



Boone Area Library
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Marvelous May



CELEBRATE SPRING WITH OUR NEW TERRACOTTA WIND CHIME CRAFT

We often talk about the seasons in terms of what we can *see*; the colorful buds of blooming flowers, the winter-scrubbed blue of an azure sky, the flash of avian feathers darting through the trees. But if you've been taking advantage of the warming weather to venture outside, you know that spring is about the rest of your senses, too. And what better accompaniment to birdsong than the sweet, earthy melody of a terracotta wind chime?

Stop by the library on **Saturday, May 22nd** for one of our grab-and-go terracotta wind chime adult craft kits. Each kit comes with three miniature terracotta flower pots, string, wooden beads, and instructions on how to make your own wind chime. Paint your beads and pots to give the craft your own unique spin, or enjoy the warm, natural beauty of the wind chime's wood and clay. We hope this activity invites you to relax and enjoy the sounds of spring!

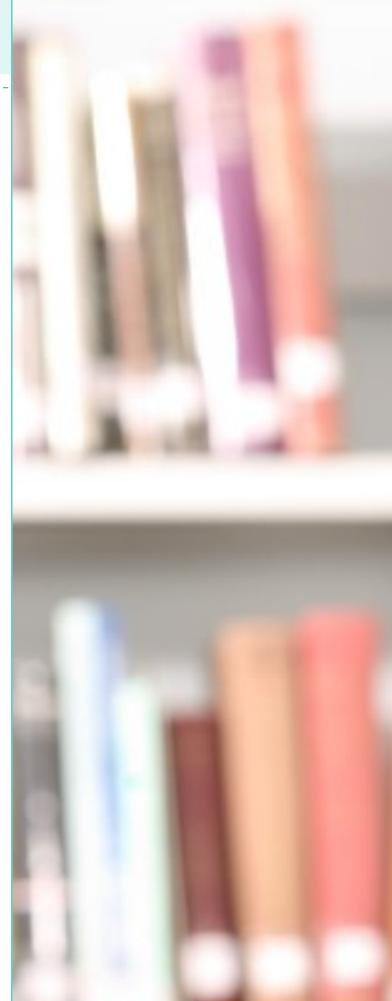
FREE OUTDOOR STORYTIME PROGRAMS EVERY MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

Tired of being cooped up inside? Looking for new activities for you and your young children? We've got you covered!

Join Ms. Sarah every Monday and Wednesday morning at 10:15 AM for stories, games, and family-friendly outdoor activities. Bring your blanket or chair to Amity Community Park on Mondays at the Butch Boyer Memorial Pavilion, or drop by Pavilion #3 at Rustic Park in Birdsboro on Wednesdays. The pandemic may still prevent us from gathering in the library, but it can't stop the springtime fun!

Storytime programs are geared towards children ages 2 to 5, though all are welcome to attend. In the event of bad weather, please check our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/boonearealibrary) or give us a call (610-82-5666) for program updates.

We hope to see you there!



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CHILDREN'S CORNER

- Storytime at Amity Park, Mondays at 10:15 AM
- Storytime at Rustic Park, Wednesdays at 10:15 AM
- STEM kits available 05/14
- T(w)een Craft Packs available 05/08

Please email
sbichild@berks.lib.pa.us
for more information



SUMMER QUEST 2021: TALES AND TAILS!

It's still a month away, but we can't wait; join us on **Tuesday, June 8th** as we kick off Summer Quest 2021: Tales and Tails! Stop by the library parking lot between **6:00 PM and 8:00 PM** to meet our live mermaid friend, play some animal-themed games, and pick up your Summer Quest reading packet! The first 100 guests to stop by will receive a prize!

Summer Quest is an annual event aimed at motivating and encouraging children and teens to continue reading and learning throughout the summer months. Participants earn raffle tickets and special "brag tags" by submitting their reading logs and completing Summer Quest

activities. Each ticket gives you a chance to win one of our special prize baskets. You can get a sneak peek of all our summer prizes at the June 8th kick off event, as well as a list of all the free entertainment and workshops we'll be offering during the summer months. There's something fun for all ages!

