



Wahoo Public Library

February 2024

26th Edition

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Welcome!

This is your monthly stop for all things library and community!



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BABY BRAINS



Baby Brains

25 MONTHS

Your toddler may really enjoy participating during book time. Look for titles that encourage making sounds or acting out the story. Encourage your toddler to make the sound with you. If you have not experienced *The Book With No Pictures* by B.J. Novak, we highly recommend it for this task.

MEET...

Meet JASON BLACKWELL

JASON WAS BORN IN JOLIET ILLINOIS BUT GREW UP IN RURAL MISSOURI AND TEXAS. HE JOINED THE AIR FORCE IN 1990 LOOKING FOR A WAY OUT OF HIS STARVING ARTIST LIFESTYLE. HE HAS BEEN HAPPILY MARRIED TO SANDY BLACKWELL FOR THIRTY TWO YEARS. THEY HAVE A BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER AND GRANDDAUGHTER, FRANCES AND NORA RESPECTIVELY.

JASON RETIRED FROM THE AIR FORCE IN 2010 WHERE HE SERVED AS A LOGISTICIAN, SPACE SYSTEMS OPERATOR AND ELECTRONICS WARFARE OFFICER. FOLLOWING HIS SERVICE, HE PACKED UP AND MOVED HIS FAMILY TO WAHOO WHERE HE TOOK A ROLE AS A SENIOR SYSTEMS ENGINEER AT OFFUTT AFB. HE HAS SINCE HELD ENGINEERING AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AT WEST CORP., CSG, AND MUTUAL OF OMAHA.

HAVING HAD SUCCESS, AND HIS FILL OF THE CORPORATE WORLD, HE SHIFTED HIS FOCUS TO HIS FAITH, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY. ULTIMATELY LEADING HIM TO THE WAHOO STREETS AND STORM WATER DEPARTMENT.

JASON LIKES SPENDING TIME WITH HIS BEAUTIFUL WIFE WHERE THEY ENJOY GOING TO THE MOVIES, EXPLORING NATURE, TAKING ROAD TRIPS TO "OFF THE MAP" LOCATIONS, AND SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY. HE IS STILL AN ACTIVE "TECHNOLOGIST" REMAINING SKILLED IN DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING TRENDS, LOVES TO DRAW, PAINT AND CREATE, AND IS AN AVID CONSUMER OF KNOWLEDGE READING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

HE ENJOYS GIVING MORE OF HIMSELF TO HIS COMMUNITY WHERE HE HAS BECOME ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, LOCAL/COUNTY/STATE POLITICAL EVENTS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS.



NEWS

BLIND DATE

with a **BOOK** 



HOW IT WORKS:

Take a book home without knowing its title. Go ahead...take a chance on love!

Read the brief descriptions on the front of the book wrappers and choose one to take home. Don't peek!

After you've checked out the book, unwrap it to officially meet your date. Give the book a chance but if things don't work out, simply return it. No hard feelings!

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WINTER READING BINGO

JAN – FEB 2024



Get 5 in a row – up, down, across, or diagonal – to win a prize!
Return this sheet to the library when you complete a bingo and receive a prize!

All Ages

Read a book for 30 minutes

Read a magazine

Take a walk

Read under a blanket

Listen to an audiobook

Recommend a book to a friend

Check out a western

Read a new author

Watch a wintery movie

Read book 1 of a series

Checkout an ebook

Read a book with a blue cover

Free Space

Read a book under 200 pages

Checkout a cookbook

Read a book from the year you were born

Attend a library program

Read a book with pictures

Read a book by a BIPOC author

Check out an online library resource

Enjoy a hot beverage while you read

Read a graphic novel

Read a book that has won an award

Use our catalog and place a book on hold

Read a book with a bird on the cover

Return this sheet to the library when you complete a bingo!

Print out the bingo sheet or pick one up at the library and see if you can complete it by the end of February!



