



BETWEEN THE PAGES

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TINY Art Show

Grab a tiny canvas starting April 13th. Create your tiny masterpiece and return it to the library by May 3rd. Your art will then be displayed at the library from May 4th - May 22nd, where people will be able to see and vote for their favorite pieces! Each age group will have a winner who will receive a prize!

Age Groups:
 2-5 year olds
 6-11 year olds
 12-18 year olds
 19 year olds and up

All ages are welcome to participate!

PUZZLE RACE

Ready, Set, PUZZLE!

FINISH YOUR TEAM'S PUZZLE FIRST AND WIN A PRIZE!

TEAMS OF 2-4 PEOPLE.

MUST BE 15 YEAR OR OLDER.

SIGN UP AT THE LIBRARY OR CALL US AT 402-296-4154

**SATURDAY
 APRIL 18TH
 1:00-3:00**

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Library's first **PUZZLE SWAP** a success

Patti Jo Peterson



March 21 at the library was anything but puzzling.

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"We had people bringing in puzzles the week before, which ended up being about 27 puzzles. We also had people bring in puzzles the day of the event," said Jessica Colabello, assistant library director. "We

got a lot of positive feedback from the community. A lot of people told us how excited they were for the event. I'm glad the library got a chance to provide an event like this for the community."

Colabello said she had heard of tool swaps and craft swaps. Library patron Della Rae Cunningham-Brasuhn, posted a request for a puzzle swap on Facebook.

"As I'm always looking for ways to help support and provide community wants and needs, I eagerly jumped at the change to host one at the library," Colabello said.

The idea was a perfect fit for the library. "We have a good collection of puzzles that anyone with a library card can check out," she said.

The library also has a puzzle table that various patrons work on. "Patti Peterson, a library supervisor, has been very active in making sure there is a new puzzle ready to go as soon as one is complete. She also helps build the library's collection of puzzles

by bringing in new puzzles for patrons to check out and enjoy."

Colabello stressed the library's mission of providing the community items and resources that can be shared amongst them such as books, games or even puzzles. What a better place to provide new-to-you puzzles at no cost to anyone than the library?"

Due to its success, the library will continue offering puzzle swaps.

"I think a puzzle swap is a great way for people to come together, not only to socialize over a common interest, but they are a great way to reduce costs and waste for people. Right now, I'm thinking of doing one some time in the fall, unless someone asks for another one earlier," Colabello said.

Londoner John Salisbury is credited with creating the first jigsaw puzzle in 1760.

He pasted a map of countries on a wooden board, then cut around each country. They were used for teaching geography.

According to Art & Fable Puzzle Company jigsaw puzzles have been used as pastimes since the mid-18th century.

Despite technological advances, jigsaws remain popular today with 1.8 billion puzzles sold each year.

"I think people love challenges and exercising their brain," Colabello said. "And there's also that sense of accomplishment when you slot that final piece in. It's also an activity that can be done alone or in a group, so it can provide a social aspect, too, when solving a puzzle with someone else. As with any hobby, it helps relieve stress and allows a person to relax."

Colabello added that the library is "always looking for new

Laser cutter aids local business create unique gifts for new homeowners

Karen Kielian's Keller-Williams real estate office in Plattsburgh thanks new homeowners with a gift made at the library.

Morgan Dopke, an employee at the office uses the library's laser cutter to engrave the names of new homeowners on a hardwood board.

Dopke said they add kitchen towels, candles and other items as a closing gift for the homeowners.



Morgan Dopke

Did you know we offer the following services for free (no library card required)?

- Use of a computer
- Scan to email
- Computer assistance
- Wi-fi
- Public meeting space
- Attend any program
- Read materials in the library
- Play with games and puzzles in the children's area
- Assemble a puzzle in the adult area
- Access Ancestry.com in the library
- Laser Cutter (you can purchase wood from us)
- Heat Press (you can purchase shirts)
- Mug Press (you can purchase mugs)
- Enjoy a warm, friendly environment



Schedule Laser Cutter Training

The library has a laser cutter capable of etching on wood, glass, ceramic tiles, cork, metals, and many other materials. It can be used by anyone who has completed the one-hour training session. Call the library, 402-296-4154, ext. 1124, to schedule training or to reserve time to work on your projects.

