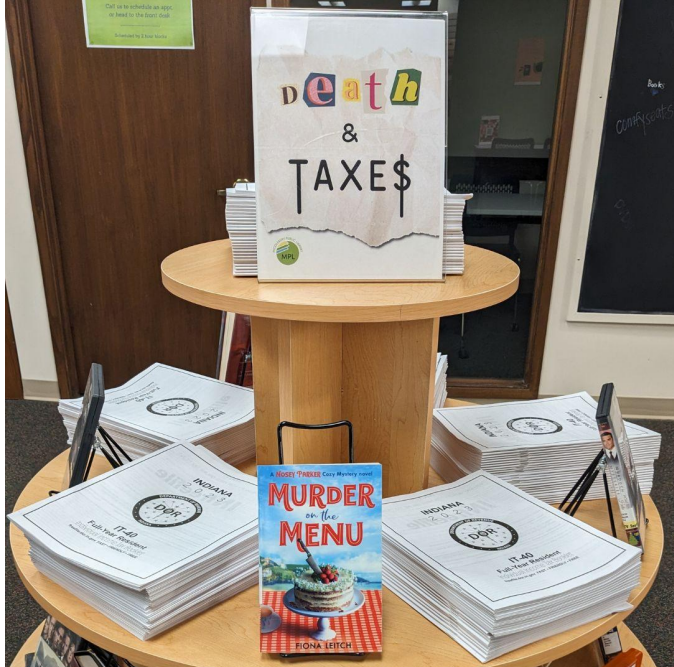


# February

What's new at the Library

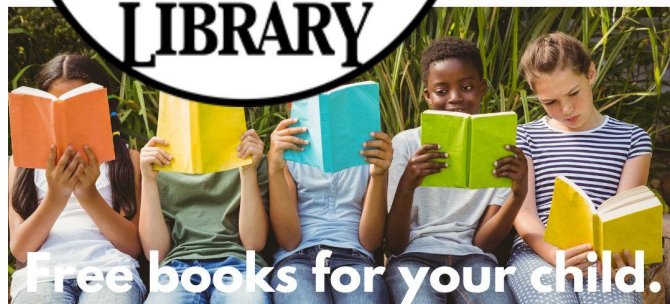
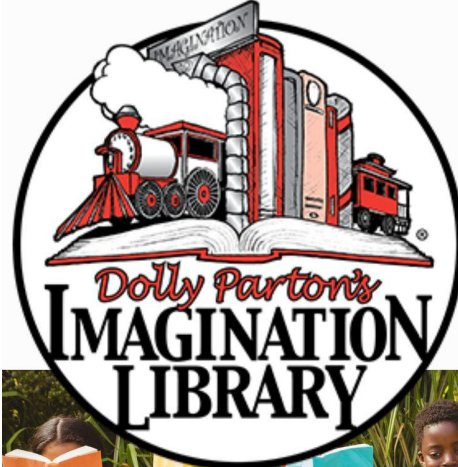


The library now has State Tax Booklets available for our patrons to use (federal will be coming soon). While you're at it, pick up a murder mystery or two - because nothing is certain but Death and Taxes!



**Friends of the  
Middlebury Public Library**

**Anyone is welcome!**



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[Learn More](#)

## Support Literacy and Learning in Our Community

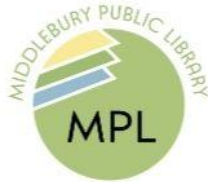
Calling all patrons! The Friends of the Middlebury Library is back up and running, and looking for members who are eager to support library programs, volunteer at events, and spread the word about the benefits of loving your local library!

Friends meets on the last Thursday of every month at 5pm

[Visit The Friends Page to Learn More](#)

# WE WILL BE CLOSED

**Monday,  
February 19th**  
for staff training



## Tools for Work or Play

Our Library of Things is constantly growing! Check out a dremel tool and a game of cornhole, or borrow a telescope and a puzzle, a blood pressure cuff and a car diagnostic tool. A great alternative to spending hundreds on one-time-use items.