Speaking of all ages – we noted earlier that the goal of Summer Quest is to encourage children to read, but that doesn't mean that adults can't participate, too. We have reading logs ready for older participants, too, and we'd love for you to join in the fun!

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MAY BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

New readers welcome!

Cliffhanger Book Club

Reading: *Man Overboard* by J. A. Jance

Meets: May 20th @ 6:00 PM (Zoom)

Eagle's Eye Book Club

Reading: *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead

Meets: May 11th @ 1:30 PM (contact library for details)

Youth Book Club

Reading: *Counting By 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Meets: Thursdays @ 4:30 PM (Zoom)

Afterthoughts Book Club

Reading: *The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson

Meets: May 25th @ 6:00 PM (Main Bird Park, Birdsboro)

For more info: email boone@berks.lib.pa.us

GET TO KNOW YOUR LIBRARY STAFF



Crescenda, *Library Director*

A Favorite Fictional Mom: Miss Honey (*Matilda* by Roald Dahl)

"She sees Matilda's worth when no one else does, and puts it all on the line to keep her safe."

May Recommendation: *All Systems Red* by Martha Wells

"A delectable bonbon of science fiction: smart, funny, and wonderfully imaginative!"



Sarah, *Youth Coordinator*

A Favorite Fictional Mom: Lucille Bluth (*Arrested Development*)

"She is hilarious, and she makes me feel like a better mom!"

May Recommendation: *Me & Mama* by Cozbi A. Cabrera

"I love the beauty in the simple details of a day shared between a mother and a daughter."



Ashley, *Library Aide*

A Favorite Fictional Mom: Molly Weasley (*Harry Potter* series)

"She is a strong and caring mother. She is the type of mother I want to be."

May Recommendation: *The Little Book of Cottagecore* by Emily Kent

"A great guide for living a simpler life!"



Elena, *Library Aide*

A Favorite Fictional Mom: Wendy Torrance (*The Shining* by Stephen King)

"In the book, she was smarter in her actions to protect Danny. In the movie, not at all!"

May Recommendation: *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens

"I've been in the mood to re-read this. It's really just a great story!"



