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NEWSLETTER

LIBRARY HOURS

MON: 9AM-6PM
TUE: 9AM-6PM
WED: 9AM-6PM
THU: 9AM-7PM
FRI: 9AM-6PM
SAT: 10AM-3PM
SUN: CLOSED



July Not-So-Fun Fact: Maddie's last day will be Monday, July 21. We wish her luck on her next adventure! We will miss her!

ABOUT LAKE REGION PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Lake Region Public Library's mission is to enrich our citizens and communities through expanding access to innovation, information, and inspiration.



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SRP JUNE RECAP

Thank you so much for your patience and support as we navigate this summer together! I want to acknowledge that our numbers this summer have been much higher than expected — both compared to last year and even my own programming during the school year. It's been wonderful. . . and also a bit of a learning curve!



I appreciate your grace and flexibility while I figure out what works best for our library and community. Keep the feedback coming, and above all, please keep encouraging those kiddos to read! I love seeing them come in to collect prizes and share what they've been enjoying. My hopes are that they continue to visit the library throughout the school year.



With that in mind, I know that our current "first come, first served" setup hasn't been ideal. I hear you, and I'm making adjustments as we go to better accommodate the incredible turnout we've been seeing with the resources we have.



MAGNET WALL INSTALLED

Hooray! The magnet wall at Lake Region Public Library is installed! We're thrilled to offer this new interactive feature in our Children's Area!



Magnet walls are so much more than just toys. they're powerful learning tools that help kids develop fine motor skills and encourage creativity. They also help build early STEM concepts like cause and effect, gravity, and design thinking.

I want to give another shout-out and heartfelt thank you to Devils Lake Cars for their generous donation that made this addition possible. Stop by soon to check it out! I can't wait for your little ones to explore and learn through play!



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JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PLEASE HAND IN YOUR READING LOGS AND BINGO CARDS TO BE ENTERED INTO OUR GRAND PRIZE DRAWINGS		1 	2 10:30 AM: Sensory Storytime	3 11 AM: Preschool Storytime	4 Library Closed	5 Library Closed
6 6 PM: Teen Bingo After Hours	7	8	9 10:30 AM: Sensory Storytime	10 11 AM: Preschool Storytime 1 PM: Bookend Painting	11 1 PM: Backyard Bird Bingo 	12 11 AM: Saturday Storytime
13	14	15 11 AM: Storytime @ Ruger Park	16 10:30 AM: Sensory Storytime	17 11 AM: Preschool Storytime	18	19
20	21	22 1 PM: Tinfoil Painting 	23 10:30 AM: Sensory Storytime	24 11 AM: Preschool Storytime	25 SUMMER READING PROGRAM ENDS!!!	26
27	28	29	30 10:30 AM: Sensory Storytime	31 11 AM: Preschool Storytime	WATCH YOUR EMAIL AND OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR PROGRAM AND EVENT UPDATES!	



THIS MONTH



Book club is taking a break!

ZOO @ THE LIBRARY- PART THREE!

FRIDAY, JULY 18 @ 11 AM & 1 PM

TINFOIL WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Tuesday, July 22nd @ 1 PM
LRPL Community Room

Come get messy with us! Create watercolor artwork using magic markers and tinfoil. This program is for ALL AGES

July Preschool Storytime

Thursdays @ 11:00 AM

- July 3rd "My 4th of July" Craft: Fourth of July Fans
- July 10th "Library Fish" Craft: Paper Fish
- July 17th "The Giant Ice Cream Mess" Craft: Decorate a Popsicle
- July 24th "You are a Honey Bee" Craft: Make a Bumblebee
- July 31st "Mingo the Flamingo" Craft: Flamingo Creation

Each session of weekly Preschool Storytime includes a read-aloud, a hands-on craft, and/or interactive activity to spark creativity and learning. Perfect for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers!

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CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

Want some company while you create?

Saturday, July 12th @ 2:00 p.m.
LRPL Community Room

LET'S CRAFT TOGETHER!

Bring your craft supplies and work on your projects while sharing ideas and stories with fellow crafters!

Craft & Chat

*Limited supplies for book page crafts will be available as well. See Trista for details.

Saturday Storytime

SATURDAY, JULY 12TH @ 11 AM

This storytime is geared towards children in preschool and lower elementary school grades, but all are welcome!

