

## FINE FREE in 2024

### Director's Note:

Happy 2024! I am so excited about the New Year-not only because it's a time to start fresh, but because we are literally starting with a clean slate at the library in 2024!

Eliminating the collection of overdue fines is something I have wanted to do since I started as the Director in late 2021, but I have learned that with anything new, the right timing is key. So, here we are finally! Starting TODAY, we will no longer be charging overdue fines, and we are deleting old fines from all patron accounts-it's time for a fresh start! Bring any library books back & start using YOUR community library again-no more barriers!

We've been working hard on setting library goals for our new fiscal year. Our focus has been on ways we can help save our community money, how to provide the very best library experience for our patrons & how to eliminate barriers so that everyone in our community has access to the library. Finally getting rid of overdue fines is a great place to start! Come by and see us. We can answer any questions you might have.

This month was busy, so I didn't get a lot of reading done. I read a book from the Best of 2023 Good Reads list, *Hello Beautiful*, by Ann Napolitano, but I admit it was not my favorite. I used the Libby app to listen to the memoir, *I'm Glad My Mom Died*, by Jennette McCurdy and it is worth reading, but I warn you it is sad. I just started listening to *Spare*, by Prince Harry and again-sad! If you haven't tried the Libby app, get started [HERE!](#) All you need is your library card number.

We encourage everyone to be a responsible library patron and return their items on time so that others may enjoy them. See you soon!

Happy Reading,  
Jamie Sparks, Director



### Services Spotlight-Meeting Rooms

Did you know that the library offers two amazing meeting rooms to our community for FREE? If you need a space for your group to meet, you just need to fill out our application for approval. **Queen City Room**-larger room with tables and chairs for 30 people. We have a projector and screen in this room if you need technology. **Community Meeting Room**-this is a smaller room, accommodating 10-12 people. This room has a wall mounted computer and plenty of

outlets for laptops, etc.  
Call the library for more information  
826-1314 or find the Meeting Room Application  
**HERE.**

## New Books!

Click [here](#) for new Books  
& Movies for Adults.



## Upcoming Library Programs



### ADULT PROGRAMS IN JANUARY

**December 13**  
**10am-11:30am**

The Well Collective Presents-  
"Schedule Your Success". Do you  
want to prioritize your health and  
save time in the new year? This  
workshop is for you! We will discuss  
how to plan for success in 2024,  
save time, and make our health a  
priority (with an emphasis on meal  
prep)-don't miss out!  
Everyone is welcome. This event is  
free, no sign up required. Bring a  
friend. Queen City Room.

Adult Book Club: The All-Girl Filling  
Station's Last Reunion, by Fannie  
Flagg

**Jan. 8 (5:30pm) or**  
**Jan. 9 (2pm)**

You are welcome either day! Stop by



### Children's Programs are BACK!

**Preschool Storytime-every**  
**Thursday at 10am, starting**  
**Jan. 11 (preschoolers)**

**Jan. 11-Bears**

**Jan. 18-Snow and Winter**

**Jan. 25-Nursery Rhymes**

**KIDS NIGHT-Every Monday at**  
**5:30pm**  
**(lower elementary)**

**Jan. 8-Happy 2024 & Time**  
**Capsules**

**Jan. 22-STEM Snowflakes**

**Jan. 29-Groundhog's Day and**  
**Shadows**

**Kids Saturday, Jan. 20, 10am-**  
**noon**

the front desk to pick up your copy for our monthly meeting! Queen City Room.

### Chess Club

**Jan. 20**

**10am to noon**

Join our growing community of Chess Players! All Skill Levels welcome! Queen City Room.

**Adult Services Contact: Sarah Harper**

**Let's Build & Play! We'll provide the materials; you provide the imagination!**

Find the January Children's Department Newsletter **HERE**.

**Looking for fun ways to promote literacy with your family?**

**PICK UP A COPY OF OUR NEW LITERACY CALENDAR in Children's Department!**

**Children's Department Contact: Samantha Setzer**

## Best Books of 2023-stop by our display to find the Good Reads best books of the year.

Find the entire Good Reads List for 2023 **HERE**.

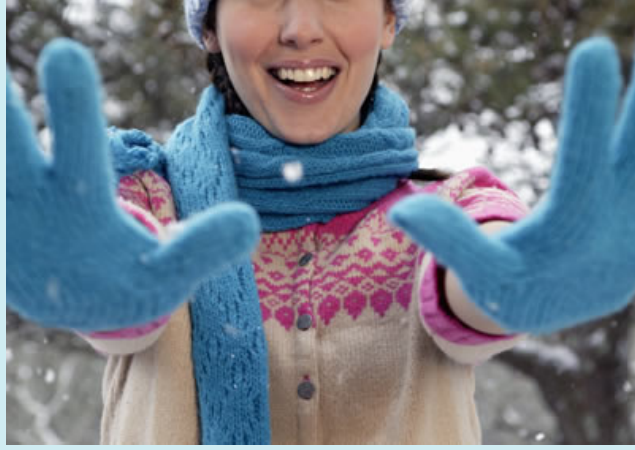


**Coming soon...Winter Reading for ALL AGES!**

**February 1-29**

**WE'RE SMITTEN WITH READING!**





Join our Winter Reading program, taking place the month of February. We have some excellent prizes to keep you reading all month long. Everyone is welcome to join the fun! Pick up your log sheet at the end of this month.

*DONATIONS-In February, we are also collecting mittens & gloves to donate to Open Door.*

## January Closures:

The library will be closed on Jan. 1 for New Years Day & Jan. 15 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**Need to return your books in a hurry? Drive through the alley and drop them off in the book drop.**



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