The library will be **CLOSED** for Presidents Day

- Monday, February 17th -



SAUNDERS COUNTY EXTENSION & 4-H



**4-H is more than just livestock! We welcome you to check out
Saunders County 4-H and discover how we empower youth!**

-  **SaundersCountyExtension4h**
-  **Saunders_County_Extension_4h**
-  **<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/saunders/>**
-  **Saunders-County@unl.edu**
-  **402 624-8030**

DISCOVER WHAT IT MEANS TO

BELONG

ENROLL AT
go.unl.edu/SaundersEnroll

STORY TIME CALENDAR



FEBRUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

NOTES :
 It's leap year!!
 3rd-Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day
 14th-Library Lover's Day
 23rd-International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day
 24th-Tortilla Chip Day
 24th-World Sword Swallowers Day
 26th-Tell a Fairy Tale Day

Love is in the air
Valentine's Day
Kindness
Leaping Lizards?

Story times are Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

EVENTS

THE QUEEN'S ROAD
 NEBRASKA'S BUMPY RIDE TO STATEHOOD
 A PRESENTATION BY NEBRASKA AUTHOR
JEFF BARNES
WAHOO PUBLIC LIBRARY
SUNDAY, FEB. 18 - 2 PM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For author interview: Jeff Barnes (402/516-6465 or husker80@cox.net)

Nebraska's Civil War Years Topic of Wahoo Library Presentation

(January 22, 2024) – The wild and woolly first years of the Nebraska Territory is the subject of Nebraska historian Jeff Barnes’s presentation of “The Queen’s Road: Nebraska’s Bumpy Ride to Statehood” at the Wahoo Public Library on Sunday, February 18, at 2 p.m. The program is sponsored by Humanities Nebraska.

Barnes’s talk covers the transitional years of the Nebraska Territory, as its borders shrunk but its national significance increased. Its Platte River Valley was more important than ever for commerce, communication, and transportation, while federal policies increased its role as a battleground between Native and Euro-American peoples.

“Nebraska’s Civil War years were also the footnote setting for unique happenings in history,” says Barnes, “including the first killing by an unknown Bill Hickok and the running of the first self-powered vehicle for the hauling of wagons across the Plains. Our place in history also found us as the first state to join the Union over a presidential veto.”

The presentation includes many historic images, maps and anecdotes in the telling of Nebraska’s sometimes shaky trek to statehood.

A former newspaper reporter and editor, Barnes writes and lives in Omaha. He is a former board trustee with the Nebraska State Historical Society, past chairman of the Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission, trustee with the Union Pacific Museum Association, and a frequently requested speaker with Humanities Nebraska. He is a twice-awarded recipient of the Nebraska Book Award and the author of *Cut in Stone, Cast in Bronze: Nebraska’s Historical Markers and Monuments, 150 @ 150: Nebraska’s Landmark Buildings at the State’s Sesquicentennial*, *The Great Plains Guide to Custer*, and *Extra Innings: The Story of Modisett Ball Park*. He recently updated his first book, *Forts of the Northern Plains*, for the University of Nebraska Press/Bison Books with publication in May 2024.

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MEDICARE 101

FEBRUARY - MAY

2024

WAHOO PUBLIC LIBRARY
637 NORTH MAPLE
WAHOO, NEBRASKA



DATES & TIMES

Wednesday, February 28 6pm
Tuesday, March 6 10am
Wednesday, April 24 6pm
Tuesday, May 21 10am

MEETING ITINERARY:

- 1) 60 minutes of Medicare education and questions.
- 2) Specific plan pricing and information regarding prescriptions will require individual appointments.

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402-429-1311

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TO A LICENSED INSURANCE AGENT.



AGENT ADVOCATE

Utilizing an agent is FREE. I am your local advocate and I am only a phone call away.



STRESS FREE- NO PRESSURE

I will present you with your options regarding your health and budget. YOU make the final decision.



EDUCATION IS KEY

Knowledge is power. The more you understand the world of Medicare, the more comfortable you will be with your decision.



