

NORTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

Serving Bay, Gulf, and Liberty Counties



Books, Bytes & More Newsletter - February 2026

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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**
Hosford
850-379-3300

All libraries in Northwest Regional Library System will be **closed on Monday, February 16th**, for President's Day.



Image: Collaborative Snowflake Art Installation at Bay County Public Library. Community members made over 400+ snowflakes!

Children's Library Programming

Bay County Public Library

Bouncin' Babies & Toddlin' 2's

(Ages 0 - 2 with Caregiver)

Tuesdays at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. CT

Books, bounces, and rhymes just for littles! *Both classes are the same.

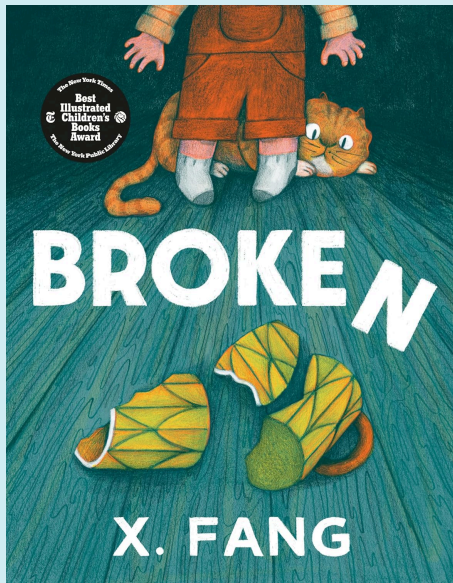
Read & Rhyme Storytime (Ages 3 - 5 with Caregiver)

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. CT

Enjoy stories and songs with your preschooler while they learn early literacy skills.

Trading Card Game Day (Ages 6+)

Featured Items



Broken

by X. Fang
(Picture Book)

When Mei Mei accidentally breaks her ama's favorite cup, she's convinced it's the end of the world. What if Ama is angry? What if she yells? What if she kicks Mei Mei out of her house? Mei Mei can't face it. But when Mimi, the innocent cat who witnesses her crime, ends up being blamed, the guilt is too much! Mimi's accusing eyes follow Mei Mei until she just can't take it anymore, and the truth comes spilling out.

With vibrant and moody cinematic illustrations and pitch-perfect pacing, X. Fang's newest picture book is filled to the brim with comedic drama and the comforting sweetness of a grandparent's forgiving hug.

February 6 at 3:30 p.m. CT

Trade and share your card collections during TCG Day!

Craft Camp (Ages 8 - 12)

February 9 at 4 p.m. CT

Join us for fall-themed crafts in Youth Services. Dress for the mess! *Registration required.

Youth Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 8 - 12)

February 11 & 12 at 2 & 4 p.m. CT

Adventure through a tabletop session of Dungeons and Dragons, Fifth Edition. Beginners welcome. *Registration required. (3 Separate Groups, Same Class)

Lego Club (Ages 6 - 12)

February 18 at 2 & 4 p.m. CT

Tackle Lego challenges and put STEM concepts into action! *Registration required. (2 Separate Groups, Same Class)

STEAM Select (Ages 6 - 11)

February 19 at 3:30 p.m. CT

Join us for a selection of STEAM activities. *Registration required.

Mini Makers (Ages 5 - 7)

February 23 at 4 p.m. CT

Enjoy a read aloud story followed by a craft. *Registration required.

Youth Japanese Language Club (Ages 6 - 12)

February 25 at 4 p.m. CT

Learn basic words and phrases in this beginner-friendly Japanese class. *Registration required.

Ready, Set, Sketch! (Ages 6 - 12)

February 26 at 2 & 3:30 p.m. CT

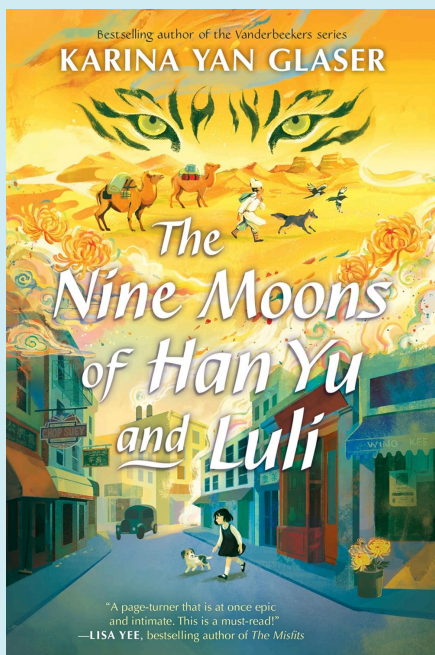
Drop by for basic art lessons and free-draw sessions. (Same Class each time)

Youth Game Day (Ages 8 - 12)

February 27 at 3:30 p.m. CT

Enjoy Nintendo Switch games!

