

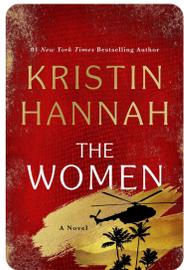
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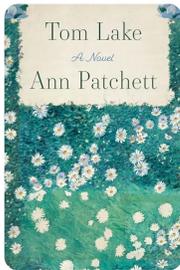
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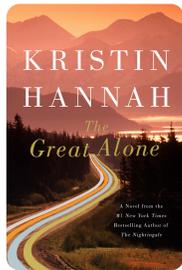
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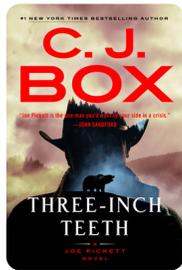
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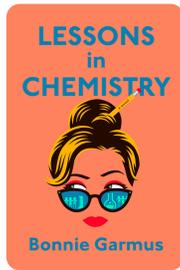
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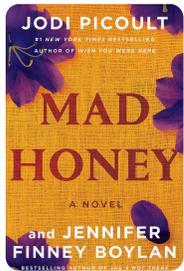
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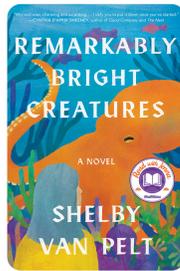
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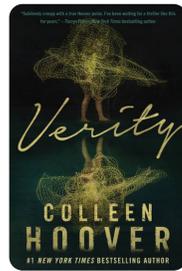
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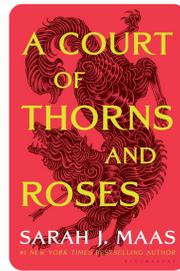
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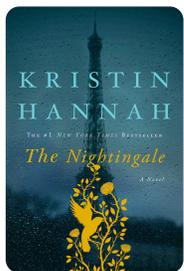
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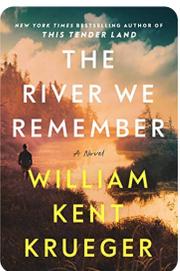
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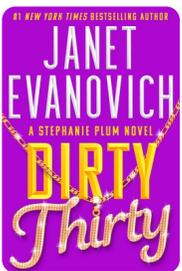
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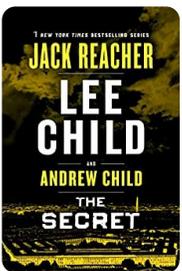
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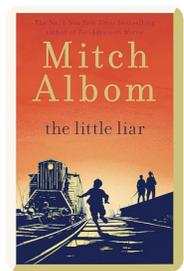
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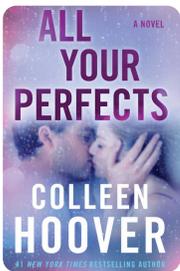
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SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE'S CAMERA FOR A LINK TO OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE LIBRARY-RELATED INFO!

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

## SPECIAL EVENT

### WINTER FUN-DERLAND:

Monday, December 9th, 4:30-6:30pm, all ages

Drop-in style event. Come anytime between 4:30pm and 6:30pm. Join us for winter-themed games, crafts, and activities. This event is for all ages! Make ornaments and buttons, play Snowball Minute-to-Win-It, go on a scavenger hunt, dissolve snowballs to find a cool prize, and visit the photo booth!

## REGULAR EVENTS

**LEGO CLUB:** Mondays, 4-6pm, ages 4+  
(No club 12/9, 12/23, & 12/30.)

Make new friends and build incredible creations.

### FAMILY STORYTIME:

Wednesdays, 10:30am, ages 0-5

Music, movement, stories, and playtime.

**READING DRAGONS HOUR:** Thursdays, 4:30-5:30pm, grades K-5 (No meeting 12/26 & 01/02.)

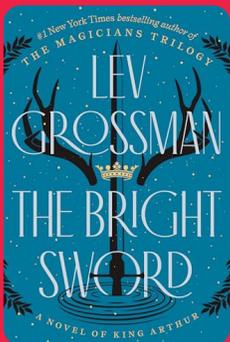
Come meet other Reading Dragon fans and get a chance to play with the deck you are building. We will spend time talking about the books we are reading, spend 15 minutes reading (silently), then Reading Dragon card game fun.

