

# Cadillac Wexford

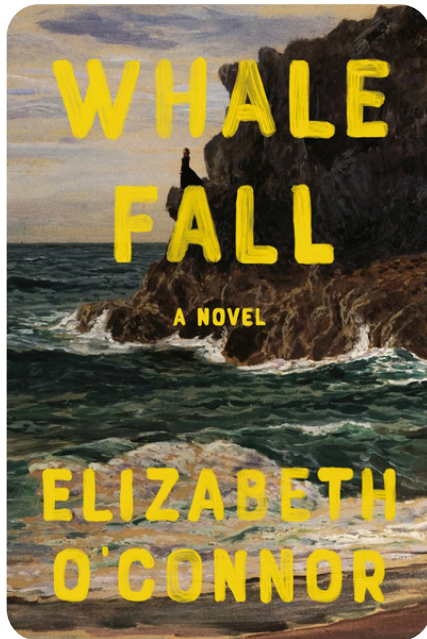
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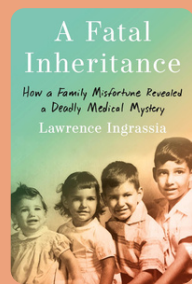
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## MAY'S FEATURED TITLES

THE BOOKS WE'RE MOST EXCITED ABOUT THIS MONTH:



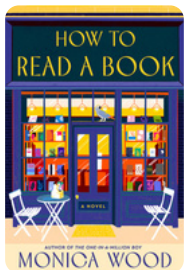
A stunning debut about loss, isolation, folklore, and the joy and dissonance of finding oneself. In 1938, a dead whale washes up on the shores of a remote Welsh island. For Manod, who has spent her whole life on the island, it feels like both a portent of doom and a symbol of what may lie beyond the island's shores. The arrival of English ethnographers who hope to study the island culture, then, feels like a boon to her—both a glimpse of life outside her community and a means of escape. O'Connor paints a portrait of a community and a woman on the precipice, forced to confront an outside world that seems to be closing in on them.



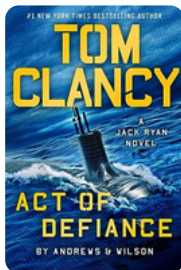
Lawrence Ingrassia delivers an intimate, gripping tale that sits at the intersection of memoir and medical thriller. Ingrassia lost his mother, two sisters, brother, and nephew to cancer—different cancers developing at different points throughout their lives. And while highly unusual, his family is not the only one to wonder whether their heartbreak is the result of unbelievable bad luck, or if there might be another explanation.

## NEW AND RECENTLY ADDED FICTION & NONFICTION

WATCH FOR THESE TITLES BEING ADDED THROUGHOUT THE MONTH - PUT THEM ON RESERVE TODAY! CALL 775-6541 OR TEXT 231-577-9393.



Contemporary Fiction



Military Thriller Book 19



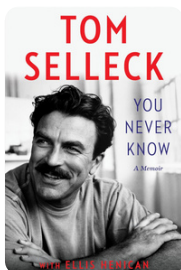
True Crime



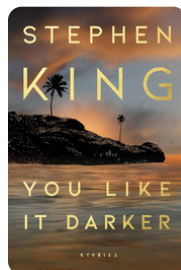
Humorous Fiction Book 2



Contemporary Romance



Memoir



Horror Short Stories



Contemporary Fiction



Inspirational Historical Fiction



High Fantasy Book 1

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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 EVENTS

**BLUEY PARTY:** Saturday, May 11th,  
11am-12pm OR 1pm-2pm, families welcome

Join us in celebrating one of our favorite characters with crafts, games, a scavenger hunt and more! Pick the session that works best for you, 11am or 1pm.

## REGULAR EVENTS

### TRAVELING STORYTIME @ THE SALVATION ARMY:

Monday, May 6th, 12pm, ages 0-5

12:00 - Lunch provided by The Salvation Army. Storytime following lunch. This program is a collaboration brought to you by: The Cadillac Library & Great Start Collaborative.

### TRAVELING STORYTIME @ NORTHLAND MEADOW APARTMENT'S OFFICE BUILDING:

Monday, May 20th, 10am, ages 0-5

Books, movement, friends, and snacks.  
This program is a collaboration brought to you by:  
The Cadillac Library & Great Start Collaborative.