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



The Nine Moons of Han Yu and Luli

by Karina Yan Glaser
(Juvenile Fiction)

In ancient Chang'An, Han Yu sells steamed buns in a bustling market full of whispers about his ability to summon tigers.

In New York's Depression-era Chinatown, Luli gazes out from the roof of her parents' restaurant, dreaming of dim sum and Chinese art. Familiar rhythms rule the contained-but-contented lives of Han Yu and Luli.

But when plague strikes Chang'An and financial crisis threatens Luli's family, Han Yu and Luli must each venture out into the larger world—and into danger-filled adventure—to save what they love most. Filled with wondrous caves and conniving thieves, desert storms and magical lakes, Karina Yan Glaser's epic and rewarding novel is a testament to the bravery required to face the unknown and the power of art to connect us through the ages.



Image: Kids painting watercolor galaxies at BCPL's astronomy program.

Panama City Beach Public Library

Book Babies (Ages 0 - 2)

Tuesdays from 10 & 10:30 a.m. CT (same class)

Stop by for delightful stories and silly songs!

(Space limited to 24 people per class)

Sail Into School (Ages 3 - 5)

Thursdays at 10 a.m. CT

Get ready to learn with engaging stories, songs, and

crafts! (Space limited to 24 people) *No class on 1/1

February Scavenger Hunt

February 9 - 15

Learn all about "filling your bucket" on this scavenger hunt! This concept helps all ages grow in kindness & self-control. Find the clues hidden in the children's area and receive your very own bucket.

LEGO Club (Ages 7 - 11)

Tuesday, February 10 at 4 p.m. CT

Make new friends while creating cool, themed LEGO builds! January's theme is Lego favorite character. *Registration Required

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!

February 7 at 11 a.m. CT - Valentine's Day

Saturday Program (Ages 6 - 12)

Join your friends for a monthly Lego challenge at 12:30 p.m. CT!

February 7 - Lego Build a Story Scene

Kids Book Club (Ages 8 - 12)

Saturday, February 21 at 11 a.m. CT



The Second Chance of Darius Logan
by David Walker
(Young Adult Science Fiction)

Darius Logan is far from a hero. Since his parents were killed, he has spent most of his life navigating foster homes and shelters, abandoned neighborhoods and decaying buildings. All Darius knows is survival. Life was hard enough, but now he finds himself being hunted by the police after a drug deal he never should have been involved in goes bad. And when they catch him, Darius is positive he will spend the rest of his life behind bars.

But in place of a long prison sentence, Darius is handed an opportunity almost too good to be true: the chance to get away from his circumstances by joining the Second Chance program of the Super Justice Force, a league of people with special powers who strive to do good and protect the world from harm. Darius soon discovers a strength he never knew he possessed, but evil forces manifest and threaten to destroy everything he holds dear. Will Darius be able to save the world when he faces

Book: Ferris by Kate DiCamillo

Limited to 8 participants. Call 850-871-3092 to register!

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



Image: Kids playing with scarves at Book Babies storytime at PCB Library.

Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library in Port St. Joe
Preschool Storytime (Ages 6 mo. - 5 with caregiver)

Thursdays at 11 a.m. ET

Join us for stories, songs, movement and music to instill a love of reading!

Lego Club

Thursday, February 5 at 3:30 p.m. ET

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

Art Workshop for Children (Ages 6+)

Tuesday, February 10 at 3:30 p.m. ET

Art workshops inspired by the book *Art Workshops for Children* by Herve Tullet.
February Theme: Painting Music

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

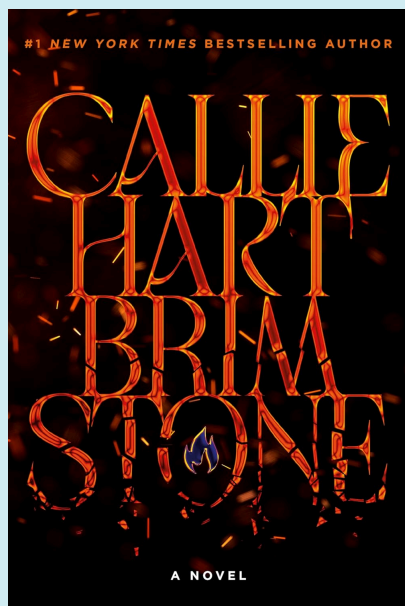
Budding Bookworms

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. CT

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

Holiday Adventure

a deadly--and all too familiar--enemy?



Brimstone

by Callie Hart

(Adult Fiction, #2 in Series)

Duty. Blood. Honor. Power. Saeris Fane doesn't want power. The very last thing she needs is her name whispered on an entire court's lips, but now that she's been crowned queen of the Blood Court, she's discovering that a queen's life is not her own. A heavy weight rests upon her shoulders. Her ward-and her brother-need her back in her homeland ... but the changes that have strengthened Saeris have also made her weak. Born under blazing suns, Saeris will surely die if she makes her way home through the Quicksilver. Which means that, once again, she must send someone else in her stead ... "Keep your mouth shut. Stick to the shadows. And for the love of all seven Gods, do NOT crack any jokes."

