

# NORTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

Serving Bay, Gulf, and Liberty Counties



## Books, Bytes & More Newsletter - June 2026

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**Unearth a Story** is our summer reading theme this year at the library! Enjoy exciting, interactive free programs and incentives for all ages. Visit your local library to learn more!



Image: CSLP Unearth a Story logo by artist Tom Bonson.

### NWRLS Library Locations

**Headquarters:**  
**Bay County Public Library**  
850-522-2100

**Panama City Beach**  
850-233-5055

**Parker Public Library**  
850-871-3092

**Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Library**  
Port St. Joe  
850-229-8879

**Charles Whitehead Public Library**  
Wewahitchka  
850-639-2419

**Harrell Memorial Public Library**  
Bristol  
850-643-2247

**Jimmy Weaver Memorial Library**

### Children's Library Programming

#### Bay County Public Library

#### **Unearth a Story Reading Challenge Sheet (Ages 6 - 11)**

June 1 - July 8

Complete all 10 reading challenges to earn a small prize and an entry into the end of summer raffle! (1 per child) \*Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay County Public Libraries through a St. Joe Community Foundation, Inc. Grant.

#### **Weekly Raffle (Ages 6 - 11)**

June 1 - July 8

Attend a summer reading program & enter a raffle drawing for a prize! Winners selected at the end of each program; must be present to win.

\*Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay County Public Libraries through a St. Joe Community Foundation, Inc. Grant.

#### **Read & Rhyme Storytime (Ages 3 - 5 with Caregiver)**

Thursdays, June 4 - July 9 at 10:30 a.m. CT

Enjoy stories and songs with your preschooler!

#### **Unearth a Story: Animal Tales**

Wednesday, June 3 at 2 p.m. CT

Our friends from Animal Tales will educate, entertain, and inspire by sharing animals from all over the world. \*Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay County Public Libraries & the St. Joe Community Foundation, Inc.

#### **Unearth a Story: Triassic Trivia**

Wednesday, June 10 at 2 p.m. CT

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850-379-3300

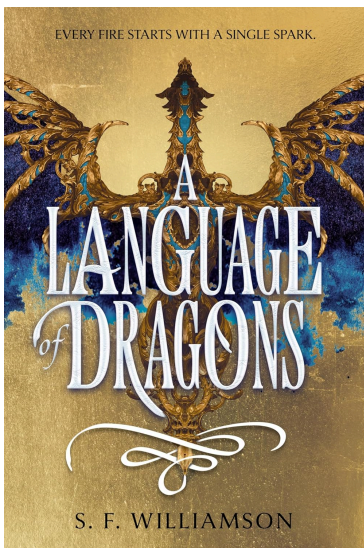
## Featured Items



**Don't Splash Grandpa!**  
by Julie Gonzalez  
(Juvenile Picture Book)

It's a hot, sunny day – the perfect day for the pool. Just...Don't. Splash. Grandpa!

While one grumpy-looking grandpa chaperones a pool party, a group of friends enjoy racing, basketball, pool games, and cannonball contests. As the day progresses, the excitement grows, and the splashes get closer and closer to an unamused grandpa. And what happens if he—KERSPLASH—gets soaked?



**A Language of Dragons**  
by S. F. Williamson  
(Young Adult Fiction)

Put your prehistoric knowledge to the test with our family-friendly Jeopardy-style trivia!

### **Unearth a Story: Jurassic Escape**

Wednesday, June 17 at 2 p.m. CT

Save a dinosaur from our library escape room, enjoying games and puzzles along the way!

### **Unearth a Story: Cretaceous Crafts**

Wednesday, June 24 at 2 p.m. CT

Join us for a dino-filled crafternoon! There will be multiple craft stations available for crafters of all ages.

All programs on the [Bay County Public Library Facebook](#) page and the [library website](#).



*Image: Dinosaurs on table at BCPL for Adopt-a-Dino program.*

### **Panama City Beach Public Library Summer Reading Challenge Library Bingo (K - 6 Grade)**

June 1 - July 10

Complete a reading bingo card & be entered into a weekly prize raffle! Limit one bingo card per child. \*Sponsored by the Women's Civic Club of Panama City Beach

### **Teen Summer Reading Challenge (Ages 12 - 17)**

June 1 - July 10

Complete the reading challenge for a chance to win a prize! \*Sponsored by the Women's Civic Club of Panama City Beach

### **Unearth a Story: Animal Tales**

Wednesday, June 3 at 10 a.m. CT

Our friends from Animal Tales will educate, entertain, and inspire by sharing animals from all over the world. Live animal demonstration! \*Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay County Public Libraries & the St. Joe Community Foundation, Inc.

