BETWEEN THE PAGES

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Banned Books Week, Oct. 1-7

Patti Jo Peterson



What do Sarah Maas' *A Court of Mist and Fury*, Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Stephen King's *Carrie* and the *Bible* have in common?

Each has been on a banned book list sometime during the past 2,000 years.

Even though it's the so-called enlightened 21st century, book banning is once again on the rise.

To educate the public about the dangers of book banning, American Library Association (ALA) launched Banned Books Week in 1982. It serves as a response —then and now — to combat censorship as well as celebrates the freedom to read.

"As long as there are libraries, Americans' right to read will not be overcome by censorship," said Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada, ALA President. "Our 2023 Banned Books Week theme — 'Let Freedom Read' — captures what's at stake for our democracy: that the safety of our right to speak and think freely is directly in proportion to our right to read. ALA encourages libraries in every context to mark Banned Books Week by inviting other groups within their communities to celebrate and take action to protect our freedom to read all year long."

In 2022, ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked 1,269 book challenges. Of those, 82 percent targeted books, graphic novels and textbooks; 6 percent, displays and exhibits; 4 percent, programs and meeting rooms; 1 percent, films; and 7 percent, other media. Last year, 48 percent of book challenges were aimed at materials offered in public libraries, with another 41 percent aimed at school libraries.

The year 2022 showed parents comprise 30 percent of initiators; 28 percent are patrons; 17 percent, political or religious groups; 15 percent, board/administration; 3 percent, librarians/teachers; 3 percent, elected officials; and 4 percent other (such as non-custodial relatives, nonresidents, community members without library cards, etc.).

Based on ALA statistics, the number of book challenges nearly doubled from 2021 to 2022, marking a 30 percent increase over the year before in unique titles targeted.

The top 13 books challenged in 2022 were cited because they include LGBTQIA content, explicit sex, drug abuse, profane language and rape issues. They are:

Maria Kobabe's *Gender Queer*
George M. Johnson's *All Boys Aren't Blue*
Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye*
Mike Curato's *Flamer*
John Green's *Looking for Alaska*
Stephen Chbosky's *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*
Jonathan Evison's *Lawn Boy*
Sherman Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian*
Ashley Hope *Perez's Out of Darkness*
A Court of Mist and Fury
Ellen Hopkin's *Frank*
Jesse Andrews' *Me and Earl and the Dying* Girl
June Dawson's *This Book is Gay*







Catherine Clinch portrays Cáit, a neglected nine-year-old who spends a summer with distant relatives and learns lessons about love and loss.

Reviewer gives 'The Quiet Girl' a thumbs up

Patti Jo Peterson

Many of our patrons love a good movie, especially if it's action-packed with someone like Tom Cruise, Brad Pitt or Keanu Reeves playing the hero.

Yet, some of my favorite movies would have to bee deemed "quiet," meaning dialogue is sparse. Eye contact, physical proximity and facial expressions portray emotions more than the spoken word.

One of my favorite movies is "The Remains of the Day," starring Anthony Hopkins as Stevens, a overly dedicated English butler, and Emma Thompson as Miss Kenton, the new head of housekeeping. Nominated for eight Academy Awards and winner of best movie, the story revolves around the intense love between the two without ever having it spoken or fulfilled.

In the same vein, "The Quiet Girl" was released December 2022, and as its title suggests, dialogue is scant with actors expressing emotions through near whispers, eye contact and gestures — all skills only the most polished actors can master.

A British-Irish production, the story takes place in 1981 in Ireland and revolves around a neglected nine-year-old named Cáit (Catherine Clinch), whose parents are poor and can barely fit all the children they have in their small house.

Because Cáit's mother is with child again and her father is a drunk, her biological parents decide to board her for the summer with distant relatives, Unattended to at home, she had struggled in school and mastered concealing her emotions. Even so, Cait learns some important life-changing lessons at her foster parents', Seán and Eibhlin Kinsella's, home.

Directed by Colm Bairéad, *The Quiet Girl* is based on "Foster", a 2010 novella in English by Claire Keegan. The main language in the film, however, is Irish with bits of English utterances and subtitles.

In many cases, I find subtitles in movies annoying, yet, quite frankly, I didn't even notice them for this film, because my focus was on watching the characters.

For those who like a more cerebral film, beautiful scenery and intense acting, "The Quiet Girl" may be for you.



