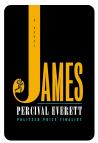
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PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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CWPL'S TOP FICTION AND MYSTERY BOOKS



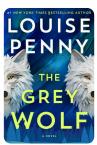
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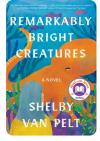
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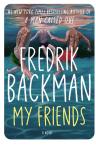
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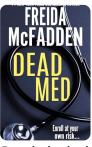
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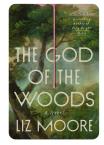
Psychological Thriller



Romantasy



Psychological Thriller



Mystery



Mystery Western

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



Two feuding co-stars in a Jane Austen film adaptation accidentally travel back in time to the Regency Era in this clever and funny debut. The novel is a tribute to Jane Austen, second chances, and love across the spacetime continuum.



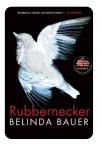
The human crew sent to prepare the first-ever colony on Mars arrives to find their brand new base half-destroyed and the three robots sent to set it up in disarray. Each must be interrogated. But one of them is missing.



New York Times bestselling author Anne Sebba examines how a disparate band of young girls struggled to overcome differences and little musical knowledge to please their Nazi overseers.



Spanning the most popular podcast genres—true crime, comedy, sports, relationships, and more—culture critic and Vulture's Start Here columnist Sean Malin introduces the first comprehensive canon in podcast history.



Life is already strange enough for Patrick — being a medical student with Asperger's Syndrome isn't easy. And that's before he is faced with solving a possible murder, especially when no one believes a crime has even taken place.



An international bestseller, *The Convenience Store by The Sea* tells the delightfully quirky and heartfelt stories of the store's customers and employees, offering us all a unique recipe for a good, fulfilling life.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

SPECIAL EVENT

WINTER FUN-DERLAND: Don't miss this all ages event!

Drop-in anytime between 4:30 and 6:15 to join us for winter

Monday, Dec. 8th, 4:30-6:30pm, all ages



the event.

Thursday, Dec. 4th, 4-6pm, ages 14-18

TEEN PROGRAMMING

SPECIAL EVENTS

Let's learn some life skills! Do you want to go to college/university? Have you thought about a job in the trades? Do you know how to access scholarships tailored to YOU? The library has you covered! Drop by any time during

REGULAR EVENTS

themed crafts and activities for all ages!

LEGO HOUR:

Mondays, 4-5pm, ages 4+

Make new friends and build incredible creations.

BOOK BEDAZZLE:

Thursday, Dec. 18th, 4-6pm, ages 11+

Have you ever wanted to bling out a book cover or spine? Join us for some sparkly fun! Bring your favorite book and we will provide the supplies.

TWEEN CRAFTERS - SESSION 1:

Tuesdays, 4-5pm, ages 8-12, ends Dec. 9th

Learn new skills, make cool things, and meet other creative people! Registration required. Call 775-6541 to sign up.

JANE AUSTEN'S BIRTHDAY, A HOLIDAY REGENCY PARTY @ WILDFLOUR:

(105 S Mitchell St.)

Tuesday, Dec. 16th, 6:30-8pm, ages 16+

FAMILY STORYTIME:

Wednesdays, 10:30am, ages 0-5

 $\label{eq:music_movement} \textit{Music, movement, stories, and playtime.}$

Event description —

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN:

Prepare for Kindergarten! Available at all branches.

READING DRAGONS & FRIENDS:

September - April, Grades K-5

Read books, collect cards, and play with friends. Ask us how to get started! Available at all branches.

There will be no weekly programming Monday, Dec. 22nd - Friday, Jan. 2nd. Teens and families are encouraged to stop by the library over winter break for free, fun activities like scavenger hunts, crafts, and of course, books! A reminder that children must be at least 11 years old to be at the library on their own.

REGULAR EVENTS

T-ZONE TUESDAYS:

Tuesdays, 3-5pm, ages 11-18

Drop in the Community Room on Tuesdays after school. We'll have crafts, games, good tunes, and new friends.

MAKERSPACE:

Fridays, 3-5pm, ages 11-18

Drop in the Community Room and create something fantastic! Build with Legos, scrapbook, craft, and explore 3D printer models. Sign up to make your 3D creation!

