



Spring Book Sale Donations

The Friends of the Library will host their spring book sale April 7-12. We will accept used book donations **March 3 - 29** or until our storage space reaches capacity.

See pg. 5 for more details

Wreath Making Class

Saturday, March 29

1:00-3:00

COST: \$15

Join us for a creative spring wreath class, where you'll design your own wreath to welcome the season! All materials will be provided, and our instructor will guide you through every step. Pre-register and pay by March 20, to secure your spot and get ready for a "blooming" good time.



2024-2025 Annual Appeal

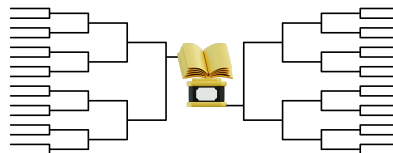
Funds contributed to our Annual Appeal are used for maintaining our historic building, purchasing new books, programs, and many other aspects that keep the library open to the community. We are 88% of the way to our goal of \$10,000. Thank you to those who have given. Still want to give? It's not too late!



Patron Pick of 2024

This month we're hosting a competition to discover which book was the top favorite among our patrons in 2024.

Each week, ask the front desk for the voting ballot of the week. Circle the titles you think are the winners and add your votes to the ballot box. At the end of March, we'll reveal the winner of the most popular voted by our patrons in 2024!



LIBRARY PROGRAMS:

Take and Make Kits

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Teen "Crafternoon"

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7th Annual Poetry Contest

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Read Across America

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LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY—THURSDAY

9:30 - 7:00

CLOSED FRIDAY

SATURDAY 9:00 - 4:00

March Take and Make

Available at the Main Desk.

March's activity:

Butterflies and Bugs



Meet Cat in the Hat

Thursday, March 6

11:00-12:00

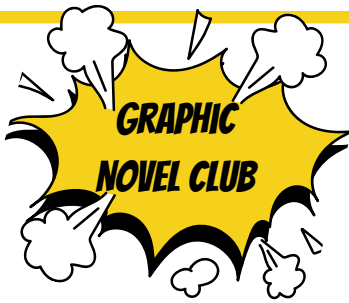
All Ages Welcome!

T(w)een "Crafternoon"

Bracelets

Saturday, Mar 1 @ 1:00

Thursday, Mar 20 @ 4:00



Join us for Graphic Novel Club

When: Tuesday, March 11

Time: 4:00-4:30

Where: Multi-Purpose Area (Lower Level)

Join our Graphic Novel Club for tweens, where we dive into awesome graphic novels and share our thoughts with friends. Enjoy snacks and fun discussions about latest reads.

LEGO Club

Monday, March 3

Ages 6-12

Join us every first Monday @ 4:00



February Cryptoquip Answer

When the florist noticed all her pink flowers had drooped, she shrieked "What in carnation?!"

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

Adult Non-Fiction

- Behan, Ren: The sweet Polish kitchen: a celebration of home baking & nostalgic treats
- Carlin, Peter Ames: The name of this band is R.E.M.: a biography
- Chapman, Tara Dawn: For the bees: a handbook for happy beekeeping
- Cher: Cher: the memoir, part one
- Coates, Ta-Nehisi: The message
- Harney, Gareth: A history of Ancient Rome in twelve coins
- Jones, Richard: The beekeeper's bible: bees, honey, recipes & other home uses
- Klein, Naomi: Doppelganger: a trip into the mirror world
- Sanders, Bernard: It's OK to be angry about capitalism
- Stein, Eliot: Custodians of wonder: ancient customs, profound traditions, and the last people keeping...
- Thrush, Sarah: Preserving with a purpose: next-generation canning recipes & kitchen wisdom
- Willis, K. J.: Good nature: why seeing, smelling, hearing, and touching plants is good for our health