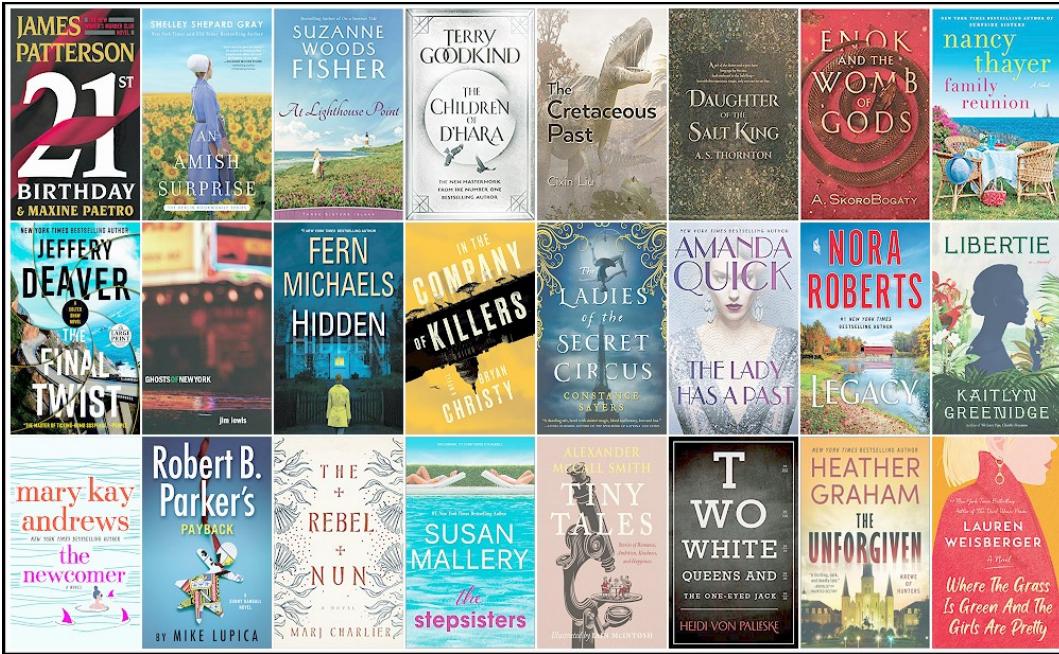
Ethan, *Library Aide*

A Favorite Fictional Mom: Andy's Mom (*Toy Story*)

"Her kids seem to be happy and well."

May Recommendation: *Superstore* (TV series)

"I think it's a good casual comedy with decent social commentary."



NEW ADULT FICTION FOR MAY

21st Birthday / James Patterson & Maxine Paetro

An Amish Surprise / Shelley Shepard Gray

At Lighthouse Point / Suzanne Woods Fisher

The Children of D'Hara / Terry Goodkind

The Cretaceous Past / Cixin Liu

Daughter of the Salt King / A. S. Thornton

Enok and the Womb of Gods / A. Skorobogaty

Family Reunion / Nancy Thayer

The Final Twist / Jeffery Deaver

Ghosts of New York / Jim Lewis

Hidden / Fern Michaels

In the Company of Killers / Bryan Christy

The Ladies of the Secret Circus / Constance Sayers

The Lady Has a Past / Amanda Quick

Legacy / Nora Roberts

Libertie / Kaitlyn Greenidge

The Newcomer / Mary Kay Andrews

Payback / Mike Lupica

The Rebel Nun / Marj Charlier

The Stepsisters / Susan Mallery

Tiny Tales / Alexander McCall Smith

Two White Queens and the One-Eyed Jack / Heidi Von Palleske

The Unforgiven / Heather Graham

Where the Grass Is Green And The Girls Are Pretty / Lauren Weisberger

The Women of Chateau Lafayette / Stephanie Dray

MAY STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Crescenda's Rec:

All Systems Red
by Martha Wells

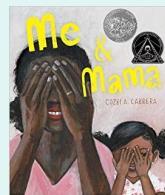


In a corporate-dominated spacefaring future, planetary missions must be approved and supplied by the Company.

Exploratory teams are accompanied by Company-supplied security androids, for their own safety. On a distant planet, a team of scientists are conducting surface tests, shadowed by their Company-supplied 'droid—a self-aware SecUnit that has hacked its own governor module, and refers to itself (though never out loud) as "Murderbot." Scornful of humans, all it really wants is to be left alone long enough to figure out who it is. But when a neighboring mission goes dark, it's up to the scientists and their Murderbot to get to the truth.

Sarah's Rec:

Me & Mama
by Cozbi A. Cabrera



On a rainy day when the house smells like cinnamon and Papa and Luca are still asleep, when the clouds are wearing shadows and the wind paints the window with beads of water, I want to be everywhere Mama is. With lyrical prose and a tender touch, the Caldecott and Coretta Scott King Honor Book *Mama and Me* is an ode to the strength of the bond between a mother and a daughter as they spend a rainy day together.

MAY STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Ethan's Pick:

Superstore (TV Series)

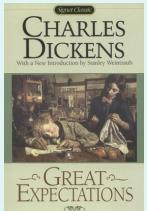


America Ferrera and Ben Feldman star in a workplace comedy about a unique family of employees at a super-sized megastore. From

the bright-eyed newbies and the seen-it-all veterans to the clueless summer hires and in-it-for-life managers, together they tackle the day-to-day grind of rabid bargain hunters, riot-causing sales and nap-worthy training sessions.

Elena's Pick:

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens



Pip doesn't expect much from life. His sister makes it clear that her orphaned little brother is nothing but a burden on her. But suddenly things begin to change.

