



Wahoo Public Library

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BABY BRAINS



Baby Brains

36 MONTHS

Happy Birthday Preschooler! Your child may now be ready to meet and interact with other three-year-olds. Schedule a regular play group time or come to story time at the library. (You don't have to wait until you're three to come to story time, we love seeing you here from birth on!)

MEET...

Meet SHANE SWEET

I GREW UP IN MEAD NEBRASKA ON A FAMILY FARM JUST EAST OF TOWN. I GRADUATED FROM MEAD HIGH SCHOOL IN 1988 AND HAVE CONTINUED TO LIVE IN THE AREA EVER SINCE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A 3 1/2 YEAR MOVE TO HARRISBURG PA.

I MET MY WIFE CARI IN FREMONT, NE AND WE HAVE 2 CHILDREN. MATTHEW WHO IS 20, AND EMILEE WHO IS 13. WE ALSO HAVE TWO DOGS THAT WE CONSIDER PART OF OUR FAMILY. DAISY AND DIXIE. WE LIVE IN HERITAGE HEIGHTS WHERE WE BUILT OUR HOUSE BACK IN 2011, THE YEAR THAT EMILEE WAS BORN. BEFORE THAT WE HAD A HOUSE ON NORTH LINDEN STREET IN WAHOO.

I WORK FOR WESCO. I HAVE BEEN WITH THE COMPANY FOR ALMOST 32 YEARS. DURING THAT TIME I HAVE HELD NUMEROUS POSITIONS FROM OPERATIONS, SALES, AND MANAGEMENT. I LOVE WORKING WITH MY CUSTOMERS TO COME UP WITH THE SOLUTIONS THEY NEED TO MAKE THEIR LIVES EASIER. I HELP WITH THE SALES AND DESIGN OF THE DATA COMMUNICATIONS, SECURITY, AND IT RELATED SYSTEMS THAT THEY USE. I REALLY LOVE MY JOB!!

I WAS FORTUNATE TO BE ELECTED TO THE WAHOO CITY COUNCIL IN 2022. IT IS A ROLE THAT I TAKE SERIOUSLY. MYSELF ALONG WITH CHRIS RAPPLE REPRESENT WARD 2. I AM ON THE FINANCE, STREETS, AND GENERAL COMMITTEES. I BELIEVE THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO BE A VOICE FOR THE COMMUNITY AND MY GOAL IS TO DO MY BEST TO HELP IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY, AND LEAVE IT WAY BETTER THAN IT WAS WHEN I BECAME A CITY COUNCILMAN.

I AM ALSO A PART OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF DUCKS UNLIMITED AND HAVE BEEN SINCE WE WERE ABLE TO GET IT STARTED BACK UP IN WAHOO IN THE FALL OF 2008. EVERY YEAR IT GETS A LITTLE BIGGER AND WE HAVE A LOT OF FUN DOING IT WITH A HUGE SUPPORT FROM THE WAHOO AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

IN MY FREE TIME I LOVE TO PLAY GOLF, HUNTING WATERFOWL, AND SPENDING AS MUCH TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS AS I CAN. I LOVE BEING A PART OF THE COMMUNITY AND WOULD NOT LIVE ANY WHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD!!



NEWS

THANK YOU!