You don't need to have a library card or even live in Plattsburgh to use it. It can be used for personal or business purposes, so think about how you might benefit from the opportunity!



Seasoned journalist examines case for existence of Christ

Patti Jo Peterson

If you are curious about which religion best suits you, the library may be a good place to start looking.

Our library offers an estimated 300 books and videos



dealing with religious beliefs.

Our faith collection includes Christianity, Mormon, Hinduism, Koresh, Judaism, Buddhism, Islam as well as different interpretations of each.

Since Easter was recently celebrated, I decided to review one of our religious selections. I know a person who told me she believes in God and angels, but not Jesus. She said it's been proven that Jesus didn't exist.

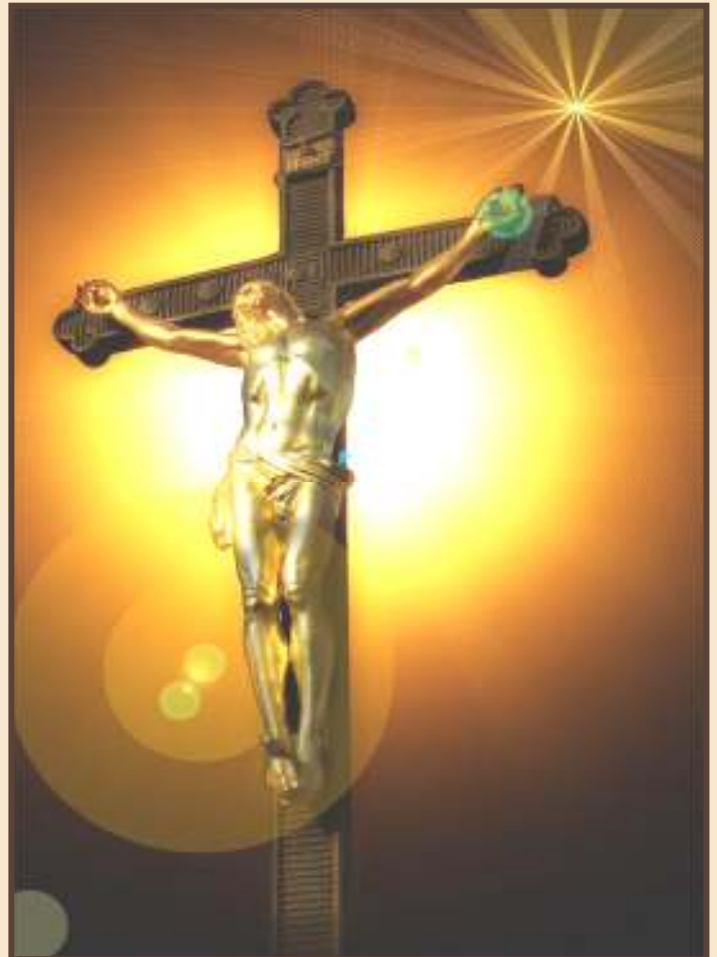
In response, I decided to research her claims by reading Lee Strobel's *The Case for Christ*.

As an avowed atheist and award-winning Chicago-Tribune journalist with a law degree, Strobel was upset when his wife embraced Christianity.

To disprove her newly-founded beliefs, he embarked on a journey that took him throughout the United States and England.

Strobel's book reflects the result of his two-year investigation, during which he interviewed 13 leading scholars with impeccable academic credentials to combine his results.

Scholars interviewed and their expertise included New Testament and historical scholars — Dr. Craig Blomberg, Dr. Richard Bauckham, Dr. Edwin Yamauchi and Dr. Bruce Metzger; theologians and philosophers—Dr. William Lane Craig, Dr. J.P. Moreland, Dr. John Warwick Montgomery and Dr. Doug Groothuis; resurrection and scientific experts—Dr. Gary Habermas, Dr. Michael



Licona, and Dr. Alexander Metherell; and others—former atheist philosopher Anthony Flew, author Charles Templeton, and evangelist Luis Palau.

With his work background, he asked them tough questions in hopes of proving the evidence for Christ is false.