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PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, May 4th

10-NOON

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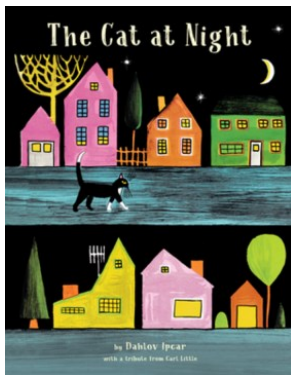
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Staff Picks

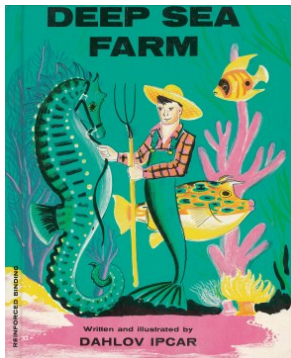


[The Cat at Night](#)

by Dahlov Ipcar

Join the farmer's cat on his fascinating nighttime journey through fields, farms, forests, and even the city to see what only he can see after the sunsets. Legendary artist Dahlov Ipcar mesmerizingly alternates between dark night scenes and vivid color to deliver a beautifully illustrated children's classic. Each scene is shown first as a human would see it at night in blacks and whites, and then as a cat sees it in with vivid color and fine detail.

(Recommended by Miss Carrie)

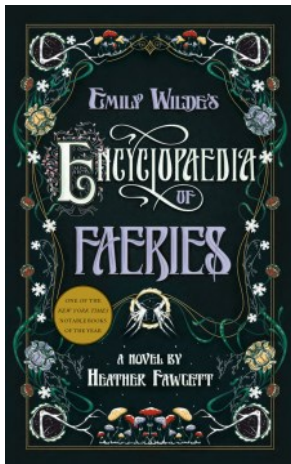


[Deep Sea Farm](#)

by Dahlov Zorach Ipcar

A deep sea farmer, a man with a fish's tail and a kind heart, runs an undersea farm where he raises and works with fish, and spends the rest of the time freeing fish caught in fishermen's nets and traps.

(Recommended by Miss Carrie)

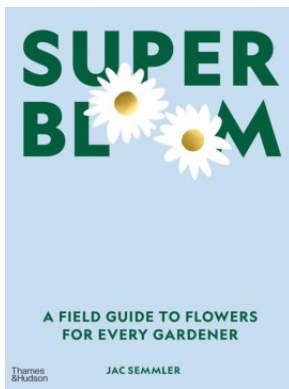


[Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries](#)

by Heather Fawcett

A Cambridge professor, scholar and researcher on the study of faeries visits the hardscrabble village of Hransvik where she gets closer to uncovering the secrets of the Hidden Ones and resists her insufferably handsome academic rival. *(Fiction)*

(Recommended by Christine)



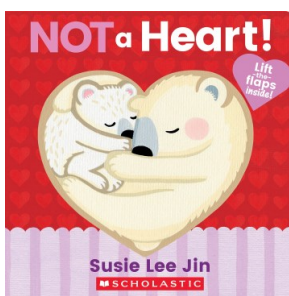
[Super Bloom: A Field Guide to Flowers for Every Gardener](#)

by Jac Semmler

A super bloom is a natural phenomenon in which climate and conditions align to allow plants to flower in such abundance that they transform the landscape, bathing it in color. When a super bloom arises, it is a miraculous sight. Super Bloom is a love letter to flowers. It is a manifesto for maximum plants, maximum flowers, maximum beauty. It is perfect for the current time and trends. It also shows how to create your own super bloom. Leading plant specialist Jac Semmler revives the appeal of treasured, old-world, beautiful flowers for the modern garden. This is a comprehensive gardening how-to for beginners and experts alike, including care and growing notes; natural parameters (such as location, climate, and aspect); where to source your plants, with suppliers all over the world; plant biology; soil ecology; tips on harvesting, conditioning, and arranging cut flowers; and more. Innovative, immersive photographs by Sarah Pannell illustrate gardening techniques as well as offering a breathtaking bee's-eye view of the garden. Look out for the incredible array of Planting Partners for each plant; whether you want to plant a garden that flowers in succession, group your plants by height or color, or find flowers with similar growing conditions. Natural beauty nourishes something deep within us. Whether it's seeing a meadow of grasses or wildflowers, marveling at the smell of a particular rose, or watching tulip heads wilt and drop, these are the moments that make us human, that connect us to the world, and remind us that beauty is everywhere" (*Non-Fiction*)