As Roger Ebert would say, "I give this movie a thumbs up."

As Sean stated in the movie, "Many's the person (who) missed the opportunity to say nothing, and lost much because of it. "

If you crave action and adventure, however, stay clear of this movie. Check out "John Wick 4". Both flicks are available as new acquisitions in our library.

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The way to have a friend is to be a friend.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Plattsmouth Friends of the Library

Traditional Folk Music

Gwen Meister and Bill Behmer describe the "folk process" as they accompany themselves on mountain dulcimer, autoharp and other traditional instruments.



Thursday, November 2nd

6:30-7:30 pm

Village Inn Pies served at 6 pm

Reservation: 402-296-4154 x24

BED is No. 1 choice

Where DO YOU LIKE to read?

Avid book lovers usually like to read in their favorite spot.

My spot has always been "on the couch," with a heavy couch pillow behind so I stay upright and my feet either on an ottoman or curled beside me, along with my cat. During the first two weeks in September, we posed the question to our patrons and received 30 responses, although some wrote two or three different answers on one reply.

Reading in bed proved the lion's share of answers with 11 votes. A comfy chair came in second with 6 responses. Three places each received three votes including doctor's waiting room/exam room/lobby; home; and outdoors.

The couch earned two positive responses with one for a desk and one for the library. My favorite patron response was very simple — **"EVERYWHERE."**

By Patti Jo Peterson

Check Out a Pig to Help Fund Library Projects



Projects funded in the past:

Awning for back entrance
Book drop
Books
Carpeting
Digitization of Plattsmouth Newspapers
E-books
Landscaping
Laser cutter
Outdoor musical instruments
Public computers
Security cameras
Self-check stations







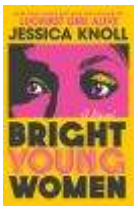
All proceeds go to the Plattsmouth Public Library Foundation for library projects.

New Items

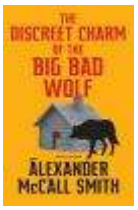
Fiction

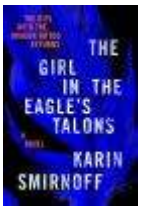
23 1/2 lies by Patterson, James
American mermaid by Langbein, Julia
Big little spells by Beck, Hazel
Blessing of the lost girls by Jance, Judith A.
Board to death by Connor, CJ
The breakaway by Weiner, Jennifer
Bright young women by Knoll, Jessica
Central Park West by Comey, James B., Jr.
A chateau under siege by Walker, Martin
Cleat cute by Wilsner, Meryl
Clive Cussler Condor's fury by Brown, Graham
Code red by Mills, Kyle
The continental affair by Mangan, Christine
Countdown by Eason, Lynette
Cursed at dawn by Graham, Heather
Darius by Ward, J. R.
Dead and gone by Schaffhausen, Joanna
Dead mountain by Preston, Douglas J.
Dead on target by Beaton, M. C.
Death by a thousand sips by Rue, Gretchen
The discreet charm of the big bad wolf by McCall Smith, Alexander
Enchanted to meet you by Cabot, Meg
Evil eye by Rum, Etaf
Fairest of heart by Witemeyer, Karen
Fall of ruin and wrath by Armentrout, Jennifer
From blood and ash by Armentrout, Jennifer
The girl in the eagle's talons by Smirnoff, Karin
The golden gate by Chua, Amy
Good bad girl by Feeney, Alice
Halloween cupcake murder by O'Connor, Carlene
Happiness falls by Kim, Angie
He who drowned the world by Parker-Chan, Shelley
The heirloom by Lewis, Beverly
Hemlock Island by Armstrong, Kelley
The hike by Clarke, Lucy
Holly by King, Stephen
I'm not done with you yet by Sutanto, Jesse Q.
A killing of innocents by Crombie, Deborah
The land of lost things by Connolly, John
The last devil to die by Osman, Richard
Learned by heart by Donoghue, Emma
Lion & Lamb by Patterson, James
The long game by Armas, Elena
Long lost by Coben, Harlan
The Longmire defense by Johnson, Craig
The love plot by Young, Samantha
Mother-daughter murder night by Simon, Nina
Mr. Texas by Wright, Lawrence
Mrs. Jeffries aims to win by Brightwell, Emily
My rogue to ruin by Ridley, Erica
My roommate is a vampire by Levine, Jenna
Night watch by Phillips, Jayne Anne



