

LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



AUGUST 2026



Summer Reading Finale!

THE LAST DAY TO LOG SUMMER READING BOOKS IS AUGUST 8TH, 2026!

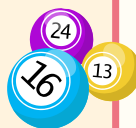
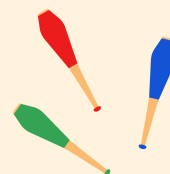
We're nearing the finish line!
The finale event for the 2026 Summer Reading Program is on Saturday, August 15th from 10am-12pm. Challenge completers of all ages will have two weeks to come choose their prizes, beginning on the finale day until Saturday, August 29th.

Prizes for completing the Summer Reading Challenge:

- **Children (ages 0-12):** Receive an age-appropriate goody bag and a free book of their choice.
- **Teens:** Receive a free book of their choice and the opportunity to choose a prize in our arcade-style prize area. The more books they read and programs they attend, the bigger the prize they can choose!
- **Adults:** Receive a voucher for a free book at the Friends' Book Sale, plus raffle tickets for a chance to win a raffle basket of their choice.

Upcoming Events

- **The Jungle Book**
 - Sat. August 1 @ 11am
 - *Presented by Rehoboth Children's Theatre*
- **Vision to Learn Free Eye Clinic**
 - Wed. August 5 & 6 @ 10am-3:30pm
 - Appointments required
- **Creative Expressions Cafe**
 - Thurs. August 6 @ 4:30pm
 - Ages 10-18
- **Cascading Carlos**
 - Fri. August 7 @ 10am
 - Ages 10-18
- **Science Heroes: Digging It!**
 - Thurs. August 13 @ 4:30pm
- **Family Movie Night!**
 - Fri. August 14 @ 5:30pm
 - *Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008)*
- **Teens Tackle: Adulting**
 - Tues. August 18 @ 6:30pm
- **Bingo!**
 - Fri. August 21 @ 1pm
- **Film Screening | First People. First State:**
Cheswold's American Indian Community
 - Tues. August 25 @ 5pm
- **Lower the Pressure Happy Hour**
 - Thurs. August 27 @ 5pm
 - AConnectWell Program



EVENTS CALENDAR

Go to our website or scan the QR code to see our full calendar of events!



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PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT



Teen Throwback Movie Night

- Tues August 4 @ 2:30pm
- Scooby-Doo! Camp Scare (2010)

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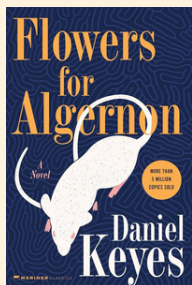
- Every other Thursday
- 10:15-11:15am
- Adults

Craft Lab for Teens – SRP Style!

- Sat August 15 @ 10am-12pm
- During Touch-a-Truck Finale
- Ages 9-18

Teleservices Specialist

- Every Wednesday @ 9am-2pm
- Assistance with finding employment, housing, food resources, financial coaching, and more! No appointments necessary!



Cover2Cover Book Club

- Every first Thursday
- In August we are reading:
Flowers for Algernon
by Daniel Keyes

Resource Spotlight



Newsbank

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FamilySearch

Affiliate libraries have access to FamilySearch's digital genealogical collections that are otherwise accessible only through a FamilySearch center.

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Walk-in Tech Assistance!
Wednesdays through
August 19th
10am-5pm



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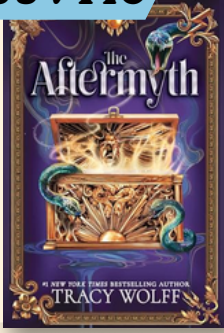
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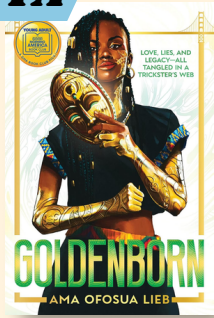
The Aftermyth by Tracy Wolff

Penelope Weaver has spent her whole life preparing to attend Anaximander's Academy, where students bring the stories of Greek mythology to life and discover the Greek god whose ideals they embody. Penelope knows she's an Athena—all smart, practical, rule-following girls who take part in stories that matter are Athenas

But when Penelope arrives at Anaximander's, fate has other plans. Instead of joining Athena, she's placed with a group of rule-breakers and given impossible tasks. As if that weren't enough, two very different boys make her new life even more complicated.

Then everything begins to unravel. In a world where every story is supposed to follow its fate, Penelope discovers that some stories are meant to be rewritten. To help create a better one, she'll have to question everything and risk changing the future forever.

YA



Goldenborn by Ama Ofosua Lieb

Akoma Addo has one rule: don't get too close to the supernatural. Ever since a blazing orb of light left her father in a coma, she's buried herself in her secret job investigating magical crimes in San Francisco's AfricaTown -- just enough to keep her grief at bay. But when a body turns up in a pool of molten gold and

ash, Akoma's pulled into something much bigger -- and far more dangerous. At the center of it all is Anansi, the trickster god of stories, who makes her an impossible offer: help him catch a killer and awaken the ancestral magic buried deep in her blood... and in return, he'll give her a chance to bring her father back. To take the deal, Akoma will have to lie to everyone she loves and embrace the very power she's spent years trying to deny. And as her connection grows with Xander, the new guy in town with secrets of his own, Akoma must decide who she can trust -- especially when she's no longer sure she can even trust herself.

Cuisine to Kill For by Amy Bruni

Whether set in a haunted castle, a mysterious hotel, an abandoned prison, or a popular pub, these paranormal tales span the entire globe—and their accompanying culinary treats are equally wide-ranging. Featuring nearly 60 locations, this book includes:

- Gruesome true crime tales paired with spine-tingling paranormal encounters
- 59 recipes inspired by history, local flavors, or even eerie menu items served at these haunted spots
- Authentic vintage photographs from each haunted site, bringing these violent histories to life
- Mysteriously mouthwatering food photography, styled to inspire a killer kitchen experience



The Women on Platform Two by Laura Anthony

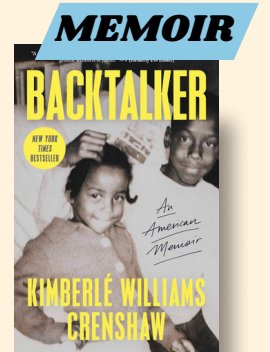
Dublin, 1969: Maura has just married Dr. Christy Davenport and they look forward to growing their family. But as her husband's vicious temper emerges, Maura worries that her home might never be safe for a child. Meanwhile, her close friend Bernie, a mother of three, learns the devastating news that another pregnancy could prove fatal.

Dublin, 2023: A close call makes Saoirse realize that she may never want to be a mother. Little does she know that only a few decades ago, a group of women made this option possible for her. And she's about to meet one of them...



Backtalker by Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw

Backtalker is the memoir of Kimberlé Crenshaw, the legal scholar and public intellectual whose groundbreaking concepts of intersectionality and critical race theory transformed conversations about race, gender, and equality. Through stories from her childhood in Canton, Ohio, and key moments throughout her career, Crenshaw reflects on the experiences that shaped her perspective and inspired her to challenge injustice. Blending personal narrative with cultural history, Backtalker offers an intimate look at the life behind ideas that have reshaped public discourse around the world.



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- ✓ Meet & greet with local authors
- ✓ Grand reopening of our Childrens Wing- check out our new murals!



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Reminders

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