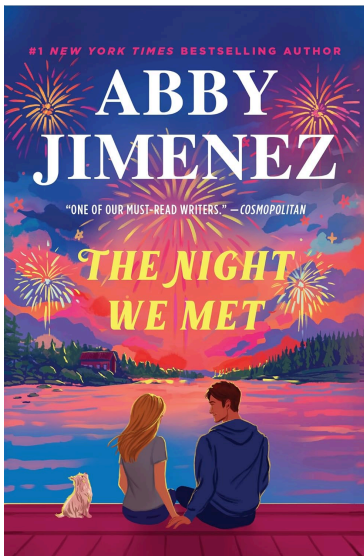
### **Unearth a Story: Prehistoric Pests with Beach Mosquito Control**

Wednesday, June 10 at 10 a.m. CT

Ms. Cindy, with Beach Mosquito Control, will share about prehistoric pests and how that history inspires pests of today!

Dragons soar through the skies and protests erupt on the streets, but Vivien Featherswallow isn't worried. She's going to follow the rules, get a summer internship studying dragon languages, be smart, be sweet, and make sure her little sister never, ever has to risk growing up Third Class. She just has to free one dragon. By midnight, Viv has started a civil war.

With her parents and cousin arrested and her sister missing, Viv is brought to Bletchley Park as a codebreaker--if she succeeds, she and her family can all go home again. If she doesn't, they'll all die. As Viv begins to discover the secrets of a hidden dragon language, she realizes that the fragile peace treaty that holds human and dragon societies together is corrupt, and the dangerous work Viv is doing could be the thread that unravels it.



**The Night We Met**  
by Abby Jimenez  
(Adult Fiction)

In everyone's life, there's a split-second decision that can change everything ...

**Unearth a Story: The Beach BUMS Ukulele Concert & Dino Scavenger Hunt**

Wednesday, June 17 at 10 a.m. CT

Enjoy the music shared by The Beach BUMS Ukulele Group, followed by a dinosaur scavenger hunt around the library!

**Unearth a Story: Archaeology Storytime with Florida Public Archaeology Network**

Wednesday, June 24 at 10 a.m. CT

Join us as Rachel Hines, Public Archaeologist with the Florida Public Archaeology Network leads a special storytime about past cultures and discovery!

All programs on the [Panama City Beach Public Library Facebook page](#) and the [library website](#).

**Parker Public Library**

**Saturday Storytime (Ages 3 - 6)**

Join us for a fun story time with a craft!

June 6 at 11 a.m. CT - Dinosaurs

**Saturday Program (Ages 6 - 12)**

Join your friends for a fun program at 12:30 p.m. CT!

June 6 - Dino Art with Ms. Bethany

June 13 - Dinosaur Puzzle Challenge

June 20 - Gardening Activities with 850 Garden Club

All programs on the [Parker Public Library Facebook page](#) and the [library website](#).

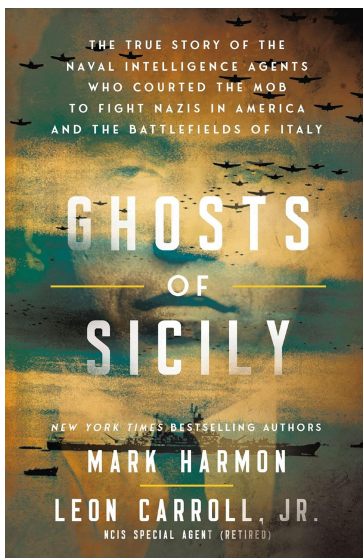


*Image: Kids found flamingo rubber ducks on the bookshelves at Parker*

For Larissa, it came when choosing who to ride home with after a concert. That night, she had no idea she'd met the perfect man. She and Chris are great friends, co-parenting a slightly unhinged rescue Yorkie, sharing their favorite books, and judging bread (pumpnickel for the win!). For the first time amid all her side hustles to scrape by, things finally feel easy.

But she didn't choose Chris to drive her home all those months ago—she went with his best friend, and he became her boyfriend. All Chris wants is for Larissa to be happy. Standing by on the sidelines is slowly killing him, but making a move would destroy someone else.

How can something that feels so right be absolutely impossible?



### **Ghosts of Sicily**

by Mark Harmon and Lewis Carroll, Jr.  
(Adult Nonfiction)

It's 1942, and New York City is at war. German U-boats are sinking ships just miles offshore, and Washington, DC, is convinced that waterfront spies are providing intelligence targeting the ships. To thwart the threat,

*Library.*

### **Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library in Port St. Joe**

Thank you to the Friends of the Gulf County Public Library at PSJ, the Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida, and the Newman Family Foundation for supporting the Summer Reading Program!