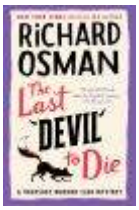






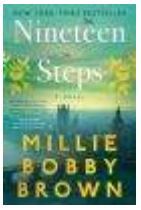


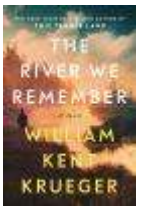


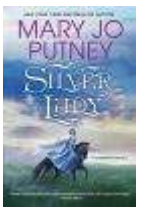


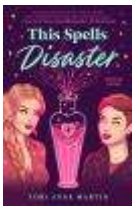


Nineteen steps by Brown, Millie Bobby
North of nowhere by Brennan, Allison
Payback in death by Robb, J. D.
Perfectly nice neighbors by Abdullah, Kia
Proud sorrows by Benn, James R.
The raging storm by Cleeves, Ann
Red rabbit by Grecian, Alex
Ricochet by Moore, Taylor
The river we remember by Krueger, William Kent
Rock bottom by Michaels, Fern
A royal Christmas by Carlson, Melody
The secret hours by Herron, Mick
The September house by Orlando, Carissa
Shadow dance by Feehan, Christine
Silver lady by Putney, Mary Jo
Sleepless city by Coleman, Reed Farrel
The Spanish diplomat's secret by March, Nev
Star Wars. Return of the Jedi
The sunset years of Agnes Sharp by Swann, Leonie
Talulah's back in town by Novak, Brenda
Things we left behind by Score, Lucy
This spells disaster by Martin, Tori Anne
Tom Clancy weapons grade by Bentley, Don
The traitor among us by Perry, Anne
Whalefall by Kraus, Daniel
What kind of mother by Chapman, Clay McLeod
When we were bright and beautiful by Medoff, Jillian
Witch of wild things by Vasquez Gilliland, Raquel
The witching tide by Meyer, Margaret
The year of second chances by Avery, Lara





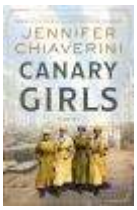


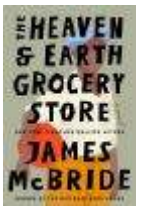


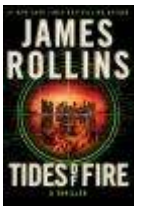


Large Print

After that night by Slaughter, Karin
The bone hacker by Reichs, Kathy
Canary girls by Chiaverini, Jennifer
Countdown by Eason, Lynette
Dead fall by Thor, Brad
Dead mountain by Preston, Douglas J.
The English experience by Schumacher, Julie
Gone tonight by Pekkanen, Sarah
Happiness by Steel, Danielle
Happiness falls by Kim, Angie
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by McBride, James
Learned by heart by Donoghue, Emma
The librarianist by deWitt, Patrick
Lion & Lamb by Patterson, James
Robert Ludlum's The Bourne defiance by Freeman, Brian
The secret to happiness by Fisher, Suzanne Woods
Tides of fire by Rollins, James







Non-Fiction

Astor : the rise and fall of an American fortune by Cooper, Anderson

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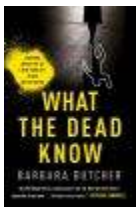
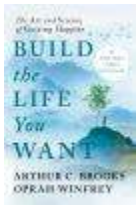
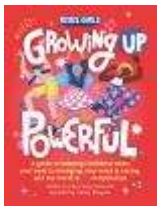
Black AF history by Harriot, Michael
Blessed in the mess by Meyer, Joyce
Blowback by Taylor, Miles
Build the life you want by Brooks, Arthur C.
Counting the cost by Duggar, Jill
The daughters of Yalta by Katz, Catherine Grace
The Democrat Party hates America by Levin, Mark R.
Eight setbacks that can make a child a success by Icard, Michelle
Elon Musk by Isaacson, Walter
Exit interview by Coulter, Kristi
Fabric-by-fabric one-yard wonders by Yaker, Rebecca
Flee north by Shane, Scott
Flip thinking by Gunster, Berthold
Florence Nightingale by Reef, Catherine
George Lucas by Jones, Brian Jay
Growing up powerful by Aronowitz, Nona Willis
Guinness world records 2024
The home edit by Shearer, Clea
Interstellar by Loeb, Abraham
Live to see the day by Goyal, Nikhil
Moving on doesn't mean letting go by Moffa, Gina
The perfection trap by Curran, Thomas
Quiet street by McDonell, Nick
Recovery by Francis, Gavin
Right at home by Berk, Bobby
The six by Grush, Loren
Tangled vines by Glatt, John
To infinity and beyond by Tyson, Neil deGrasse
True believer by Riesman, Abraham
Tucker by Moore, Chadwick
White & faded by Parrella-Van Den Berg, Janet
Why we love baseball by Posnanski, Joe

