



# AUTUMN 2023

The Cromwell Belden Public Library



## BANNED BOOK READ-IN

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

ALL AGES | DROP-IN

Since 1982, libraries across the United States have observed **Banned Books Week** as a time to highlight titles that were targeted for removal from libraries - and as a chance to elevate and amplify stories and voices that censorship attempts to repress.

Join us to kick off this year's Banned Book Week with a community **"Read-In" & pizza party event**. Come gather at the library to read banned books with the goal of bringing together **as many people as possible**, all reading banned books at the same time. Feel free to read on your own or join Miss Emily for some read-alouds of banned picture books. **Pizza will be arriving by 6:30, when we will officially start the count - so stop by and join in!**



### CONTACT US:

Cromwell Belden Public Library  
39 West Street  
Cromwell, CT 06416  
(860) 632-3460  
[www.cromwellct.com/library](http://www.cromwellct.com/library)

Our Hours:  
Mon - Thurs: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
Fri: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Sat: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (starting 9/9/23)  
Sun: Closed

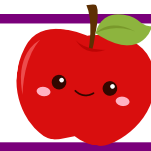
- Please note that events are subject to change or cancellation. -  
- Event registration opens one month prior to event date. -

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS AND SPECIAL HOURS:

CLOSED: Monday, Sept. 4th | Monday, Oct. 9th | Friday, Nov. 10th | Thursday, Nov. 23rd & Friday, Nov. 24th



# CHILDREN



## ONGOING PROGRAMS



### BABY RHYME TIME

WEDNESDAYS | 10:30 AM

SONG SET 1: AUG. 30 - SEP. 20

SONG SET 2: OCT. 11 - NOV. 1

AGES 0-18 MONTHS | DROP-IN

ARCH ROOM



Babies, babies, babies! You'll learn rhymes, fingerplays, and songs at this program. Enjoy tickles, snuggles, and lap bounces while bonding with your little one. We'll do the same songs for 4 weeks so you can learn all the words.

### MUSIC & MOVEMENT

THURSDAYS | 11:15 AM | SEP. 7 - NOV. 16

AGES 0-5 | DROP-IN

THE BELDEN

Come wiggle, sing, dance, and get silly with Miss Emily!

### MUSIC & MOVEMENT: BOO BASH!

THURSDAY, OCT. 26 | 11:15 AM

AGES 0-5 | DROP-IN

THE BELDEN

Get costumed up and come enjoy a special Music & Movement event! We'll enjoy our usual dancing along with photo ops and fun Halloween treats!



### STORY TIME

FRIDAYS, SEP. 8 - NOV. 17 | 10:30 AM

NO STORY TIME NOV. 10

AGES 3-5 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

THE BELDEN

Join Miss Emily & Ms. Stephanie for some fun stories, songs, and finger plays, followed by an activity or craft.

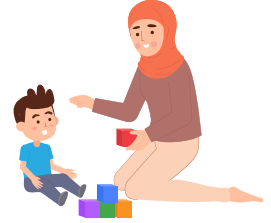
## LIBRARY PLAY DATE

MONDAYS | 10:30 AM | SEP. 11, OCT. 23, NOV. 20

AGES 0-5 | DROP-IN

THE BELDEN

You and your little one will both enjoy this chance to make new friends, play, and socialize!



## LITERACY HARVEST

SATURDAY, OCT. 7 | 11:00 AM

AGES 3-5 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

THE BELDEN

Grow your child's reading skills by participating in harvest and garden themed literacy activities your preschooler will love.

## 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

This free program promotes literacy in the home, helping you establish reading routines with your child and helping your child grow their vocabulary, early literacy skills, empathy skills, and so much more!



- **Register** - Sign up with a staff member at the library desk to get a Welcome Packet and your first Book Log.
- **Track your reading** - Each time a book is read to your child, mark or color in a shape on the Book Log. Every reading of every book counts!
- **Turn in your Book Log** - When you read 100 books, come to the library desk to get the next book log. You'll get a prize at 100, 500, and 1000 books!



# CHILDREN



## FAIRY TALE STEM: HANSEL & GRETEL

WEDNESDAY, SEP. 20 | 3:00 PM  
GRADES K-3 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
BELDEN ROOM

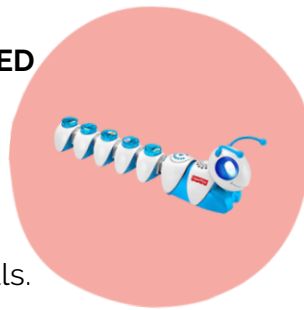
Do you have a sweet tooth? Follow the story of Hansel and Gretel as they get lost in the woods and subsequently found by... a witch! Put your engineering skills to the test and build your own witch's cabin out of candy!