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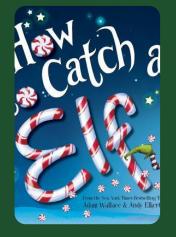






STAFF PICK: Bonita

How to Catch an Elf by Adam Wallace



Hey Kids! Have you ever wondered if you could catch an Elf? Find some helpful hints in the book, *How to Catch an Elf.* We're not talking about the most famous Elf, but any kind that may be lurking around your home this holiday season. Maybe you could be the first in your area to catch an Elf and show him off to your friends. Maybe you could even become friends with one! They can be tricky though, so be ready for an adventure. *How to Catch an Elf* is a New York Times Best Seller authored by Adam Wallace and illustrated by Andy Elkerton. It is a colorful, action packed, children's story about an Elf that is eluding each child's effort to catch him. Would be a quick read for younger ages. It is one in a series of other books with the same goal of trying to catch a Class Pet, a Unicorn, or a Leprechaun. If you enjoy the adventure of trying to catch an Elf, maybe the others in the series would be entertaining as well.

ADULT PROGRAMMING

SPECIAL EVENTS

WINTER FUN-DERLAND:

Monday, Dec. 8th, 4:30-6:30pm, all ages

Drop-in anytime between 4:30 and 6:15 to join us for winter themed crafts and activities for all ages!

COLLAGE NIGHT @ THE LIBRARY:

Friday, Dec. 12th, 4:30-6:30pm, ages 16+

Join us 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!

HEALING SOUND BOWLS:

Saturday, Dec. 13th, 2-3pm

Join us and energy worker Carrie Galligan for some stress relief while she plays various crystal singing bowls.

JANE AUSTEN'S BIRTHDAY, A HOLIDAY REGENCY PARTY @ WILDFLOUR:

(105 S Mitchell St.)

Tuesday, Dec. 16th, 6:30-8pm, ages 16+

Celebrate Jane Austen's 250th birthday with us at Wildflour Bakery! Dress in your regency outfits, drink some tea, try some delicious finger foods, and take part in regency era holiday party activities.

BOOK BEDAZZLE:

Thursday, Dec. 18th, 4-6pm, ages 11+

Have you ever wanted to bling out a book cover or spine? Join us for some sparkly fun! Bring your favorite book and we will provide the supplies.



REGULAR EVENTS

COMMUNITY SPEAKER SERIES: THE BIRD HOUSE & ITS ARTISANS

Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, 6pm @ The Bird House (111 N Mitchell St)

The Bird House is a local boutique full of beautiful hand made items all from local crafters and artists. Join us for an evening filled with art and learn about the mission of The Bird House and what they have to offer. Meet local artisans and ask questions about their work and process.

ADULT BOOK BAGS:

Pick up Monday, Dec. 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!

ADULT WRITING GROUP:

Thursday, Dec. 11th & 18th, 5-6:45pm

For more information, email logant@cadillaclibrary.org.

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB INFORMATION FOUND ON NEXT PAGE

BRANCH PROGRAMMING MANTON

MANTON LIBRARY BOOK CLUB:

Book club is on a break for the month of December. We hope you'll join us in the new year!

STORYTIME:

Fridays, 10:30am, ages 2-6 & their caregivers Come listen to an exciting story with friends!

TOP FICTION BOOKS AT MANTON











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MOVIE BINGE BAGS:

Not sure what to watch next? Try our Binge Bags! Tell us what you like, and we will pick out 3 movies for you — plus a snack! Email mesick@cadillaclibrary.org for information.

BOOK BEDAZZLE:

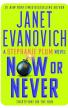
Monday, Dec. 22nd, 3-5pm, ages 12+

Celebrate winter break with us by bedazzling a book cover! Bring a book with a cover you would love to see sparkle, and we will provide the supplies.

TOP FICTION BOOKS AT MESICK













HOLIDAY COOKING IDEAS

Looking for some new recipes for the holiday season?
Check out our database called A to Z World Food™ by
World Trade Press. You will be able to find recipes from the
United States and many other countries around the world.

Go to www.cadillaclibrary.org and scroll until you see the red box labeled "A to Z World Food" under "Ebooks & Online Resources" on our main page. Follow the link to explore recipes and food cultures from around the world.

