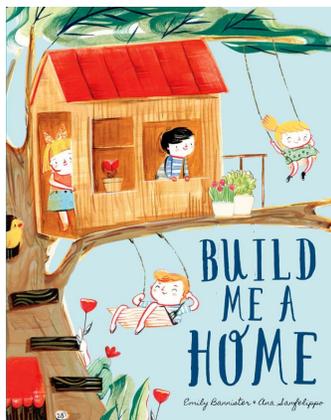


THE LIBRARY LEDGER

January 2024

Build Me A Home

This month our story time theme was building! We read “Build Me A Home” by Emily Bannister and Ana Sanfelippo. Then we built our very own “homes” with legos!



Imagine The Possibilities at the Library!

This month we had Imagine visit a couple times! On January 5th we painted fireworks in celebration of the new year! Also, on January 25th, we played bingo, an all time favorite!

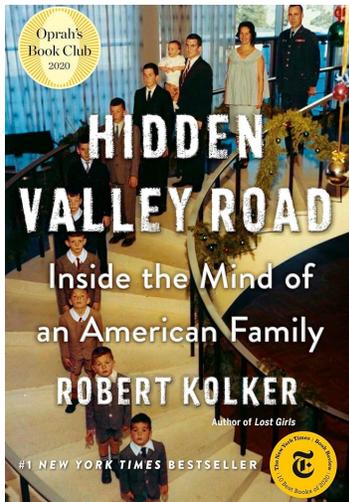


Featured Articles

BOOK RECOMMENDATION

January's book recommendation is...

Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family by Robert Kolker



This is the heartbreaking true story of a family of 12 children, 6 of them diagnosed with schizophrenia, who became modern science's greatest hope to treat or even cure this disease. The Galvins became one of the first families studied by the National Institute of Mental Health and samples of their DNA are still being used today to study mental health. Trigger warnings for child abuse and violence but I did find this to be an intensely intriguing read. At the heart of this book is a family who is navigating difficulties not unfamiliar to many today.

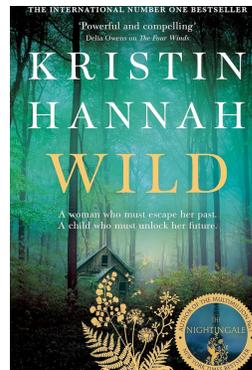
-Beth Olsen, Library Board Trustee

Bookclub Reads

The Newell Public Library has three active book clubs. These are what they are reading this month!

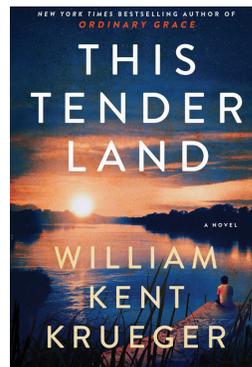


Book Club #1 Books for January



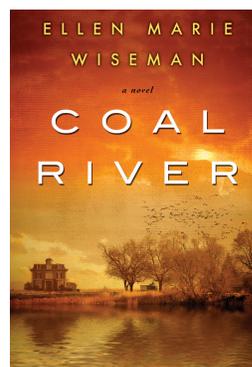
In the rugged Pacific Northwest lies the Olympic National Forest—nearly a million acres of impenetrable darkness and impossible beauty. From deep within this old growth forest, a six-year-old girl appears. Speechless and alone, she offers no clue as to her identity, no hint of her past.

Book Club #2 Books for January



Aln the summer of 1932, on the banks of Minnesota's Gilead River, the Lincoln Indian Training School is a pitiless place where Native American children, forcibly separated from their parents, are sent to be educated. It is also home to Odie O'Banion, a lively orphan boy whose exploits constantly earn him the superintendent's wrath. Odie and his brother, Albert, are the only white faces among the hundreds of Native American children at the school. After committing a terrible crime, Odie and Albert are forced to flee for their lives along with their best friend, Mose, a mute young man of Sioux heritage. Out of pity, they also take with them a brokenhearted little girl named Emmy. Together, they steal away in a canoe, heading for the mighty Mississippi in search for a place to call home.

Book Club #3 Books for January



As a child, Emma Malloy left isolated Coal River, Pennsylvania, vowing never to return. Now, orphaned and penniless at nineteen, she accepts a train ticket from her aunt and uncle and travels back to the rough-hewn community. Treated like a servant by her relatives, Emma works for free in the company store. There, miners and their impoverished families must pay inflated prices for food, clothing, and tools, while those who owe money are turned away to starve.

2024

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Newell Public Library wishes to give businesses and citizens the opportunity to be recognized by supporting the summer reading program of 2024. This year's theme is:

READ, RENEW, REPEAT

Some fun things we would like to have this year include:

- Absolute Science, Blank Park Zoo and Sanford Museum
- Recycling Themed Projects and Crafts
- Magician Program
- A Planting Program

The Newell Public Library is proud to serve our community.

Please consider joining a list of sponsors for this year's summer reading program. All donations will go towards the program. Donations in any form are gratefully accepted.

We thank you for your continuous support!

Upcoming Events

February 10th - Toddler Time

February 14th - Book Club

February 19th - Board Meeting

Did you know??

We have a book club that is accepting new members! If you are interested in joining, please let a library staff member know!