#### **Books, Blocks and Balls!**

Thursday, June 11 at 11 a.m. ET

Join us for a special playtime, book giveaways, and free developmental screenings from the caring professionals at the Early Learning Coalition!

#### **Summer Reading Program Kick-off!**

Friday, June 12 at 11 a.m. ET

Celebrate the start of the summer reading program with an interactive drum circle! Paralounge will bring drums, shakers, bells, and tambourines - you bring the beat! All ages welcome.

#### **Early Literacy Summer Programs (ages 6 mos. - 5 with caregiver)**

Select Thursdays

Stories, songs, music and movement to inspire a love of reading at 11 a.m. ET! Stay for free play after class.

June 18 - Digging Dinosaurs

June 25 - Dinosaur Tracks

#### **Lego Club (Ages 5+)**

Thursday, June 4 at 3:30 p.m. ET

STEM building challenges followed by time to free build with friends using our collection of over 15,000 Legos!

#### **Unearth a Story: Recyclosaurus**

Tuesday, June 16 at 2 p.m. ET

Create a dinosaur using recycled materials!

#### **Unearth a Story: Music of the Ancestors (Ages 6+)**

Tuesday, June 23 at 2 pm ET

Experience the sound of musical instruments from indigenous cultures around the world and make your own rain stick!

#### **Unearth a Story: Shipwreck on a Tarp**

Tuesday, June 30 at 2 pm ET

Learn about shipwrecks and underwater archaeology with hands-on learning activities from the Florida Public Archaeology Network!

All programs on the [Port St Joe - Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library Facebook](#) page and the [library website](#).

### **Charles Whitehead Public Library in Wewahitchka Summer Reading Challenge**

For every 5 books checked out, kids can add to our collage! Be entered in the quarterly prize drawing.

#### **Saturday Adventures**

Saturday, June 6 at 11 a.m. CT

Theme: All About Dads

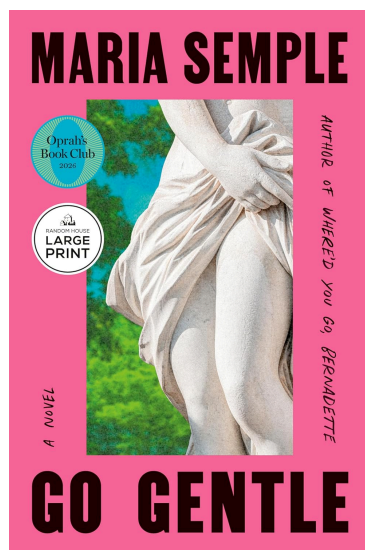
Bring a blanket for this outdoor fun day! Read books, play games, and have a snack!

#### **LEGO Club (Unique Challenges & Free Play)**

Saturday, June 20 at 10 a.m. CT

the Office of Naval Intelligence reaches out to those with the most sway along the waterfronts of Brooklyn and Manhattan – the mob. The result will be a triumph for the ONI and one of the most successful and controversial operations in the long history of what we now know as NCIS.

The Navy's alliance with Charles "Lucky" Luciano and his organization will send New Yorker Tony Marsloe and his fellow ONI officers on an international odyssey that includes holding secret meetings with legendary criminals, hunting clandestine spy rings operating on U.S. soil, and conducting daring undercover missions behind the bloody frontlines of the invasion of Italy.



### Go Gentle

by Maria Semple  
(Adult Large Print Fiction)

Adora Hazzard has it all figured out. A Stoic philosopher and divorcée, she lives a contented life on New York City's Upper West Side. Having discovered that the secret to happiness is to desire only what you have, she's applied this insight to blissful effect: relishing her teenage daughter, the freedom of being solo, and her job as a

### Fossil Fest, Summer Reading Program Kick Off!

Monday, June 22 at 10 a.m. CT

Celebrate the start of our summer reading programs with books, games, activities, art, and snacks!

### Early Literacy Summer Programs (Ages 1 - 5)

Select Tuesdays at 10 a.m. CT

Stories, songs, and crafts to instill a love of reading!

June 23 - Growing a Garden

June 30 - Plant a Seed

### Creative Roots Plant Project (Family Program)

Tuesday, June 23 at 3 p.m. CT

Decorate a small pot and plant seeds in a clear plastic liner to take home! You'll get to see the roots as it grows!

### Summer Programs for School Age

Friday, June 26 at 3 p.m. CT - Earth Seed Bombs

### Playdough Club

Saturday, June 27 at 11 a.m. CT

Bring a friend & have fun with playdough!