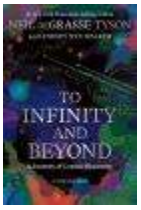


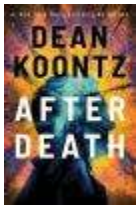


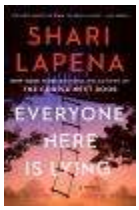












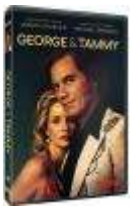
Audiobooks
After death by Koontz, Dean R.
The backup plan by Shalvis, Jill
The bone hacker by Reichs, Kathy
The book of Charlie by Von Drehle, David
The cafe at beach end by Thayne, RaeAnne
Crook manifesto by Whitehead, Colson
The devil's ransom by Taylor, Brad
Everyone here is lying by Lapena, Shari
An evil heart by Castillo, Linda
Fire strike by Maden, Mike
Flop dead gorgeous by Rosenfelt, David
Gone tonight by Pekkanen, Sarah
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by McBride, James
Hello stranger by Center, Katherine
An honest man by Koryta, Michael
The last sinner by Jackson, Lisa
The lie maker by Barclay, Linwood
The missus by James, E. L.
Only the dead by Carr, Jack
Run, Rose, run by Parton, Dolly
Tides of fire by Rollins, James



Videos
Abbott Elementary. Season two
Air
Aporia
Back to life
Black snow
The Blackening
The Brokenwood mysteries
The chosen
Cobra kai. Season 5
Fire country. Season one
The Flash
The Flash. The complete eighth season
The Flash. The ninth and final season
George & Tammy
God is a bullet
Joy ride
The little mermaid
Master gardener
NCIS, Naval Criminal Investigative Service. Season 20
No hard feelings
Past lives
Poker face. Season one
Shang-Chi and the legend of the ten rings
Smiling friends. The complete first season
Spider-Man: across the Spider-Verse
Star trek discovery. Season one
Star trek. Picard. The final season
Succession. Seasons 1-4
The walking dead. Dead City. Season 1
You hurt my feelings
Young Sheldon. The complete sixth season











Board Games
Apples to apples
Codenames
Don't break the ice
The game of life
Guess who?
Hungry hungry hippos
Operation
Trouble
Twister
Yeti in my spaghetti



Teen
Gemina by Kaufman, Amie
Illuminae by Kaufman, Amie
In Nightfall by Young, Suzanne
Into the heartless wood by Meyer, Joanna Ruth
The iron raven by Kagawa, Julie
Obsidio by Kaufman, Amie
Rebellion by Riley, K. A.



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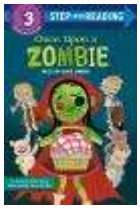
Teen (Continued…)
Recruitment by Riley, K. A.
Render by Riley, K. A.
The river has teeth by Waters, Erica
Starsight by Sanderson, Brandon
The time warden by Barth, Nora



Board Books
Thankful for family by Berenstain, Stan

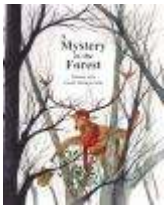


Beginning Reader
First little readers by Schecter, Deborah
Once upon a zombie by Underwood, Deborah



