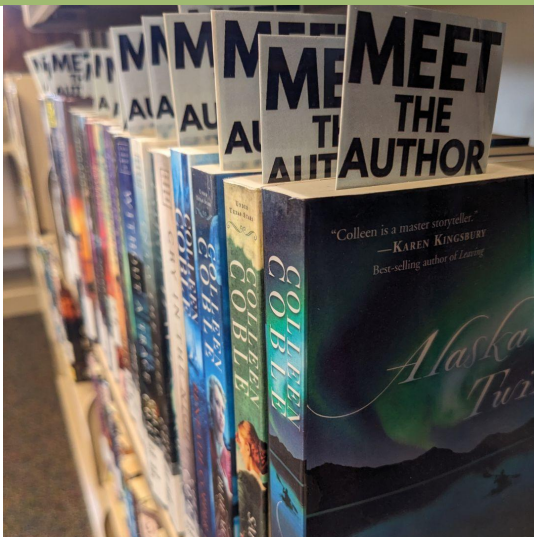




# April

## Spotlight on the Library



### [Colleen Coble Author Visit](#)

Get ready for USA Today Best-selling author Colleen Coble to visit in May!

New Colleen Coble books have just been added to our collection; check them out and come to her book signing May 7th at 6:30pm.



### [Free Eclipse Glasses](#)

In preparation for the Total Solar Eclipse on April 8th, each MPL Patron can receive one pair of eclipse glasses.

Come to an [Eclipse Event](#) or stop at the front desk for yours!



## Bright and Open

This month, we were able to install new windows in our fireplace area, community rooms and children's area!

These new windows provide more light and insulation, as well as protection from ants and other critters getting in through old wood.

Thanks to RG Window and Door Solutions for these beautiful vistas!

# Follow Us For:

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- Library News
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## Save the Date(s)

May is "Get Caught Reading" month, where people of all ages are encouraged to incorporate reading into their everyday lives.

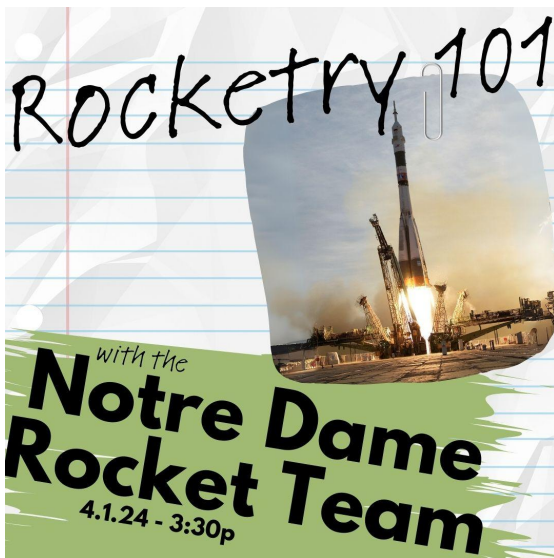
Are you reading on the bus? At the table? In the park? In the breakroom? In bed? During May, we'll be giving out books to kids and teens who get 'caught' reading.

Save the date and start looking out

for readers.



## April Library Programs



### Rocketry 101

Monday, April 1st, 3:30p

It's Spring break, and Notre Dame's Rocketry team visits us twice this week!

In Rocketry 101, students will learn all about what it takes to build a rocket, and how the ND team chooses to execute the process, with a real rocket to examine.

One pair of eclipse glasses will be given out per student

### Same Page Book Club

Monday, April 1st, 10a

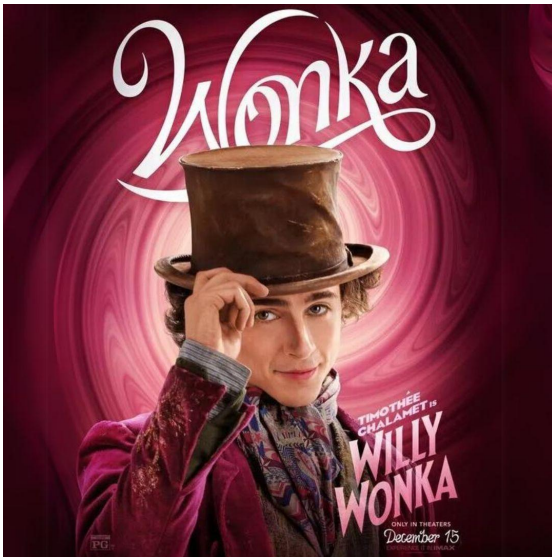
Have fun reading with friends, and take a new book home with you!

Same Page Book Club is a place for adults with developmental disabilities to read fun, accessible books, enjoy snacks and have social time.

