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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



**August Fun Fact: We have a new director!
Welcome to the LRPL family, Shawna!**

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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A Note From Trista



The LRPL team is looking a little different as the summer winds down and we prepare for the start of the school year...

We have brought many new and exciting things to the Lake Region during Maddie's tenure as Library Director; the past few years have been a whirlwind of change and progress that has breathed new life into this institution and the community it serves. We will all miss Maddie's tenacity and innovative leadership dearly, but the lessons we've learned will remain with us. We are looking forward to the future knowing that we have all the tools we need to ensure the continued success of the Lake Region Public Library for many years to come.

I would like to personally reassure our patrons that the service and professionalism that you've come to know and expect from the team here at LRPL will not falter. We are committed to improving our programming and collection development so that we may constantly and consistently meet the ever-evolving needs of this community – and that will never change.

Rest assured; our dedication to our patrons, as well as the passion that we have for what we do, will continue.

On that note...

Please join us in welcoming our new Library Director, Shawna Middleton! We are very excited to have Shawna join our library family, and we can't wait for her to meet all of our wonderful patrons. There will be more about Shawna in next month's newsletter, so until then be sure to stop in and say hi!

We also have a familiar face returning to LRPL. Circulation Assistant Katiri is back! Katiri will be rounding out our circulation staff as Rachel is heading off to college this month! We wish Rachel all the best, and we are happy to have Katiri join us once again.

It might be a little chaotic as we navigate the new path ahead of us, so please bear with us as we settle into our new normal.

Thanks for sticking with us as we make this transition, the best is yet to come!

Trista



August 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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4	5	6 10:00am- Community Options 10:30am- Sensory Storytime	7 11:00am- Preschool Storytime 5:00pm- LRPL Board Meeting	8 3:00pm- Movie: Minecraft	9 National Book Lovers Day 11:00am- Saturday Storytime	10
11 6:00pm- Teen Book Bingo	12 1:00 - 5:00pm - Technology Tuesday	13 10:30am- Sensory Storytime	14 11:00am- Preschool Storytime	15	16	17
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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!

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!

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!

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!

THIS MONTH

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BOOK CLUB

BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH 7:00 P.M.

LAKE REGION PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

AUGUST'S PICK:

The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend

by **Katarina Bivald**



SIGN OUT A COPY TODAY!

After-Hours LAKE REGION public library

Teen Bookish BINGO Night

Teens are invited to join us for a special After-Hours Bingo Night in the Community Room. Hang out with friends and win bookish prizes - books, bookmarks, gift cards, and more!

MONDAY, AUGUST 18TH 6-7 PM

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!
Want some company while you create?

LET'S CRAFT TOGETHER!

Saturday, August 23rd @ 1:00 p.m.
LRPL Community Room

Work on your projects while sharing ideas and stories with fellow crafters!

Craft & Chat

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Saturday Storytime

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH @ 11 AM

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

"GIRAFFES CAN'T DANCE"
BY GILES ANDREA
CRAFT: CHEERIO GIRAFFES

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August Preschool Storytime
Thursdays @ 11:00 AM

- August 7th "Bluey: The Beach"
Craft: Watermelon mosaic
- August 14th "Ladybug Girl"
Craft: Paper plate ladybug
- August 21st "The Crayons Go Back to School"
Craft: Back to school pencils
- August 28th "Elmer & the Rainbow"
Craft: Make your own rainbow

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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MONTHLY MOVIE

Minecraft

RATED PG

Friday, August 8th
3PM (Runtime of 1h 40m)
LRPL Community Room

Popcorn will be provided, please bring a drink and a friend!

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SENSORY STORYTIME
WEDNESDAYS @ 10:30

A LESS-STRUCTURED SESSION THAT FEATURES A SENSORY-FRIENDLY READ-ALoud WITH TOYS AVAILABLE FOR ENGAGEMENT, AND OTHER HANDS-ON SENSORY PLAY INCLUDING ACCESS TO THE SENSORY TABLE

PLAY BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER THE STORY - **ALL AGES WELCOME!**



SUMMER READING RECAP

My very first Summer Reading Program is officially in the books (pun absolutely intended), and while I'm still finding rice in strange places and trying to remember what day it is, I couldn't be more grateful for the experience.