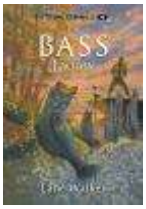
Easy Books
Bear can't wait by Wilson, Karma
BrindleFox by Sandford, John
The cow tripped over the moon by Willis, Jeanne
Dr. Seuss's Horton hears a boo! by Bradford, Wade
Full moon pups by Scanlon, Liz Garton
A funny thing happened after school . . . by Cali, Davide
A funny thing happened at the museum ... by Cali, Davide
Hello, Crabby! by Fenske, Jonathan
Imagine that by Voss, Jonathan D.
Let's play, Crabby! by Fenske, Jonathan
A mystery in the forest by Isern, Susanna
Rick the rock of Room 214 by Falatko, Julie
Sleepy Sheepy by Cummins, Lucy Ruth
The truth about my unbelievable school ... by Cali, Davide
Wake up, Crabby! by Fenske, Jonathan
Walter had a best friend by Underwood, Deborah
Witch & wombat by Belote, Ashley
Wonder walkers by Archer, Micha
Wonderfall by Hall, Michael
The world's best class plant by Scanlon, Liz Garton
Would you come too? by Scanlon, Liz Garton







Juvenile Fiction
The bass factory by Walker, Lane
The blue carbuncle by Doyle, Arthur Conan
Breathe like a bear by Willey, Kira
The buzzer beater by Walker, Lane
The dancing men by Doyle, Arthur Conan
Dust by Bowling, Dusti
The empty house by Doyle, Arthur Conan
The final problem by Doyle, Arthur Conan
Great reef games by Earhart, Kristin
The high cheese by Walker, Lane
The hound of the Baskervilles by Doyle, Arthur Conan
The ice queen by Walker, Lane





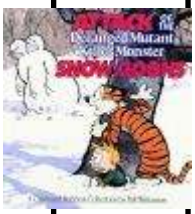
Ice wolves by Kaufman, Amie
Monster of Farallon Islands by Walker, Lane
Mountain mission by Earhart, Kristin
The Musgrave ritual by Doyle, Arthur Conan
The naval treaty by Doyle, Arthur Conan
Outback all-stars by Earhart, Kristin
Rain forest relay by Earhart, Kristin
The red-headed league by Doyle, Arthur Conan
The reigate squires by Doyle, Arthur Conan
The river king by Walker, Lane
Savanna showdown by Earhart, Kristin
A scandal in Bohemia by Doyle, Arthur Conan
The search for big Lou by Walker, Lane
The sign of four by Doyle, Arthur Conan
Silver blaze by Doyle, Arthur Conan
The six Napoleons by Doyle, Arthur Conan
The speckled band by Doyle, Arthur Conan
A study in scarlet by Doyle, Arthur Conan
The valley of fear by Doyle, Arthur Conan



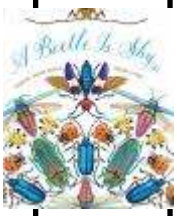




Juvenile Graphic Novels
Attack of the deranged mutant killer monster snow goons by Watterson, Bill
Yukon ho! by Watterson, Bill

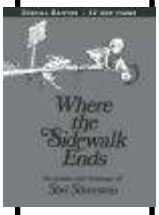


Juvenile Non-Fiction
5-minute baby animal stories by Romero, Libby
A beetle is shy by Aston, Dianna Hutts
Destined to live by Gruener, Ruth
Digital forensics by Casil, Amy Sterling
Great LEGO sets by Lipkowitz, Daniel
I love that minifigure by Anstruther, Jen
Skulls! by Thornburgh, Blair
Ultimate dinopedia : the most complete dinosaur reference ever by Lessem, Don
Where the sidewalk ends by Silverstein, Shel
Whose bones are those? by Takeuchi, Chihiro



Juvenile Audiobook
Resistance by Nielsen, Jennifer A.

Juvenile Videos
Alvin and the Chipmunks. Trick or treason
The Smurfs. A Christmas carol
The Smurfs. Holiday celebration
Woody Woodpecker and friends Halloween favorites





Adopt-A-Book

The Longmire Defense by Craig Johnson



A Cass County Halloween Legend

By Harlan Seyfer
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This historian does not swear to the truthfulness of the following tale; nonetheless, there are some who will disagree with him, perhaps strongly. So here it is without editorial comment, just as it came from a Plattsmouth newspaper many years ago:

VANQUISHED A SPIRIT

Bill Scroggins Did It and Then Disappeared: The Singular History of a Peculiar Character Who Located Wells for Farmers in this Area and Juggled with Trained Snakes.