Do you know someone who would like Same Page Book Club? [Check here for more details.](#)

# SAME PAGE BOOK CLUB

FOR ADULTS WITH  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



## Cinema Showcase

Tuesday, April 2nd, 1p

Come on out to have popcorn and coffee while watching December's big-screen hit, "Wonka", starring Timothee Chalamet.

Wonka tells the origin story of Gene Wilder's Willy Wonka, years before he started his magical, whimsical chocolate factory.

[Check out the trailer](#)

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See Next  
Month's Pick

Tuesday  
April 2nd  
4pm

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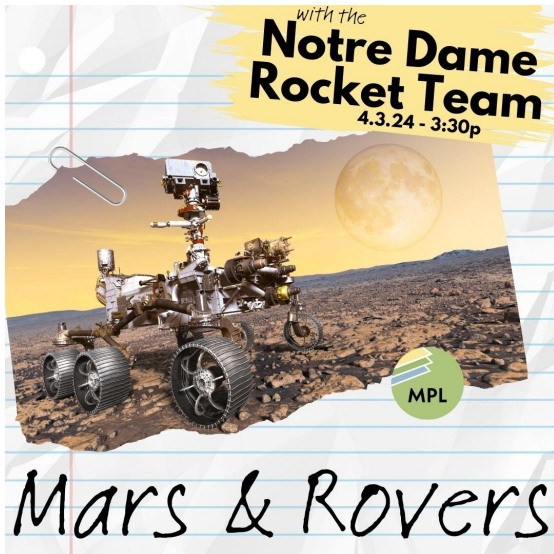


## Reading Ready Storytime

Every Wednesday in April, 10a

Splish splash! It's springtime, and April showers are bringing flowers.

Bring your toddler for an hour of fun stories, crafts, friends and playtime every Wednesday at 10a



## Mars and Rovers

Wednesday, April 3rd, 3:30p

Notre Dame's Rocketry Team joins us for the second time this week for Mars and Rovers.

Students will learn all about Mars, as well as the challenges NASA faced in getting rovers to function on the Red Planet. We'll play space games and build our own paper rovers.

One pair of eclipse glasses will be given out per student.

## Fly Tying

Saturday, April 6th, 10a

Experienced and beginner fly-fishers alike! Come to his monthly class to learn new fly patterns and talk fishing with Keith Loutzenhiser of the Little Elkhart Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

All supplies will be provided, but you can bring your own if you have them.



After Hours

April 4 | May 2  
6:30p

# NERF BATTLE

Parental Permission Required

Snacks provided!



## STEM WITH A STORY

### STEM with a Story: ECLIPSE

Saturday, April 6th, 11a

The full solar eclipse is coming up and we're learning about this astronomical event through stories and experiments!

Read books about space and re-create an eclipse at this month's STEM with a Story.

[Register Here](#)

### Solar Eclipse Livestream

Monday, April 8th, 1p-4p

Come watch with us!

We'll be streaming the full solar eclipse from [NASA](#) in a few of our community rooms. Then we'll be heading outside to view it ourselves during the peak of totality!

One pair of eclipse glasses will be given out per person at this event.



# HOMESCHOOL HANGS

## Bird Feeders



## Homeschool Hangs: Bird Feeders

Tuesday, April 9th, 11:30a

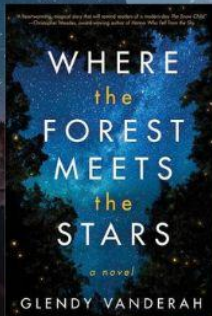
Spring has sprung!

Get to know other Middlebury homeschool families and make bird feeders together! Then hang them outside your house to enjoy the birds' return.

## Spring 2024 - Let's Talk About It

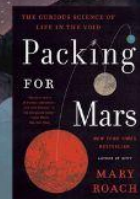


# OUT OF THIS WORLD



TUESDAY  
APRIL 9th  
7p

Refreshments and discussion with  
Victoria Malooley of the Northridge  
Highschool English Department



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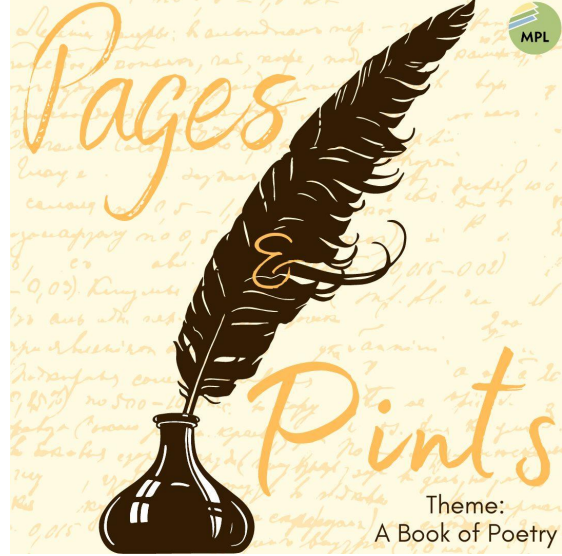
## Pages and Pints

Wednesday, April 10th, 5:30p @  
Wedgewood Brewing

Get back into reading with our no-pressure monthly book club where YOU get to pick the book!

