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



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#### BABY BRAINS

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# Baby Brains

## 42 MONTHS

As you choose more complex stories, read them aloud with enthusiasm and expression. Changing your voice to match different characters will help keep your child's interest. A perfect story for this is *The Three Billy Goats Gruff!*

## 43 MONTHS

Your preschooler may enjoy a few predictable books along with more complex stories. Many familiar board books are shortened versions of longer stories. You could introduce the full-length versions for more interaction. For example, Dr. Seuss's *Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You*, is shortened for the board book. You can introduce the full-length title to gradually add in more complexities in a fun and engaging way.

### MEET...

## Meet

### KIRK SPECHT

Born and raised in Wahoo, Kirk Specht recently joined the city in June as our new Maintenance hire. He and his wife April (who you may know from the front desk at the Civic Center) have three kids.

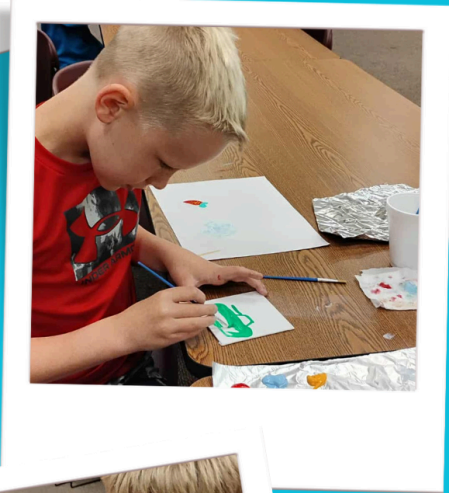
Kirk enjoys paintball, archery, and darts. Say "Hello" next time you see him around keeping our buildings up and running!



### NEWS—Mostly summer photos of all the fun things we created!





















# KIDS BOOK SALE



**.25 A BOOK**

**OR**

**5/\$1**

**STORY TIME CALENDAR**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
					1	2	
3	<b>We are Pirates, Arrr!</b>					8	9
10	<b>Going on a Picnic-we will have a picnic instead of craft time</b>					15	16
17	<b>Here Kitty, Kitty</b>					22	23
24	<b>Hello Puppy</b>					29	30
31	If you still havent turned in your summer reading time/bingo-you have until August 15 <sup>th</sup> to get your prizes.						

# AUGUST

Watch for info about a joint Star Party in September at Lake Wanahoo!  
 (Branched Oak Observatory, Lower Platte North NRD, and the Wahoo Public Library)

**PROGRAMS:**

Story Times: Mondays/Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.  
 Pajama Story Time: Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. (no craft)

**EVENTS**

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# TRIVIA NIGHT



Come support  
Wahoo's new  
Imagination  
Library  
Program!

**Aug. 8th**  
6-8 pm

@ First United  
Methodist Church  
714 N. Beech ST

**\$5**

per person for trivia  
(teams of 4-8  
recommended)

**\$10**

per child for  
childcare

Snacks available for purchase!



Show off your knowledge  
and win prizes!



# FREE CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK EVENT



4 PM - 6 PM



## WAHOO LIBRARY

In the parking lot!  
No Appointment Necessary!

FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
CONTACT EMILY AT (402) 704-2223.

# Starry Night at the Lake

Monday, September 22

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Clint Johannes Education Building

East side of Lake Wanhoo

1655 County Road 16, Wahoo

Bring blankets and lawn chairs. Children under 12  
must be accompanied by an adult during the event.

## Schedule

6:00 p.m. Doors open and solar viewing begins

7:00 p.m. Explore how plants and animals interact with the moon and stars  
Learn how to identify light pollution and more!

8:00 p.m. A learning program provided by the staff from the Branched Oak  
Observatory. Astronomy guides available.  
Solar and night viewing to follow!