## STAFF PICK: MALLORY

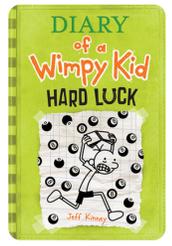
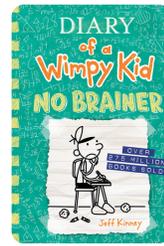
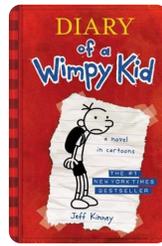
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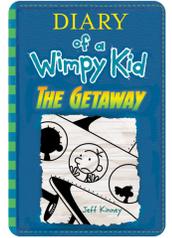
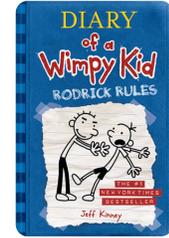
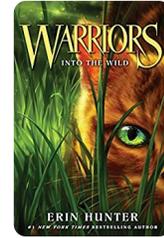
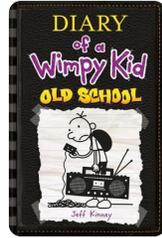
GROSSMAN



The Romans have abandoned Britain and King Arthur is dead, leaving behind a few of his least lauded Knights, Merlin's mysterious apprentice, and a throne in Camelot with no heir. With their exit, Rome seems to have taken all semblance of order from the kingdom and Britain is beset by the gods and monsters of old tales. A young Knight named Collum and the ragtag group of Knights he finds left over at Camelot must do whatever they can to find out what happened to King Arthur and how to move Britain forward. I read this book on a vacation. I would wake up, make a pot of coffee, and sit in a sunny window reading for hours. I never wanted this book to end and never wanted to put it down. It felt like sinking into a huge, warm feather bed for a nap in a fantastical world and it opened up a whole new world for me that I only knew a little bit about going in. Every single character was fascinating. I highly recommend this to fans of fantasy and historical fiction.



## 2024 TOP CHECKED OUT MIDDLE GRADE FICTION BOOKS



## TEEN PROGRAMMING

### SPECIAL EVENT



**DON'T MISS OUR ALL AGES WINTER FUN-DERLAND EVENT 12/9/24!**

### REGULAR EVENTS

**TEEN BOOK BAGS:** Pick up Monday, December 2nd, after 3pm, grades 6-12

Fill out the book bag form on the teen page on our website for a personalized bag of bookish fun!

**TEEN TUESDAYS:** Tuesdays, 3-5pm, grades 6-12

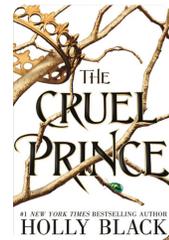
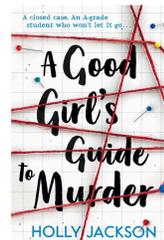
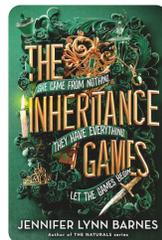
Drop by the Community Room on Tuesdays after school for some fun. We'll have crafts, games, good tunes, and an opportunity to make new friends. December Schedule:

Dec 3 - Giving Tuesday Pack bags for the unhoused and make a card or special note of encouragement!

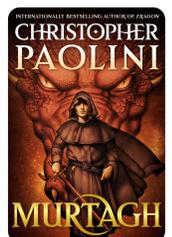
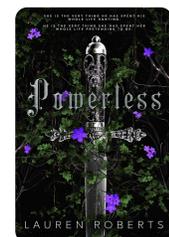
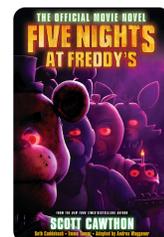
Dec 10 - Gingerbread Houses

Dec 17 - Craft Stick Bracelets

Dec 24 & 31 - NO TEEN TUESDAY (The library is closed.)