Rev. Bill Scroggins was a character in Cass County, Nebraska Territory in 1855. How he acquired the ecclesiastical prefix and what he did under the title were stories which used to be told in the farmhouses of old. They said he had been a snake charmer when he was a young man, that he traveled about the country as a sort of magician and that he showed farmers with his divining rod where to dig wells.



Bill Scroggins Unhorsed and the Weeping Water Ghost.

Ghostly Encounter by Fredrick Simpson Coburn (1899)

The people of what was then a frontier country assembled once a year in their communities and held camp meetings. On one of these religious occasions Bill followed the crowd with his bag of reptiles. The minister, an old man whose face was like that of a patriarch, told the story in a sermon of Moses lifting up the brazen serpent in the camp of Israel under the command of Jehovah. The aged farmer, who used to entertain youngsters years ago, described this particular revival meeting, affirming that the congregation was not particularly moved by the ministerial appeal. Bill Scroggins, after its delivery, stood up and announced that he had a bag of real, crawling, hissing reptiles which he would exhibit after dinner just outside the camp ground, and he claimed that he would show the people some snake tricks which would beat the Mosaic story they had just heard.

In spite of the protests of the minister, the people turned out to the live snake show, and Bill gave then an exhibition which was a great success. It is said, or it used to be said, that there wasn't a snake trick which Bill Scroggins' serpents didn't do. When the exhibition was over, Bill told the people that he was a sort of missionary himself in connection with his business of locating wells and that he would call on each member in the evening and advise them as to their spiritual and worldly wants.

When he called, his first question was always, "Have you got a well?" If the reply was in the negative, and wells were scarce back then, Bill informed the farmer that he must have one located, and then he opened his bag of snakes and as they began crawling Bill lifted up his voice and called the farm family to repentance. He told them the snakes would do no harm if they would give him the job of locating the well.

It was a tax on human belief, but that aged Nebraska farmer telling the story vouched for the truth of his assertion. The people gave Bill

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more orders than he could fill in one camp meeting season. He became famous and was in demand. Wherever Rev. Bill traveled he had his bag of trained snakes, and he waxed fat and prospered.

After time, whenever there was any doubt about the success of any movement, the word was passed that Rev. Bill Scroggins should be summoned.

You see, people in that generation believed in ghosts, as do many enlightened people believe in them today. And, there was one ghost which did a lively business along the Plattsmouth-Nebraska City Road. It was the custom of this ghost to chase night-venturing horsemen over the trail north of Weeping Water Creek, where there was a ford near present-day Union. There the chase always stopped. The ghost never crossed the stream.

It was suggested that Rev. Bill Scroggins travel over this trail and try his hand on the spirit. Bill accepted the call. He made a number of ineffective journeys. For awhile there were people who began to doubt the existence of the ghost, while others cited Rev. Bill as one who could overcome anything, and by that token he would make the ghost take to the woods. The community was about equally divided.

However, one night in the midst of a storm, the ghost showed up and challenged Rev. to ride for his life. The snake ecclesiastic refused, and there was a contest in which Bill's horse was made to vanish, and he was left afoot. The ghost got the bag of snakes and escaped to the ford, where Bill overtook him on the following night, and the contest was renewed. The ghost undertook to turn the snakes on Bill, but they refused to act. Bill got possession of them and turned them on the spirit. They drove the spirit into the Weeping Water and across it. And the spirit fled, and that was the end of the Weeping Water ghost. Bill returned in triumph to Plattsmouth and told his story. It was received with some doubt, but as the months slipped by and nobody was chased people began to believe Bill, but apologies were faint and came in rather late. But Bill was vindicated. Then – just as the ghost before him – he mysteriously disappeared.

Years passed before a den of snakes was discovered along the Weeping Water on the Nebraska City side, and in this den was discovered the skeleton of a man. In the opinion of many the skeleton was none other than that of Rev. Bill Scroggins himself. So well was his memory revered that the bones were collected from the snake den, and when the courthouse was built down in Nebraska City, it is said, they were placed in a galvanized box near the cornerstone. Some will swear upon their mortal souls that it is the bones of Rev. Bill Scroggins that have preserved that structure from collapse, not the skill of mortals.



