

What's Happening?

Welcome to Poetry Month



What makes a poem a poem?

Poetry is a type of literature that conveys a thought, describes a scene or tells a story in a concentrated, lyrical arrangement of words. Poems can be a structured form, with rhyming lines and meter, the rhythm and emphasis of a line based on syllabic beats.

Poems use the aesthetic and rhythmic qualities of language to evoke a concentrated imaginative awareness of an experience(s) or a specific emotional response. It is characterized by its use of sound devices and imagery. Poems can also be freeform, which follows no formal structure.

There are over 25 different types of poetry. Lyric, narrative and limericks are some the most common types.

Did you know Mother Goose rhymes are poems.

What Do We Know About Poetry?

- *Poems sometimes rhyme.
- *Poems can have a different shape.
- *Poems can be silly or serious.
- *Poems can have patterns.
- *Poems can have rhythm.
- *Poems have white space.
- *Poems can be short.
- *There are many different kinds of poems.

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The 2nd annual Library Road Trip is ready to start!





Load up for another Illinois Valley Library Road Trip! And don't forget Aunt Edna or Cousin Eddie!

Library Vacation Road Trip!




6 April to 10 May



Visit as many of the 25 libraries on the passport as you wish to, return your passport to your home library, and you could win a prize!

-  Stop by your home library for a road trip passport.
-  Pack up for a mini road trip to as many participating libraries as you can!
-  Get a stamp at the circulation desk of each library.
-  Return your passport to your home library for a chance to win a prize!

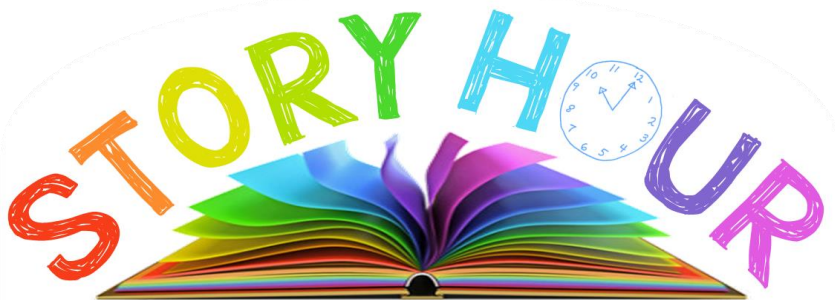
Road trippers!

-  Change that oil!
-  Check that tire pressure!
-  Don't forget that passport!

 The Library Road Trip begins on 6 April and ends on 10 May!

After the Road Trip ends:

Sorry folks, the Road Trip's over. The moose out front should've told you.



At the Library Get ready for Fun!

Join us **Saturday, April 19, 2025**

From 9:30 am – 10:15 am

we are starting earlier so you have plenty of time to get to the Egg Hunt at 11:00

Coming Monday May 19, 6:00pm at the Community Center, hosted by the Paw Paw Public Library District:

Illinois Road Scholar Jamie Poorman

Of Wind & Sky: Illinois Author Marguerite Henry and the Wild Ponies of Chincoteague Island

Join Jamie Poorman to explore the life and legacy of Illinois Author and pony-lover Marguerite Henry. Henry was born in Milwaukee in 1902 and moved to Illinois after her marriage, writing many of her most famous works here. She published 59 books, mostly animal tales for children. Henry was an avid library user and conducted in-depth research before visiting the places that inspired her stories. Her works won many awards, including the Newbery Medal.

The Read Anything Book Club meets the third Wednesday of the month @ 6pm in the library's Reading Room.

Even if you haven't read a book recently or haven't finished the one you're reading, come and listen or share what you've read so far.

This is a low to no pressure group.

Check out the books shared from the March 19th meeting.

We did not meet due to the inclement weather.

See you in April



The Library Board of Trustees meets on the **4th Tuesday of each month** except for December.

The meetings begin at **6:30 pm** in the Reading/Conference Room (upstairs)

The Public is encouraged to attend.

Any questions please call the library @ 815-627-9396



What's happening in April?