His questions included *How reliable is the New Testament? Does evidence exist for Jesus outside the Bible? Is there any reason to believe the resurrection was an actual historical event?* And many more.

Strobel shares his interviews and conclusions in his book. I'd have to give a spoiler's alert if I shared his findings. You just should read it for yourself.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
COME KICK OFF THE LIBRARY'S

2026
SUMMER
READING

PROGRAM WITH US!

FOAM
PARTY!

THURSDAY
MAY 28TH
5-7 PM

5:30-6:30 PM

RHYLANDER
PARK
PLATTSMOUTH



FOOD & BEVERAGES
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!



ACTIVITIES
FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY TO ENJOY!



FUN, MUSIC
& GOOD TIMES!

BUBBLES. BOOKS. BIG ADVENTURES.
LET'S MAKE THIS SUMMER UNFORGETTABLE!



Stuffy Sleepover Returns to the Library: A Night of Wonder, and Well-Loved Friends

By N.J. Bashus

On Saturday, March 28th, the Plattsburgh Public Library hosted its third Stuffy Sleepover in the past year, and each one has become a little more special than the last. For those new to the tradition, the concept is simple: our youngest patrons drop off and check in their beloved stuffed companions for an overnight stay at the library. With hugs and waves goodbye, these brave stuffies embark on their very own after-hours adventure, spending the night exploring the library in ways only the imagination can capture.

And oh, the places they go.

From bathroom breaks, dragon training, computer coding, book check-outs, movie watching, UNO, puppet shows, and simply just hanging with their newfound stuffy friends and perhaps getting into just a little bit of mischief (the good kind, of course), each stuffy becomes part of a story that unfolds long after closing time. When families return the next day, they are reunited not only with their well-loved friends, but with a keepsake memory book, filled with photos capturing all the moments their stuffy experienced overnight.

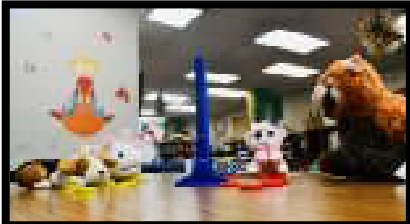
Yet, behind every enchanting moment lies something even more profound: the caring hands and hearts that make it all possible.

This event would not sparkle the way it does or be such a success without the boundless generosity and spirit of our volunteers, **Lea, and Jennie Gunter**, who have been part of every Stuffy Sleepover from the start. This time, they were joined by our youth volunteer, **Eva Deutsch**, whose fresh enthusiasm added to the magic. Their creativity and joy shine in every photo, every thoughtful detail, and every memory they help create. With Ms. Tasha's loving touch, these moments are then transformed into keepsake books that families will cherish for years.

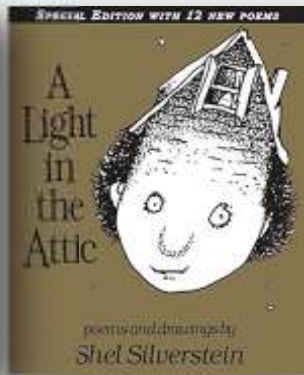
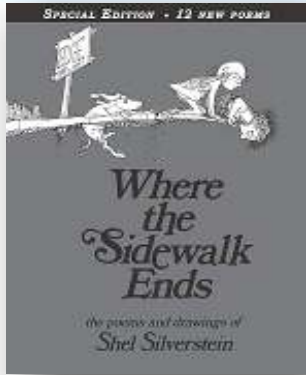
What truly sets this program apart is not just the laughter or the snapshots, but the heartfelt gift of time our volunteers share with the community.

In a world that often races by, our volunteers choose to pause, to create, and to offer something deeply personal to our community. They remind us that the richest experiences are not bought or planned but shared. Through their time, care, and creativity, a simple overnight event becomes a memory that lingers long after the lights go out.

As a Youth Services Librarian, I am endlessly proud of the way our community shows up, not just for programs, but for each other. The Stuffy Sleepover is more than a fun event; it reflects what makes our library special: imagination, connection, and a lot of heart.