## TINKER TIME: CODE-A-PILLAR

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18 | 3:00 PM  
GRADES K-2 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
THE BELDEN

Come code a caterpillar to make it follow a path to a target. The code-a-pillar is a great intro to coding, sequencing, and problem-solving skills.



## FOOD EXPLORERS: PUMPKIN CROISSANT BITES

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11 | 5:00 PM  
GRADES 2-4 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
THE BELDEN

Join Food Explorers for a delicious fall themed baking program! This recipe uses crescent roll dough wrapped around a delicious pumpkin filling. Children will learn how to fold and shape the dough into croissant bites and make their own pumpkin glaze to drizzle on top. This recipe is nut-free but will contain dairy and gluten.

## DIY WRECK THIS JOURNAL

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8 | 3:00 PM  
GRADES 1-5 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
THE BELDEN

Prepare for destruction! While journaling can be a great tool for self-reflection and growth, we will be creating journals with personally selected prompts to DESTROY. Prepare for wrecking prompts like: spill your drink here, rub food there, or drag this page through a puddle.

## SPECIAL STORY TIMES AGES 3-7 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

### BOOKWORMS

TUESDAY, SEP. 26 | 6:00 PM  
THE BELDEN

In honor of National Library Card Sign-Up Month, this story time is all about books and reading! We'll show our love for the library by making beaded lanyards to hold our library cards!



### DINOVEMBER

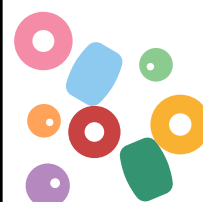
SATURDAY, NOV. 4 | 10:30 AM  
THE BELDEN

We're celebrating one of the best months of the year - Dinovember! Join us for some dino-mite stories, songs, and stuffing our own stuffed dinos to take home and enjoy.



## PERLER BEAD PALOOZA

MONDAY, NOV. 13 | 6:00 PM  
GRADES 4-6 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
ARCH ROOM



Enjoy an afternoon of crafting by making fun Perler bead creations with Ms. Stephanie! Create cute keychains while chatting and relaxing with friends.

## DINO GLOW LAMPS

TUESDAY, NOV. 21 | 5:30 PM OR 6:30 PM  
GRADES 1-5 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
THE BELDEN

We love a good jar craft and in honor of Dinovember, we'll be creating mini dinosaur scenes that light up!





# CHILDREN



## GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB

LISTED TUESDAYS | 6:00 PM  
GRADES 3-6 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
BELDEN ROOM

Graphic novel fans unite! Come to the library once a month to get together with fellow comic lovers to enjoy some fun activities all about your favorite series and authors. We'll make our own comics, play games, and more.

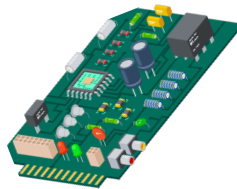
SEP. 19 - HILO  
OCT. 24 - WINGS OF FIRE



## TINKER TIME: CIRCUITS

MONDAY, SEP. 18 | 6:00 PM  
GRADES 4-6 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
ARCH ROOM

Come learn about circuits and electricity at this littleBits workshop. You'll join magnetic blocks together to invent light-up creations.



## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

MONDAY, SEP. 25 | 6:00-7:30 PM  
AGES 6-11 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
STORYTIME ROOM

Calling all adventurers! Join Rosie for a game of Dungeons and Dragons - no prior experience required. Fight monsters alongside your party through a streamlined version of this popular tabletop role playing game! Premade characters, dice, and other supplies will be provided - just bring your imagination!



## PERCY JACKSON PARTY

MONDAY, OCT. 2 | 6:00 PM  
GRADES 3-7 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
ARCH ROOM

Celebrate Rick Riordan's newest addition to the Percy Jackson series, **The Chalice of the Gods**.



We'll snack on blue food, decorate some Camp Half-Blood gear, and play games fit for the gods!

## PAWS TO READ

FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAYS | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
SEP. 6 & 20, OCT. 4 & 18, NOV. 1 & 15  
AGES 5+ | REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
STORYTIME ROOM & THE BELDEN

This popular program is back with more space than ever! Who better to practice your reading skills with than our therapy dog friends, Phoenix, Maple, & Dodger? **Reserve a 20 minute time slot** to pet and read to a furry companion. Make sure to come early to pick out your book!