Col. Cushman with Departed by William Mumler (1870s)

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This tale first appeared in the Brooklyn [New York] Sunday Daily Eagle*, and was copied with changes in over one-hundred newspapers around the country, including Plattsmouth's* Evening News *on 10 February 1900 (page 8 for the curious). By the way, it wouldn't be until the First World War that news agencies, such as Associated Press (AP) and United Press International (UPI), really gained traction in the United States and abroad. Until then newspapers traded issues freely, borrowing as they went along. This great seasonal tale has been modified to take place in Cass County. Names have been changed to protect the maybe innocent.*

On another topic: the Cass County Museum will be expanding and renovating to better display our history. Your support of this long-overdue effort will help preserve what belongs to us all – our shared past.

Community Connections

"Outreach" The Charismatic Maestro of Community Connections

By Tasha Bashus

Libraries have long been revered as knowledge fortresses, holding a treasure trove of books, resources, and information within their four walls. But, in today's age of digital everything, where information is just a click, swipe, or scan away, we're all living life in the fast lane. Some of us are even dealing with the super-villains of hectic schedules and limitations like disabilities or limited library access. These challenges have forced libraries to get creative, constantly evolving to stay relevant and cater to the diverse needs of our ever-busy, ever-demanding communities.

Community outreach isn't a cutting-edge idea in library circles; it's more like a classic librarian job requirement. But let's not underestimate its superpowers! Think of outreach as the library's trusty superhero cape. This dynamic crusader, named "Outreach," swoops in to make sure library resources and wisdom are available to a broader audience while being an absolute pro at supporting underserved communities and ensuring the library is an inclusive haven for everyone. Additionally,



these initiatives promote the library as a dynamic and responsive institution, breaking down barriers and fostering connections within the community.

Unleashing the Literary Frenzy Through Outreach In Our Schools

Did you know the Plattsmouth Public Library currently does local school outreach? The library staff takes storytimes to a couple of our community schools to engage young readers in different settings. It offers monthly storytime sessions to the Plattsmouth Early Childhood Center and Conestoga's preschool classes, Head-Start, and daycare. A portion of the community's children have had the delightful opportunity to visit the library and partake in our storytimes outside of the school environment. However, many have not yet had this experience, and astonishingly, some have never stepped foot inside the library. Providing these experiences is truly the core of what outreach is all about.



While our journey has only recently begun with preschools, we are eager to broaden our horizons and encompass schools of all ages and stages. On Wednesday, October 18th, in the grand tradition of community outreach and building bridges, the dynamic duo, Ms. Tasha and Mrs. Little, the maestro of the Middle School library, are introducing a program of epic proportions, a spooktacular fiesta of books and buttons at the middle school. Students are invited to dive into the realms of the eerie, create their button masterpieces, and partake in the enigmatic art of a game of book cover spoon serenades. But that's not the grand finale at the Middle School! Ms. Tasha, armed with literary charm, will become a regular after-lunch visitor, enchanting the 5th-grade class with her monthly tales. It's not just an event; it will soon become a monthly whimsical journey into the heart of community connectivity!



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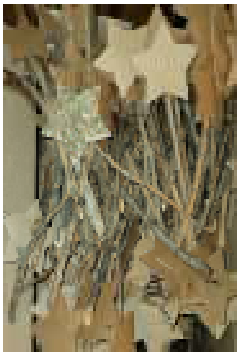
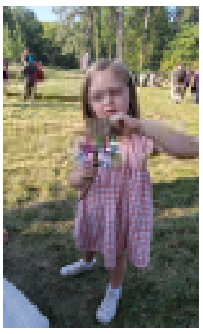
Building Bridges in the Community Through Outreach

Another compelling example of the power of library outreach and making your presence known in your community is when other organizations invite the library to partner in community events.



On Friday, September 8th, the library seized it's third opportunity to join forces with the Nebraska Forest Service at Horning State Farm for their "Forest Festival Family Fun Night." This delightful, free outdoor event offered the local community a splendid array of enriching outdoor activities. The library added its magic touch with a booth that consisted of nature-themed storytimes, and all the necessary supplies for eager participants to immerse themselves into crafting whimsical "Nature Wands,"







On Wednesday, September 27th, the Plattsmouth Public Library joined forces with 13 other community wizards of wisdom at the 2023 Keep Cass County Beautiful Environmental Fair, held in the Weeping Water Fair Grounds Expo Building. Our Mission ... to educate the future guardians of our planet, and our library had the honor of schooling 231 spirited 5th graders who hailed from every nook and cranny of Cass County. This wasn't just any event; it was an epic convergence of minds where individual borders blurred, and our community's unity shone brighter than a supernova. We didn't just share knowledge; we ignited a spark of collective responsibility for Mother Earth's well-being within their young minds. The Plattsmouth Public Library takes pride in being a part of this magnificent symphony, knowing that, together, we're crafting a legacy that'll echo across the entire Cass County and far, far beyond!