### All About Bears! (Family Program)

Tuesday, June 30 at 3 p.m. CT

Cheryl Spencer, Regional Bear Coordinator for FL Fish & Wildlife, will share her knowledge about bears!

All programs on the [Wewahitchka - Charles Whitehead Public Library Facebook](#) page and the [library website](#).



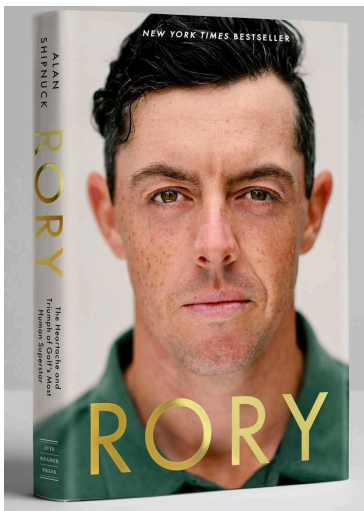
*Image: Kids playing in sensory bin with toys and trucks at Wewahitchka Library.*

### Harrell Memorial Public Library in Bristol Kids Reading Challenge

June 2 – July 22

moral tutor for the twin boys of an old-money family. She's even assembled a "coven"—like-minded women who live on the same floor in the legendary Ansonia—and is making active efforts to grow its membership. Adora's carefully curated life is humming along brilliantly until a chance meeting with a handsome stranger.

Soon, her ordered world is upended by black-market art deals, secret rendezvous, and international intrigue . . . and her past—which she has worked so hard to bury—lands like a bomb in her present. Inflamed by unquenchable desire, Adora finds herself a woman wanting more: and she'll risk everything to get it.



## Rory

by Alan Shipnuck  
(Adult Biography)

Rory McIlroy contains multitudes. He can overwhelm a golf course with his transcendent talent and then, at the next tournament, look utterly lost. McIlroy is golf 's most eloquent ambassador and a trash-talking troll, sometimes in the same press conference. The child of a working-class family from a small town in a war-torn homeland now

Pick up a reading progress sheet, read 200 minutes, and receive a small prize! You'll also be entered into a drawing to win a "Build a Dino" kit. All sheets must be turned in before 11:00 a.m. ET on 7/22/26.

### Unearth A Story Summer Programs (K - 3rd Grade)

Select Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. ET

Join us for summer reading fun as we explore paleontology, geology and archeology through stories and projects.

June 10 - Fossils

June 17 - Dino Dig

### LEGO Club (Ages 6 - 12)

Thursday, June 18 at 4 p.m. ET

Join up with friends for exciting monthly challenges along with free play! All LEGOs are provided by the library.

### Reptiles and Arachnids!

Wednesday, June 24 at 11 a.m. ET

Learn all about reptiles and arachnids in this interactive presentation. All ages are welcome. Registration required, so call the library at 850-643-2247 to reserve your spot!

All programs on the [Liberty County Public Libraries Facebook](#) page and the [library website](#).

### Jimmy Weaver Memorial Library in Hosford Kids Reading Challenge

June 2 - July 22

Pick up a reading progress sheet, read 200 minutes, and receive a small prize! You'll also be entered into a drawing to win a "Build a Dino" kit. All sheets must be turned in before 11:00 a.m. ET on 7/22/26.

### Unearth A Story Summer Programs (K - 3rd Grade)

Select Tuesdays at 1 p.m. ET

Join us for summer reading fun as we explore paleontology, geology and archeology through stories and projects.

June 9 - Adopt-A-Dino

June 16 - Prehistoric Painting

All programs on the [Jimmy Weaver Memorial Library Facebook](#) page or the [library website](#).

commutes to work in his own private jet and counts billionaires as confidants. A dozen years ago, McIlroy asked Alan Shipnuck a question about the player he had modeled himself after, Tiger Woods: "What's he really like?" As McIlroy enters the last act of his highly eventful career, this book is a chance to redirect that old question and try to understand a man of deep complexity and contradictions.

McIlroy's victory at the 2025 Masters packed such an emotional punch because he is golf's most vulnerable superstar. Across two decades as a pro he has been the anti-Tiger, letting fans into his heart and into his world. When McIlroy collapsed onto the final green at Augusta National, having at last completed the career Grand Slam, golf fans cried along with him because so many saw themselves in his struggles.

But there is much that the public does not know about McIlroy. With reporting chops honed across thirty years on the golf beat, Shipnuck traces McIlroy's evolution from a young phenom in Northern Ireland to a game-changing force on and off the golf course. Shipnuck has shadowed McIlroy throughout his career, and he brings to life all the heartbreaks and triumphs with thrilling immediacy and unparalleled access. Tabloid romance, bitter business disputes, divisive politicking—it is all part of this portrait of a man in full.