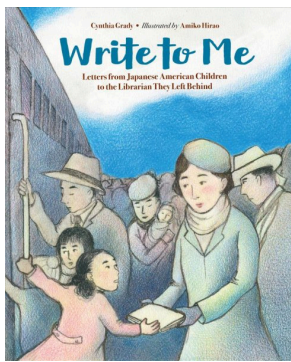
Event hosted by Wahoo Public Library and  
Lower Platte North Natural Resources District  
Telescopes provided by Branched Oak Observatory

*Stargaze with telescopes  
under the waxing  
crescent moon!*



## STAFF PICKS/NEW BOOKS

### Staff Picks

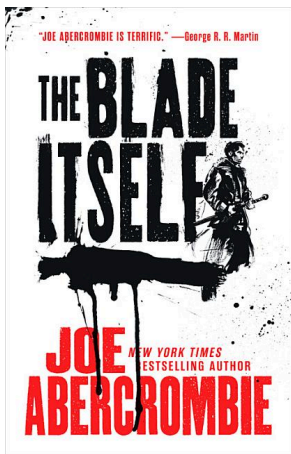


## **Write to Me: Letters from Japanese American Children to the Librarian They Left Behind**

by Cynthia Grady

In 1942, children's librarian Clara Breed discovers that her young Japanese-American patrons are being relocated and gives them stamped and addressed postcards so they can write to her. This is a true story of a librarian's love for her young patrons. (*JNF-US History*)

*Recommended by Miss Carrie*

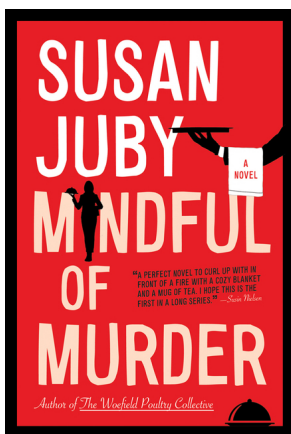


## **The Blade Itself**

by Joe Abercrombie

Inquisitor Glokta, a crippled and increasingly bitter relic of the last war, former fencing champion turned torturer extraordinaire, is trapped in a twisted and broken body - not that he allows it to distract him from his daily routine of torturing smugglers. Nobleman, dashing officer and would-be fencing champion Captain Jezal dan Luthar is living a life of ease by cheating his friends at cards. Vain, shallow, selfish and self-obsessed, the biggest blot on his horizon is having to get out of bed in the morning to train with obsessive and boring old men. And Logen Ninefingers, an infamous warrior with a bloody past, is about to wake up in a hole in the snow with plans to settle a blood feud with Bethod, the new King of the Northmen, once and for all - ideally by running away from it. But as he's discovering, old habits die really, really hard indeed - especially when Bayaz gets involved. (*Fiction*)

*Recommended by Bob*



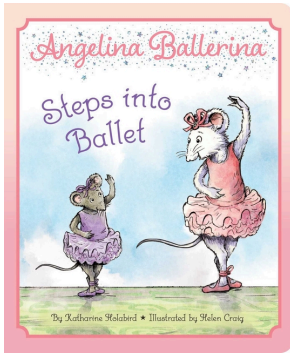
## **Mindful of Murder**

by Susan Juby

Meet Helen Thorpe. She's smart, preternaturally calm, deeply insightful and a freshly trained butler. On the day she is supposed to start her career as an unusually equanimous domestic professional serving one of the wealthiest families in the world, she is called back to a spiritual retreat where she used to work, the Yatra Institute, on one of British Columbia's gulf islands. The owner of the lodge, Helen's former employer Edna, has died while on a three-month silent self-retreat, leaving Helen instructions to settle her affairs. But Edna's will is more detailed than most, and getting things in order means Helen must run the retreat for a select group to determine which of Edna's relatives will inherit the institute. Helen's classmates, newly minted butlers themselves, decide they can't let her go it alone and arrive to help Helen pull things off. After all, is there anything three butlers can't handle? As Helen carries out the will's instructions, she begins to think that someone had reason to want Edna dead. A reluctantly suspicious investigator, Helen and her band of butlers find themselves caught up in the mystery. (*Fiction*)