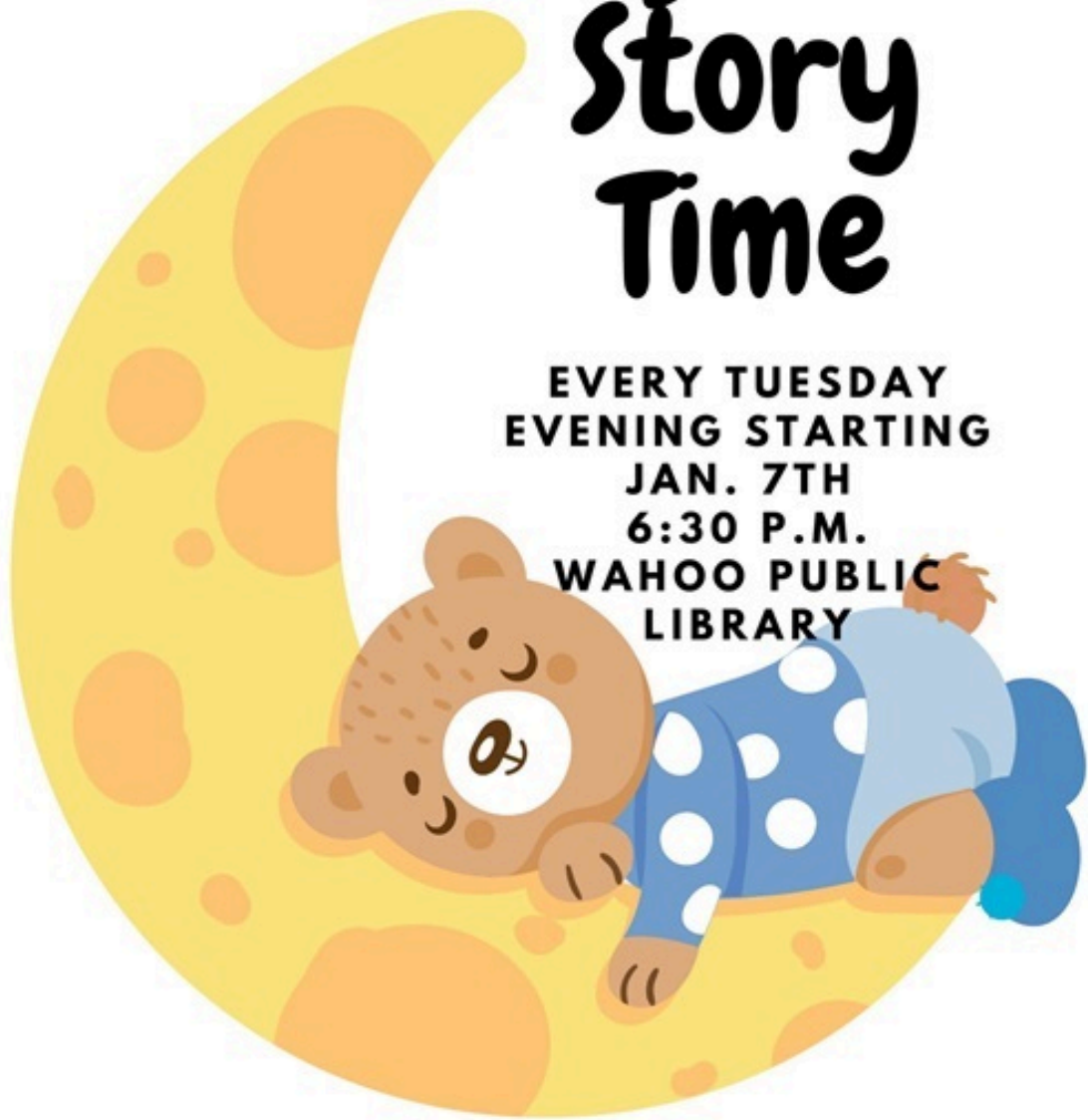
Thank you so much to everyone who donated to our 24th annual Christmas sale. And thank you to all who helped support the library with your purchases!

All sales benefit library programs and events!



Pajama Story Time

EVERY TUESDAY
EVENING STARTING
JAN. 7TH
6:30 P.M.
WAHOO PUBLIC
LIBRARY



Gentle music and quiet
stories to get you ready for
bedtime!

The New York Times

Patrons of Wahoo Public Library can now enjoy New York

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Your access includes everything The New York Times offers:

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- Games: Spelling Bee, Wordle, The Crossword and more.
- Cooking: Recipes, advice and inspiration for any occasion.
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- The Athletic: In-depth, personalized sports journalism.

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NEWS

The global reporting, analysis, cultural commentary and more to deepen students' understanding of the world.



150
Places of
journalism
published
daily

GAMES

From The Crossword to Wordle and Spelling Bee — word, visual and number games that build problem-solving skills, provide a mental break, and delight solvers.



Games was played
4+ Billion
Times in 2022

COOKING

A digital cookbook and cooking guide alike that will support your students' total wellness and kitchen confidence, deliciously.



700+
Essential and
diverse recipes
published in
2022

WIRECUTTER

Independent product recommendations and reviews based on real-world testing that can help your students choose products confidently.



330+
Articles and
525+
Updated guides
published in
2022

THE ATHLETIC

In-depth, personalized sports coverage that can foster media literacy on a subject students are passionate about.



1K+
Teams and
40+
Leagues
covered

WAHOO PUBLIC LIBRARY

2024 | YEAR IN REVIEW



26,826
Items Checked
Out



30,945
Library Visitors

The library averaged
over **100** visitors each day!



223
New Cardholders



\$402,266
Members saved

Top 10
Most Checked
Out Books



426

Meeting room rentals

3,559

Meeting attendees



1,397
New books were
added to our collection

197
New DVDs, audiobooks,
magazines, and puzzles

174

Kids' Programs

3,182

Patrons attended our events

Thank you for being a crucial part of our journey this year! | www.wahoopubliclibrary.org

STORY TIME CALENDAR

JANUARY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
				Closed	1	2	3	
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
	11	What's new with you?						
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	Winter Fun							
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
The penguins are coming								
26	27	28	29	30	31			
It's puzzling								
PROGRAMS:								
Story Times: Mondays/Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. Pajama Story Time: Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. (no craft)								

EVENTS

Bingo rules—once you get a bingo, bring your sheet in for a prize! (Candy or something from the bookstore) Good through January 31st.