*Image: Teen book display for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May.*

## Teen Library Programming

### Bay County Public Library

**Registration is required for all Teen Programming. Call 850-522-2118 to register.**

#### Teen Reading Bingo (Ages 12 - 17)

June 1 - July 13

Complete a reading bingo to receive a bookstore voucher and be entered into a prize raffle! Bingo sheets are due by July 13, so don't miss out! (1 per teen)\*Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay County Public Libraries through a St. Joe Community Foundation, Inc. Grant.

#### Unearth a Story: Cave Painting (Ages 12 - 17)

June 2 & June 4 at 2 p.m. CT

Relax with finger paints! Create art in a historical cave painting style. (2 separate groups, same class)

#### Unearth a Story: Ancient Oceans (Ages 12 - 17)

June 9 & June 11 at 2 p.m. CT

Learn about ancient ocean life and make air dry clay ammonite fossils! (2 separate groups, same class)

#### Unearth a Story: Bird Watching Basics (Ages 12 - 17)

Tuesday, June 16 at 2 p.m. CT

The Bay County Audubon Society shares about our local bird population and tips on birdwatching.

#### Unearth a Story: Dinoramas (Ages 12 - 17)

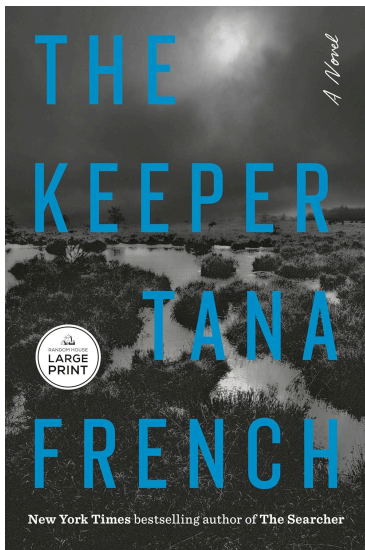
June 23 & June 25 at 2 p.m. CT

Create 3D dioramas featuring dinosaurs or landscapes!(2 separate groups, same class)

#### Teen Game Night (Ages 13 - 18)

Wednesday, June 24 at 4:30 p.m. CT

Stop by the Meeting Room to play fun games!



### The Keeper

Tana French  
 (Adult Large Print Mystery)  
 Book #3, Cal Hooper Series

On a quiet night in a remote Irish village, a girl turns up dead in a river. The truth behind her death could bring the town down with her.

Cal Hooper, a former Chicago detective who moved to West Ireland in search of a quieter life, has mostly been able to sidestep the local drama. His days have fallen into a simple rhythm, sharing his fixer-upper with his fiancée, Lena, and the once-feral Trey Reddy, who he's helped raise to be a fierce and headstrong teenager. But when a seedy businessman and his hot-tempered son start snapping up land across the countryside, the trio begin to suspect a connection between their scheme and the girl's death, plunging them unwillingly into the town's tangled web of vicious rumors and generations-old grudges. As tensions boil over, Cal must uncover the secrets that threaten to tear apart the village—and his loved ones' lives—before there's nothing left to save.

### Unearth a Story: Dig Into Family History (Ages 12 - 17)

Tuesday, June 30 at 2 p.m. CT

Join us for an intro to genealogy class taught by Bay County Public Library Local History.

All programs on the [Bay County Public Library Facebook](#) page and the [library website](#).

### Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Library

#### Teen Book Club (Ages 12 - 17)

Saturday, June 13 at 12 p.m. ET

Join us for fun book genre discussions and pizza!

Genre: the Classics (like *The Great Gatsby*)

All programs on the [Port St Joe - Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library Facebook](#) page and the [library website](#).



Image: Kids gardening at our all ages Earth Day program in April.

## All Ages Library Programming

### Bay County Public Library

#### Adopt-a-Dino

June 1 - July 8

Adopt a dinosaur at the library! Find a mini dinosaur amongst the bookshelves and it's yours to keep. Follow us on Facebook for a weekly chance to win a larger dinosaur! \*while supplies last

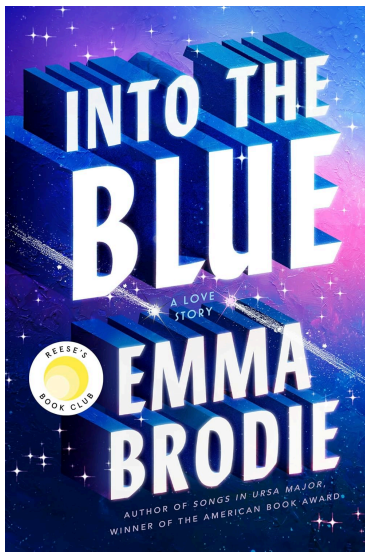
#### Self-Guided Learning: Booklet

Pick up a themed guide to learn more about paleontology and Florida history!