**Best suited for children who are reading independently.**

## POKÉ-SPHEROS

TUESDAY, NOV. 7 | 6:00 PM  
GRADES 4-6 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
THE BELDEN

Do you have what it takes to beat a gym leader?

Team up and practice coding skills to work your way through pokémon gym mazes using spheros!





# TEENS



## VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

MONDAY, SEP. 11 | 4:30 PM

GRADES 7-12 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
THE BELDEN

Looking for volunteer opportunities? Sign up to become a Teen Volunteer and attend orientation to get started. You'll learn exactly what you can do in order to earn volunteer hours.



## ALL CARDS ON THE TABLE: TAROT FOR SELF- REFLECTION, CONNECTION AND CREATIVITY

SATURDAY, OCT. 21 | 2:30 PM

GRADES 7-12 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
THE BELDEN

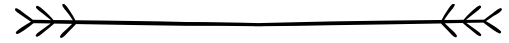


Tarot cards are used as a tool for introspection and inspiration. Join Rosie for an introduction to the classic tarot deck and learn how to design your very own cards! Learn how to do a reading for yourself and others in a library themed demonstration.

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## ANIME CLUB 2.0



WEDNESDAY, SEP. 27 & OCT. 25 | 6:00 PM

GRADES 7-12 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
THE BELDEN



Do you enjoy watching, drawing, or discussing anime and manga? Join Erica for our new and improved Anime Club, now on Wednesdays! We'll watch anime and dish about the best manga series while exploring and learning more about Japanese culture through other fun activities!

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STORYTIME ROOM



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## 3-D PRINTING IS HERE!



CBPL now has 3D Printers available for public printing! Here's how you can get started:

**Step 1:** email us at [cbplcreates@gmail.com](mailto:cbplcreates@gmail.com)  
This email should include: your **name**, **phone number**, and an **STL file** of your requested print.

**Step 3:** Sit back, relax, and wait for us to contact you with the results! Printing time can vary by job and availability, so please be patient.

**Step 2:** We'll email you back with a confirmation and schedule a time for you to stop by the Library to sign off on all the details (like size, cost, etc.)

**Step 4:** Once you hear from us, you can visit the Library anytime we are open and ask for your completed print job at the front desk!

# ADULTS

## MEDICARE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 | 6:00 PM  
BELDEN ROOM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Confused about Medicare? Retiring soon? We are just five weeks away from Medicare Annual Enrollment! Join us to learn how to navigate the Medicare maze and different plans with local licensed insurance advisor Heidi M. Laureano.



## RETIREMENT & TECHNOLOGY: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 | 6:00 PM  
BELDEN ROOM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Getting ready for retirement, but not sure about navigating the websites you will need to use? Join Bruce Kocsis of Banker's Life to learn how to use important websites such as Medicare.gov, SocialSecurity.gov and the DSS website. You will have the chance to follow along and ask questions, so make sure to bring your own laptop or tablet if you can!

## TAXES, UPCOMING CHANGES & THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON RETIREMENT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 | 6:00 PM  
ARCH ROOM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

At this educational workshop, presented by USA Financial, you will learn how effective planning & timing can alter the outcome of your retirement.

We will discuss current tax law & potential changes, the effects of inflation and strategies to help you minimize your tax liability. We will talk about strategies to get you as close as possible to a "tax-free in retirement" experience.

## FALL LEAF MONOPRINTING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 | 6:30 PM  
ARCH ROOM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Printing-making is a great way to create unique artwork. Join us to try your hand at making unique, layered, nature-inspired prints. If this event is full you are still welcome to attend - just bring your own project to work on while we all craft and chat!



## ANNUAL POETRY EVENT

PRESENTED BY THE CROMWELL ARTS ALLIANCE  
& THE CROMWELL BELDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 | DROP-IN  
BELDEN ROOM | CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!

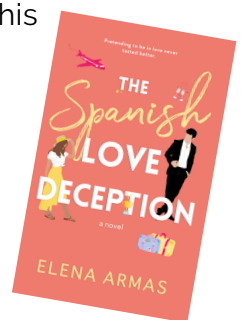
In continued support of local artist, and in partnership with the Cromwell Arts Alliance, we are excited to spotlight local writers and their work! Interested writers (13 and up) should reach out to the CAA (check out their website at [www.cromwellartsalliance.org](http://www.cromwellartsalliance.org)) for details on how to submit their work - and all interested community members are encouraged to attend this poetry reading event! Light refreshments will be served, along with a chance to chat with writers.



