



Your Monthly Dose of
Books
News
and
Library Happenings

What's New on the Shelves?

Hold onto your heart-shaped glasses — Cupid's new sidekick is here to help you fall head over heels for everything we have in store this February. Whether you're falling in love with a new book, discovering exciting programs, or just looking for a little lighthearted fun, February at the library has something to make your heart (and maybe your spirit) soar. From sweet new releases to fun activities, we've got everything you need to make this month extra special. So, grab a cozy blanket (why not hot cocoa and a snack too), find your favorite reading spot, and let's leap into February with love, laughter, and a whole lot of library magic!

On the Shelves Now:

"Where The Creek Bends"

by Linda Lael Miller

Poignant and utterly captivating, *Where the Creek Bends* shows that finding yourself begins with following your heart, no matter where it leads.

"Dragonlance Chronicles"

by Margaret Weis & Tracy Hickman

An epic fantasy series filled with adventure, magic, and timeless themes of friendship and courage.

"More or Less Maddy"

by Lisa Genova

A riveting novel about a young woman diagnosed with bipolar disorder who rejects the stability and approval found in a traditionally "normal" life for a career in stand-up comedy.

"Clive Cussler's Condor's Fury"

by Graham Brown

Follow the NUMA team as they uncover a deadly conspiracy tied to an ancient artifact and race against time to stop a global catastrophe.

Coming in February:

"We All Live Here"

by Jojo Moyes

Moyes is back with her signature heart and charm to remind us that family and love come in all different forms — especially the messy kind.

"Battle Mountain"

by C.J. Box

Can Joe Pickett stop an old friend from throwing his life away in order to gain revenge?

"Paranoia"

by Janes Patterson

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

"The Quiet Librarian"

by Allen Eskens

A librarian's search for answers leads back to her own dark secrets in this novel about a woman transformed by war, family, vengeance, and love.



February's Blind Date with a Book: A Match Made in Library Heaven!

LOVE IS BLIND, BUT YOUR NEXT FAVORITE BOOK MIGHT NOT BE!

It's February, the month of love, and we've got a *Blind Date* waiting just for you! No awkward silences, no pressure—just you, a book, and the thrill of discovery.

This month, we're playing matchmaker with stories that are bound to sweep you off your feet (or at least make you fall in love with reading all over again).

Here's How It Works:

Pick Your Mystery Match: Head over to our Blind Date with a Book display and choose a book wrapped up with just a few cryptic hints. Is it a love story? A page-turning thriller? A quirky memoir? Who knows... but isn't that the fun part?

Unwrap and Be Surprised: Take your "date" home and unwrap it to see who (or what) you've been paired with. It could be a steamy romance or a wild adventure, but one thing's for sure: It'll definitely be *interesting*.

Rate Your Date: Did you hit it off? Or was it a *one date and done* situation? We want to know! After you finish reading, leave a note about your book—was it love at first chapter, or more of a "we'll stay friends" vibe?

Key Dates:

All February Long – Come on down anytime this month and take your Blind Date for a spin.

Sweet Treats for Your Thoughts: Return your book and share your review for a sweet Valentine's surprise. After all, every date deserves a little treat!

Why Try It? You could meet your next literary soulmate... or maybe just enjoy a fun, unexpected fling with a genre you've never tried before. Either way, we promise there's no awkward small talk, and the books won't ghost you!

So why not take a chance?

This February, let's make your reading life a little more adventurous, and just a little bit mysterious. And who knows—maybe you'll find a book that makes you say, "I'm in love!" (Or at least, "I'll definitely read more from this author.")

Don't leave your literary love life to chance—

Happy Valentine's Day from your library team!



Library News

January was a fantastic month at the library, and we're proud to offer a wide range of services and resources to help you start the year right! In addition to our Storytime sessions for children, we provided a variety of educational and recreational opportunities for all ages.

Our Family Movie Afternoon brought families together for a fun, free movie experience. We also kicked off a new partnership with The Road Scholar to bring engaging learning sessions for adults each month.

Remember, the library offers much more than just books! You can explore our digital resources, attend workshops, check out educational programs, or simply relax with a good book. We also provide free Wi-Fi, computer access, and study spaces for anyone who needs them.



January by the Numbers: How Patrons Are Using the Library

- 821 people visited the library in January.
- 1,040 books and materials checked out.
- 154 visitors used our computer stations and internet services for work, study, and personal projects.
- 290 downloadable materials were accessed through Libby, Hoopla and Kanopy

We're thrilled to see so many community members taking advantage of the resources we offer. Thank you to everyone who visited in January! We look forward to helping you access the tools and services you need and providing even more exciting programs through the year. Stay tuned for more library news and events!

February Programs

This month, we're bringing you a mix of programs for all ages! Check out what's coming up:

Preschool Storytime

Date: February 7 & 21 | Time: 10:30 AM
Bring the kids for a fun-filled morning of stories and crafts!

Founding Fathers

Date: February 3 | Time: 12 PM
Join us in exploring more with the Road Scholar as they share the transformative ideas of our founding fathers.

After School Adventures

Date: February 5 & 26 | Time: 1:30 PM
Bring the kids to the library after school for our early out programs.

- February 5 we'll welcome Lisa from the ISU Extension Office for a fun program
- February 26 we'll welcome Danielle from the Ida County Conservation Center to find out more about nature and wildlife.

Good to Know

As we wrap up our February edition, did you know you can access downloadable eBooks and audio books from the library? Ready to give it a try? Just stop in to set up your card for online access! Easy peasy!

Library Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Sunday: Closed

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Find your cozy spot and dive into all the February fun and magic at the library.
We've got plenty to explore! Happy reading!