Adult Fiction

- Alers, Rochelle: Home and away
- Armfield, Julia: Private rites
- Bennett, Robert Jackson: The tainted cup
- Broadbent, Carissa: The ashes & the star-cursed king
- Burke, Alafair: The note
- Caffall, Eiren: All the water in the world
- Cook, Robin: Bellevue
- Dahlia, Nora: Pick-up
- Dunlap, A. Rae: The resurrectionist
- Evans, Richard Paul: Christmas in Bethel
- Evison, Jonathan: The heart of winter
- Holt, Katie: Not in my book
- Knight, Emma: The life cycle of the common octopus
- Mackay, Asia: A serial killer's guide to marriage
- Price, Richard: Lazarus man
- Sainz Borgo, Karina: No place to bury the dead
- Short, Sharon Gwyn: Trouble island
- Vasti, Alexandra: Ne'er duke well
- West, Lilian: Pretty dead things
- Wood, Naomi: This is why we can't have nice things
- Yang, Jane: The lotus shoes

Adult Fiction Large Print

- Abbott, Bailee: Kill them with canvas
- Castillo, Linda: The burning
- Flower, Amanda: Gingerbread danger
- Holmes, L. P. (Llewellyn Perry): Delta deputy
- Lloyd, Catherine: Miss Morton and the deadly inheritance
- Margolin, Phillip: An insignificant case
- Natt och Dag, Niklas: 1795: the order of the furies

Non-Print

Book on CD

- Walters, Minette: The players

New-Adult Fiction

Graphic Novels

- Ostertag, Molly Knox: The deep dark

Children's

Blue Dot- Picture Books

- Froeb, Lori: Peppa's big feelings
- Gorman, Amanda: Girls on the rise
- Moody, Vanessa: Peppa goes ice-skating
- Shearer, Clea: The rainbow cleanup: a magical organizing adventure
- Umrigar, Thrity N.: Maya's Holi

Green Dot- Earliest Reader

- Shaw, Natalie: The talent show!

Red Dot- 3rd-5th grade

- Gorman, David: The curious clues
- Gorman, David: The long-lost locket
- Gorman, David: The sneaky sabotage

Graphic Novel

- Shaskan, Stephen: Pizza and Taco. 9, Coolest club ever!

Yellow Dot - 6th & 7th grade

- de la Cruz, Melissa: Never after: the end of the story.
- Freitas, Donna: Gold medal summer

Vox Book

- Arango, Andrea Beatriz: Something like home

Children's Non-Fiction

- Aronson, Marc: Bite by bite: American history through feasts, foods, and side dishes
- Burgan, Michael: Power for the people: how does our government work?
- Jackson, Tom: Animal
- Miller, Pat Zietlow: Unstoppable John: how John Lewis got his library card-- and helped change history.
- Murphy, Sophia: Sports superstars from Black history: inspiring stories from the amazing careers of Serena Williams, Simone Biles, Allyson Felix, Lebron James, and many more African American sports legends
- Parker, Jean: Baking wonderland: a mix and match cookbook for kids!
- Smith, Elliott: Getting our voices heard: how can Americans change our society?

Young Adult

Fiction

- Crittenden, Loni: The ancient's game
- Farizan, Sara: Here to stay
- Gregson, Marc J.: Sky's end
- Hand, Cynthia: Unearthly
- Ibañez, Isabel: Where the library hides
- Lee, C. B.: Not your sidekick
- Park, Suzanne: Sunny Song will never be famous
- Podos, Rebecca: Like water
- Quigley, Dawn: Apple in the middle
- Rochon, Farrah: Bemused
- Sandvig, S. K.: The girl in the thistles
- Stringfield, Ravynn K.: Love requires chocolate

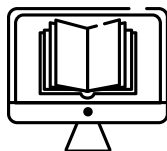
Non-Fiction

- Rusch, Elizabeth: You call this democracy?: how to fix our government and deliver power to the people

