The Bridgeton Free Public Library seeks to be a community center that provides its citizens with materials and services to enrich their diverse personal, educational and professional lives.

Good morning loyal readers and patrons,

Not only is February 14th Valentine’s Day but it is also Library Lover’s Day. "It is a day to honour libraries, librarians, and library lovers, and the valuable roles that libraries play in our lives." As you celebrate with a loved one, friend, pet or a good book; remember how thankful we are for your continual support and visits to our library here in Bridgeton. Also we have some exciting news regarding a book club and Adult Coloring here at the library (see below)! Have a wonderful February.

Warmly,

Andrea
Library Associate
Head of Volunteering
Newsletter Editor

**Quote of the month:**

"Literature allows us to be open, to listen, and to be curious."

Tracy K. Smith

**Announcements and Upcoming**

BPL’s monthly Board of Trustees meeting is February 8th starting at 4:45 pm and is open to the public.

The library will be closed on February 17th for President’s Day.
Friends of the Library Winter Book Sale

Saturday, February 24 - Saturday, March 2, 2024.

If you wish to donate books and other materials for the Friends Book Sale, please have them here to the library by February 16. The criteria for donated materials is as follows:

- Books should be in good condition: No must, no mildew, no bugs, no water stains, no ripped pages or covers. Books should be no older than 5-10 years.
- Magazines no older than 5 years.
- We accept DVD's and CD's only, no VHS or cassette tapes, please.

We do not accept encyclopedias or textbooks. Thank you for your donations!
Relax and de-stress with us at the library by coloring and enjoying coffee and tea with light snacks and relaxing music.

ANDREA & GABBY'S ADULT COLORING

JOIN US AT THE LIBRARY FOR ADULT COLORING, COFFEE, TEA, AND SNACKS!

NO COST TO ATTEND

DATES & TIMES:
- TUESDAY, FEB 13 - 12:30 TO 2:00PM
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 - 1:30 TO 3:00PM
- THURSDAY, APRIL 18 - 3:00 TO 4:30 PM

FOR QUESTIONS EMAIL:
BRIDGETONLIBRARYACTIVITIES@GMAIL.COM
Bridgeton Library's long standing tradition of showcasing art by local youth is again in session for 2024. An opening reception for our Youth Art Showcase will be held at the library on Wednesday, April 3 from 4:30-6 pm. All are invited to attend. Art will be on display for April and May.
More Upcoming Programs

Upcoming programs for 2024’s Black History Month and Woman’s History Month: We will have exciting and educational programs celebrating these historical months so please check for announcements on our FB page or check your email inbox for special event notifications!

New English Adult Books

One in a Million
Janet Dailey

Frank Culhane may be the wealthy patriarch of one of Texas’ most prestigious families, but his party girl daughter, Jasmine, is only interested in the money the ranch brings in—and the cowboys. Until the day she heads to the stables in search of their hot horse trainer and instead discovers her daddy’s body in their prize stallion’s box stall.

Roper’s rodeo career was cut short by an injury. Now, he’s hungry to compete in reining events, like the prized forthcoming Run for a Million. In the meantime, until his family can afford their own breeding business, he’s got to work for the rich ranchers who snub them—including the Culhanes. But when an autopsy reveals Frank was murdered, Roper lands on the list of possible suspects.

A city outsider, Detective Sam Rafferty’s investigation propels him into a tangle of simmering rivalries. For the ranch is now in the hands of an
The Wonder of It All
Barbara Taylor Bradford

James Falconer—a tycoon and a self-made man—seems to have the world in the palm of his hand. But the Great War looms, and James decides to fight for king and country. The fighting is bloody and brutal, and James returns a changed man, with wounds both physical and mental. His beloved wife is dead, but a new woman returns to help nurse him back to health.

Georgiana Ward once held James in her thrall, but years have passed and bitterness has set in. Still, the old attraction is there and James is determined to make amends to both Georgiana and his child Leonie—now a grown woman and someone he hasn’t seen in decades. Leonie is having none of it, and is embarking on a dangerous journey with a man who might very well destroy her. As James fights to return to the man he once was, he needs to find a way to heal his body, soul, and family.

Told with Barbara Taylor Bradford’s inimitable style and flair for period detail, The Wonder of It All concludes House of Falconer trilogy that has followed the story of this remarkable family from Victorian times to the 20th century.