## 2024 TOP CHECKED OUT YOUNG ADULT FICTION BOOKS



# ADULT PROGRAMMING

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### CARDS FOR SENIORS TAKE HOME KITS:

December 2nd-7th, all ages

Pick up some supplies and create a warm holiday message for a senior living in a local facility! You can mail them yourself or return them to the library for delivery.

### ORNAMENT TAKE HOME KITS:

December 9th-20th, adults & teens

Create a funky ornament for your home. We give you supplies and directions and you add your personal flare! Supplies are limited! First come, first served.

### COLLAGE NIGHT @ ROASTED CAFE:

Friday, December 13th, 5-7pm

Join the Cadillac Library at Roasted Cafe for a night of cozy crafting! Stop in and see where the provided materials take you. Come make your holiday cards and giftable pieces of art!

## READS FOR THE HOLIDAYS



## REGULAR EVENTS

### COMMUNITY SPEAKER SERIES - BAKING BIG AT WILDFLOUR KITCHEN:

Tuesday, December 3rd, 5:30pm

Join us for a tour and talk about the joys and challenges of commercial baking at WildFlour Kitchen, with owner Heather Goodman.

### ADULT BOOK BAGS:

Pick up Monday, December 16th, 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!

### ADULT WRITING GROUP:

Thursday, December 12th, 5-6:45pm

Are you looking for a friendly group to encourage and improve your writing skills? Email [logant@cadillaclibrary.org](mailto:logant@cadillaclibrary.org) for info.

**FIND LIBRARY BOOK CLUB INFORMATION ON THE NEXT PAGE**

# BRANCH HAPPENINGS -

## MANTON

### STORYTIME WITH MR. BEARD:

Fridays, 10:30am,  
ages 2-6 & their guardians

Join Mr. Beard on an adventure through worlds of creativity, imagination, and fun! Families welcome.

## MESICK

### HOLIDAY TRAIN PARTY:

Saturday, December 21st,  
1:00-3:00pm, ages 3+

Put on your pajamas and join us for Holiday themed crafts, activities, and games.

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Mondays, 10:30am,  
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## MANTON & MESICK

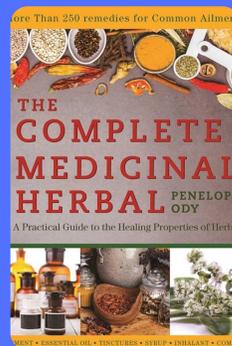
### WINTER BREAK READING CHALLENGE FOR KIDS:

December 21st - 31st, ages 6-18

Try our short winter break reading challenge and win a bookmark!

## STAFF PICK: MONICA

### THE COMPLETE MEDICINAL HERBAL: A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO THE HEALING PROPERTIES OF HERBS BY PENELOPE ODY



Although this book is a bit older, the information is timeless. I enjoy scanning through any medicinal herbal books but this one stood out to me for a few reasons. There are about 85 herbs (some edible and common foods) reviewed and the color photos really help with identifying the plants which is extremely important. The photos include most parts of the plant and also a black and white drawing of it from tip to root. The character and actions of each plant is most useful to herbalists. I found that helpful, but I thought it could've been a little bolder or bigger print, as it was hard to find on each page. The beginning part of the book goes into great detail showing the history of medicinal plants and the last section is categorized according to body ailments (including an entire section on children's complaints). Overall, I will be checking this book many more times as I learn to use plants for medicine effectively.

# NEXT MONTH

COMMUNITY SPEAKER SERIES:  
MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS WITH  
VIBRANT MIND, LLC  
01/07/2024, 5:30pm

52 READING CHALLENGE PARTY  
01/10/2024, 6-7:30pm, ages 16+

HISTORY SPEAKERS SERIES:  
THE FATHER OF CADILLAC -  
GEORGE MITCHELL  
01/14/2024, 6pm

NERF NIGHT  
01/17/2024, 6-8pm, ages 10-16  
*sign up required*

READING DRAGONS & FRIENDS  
TOURNAMENT  
01/18/2024, grades K-5  
*registration opens at 10am*