"JUNKYARD"

ACTIVITY: STORYTIME OUT
CRAFT: NATURE BRACELET

After-Hours Teen BINGO Night

MONDAY, JULY 7TH @ 6-7 PM

The doors to the library may shut at 6 PM, but we are staying late on July 7th! Teens are invited to join us for a special After-Hours Bingo Night at the library. Hang out with friends and win prizes - books, bookmarks, gift cards, and more!

July 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1 6:30pm- Yoga	2 10:00am- Community Options 10:30am- Sensory Storytime	3 11:00am- Preschool Storytime	4 Library Closed- 4 th of July	5 Library Closed- 4 th of July	6
7 6:00pm- Teen Bingo After Hours	8 1:00-5:00pm- Technology Tuesdays 6:30pm- Yoga	9 10:30am- Sensory Storytime	10 11:00am- Preschool Storytime 1:00pm- Bookend Painting 5:00pm- LRPL Board Meeting	11	12 2:00pm- Craft & Chat	13
14 1:00pm- Bird Bingo	15 11:00am- Storytime @ Ruger Park 6:30pm- Yoga	16 10:30am- Sensory Storytime 1:30pm- Voc Rehab	17 11:00am- Preschool Storytime	18 11:00am & 1:00pm- Zoo @ the Library	19	20
21 11:00am- Job Service Maddie's Last Day	22 1:00pm- Tinfoil Painting 6:30pm- Yoga	23 10:30am- Sensory Storytime	24 11:00am- Preschool Storytime	25	26	27
28	29 6:30pm- Yoga	30 10:30am- Sensory Storytime	31 11:00am- Preschool Storytime	 <p>Be sure to turn in your summer reading logs and stay tuned for all the Grand Prize Drawings!</p>		

Monthly Programs

Preschool Storytime: Recommended ages 3-5 with a responsible adult present. Books, crafts, games, and friendship!

Sensory Storytime: A less structured Storytime, where participants are encouraged to play and be active while listening!

Technology Tuesdays: Need a little extra help with a phone, laptop, or other technology? Drop by between 1:00-5:00 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month for assistance!

Book Club: Join LRPL staff on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm to discuss the previous month's book pick! Even if you have read the book outside of the month of Book Club, stop by for a community discussion!

Genealogy Assistance: Do you have specialized ancestry or research questions? Twice a month, local history expert Liz Janssen will be at the library to help you on your research journey!

Community Options: On the first Wednesday of the month, representatives from Community Options will be in the Community Room for a walk-in assistance basis. Simply drop by!

Job Service: On the third Monday of the month, representatives from Job Service will be in the Community Room for a walk-in assistance basis. Simply drop by!

Vocational Rehabilitation: On the third Wednesday of the month, representatives from Voc Rehab will be in the Community Room for a walk-in assistance basis. Simply drop by!



THANK YOU



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Well, Devils Lake, it's been real.

It's crazy to me to look back on the last 3.5 years in this library and see all the changes. Not just in the library, but in myself and the people around me. Sure, I can point to the walls being refreshed and newly painted. I can show you to the Children's Area, which is almost completely redone. I can direct you anywhere in the library thanks to our attractive new overhead signs. I can send you on a walk around the StoryWalk around the library to read and get physical activity in at the same time. But there is so much more that I see when I look at pictures and in the mirror today.

I see a person who was convinced that she tricked her way into this job. That she somehow used her incredible, overwhelming, and impressively modest charisma to charm her way into becoming Director of the Lake Region Public Library. That person had to actively battle feelings of Imposter Syndrome every single day (she even had a column about the very phenomenon published in *The Journal of New Librarianship*) and she made mistakes. A lot of them. But every mistake has been an opportunity to learn, re-evaluate, grow, and keep going. Now, I look in the mirror and see someone with the same ludicrously awe-inspiring charisma and somehow even more modesty who is less afraid to fail, and therefore more willing to say yes. Yes to a team member's idea, or to a new community partnership, or to taking on outside artistic projects to fill my music and theatre cup.

Devils Lake was never in my life plan. I moved here to follow my partner at the time, dragging my feet all the way- I was not a small town girlie, I was coming from grad school in Oklahoma City and leaving a job in arts administration, of which there are not so many jobs around these parts. Johnson Family Dentistry took a chance on me and let me work as a dental assistant for a year, which was actually amazing and the most excellent team of women I have ever had the chance to work with, and then this job opened and the rest is history. Now, Devils Lake will always be the place where I fell in love with libraries. It will be the place where I gave birth to my first son. It will be the place I rekindled a very dormant spark in me for performing, bringing me back to the stage after an almost decade-long hiatus from performing. It will be the place that I succeeded and failed and learned and grew as a library professional, supervisor, community member, and human.

