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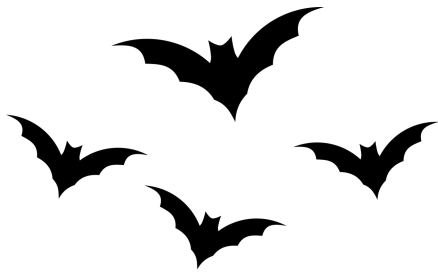
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October!

Fall is in the air, and there's no better time to cozy up with a good book! Your library is full of new titles, exciting programs, and opportunities to connect with your community this month. From spooky reads to family-friendly events, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Join us for upcoming programs and take advantage of all the free resources your library has to offer. Whether you're looking for a thrilling mystery, a cozy romance, or a fun activity for the kids, your library is here to make this October unforgettable.



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NEW ITEMS!

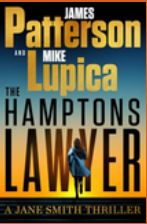
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ADULT FICTION

The Hamptons Lawyer by James Patterson & Mike Lupica

Undefeated criminal defense attorney Jane Smith -- known as the Hamptons Lawyer -- never fails to make her case. The Hamptons on Long Island is known for its beautiful beaches, its luxury lifestyle -- and its exclusive legal advice. When Jane Smith takes on a famous celebrity client, she's armed and ready: with brilliant arguments, hard evidence -- and two Glockes. Yet she's chased down, shot at, and risks contempt of court. That's when mounting a legal defense turns into self-defense. Knowing every day in court could be her last, she's a survivor. For now.



YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Another First Chance by Robbie Couch

It's been a year since eighteen-year-old River Lang's best friend died in a car accident. And every day since, he's had to pass by the depressing billboard that appeared as a result: a texting and driving PSA that reduces Dylan to a cautionary tale and River to the best friend of the dead kid at school. Dylan was so much more than a statistic, though, and River hates that everyone in town seems to have forgotten. When he's caught improving (a.k.a. vandalizing) Dylan's billboard, River is blackmailed into joining the Affinity Trials—a research study that's observing teens who are “struggling socially.” But as soon as he arrives, River's social struggles only worsen as he's thrown together with the last person he wants to spend an entire week with: his ex-best friend and Dylan's former girlfriend, Mavis, who's the only one who knows the truth about the night Dylan died.



JUVENILE FICTION

The Snoop by Gordon Korman

If Carter hadn't been checking his phone, he might have seen his brother coming down the ski slope in his direction. And if Carter had seen his brother in time and avoided the crash, he might not have two broken legs right now. Oops. Carter is stuck at home for weeks with both of his legs in casts. Bored, he starts checking the live feeds from cameras around town. Soon enough, he becomes completely obsessed -- watching his classmates when they don't know he's looking, spying on neighbors (though he doesn't think it's spying, really), and discovering some other highly unusual things that no one else is noticing. There's only one problem: What happens if Carter is found out ... and the people he's watching know where he lives?



Resources

1000 Books Before Kindergarten's Big Read

Join us for The Big Read 2025, a one-day online event hosted by the 1000 Books Foundation on October 2, 2025! It's simple, but powerful: parents and caregivers everywhere are encouraged to read one book to their child on that date.



Why it matters: early reading builds vocabulary, strengthens the bond between caregiver and child, and introduces young learners to the connection between pictures and words. It's an opportunity to kick-start literacy and help children enter school confident, curious, and ready to learn. 1000booksbeforekindergarten.org

Want to take part? Just pick a book, read it to a child, and if you like, share a photo on social media using #TheBigRead2025.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library



Looking to build lifelong readers from the very beginning? Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a wonderful program that delivers one **free**, high-quality, age-appropriate book every month to children from birth until they begin kindergarten. The books are mailed directly to the child's home, making the magic of receiving a personal book part of the fun.

This program works well hand-in-hand with initiatives like 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. If your child or children of different ages are under five, parents/caregivers may register each child by visiting their website.

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/>



Jigsaw Puzzle Competition



Think you have what it takes to be the fastest puzzlers in the county? Join us for our Library Jigsaw Puzzle Competition this October at all four Heartland Regional Library branches! Teams of up to four people will race against the clock – and each other – to complete a puzzle first.

Event Schedule:

- Belle Branch: Thursday, October 2 at 5:00 PM
- Eldon Branch: Thursday, October 2 at 6:00 PM
- Vienna Branch: Thursday, October 23 at 5:00 PM
- Iberia Branch: Friday, October 24 at 5:00 PM



<https://bit.ly/hrlspuzzle>

This event is open to tweens, teens, and adults – so grab your friends or family, form a team (no more than four per team), and get ready for some friendly competition. Registration is required, so scan the QR code, visit the URL above, call, or visit your branch to secure your spot!

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