Volunteers; Lea, Jennie, and Eva



A Pocketful of Poems: Celebrating National Poetry Month

by N.J. Bashus

This month, as we celebrate National Poetry Month, we invite you to discover poetry in everyday moments. Jot down a line while waiting in the car, read a poem before bed, share a favorite with someone you care about, or visit the library and let a poem find you.

And speaking of poems, finding you...

A Little Poetry That Stays with You

Few poets have made as lasting and playful an impact as Shel Silverstein. His poems still reach readers of all ages and stay with them.

A Light in the Attic welcomes readers into a world that is both silly and surprisingly wise. The poems move between humor and honesty, sometimes catching you by surprise with a thoughtful line. There is something very human in the playful

nonsense, reminders about courage, being yourself, and seeing things in a new way.

Where the Sidewalk Ends invites us to leave the usual path behind. It celebrates pure imagination, where rules can change, the unusual is wonderful, and curiosity guides us. This book encourages everyone, young and old, to be creative without holding back.

Together, these books offer more than poems; they give us permission to be a little weird, thoughtful, and playful.

Whether you are returning to these classics or reading them for the first time, we hope you take a moment this April to let poetry find a quiet place in your life, maybe even when you least expect it.

As always, the library is here to help you find your next great book or a new favorite line.

Find Your Way Through April's National Library Days

by N.J. Bashus

April may be known for spring showers (let's hope for more), but here, it's a bouquet of library celebrations. Each reminds us how libraries help our communities grow, support, and connect. You may have heard us praising poetry this month, but April has even more to offer. Here's a quick guide to library moments worth celebrating:

National Library Week (April 6–12, 2026)

Sponsored by the American Library Association, National Library Week is all about recognizing the role libraries play in our everyday lives.

National Library Workers Day (April 8, 2026)

Behind every program, display, and carefully shelved book is a team of people who care deeply about their community. This day celebrates librarians, assistants, pages, and all the behind-the-scenes magic-makers. From answering questions to planning programs, their work is quiet but never small.

National Bookmobile Day (April 9, 2026)

Not all libraries stay in one place, and that's part of the magic. Bookmobiles and outreach bring

the library into the community, meeting readers where they are. Whether at rural stops, schools, or events, this day celebrates the belief that books and resources should be accessible to all.

School Library Month (All April)

School libraries are more often than not where lifelong readers get their start. This month, we recognize the key role school libraries and their dedicated staff play in sparking curiosity, supporting students, and guiding young learners. (And here at the Plattsburgh Public Library, we're always grateful for our strong partnerships with all our schools; it truly takes a village to grow readers.)

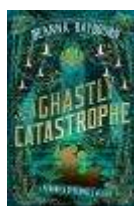
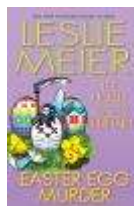
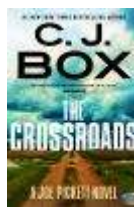
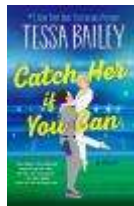
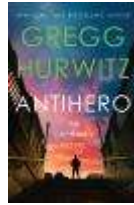
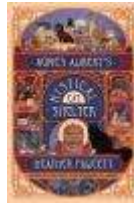
April feels like the library, full of growth and new beginnings. Each celebration highlights what libraries do, but together, they show one story: libraries are for everyone. They are places where ideas take root, where connections are made, and where community quietly (and sometimes loudly) comes to life.

So, whether you're stopping in for a program, picking up your next read, or just passing through, know that you are part of that story too.

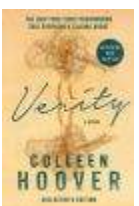
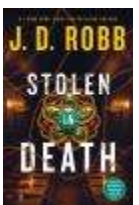
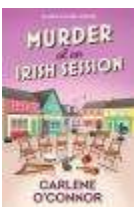
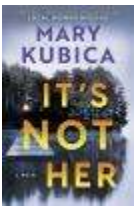
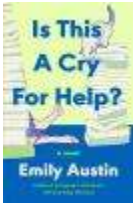
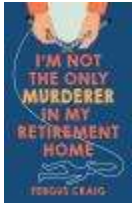
New Items