Back to Regular Hours

Tuesday & Wednesday, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Thursday, 10:00 am – 7:00 pm

Saturday, 9:00 am-Noon

Tuesday, April 1, April Fool's Day, Election Day

Tuesday, April 8, Pick up your Passport for the Illinois Valley Libraries Road Trip

Wednesday, April 9, 10am-10:45 am Stories & Songs with local Daycare

Thursday, April 10, 10am-10:45 am Stories & Songs with local Daycare

Saturday, April 11, Drop Everything and Read Day

Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday

Wednesday, April 16, @ 6:00 pm, The Read Anything Book Club meets

Saturday, April 19, Story Hour 9:30 – 10:15 am, Egg Hunt at the Park 11:00

Friday, April 18, Good Friday

Sunday, April 20, Easter

Monday, April 21, Earth Day

Tuesday, April 22 Library Board of Trustees meets at 6:30 PM

Friday, April 25 Town Wide Garage Sales

Saturday, April 26 Town Wide Garage Sales

Monday, April 25, Bulk Trash Pick up day

Tuesday, April 26, Bulk Trash Pick up day



Famous Authors Born in April

April 2: Hans Christian Andersen (1805)

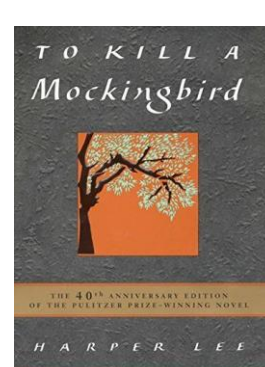
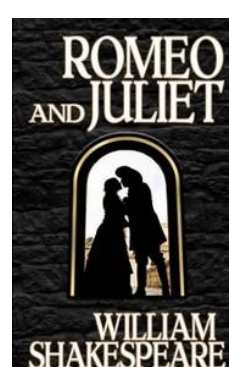
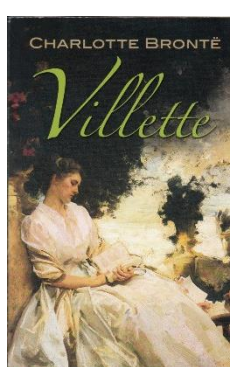
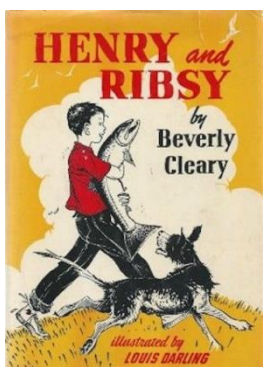
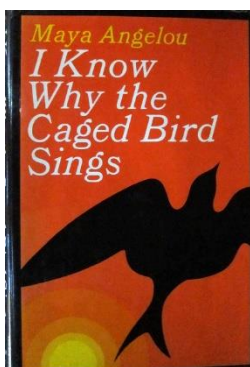
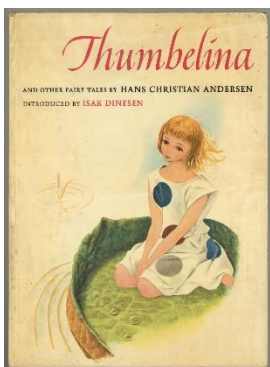
April 4: Maya Angelou (1928)

April 12: Beverly Cleary (1916)

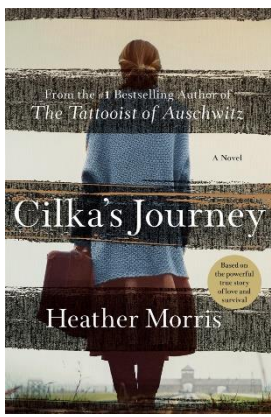
April 21: Charlotte Brontë (1816)

April 23: William Shakespeare (1564)

April 28: Harper Lee (1926)

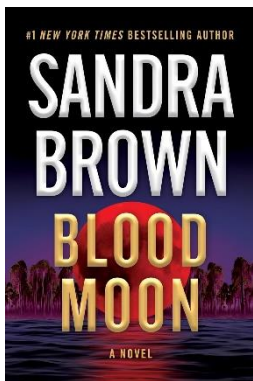


New Book Summaries (below) of just a few of the books.



The Tattooist of Auschwitz #2
Cilka's Journey
Heather Morris

Cilka Klein is 18 years old when Auschwitz-Birkenau is liberated by Soviet soldiers. But Cilka is one of the many women who is sentenced to a labor camp on charges of having helped the Nazis—with no consideration of the circumstances Cilka and women like her found themselves in as they struggled to survive. Once at the Vorkuta gulag in Siberia, where she is to serve her 15-year sentence, Cilka uses her wits, charm, and beauty to survive.