*Recommended by Denise*

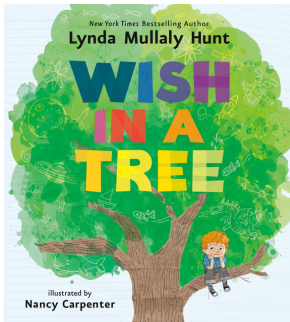
## New Books



### **Angelina Ballerina Steps into Ballet**

by Katharine Holabird

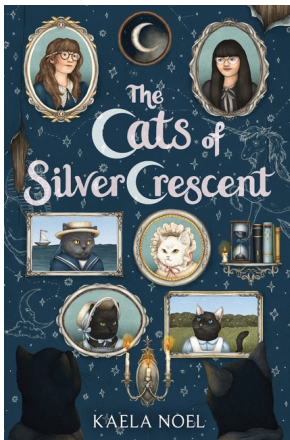
Leap into ballet with Angelina Ballerina! Join Angelina as she goes to ballet class, dances with friends, practices with her little sister, and dreams big in this sweet story about becoming a ballerina, step by step! *(Board Book)*



### **Wish in a Tree**

by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

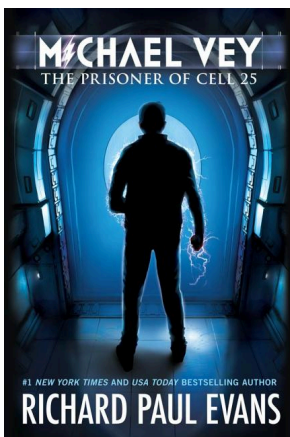
Afflicted by his classmate's derision, neurodivergent Oliver wishes to be more like his peers until his friends help him realize his differences are what make him remarkable. *(Easy)*



### **The Cats of Silver Crescent**

by Kaela Noel

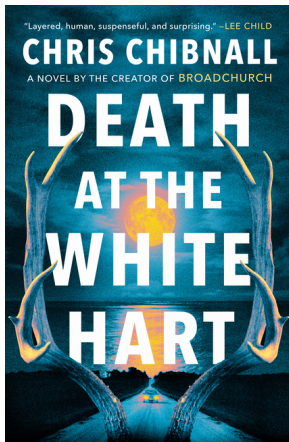
While spending a few weeks with her great-aunt Verity, Elsby is approached by a family of talking cats who think and behave like humans and need her help to harness the magic that made them that way—but soon learns that every enchantment comes with a price. *(Fiction Junior)*



### **Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25**

by Richard Paul Evans

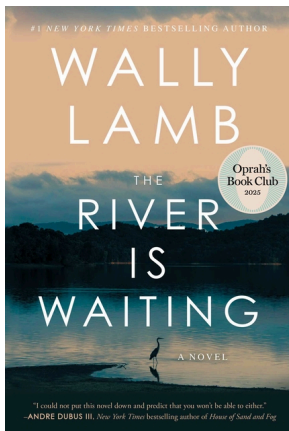
Michael Vey, a fourteen-year old who has Tourette's syndrome and special electric powers, finds there are others like him, and must rely on his powers to save himself and the others from a diabolical group seeking to control them. *(Fiction Junior)*



## **Death at the White Hart**

by Chris Chibnall

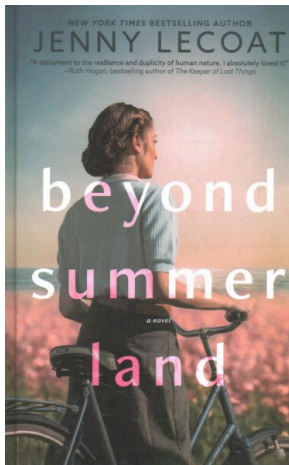
When a pub owner is found gruesomely murdered, Detective Nicola Bridge returns to her quaint coastal hometown to uncover dark secrets hidden beneath its picturesque façade, risking the destruction of everything she thought she knew. (*Fiction*)