Winter READING BINGO

Get 5 in a row — up, down, across, or diagonal!

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 book bundle	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 an animal on the cover

Library Shelfie Day



Jan. 22nd

National Library Shelfie Day is celebrated on the fourth Wednesday of January each year. It's a day for book lovers to share their favorite bookshelves and library displays by taking a selfie and posting it on social media with the hashtag #LibraryShelfie

National Puzzle Day

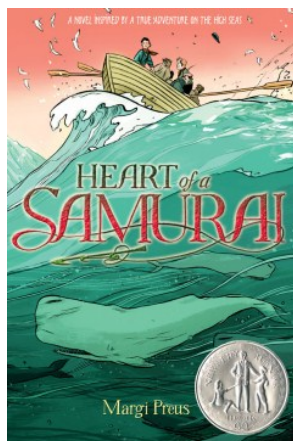
Jan. 29th

Come in to the library on the 29th and help us finish a puzzle in one day!

Check our facebook page that day for a special crossword puzzle!

STAFF PICKS/NEW BOOKS

Staff Picks



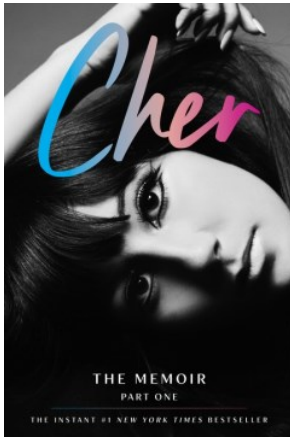
Heart of a Samurai

by Margi Preus

In 1841, rescued by an American whaler after a terrible shipwreck leaves him and his four companions castaways on a remote island, fourteen-year-old Manjiro, who dreams of becoming a samurai, learns new laws and customs as he becomes the first Japanese person to set foot in the United States.

(You can find this Newbery Medal-Winning young adult novel on Libby and hoopla!)

Recommended by Christine



Cher

by Cher

The notable pop star and diva offers the first part of her extensive biography about her fascinating life. (*Non-Fiction*)

Recommended by Kim

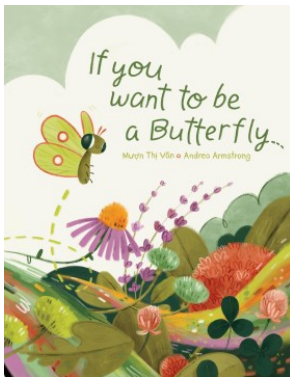
New Books



What Is a Sloth?

by Ginger Swift

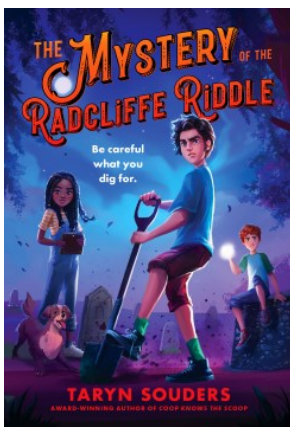
Animals in the forest asks a sloth about how he eats and sleeps, in a text with liftable flaps. (*Board Book*)



If You Want to Be a Butterfly

by Muon Van

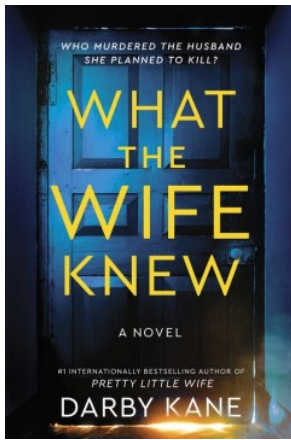
An innovative exploration of a butterfly's life cycle --- in reverse. "If you want to be a butterfly, then arise, unfurl and welcome the waiting world," begins this book's narrator. Readers will flit from flower to flower with an adorable butterfly ... hold on tight with a chrysalis through all sorts of weather ... munch away with a greedy little caterpillar ... sit very, very still and dream big with a teeny tiny egg. It's a magical journey back in time, that ends ... at the beginning! Imaginations will be sparked by the active depictions --- freeing the butterfly in every child. (*Easy*)



The Mystery of the Radcliffe Riddle

by Taryn Souders

Inheriting a 300-year-old tapestry from the town's oddball, Grady realizes it's a treasure map and, with the help of his friends, is determined to crack the clues to find the treasure, but soon discovers he's not the only who knows about the map. (*Fiction Junior*)