### LEGO CLUB: Mondays 4-5pm, ages 4+

Make new friends and build incredible creations.

### ARTSY FARTSY CRAFTERS:

Tuesdays in April & May, 4-5pm, ages 8+

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

### FAMILY STORYTIME:

Wednesdays, 10:30am, ages 0-5

Music, movement, stories, and playtime.

## STAFF PICK: EMILY

SPEAR  
by  
NICOLA  
GRIFFITH



A fantasy novella with a timely LGBTQ twist on the classic Arthurian knight tale. A young girl takes on the appearance of a male in order to not only make it in a man's world, but to make the world a better place. If you need to wrap yourself up in a story where someone perseveres over and over again despite being told again and again that they are not enough, read this. If you need a tale overflowing with beautiful language, strange magic, Camelot level adventure, heroes and villains, this is for you. Don't miss the notes at the end of the story explaining the folklore and history behind this queer retelling. Final note: this book does not skip around the dark side of humanity. Hatred is violent, painful, destructive - the author holds no punches in describing the depravity of man.

# TEEN PROGRAMMING

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### NERF NIGHT:

Friday, May 10th, 6-8pm, ages 10-16

Join us for a Nerf extravaganza! As always, bring your own Nerf blasters and we'll provide the Nerf darts (we do have a limited supply of blasters as well). **SIGN UP REQUIRED.** Email [text@cadillaclibrary.org](mailto:text@cadillaclibrary.org) or call 775-6541.

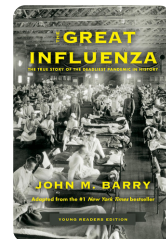
### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS WORKSHOP:

Thursdays, May 9th, 16th, & 23rd, 4-6PM,  
ages 10-16, *sign up opens April 1st*

If you've ever been interested in Dungeons and Dragons, but don't know the first thing about how to get started, try our workshop! It will be a three week course designed to introduce you to the multiverse that is DnD. **SIGN UP REQUIRED.** Call 775-6541 or email [text@cadillaclibrary.org](mailto:text@cadillaclibrary.org).



## NEW YOUNG ADULT BOOKS



## REGULAR EVENTS

**TEEN BOOK BAGS:** Pick up Wednesday,  
May 1st, 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! Sign up quarterly.

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

Find the weekly schedule on our website and Facebook.

**D&D CLUB:** 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month,  
4-6:30pm, grades 9-12

Experience needed - email [teens@cadillaclibrary.org](mailto:teens@cadillaclibrary.org) for more information and to sign up.

## NEW MIDDLE GRADE BOOKS





# ADULT PROGRAMMING

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### WRITING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY:

Saturday, May 4th, 1pm

Come spend a session with local area historian and writer Shanna Avery and learn some research tips - and how to shape your finds into memoirs, writing, and other creative ways to tell and share the story of your family and ancestors!

### REGENCY PARTY:

Friday, May 17th, 6-7:30pm, ages 16+

Jane Austen and Bridgerton fans, unite! Step away from the modern world for an evening of crafts, tea cakes, and new friendships. Dressing up is encouraged (but not required)!

### WEIRD TRAVELS IN MICHIGAN:

Saturday, May 18th, 1-2:30pm

Professor and paranormal researcher Shetan Noir takes us on a virtual tour of fascinating, quirky, and weird locations in Michigan! *Presented by the Friends of the Cadillac Library.*

### CRAFTERNIGHT - ADULT CRAFT NIGHT:

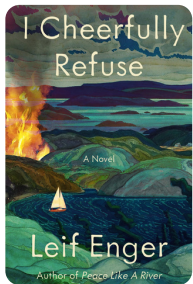
Tuesday, May 28th, 5:30-6:30pm

Join us at the library for a surprise craft project. Variety of skill levels welcome. All supplies provided.

## HAUNTING DYSTOPIAN READS



Reminiscent of the works of Margaret Atwood, Shirley Jackson, and Octavia Butler, a biting social commentary from the acclaimed author of *Lakewood* that speaks to our times--a piercing dystopian novel about the unbreakable bond between a young woman and her mysterious mother, set in a world in which witches are real and single women are closely monitored. In *The Women Could Fly*, Megan Giddings explores the limits women face--and the powers they have to transgress and transcend them.