#### Family Game Day

Saturday, June 27 from 12:30 - 4 p.m. CT

Board game and puzzle free play!



### **Into the Blue**

by Emma Brodie  
(Adult Fiction)

“The truth is there’s no such thing as a normal life. There’s just the time you get and how you spend it.”

In the summer of 2000, AJ Graves dreams of writing for Saturday Night Live; instead, she’s stuck working in a video rental store, with slim odds of escaping her small Massachusetts town. Then in walks Noah Drew, the enigmatic and intense scion of the Drew acting dynasty, and her life changes forever. Despite wildly different upbringings, the two forge a deep, cosmic bond, first as friends, then as acting partners—until one day, Noah disappears without a word.

Seven years later, in New York City, AJ is shocked to find herself cast in the same intergalactic TV production as Noah, by then a well-known Hollywood heartthrob. As their on-screen characters grow closer every day, the lines between reality and acting begin to blur. Unable to stay away from each other, AJ and Noah are forced to confront the truth

All programs on the [Bay County Public Library Facebook](#) page and the [library website](#).

### **Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library in Port St. Joe Chess Club (All Ages)**

Mondays at 2:30 p.m. ET  
All ages and abilities welcome.

### **Pirates: Last Scourge of the Gulf! With Florida Public Archaeology Network**

Tuesday, June 30 at 11 a.m. ET  
Learn about two of the most notorious pirates that had close ties to the Florida panhandle. This talk examines some of the broader aspects of piracy during the early 1800s in the Gulf and Caribbean and current archaeological evidence.

All programs on the [Port St Joe - Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library Facebook](#) page and the [library website](#).

### **Charles Whitehead Public Library in Wewahitchka Chess Club**

June 5 & June 9 at 3:30 p.m. CT  
Play and learn. All ages and abilities welcome!

### **Sewing Class: Journal Cover (2-part Class)**

Thursdays, June 11 & June 18 from 3 - 4:30 p.m. CT  
Learn to make a journal cover using the sewing machine! Registration required, call 850-639-2419 to register.

### **National Sewing Machine Day**

Saturday, June 13 at 10 a.m. CT  
Learn about the history of the sewing machine with Janet Johnson and view pieces of her vintage machine collection. Activities, games, prizes, and snacks for all!

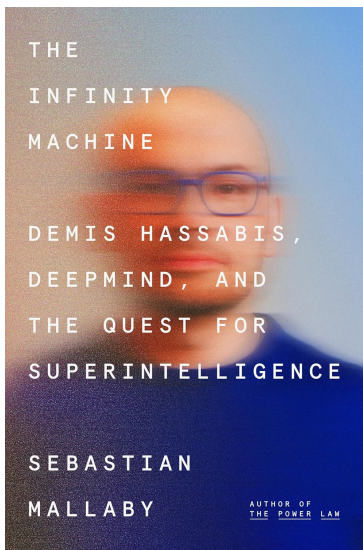
### **Summer Selfie Contest!**

June - August  
Where are you reading this summer? At the beach? On vacation or at home? Take a selfie that shows you and your book wherever you are. Send images to [wewalibrary@gmail.com](mailto:wewalibrary@gmail.com) with subject Summer Selfie Contest; include name/phone number. \*Submitted photos may be shared on the library’s Facebook page and in the library.

All programs on the [Wewahitchka - Charles Whitehead Public Library Facebook](#) page and the [library website](#).

of what happened years ago—and the devastating secret that will send their lives careening apart, even as fate continues to draw them together.

Blending unforgettable characters, explosive chemistry and yearning, and profound emotion, *Into the Blue* is a journey unlike any other—one that asks: What does it mean to diverge from the script to forge your own story? Read less



### **The Infinity Machine** by Sebastian Mallaby (Adult Nonfiction)

Even by the standard of a tech industry stacked with so-called geniuses, Demis Hassabis is a special case. Born poor in North London to immigrant parents, a chess prodigy by age five and wizard coder in his teens, he turned down a seven figure offer before turning 18 to feed his insatiable scientific curiosity at Cambridge. Later, he added a neuroscience PhD to his computer science skills to pursue the dream of artificial general intelligence, the ultimate goal being to unravel the mysteries of biology and theoretical physics and to usher in super-abundance. Alongside a small group of



Image: Dinosaur reading a library book on the beach.

