, Angela C.: Daniel Tiger's delightful tales
- Woodruff, Liza: Phil's big day: a groundhog's story

VOX Book:

- Hillenbrand, Will: Little Red

Orange Dot - Earliest Chapter

- West, Tracey: Haunting of the ghost dragon

Red Dot- 3rd-5th grade

- Simon, Coco: Emma on thin icing
- Simon, Coco: Mia in the mix

Yellow Dot - 6th & 7th grade

- Erdrich, Louise: The birchbark house

To place a book on hold

Call (814)725-4057 to request the item

OR

1. Go to mccordlibrary.org
2. Click catalog
3. Log in to the catalog
4. Username is your library card barcode #
5. Password is last four digits of your phone #
6. Search for the book
7. Click Place request
8. Choose your pickup library
9. Click submit request



Children's Non-Fiction

- Brown, Monica: Doña Fela's dream: the story of Puerto Rico's first female mayor
- Fabiny, Sarah: Where is Yellowstone?
- Grayson, Robert: 12 incredible facts about the American Civil War
- Lamb, Susan: Grand Canyon
- Matos, Elijah Rey-David: Who is Lin-Manuel Miranda?
- Markovics, Joyce L.: Tap
- Siemens, Jared: Hedgehog
- Williams, Kai Naima: The bridges Yuri built
- Wilson, Jon: The American eagle: the symbol of America

Young Adult

Fiction

- Horan, Molly: Thanks for listening
- Lee, Sher: Legend of the white snake

Graphic Novels

- Son M: Thief of the heights

Non-Fiction

- Beilenson, Hannah: Adulting 101: life skills all teens should know
- Tran, Amy: This book is a safe space: cute doodles and therapy strategies to support self-love and well-being

New-Adult Fiction

- Adamo, Meredith: Not like other girls

Graphic Novels

- Popescu, Simina: Leap

Blind Date with a Book

February 1 - February 28



- Check out a book from our "Blind Date" Display (located on the Main Level)
- Each book is wrapped in paper so that it remains a mystery until checked out. Take it home, read it, and submit a review by February 28
- Select reviews will be posted in the March Books 'n Banter
- Each review counts as an entry in our prize drawing

McCord's Tea Library

What's better than a cup of something cozy and a good book? Stop by the front desk January 6-February 27 and pick up a tea bag from the McCord Tea Library.



Dial-A-Story

New story every week!

February Stories:

2/2- The Valentine Bears

2/9- Cozy in Love

2/16- Caleb and Kate

2/23- Evergreen

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Ask for a bag and registration form at the main desk.

For each 100 books you read, receive a sticker and move your name along the tracker wall located downstairs by the elevator. Receive a free book when you reach 1,000 books!

After every 100 books parents or guardians can take a picture by the milestone posters.

What is Dial-A-Story?

Dial-a-Story is a library program that is available 24/7! Call 814-347-8318 to hear a story read to you. Stories are available in English and Spanish. English stories change weekly and the Spanish story changes monthly.

Call as many times as you want!



FIND US ONLINE

@mccordlibrary



Memorials

December/January Books purchased from donations in
memory of:

Agnes Huntley

By

Diane Huntley

Allegri, Adriana : Sunflower house

Brian Skalos

By

Karen & Wayne Harrington

Rishøi, Ingild H.: Brightly shining

Memorials, Endowments, and Tributes honor family members and friends

****If your employer makes matching donations, be sure to note that on the
form.****

Memorial brochures are available at the library or by calling: (814) 725-4057.

Cryptoquip

Clue: M equals L

FYXD JYX CMETGRJ DEJGZXH

SMM YXT LGDQ CMEFXTR YSH

HTEELXH, RYX RYTGXQXH

"FYSJ GD ZSTD SJGED?!"



Valentine Mad Libs

Valentine's Day is a holiday celebrating love and friendship. Every year in February, we make _____(s) for our _____(s) and pass them out.

Noun

Noun

Some of them are _____ and others are _____.

Adverb

Adverb

Lots of people give each other _____ or _____. You

Noun

Noun

will see candy and balloons shaped like _____. You

Noun

might even see Cupid. He looks like a _____ but he is

Noun

the Roman God of Love. He _____ from one person to

Verb

the other hitting them with _____ arrows that make

Adverb





them fall in love. Valentine's Day is a great day to tell your family and _____(s) that you care about them.

Noun

Remember to shout, _____ Valentine's Day!

Exclamation

FEBRUARY 2025 EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Preschool: 11:00-11:30	Preschool: 11:00-11:30	Toddler: 11:00-11:30		
Story time: Includes a story & activity or craft • Free to attend, no preregistration required • Adult <u>must</u> stay with child 						1 10:00 Speaker Series <i>Bees</i>
2	3 4:00 STEAM Activity <i>Ages 6-12</i>	4 11:00 Story and Activity <i>Phil's Big Day</i>	5 11:00 Story and Activity <i>Winter</i> <i>No FOL Meeting</i>	6 11:00 Story and Activity <i>Animals</i>	7 CLOSED	8 10:00 Speaker Series <i>Winter Sowing</i>
9	10	11 11:00 Story and Activity <i>Hearts</i> 4:00 Graphic Novel Club 6:00 Trivia Night	12 11:00 Story and Activity <i>Hearts</i>	13 11:00 Story and Activity <i>Hearts</i>	14 CLOSED 	15 10:00 Speaker Series <i>Maple</i> 1:00 Teen "Crafternoon"
16	17 CLOSED 	18 11:00 Story and Activity <i>Izzy Paints</i>	19 11:00 Story and Activity <i>Slug in Love</i>	20 11:00 Story and Activity <i>Farm Animals</i> 4:00 Teen "Crafternoon"	21 CLOSED	22 10:00 Speaker Series <i>Veterans Center</i>
23	24	25 11:00 All Ages Winter Environmental Program	26 11:00 Story and Activity <i>Dinosaurs</i> <i>BOD 3:00</i>	27 11:00 Story and Activity <i>Dinosaurs</i>	28 CLOSED	

Teen Activities:

- Take and Make kits for February are available at the front desk!
- Join us for our "Crafternoon" activities. We will be making cards!