Kingfisher of the Ajun Gate has defeated armies and survived all manner of horrors, but traveling back to Zilvaren with Carrion Swift might just be the death of him. The male just will not

Saturday, February 7 at 11 a.m. CT
Theme: Valentines
Enjoy stories, games, crafts, and snacks!

Valentine's Diamond Art Stickers

Thursday, February 12 at 3:30 p.m. CT

Apply colorful gems to create diamond art stickers for Valentine's Day! All supplies provided.

LEGO Club

Saturday, February 21 at 10 a.m. CT

Create unique challenges and enjoy a snack!

National Pokémon Day

Friday, February 27 at 3:30 p.m. CT

Celebrate Pokémon with friends! Bring your cards to trade and learn to play games.

Lego Building Challenge!

December - February

For every 5 books checked out, each child will receive 5 Lego blocks to add to our building challenge and an entry for the quarterly prize!

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



Image: Kids work on pom-pom craft at Budding Bookworms storytime at Wewahitchka Library.

Jimmy Weaver Memorial Library in Hosford

Saturday Storytime

Select Saturdays at 11 a.m. ET

Join us for a fun-filled story time along with a craft and activity. Recommended ages 4 - 10, but all are welcome.

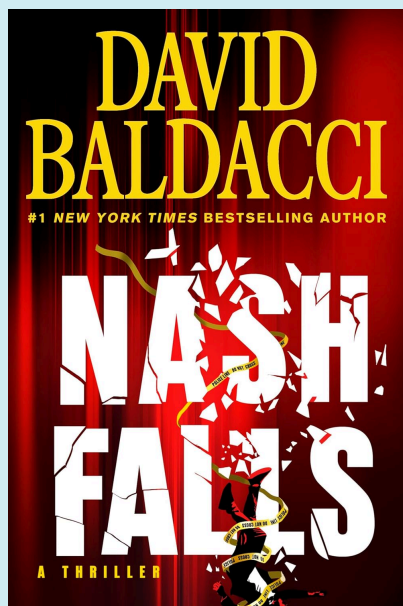
February 7 - Happy Hearts Day

February 21- Pets

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

Harrell Memorial Public Library in Bristol

shut up. Hidden dangers await them down the narrow alleyways of the Silver City. Unfolding secrets pose impossible threats. Fisher must wrangle the smuggler and accomplish his goals quickly if he wants to see his mate again. A darkness falls across Yvelia. The realm and their friends are in danger. Together, Saeris and Fisher will pass through fire and brimstone to save them.



Nash Falls
by David Baldacci
(Adult Fiction)

Walter Nash is a sensitive, intelligent and kindhearted man. He has a wife and a daughter and a very high-level position at Sybaritic Investments, where his innate skills and dogged tenacity have carried him to the top of the pyramid in his business career. Despite never going on grand adventures, and always working too many hours, he has a happy and upscale life with his family.

However, following his estranged Vietnam-veteran father's funeral, Nash is unexpectedly approached by the FBI in the middle of the night. They have an important request: become their inside

LEGO Club (Ages 6 - 12)

Thursday, February 19 at 3 p.m. ET

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

Homeschool Hangout (Grades K - 5th)

Wednesday, February 25 at 1 p.m. ET

Homeschoolers can meet at the library to socialize, play with STEAM toys, and work on crafts or projects!

Theme - Painted Rocks

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



Image: Collage art created by teens at Art Club at BCPL.

Teen Library Programming

Bay County Public Library

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

Teen Advisory Board (Ages 14 - 17)

Tuesday, February 3 at 4 p.m. CT

Earn volunteer hours and help your library! Talk about books you enjoy and ideas for teen library programs.

Teen Japanese Language Club (Ages 13 - 17)

Wednesday, February 4 at 4 p.m. CT

Learn basic words and phrases in this beginner-friendly Japanese class.

Valentine Workshop (Ages 12-17)

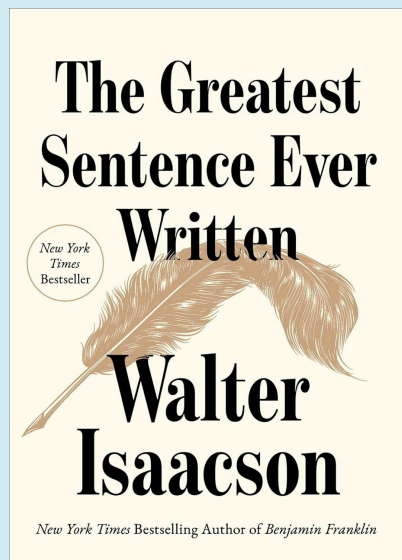
Tuesday, February 10 at 4 p.m. CT

Make Valentine's Day cards with provided supplies!