Let's just say I enthusiastically tried a lot of things. Some were big hits (yay!), some were "learning opportunities"



(also yay... eventually), and all of it was a whirlwind of crafts, books, stickers, storytimes, and coffee on my part.



What stood out most to me wasn't the number of programs I ran or how many reading logs kids turned in (which was a lot by the way!)—it was the people.



I've had the absolute joy of meeting so many wonderful kids, families, and fellow book lovers this summer.

Your energy, patience, and willingness to help out made all the planning and every chaotic program worth it. I am overwhelmed by your support and kindness.



While the summer reading program has ended, I am just getting started. There will still be plenty of ways to read, play, and learn at the library all year long.

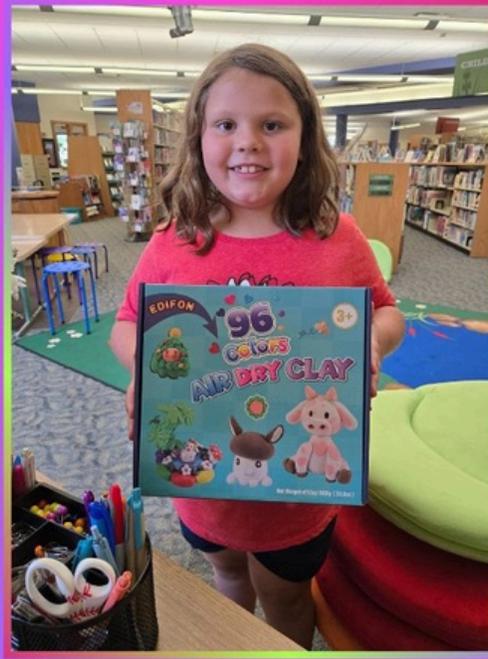


Storytimes are staying as is, and you can look forward to monthly movies, Saturday Storytimes, Bookish Bingo, scavenger hunts, and other programming throughout the school year.



Thank you again to our amazing patrons for hanging in there with me as I figure things out!

-Sam

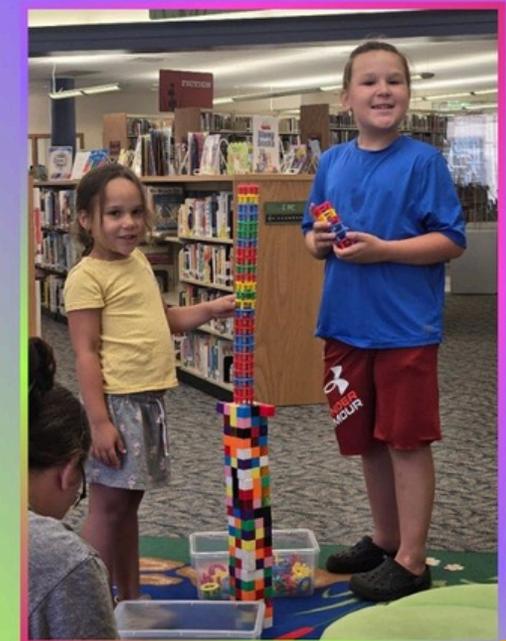


THANK YOU FOR



PARTICIPATING IN THE

SUMMER READING PROGRAM!



Librarian's Book Buzz



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TRISTA'S TEA

Hard to believe its already August, but here we are...

Even though summer is winding down, we still have time to grab a few books and head to the lake before the cold weather descends again. We have lots of highly anticipated releases coming your way, so you'll have plenty of options when trying to decide what books will help ease the sting of watching a beautiful summer fade away. When you stop in, you're going to see new books in all your favorite genres this month; several of which are highlighted on the next page along with favorites from past Augusts that have been pulled

"From The Stacks", and some "Recent Highlights" that may have slipped past you... so be on the lookout for brand new thrillers, horrors, fantasies, and mysteries as you browse our "New Release" display - there's something for everyone!

August's themed displays include "Celebrating Man's Best Friend" in honor of National Dog Month, "Book Lovers Books" in honor of National Book Lovers Day, and "Patron Picks" in honor of our patrons - the best book lovers we know! Don't forget to take a look at our new staff picks, and be sure to stop by the display featuring this summer's most popular check-outs to see what you might have missed!