Fiction

Agnes Aubert's mystical cat shelter by Fawcett, Heather
 And now, back to you by Borison, B. K.
 And the crowd went wild by Phillips, Susan Elizabeth
 Antihero by Hurwitz, Gregg
 The Astral Library by Quinn, Kate
 The Bourne revenge by Freeman, Brian
 The case of the murdered muckraker by Osler, Rob
 Catch her if you can by Bailey, Tessa
 Cold zero by Thor, Brad
 Cross & Sampson by Patterson, James
 The crossroads by Box, C. J.
 Crux by Tallent, Gabriel
 Dandelion is dead by Storey, Rosie
 Dead in the water by Marrs, John
 Death of a groom by Beaton, M. C.
 The devil's bible by Berry, Steve
 Easter egg murder by Meier, Leslie
 Faithful of heart by Peterson, Tracie
 A far-flung life by Stedman, M. L.
 The final score by Winslow, Don
 First sign of danger by Armstrong, Kelley
 Free falling by Shalvis, Jill
 The friend of the family by Koontz, Dean R.
 Get over it, April Evans by Blake, Ashley Herring
 A ghastly catastrophe by Raybourn, Deanna
 The girls before by Marshall, Kate Alice
 The Hadacol Boogie by Burke, James Lee
 The hard line by Greaney, Mark
 Heir of illusion by Taylor, Madeline
 The heir of Whitestone by Coulter, Catherine
 Honey bee mine by Dubb, Sarah T.
 If I ruled the world by Barnett, Amy DuBois



I'm not the only murderer in my retirement home by Craig, Fergus
 An impossible impostor by Raybourn, Deanna
 In the time of the butterflies by Alvarez, Julia
 Is this a cry for help? by Austin, Emily
 Isles of the emberdark by Sanderson, Brandon
 Isola by Goodman, Allegra
 It's not her by Kubica, Mary
 Jigsaw by Kellerman, Jonathan
 Kin by Jones, Tayari
 Monster in the moonlight by Ryan, Annelise
 More than enough by Quindlen, Anna
 Murder at an Irish session by O'Connor, Carlene
 Nine goblins by Kingfisher, T.
 Operation Bounce House by Dinniman, Matt
 Pendergast: the beginning by Preston, Douglas J.
 Practice makes perfect by Adams, Sarah
 Ruby falls by Phillips, Gin
 Sky sheilder: an epic fantasy romance. by Buroker, Lindsay
 Stolen in death by Robb, J. D.
 Theo of Golden by Levi, Allen
 This book made me think of you by Page, Libby
 This is not about us by Goodman, Allegra
 Trust no one by Rollins, James
 Twelve months by Butcher, Jim
 Two can play by Hazelwood, Ali
 An unexpected peril by Raybourn, Deanna
 Verity by Hoover, Colleen
 Wait for me by Burns, Amy Jo
 We who have no gods by Anderson, Liza
 When I kill you by Paris, B. A.



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When in Rome by Adams, Sarah
 The witching hours by Graham, Heather
 Your story, my story by Palmen, Connie

Large Print

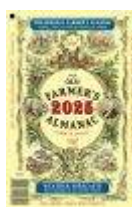
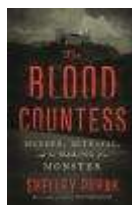
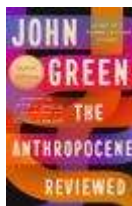
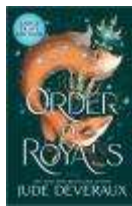
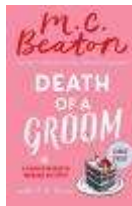
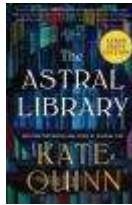
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 The crossroads by Box, C. J.
 Death of a groom by Beaton, M. C.
 The devil's bible by Berry, Steve
 The hard line by Greaney, Mark
 He falls first by Shalvis, Jill
 My husband's wife by Feeney, Alice
 Order of royals by Deveraux, Jude
 Pendergast by Preston, Douglas J.
 The seven rings by Roberts, Nora
 Stolen in death by Robb, J. D.

Western

The last ride of the Dirty Creek Gang
 by Johnstone, William W.

