



February 2024

Calendar of  
Events

## We're Smitten with READING!

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### Director's Note:

One of my very good friends & fellow book enthusiast sent me a quote about libraries the other day...it reaffirmed the very reason public libraries exist. "I love public libraries because they are built on the principle that books are so important and so necessary to human flourishing that access to them cannot depend on your income." (@iconawrites) Public libraries=Humans flourishing, YES!

Here at the library, we continue to stay busy planning some fun programs; while keeping the library in tip top shape. Currently, we are preparing for our Spring Book Sale, which will take place the month of March. Make plans to stop by and get a great deal on gently used books.

We will also have our "We're Smitten with Reading" Winter Reading Program during the month of February. You just need to commit to reading 20 minutes for 20 days in February. This program is for all ages, so the whole family can participate. Join the fun and pick up your log at the circulation desk.

Additionally, this month we are celebrating "Take Your Child to the Library Day" on February 17th. As a former educator and mom of three, I am a firm believer in the importance the library plays in our children's lives. When adults value the public library in their community, they build future generations that do the same. If you have a little one in your life, reach out to them and make a date to come to the library-you may never know the impact such a small invitation may have. Libraries are powerful!

Finally, I have been reading suspense/thrillers in January! If you like this genre as well, I recommend [The Intern](#), by Michelle Campbell. This book was fun to read and action packed-definitely worth a read. I just finished up [The Heiress](#), by Rachel Hawkins, and it was also really good. This author has several suspenseful books worth reading-[The Wife Upstairs](#), [Reckless Girls](#), & [The Villa](#). We have all of these at the library, so stop by and check one out!

Happy Reading,  
Jamie Sparks, Director

### Services Spotlight-Gale Presents: Excel High School

Say YES to a High School Diploma! Reach your goals. Earn an accredited high school diploma with our free, self-paced, 100 percent online,



education program. See if Excel High School is right for you. If eligible, there is no cost for this program.

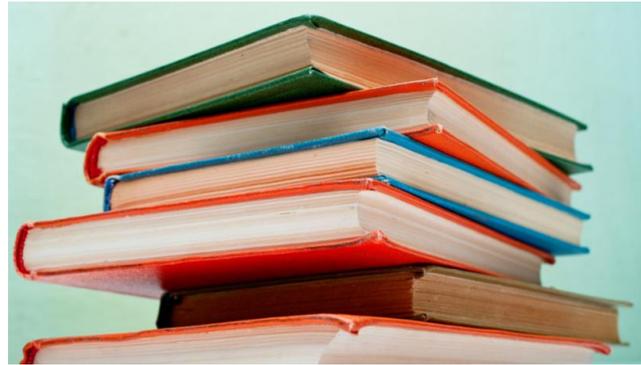
Find out more here or call the library for more information, 826-1314.

*Sarah Harper is the Program Manager.*

## New Books this month!

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

Click [here](#) for the new Books for Children's & Young Adult.



## Upcoming Library Programs



### ADULT PROGRAMS IN FEBRUARY

#### CHAIR YOGA

Every Tuesday in February at 9:30am

No experience or equipment necessary. Queen City Room

#### Adult Book Club:

Where the Crawdads Sing



### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS IN FEBRUARY

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

Feb. 1-Groundhog Day

Feb. 8-Valentine's Day

Feb. 15-Penguins

Feb. 22-Fairy Tales

Feb. 29-Leap Day/Frogs

KIDS NIGHT-Every Monday at

Feb. 12 (5:30pm) or

Feb. 13 (2pm)

You are welcome either day! Stop by the front desk to pick up your copy for our monthly meeting!  
Queen City Room.

### Romance Book Discussion:

Always, by Sarah Jio

Feb. 24th, 10am

Stop by and pick up your copy!

### Chess Club

Feb. 17

10am to noon

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

Adult Services Contact: Sarah Harper

5:30pm

(lower elementary)

Feb. 5-STEM Night! Let's explore snowflakes!

Feb. 12-Valentine's Day & Candy Chemistry!

Feb. 26-Celebrate Leap Day with Origami Frogs

Kids Saturday, Feb. 17,  
10am-noon

Sign up to Read with a Cute and Cuddly Therapy Dog! Raymond and Rosie will be visiting the library and can't wait to hear your stories.

Call the library or stop by to sign up.

Find the February 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!

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## Take Your Child to the Library Day!

Join us on Saturday, February 17th from 9-1pm

### WHY CHILDREN NEED LIBRARIES-

Because child readers become grown-up leaders. Children who are proficient in reading by the end of grade 3 are significantly more likely to graduate high school, opening doors to a bright future.

Because storytime is a key building block to school success. Library storytimes and programs for babies and preschoolers teach social and academic skills that directly translate to early school success.

Because the internet is for everyone. Libraries provide key access to internet, wifi, computers and other devices, ensuring all children start on a level playing field.

Because homework shouldn't cause headaches. After school programs provide improved school performance, decreased drug use, and foundational life skills.

Because libraries transform lives. Every day your local library is creating connections, igniting curiosity, and enriching lives.

With thanks to the [Association for Children's Library Services](#), [Championing Children's Services Toolkit, 2019](#)

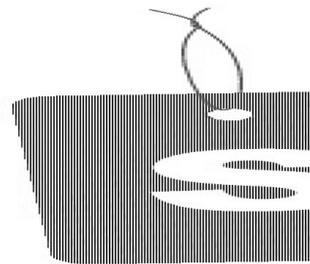


**Bring your entire family to the library on Feb. 17.**

-Chess Club 10am-noon  
-Read with Raymond or Rosie, 10am-noon

We will have fun events and giveaways in Children's Department.

Read more **HERE**.



**Coming Soon!** Our Spring Book Sale will take place the entire month of March! Make plans to stop by and get a great deal on gently used materials.

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## WE'RE SMITTEN WITH READING!

February 1-29, all ages

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! Stop by one of the circulation desks to pick up your log sheet.

**WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING MITTENS AND GLOVES TO DONATE TO OPEN DOOR! Drop off your donation in the lobby.**

### February Closures:

The library will be closed on February 19 for President's Day.

### February is Black History Month. Stop by to check out some popular titles.

Would you like to avoid the stairs coming into the library? No Problem! You can access the elevator entrance in the back of the building. Handicap parking spots can be found in the back of the building as well.



### Sedalia Public Library

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Contact Information



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