



*Salem*  
**Public Library**

**HOURS OF OPERATION**

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
THURSDAY 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
FRIDAY 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
SATURDAY 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
SUNDAY CLOSED

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**BOARD MEETING**

The Library Board of Directors will meet at 5:00 PM on Thursday, February 8th. The public is welcome to attend in the main level conference room. Those wishing to be included on the agenda should contact the Library Director Kate McBride.

**HIBERNATION READING PROGRAM**

The Salem Public Library's Hibernation Reading Challenge has already begun! Hurry, the last day to log your time is February 8th!

Visit our website <https://salempubliclibrary.net/> to find the Beanstack link. Log into your current account or create one if you do not already have an existing account. Find the challenge that fits your grade or age range.

Log the time you spend reading on Beanstack. You will receive virtual tickets based on the amount you read. These tickets can then be placed towards the prize of your choice.

The more you read the more tickets you earn! No library card is needed to participate. If you have any questions, just visit us at the library or give us a call at 573-729-4331.

# ACTIVITIES

## PRESCHOOL PROGRAM



Preschool Program

February 13th

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

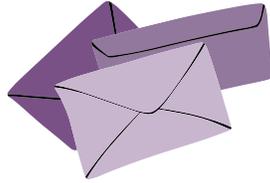
Located in the north basement meeting room.

Come join the fun!

(No library card necessary.)

*\*Age ranges from birth to 5 years old\**

## CRAFT-A-CARD



Make your own greeting card at the library! Stop in the conference room any time between 10:00 AM and 4:30 PM on February 21st. Supplies will be provided. Bring your creativity and a friend!

Free of charge.

(No library card necessary.)

*\*This program is appropriate for all ages.\**

HAPPY  
Valentines  
DAY

## RAINY DAY STEM



Rain keeping you in? Well then visit the library for Rainy Day STEM building activities for kids. The library provides building supplies in the conference room for kids to explore their imagination.

*\*This activity is only available during rainy or snowy weather.*

*Appropriate for all ages.\**

## RECOLLECTIONS



## FEBRUARY 14TH

"Recollections" is a revival of Salem Public Library's older adult program, an opportunity to gather and share memories on a central theme. While anyone is welcomed, content is designed for those who are at least 60 years of age. Programs will be held in the library's downstairs meeting room at 10:30 AM on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Please use the outside ramp or stairs on the north side of the building. Library membership is not required and there is no fee for participation.

## LOST: LILAC THE FOX



Every month in our newsletters, an animal will be hidden somewhere on any of the pages of the newsletter. The first person to find and return their newsletter with the animal circled to the circulation desk will be the winner. The winner of the month will win their choice of a free book from the sale room. Can you help find Lilac the fox? Good luck!

*\*This program is designed for ages 18 and older.\**

# ACTIVITIES

## VALENTINE WORD SEARCH



BOUQUET  
CANDIES  
CHOCOLATE  
FEBRUARY  
FLOWERS  
GIFT  
HEART  
HUG  
KISS  
LOVE  
PINK  
RED  
ROMANCE  
ROSES  
VALENTINE

*\*Answers on the top of page 7.\**

## NATIONAL POKEMON DAY POKEMON CARD DRAWING

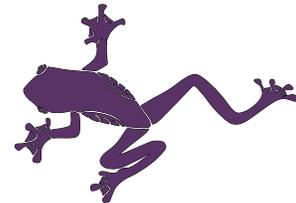


### FEBRUARY 1ST - 27TH

National Pokémon Day is February 27th! To celebrate the library will be holding a drawing for Pokémon cards! To participate, stop by the library to pick up a coloring sheet to take home and color. Once completed, return the coloring sheet to the library to be displayed and to have your name put into the drawing for a chance to win. There is no charge to participate and no library card is required. Winner will be announced by the end of the day of February 28th.

*\*This program is appropriate for all ages\**

## LEAP YEAR!



2024 is a leap year! To celebrate, be sure to check out our book display of leaping critters and animals in the Children's area.

## BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK



Take a chance! Check out a book based on its profile. You might discover a new (or old) favorite!

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# ACTIVITIES

## LIBRARY CARDS

Many Patrons will agree that their library card is one of the most important in their wallet. Getting a card is easy. Simply present a photo I.D. and proof of address. People living within the Salem city limits pay for library privileges through real estate and personal property taxes. So, there is no charge to sign-up. Because folks living outside the city limits do not pay these taxes, they pay the library directly for the same privileges. The cost is \$25.00 for a six month membership or \$50.00 for an annual membership.

We also want to stress that anyone is allowed to use the library. The only reason you need a library card is to check out items. Even if you do not have a card, you are more than welcome to visit the library; find a place to read a book off the shelves; participate in programs; and so much more! There is also a paperback trade program where you can bring in pocket-sized paperbacks and exchange them for select pocket-sized paperbacks in our sale room. There is also always a 50¢ book sale. Discarded magazines are available and are free to take.

Please feel free to reach out to us at 573-729-4331 or visit us at the library. Library staff will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have!

### MISSOURI EVERGREEN



Salem Public Library is part of the Missouri Evergreen consortium. This means that we share resources with over 50 other libraries throughout the state. So, if there is something that you wish to read, watch, or listen to that is not part of Salem's collection, odds are that it can be borrowed from one of these other libraries. A request, or hold, may be placed for that item. It is then delivered to Salem Public Library via courier at no cost to you. You may be called, texted, or emailed when the item is available for circulation.



The Libby app is the easiest way to get started with digital books, audiobooks, and magazines from your public library!

- 1** Install the Libby app from the app store on your Android or IOS (iPhone/iPad/iPod touch) device. Or, visit [libbyapp.com](http://libbyapp.com) in your Chrome, Firefox, Safari, or Edge browser.
- 2** In Libby, follow the prompts to find your library and sign in with a valid card number.
- 3** Browse your library's collection and borrow a title.
- 4** Borrowed titles appear on your *Shelf* and download to the app automatically when you're on WI-FI, so you can read them when you're offline.
  - Tap **Read With...** to choose whether you'd like to open a book in Kindle or Libby.
  - Tap **Open In Libby, Open Magazine, or Open Audiobook** to start reading or listening in the app.
  - Tap **Manage Loan** to see options like **Renew** and **Return**.

# REVIEW & NEWS

## FEBRUARY BOOK REVIEW

BY KAREN GOATKEEPER

If you like to garden, February isn't too early to be poring over seed catalogues and reading gardening books. There are quite a few such books on the library shelves. I've been reading a couple: "Controlling Crafty Creatures" by Dan Hershey and "Mike & Roxie's Vegetable Paradise" by Mike Hendricks and Roxie Hammill.

After attacks by groundhogs this past season, I was very interested in what Dan Hershey had to say. He has worked in nuisance animal control for years. The methods in his book are ones he has used or his friends have used. Some of the methods on the market get evaluated as well. A surprising number don't work or have a limited usefulness.

My garden fences will be getting worked on. Rocks and dirt are in the old holes. The livetraps will be ready. One surprise there was using bananas for bait. I'd used tomatoes and apples, but the chipmunks ran off with the apples.

There are methods for the squirrels and chipmunks, but I doubt I can do them for my garden. Chicken wire around their favorites might help.

The fun parts of the vegetable paradise were the various disasters as the flooded potato storage and making sugar from mangels. I'm glad I'm not the only one who has garden disasters.

That aside, there are lots of interesting tidbits about vegetable gardening. A number of them will be altering my gardening this next season.

Although I'm a vegetable gardener and tend to read about those gardens, there are plenty of books on growing flowers. For those with limited space, there are books on container gardening. Whatever type of gardening you plan on doing, relax with a gardening book or two and delay the onset of gardening fever.