(Recommended by Kim)

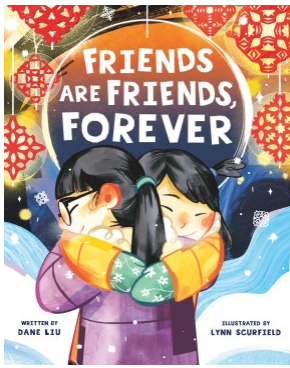
New Books



[Not a Heart!](#)

by Susie Lee Jin

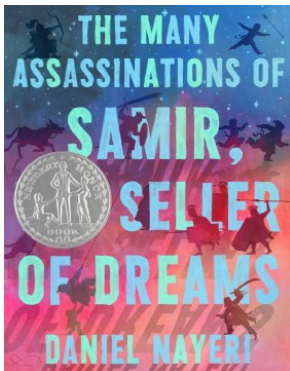
Featuring heart-shaped flaps to lift to reveal the adorable animals hiding underneath, this cute Valentine's Day-themed board book is filled with bright patterns and colorful artwork that are sure to delight little ones. (*Board Book*)



[Friends Are Friends, Forever](#)

by Dane Liu

Just before Chinese New Year, Dandan discovers that her family is moving to America, far away from her best friend Yueyue; before they leave Yueyue gives her a stack of red paper and a spool of string so she can share the art of paper cutting with Americans--and when Chinese New Year comes around again Dandan remembers Yueyue's gift and introduces her new friend Christina to this ancient art. (*Easy*)



[The Many Assassinations of Samir, the Seller of Dreams](#)

by Daniel Nayeri

This is the tale of an exciting journey along the Silk Road with a young Monk and his newfound guardian, Samir, a larger than life character and the so-called "Seller of Dreams." The man is a scammer; his biggest skill being the ability to talk his way into getting what he wants. While that talking did save Monkey's life, it has left a lot of people furious with Samir--furious enough to hire assassins. Monkey decides to try and save Samir from the attempts on his life--as a way to pay off his debt! If he can save Samir six times, he'll be a free man...but will they all survive that long? (*Fiction Junior*)



[The Night Fox](#)

by Ashley Wilda

Seventeen-year-old Elizabeth confronts heartbreak while at a mysterious, magical wellness program in the wilderness. (*Teen*)

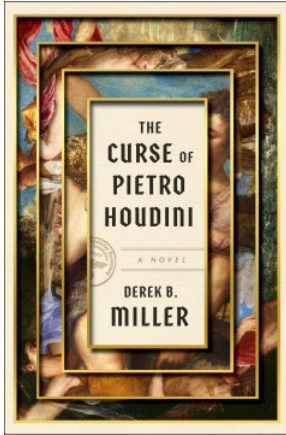


[First Lie Wins: A Novel](#)

by Ashley Elston

Evie Porter has everything a nice, Southern girl could want: a perfect, doting boyfriend, a house with a white picket fence and a garden, a fancy group of friends. The only catch: Evie Porter doesn't exist. The identity comes first: Evie Porter. Once she's given a name and location by her mysterious boss Mr. Smith, she learns everything there is to know about the town and the people in it. Then the mark: Ryan Sumner. The last piece of the puzzle is the job. Evie isn't privy to Mr. Smith's real identity, but she knows this job will be different. Ryan has gotten under her skin, and she's starting to envision a different sort of life for herself. But Evie can't make any mistakes--especially after what happened last time.

