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Cadillac Wexford PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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APRIL'S FEATURED TITLES

WATCH FOR THESE TITLES BEING ADDED THROUGHOUT THE MONTH - PUT THEM ON RESERVE TODAY!



Magical Realism Contemporary Romance





Thriller Book 2

Family

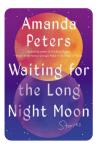


Historical Fiction

BOOKS RECENTLY ADDED THAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED - CALL 775-6541 OR TEXT 231-577-9393 TO RESERVE.



Winifred Notty arrives at Ensor House prepared to play the perfect governessshe'll dutifully tutor her charges, Drusilla and Andrew, tell them bedtime stories, and only joke about eating children. Maybe.



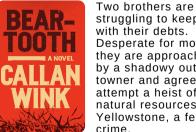
Amanda Peters describes the Indigenous experience from a wide spectrum in time and placefrom contact with the first European settlers, to the forced removal of Indigenous children, to the present-day fight for the right to clean water





Gentlemen of the Woods offers new insight into the intersections of race and social class in the logging enterprise, considering the actual and perceived roles of outsider lumberjacks and Native inhabitants of the northern forests.

This poetry collection reimagines Helen of Troy from Homer's Iliad as a disgruntled housewife in 1990s Tennessee.



struggling to keep up with their debts. Desperate for money, they are approached by a shadowy out-oftowner and agree to attempt a heist of natural resources from Yellowstone, a federal crime.



This magical novella wants you to follow the river Liss to the small town of Thistleford, on the edge of Faerie, and meet two sisters who cannot be separated. even in death.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

SPECIAL EVENTS

SPECIAL STORYTIME:

Friday, Apr. 18th, 10:30am, ages 0-6

Families are invited to join us for music, movement, a story, a craft, and lots of fun in recognition of Autism Acceptance Month. *This program is in collaboration with Acorn Health.*

READING DRAGONS & FRIENDS TOURNAMENT:

Saturday, Apr. 26th, 10am, grades K-5 Open to all Reading Dragons & Friends participants. Registration and check-in from 10-10:15am. Matches will begin after check-in and a short game play tutorial.

REGULAR EVENTS

LEGO CLUB: Mondays, 4-6pm, ages 4+

Make new friends and build incredible creations.

ARTSY FARTSY CRAFTERS: Tuesdays in April & May, 4-5pm, ages 8-12

Learn new skills, make cool things, & meet creative people!

FAMILY STORYTIME: Wednesdays, 10:30am, ages 0-5

Music, movement, stories, and playtime.

NEW CHILDREN'S ROOM BOOKS



TEEN PROGRAMMING

SPECIAL EVENTS

ZOMBIE NERF WARS:

Friday, Apr. 11th, 6-8pm, ages 11-16

Join us for a Nerf extravaganza! Bring your own Nerf blasters and we'll provide the Nerf darts (we do have a limited supply of blasters as well). SIGN UP IS REQUIRED AND SPACE IS LIMITED FOR THIS EVENT. Call 775-6541 or email text@cadillaclibrary.org. Sign up opens April 1st.

PARENT TEEN CRAFT NIGHT:

Friday, Apr. 25th, 3:30-5:30pm, ages 13+

Teens are invited to bring their parent/guardian for some free crafting fun. All supplies will be provided. This month, we will create a poetry keepsake.

REGULAR EVENTS

TEEN BOOK BAGS: Pick up Tuesday, Apr. 1st, after 3pm, grades 6-12

Sign up to receive library books, snacks, crafts, and more. Fill out a form on our website for a personalized bag!

TEEN TUESDAYS:

Tuesdays, 3-5pm, grades 6-12, ages 11+

Drop in the Community Room on Tuesdays after school for some crafting. We'll have games, good tunes, and new friends. Find the schedule on our website and Facebook.

LAYER UP - TEEN 3D PRINTING: Tuesdays, 3-5pm, grades 6-12, ages 11+

In the Community Room during Teen Tuesdays. View our 3D printer, explore models, & sign up to make your 3D creation!