**Karen GoatKeeper is a local author with two books on the Missouri Shelf: "Exploring the Ozark Hills" of nature essays and photographs and "My Ozark Home" of nature photographs with haiku.**

*All opinions, views, and ideas expressed are solely those of the reviewer.*

## NORMAN ROCKWELL'S FOUR FREEDOMS DONATION



This Norman Rockwell series of his famous 1940's paintings known as the "Four Freedoms" is dedicated in memory of my beloved grandmother, Mrs. Wannie Pines. She was one of the first librarians that also served on the Salem Public Library Board for many years. She and several other dedicated board members believed that this unique library was vital to our town's success - both then and now. May we always remember their valiant efforts and continue to cherish the same "Four Freedoms" as they did.

-Nancy Pines Eudy

# NEW BOOKS

## Adult Fiction

The Mercy Falls Collection (Coble)  
Falling Like Snowflakes (Hunter)  
You Should Have Known (Keller)  
A Thousand Sleepless Nights (King)  
The Night Island (Krentz)  
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store (McBride)  
The Fury (Michaelides)  
The Bee Sting (Murray)  
Better Than The Movies (Painter)  
Random In Death (Robb)  
The Lost Brides Trilogy: (Roberts)  
    Bk. 1 Inheritance  
Acadia Duology: (Sheridan)  
    Bk.1 Becoming Calder  
    Bk. 2 Finding Eden  
The Woman In Me (Spears)  
If You Would Have Told Me (Stamos)  
Remarkably Bright Creatures (Van Pelt)  
The Covenant Of Water (Verghese)

## Adult Non-Fiction

Oath And Honor (Cheney)  
Ain't No Such Animal...and other stories from the Ozark hills (Dablemont)  
Teddy and Booker T. How Two American Icons Blazed A Path For Racial Equality (Kilmeade)  
The Lost Tomb (Preston)

## Large Print

The House Of Falconer: (Bradford)  
    Bk. 3 The Wonder Of It All  
Lost & Hound (Brown)  
Buffalo Soldier Odyssey (Crownover)  
Grizzly Moon (Dearen)  
The Wings Of Poppy Pendleton (Dobson)  
Shadows at Dusk (Goddard)  
The Guide (Heller)  
A Perley Gates Western: (Johnstone)  
    Bk. 7 The Lonesome Gun  
A Sunflower Cafe Mystery: (Lillard)  
    Bk. 1 Dairy, Dairy, Quite Contrary  
Their Holiday Secret (St. Amant)  
Upside Down (Steel)  
A Ranch To Call Home: (Stelmack)  
    Bk. 2 A Family For Thanksgiving  
The Western Adventures Of Cade McCall: (Vaughan)  
    Bk. 3 Cade's Redemption

## Young Adult Fiction

There You'll Find Me (Jones)  
I'm So Sure (Jones)

## Young Adult Non-Fiction

Devils and Realist: (Takadono)  
    Bk. 1 Face Your Demons

## Juvenile Fiction

Dogtown (Applegate)  
Mercy Watson Is Missing! (DiCamillo)  
Fizz and the Police Dog Tryouts (Gibbes)  
Bet You Didn't Know (National Geographic Kids)  
Captain Underpants and The Sensational Saga of Sir Stinks-a-lot (Pilkey)  
How Things Work (Resler)

## Juvenile Non-Fiction

Great Women of the American Revolution (Hall)  
Remarkably Ruby (Libenson)  
The Baby-Sitters Clue: (Martin)  
    Bk. 15 Claudia And The Bad Joke  
Bed You Didn't Know! (National Geographic)  
The Harry Potter Wizarding Almanac (Rowling)  
Heroes of the American Revolution (Scarborough)  
Another Phoebe and Her Unicorn Adventure: (Simpson)  
    Bk. 3 Unicorn vs. Goblins  
Wings Of Fire: (Sutherland)  
    Bk. 7 Winter Turning

## Easy Fiction

The Big Cheese (John)  
The North Wind & The Sun (Stead)

## Easy Reader Fiction

Daniel Gets Scared (Harris)  
Daniel Goes Out For Dinner (Harris)  
Friends Help Each Other (Harris)  
Daniel Plays at School (Harris)

# ANSWER GUIDE

## VALENTINE WORD SEARCH

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