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Hello Laura,

Look out! Lots of good things ahead!

No, we're not under construction in the literal sense, but there are changes coming because it's almost time for Summer Reading season! School takes a break until fall, and so do our weekly children's programs: STEAM, Preschool Story Time, and Arts & Crafts.

Summer Reading starts Tuesday, June 27th 11am with our kick-off performer, comic and mime Robert Rivest. His website says

> He is a funny man who sees the world in a very funny way. He is known as the 'human cartoon' because of his highly expressive face and flexible body. Using mime, comedy, and interactive stories, Robert brings original stories to life before your eyes! He combines classic mime artistry with hilarious character voices and humorous insights into everyday life.

Until then, we have plenty of great programs to keep everyone entertained. See below for all the details. As always, all programs are free and open to everyone in the North Country and our visitors, so bring your friends!

Have a good day,

Laura

Laura Clerkin

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The Library will be closed
Monday, June 19th for Juneteenth Day

Upcoming Program
Darkness in Daylight: 2024 Total Eclipse of the Sun
NEW DATE: Thursday, June 8th 6pm

Douglas Arion, PhD, Executive Director of Mountains of Stars and Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy at Carthage College, will speak on the total solar eclipse, occurring Monday, April 8, 2024.

Why does this extremely rare event happen? What will we experience? How are we preparing for it? How can we enjoy the spectacle? Join us and find out!

Upcoming Program
Learn American Sign Language
NEW DATE: Saturday, June 10th 11am

Christina Bertin will teach this introductory class.
Open to all ages and abilities.

Why learn ASL?

- Communicate without shouting across a room
- Have a way to converse with deaf and hard of hearing people, and people with various disabilities
- It helps your listening skills and visual attention
- It's a second language!

Upcoming Program
Understanding Lyme Disease

Wednesday, June 21st 6pm

Tish Webber of Healing Birch Studio presents on this timely topic.

- Learn what Lyme disease is and how to prevent it
- Learn how to treat Lyme disease naturally
- Understand signs & symptoms and potential affects on the body
- Learn how to help a family member or yourself manage Lyme disease

Join us June 5th-8th for our weekly children's programs. Then they go on hiatus as we prepare for Summer Reading events. But they'll be back in September!

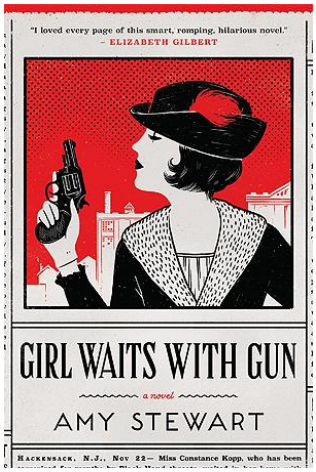
Weekly Program
Let's Talk

Fridays 10:15am

An informal conversation with a different topic/theme each week. A thoughtful, safe, and open discussion. Coffee included!

June topics include: Mentors, Experiencing a different culture, School Memories, How would you make the world a better place, Age bubbles.

Monthly Programs



Readers Cafe Book Discussion
Thursday, June 15th Noon AND Saturday, June 17th 9am

June's book ***Girl Waits with Gun*** by Amy Stewart. Same book, two discussion times.Copies are available at the Circulation Desk.

In 1914, on a New Jersey farm, the three Kopp sisters—the pugnacious-yet-attractive, six-foot-tall Constance; the flibbertigibbet youngest, Fleurette; and the droll pigeon-keeper, Norma—defy convention by living alone after their mother dies. Self-sufficient and reclusive, Constance and Norma shelter themselves and their little sister from the world until a terrible incident forces them into the limelight. When silk baron Henry Kaufman rams and overturns their buggy with his motorcar, events conspire against the Kopp girls ' continued independence. In fact, Kaufman's frightening threats and abuse of his workers put Constance on high alert: she keeps her sisters corralled indoors, fires shots at nighttime intruders, and works with the sheriff to personally bring down the merchant and his thugs. A sheer delight to read and based on actual events, this debut historical mystery packs the unexpected, the unconventional, and a serendipitous humor into every chapter. Details from the historical record are accurately portrayed by villains and good guys alike, and readers will cross their fingers for the further adventures of Constance and Sheriff Heath.