This month's theme is Poetry, so find a book that speaks to you, and come out to Wedgewood for dinner, drinks, and good company

(Ages 21+)



# VOLUNTEERS

PARK CLEAN-UP



## Volunteers East Park Clean-Up Thursday, April 11th, 4p

Teens, get volunteer hours and make your town beautiful!

Assist the Middlebury Parks Department in cleaning up East Park for the warm months.

After all our hard work, we'll enjoy some sundaes!

## Free Baby Class with Goshen College Music Together

Fridays at 9:45a, April 12th-May 31st

An eight-week series of free music classes for you and your baby, infant to eight months.

Encourage language learning and brain development for your baby with music and movement in a fun class!

[Learn More](#)



## Music Together

Goshen College Music Together

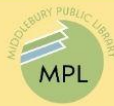
**Middlebury Public Library**

Fridays, April 12 – May 31 | 9:45 – 10:30 a.m.

Classes for babies from newborn through 8 months old and their parents.







# LEGO CLUB

**TUESDAY  
APRIL 16TH  
4P**



## Books and Brews

Tuesday, April 16th, 5:30p

Pick up your copy of "The Mothers" and join us for Books and Brews this month, a casual book club where we drink coffee and talk books!

Learn more about the book [here](#)



# NO-SEW BLANKETS

 **make and donate**

## No-Sew Blankets for Middlebury Food Pantry

Monday, April 22nd, 10a

Give back to your neighbors in need by making a no-sew blanket to donate to the Middlebury Food Pantry.

We'll have snacks and all the supplies you need to make a cozy fleece blanket.

[Register Here](#)

## Anime Club

Monday, April 22nd, 4p

Whether you're just discovering anime or you've been an anime lover for a long time, teens are welcome at Anime Club!

Come out for Japanese snacks and watching a show.



Support literacy and  
learning in your  
community



Thursday,  
April 25th  
5pm

**Friends of the  
Middlebury Public Library**

**Everyone is welcome!**

## Art Nights: Upcycled Macrame Shirts

Thursday, April 25th, 5p

Middlebury artist Aubrey Hittle is back this month to show us all the ways we can repurpose items to make something creative. No waste, money, or fancy supplies; art is for everyone!

Bring your own shirt for this project; we will have limited shirts of various sizes. [Register Here.](#)



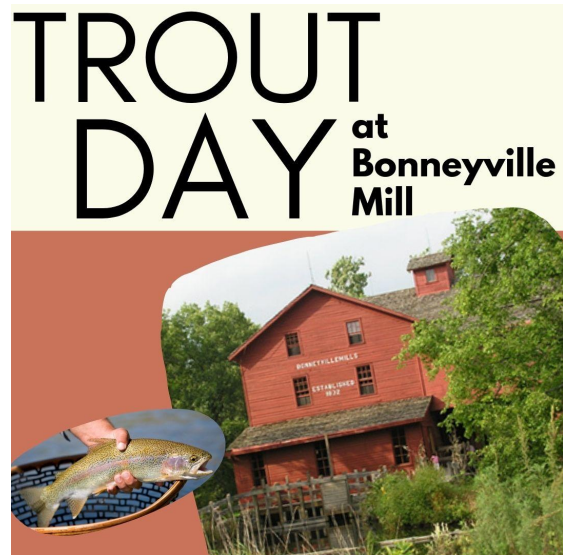
## Trout Day at Bonneyville Mill

Saturday, April 27th, 9:30a

Visit the library's activity and story table at Bonneyville Mill!

Come early and bring your family and friends for a delicious pancake breakfast, followed by a few lessons on fishing, plus crafts, games for kids, and library fun! Come catch yourself a trout.

[Learn more here](#)



## Ask a Curator

Monday, April 29th, 4-6p

Do you have family treasures you'd like to pass down?

Drop in to talk to a curator from the Elkhart County Historical Museum about how to preserve those precious items, and learn about what museums and archives do.

[Learn More](#)



DROP  
IN .

# gaming

6th grade and up

## Flower Gardening

Tuesday, April 30th, 6:30p

Learn the tips and tricks you need to make your yard into a lush, colorful flower garden this summer!