Set in a not-too-distant America, *I Cheerfully Refuse* is the tale of Rainy, an aspiring musician setting sail on Lake Superior in search of his departed, deeply beloved, bookselling wife. An endearing bear of an Orphean narrator, he seeks refuge in the harbors, fogs, and remote islands of the inland sea. After encountering lunatic storms and rising corpses from the warming depths, he eventually lands to find an increasingly desperate and illiterate people, a malignant billionaire ruling class, a crumbled infrastructure, and a lawless society.

## REGULAR EVENTS

**ADULT BOOK BAGS:** Pick up Wednesday, May 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:

Thursdays May 9th & 23rd, 5:00pm

Are you looking for a friendly group of people to encourage and improve your writing skills? Join us!

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

# BRANCH HAPPENINGS -

## MANTON

**STORYTIME WITH MR. BEARD:** Fridays, 10:30am

Join Mr. Beard on an adventure through worlds of creativity, imagination, and fun! This storytime is geared toward children ages 2-6 and their guardians, but families are welcome.

## MESICK

**LEGO HOUR:** Mondays, 4-5pm, ages 3-12

Join us for LEGO building. We have the classic blocks available, as well as larger blocks for smaller children.

**BASIC TECH HELP:** Fridays from 2-4pm

Drop in to get help with those pesky tech problems! We can help with navigating the internet, laptops, tablets, smart phones, social media, library reading apps, and more! First come, first served.

**MAY IS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH:**

To honor and celebrate foster families, we will be gathering donations for *The Foster Closet of Michigan - Wexford Missaukee*. Bring your brand new or very gently used items to Mesick Public Library during the month of May. Please call us at 231-885-1120 for full details on donation guidelines.

## BOTH BRANCHES

**1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN:**

Sign your child up for this reading incentive program and help them get excited about books! For every 100 books your child reads (or has read to them) before kindergarten, they will receive a small prize. See the circulation desk for full details of this free program. (This program is also available in Cadillac.)

## STAFF PICK: JESSICA

THE LAST GARDEN

IN ENGLAND

by

Julia Kelly



You do NOT need to be a plant/garden person to love this book! The story is about five women connected over different periods of time by a beautiful mansion's garden. It begins in the present with Emma, a career-driven gal that works hard to restore neglected gardens. She begins a huge project at Highbury House - a beautiful mansion with gardens designed by Emma's favorite artist, Venetia Smith. As the story unfolds, you will see points of view from Venetia, previous owners, old neighbors, guests, and Highbury House staff from the early to mid-1900s. This is a great tale of intrigue, love, loss, and hope. What long-lasting secret does the garden hold...?

# NEXT MONTH

## SUMMER BOOK EXTRAVAGANZA @ THE GREENHOUSE

06/03/2024, 6-8pm,

Adults welcome

## PARENT TEEN CRAFT NIGHT

06/07/2024, 5-6pm, ages 10+,

Parents & guardians welcome

## COLLAGE NIGHT

### @ ROASTED CAFE

06/14/2024, 5-7pm, ages 16+

## SUMMER READING KICK-OFF

06/15/2024, 4-6pm,

All ages!

## CRUISE NIGHT

06/28/2024, 6-8pm,

adults welcome

## ADVENTURE TO ITALY

06/29/2024, 11am-12pm

Families welcome

Cadillac Wexford Public Library



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Please visit us!

We're open:

Mon - Thu 9am-7pm

Fri 9am-6pm

Sat 11am-3pm

## LIBRARY NEWS

### MANTON BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

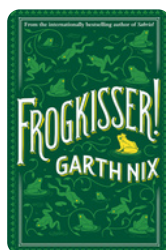
The Friends of the Manton Library and the City of Manton are working hard to create a new library location in Manton! Located in the same small residence for decades, the current Manton Library is aging rapidly. With the increase in library usage, the community needs a building in which staff can hold events, welcome public meetings, and curate a larger book collection. The new library building is in the works! Located on the site of the old VFW Hall at 603 State Street, the new library will have more space for books, dedicated rooms for teens and kids, meeting room space, and an area dedicated to Manton history. The City and Friends hope to break ground this summer!

The Cadillac and Mesick Libraries now have seed libraries! Stop by one of these library locations and receive a few packets of free seeds to start your garden this summer. Seed libraries encourage crop diversity and self-sufficiency. Seeds are available for flowers, vegetables, and herbs depending on the location.

The Cadillac Library and its branch locations will be closed for Memorial Day weekend, May 25th - May 27th.