For fans of the Phryne Fisher series by Kerry Greenwood, and the Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes mysteries by Laurie R. King. -- Booklist

Click here for the 2023 list

Trivia Night
Thursday, June 29th 6pm

Bring yourself, or bring a team!
All ages welcome!

Brush up on your knowledge of Bethlehem history for the final question!

New Releases!

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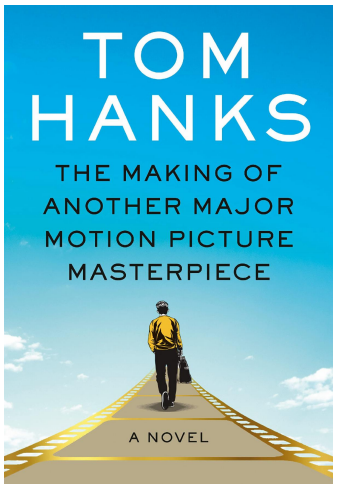
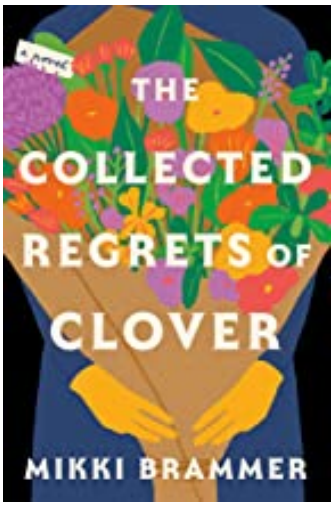
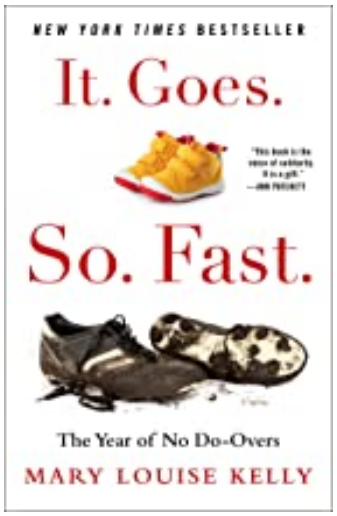


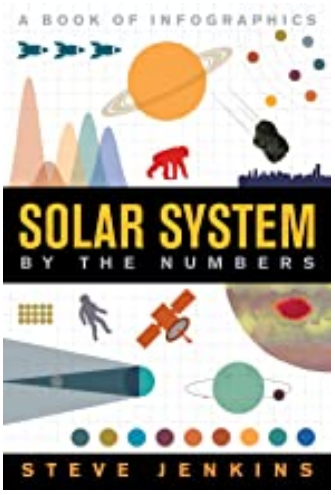
YES, that Tom Hanks!

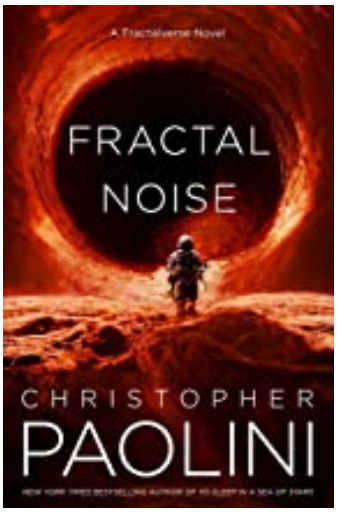




Read if you have a graduate

We have all seasons!





Author of the popular Inheritance (*Eragon*)

fantasy series!

Coming Soon!

All Together Now!
Summer Reading 2023

Kick-off Tuesday, June 27th 11am - Mime Robert Rivest!
Programs every week in July!
Bingo for kids and adults!
More info in our next newsletter!

"One benefit of Summer was that each day we had more light to read by."

— Jeannette Walls, *The Glass Castle*

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