Pip's narrow existence is blown apart when he finds an escaped criminal, is summoned to visit a mysterious old woman, and meets the icy beauty Estella. Most astoundingly of all, an anonymous person gives him money to begin a new life in London. Are these events as random as they seem? Or does Pip's fate hang on a series of coincidences he could never have expected?



NEW ADULT NONFICTION FOR MAY

Bee People and the Bugs They Love / Frank Mortimer

The Believer: Alien Encounters, Hard Science, and the Passion of John Mack / Ralph Blumenthal

Dusk Night Dawn: On Revival and Courage / Anne Lamott

The Glitter in the Green: In Search of Hummingbirds / Jon Dunn

The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos / Judy Batalion



NEW VIDEO GAME FOR MAY

Trails of Cold Steel IV (Nintendo Switch)

NEW NONFICTION BOOK CLUB TO MEET IN MAIN BIRD PARK

Are you a history buff? A true crime fan? Maybe a memoir devotee? Are you looking to bond with other bibliophiles in a face-to-face, COVID-safe setting? Then we've got just the book club for you!

This May, join library director Crescenda and a group of fellow nonfiction fans as they launch the Boone Area Library's latest book club: *Afterthoughts*, a once-a-month outdoor reading group devoted specifically to nonfiction.

To get things started, *Afterthoughts'* first read is *The Splendid and the Vile*, a book about Winston Churchill by Erik Larson. Pick up a copy from the library today – we have regular hardbacks, large print, and audiobook editions already on hold for you behind the Circulation Desk – and join us at Main Bird Park in Birdsboro on **Tuesday, May 25th at 6:00 PM**. We hope to see you there!

(Interested in joining future meetings, but not a big Churchill fan? No problem! Feel free to email boone@berks.lib.pa.us for the *Afterthoughts* survey and tell us what kinds of nonfiction you're most interested in!)



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NEW DVDS FOR MAY

The Alienist: Season 1

The Alienist: Season 2

Cosmic Sin

Happily

Judas and the Black Messiah

Land

The Little Things

The Marksman

The Mauritanian

Minari

The Nest

Pixie

The Salisbury Poisonings

Son

Star Trek: The Lower Decks

Supernova

The Virtuoso

MAY STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Ashley's Pick:

The Little Book of Cottagecore
by Emily Kent

Returning to the simpler life has never been easier. If you're craving the aroma of freshly baked bread, spending more time in nature, or seeing the sunlight filtering through homemade curtains, then cottagecore is for you!



Whether you're interested in baking pies from scratch, basic sewing and cross stitch, gardening, beekeeping, or making candles and soaps, this book is full of fun, hands-on activities that make it easy and enjoyable to unplug from modern life.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: THE BIRDSBORO STREET FAIR IS MAY 15TH!

Join us on May 15th from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM in Main Bird Park for the 2021 Birdsboro Street Fair and Duck Derby! Entertainment, food, vendor stalls, children's activities – and, of course, the Duck Derby itself!

Grab your Ducky Derby tickets now at the library for a chance to win \$500! Tickets are \$5 for one, or \$20 for five. The more you buy, the more chances you have to win!

All proceeds benefit the library, and we're so very grateful for your support. Grab your tickets today!

CHILDREN'S CRAFT PACK SCHEDULE

- 04/26 - 05/01: Orange Birdfeeder Craft
- 05/03 - 05/08: Mother's Day Cards & Tissue Paper Ladybug
- 05/10 - 05/15: Duck Necklace
- 05/17 - 05/22: Frog Craft and Frog Jumper Game
- 05/24 - 05/29: Bug Masks & Stencils

All craft packs are available throughout the week beginning on Monday while supplies last. Come to the library to pick up yours during in-person and curbside hours, no appointment necessary!

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Boone Area Library Monthly Newsletter May, 2021

Sign up today to receive June's newsletter in your email (in color!) Ask a staff member or send a message to boone@berks.lib.pa.us to register.

Open Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM
- Tuesday: 2:00 PM–7:00 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Curbside Hours

- Wednesday: 9:00 AM–1:00PM
- Thursday: 4:00 PM–7:00 PM