## **The River is Waiting: A Novel**

by Wally Lamb

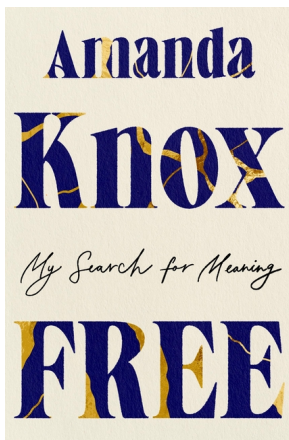
Corby Ledbetter, grappling with addiction, prison life, and the tragedy that shattered his family, finds unexpected kindness and connection behind bars, as he seeks redemption and hopes for forgiveness from those he's hurt the most. (*Fiction*)



## **Beyond Summerland**

by Jenny Lecoat

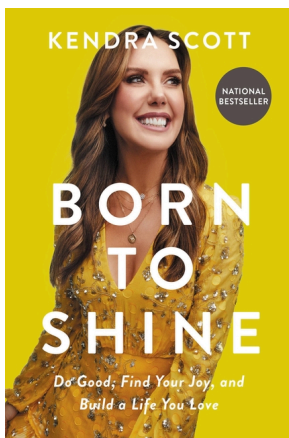
After World War II liberation of Jersey in the Channel Islands, 19-year-old Jean Parris discovers that a teacher who lives above her father's shop might be responsible for his wartime arrest and sets out to uncover the truth. (*Large Print Fiction*)



### **Free: My Search for Meaning**

by Amanda Knox

Amanda Knox spent nearly four years in prison and eight years on trial for a murder she didn't commit--and became a notorious tabloid story in the process. Though she was exonerated, it's taken more than a decade for her to reclaim her identity and truly feel free. Free recounts how Knox survived prison, the mistakes she made and misadventures she had reintegrating into society, and culminates in the untold story of her return to Italy and the extraordinary relationship she's built with the man who sent her to prison. It is the gripping saga of what happens when you become the definition of notorious but have quietly returned to the matters of a normal life-seeking a life partner, finding a job, or even just going out in public. In harrowing (and sometimes hilarious) detail, Amanda tells the story of her personal growth and hard-fought wisdom, recasting her public reckoning as a private reflection on the search for meaning and purpose that will speak to everyone persevering through hardship. *(Non-Fiction)*



### **Born to Shine: Do Good, Find Your Joy, and Build a Life You Love**

by Kendra Scott

"This authentic and dynamic memoir from the CEO of Kendra Scott Jewelry delivers inspiration, leadership lessons, and spellbinding storytelling. For twenty years, Kendra Scott built her eponymous jewelry company from a hobby and an idea into a company worth more than a billion dollars, creating beautiful and affordable pieces with signature-cut natural gemstones packaged in a sunny yellow box. By any measure, she's the woman who has it all: a self-made billionaire, a generous philanthropist, and a mother of three with a squad of strong female friendships. Sounds pretty perfect, right? But perfection is a myth that doesn't serve any of us. A myth that encourages us to assume that we know what other people are going through, to judge each other on appearances and reputations, to present the best versions of ourselves and pretend like we've got it all together even when everything is falling apart. Perfection isn't just a lie, it's exhausting, and Kendra is tired of it. In this vulnerable, wise, and laugh-out-loud book, Kendra takes us on a journey of personal stories and hard-earned life lessons, from her humble beginnings as an awkward, bullied young girl in small-town Wisconsin to launching a business in her spare bedroom with \$500. With every pitfall, misstep, and failure, Kendra builds a life--and a career--rooted in joy, purpose, and doing good, a life she wants for every reader. With heart and humor, Kendra reminds us that not all that glitters is gold, and that there is no level of success that can insulate you from what it means to be a human being: that life is as messy as it is magical, that bad things happen to good people for no good reason, and that a good life does not mean a perfect one"--Amazon *(Biography)*

# Seasonal Bookworms

**WINTER** : It's snowing, I should stay inside and read.

**SPRING** : I have allergies, I have to stay inside and read.

**SUMMER** : It's too hot. I'd better stay inside and read.

**AUTUMN** : It's so windy. I think I'll stay inside and read.

| TheMindsJournal



*hey introvert!*

**THANKS FOR READING!**

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