## **Adult Library Programming**

### **Bay County Public Library**

*Program in Meeting Room unless otherwise noted.*

#### **New Adult Social Hour (Geared for ages 18 - 25)**

Mondays, June 1 and June 8 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. CT

Drop in to hang out and work on special activities!

#### **Leaf Origami Earring Workshop (Registration Required)**

June 9 at 1 p.m. CT

Learn how to create leaf-shaped origami earrings at this crafty workshop! To register, call 850-522-2107.

#### **Computer & Internet Basics Digital Literacy Class**

Thursday, June 11 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. CT

Class held in the Computer Lab. Registration required. Call 850-522-2107 to register.

#### **Intro to Artificial Intelligence Presentation**

Wednesday, June 17 at 2 p.m. CT

Registration required. Call 850-522-2107 to register.

#### **BCPL Virtual Book Club (Virtual Zoom Program)**

Thursday, June 11 at 10:30 a.m. CT

Title: *Three Days in June* by Anne Tyler

Email [rfillingame@nwrls.com](mailto:rfillingame@nwrls.com) for Zoom invitation.

#### **The Legal Clinic**

Tuesday, June 16 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. CT

Eligible clients can receive legal help from Legal Services of North Florida on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### **Shelf Indulgence (off-site)**

Thursday, June 18 at 5:30 p.m. CT

Join us at Wild Root in downtown PC to discuss specific book genres.

Genre: Apocalypse

#### **11th Street Dulcimer Group Practice (Youth Services)**

Friday, June 19 at 2 p.m. CT

Stop by to practice and learn new dulcimer music. New members are always welcome.

Email [rfillingame@nwrls.com](mailto:rfillingame@nwrls.com) for the dulcimer music.

fellow travelers, that is the path he is still on, leading the AI research at Google, winning a Nobel Prize along the way, and imagining machines that will compound, or possibly supplant, the human understanding of the universe.

Hassabis has given Sebastian Mallaby a great deal of his time, sitting for over thirty hours of conversation. But Mallaby has also drawn from Hassabis's detractors, such as his estranged cofounder Mustafa Suleyman; from his rivals, such as OpenAI's leading scientist Ilya Sutskever; and from academic pioneers who now fear for human survival, such as Nobel laureate Geoffrey Hinton. The result is a revelatory account of a singular figure and his company and a profound reckoning with this protean field as it leaps from the periphery to the center of our consciousness.

No one questions Hassabis's brilliance. There are those who, like Elon Musk, have at times regarded him as an "evil genius." He is in a game where the stakes are matched only by the exorbitant costs — for talent, and for compute. Celebrated scientists pursue the technology because they cannot resist the sweetness of discovery. Others pursue it for money or power. The inventors believe they control their technology, but often, the technology controls them.

### **Unearth a Story: Buried, but Not Forgotten**

Tuesday, June 23 at 2 p.m. CT

Join us as we explore Bay County Cemeteries, some familiar, some recently found with local expert, Nancy Hudson. The information on grave markers and the funerary art reveal much about people and towns. Cemeteries are a place to study the lives of those buried, tell their stories, and a town's history.

### **Photography Club**

Tuesday, June 23 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. CT

Become more confident in your photography skills and have fun while doing it at Photography Club! We'll have workshops, competitions, and photo challenges.

### **Crafternoon @ The Library**

Friday, June 26 from 2 - 4 p.m. CT

Bring a current craft project or the supplies to start a new one! Adult coloring pages provided. Join other crafters in forming a tightly knit community!

### **Unearth a Story: A History of Pensacola Naval Aviators from WWII**

Tuesday, June 30 at 2 p.m. CT

History buff and airplane mechanic, Steve Gomes, will share about notable graduates of flight training from NAS Pensacola who participated in WWII. Learn about and honor these heroes at this important presentation!

All programs on the [Bay County Public Library Facebook](#) page and the [library website](#).

### **Panama City Beach Public Library Mahjong Meetup**

Tuesdays from 12 - 3 p.m. CT (No meeting on 6/30)

Learn, play, and meet other Mahjong players!

### **Sea Needles**

Fridays at 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. CT

Join us and make new friends as you work on your own sewing project. Stop by our display case to see some of the beautiful, finished projects.

### **Beach Book Club**

Wednesday, June 6 at 10:30 a.m. CT

Title: *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston  
New members are always welcome. Email Sharron Hill at [shill@nwrls.com](mailto:shill@nwrls.com) for more information.