Art Club (Ages 12 - 17)

Tuesday, February 17 at 4 p.m. CT

man to expose an enterprise that is laundering large sums of money through Sybaritic. At the top of this illegal operation is Victoria Steers, an international criminal mastermind that the FBI has been trying to bring down for years. Nash has little choice but to accept the FBI's demands and try to bring Steers and her partners to justice. But when Steers discovers that Nash is working with the FBI, she turns the tables on him in a way he never could have contemplated. And that forces Nash to take the ultimate step both to survive and to take his revenge: He must become the exact opposite of who he has always been. And even that may not be enough.



The Greatest Sentence Ever Written
by Walter Isaacson
(Adult Nonfiction)

To celebrate America's 250th anniversary, Walter Isaacson takes readers on a fascinating deep dive into the creation of one of history's most powerful sentences: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life,

Make themed art/craft projects or bring your own!
February: Alma Thomas Painting

Teen Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 13 - 17)

February 14 & 21 at 2 p.m. CT

Adventure through a session of Dungeons & Dragons, Fifth Edition. Beginners welcome.

Teen Game Night (Ages 13 - 18)

Wednesday, February 25 at 4:30 p.m. CT

Stop by the Meeting Room to play fun games and meet new people!

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)

February 14 at 12 p.m. ET

Join us for fun book genre discussions and pizza!

February - Romance Novels

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

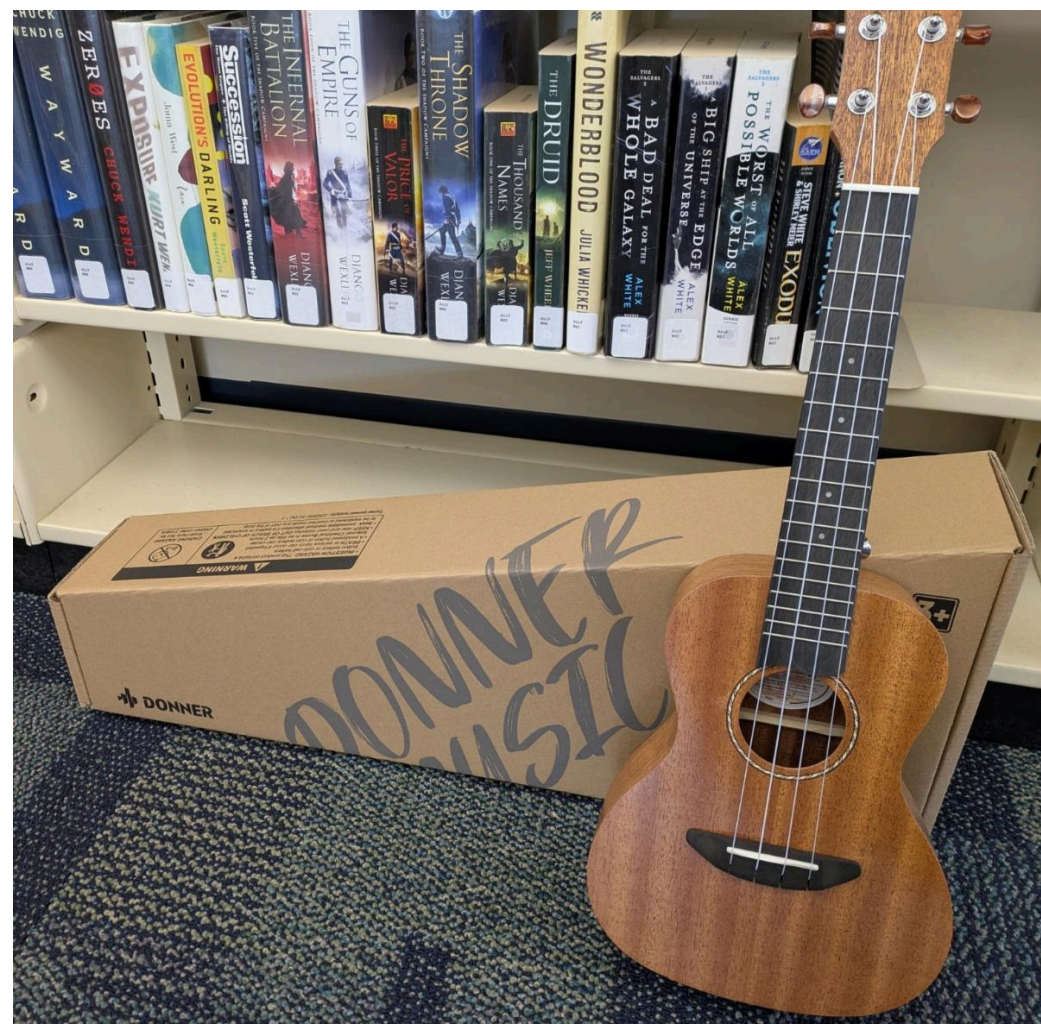


Image: A brand-new ukulele was donated by a patron at BCPL to be added to our musical instrument collection!

Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”

Drafted by Thomas Jefferson and edited by Benjamin Franklin and John Adams, this line lays the foundation for the American Dream and defines the common ground we share as a nation.

Isaacson unpacks its genius, word by word, illuminating the then-radical concepts behind it. Readers will gain a fresh appreciation for how it was drafted to inspire unity, equality, and the enduring promise of America. With clarity and insight, he reveals not just the power of these words but describes how, in these polarized times, we can use them to restore an appreciation for our common values.



Gone Before Goodbye
by Reese Witherspoon &
Harlan Coben
(Adult Mystery)

Maggie McCabe is teetering on the brink. A highly skilled and renowned Army combat surgeon, she has always lived life at the edge, where she could make the most impact. And it was all going to plan ... until it wasn't.

All Ages Library Programming

Bay County Public Library

Family Game Day (Families with Kids Ages 6+)

February 28 from 12:30 - 4 p.m. CT

Board game & puzzle free play! Parents must accompany children at all times.
Program in the Meeting Room.

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

**Visit our Northwest Regional
Library System, Florida
YouTube Channel for more
Origami Tutorials &
Craft Programs.**



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. (*No class 2/16)

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

Friday, February 6 at 3:30 p.m. CT

Tuesday, February 10 at 3:30 p.m. CT

Saturday, February 21 at 11 a.m. CT

Play and learn. All ages and abilities welcome!

Sewing Class: Coin Purse

Thursdays, February 19 & 26 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. CT.

Registration Required! Learn to make sewing machine coin purses. This is a two-part class.

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

Jimmy Weaver Memorial Library in Hosford & Harrell Memorial Public Library in Bristol

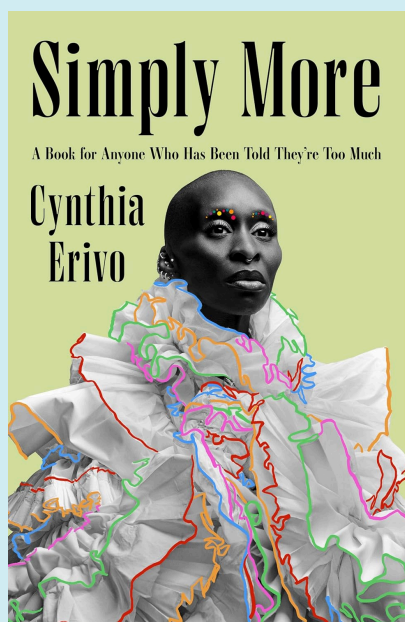
February Estimation Jar

February 3 - February 28 Guess the correct amount of candy in the container and win the sweets! 1 entry per day. The winner will be announced on February 28.

All programs on the [Jimmy Weaver Memorial Library Facebook](#) page, the [Liberty County Public Libraries Facebook](#) page, and the [library website](#).

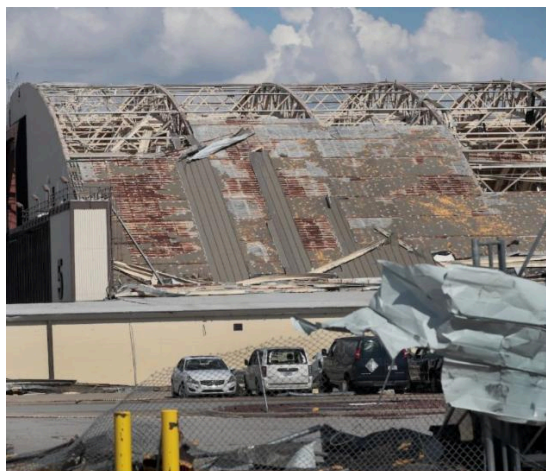
Upside down after a devastating series of tragedies leads to her medical license being revoked, Maggie has lost her purpose, but not her nerve or her passion. At her lowest point, she is thrown a lifeline by a former colleague, an elite plastic surgeon whose anonymous clientele demand the best care money can buy, as well as absolute discretion.

Halfway across the globe, sequestered in the lap of luxury and cutting-edge technology, one of the world's most mysterious men requires unconventional medical assistance. Desperate, and one of the few surgeons in the world skilled enough to take this job, Maggie enters his realm of unspeakable opulence and fulfills her end of the agreement. But when the patient suddenly disappears while still under her care, Maggie must become a fugitive herself—or she will be the next one who is ...



Simply More
by Cynthia Erivo
(Adult Biography)

It is never too late to build the life you're seeking.



Bay County Public Library

TUESDAYS @ 2

Rebuilding Tyndall

February 3 at 2 p.m. CT



Attend the Tuesday @ 2 Educational Presentation: Rebuilding Tyndall on February 3 at 2 p.m. CT at Bay County Public Library. Click [here](#) for all Tuesday @ 2 programs for BCPL!