NEW YOUNG ADULT BOOKS





STAFF PICK: Emily WE ARE OKAY by Nina LaCour

<u>We Are Okay</u> is a beautifully written story, driven not by plot points but by memories and grief and love and loneliness. The book examines many different kinds of relationships: grandparent, grandchild, parent, child, friend, and beloved. The main character is so fragile and broken at the beginning of the story, it just breaks your heart. Have tissues ready! LaCour takes her time showing (not telling!) the reader how Marin has ended up where she's at. The ending doesn't wrap up in a perfect bow, and that's okay. Marin understands that she is forever changed by her loss and grief and the choices she has made. She still wants to continue on, risking the chance to be hurt again. This young adult book doesn't shy away from the difficulties of life and depression, but it ends with hope, which I think is something we all need to be reminded of every once in a while.

ADULT PROGRAMMING

SPECIAL EVENTS

COLLAGE NIGHT @ THE LIBRARY: Thursday, Apr. 17th, 5-7pm, ages 16+

Join us at the library for a night of cozy crafting! Stop in and see where the provided materials take you. Not sure what to make or how to collage? We'll have examples!

WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY: Saturday, Apr.19th, 12-2pm

Learn about amateur radio with the Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club. (Also known as ham radio.) Stop by the library's parking lot and chat with a club member to learn about this fascinating hobby and how you can participate!

OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT @ THE RAVEN SOCIAL:

Wednesday, Apr. 30th, 6-8pm, ages 16+

April is National Poetry Month - come celebrate with us at <u>Raven Social</u>! Share an original work, read a famous favorite, or just listen to others perform.

REGULAR EVENTS

COMMUNITY SPEAKER SERIES -**A SWEET HISTORY - A DELICIOUS FUTURE:** Tuesday, April 1st, 5:00pm @ The Sweet Shop

Tour and learn about your favorite local candy shop's history and what they have in store for the future.

HISTORY SPEAKER SERIES - THE COUNTY SEAT WAR - CADILLAC VS. SHERMAN VS. MANTON: Tuesday, Apr. 8th, 6pm

History of the triple threat match that decided where the Wexford County Seat and Courthouse would be located.

ADULT BOOK BAGS:

Pick up Tuesday, Apr. 15th, after 3pm

Fill out the form on the events page on our website - we'll curate a bag of library books and bookish goodies for you!

SILENT BOOK CLUB @ LET'S ROLL WITH IT, ROLLED ICED CREAM:

Thursday, Apr. 3rd, 6-8pm, ages 16+

SILENT BOOK CLUB @ BURKE'S WATERFRONT RESTAURANT: Monday, Apr. 21st, 5-7pm, ages 16+

No assigned reading. Enjoy books, friends, and a cozy atmosphere without the pressure of a regular book club. Location and time of this event changes monthly.

ADULT WRITING GROUP:

Thursday, Apr. 10th & 24th, 5-6:45pm

Are you looking for a friendly group to encourage and improve your writing skills? For more information, email logant@cadillaclibrary.org.

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB INFORMATION ON THE NEXT PAGE

BRANCH PROGRAMMING

<u>MANTON</u>

STORYTIME WITH MR. BEARD @ BLUE PIN ALLEY: Fridays, 10:30am, ages 2-6 & their guardians

Come join us on an adventure through worlds of creativity, imagination, and fun! Families welcome.

GARDENING FOR FOOD WITH TROY CARRIGAN

Thursdays, Apr. 3rd & 10th, 9:00am

Join us for classes taught by local Master Mittleider Gardener Troy Carrigan.

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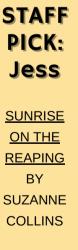
GARDENING FOR FOOD WITH TROY CARRIGAN Wednesdays, 2nd and 30th, 2:00pm

NEW BOOKS AT OUR BRANCHES



POETRY CONTEST @ BOTH BRANCHES

All April we will be accepting submissions into our National Poetry Month poetry contest. Visit the library's website or come see us in person to pick up a release form.





up the Hunger Games series!? HERE. IT. IS. Follow Haymitch as he attends the events of the 2nd Quarter Quell of the Hunger Games. Don't worry - I won't give any spoilers. Just know that all The Hunger Games characters are present and accounted for, and you'll be shocked at the twists and turns. I really loved how this book bridged the gap between the Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes and The Hunger Games. You'll see how the districts continue to struggle, the capitol continues to thrive, and the Mockingiavs continue to inspire (and annoy). You'll read about the evolution of the games as well. If you think you know Haymitch's story...think again.

