

LIBRARY NEWS!

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HEARTLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

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June

Summer is here, and we're getting ready for a season full of fun at the library!

June kicks off our Summer Library Program with exciting activities, reading adventures, crafts, prizes, and events for all ages.

We can't wait to spend the summer learning, exploring, and making memories with our communities.

Visit your branch or check out our website and social media for upcoming programs and ways to join the fun!

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NEW ITEMS!

Visit our online catalog here.

<https://heartland.missourievergreen.org/eg/opac/home>

ADULT FICTION

The Ending Writes Itself by Evelyn Clarke

Six authors. One private island. Seventy-two hours to write the ending that will change their lives.

Arthur Fletch, one of the world's bestselling novelists, is a reclusive genius known for his iconic protagonists and fiendish twists. When six struggling authors are invited to spend a weekend on his private Scottish island, they arrive to discover a shocking secret: Arthur Fletch is dead . . . and his last book is unfinished.

Desperate to publish the novel, Fletch's agent and editor have summoned these writers in the hope that one of them will imagine a worthy ending for this final book. To sweeten the deal, they are offering an irresistible prize: in addition to ghost-writing the last chapter—for a mind-boggling sum—they will also help the lucky writer successfully re-launch their own career, guaranteeing future bestsellers. The catch: the writers have just seventy-two hours to finish Fletch's magnum opus.

It's the perfect plot. All it needs is a killer ending.



YOUNG ADULT GRAPHIC NOVEL

Armaveni by Nadine Takvorian

Nadine loves stories and her mother loves to tell them—all but one. Nadine would give anything to learn about her family's history in Armenia and Turkey—where they came from and how they came to America—but it is just too painful for her parents. All Nadine knows is that they were caught up in the Armenian genocide.

Until one day the dam bursts. And through that flood of stories and memories, and a trip back to their people's homelands, Nadine discovers a key to unlocking her own heritage and the courage to speak up when injustice rears its head again.



JUVENILE GRAPHIC NOVEL

Princess Academy by Shannon Hale

Miri lives high atop Mount Eskel where, for generations, her ancestors have lived a simple life, working in the quarry. But everything changes when word arrives that the prince of the kingdom will choose his princess from among the village girls.

A makeshift academy is set up on the mountain and every eligible girl must attend and learn how to become a proper princess. Soon Miri finds herself confronted with a harsh academy mistress, bitter competition among the girls, and her own conflicting desires. Being chosen could give her everything she ever wanted, but does Miri really want to leave her home and family behind for a royal life?



Resources

As America prepares to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States, it's the perfect time to explore our online resource, AtoZ the USA! Discover fascinating facts about all 50 states, learn about American history and culture, explore maps, symbols, recipes, famous people, and more. AtoZ the USA is free to use with your library card and is a fun and educational resource for all ages. Visit our website or ask library staff for help getting started! You can find this resource under Programs and Services > Homework Help. Scroll down.



Summer Library Programs!

Unearth a Story



Get ready to Unearth a Story this summer at your library! Our 2026 Summer Library Program is filled with exciting adventures, hands-on activities, reading challenges, crafts, games, and special events for all ages. From hidden treasures and ancient mysteries to unforgettable characters and new discoveries, every book has a story waiting to be uncovered. Join us this summer as we dig into great books, explore new ideas, and unearth stories together!



Tech Grant

We are excited to announce that the Heartland Regional Library System has been awarded an IMLS Technology Grant to update our website and calendar system! This exciting project will also include new branding for the library system, and we want our communities to help shape the future of HRLS.

We encourage everyone to share ideas and inspiration for our new branding by visiting: [HRLS Branding Ideas Board](https://padlet.com/HRLS/hrls-branding-rdj2cnivqml9odge) (https://padlet.com/HRLS/hrls-branding-rdj2cnivqml9odge)

We also invite you to take our website survey and tell us what you would like to see improved in the new website and calendar:

[HRLS Website Survey](https://forms.gle/Pr6tZxNqTKxdUPm77) (https://forms.gle/Pr6tZxNqTKxdUPm77)

Your feedback and ideas will help us create a better online experience for everyone we serve!

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