We're celebrating National Book Lover's Day on August 9th with a special sweepstakes - read below for details!

Have a wonderful month, Lake Region!
We'll see you in September!

Trista

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

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**National Book
Lovers Day**

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**Technology
Tuesday**

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**First Day of School
for Devils Lake**

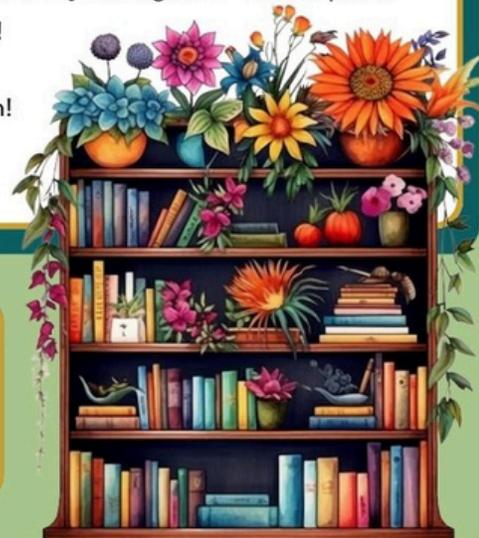
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**Craft &
Chat**

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**Library Closed for
Labor Day Weekend**

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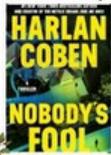
NATIONAL BOOK LOVERS DAY SWEEPSTAKES

In honor of all the book lovers of the Lake Region, LRPL is giving away a book bundle of Advanced Reader Copies (ARCs)! An ARC is a pre-release version of a book sent out before the official publication date meant to secure reviews and generate anticipation prior to a book's release... meaning these books aren't available to the public, and you'll be one of the first to read them!

One winner will be randomly selected on Saturday, August 9th - National Book Lovers Day! - so be sure to stop in to the library before then to enter the drawing!

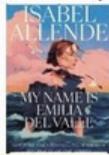
National Book Lovers Day Sweepstakes is open to all, but please note that the book bundle will consist of materials geared towards adult readers. Entries can be placed at the LRPL Circulation desk from 9:00a.m. on August 1st to 6:00p.m. on August 8th. Winner will be announced on Facebook and notified via telephone/email.

Nobody's Fool
by Harlan Coben
Released: 03/25/25



Say You'll Remember Me
by Abby Jimenez
Released: 04/01/25

My Name Is Emilia Del Valle
by Isabel Allende
Released: 05/06/25



Murderland
by Caroline Fraser
Released: 06/10/25

Rage
by Linda Castillo
Released: 07/08/25



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Black Flame
by Gretchen Felker-Martin

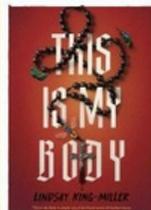
Release Date:
8/05/25



"Black Flame" tells the story of Ellen, a closeted lesbian archivist in 1980s New York City, who is obsessed with restoring an old infamous film that blurs the line between reality and the depravity onscreen. Consumed by visions and voices, Ellen becomes convinced the movie is real, and is happening to her—and that frame by frame, she is unleashing its occult horrors on the world.

This Is My Body
by Lindsay King-Miller

Release Date:
8/05/25



In "This Is My Body" Brigid becomes afraid that her teen daughter, Dylan, might be possessed, so she reaches out to her estranged uncle and uncovers both family secrets and immediate danger to herself and her daughter.

Too Old For This
by Samantha Downing

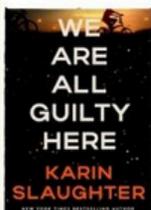
Release Date:
8/12/25



In "Too Old For This" a journalist begins investigating the past of a seemingly ordinary elderly woman, Lottie Jones, forcing her to contemplate a return to her violent former ways to protect her secret.

We Are All Guilty Here
by Karin Slaughter

Release Date:
8/12/25

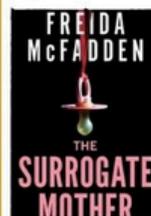


"We Are All Guilty Here" is set in North Falls—a small town where everyone knows everyone. When two teenage girls vanish, Officer Emmy Clifton investigates; realizing she didn't know her community or the girls as well as she thought, and that everyone has something to hide.