I am so, so thankful for you, Devils Lake. A piece of my heart will always be here, in this library, and I know I will think of you often.

All my love, 

Librarian's Book Buzz



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TRISTA'S TEA



Fire up the barbeques and get your fireworks ready because we're celebrating FREEDOM at LRPL!

Now, more than ever, we encourage you to make use of your constitutional right to read; especially if what you want to read is being challenged or is in danger of being banned. The Declaration of Independence refers to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as fundamental, unalienable rights... and it is our firm belief that these rights include making our own choices about what we read. Knowledge is power, and books are fountains of it.



We're anticipating lots of great new releases this month; I've highlighted a few on the next page and included some recent faves and releases from Julys past as well.

Inside the library you'll find displays featuring selections chosen to help celebrate Independence Day and Disability Pride Month, some Romantasies to spice up your summer, and a few Hidden Gems pulled from the bottom shelves. As always, we've got a variety of new staff picks from each of us here at LRPL to keep you entertained all month long!

So swing by and grab some books, your new favorite read is waiting!

Have a safe and happy Independence Day! And always remember:

FREE PEOPLE READ FREELY!

-Trista



DATES TO REMEMBER

July

4-5 Library Closed - Independence Day*

8 Technology Tuesday

12 Craft & Chat*



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CRAFT & CHAT

Are you a crafty person looking for a way to socialize while you work on your latest project?

You're in luck!

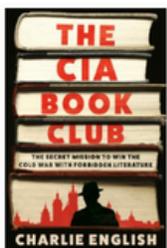
Introducing LRPL's newest program: Craft & Chat!

Bring your craft supplies and complete your projects while you share ideas and stories with fellow crafters!

NEW RELEASE SPOTLIGHT

The CIA Book Club
by Charlie English

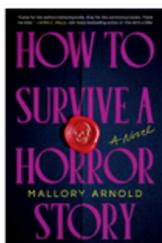
Release Date:
7/01/25



"The CIA Book Club" is a riveting blend of Cold War espionage, literary history, and human resilience, revealing how the CIA weaponized literature to undermine Soviet oppression.

How to Survive a Horror Story
by Mallory Arnold

Release Date:
7/08/25



In "How to Survive a Horror Story" a group of writers is summoned to a legendary horror author's creepy estate to claim their slice of his fortune, only to find themselves trapped in a deadly, riddle filled game orchestrated by a house with a very real hunger.

The Bewitching
by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

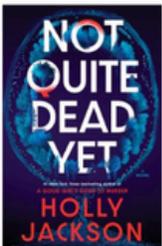
Release Date:
7/15/25



"The Bewitching" follows Alba in 1908, Betty in 1934, and Minerva in 1998, each facing unique challenges related to dark magic and personal struggles. It explores themes of female empowerment, generational knowledge, and the power of belief within a framework of suspense and creeping horror.

Not Quite Dead Yet
by Holly Jackson

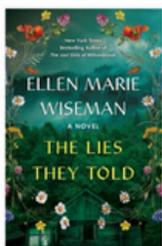
Release Date:
7/22/25



In "Not Quite Dead Yet," Holly Jackson's first adult thriller, Jet Mason has seven days to live. Determined to solve her own murder before she dies, Jet must unravel the mystery of who attacked her, despite a life of unfinished projects and a reputation for quitting.

The Lies They Told
by Ellen Marie Wiseman

Release Date:
7/29/25



Set in rural 1930s Virginia, "The Lies They Told" follows a young immigrant mother as she fights for her dignity and those she loves against America's rising eugenics movement in this tragic and uplifting novel of social injustice, survival, and hope

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Cloe
by Connie Briscoe
Released: 3/18/25



