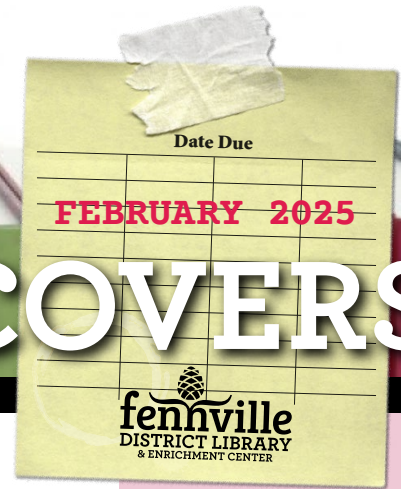


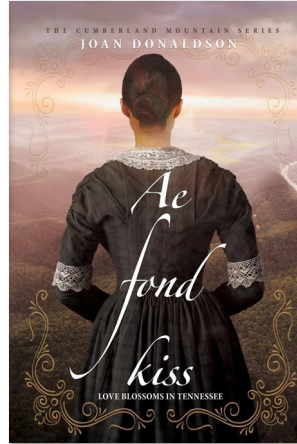
BETWEEN THE COVERS



Local Author Book Launch Party

You are invited to join local author Joan Donaldson in celebrating the publication of her newest book, *Ae Fond Kiss*, with a launch party at the Fennville District Library on Tuesday, February 11th. The event will run from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM and will be hosted by the Fennville Friends of the Library. Refreshments will be provided.

Ae Fond Kiss tells the story of Lizzie Walker and William McLeod who live in the settlement at Rugby, Tennessee. Both are grieving the losses of people close to them, and though they find comfort and hope in each other, they are shadowed by secrets. Lizzie is harassed by a man from her past, and William fears that previous mistakes will destroy his growing relationship with Lizzie. They must learn to navigate the complexities of their pasts and their relationship, while also planting roots in the vibrant community around them. *Ae Fond Kiss* is Donaldson's third novel set in the Utopian community of Rugby.



Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event, or they can be purchased at Root Cafe, Reader's World, or online on the publisher's website at www.blackrosewriting.com/books.

New Book Club!

The Fennville District Library is starting a new book club with no assigned reading! Welcome to the **Book Lovers Book Club**! We will kick off on Thursday, March 20th at 2:00 PM bring a book to the library, find a comfy spot and read for 30 minutes. Then, from 2:30-3:30 PM join up with other readers in attendance and share your current read and recommend books others might like. The **Book Lovers Book Club** will meet on the third Thursday of every month.

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VANESSA'S
VIEW

FOR FAMILY FUN

Warm up the home and bring the family together in February during National Bake for Family Fun Month! Everyone has an opportunity to get in the fun when you divide up the responsibilities and break down the steps.

Depending on the size and age of your family, choose kid-friendly recipes. Then, pick a day of the week that's flexible and let everyone take turns with the dirty jobs.

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Heart String, written and illustrated by Brooke Boynton-Hughes, is the perfect book to uplift your spirits as we continue to move forward this year. This book holds a much needed reminder about love, empathy and how we are ALL connected despite our differences. Boynton-Hughes does a remarkable job in representing diversity within the illustrations. Limited words are used in the book, but the delicate illustrations rendered with pencil and watercolor don't shy away from demonstrating a powerful message. The vibrant, colorful string that is used to show the idea of our interconnectedness is a lovely visual to further support the theme. Whether you are a child or an adult, *Heart String* is a book I recommend we continue to refer to as we keep moving forward together.

NEW! YOUTH READS>>>

Bake!

FOR FAMILY FUN

While having fun with the family, children will practice many skills. Older children will polish up their reading abilities. Following instructions becomes a practiced skill. And everyone will hone up on their chemistry and mathematics. They will have so much fun, they won't even realize they were learning!

After all the baking and cleaning up, settle down to savor the results. Enjoy all the family closeness and delicious rewards.