Adult Library Programming

Bay County Public Library

Program in Meeting Room unless otherwise noted.

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

Mondays, February 2 & February 9 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. CT

Drop in to hang out and work on special activities!

Digital Literacy Classes from 9:30 - 11 a.m. CT

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

Computer Basics - February 19

Intro to AI - February 24 & February 26 (2-day program)

BCPL Virtual Book Club (Virtual Zoom Program)

Thursday, February 12 at 10:30 a.m. CT

Book: *Shelterwood* by Lisa Wingate

Email rfillingame@nwrls.com for Zoom invitation.

Tuesday @ 2: Rebuilding Tyndall

Tuesday, February 3 at 2 p.m. CT

Hear the story behind the recovery and rebuild of Tyndall AFB following the destruction of Hurricane Michael and the base's transformation into the Installation of the Future, presented by Doctor and Historian of the Air Force Civil Engineer Center, Ron Hartzer.

Tuesday @ 2: Artificial Intelligence & Gardening - What to Know

Tuesday, February 10 at 2 p.m. CT

Are you curious whether a Facebook post or a TikTok video featuring gardening tricks and tips is real? This program will cover seed saving do's and don'ts and other fun myth busters revealed by knowledgeable UF/IFAS Bay County Extension Agent Lauren Goldsby.

Tuesday @ 2: History Close to Home - Exploring Local Lives & Legacies

Tuesday, February 17 at 2 p.m. CT

Learn more about local stories and literature along Florida's Forgotten Coast and Northwest Florida. Presented by Encore instructor and FLOW Director, Laura Roesch.

Cynthia Erivo learned the music to *Wicked* a decade before she needed it, not knowing those same lyrics would change her life. Now she has performed those songs on the world stage, showing us there is always time to keep discovering ourselves. And to illustrate that it's often the parts of ourselves we are told to bury that make us shine.

In a series of powerful, personal vignettes, Cynthia reflects on the ways she has grown as an actor and human and the practices she's learned over years of performing and reminds us all we are capable of so much more than we think.

We all have hopes and dreams that we want to bring across the finish line. We all falter and take missteps. In this book, Cynthia draws from her experiences running marathons, both real and metaphorical, onstage and onscreen, to show how each challenge can help us. She urges readers to lean into the wisdom of their bodies, to understand and strive for a physical and mental balance. Because when we chase our deepest desires, each small step leads us closer to where we want to go.

SKYSCAPES: Paintings by Christopher Kuhl

Art Reception - Library Lobby

Tuesday, February 17 from 5 - 6 p.m. CT

Join us at this opening art reception to celebrate award-winning artist and photographer Christopher Kuhl. His artwork will be displayed in the library's gallery in February and March. Light refreshments will be provided.

Lunch & Learn: Characteristics of Dementia and Caregiving Strategies

Thursday, February 19 from *12:00 - 1:15 p.m. CT

Join us to learn about the characteristics and warning signs of dementia, risk reduction strategies, and effective caregiving skills. The ACTS2 Outreach Coordinators for FSU will share local, state and national resources for caregivers as well. A light lunch will be provided.

Shelf Indulgence (off-site)

Thursday, February 19 at 5:30 p.m. CT

Join us at Wild Root to discuss specific book genres.

Email rfillingame@nwrls.com for monthly book topics.

Tuesday @ 2: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service: It Takes a Community!

Tuesday, February 24 at 2 p.m. CT

Join us as Biologist Samantha Hermann shares the mission and vision of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service with an emphasis on local wildlife. Learn more about how conserving and protecting our local threatened and endangered species is a community effort.

Crafternoon @ The Library

Friday, February 27 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!

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

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, February 4 at 10:30 a.m. CT

What Happened to the Bennetts by Lisa Scottoline

New members are always welcome. Email Sharron Hill at shill@nwrls.com for more information. Extra copies of books provided by the Bay County Public Library Foundation. Check with PCB Library to see if a copy is available!

AARP Tax Help (Registration Required with AARP)

Begins Saturday, February 7

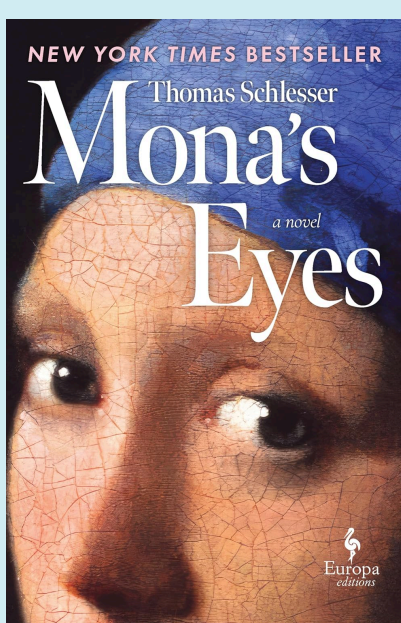
Tax assistance available by prior appointment only on Mondays & Saturdays from 9 - 2 p.m. **Call AARP to set up appointments at 850-583-4606.** Leave a message and an AARP volunteer will return your call.