Non-Fiction

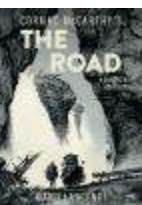
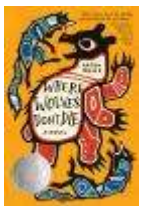
American struggle by Meacham, Jon
 The Anthropocene reviewed by Green, John
 Beyond the hammer by Gottlieb, Brian
 Black Dahlia by Mann, William J.
 Blessed by adoption by Froning, Hillary
 The blood countess by Puhak, Shelley
 The day the world came to town by DeFede, Jim
 Heal faster by Maizes, Victoria
 The look by Obama, Michelle
 The old farmer's almanac
 Stop, in the name of God by Kirk, Charlie
 The typewriter and the guillotine by Braude, Mark
 A world appears by Pollan, Michael

**Teen**

Beth is dead by Bernet, Katie
 Break wide the sea by Holland, Sara
 The Corpse Queen by Herrman, Heather M.
 Her hidden fire by O'Sullivan, Clíodhna
 Hyo the hellmaker by Ghosh, Mina Ikemoto
 I am not your perfect Mexican daughter by Sánchez, Erika L.
 Lady or the tiger by Herrman, Heather M.
 The leaving room by McBride, Amber
 The lives of Saints by Bardugo, Leigh
 A mastery of monsters by Sambury, Liselle
 Sibylline by De la Cruz, Melissa
 A stage set for villains by Spann, Shannon J.
 Where wolves don't die by Treuer, Anton

Graphic Novel

1984: the graphic novel by Nesti, Fido
 The climber Vol. 1 by Sakamoto, Shin'ichi
 The climber Vol. 2 by Sakamoto, Shin'ichi
 The climber Vol. 3 by Sakamoto, Shin'ichi
 Cormac McCarthy's The road by Larcenet, Manu
 Dandadan by Tatsu, Yukinobu
 Goodnight Punpun by Asano, Inio
 The handmaid's tale by Atwood, Margaret
 Natalie Babbitt's Tuck everlasting by Woodman-Maynard, K.



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New Items**Teen Non-Fiction**

Stranger things: the complete scripts.

Season 1 by Duffer, Matt

Stranger things: the complete scripts.

Season 4 by Duffer, Matt

Video

Batman beyond: the complete series

Blue lights. Series 3

Blue lights. Series 3

House of David. Season 1

Justice League. The complete series

One battle after another

Superman: the complete animated series

Truth & treason

When calls the heart. Season 12

Easy

The big snow by Hader, Berta

Every Monday Mabel by Awan, Jashar

Stalactite & Stalagmite by Beckmeyer, Drew

Juvenile Fiction

Buffalo dreamer by Duncan, Violet

On the far side of the mountain by George, Jean Craighead

The teacher of nomad land by Nayeri, Daniel

Juvenile Graphic Novel

Keeper of the lost cities Volume 1 by Frenn, Celina

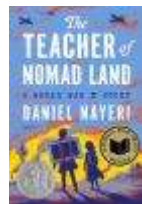
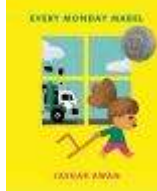
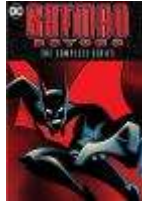
Keeper of the lost cities Volume 1, part 2 by Frenn, Celina

Minecraft. The manga Vol. 1 by Seto, Kazuyoshi

Minecraft. The manga Vol. 2 by Seto, Kazuyoshi

Minecraft. The manga Vol. 3 by Seto, Kazuyoshi

The secret garden by Marsden, Mariah



Wings of fire Book nine, Talons of power by Sutherland, Tui

Juvenile Non-Fiction

Chance: escape from the Holocaust by Shulevitz, Uri

Edible wild plants by Darnowski, Douglas W.

The Formula 1 encyclopedia by Lamichhane, Priyanka

The monster trucks encyclopedia by Kuehl, Ashley

The muscle cars encyclopedia by Russo, Kristin J.