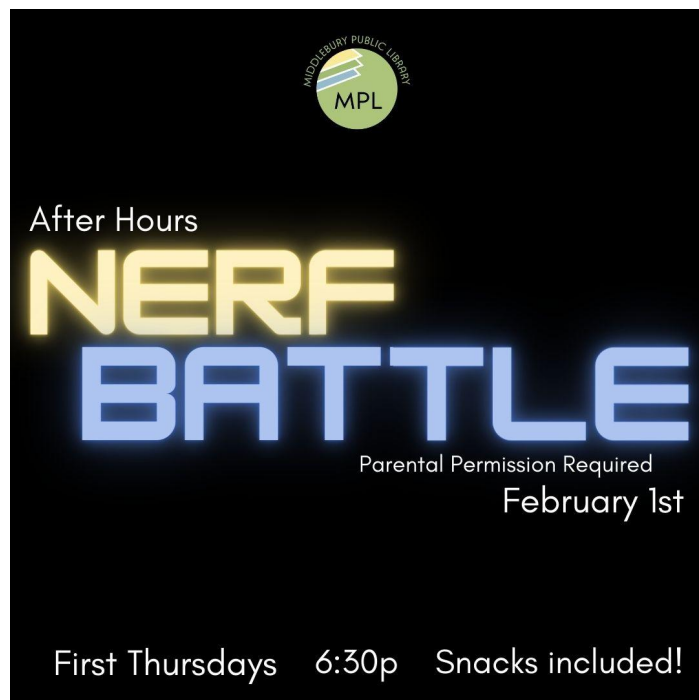
**Check It Out!**



# February Library Programs

## After-Hours Nerf Night Thursday, February 1st, 6:30p

Teens and tweens, come battle it out, Nerf style! Every Once a month, we'll meet at 6:30 for snacks and drinks and then, after the library closes, compete for the title of Nerf champion. **This program requires a waiver; please pick up and return to any desk at the library.**



## Reading Ready Storytime Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 10a

Join us for an interactive session of reading, singing, and crafting. In February our theme is Love & Kindness. The stories and activities are carefully selected for **ages 2-5**.

## Fly Tying

Saturday, February 3, 10a-1p

Come tie flies, talk fishing, and enjoy snacks with us! This monthly program, for aspiring and experienced fly fishers alike, will be led by Keith Loutzenhiser of the Little Elkhart Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Every hour, we'll start a new fly pattern, so drop in anytime on the hour.

[Register here](#)

# Fly Tying

please register - ages 12+



# STEM

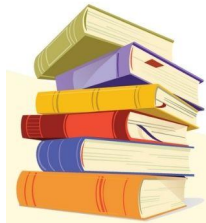
"Groundhog Day"

## WITH A STORY

Please Register

# SAME PAGE BOOK CLUB

FOR ADULTS WITH  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



EVERY OTHER  
MONDAY AT 10AM  
CHECK CALENDAR  
FOR DETAILS

## Same Page Book Club

Monday, February 5, 10a

This club for adults with developmental disabilities meets every other week to read fun, accessible stories while enjoying snacks and good conversation. We read aloud together, and each participant gets to keep their book!

(no bookclub on February 19, due to staff in-service day)

## Frame By Frame: A Graphic Novel Bookclub

Monday, February 5th, 4p

Our newest book club for tweens and teens! Pick up your free copy today and chat with other teens about "The Snowcat Prince". Make new friends or bring along your own!

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# HOMESCHOOL HANGS



## Valentine Party

February 13th, 11:30a  
please register ahead!



## Homeschool Hangs: Valentine Party

Tuesday, February 13th, 11:30a

A party full of bookish bingo, card-making, chocolate taste-testing, and other Valentine-y delights.

[Register here](#)

## Pages & Pints

Wednesday, February 14, 5:30p

On Valentine's Day, come to Wedgewood Brewing and enjoy good food, good company and good books! February's book-theme is any work inspired by music.

Anyone over 21 is welcome, no registration required.

## Pages & Pints

**This Month's Theme:  
A book inspired by music**

**MPL**  
MIDDLEBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY


February 14th, 5:30p  
@Wedgewood Brewing

February 4th, 2p




# BONSAI EXHIBIT & PHOTOGRAPHY

Spring 2024 - Let's Talk About It



OUT OF THIS WORLD



THE MARTIAN  
ANDY WEIR

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER  
ENDURANCE  
MY YEAR IN SPACE  
A LIFE STORY BY SCOTT KELLY

WHERE THE FOREST MEETS THE STARS  
WITH ILLUSTRATIONS BY GLENDON VANDERHAM

PACKING FOR MARS  
BY MARY ROACH

MAR 12   APR 9   MAY 14

## Let's Talk About It: The Martian

Tuesday, February 13th, 7pm

Our Spring theme, Out of This World: Life in Space, is kicking off with Andy Weir's *The Martian*. (watch the movie with us on February 10th)

This novel will be presented by Theresa Grossman, English teacher at Northridge High School.