NEXT MONTH

COMMUNITY SPEAKER SERIES: HELPING INVENTORS BRING THEIR PRODUCTS TO LIFE BY BENJAMIN CALLOWAY @ THE LIBRARY 01/06/2026, 6pm

52 PARTY 01/09/2026, 5:30-7pm, ages 16+

HISTORY SPEAKER SERIES: THE FATHER OF CLAM LAKE 01/13/2026, 4:30-6:30pm, all ages

TEEN LIFE SKILLS SERIES: SELF CARE & MENTAL HEALTH 01/15/2026, 4-6pm, ages 14-18

COZY GAME NIGHT 01/23/2026, 6:30-8pm, ages 18+

CRAFTERNIGHT: ADULT CRAFT NIGHT 01/27/2026, 5:30-6:30pm, 18+

UNO TOURNAMENT 01/29/2026, 4-6pm, ages 11-18

STUFFED ANIMAL VILLAGE 01/31/2026, 10am-1pm, families welcome

CMP Library

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

THE VALUE OF LIBRARY SERVICES. It's hard to put a price on the value of community services like the library. A lot of the value that the library provides can't be expressed with a price tag. What is the worth of a friendly conversation with a library staff member to an elderly person? What is the worth of storytime to a child who loves to sing? What is the worth of a teen event at which a shy kid makes a new friend? These small moments are invaluable to the people who experience them.

But maybe you're a numbers person. So, let's talk numbers. If your home is worth \$200,000, your tax bill to support the Cadillac Wexford Public Library is \$148 a year or \$12.34 per month. Clive Cussler's *Quantum Tempest* is \$17.60 on Amazon right now. Check it out from the library instead of buying it and you've already made your money back for the month. Disney Plus Ad Free costs \$18.99 a month. How much did it cost to take your kids to a fun library program and go home with an armful of books? Which entertainment and interaction was of more value to your family? Audible Premium Plus provides you with two audible books a month for \$14.95. This month you can use the library's Libby app to check out five audio books at a time! However you measure community value, we hope you feel that the library is giving something truly worthwhile back.

BDWAB RETURNS. Switch up your reading with a Blind Date with a Book! The fun part — you only get a few descriptive sentences to help you pick out your next (free) read. Grab one from the library starting at our Winter Fun-derland event, Monday, Dec. 8th, while supplies last. We'll also have books at downtown businesses Dec. 5th - 19th.

THE CADILLAC LIBRARY AND ITS BRANCHES WILL BE CLOSED Wednesday, Dec. 24th, and Thursday, Dec. 25th, in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Cadillac Library will close at 6pm Monday, Dec. 29th, and Tuesday, Dec. 30th. All library locations will also be closed Wednesday, Dec. 31st, and Thursday, Jan. 1st, in observance of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

BOOK CLUB CORNER

This is the peak of gift-giving season. As far as I'm concerned, the very best gift is the gift of reading. Trying to match the right book with right reader is my very favorite part. Sharing the reactions of what I've read is a close second. There is no place better to share reactions than in a book club! Here are two book club sets that are sure to spark interesting discussion:





A Psalm for the Wild-Built by Becky Chambers - Centuries before, robots of Panga gained self-awareness, laid down their tools, wandered into the wilderness, never to be seen again. Now a robot has re-emerged to honor the old promise of checking in. A cozy and sweet sci-fi tale.

Is She Really Going Out With Him by Sophie Cousens - A love story about a disillusioned divorcée who agrees to let her children play matchmaker. A novel that will make you laugh.

Book clubs can reserve these book sets today!

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

Books & Booze, <u>Monday, Dec. 8th, 6:30-8pm</u>: Join our open community book group as we read *The Collected Regrets of Clover* by Mikki Brammer. After the beloved grandfather who raised her dies alone while she is traveling, Clover becomes a death doula in New York City, dedicating her life to ushering people peacefully through their end-of-life process. *Meets at The Venue, behind The Truck Stop.*

Tattered Pages, <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>Dec. 16th</u>, <u>5-6pm</u>: Our historical fiction book club meets for discussion while crafting. Join us for *The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau* by Kristin Harmel. A novel about two jewel thieves, a priceless bracelet that disappears in 1940s Paris, and a quest for answers in a decades-old murder. *Meets in the nonfiction area of the library*.

DECEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
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