NEW RELEASE SPOTLIGHT

The Surrogate Mother
by Freida McFadden

Release Date:
8/19/25



"The Surrogate Mother" follows Abby, who wants a baby more than anything, and her personal assistant Monica, who offers to be Abby's surrogate. But it turns out Monica isn't who she says she is, and is carrying an unspeakable secret along with Abby's child... and she will stop at nothing to get what she wants.

Hemlock & Silver
by T. Kingfisher

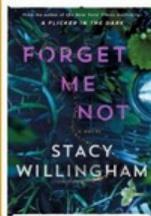
Release Date:
8/19/25



"Hemlock & Silver" is a dark reimagining of the Snow White fairy tale that centers on Anja, a healer, as her life is upended when the king summons her to treat his daughter, Snow, who is mysteriously ill, leading Anja to discover a magic mirror that may hold the key to Snow's condition.

Forget Me Not
by Stacy Willingham

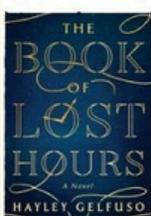
Release Date:
8/26/25



"Forget Me Not" is Southern thriller about investigative journalist Claire Campbell, who returns to her South Carolina hometown to care for her estranged mother, only to find herself working at the same coastal vineyard where her sister disappeared twenty-two years prior leading her to confront her traumatic past and search for the truth about what really happened to Natalie.

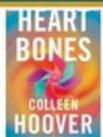
The Book of Lost Hours
by Hayley Gelfuso

Release Date:
8/26/25



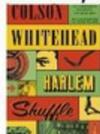
"The Book of Lost Hours" follows two remarkable women and the mysterious time space; a library filled with books containing the memories of those who bore witness to history. In the hidden library, Lisavet fights to save its history while, decades later, Amelia uncovers secrets that could change it forever.

FROM THE STACKS

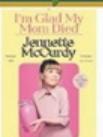


Heart Bones
by Colleen Hoover
Released: 08/19/2020

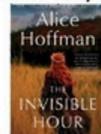
Harlem Shuffle
by Colson Whitehead
Released: 08/23/2021