Master Gardeners Lisa Glenn and Gaye Yoder will dive into how to plan and plant your garden with different types of flowers, then you'll make a small flower container to take home and get you started!



## Staff Picks

### JULI RECOMMENDS . . .

## The Book of Hope

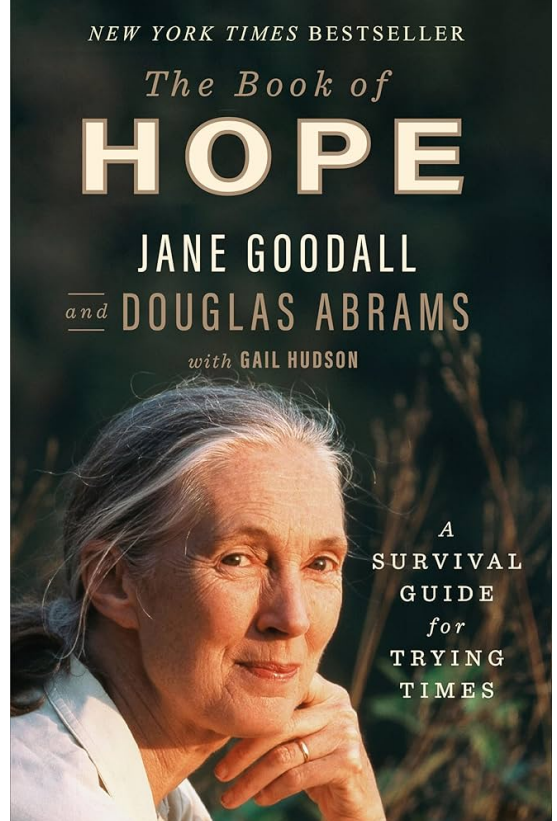
by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams

Drawing on decades of work that has helped expand our understanding of what it means to be human and what we all need to do to help build a better world, *The Book of Hope* touches on vital questions, including:

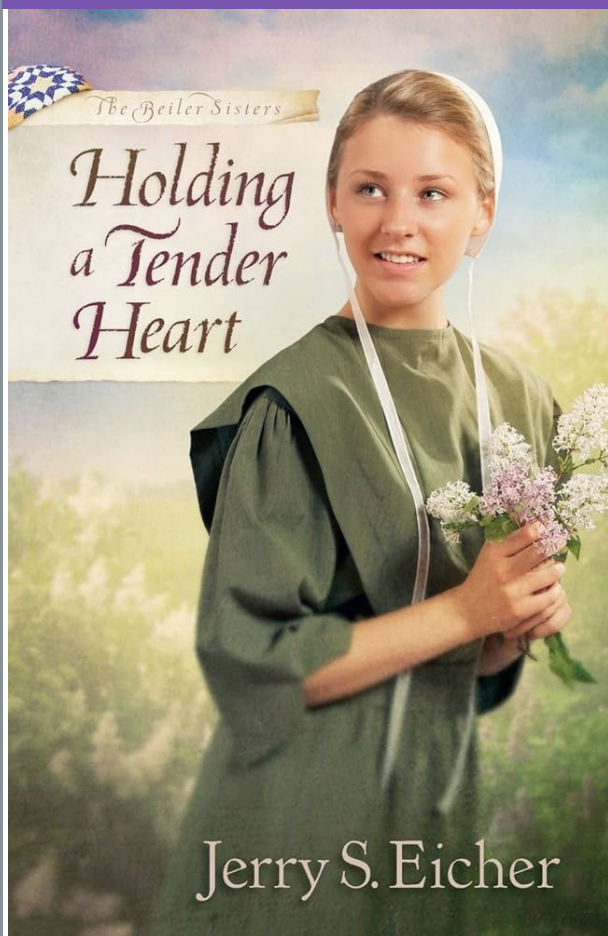
How do we stay hopeful when everything seems hopeless? How do we cultivate hope in our children? What is the relationship between hope and action?

Filled with moving and inspirational stories and photographs from Jane's remarkable career, *The Book of Hope* is a deeply personal conversation with one of the most beloved figures in the world today.

Genre: Adult Non-Fiction



## Patron Picks



MPL PATRON STACEY RECOMMENDS...

### **Holding a Tender Heart**

by Jerry S. Eicher

"This book... reminded me of trading places Amish Style... It was interesting to learn why each daughter wanted to leave their family and join another family."

About the Book:

Debbie Watson is a young Englisha girl who has grown up admiring her Amish friends, the Beiler sisters. As she prepares to graduate from college, Debbie considers making the life-changing decision to convert to the Amish faith and lifestyle.

Genre: Adult Inspirational Fiction

[Submit Your Own Patron Pick Here!](#)



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