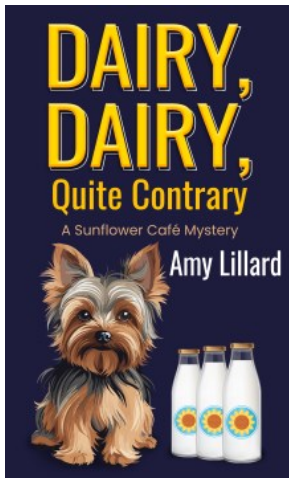
Because the one thing she's worked her entire life to keep clean, the one identity she could always go back to--her real identity--just walked right into this town. Evie Porter must stay one step ahead of her past while making sure there's still a future in front of her. The stakes couldn't be higher--but then, Evie has always liked a challenge... (*Fiction*)



[The Curse of Pietro Houdini: A Novel](#)

by Derek B. Miller

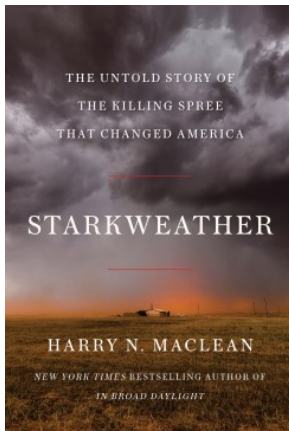
In 1943, 14-year-old Massimo, rescued by a mysterious man called Pietro Houdini who preserves the treasures within the Benedictine abbey's wall, accompanies him on a World War II art-heist adventure where they lie, cheat, steal, fight, kill and sin to survive, while smuggling Renaissance masterpieces they've rescued from the "safe keeping" of the Germans. (*Fiction*)



[Dairy, Dairy, Quite Contrary](#)

by Amy Lillard

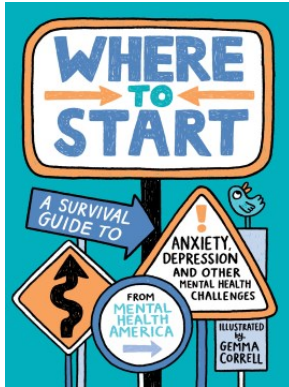
Twenty-something advice columnist Sissy is ready for a fresh start in the small town of Yoder, Kansas - along with her loyal Yorkie, Duke. She's planning to help out at her aunt's Sunflower Cafe, but little does she know her new duties will soon include solving a murder! After Sissy's rodeo cowboy boyfriend turns out to be more of a rodeo clown, she packs a bag; picks up her Yorkshire terrier Duke; and leaves Tulsa, Oklahoma, bound for her parents' former hometown. There are still plenty of Yoders in Yoder, Kansas, including Sissy's aunt Bethel, who owns the Sunflower Cafe but recently broke her leg. It's a homecoming of sorts as Sissy arrives to help in the cafe and reunite with her pregnant cousin Lizzie. Plus she can continue to secretly write her newspaper advice column as seventy-year-old "Aunt Bess." But it's Sissy who could use some advice when she finds the milk deliveryman out behind the cafe with a knife in his back. As the sheriff's prime suspect, it's up to Sissy to catch the backstabber herself--before someone else gets creamed. (*Large Print Fiction*)



[Starkweather: The Untold Story of the Killing Spree that Changed America](#)

by Harry N. MacLean

Drawing on new material, reporting and conclusions, this definitive story of 19-year-old Charles Starkweather, who, in 1958, murdered 10 people with his 14-year-old girlfriend, recounts this shocking event that served as the inspiration for the movie *Natural Born Killers* and Springsteen's iconic album *Nebraska*. (*Non-Fiction*)



[Where to Start: A Survival Guide to Anxiety, Depression, and Other Mental Health Challenges](#)

by Gemma Correll

The nation's leading community-based nonprofit dedicated to helping those living with mental illness provides clear, honest, jargon-free information for anyone struggling emotionally and looking for help. (*Non-Fiction*)

LIBRARIANS ARE HILARIOUS



Columbus Library
@columbuslibrary

Your crush:

- might not always text you back
- plays games with your heart
- isn't thinking about supporting literacy 24/7

Your local library:

- free
- filled with tons of amazing resources
- doesn't play games with your heart
- always thinking about how to support literacy

THANKS FOR READING!

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