### **WJHG Chapter Chat**

Tuesday, June 30 at 2 p.m. CT

Join Jessica Foster from WJHG News Channel 7 to discuss our monthly read! Follow Facebook and WJHG for the title of the month. Refreshments provided. Extra book titles sponsored by the Bay County Public Library Foundation.

All programs on the [Panama City Beach Public Library Facebook](#) page or the [library website](#).

### **Parker Public Library Crafternoon (Adults & Teens 16+)**

Tuesday, June 9 at 11 a.m. CT

Project - Diamond Art Flower Magnets

\*Limited to 10 participants. **Registration required** for craft programs. Call 850-871-3092 to register!



### **The Gate of the Feral Gods**

by Matt Dinniman  
(Adult Nonfiction)

New Achievement! Total, Utter Failure. You failed a quest less than five minutes after you received it. Now that's talent.

Surviving in a multilevel dungeon that also happens to be the set of the galaxy's most watched game show has taught Coast Guard vet Carl and his ex-girlfriend's cat, Princess Donut, that there's only one thing they can count on apart from each other: they never know what's coming next. And this floor is no exception. A floating fortress occupied by warrior gnomes. A castle made of sand. A derelict submarine guarded by malfunctioning machines. A haunted crypt surrounded by lethal traps.

It was supposed to be easy. One bubble. Four castles. Fifteen days. Capture each one, and the stairwell is unlocked. Here's the thing. It's never easy. Going it alone is not an option this time, so Carl and his team must rely on the help of the low-level, I-can't-believe-these-idiots-are-still-alive crawlers trapped in the

### **Diamond Art Plant Poke**

June 27 at 12:30 p.m. CT

\*Registration required, call 850-871-3092 to register!

### **Book Club**

Saturday, June 27 at 11 a.m. CT

New members always welcome!

Title: *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore

All programs on the [Parker Public Library Facebook](#) page and the [library website](#).

### **Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library in Port St. Joe Seaside Stitchers**

Tuesdays & Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. ET

Bring your latest needle arts projects and join us!

### **Eviction Prevention Workshop with Legal Services of North Florida**

Tuesday, June 9 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. ET

Join Legal Services of North Florida for a workshop focused around housing, evictions, and landlord-tenant issues. Free and open to the public.

All programs on the [Port St Joe - Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library Facebook](#) page or the [library website](#).

### **Charles Whitehead Public Library in Wewahitchka Friends of the Wewahitchka Library Monthly Meeting**

Thursday, June 11 at 10:00 a.m. CT

The Friends are an advocacy group supporting the public library. Meetings are open to all members. If you'd like to know more about the Friends, please join us!

### **Simply Saturday Book Club**

Saturday, June 6 at 10 a.m. CT

Call the library at 850-639-2419 for monthly book club titles.

### **Mahjong**

Friday, June 19 at 1 p.m. CT

Join us for a fun, social time playing this tile-based game!

### **Let's Bee Crafty! Let's Make Gemstone Bracelets!**

Thursday, June 25 at 1 p.m. CT

Create a bracelet using a selection of gemstones & beads.

### **Busy Bee Readers Book Club**

Monday, June 29 at 10 a.m. CT

Call the library at 850-639-2419 for monthly book club titles.

All programs on the [Wewahitchka - Charles Whitehead Public Library Facebook](#) page and the [library website](#).

### **Jimmy Weaver Memorial Library in Hosford**

#### **Book Bingo (Adults)**

June 2 - July 29

Complete the "Unearth A Story" summer reading bingo! Each completed bingo sheet returned to the library will be entered into a prize drawing! Winner announced 7/30. \*Sponsored by the Ramsey Piggly Wiggly of Bristol

### **Hosford Senior Friends**

bubble with them. But can they be trusted?

Welcome, Crawlers.  
Welcome to the fifth floor of the dungeon.

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. ET  
Mature adults can gather to enjoy good company, activities like crafts and games, and coffee and snacks.

All programs on the **Jimmy Weaver Memorial Library Facebook** page or the **library website**.

### Harrell Memorial Public Library in Bristol Book Bingo (Adults)

June 2 – July 29

Complete the "Unearth A Story" summer reading bingo! Each completed bingo sheet returned to the library will be entered into a prize drawing! Winner announced 7/30. \*Sponsored by the Ramsey Piggly Wiggly of Bristol

All programs on the **Liberty County Public Libraries Facebook** page and the **library website**.

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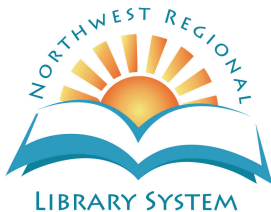
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