PCB Library Bingo

Wednesday, February 18 at 10 a.m. CT

Calling all book and bingo lovers! Come play bingo at the library. Books and puzzles to be given as prizes.

WJHG Chapter Chat



Mona's Eyes

by Thomas Schlessler
(Adult Fiction)

Ten-year-old Mona and her beloved grandfather have only fifty-two Wednesdays to visit fifty-two works of art and commit to memory "all that is beautiful in the world" before Mona loses her sight forever.

While the doctors can find no explanation for Mona's brief episode of blindness, they agree that the threat of permanent vision loss cannot be ruled out. The girl's grandfather, Henry, may not be able to stop his granddaughter from losing her sight, but he can fill the encroaching darkness with beauty. Every Wednesday for a year, the pair abscond together and visit a single masterpiece in one of Paris's renowned museums. From Botticelli to Basquiat, Mona learns how each artist's work shaped the world around them. In turn, the young girl's world is changed forever by the power of their art. Under the kind and careful tutelage of her grandfather, Mona learns the true meaning of generosity, melancholy, love, loss, and revolution. Her

Tuesday, February 24 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.

Beach Mosquito Control Presentation

Friday, February 27 at 1 p.m. CT

Spring into action with Mrs. Cindy from Beach Mosquito Control! Learn how to prevent mosquito borne disease and promote a healthier future.

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

Parker Public Library

Crafternoon (Adults & Teens, 16+)

All adult craft programs are limited to 12. Call 850-871-3092 or stop by to register. January 10 at 11 a.m. CT - **Quilling for Beginners**

Let's Talk About Bears!

Tuesday, January 13 at 11 a.m. CT

Cheryl Spencer from the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation will be here to talk about the local bear population.

Book Club

Saturday, January 31 at 11 a.m. CT

The Let Them Theory by Mel Robbins

Join in our monthly discussion! New members welcome.

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



Image: Musician, Sammy Tedder, will be performing music incorporating the elements of nature at PSJ Library on Tuesday, February 10 at 2 p.m. ET. Everyone is welcome to attend!

perspective will never be the same—nor will the reader's.

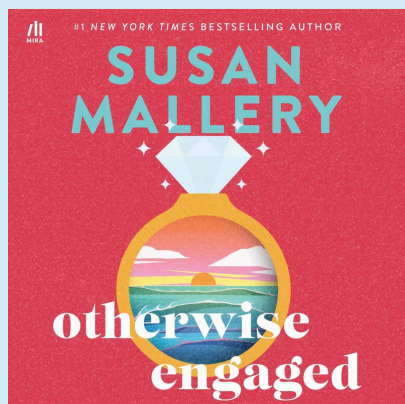


2073

(Adult Science Fiction DVD)

It's 2073, and the worst fears of modern life have been realized. Surveillance drones fill the burnt orange skies and militarized police roam the wrecked streets, while survivors hide away underground.

Interconnecting today's global crises of authoritarianism, unchecked big tech, inequality, and global climate change, 2073 is an unshakable vision of a future that could very well be our own.



Otherwise Engaged

By Susan Mallery
(Adult Audiobook CD)

When Shannon gets engaged, her beloved mom, Cindy, is the first person she wants to tell—and the last. Cindy's engaged, too, and

Friends of the Gulf County Library at PSJ Meeting

Monday, February 2 at 10:30 a.m. ET

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!

Seaside Stitchers

Every Tuesday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. ET

Bring your latest needle arts projects and join us!

English For Speakers of Other Languages

Schedule one-on-one tutoring with our trained volunteers. Call us at 850-229-8879 to learn more!

Seed Library

Select from over 125 varieties of herbs, vegetable, and flower seed carefully chosen to perform well in Gulf County. Presented in partnership with the Port St. Joe Garden Club, UF/IFAS Master Gardeners, and the Florida Wildflower Foundation.

From Story to Storybook: Meet Author Robyn Rennick & Illustrator Claire Ratliff

Tuesday, February 3 at 2 p.m. ET

Hear all about Robyn Rennick's writing process and excerpts from their picture book, Roxy the Fox! Artist, Claire Ratliff, will talk about the challenges of illustrating. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Music from the Elements of Nature with Sammy Tedder

Tuesday, February 10 at 2 p.m. ET

Sammy Tedder will demonstrate instruments made from natural materials and perform his own compositions from his film soundtracks!

Snowbirds for Snowbirds (and Locals!) with Audubon Ambassador Nelson Mongiovi

Tuesday, February 17 at 2 p.m. ET

Learn all about migration and what species of birds can be seen along the Forgotten Coast!

Library Book Club

Monday, February 23 at 10:30 a.m. ET

New members are always welcome!