CADILLAC'S 150TH: A DISCUSSION  
WITH LOCAL HISTORIAN  
RICHARD SHULTS  
01/25/2024, 10-11:30am

NAVIGATE THE BUYING PROCESS:  
REAL ESTATE EDUCATION SERIES  
WITH COLDWELL BANKERS  
01/30/2024, 5:30pm

PARENT TEEN CRAFT NIGHT  
01/31/2024, 5pm, ages 10+

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Monday 9am - 7pm  
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Wednesday 9am - 7pm  
Thursday 9am - 7pm  
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Saturday 10am - 2pm  
Sunday Closed

# LIBRARY NEWS

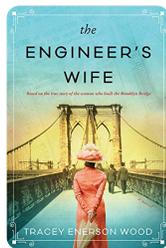
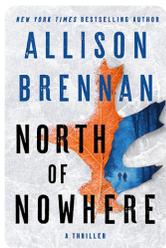
**WE ALL KNOW THE HOLIDAYS ARE A HECTIC TIME! THE LIBRARY CAN HELP!** Do you need a book but don't have time to browse in the building? Find the book you want in our online catalog and request it by texting a librarian at 231-577-9393. We'll grab it off the shelf, check it out, and let you know when it's ready! You can pick it up at your convenience. We have online items too. Use Hoopla for ebooks, eaudiobooks, music, movies, and tv. Use Libby for ebooks, eaudiobooks, and emagazines. Don't forget, we're open until 8 pm on Tuesdays!

**THE CADILLAC LIBRARY AND ITS BRANCHES WILL BE CLOSED** Tuesday, December 24th, Wednesday, December 25th, Tuesday, December 31st, and Wednesday, January 1st for the holidays.

**THERE WILL BE NO LIBRARY PROGRAMMING** from Monday December 23rd through Friday, January 3rd. Our Teen and Children's Rooms will have drop-in activities available all month long!

## BOOK CLUB CORNER

I don't know about you, but book gifts are my favorite gifts! What is better than giving the gift of books to friends and loved ones? I really enjoying pairing the right book with the right reader. Here are two book club sets that may be the perfect match for your club:



**North of Nowhere** by Allison Brennan - *This pulse-pounding novel is sure to thrill.* After five years hiding from their murderous father, the day Kristen and Ryan McIntyre have been dreading has arrived: Boyd McIntyre, head of a Los Angeles crime family, has at last tracked his kids down in minutes away from kidnapping them!

**The Engineer's Wife** by Tracey Enerson Wood - *Perfect for fans of Marie Benedict.* Emily Roebling built a monument for all time. Discover the fascinating woman who helped design and construct the Brooklyn Bridge.

Ask your Book Club's contact person to get on the waiting list for these titles. They can request book sets by emailing [bookclub@cadillaclibrary.org](mailto:bookclub@cadillaclibrary.org) or calling the library.

*Happy Reading! - Erin, Collection Manager*

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

**Books & Booze, Monday, December 9th, 6:30pm:** Join our open community book group as we read Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley. A groundbreaking YA thriller about a Native teen who must root out the corruption in her community. *Meets at The Greenhouse, Willow/Primos. This group is run in partnership with Horizon Books.*

**Tattered Pages, Wednesday, December 18th, 5pm:** Our historical fiction book club meets in the nonfiction area of the library for discussion and crafting. This month we're reading The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon. A gripping historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history. *\*special date this month*

**Next Chapter, Thursday, December 19th, 12:30pm:** Our new, open book club meets in the Community Room of the library. This month we're reading A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin.

# 2024 December

## CADILLAC LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

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22	23	<p>LIBRARY CLOSED</p>	<p>LIBRARY CLOSED</p>	26	27	28
29	30	<p>LIBRARY CLOSED</p>		<p><b>CALENDAR KEY:</b></p> <p>CHILDREN'S &amp; FAMILY (ages 0-12)</p> <p>TEEN PROGRAMMING (ages 12-18)</p> <p>ADULT PROGRAMMING (ages 18+)</p> <p>GENERAL PROGRAMMING / CLOSINGS</p> <p><b>CWPL</b> Cadillac Wexford Public Library</p>		