What the Wife Knew

by Darby Kane

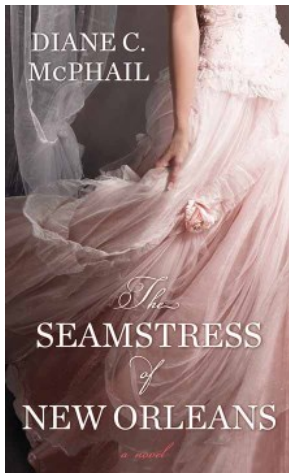
Dr. Richmond Dougherty is a renowned pediatric surgeon, an infamous tragedy survivor, and a national hero. He's also very dead—thanks to a fall down the stairs. His neighbors angrily point a finger at the newest Ms. Dougherty, Addison. The sudden marriage to the mysterious young woman only lasted ninety-seven days, and he'd had two suspicious "accidents" during that time. Now Addison is a very rich widow. As law enforcement starts to circle in on Addison and people in town become increasingly hostile, sides are chosen with Kathryn, Richmond's high school sweetheart, wife number one, and the mother of his children, leading the fray. Despite rising tensions, Addison is even more driven to forge ahead on the path she charted years ago... Determined at all costs to unravel Richmond's legacy, she soon becomes a target—with a shocking note left on her bedroom wall: You will pay. But it will take a lot more than faceless threats to stop Addison. Her plan to marry Richmond then ruin him may have been derailed by his unexpected death, but she's not done with him yet. (*Fiction*)



Definitely Better Now

by Ava Robinson

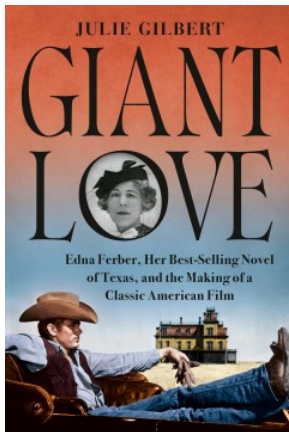
The very last person anyone should worry about is Emma. Yes, hi, she's an alcoholic. But she's officially been sober for one entire year. That's twelve months of better health. Fifty-two whole weeks of focusing on nothing but her nine-to-five office job, group meetings, and avoiding the kind of bad decisions that previously left her awash in shame and regret. It's also been 365 days of not dating. And with her new dating profile, Emma, 26, of New York is ready to put herself back out there. Except—was dating always this complicated? And did Emma's mother really have to choose now to move in with her new boyfriend? Being assigned to plan her office's holiday party feels like icing on the suddenly very overwhelming cake until her estranged father reappears with devastating news. Icing, meet cherry on top. But then there's Ben, the charming IT guy who, despite Emma's awkwardness and shortcomings, seems to maybe actually get her? Sobriety is turning out to be far from the flawless future Emma had once envisioned for herself, but as she allows herself to open up to Ben and confront difficult past relationships, she's beginning to realize that taking things one day at a time might just be the perfectly imperfect path she's meant to be on. (*Fiction*)



[The Seamstress of New Orleans](#)

by Diane C. McPhail

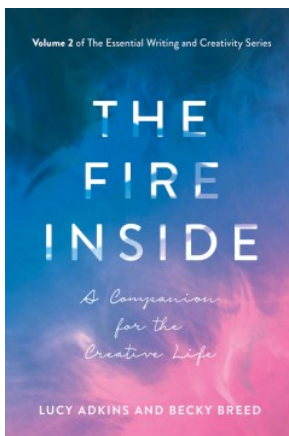
Young widow Constance, in 1900 New Orleans, and widowed and pregnant seamstress, Alice, who, in exchange for lodging, agrees to help her create a beautiful Mardi Gras gown, form an unlikely bond that reveals the truth surrounding Constance's husband's mysterious death. (*Large Print Fiction*)



[Giant Love](#)

by Julie Goldsmith Gilbert

A book that explores the great American novelist and playwright Edna Ferber, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, whose work was made into many Academy Award-winning movies; the writing of her controversial, international best-selling novel about Texas, and the making of George Stevens' Academy Award winning epic film of the same name, *Giant*. (*Non-Fiction*)



[The Fire Inside](#)

by Lucy Adkins

The Fire Inside, through a well-researched collection of essays and heart-opening personal stories, invites readers to uncover their unique talents and live out their individual dreams. Few books on creativity are so inclusive, so welcoming as this book, offering insight not only for furthering one's abilities in the traditional arts, but also in the day to day creativity which so enriches our lives. Based on the authors' combined fifty-five years of teaching and presenting workshops on writing and creativity, *The Fire Inside* is written in a spirit of warmth and generosity. It invites the reader to say yes to creativity, choose to live a bigger life, and discover how "the magic" happens. (*Non-Fiction*)

LIBRARIANS ARE HILARIOUS



Chester Fritz Library

Wanted: Someone to climb into this hole in the library for us.

Job requirements:

-limber

-trusting

-has not read The Cask of Amontillado by Edgar Allan Poe

THANKS FOR READING!

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