Off the Spectrum
by Gina Rippon
Released: 4/01/25



The Starving Saints
by Caitlin Starling
Released: 5/20/25



FROM THE STACKS



The Year of the Witching
by Alexis Henderson
Released: 7/21/20



The Final Girl Support Group
by Grady Hendrix
Released: 7/13/21



What Moves the Dead
by T. Kingfisher
Released: 7/22/22



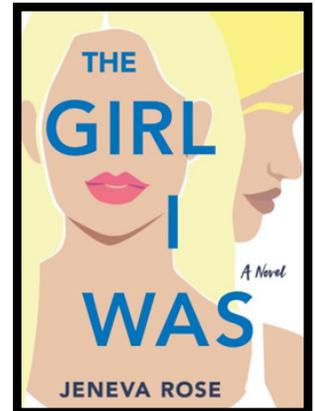
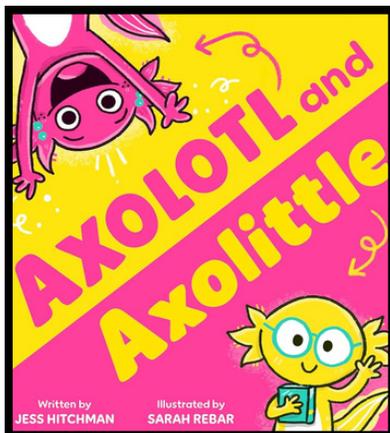
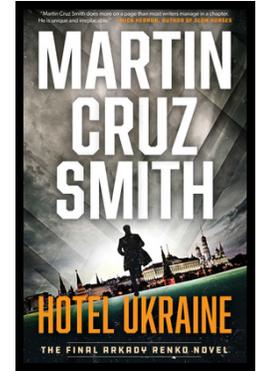
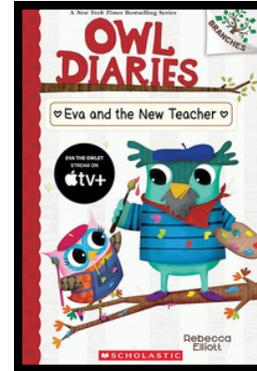
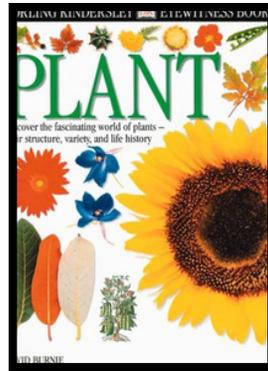
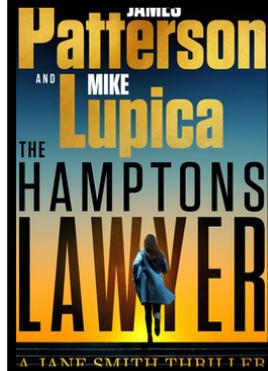
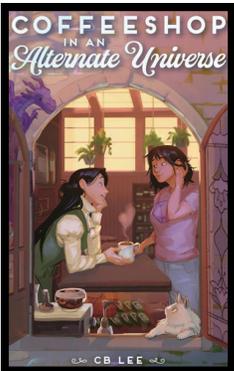
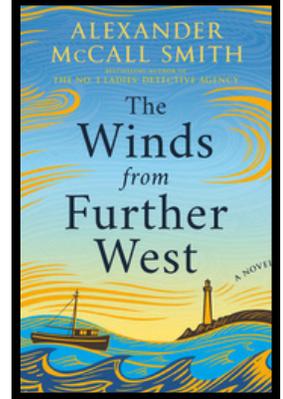
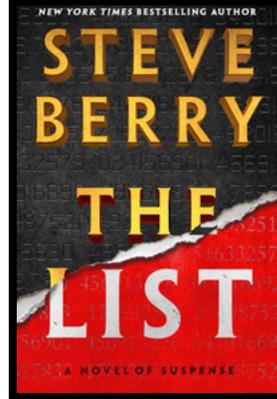
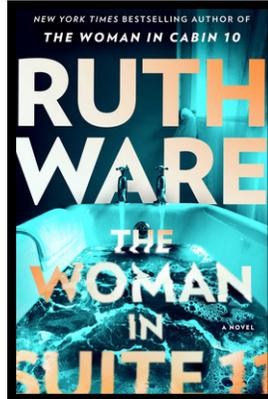
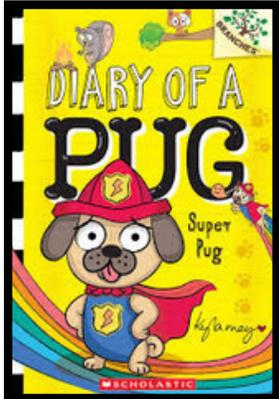
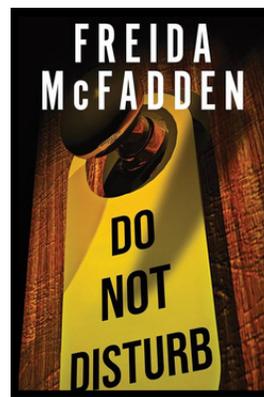
Crook Manifesto
by Colson Whitehead
Released: 7/18/23



Slow Dance
by Rainbow Rowell
Released: 7/30/24



NEW!



Sam

Isabelle

Trista

Erin

Maddie

Rachel