Stop by the library to pick up a copy of the book



## Cinema Showcase: WHAT HAPPENS LATER

Tuesday, February 6, 1p

Cozy up with a romantic comedy for the month of Valentine!

"What Happens Later" stars Meg Ryan and David Duchovny as two ex-lovers stranded at an airport together on a snowy day. What could go wrong??

# Cinema Showcase



POPCORN AND COFFEE PROVIDED

## Valentine's Charcuterie Boards



waiting list open

## Valentine's Charcuterie Boards Monday, February 12th, 6p

Build your own romantic charcuterie board to take home and share with your loved one! We'll provide all the supplies, plus tips on how to artfully arrange your charcuterie elements.

# MORNING MOVIE

at the library

Saturday, February 10th, 10a



refreshments provided  
teens and adults welcome

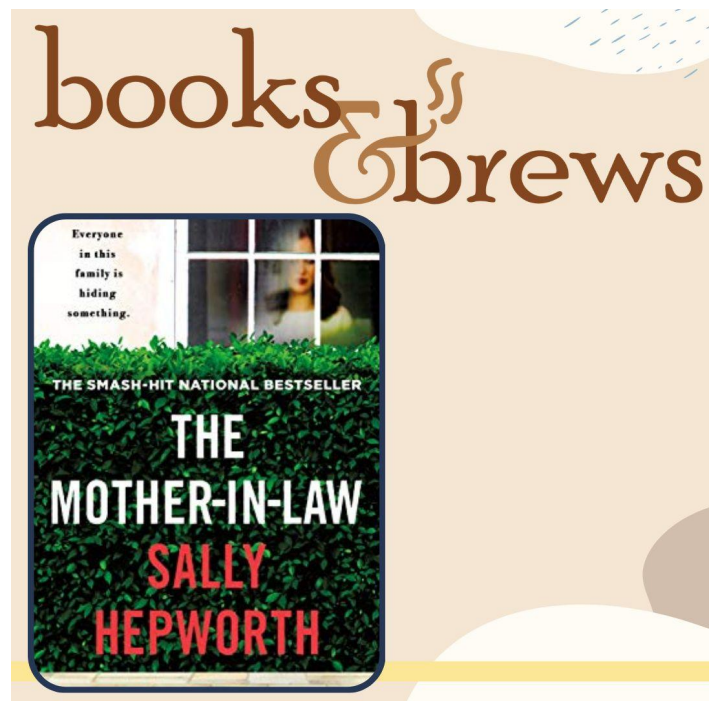
Is the book better? Pick up your copy and join Let's Talk About It On February 13th

## Books & Brews

Tuesday, February 20, 5:30p

Coffee, Tea, Friends and Books; what could be better? Pick up your copy of Sally Hepworth's *The Mother-In-Law* at the library now! BYO dinner, if you like.

[More about the book](#)





## Bedtime Storytime

Thursday, February 15th, 6pm

In honor of Library Lovers Month, please join us for a wintery evening storytime with special bookish snacks and goodies to take home with you. Feel free to wear your comfiest Valentine or book pajamas!

Plus, Crossroads United Way will be at the library with a cutout of Dolly Parton to tell patrons all about Dolly's Imagination Library - which provides free books to all children under age 5.

## Anime Club

Monday, February 12th, 4pm

Calling all anime lovers!  
Relax with friends, enjoy some snacks, try new foods (from Japanese culture), and watch a few episodes together.  
*Occasionally accompanied by a craft or activity.*





Support literacy and  
learning in your  
community

Thursday, February  
23rd, 5pm

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**Volunteens: No Sew Blankets**  
Thursday, February 22nd, 4pm

Did you know you could get Civics Points and log volunteer hours for National Honor Society here at the library?

Sign up here and join us for 2-hour volunteer opportunities every other month. This month, we're making no-sew blankets to donate.