Are you ready for the BEST book to wrap

SUZANNE COLLINS

NEXT MONTH

COMMUNITY SPEAKER SERIES: UNEARTHING YOUR ROOTS -RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY TREE 05/06/2025, 5:30pm

@ the library

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS WORKSHOP

05/09/2025, 4-6pm, ages 12-18

HISTORY SPEAKERS SERIES: CADILLAC MISCELLANEOUS 05/13/2025, 6pm

FOL PRESENTS ROBERT VAN DELLEN P.H.D."HEMMINGWAY'S KEY WEST AND CUBA, HIS OLD MAN AND THE SEA" 05/17/2025, 11am

DRAGON PARTY 05/29/2025, 4:30-6:30pm, all ages

SLICE WARS: TEEN PIZZA SHOWDOWN 05/23/2025, 3:30-5:30pm, ages 12-18

LIBRARY CLOSED 05/24/2025 & 05/26/2025 for Memorial Day



Please visit us! We're open:

Monday 9am - 7pm Tuesday 9am - 8pm Wednesday 9am - 7pm Thursday 9am - 7pm Friday 9am - 6pm Saturday 10am - 2pm Sunday Closed

LIBRARY NEWS

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE: The Friends are hosting their first used book sale of the year! Stop by our Community Room from April 3rd to 5th for a chance to take home some good books. The sale will run Thursday from 9am to 6pm, Friday from 9am to 5pm, and Saturday from 10am to 12pm.

IN MICHIGAN, libraries are funded locally but certain statewide services are funded by federal money through the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The two big federally funded services our library depends on are:

- *Mel.org.* This is a collection of online databases available to any resident of the state of Michigan. It offers homework help, Michigan history, and test prep for people taking things like the ASVAB, just to name a few valuable services.
- *The Melcat.* Melcat is a statewide book sharing service that includes 435 libraries including public, school, business, university, and museum libraries. In 2024, CWPL circulated almost 18,000 items through Melcat. Across the state, around a million items were shared between libraries. Our library collection holds around 81,000 physical items. Through the Melcat, we can offer our patrons access to 34 million items.

On March 14, 2025, President Trump signed an executive order instructing that the budget and staffing of the Institute of Museum and Library Services be reduced to the minimum required by law. The Melcat and Mel.org are funded through September 2025. If you would like to support these services, you can contact your representatives and speak to them about what you perceive to be the value of these services and the IMLS.

BOOK CLUB CORNER

Spring is in the air and that means it's time to read something fresh and new and discuss it with your book club! Here are two new titles added to the CWPL book club collection:



The God of the Woods by Liz Moore - When a teenager vanishes from her Adirondack summer camp, two worlds collide. A rich and gripping dynasty of secrets and second chances.

The Lost Bookshop by Evie Gaughan - <u>The</u> <u>Keeper of Stories</u> meets <u>The Lost Apothecary</u> in this evocative and charming novel full of mystery and secrets. On a quiet street in Dublin, a lost bookshop is waiting to be found...

Book clubs can reserve these books today!

Did you know the library has its own book clubs you can join?

Books & Booze, *Monday, Apr. 14th, 6:30pm*: Join our open community book group as we read <u>The Boy from the Woods</u> by Harlan Coben. Thirty years ago, Wilde was found as a boy living feral in the woods. Now an adult, he still doesn't know where he comes from, and another child has gone missing. **Meets at The Venue, behind The Truck Stop.**

Tattered Pages, *Tuesday*, *Apr. 15th, 5pm*: Our historical fiction book club meets in the nonfiction area of the library for discussion and crafting. This month we're reading <u>The Island of Sea Women</u> by Lisa See. The story of the fierce female divers of Jeju Island and the dramatic history that shaped their lives.

Next Chapter, *Thursday*, *Apr. 24th*, *4pm*: Check out our open book club! This month we're reading <u>The Storyteller</u> by Jodi Picoult. Some stories live forever. Picoult gracefully explores the lengths we will go in order to protect our families and to keep the past from dictating the future.





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CADILLAC LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

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