### BOOK CLUB CORNER

May is a great month for reading! Well, every month is a great month for reading, but May is especially nice if you like to read outdoors. I am looking forward to warmer days, longer evenings, and gardens full of flowers. Here are 2 book club sets to enjoy with friends:



**Finlay Donovan is Killing It** by Elle Cosimano: Fast-paced, deliciously witty, and wholeheartedly authentic in depicting the frustrations and triumphs of motherhood in all its messiness, hilarity, and heartfelt moments.

**Frog Kisser** by Garth Nix: Author Garth Nix has conjured a fantastical tale for all ages, full of laughs and danger, surprises and delights, and an immense population of frogs. It's 50% fairy tale, 50% fantasy, and 100% pure enjoyment from start to finish.

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

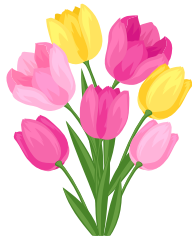
#### Did you know the library has its own book clubs you can join?

**Book Talks**, Thursday, May 2nd, 7:15pm: Our open group will discuss our summer reading program for all ages and a summer new book preview, on Facebook Live this month.

**Books & Booze**, Monday, May 13th, 6:30pm: Join the group we run partnering with Horizon Books this month as we read The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot by Marianne Cronin. 17-year-old Lenni Pettersson lives on the Terminal Ward at the Glasgow Hospital. Joining the hospital's arts and crafts class, she meets Margot, an 83-year-old, purple-pajama-wearing, fruitcake-eating rebel, who transforms Lenni in ways she never imagined. Meets at The Greenhouse, Willow/Primos.

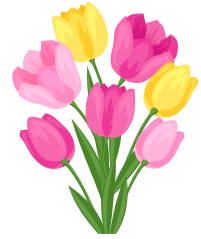
**Tattered Pages**, Tuesday, May 21st, 5pm: Our historical fiction book club meets at the library for fun discussion and crafting. This month we're reading Bloomsbury Girls by Natalie Jenner. A compelling and heartwarming story of post-war London, a century-old bookstore, and three women determined to find their way in a fast-changing world.

*Happy Reading! - Erin, Collection Manager*



# 2024 May

CADILLAC LIBRARY PROGRAMMING



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 FAMILY STORYTIME 10:30AM  TEEN BOOK BAG PICK UP AFTER 3PM	2 DnD CLUB 4-6:30PM  BOOK TALKS 7:15PM	3	4 WRITING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY 1PM
5	6 TRAVELING STORYTIME @ THE SALVATION ARMY 12PM  LEGO CLUB 4-5PM	7 TEEN TUESDAYS 3-5PM	8 FAMILY STORYTIME 10:30AM	9 DnD WORKSHOP 4-6PM  ADULT WRITING GROUP 5-6:45PM	10 NERF NIGHT 6-8PM	11 BLUEY PARTY 11AM-1PM
12	13 LEGO CLUB 4-5PM  BOOKS & BOOZE BOOK CLUB @ THE GREENHOUSE 6:30-8PM	14 TEEN TUESDAYS 3-5PM	15 FAMILY STORYTIME 10:30AM  ADULT BOOK BAG PICK UP AFTER 3PM	16 DnD WORKSHOP 4-6PM	17 REGENCY PARTY 6-7:30PM	18 WEIRD TRAVELS IN MICHIGAN (FOL EVENT) 1-2:30PM
19	20 TRAVELING STORYTIME @ NORTHWOOD MEADOW APARTMENTS 10AM  LEGO CLUB 4-5PM	21 TEEN TUESDAYS 3-5PM  TATTERED PAGES BOOK CLUB 5PM	22 FAMILY STORYTIME 10:30AM	23 DnD WORKSHOP 4-6PM  ADULT WRITING GROUP 5-6:45PM	24	25 LIBRARY CLOSED
26	27 LIBRARY CLOSED	28 TEEN TUESDAYS 3-5PM	29 FAMILY STORYTIME 10:30AM	30	<b>CALENDAR KEY:</b> CHILDREN'S & FAMILY (ages 0-12) TEEN PROGRAMMING (ages 12-18) ADULT PROGRAMMING (ages 18+) GENERAL PROGRAMMING / CLOSINGS  <b>CWPL</b> Cadillac Wexford Public Library	