Outreach programs like these exemplify the transformative potential of libraries in the digital age. They transcend traditional notions of what a library is and highlight the institution's adaptability in meeting the evolving needs of its community. Libraries that embrace outreach become active participants in community development, offering vital resources, fostering learning opportunities, and building lasting relationships.

So, whether you're a parent looking to inspire a young reader or a community member eager to explore what your local library has to offer, don't hesitate to reach out to Youth Services Librarian Tasha Bashus at 402-296-4154 Ext. 21 and schedule a monthly visit at your school or daycare, or extend an invitation to a community event – because, in today's world, the library is where the community comes together, regardless of the physical walls that define it.

Weaving Threads of Creativity at the Library!

By Jessy Colabello



Do you enjoy knitting? Or perhaps crocheting? Maybe you quilt or embroider? If so, you should join us at the library every first Tuesday of the month. From 4:00 – 5:00, we hold the Needlecraft Club, a club meant for such textile crafters.

If you don't do any of these hobbies, maybe consider starting one for your own benefit! According to the New York Times, studies have shown that hobbies and crafts, like those mentioned above, can be beneficial for your health. According to one doctor, the repetitive actions of such crafts can be relaxing and help lower heart rate, blood pressure, and stress levels, similar to how meditation and yoga help. Not only does it help with stress, but studies have shown that doing crafts like knitting and crocheting can help prevent memory loss in older adults, suggesting these crafts help build neural pathways which are important to cognitive health.

There are many other health benefits, but the best part of these crafts are the fact that you have something that you've made with your own two hands at the end! So, whether you're just starting out or you're an expert in your craft, you are more than welcome to come on in and join us. Show us your latest project, learn more about your craft with books that we have to offer, or swap patterns with others. Or just sit and chat with other crafters.

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The Wild Robot Series

By Jessy Colabello

Recently, the third and final book of the Wild Robot series, The Wild Robot Protects, was published. This series is an excellent read for middle-grade readers learning more about the world daily and their place in it.

The first book of the series is The Wild Robot. It starts with our main character, Roz, a robot who is awakening (or should I say, rebooting) all alone on a remote island. She remembers nothing and isn't quite sure what she's doing on the island. The other residents of the island, also known as the wildlife, aren't much help either, running away, scared, every time she comes near.

Through trial and error, Roz learns how to survive on the island. As she learns more about herself and the island, she also learns how to befriend the island's animals. Through the story, Roz learns about kindness, compassion, and perseverance. She learns about the island and the beauty of nature. She faces many challenges while on the island but comes out the other side better for the experience. But one day, Roz's mysterious past comes to the island, threatening all she knows and loves.

The Wild Robot is a great story of what happens when you combine technology and nature, along with some adventure! Readers will surely see themselves reflected in Roz and how they adapt to new experiences and learn about their world.

Who knows? Maybe this could be a future middle school book club selection after Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief!

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AGE Color Guide
Blue = Ages 0-5
Pink = 0-9
TWEEN = 10-14
TEEN = 12+
Tween & Teen = Ages 10+
Green = Family Event
Red = Adults 19+

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Youth D&D 1-3pm	2 Storytime 10-10:30am Woodcarvers 12-3pm	3 Needlecraft Club 4-5pm	4 Youth Bingo 4-5pm	5 Storytime 10-10:30am	6 Friday Friends 10-11:30am Family Board Games 6-8pm	7 Adult Book Club 10-11am Youth D&D 10-2pm
8 Youth D&D 1-3pm	9 Storytime 10-10:30am Woodcarvers 12-3pm	10 Rook & Read Chess Club 3-4:30pm	11 Bad Art Club 4-5pm	12 Storytime 10-10:30am Homeschool Group 1-3pm AniManga 4-5:30pm	13 	14 Saturday Morning Cartoons 9:30-11am Storytime @ Memorial Park 10:30-11am Middle School Book Club 12:30-1:30pm Pokémon Gym Day 1-3pm
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