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



Blind Date with a Book Reviews



- What Never Happened by Rachel Howzell Hall
 - “Definitely an exciting plot for a mystery/thriller. A book I would have enjoyed to the end but to be honest, I couldn’t finish the book. I love sitting on the couch, wrapped in a blanket, reading a book wondering about the climax. I just couldn’t get past the language, though. In my mind, a good well-written book doesn’t require crude language. I won’t write-out reading anything else from Rachel but I will be aware of the language.”
 - Review by Patti Rogerson
- Little Bookshop of Murder by Maggie Blackburn
 - “This was a fun read, and I was never sure about the murderer until almost the end. Several other mysteries were solved, concluding with a recipe for a special pie (which I plan to make). Thanks for the special date!”
 - Review by Beverly Walz
- The Serial Killer Guide to San Francisco by Michelle Chouinard
 - “A lightweight mystery read, well-paced with lots of red herrings to keep you guessing. Clever dialogue and lots of insights into the character development.”
 - Review by Anonymous
- The Last Drop of Hemlock by Katharine Schellman
 - Loved it! A fast paced, who done it that kept me guessing. I love how Schellman drew us into the prohibition world of speak easies, crooked cops, and lower class struggles. This book kept my attention, with minimal fluff. I will definitely be reading more of her books!
 - Review by Laura Davis

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.

Used Book Donation Information:

- Place book donations at the Park Street entrance, downstairs by the drinking fountain
- No moldy, stained, or badly damaged books
- No encyclopedias, textbooks, or VHS tapes
- Once our storage space is full, we will no longer accept donations



Memorials

February/March Books purchased from donations in memory of:

Dagny and Finn Ballard

By

John and Cheryl Ballard

Ibañez, Isabel: Where the library hides

James, Cassandra: Capitana

Liang, Ann: I am not Jessica Chen

Williams, Kalela: Tangleroot

Terrance "Terry" Gardner Sr.

By

Neighbors from Vineyard Park Sub Division

Carle, Eric: I love grandpa

Jones, Susan: Grandpa's promise

Thomas Jackson Hammill

By

Guh-guh Hammill

Jackson, Tom: Animal

Agnes Huntley

By

Esther Northrup, Fred Northrup, Jim Northrup,
Sandy Schoenfelt

Brennan, Allison: North of nowhere

O'Donnell, Paraig: The naming of the birds

Wilkerson, Charmaine: Good dirt

Frank E. Reno

By

Jim & Leslee Gorzynski

Moyes, Jojo: We all live here

Pearl, Matthew: Save our souls

Brian J. Skalos

By

Karen & Wayne Harington

Hamilton, Nigel: Lincoln vs Davis



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.



April is National Poetry Month!

Submit an original poem to McCord's 7th annual poetry contest.

Age categories include: 10-15, 16-19, and 20+

Submissions must be sent to mccordmemorial@gmail.com or dropped off at the main desk by March 31.

Poems will be included as an insert in April's issue of the Books 'n Banter.

Voting will take place April 1 - 30. One winning poem from each category will be announced in May's issue and win a prize.



Dial-A-Story

New story every week!

March Stories:

3/2- Penny and Her Marble

3/9- Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato

3/16- Spinky Sulks

3/23- Spring Story

3/30- Time For Spring

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!




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!



MARCH 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 1:00 Teen "Crafternoon"
2	3 4:00 STEAM Activity Ages 6-12	4 11:00 Story and Activity <i>I Can Read With My Eyes Shut</i>	5 11:00 Story and Activity <i>Cat in the Hat</i> FOL: 3:00	6 11:00 All Ages Meet with Cat in the Hat	7 CLOSED	8
9	10	11 11:00 Story and Activity <i>Sock Collages</i> 4:00 Graphic Novel Club	12 11:00 Story and Activity <i>Wacky Wednesday</i>	13 11:00 Story and Activity <i>Colors</i>	14 CLOSED	15
16	17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 11:00 Story and Activity <i>St. Pat's Fun</i>	19 11:00 Story and Activity <i>St. Pat's Fun</i>	20 11:00 Story and Activity <i>Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You?</i> 4:00 Teen "Crafternoon"	21 CLOSED	22
23	24	25 11:00 Story and Activity <i>Spring</i>	26 11:00 Story and Activity <i>Spring</i> BOD 3:00	27 11:00 Story and Activity <i>Spring</i>	28 CLOSED	29 10:00 Local Author Read Aloud 1:00 Wreath Class
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Teen Activities:

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