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ABI'S PICKS

love

PICTURE BOOK
Baby's First Love Story
by Stacy Abrams,
illustrated by Irena Freitas

MIDDLE GRADE
Emma and the Love Spell
by Meredith Ireland

YOUNG ADULT
Gwen & Art Are Not in Love
by Lex Croucher

NEW! TWEEN READS>>>

#bakeforfamilyfun

spend time with the family baking this month.

Whether you bake with your children or invite grandparents or siblings over for baking sessions, don't hesitate to make memories with each other. Needs some recipes to get started?

Visit the National Day Calendar recipe page. We have several! Use #BakeForFamilyFunMonth to share on social media.

The Home Baking Association (HBA) founded Bake for Family Fun Month in 2002 to encourage families to spend more time together mixing up something delicious. ~ nationaldaycalendar.com



#snackgoodmonth

GRAPHICS CORNER

NEW! TEEN READS>>>

FOR GIVE NESS *Love* family

Lila Kennedy has a lot on her plate. A broken marriage, two wayward daughters, a house that is falling apart, and an elderly stepfather who seems to have quietly moved in.

Her career is in freefall and her love life is... complicated. So when her real dad—a man she has barely seen since he ran off to Hollywood thirty-five years ago—suddenly appears on her doorstep, it feels like the final straw. But it turns out even the family you thought you could never forgive might have something to teach about love, and what it actually means to be family.

Jojo Moyes on *Libby!*

Movie Preview...

Titles subject to change.



KENDRA'S CURRENT ISSUE

Every issue of *Family Handyman* is full of ideas for DIY'ers. This month offers up plans and pro tips for finishing your basement, fixing faucets, and illuminating interiors. Plus small storage solutions for your kitchen and one big one for a bedroom. Are you looking to upgrade your home security? Check out what the pros recommend.



MICHELE'S MEDIA

Outies and innies aren't just for bellybuttons anymore. Imagine if you go to work and your work-self (innie) doesn't know anything about your at-home self (outie). You have chosen to live your life severed. That is the premise for *Severance*, a psychological thriller airing on AppleTV, and available to check out at the library. I highly recommend this series not only for the mind-bending season one cliffhanger and the bizarre findings at the offices of Lumon Enterprises, where severed employees work but also for the visual contrast portrayed between the worlds. The stark, labyrinth-esque environment of the office versus the dark, low-light, dinginess of the outie world adds to the conflicted feelings of the characters who have chosen the severed life.

After Annie

by Anna Quindlen

When Annie Brown dies suddenly, her husband, her children, and her closest friend are left to find a way forward without the woman who has been the lynchpin of all their lives. Bill is overwhelmed without his beloved wife, and Annemarie wrestles with the bad habits her best friend had helped her overcome. And Ali, the eldest of Annie's children, has to grow up overnight, to care for her younger brothers and even her father and to puzzle out for herself many of the mysteries of adult life.

Over the course of the next year what saves them all is Annie, ever-present in their minds, loving but not sentimental, caring but nobody's fool, a voice in their heads that is funny and sharp and remarkably clear. The power she has given to those who loved her is the power to go on without her. The lesson they learn is that no one beloved is ever truly gone.

Written in Quindlen's emotionally resonant voice and with her deep and generous understanding of people, *After Annie* is about hope, and about the unexpected power of adversity to change us in profound and indelible ways.

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**DISCUSSION
WEDNESDAY
3.5 @ 1:30 PM**



KNIT & Crochet GROUP

1:30 PM, MONDAY • FEBRUARY 3 & 17

*Bring your ideas and your projects!
Beginners to experienced. Ages 18+*

Does something look different to you on our shelves? We have been working on genrefying our collection to give you a better browsing experience. Please excuse our mess while we work to complete this task. In the meantime we are happy to help you find what you are looking for, or if you want to check it out for yourself, here is a look at how we are breaking down the collection and color coding the labels to specify each genre.

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-  **M** ~ MYSTERY
-  **ROM** ~ ROMANCE
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-  **THR** ~ THRILLER
-  **W** ~ WESTERN



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