[Register here](#)

## Drop-In Gaming

Monday, February 26, 4p

Two hours to chill and game on the last Monday of every month. Bring a friend, have a snack, and use the library's retro Wii, updated Nintendo Switch, VR Oculus II, or any other card/dice/board games from our Library of Things. **This program is for tweens and teens grades 6-12.**



**gaming**  
6th grade and up



# LEGO CLUB



**TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 20TH  
4P**

Staff Picks

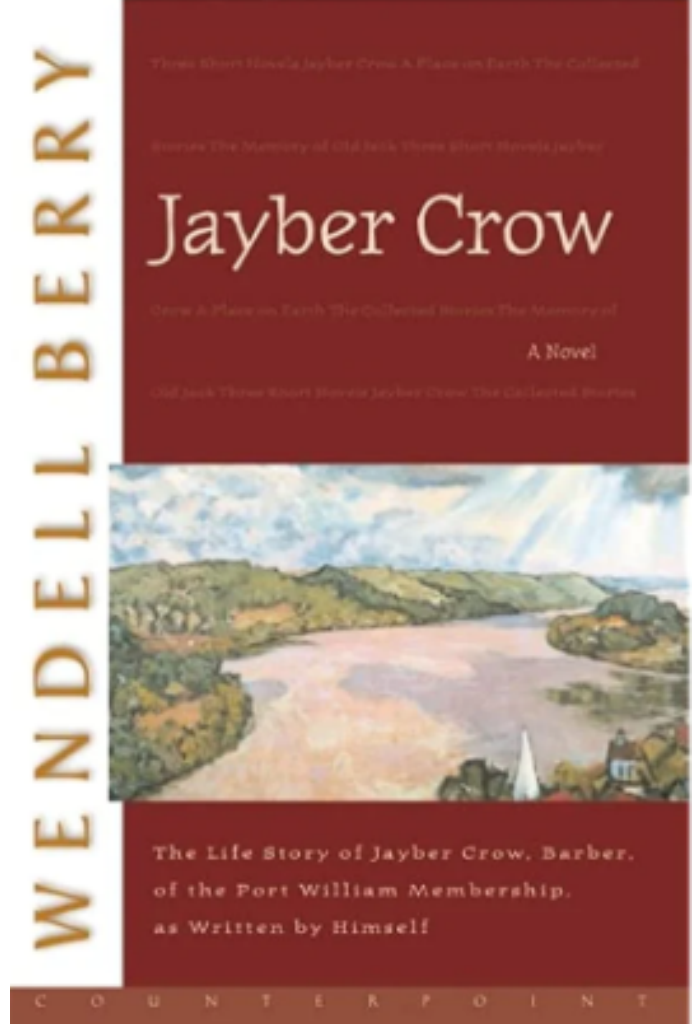
## KAYLA RECOMMENDS . . .

### Jayber Crow, by Wendell Berry

A book that feels both like coming home and going on a journey. Jonah Crow's life is decidedly unremarkable, and that's precisely what Berry captures so well in his work - the miracle of unremarkable lives.

Set in Berry's fictional rural town of Port William, this novel will draw you in with its poignancy and heart, asking questions about love, faithfulness, death, time, and goodness, all through the lens of a quiet man eking out a living in mid-century Kentucky.

**Genre: Adult Fiction**



## Patron Picks

**MPL PATRON SALLY RECOMMENDS...**

## **American Girls by Jessica Roy**

"I found this book to be highly interesting. Also that the two sisters lived right here in Elkhart. We don't know what our neighbors are up to!"

### About the Book:

A brilliant, deeply reported narrative about religious extremism, radicalization, and the bonds of family: the story of an American woman who traveled to ISIS-controlled Syria with her two children and extremist husband and the sister back home who worked tirelessly to help her escape.

**Genre: Adult Non-Fiction**

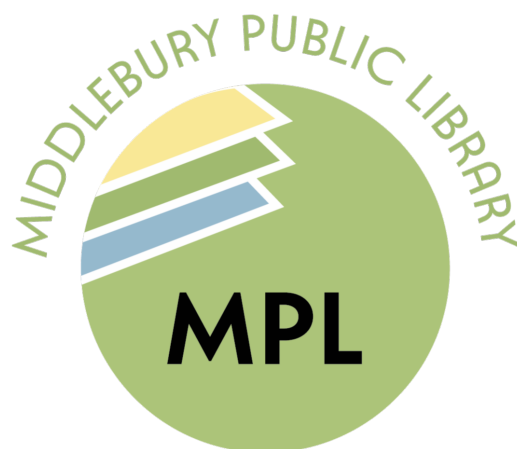


# **AMERICAN GIRLS**

ONE WOMAN'S JOURNEY INTO  
THE ISLAMIC STATE *and* HER SISTER'S  
FIGHT TO BRING HER HOME

**JESSICA ROY**

**Submit Your Own Patron Pick Here!**



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