Porch Light On: Meet Author Gina Briggs

Tuesday, February 24 at 2 p.m. ET

Gina Briggs is a self-taught writer and author of the forthcoming "Porch Light On", a women's psychological fiction novel set in Port St. Joe. Gina is also a regular at the PSJ library! Books will be available for purchase and signing.

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

Let's Bee Crafty! Let's Make Diamond Heart Bookmarks!

Thursday, February 5 at 1 p.m. CT

Apply colorful gems to a heart shaped bookmark. All supplies provided.

Simply Saturday Book Club

Saturday, February 7 at 10 a.m. CT

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

Busy Bee Readers Book Club

Monday, February 23 at 10 a.m. CT

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has already hinted at a double wedding. The image of a synchronized bouquet toss with her mom fills Shannon with horror. She'll keep her engagement a secret until Cindy's I-dos are done.

Victoria has never been proper enough for her mother, Ava, so she stopped trying. She lives on her own terms and amuses herself by pushing Ava's buttons. Ava loves but doesn't understand her stuntwoman daughter. When a movie-set mishap brings Victoria home, Ava longs to finally connect.

Chance brings the four women together at a wedding venue, where a shocking secret comes tumbling out. Twenty-four years ago, desperate teenager Cindy chose wealthy Ava to adopt her baby—then changed her mind at the very last second. The loss rocked Ava's world, leaving her unable to open her heart to the daughter she did adopt, Victoria. As Shannon and Victoria deal with the fallout from the decisions their mothers made, they wrestle with whether who they are is different than who they might have become.

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



Image: Library patrons enjoy crafts and socializing at the Silver Social Club at Hosford Library.

Jimmy Weaver Memorial Library in Hosford Silver Social Club

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. ET

Mature adults can gather to enjoy crafts, games, and good company each week!

Creative Crafters (Adults and Teens 16 +)

Tuesday, February 17 at 1 p.m. ET

Adults and teens 16+ can participate in our monthly craft! Supplies limited.

Project: Suncatchers

*All program supplies generously provided by the E.F. Hickey Jr. Trust.

The Book Buzz

Thursday, February 19 at 1 p.m. ET

Join us for a cup of coffee, as we share our latest favorite book. Each month we will explore a different theme or genre, with a list of great titles available.

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

Harrell Memorial Public Library in Bristol Creative Crafters (Adults and Teens 16 +)

Wednesday, February 11 at 1 p.m. ET

Adults and teens 16+ can participate in our monthly craft! Supplies limited.

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New eBook

The Viper (eBook)
by Brad Meltzer

New York Times bestselling author Brad Meltzer is back with his thrilling Zig and Nola series, unraveling a shocking cold case with a personal—and deadly—twist.

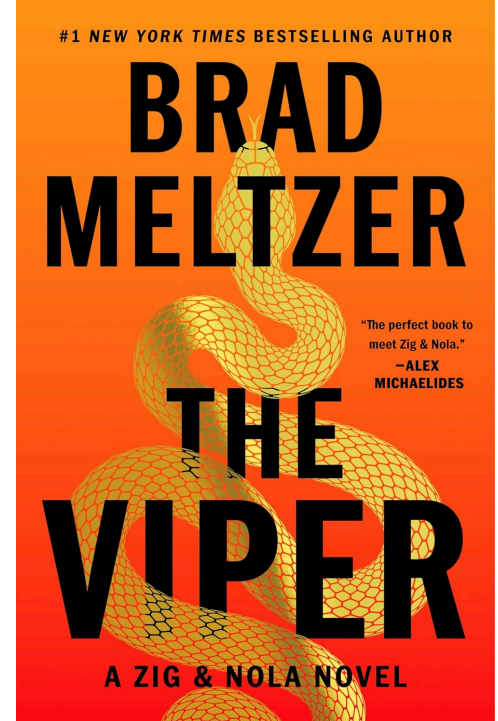
Andrew Fechmeier is a master at hiding. He'd better be—he's spent decades concealing a secret that could get him killed. So when he's diagnosed with a terminal disease, he heads for the local funeral home carrying the blue suit he eventually wants to be buried in. But what no one knows is that Fechmeier secretly tucked something inside, turning the suit into a final, untraceable hiding spot.

It's a perfect plan. Until Fetch is brutally murdered by a mysterious killer who will stop at nothing to find the priceless object hidden in the suit.

Wasting no time, the cunning but unconventional Roddy LaPointe opens an investigation into Fetch's murder, recruiting help from his friend, the brilliant "Zig" Zigarowski. But it doesn't take long for Zig to discover the real reason Roddy cares so much about this case: Fetch's death is tied to Roddy's mother, who was murdered decades earlier.

As the relentless killer closes in, Roddy's twin sister—the enigmatic and volatile Nola Brown—starts investigating for herself, uncovering a sinister plot that reveals their mother's dark history, the true identity of her killer, and the shocking secret behind her death.

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