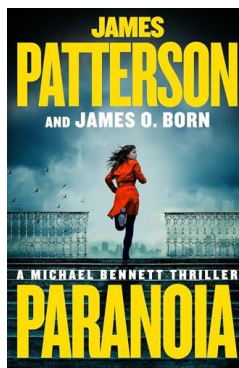


Blood Moon
Sandra Brown

Detective John Bowie is one misstep away from being fired from the Auclair Police Department in coastal Louisiana. Recently divorced and slightly heavy-handed with his liquor, Bowie does all that he can to cope with the actions taken (or not taken) during the investigation of Crissy Mellin, a teenage girl who disappeared more than three years prior. But now, Crisis Point, a long-running true crime television series, is soon to air an episode documenting the unsolved Mellin case. Bowie has been instructed by his unscrupulous boss to keep to himself his grievances and criticisms over the mishandling of the investigation.

Beth Collins, a senior producer on Crisis Point, knows what classifies as a great story and when there's something more to be told. After working on the show for seven years researching, fact checking, and editing dozens of episodes, Collins is convinced that Crissy Mellin's disappearance was not an isolated incident. A string of disappearances of teenage girls in nearby areas have only one thing in common: They took place on the night of a blood moon. In a last-ditch effort to find out the truth, Beth leaves New York City for Louisiana to enlist Detective Bowie in helping her figure out what happened to Crissy and find the true culprit before he acts on the next blood moon—in four days' time.

At the risk of their jobs and lives, Bowie and Collins



Michael Bennett #17
Paranoia
James Patterson, James O. Born

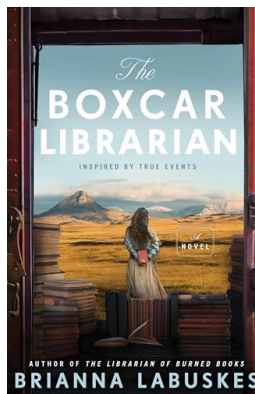
NYPD Detective Michael Bennett will stop at nothing to protect family: his wife, his kids—and his fellow officers

At every death scene, Bennett says a prayer over the victim.

But recently, too many of the departed have been fellow cops.

“I want you to look at these deaths on special assignment,” NYPD Inspector Celeste Cantor says. “Report only to me.”

Bennett excels as a solo investigator. But he's chasing a killer who feeds on isolation... and paranoia.



The Boxcar Librarian
Brianna Labuskes

When Works Progress Administration (WPA) editor Millie Lang finds herself on the wrong end of a potential political scandal, she's shipped off to

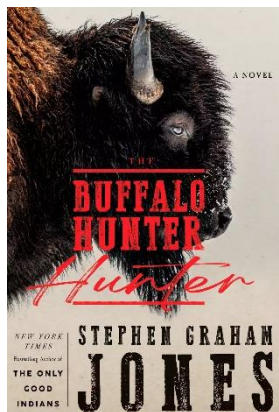
Montana to work on the state's American Guide Series—travel books intended to put the nation's destitute writers to work.

Millie arrives to an eclectic staff claiming their missed deadlines are due to sabotage, possibly from the state's powerful Copper Kings who don't want their long and bloody history with union organizers aired for the rest of the country to read. But Millie begins to suspect that the answer might instead lie with the town's mysterious librarian, Alice Monroe.

More than a decade earlier, Alice Monroe created the Boxcar Library in order to deliver books to isolated mining towns where men longed for entertainment and connection. Alice thought she found the perfect librarian to staff the train car in Colette Durand, a miner's daughter with a shotgun and too many secrets behind her eyes.

Now, no one in Missoula will tell Millie why both Alice and Colette went out on the inaugural journey of the Boxcar Library, but only Alice returned.

band together to identify and capture a canny perpetrator, while fighting an irresistible spark between them that threatens to upend everything.

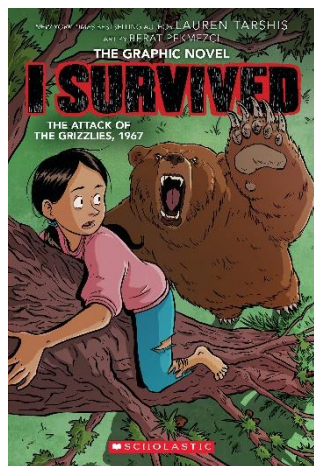


The Buffalo Hunter

Stephen Graham Jones

A diary, written in 1912 by a Lutheran pastor is discovered within a wall. What it unveils is a slow massacre, a chain of events that go back to 217 Blackfeet dead in the snow.

Told in transcribed interviews by a Blackfeet named Good Stab, who shares the narrative of his peculiar life over a series of confessional visits. This is an American Indian revenge story written by one of the new masters of horror, Stephen Graham Jones.