I'm Glad My Mom Died
by Jannette McCurdy
Released: 08/09/2022



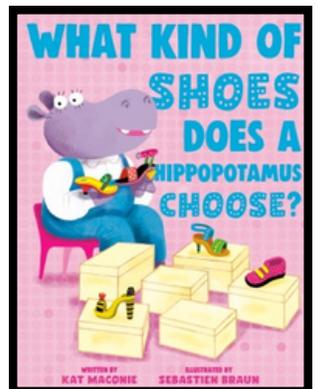
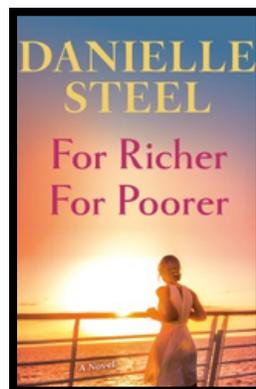
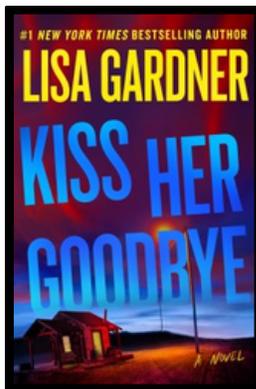
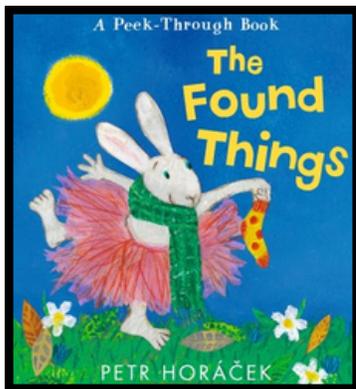
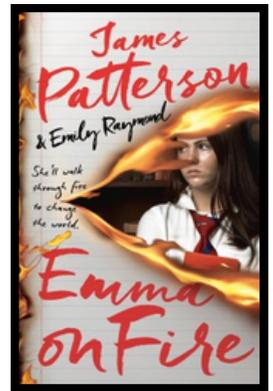
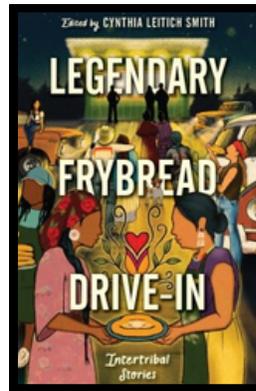
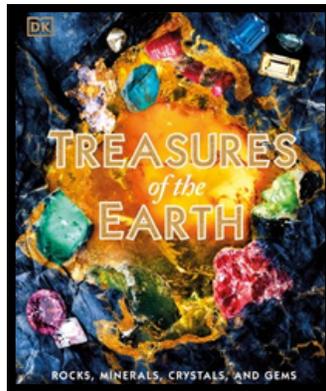
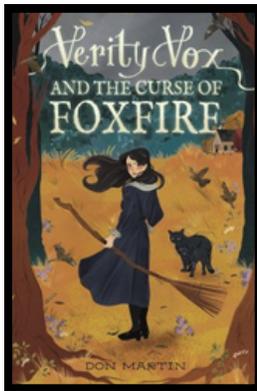
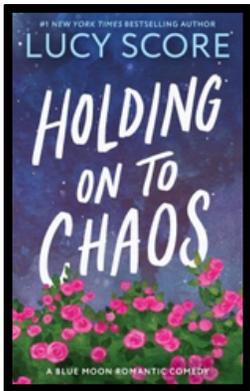
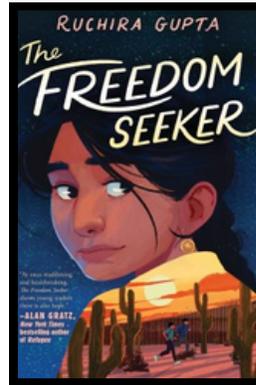
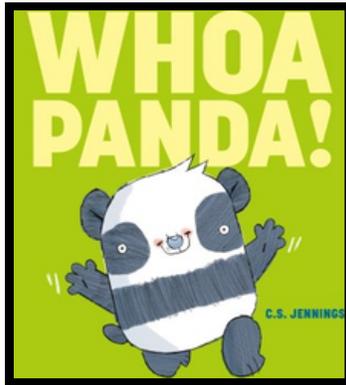
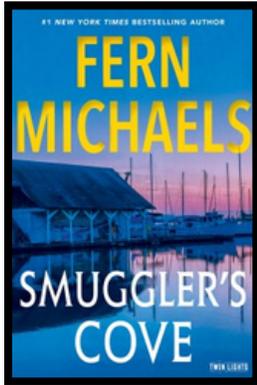
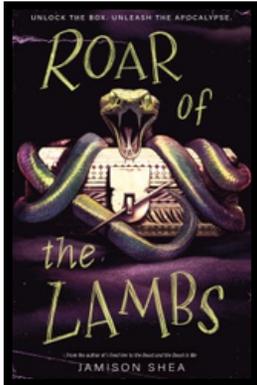
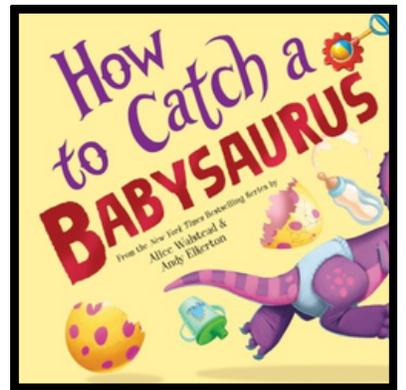
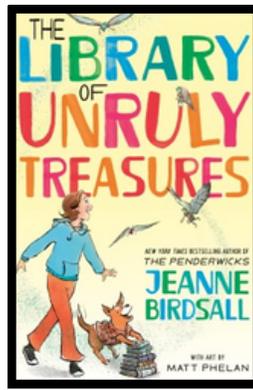
The Invisible Hour
by Alice Hoffman
Released: 08/15/2023



By Any Other Name
by Jodi Picoult
Released: 08/20/2024



NEW!



Isabelle

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Shawna

Erin

Katiri