Mushrooms and other fungi by Bolte, Mari

The NASCAR encyclopedia by Lamichhane, Priyanka

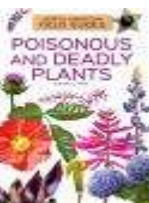
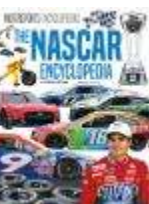
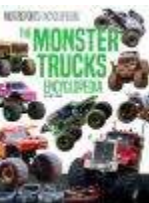
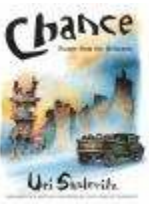
The NHL encyclopedia by Clarke, David J.

Poisonous and deadly plants by Hart, Rachel C.

The professional wrestling encyclopedia by Gerard, Mary

Seashells by Snow, Peggy

The world soccer encyclopedia by Flynn, Brendan



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TEEN MASQUERADE

MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT

@THE Plattsmouth Public LIBRARY

for AGES 13 & Up!

Saturday,
April 25th
5-7:00pm

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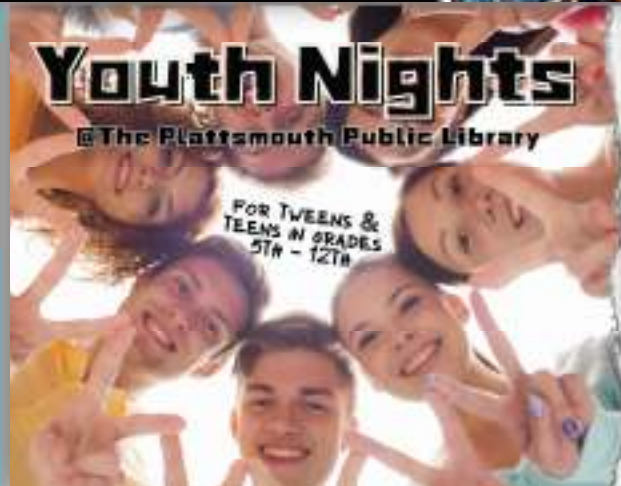
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Youth Nights

@The Plattsmouth Public Library



FOR TWEENS & TEENS IN GRADES 5TH - 12TH

- Saturday, January 31st 5-7:30
- Saturday, March 26th 5-7:30
- Saturday, May 23rd 5-7:30

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LIBRARY YOUTH VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

Monthly Meetings
ON THE 3RD TUESDAYS
OF THE MONTH FROM 4-5PM
UMPCOMING MEETINGS

APRIL 21ST
MAY 19TH
JUNE 16TH

If you are 18 or older, come to the meetings. We will discuss volunteer opportunities, ongoing programs and the teen edition. Your applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.



APRIL

Program Color Guide

Black & Red= Adult 19+
 Green= General Public/Family
 Blue= Ages 0-6
 Pink= Grades 1st-4th
 Purple= 4th-8th
 Orange= 7th-12th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30 Little Beats 9:30-10 Carvers 12-3 Board Game Night 6-9	31 Storytime 10-10:30	1	2 Storytime 10-10:30	3 Friday Friends 9:30-11:30	4 Book Club 10am
5	6 Little Beats 9:30-10 Carvers 12-3 Board Game Night 6-9	7 Storytime 10-10:30	8 Young Artist Afterschool Club 4:30-5:30	9 Storytime 10-10:30	10	11 Saturday Storytime 10:30
12	13 Little Beats 9:30-10 Carvers 12-3 Board Game Night 6-9	14 Storytime 10-10:30	15 Adult Bingo 1:30-2:30	16 Storytime 10-10:30	17 Friday Friends 9:30-11:30	18 Puzzle Race 1-3pm
Tiny Art Canvas Pickup						
19	20 Little Beats 9:30-10 Carvers 12-3 Board Game Night 6-9	21 Storytime 10-10:30 Teen Volunteer Meeting 4-5	22 CraftMe' 4-5	23 Storytime 10-10:30	24	25 Saturday Storytime 10:30 Teen Murder Mystery Night 5-7:30
Tiny Art Canvas Pickup						
26	27 Little Beats 9:30-10 Carvers 12-3 Friends of the Library 5:00 Board Game Night 6-9	28 Storytime 10-10:30 Junk Journaling 4:30-5:30	29 Library Board Meeting 5:30	30 Storytime 10-10:30	1	2
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