Random in Death
J.D. Robb

Jenna’s parents had finally given in, and there she was, at a New York club with her best friends, watching the legendary band Avenue A, carrying her demo in hopes of slipping it to the guitarist, Jake Kincade. Then, from the stage, Jake catches her eye, and smiles. It’s the best night of her life.

It’s the last night of her life.

Minutes later, Jake’s in the alley getting some fresh air, and the girl from the dance floor comes stumbling out, sick and confused and deathly pale. He tries to help, but it’s no use. He doesn’t know that someone in the crowd has jabbed her with a needle—and when his girlfriend Nadine arrives, she knows the only thing left to do for the girl is call her friend, Lieutenant Eve Dallas.

After everyone on the scene is interviewed, lab results show a toxic mix of substances in the victim’s body—and for an extra touch of viciousness, the needle was teeming with infectious agents. Dallas searches for a pattern: Had any boys been harassing Jenna? Was she engaging in risky behavior or caught up in something shady? But there are no obvious clues why this levelheaded...
sixteen-year-old, passionate about her music, would be targeted.

And that worries Dallas. Because if Jenna wasn’t targeted, if she was just the random, unlucky victim of a madman consumed by hatred, there are likely more deaths to come.

Harbor Lights
James Lee Burke

Harbor Lights is a story collection from one of the most popular and widely acclaimed icons of American fiction, featuring a never-before-published novella. These eight stories move from the marshlands on the Gulf of Mexico to the sweeping plains of Colorado to prisons, saloons, and trailer parks across the South, weaving together love, friendship, violence, survival, and revenge.

As an atmosphere of suspicion pervades their Louisiana town, a boy and his father watch a German submarine sink an oil tanker. A girl is beaten up outside a bar as her university-professor father navigates new love and threats from a group of neo-Nazis. A pair of undercover union organizers are hired to break cols for a Hollywood actor, whose “Western hero” façade hides darkness. An oil rig worker witnesses a horrific attack on a local village while on a job in South America and seeks justice through one final act of bravery.

With his nuanced characters, complex prose, and ability to write shocking violence in the most evocative settings, James Lee Burke’s singular skills are on display in this superb anthology. Harbor Lights unfolds in stories that crackle and reverberate as unexpected heroes emerge.

Mine!
Susie Lee Jin

Mine! No, Mine! No, Mine! Yours? Wait...ours? Who does the carrot belong to? For a bunch of adorable bunnies, that question is up for an endless debate. Each bunny stakes a no nonsense claim on the juicy orange veggie with a resounding “Mine!” But as the chase heats up and a snowman gets in on the action, the battle for the carrot begins to get out of hand. Will the bunnies find a way to stop the madness...and share? Told with only four words and filled with energetic illustrations, Susie Lee Jin puts an inventive twist on the concept of sharing with this laugh-inducing tale.

My Mom is Cool Because
Diane Cruzman + Anna Vosburgh

Go on a colorful and meaningful journey about why this mom is cool! Original artwork and a heartwarming story all in one.

Splat the Cat: Funny Valentine

It's Valentine's Day, and Splat wants to give a secret present to someone special. His classmates all decide to help, and make the best Valentine ever! Lift the flaps throughout the story to discover hidden holiday surprises. Read all about Splat's Valentine's Day misadventures in Splat the Cat: Funny Valentine, another sure-to-be-a-classic story by Rob Scotton.
A Book Club returns to the Bridgeton Free Public Library!

We are very excited to announce the first book club at the library in years! We hope that the community will come out and enjoy the monthly discussions and snacks. Please see the flyer below for more details!
Digital Learning Center - IPads at the Library!!! Give your brain a tune-up by logging into your school Clever account or just check out our entertaining software.

Click the library card above to find out how you can apply for one!

Did you know?

- BPL offers the following services: Computer/Internet, Printing, Faxing (outgoing or incoming), Copying, Scanning and saving to a flash drive or sending to email, digitization of Bridgeton Evening News going back to early 1900's, Research and Reference, information and questions plus more! Notary service: Tues & Thurs 10-4

- Located in the lower level of the Bridgeton Library, the Woodruff Museum of Native American Artifacts features over 30,000 native local Lenape artifacts creatively laid out in display cases. Call 856-451-2620 to schedule an appointment to visit the museum.

Click to watch a virtual tour of the Library and Museum with Ms. Adaria!