I Survived Graphic Novels #5

I Survived the Attack of the Grizzlies, 1967: The Graphic Novel

Lauren Tarshis, Georgia Ball (Adaptor)

No grizzly has ever killed a human in Glacier National Park before... until tonight. Eleven-year-old Melody Vega and her family come to Glacier every year. Mel loves it here — the beautiful landscapes and wildlife make it easy to forget her real-world troubles. But this year is different. With Mom gone, every moment in the park is a reminder of the past.

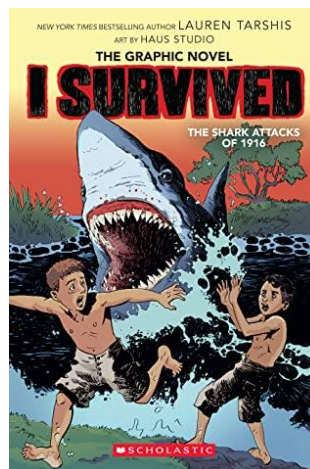
Then Mel comes face-to-face with a mighty grizzly. She knows basic bear safety: Don't turn your back. Don't make any sudden movements. And most importantly: Don't run.

That last one is the hardest for Mel; she's been running from her problems all her life. If she wants to survive tonight, she'll have to find the courage to face her fear.

Based on the real-life grizzly attacks of 1967, this

The three women's stories dramatically converge in the search to uncover what someone is so desperately trying to what happened to Colette Durand.

Inspired by the fascinating, true history of Missoula's Boxcar Library, the novel blends the story of the strong, courageous women who survived and thrived in the rough and rowdy West with that of the power of standing together to fight for workers' lives. And through it all shines the capacity of books to provide connection and light to those who need it most.



I Survived Graphic Novels #2

I Survived the Shark Attacks of 1916: The Graphic Novel

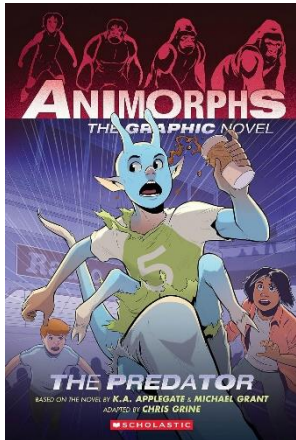
Lauren Tarshis, Georgia Ball (Adaptor), Haus Studio (Illustrator)

Chet Roscow is finally feeling at home in Elm Hills, New Jersey. He has a job with his uncle Jerry at the local diner, three great friends, and the perfect summertime destination: cool, refreshing Matawan Creek.

But Chet's summer is interrupted by shocking news. A great white shark has been attacking swimmers along the Jersey shore, not far from Elm Hills. Everyone in town is talking about it. So, when Chet sees something in the creek, he's sure it's his imagination...until he comes face-to-face with a bloodthirsty shark!

Lauren Tarshis's *New York Times* bestselling I Survived series takes on vivid new life in full-color graphic novel editions. Perfect for readers who prefer the graphic novel format, or for existing fans of the I Survived chapter book series, these graphic novels combine historical facts with high-action storytelling that's sure to keep any reader turning the pages.

bold graphic novel tells the story of one of the most tragic seasons in the history of America's national parks — a summer of terror that forever changed ideas about how grizzlies and humans can exist together in the wild.



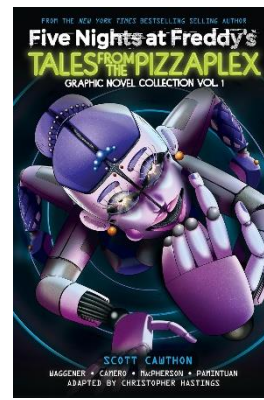
***Animorphs
Graphix #5***
**The Predator:
The Graphic
Novel**

***K.A. Applegate, Michael
Grant, Chris
Grine (Illustrator)***

Marco never wanted to be an Animorph. He didn't want the ability to change into any animal he touches. And he certainly didn't want to be one of a handful of kids that are the planet's only defense against a secret alien army.

His friends know why he feels the way he does. He's worried about his dad -- the only family Marco has left. If anything happens to him, his father will be alone.

But something big is about to change for Marco. Something that could finally give him a reason to fight.



**Five Nights at
Freddy's: Tales
from the Pizzaplex
Graphic Novel
Collection Vol. 1**

***Christopher
Hastings (Adapter), Scott
Cawthon, Andrea Waggener***

Have you ever ignored your conscience and done something you really knew you shouldn't...? Maya can't resist the temptation to explore an under-construction section of Freddy Fazbear's Mega Pizzaplex... Aiden and Jace decide to scare some young kids in the Tube Maze of the Pizzaplex... and Fazbear technician Grady doesn't listen to the voice in his head telling him to stay away from small, cramped places when doing his safety checks...