## ROMANCE BOOK CLUB (NAME TBD!)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 | 6:00 PM  
BELDEN ROOM | REGISTRATION OPTIONAL

Do you like a story with a good Happily Ever After? Which romance tropes are your favorite? There are no "guilty secret" excuses here - if you like reading romance then this is the space for you! Come join Emily & Karlyn for our inaugural Romance Book Club meeting. We will be discussing **The Spanish Love Deception** by Elena Armas, as well as other similar authors and titles.



# ADULTS

## LIBRARY COOKBOOK CLUB

**WEEKDAY VEGETARIANS**  
BY JENNY ROSENSTRACH

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 | 1:00 PM**

**BELDEN ROOM | REGISTRATION REQUESTED**

Join us for the Cromwell Library's bookish version of a friendly potluck. You'll get the chance to try new recipes (while only cooking one dish) with this fall's pick. Copies will be available at the desk starting in September.



## HALLOWEEN SHADOW BOXES

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 | 6:30 PM**

**BELDEN ROOM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Get ready for Halloween by assembling some spooky, Cricut-created scenes. If this event is full you are still welcome - just bring your own project to work on while we all chat and craft!

## D.I.Y. HERB SACHETS

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 | 2:00 PM**

**BELDEN ROOM | DROP-IN, AS SUPPLIES LAST**

Want to make your space smell fresh and inviting? Stop by the library to assemble your own herb sachets or mulling spices, using the ingredients and recipes that we supply!



## AN INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY USING ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 | 6:30 PM**

**BELDEN ROOM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Discover your family tree using Ancestry Library Edition! Join Karlyn to learn the basics of this free edition of Ancestry, which is always available for free in-library use. Participants will have the option of following along on a library-provided laptop and have time at the end to get their own genealogy searches underway.



## INTRO TO 3D PRINTING

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 | 6:30 PM**

**BELDEN ROOM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Interested in 3D printing? Join Frances to learn how it works, and then design your own creation using TinkerCAD and Thingiverse. The Library's 3D printers are now open for requests so this is a great way to learn about what you can make!

**AN EVENING WITH**

## EDGAR ALLAN POE

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 | 6:30 PM**

**BELDEN ROOM | REGISTRATION OPTIONAL**

With Halloween lurking just around the corner, who better to visit the Library than the master of the macabre, Edgar Allan Poe? Enjoy dramatic readings of Poe's works, followed by an engaging overview of his life - and the mysterious details of his death.



## THE BOBCAT: CONNECTICUT'S SECRETIVE WILD CAT

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 | 6:30 PM**

**BELDEN ROOM | REGISTRATION OPTIONAL**

Join Paul Colburn, Master Wildlife Conservationist (DEEP) for a fun and educational evening co-sponsored by the Mattabeseck Audubon Society. Learn more about the history, habitat and behavior of the shy predator you may have seen in your own backyard, as well as current research efforts.

## DIY FELT MUG SLEEVE

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20 | 6:30 PM**

**BELDEN ROOM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Create and decorate a felt sleeve for your own reusable mug! If this event is full, you are still welcome to attend - just bring your own project to work on while we all chat & craft!

# ADULTS

## THURSDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB

IN-PERSON | 6:30 PM  
REGISTRATION OPTIONAL

Copies are available at the library's desk.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 6:30 PM**  
**The Book Collectors by Delphine Minou**

Award-winning journalist Delphine Minoui recounts the true story of a band of young rebels in a besieged Syrian town, who find hope and connection making an underground library from the rubble of war.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 6:30 PM**  
**The Violin Conspiracy**  
by **Brendan Slo**

A mystery about a Black classical musician whose family heirloom violin is stolen on the eve of the most prestigious classical music competition in the world. With the odds stacked against him & the pressure mounting, will he ever see his beloved violin again?

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 | 6:30 PM**  
**Woman of Light by Kali Fajardo-Anstine**  
Luz "Little Light" Lopez, a tea leaf reader and laundress in 1930's Denver, begins to have visions that transport her to her Indigenous homeland. Luz bears witness to her ancestors' origins, trials, and tribulations - and it is up to her to save her family stories from oblivion.



## KNITTING CLUB

THURSDAYS, SEPT. 14, OCT. 12 & NOV. 9  
6:30 PM | IN-PERSON  
REGISTRATION OPTIONAL

Join us for our monthly knitting club - now back in-person! This club also meets via Zoom on Fridays; email [cromwellknitclub@gmail.com](mailto:cromwellknitclub@gmail.com) for more information on joining virtually.

## VIRTUAL REALITY DEMOS

SEPT. 12, OCT. 23 & NOV. 14  
4:00-6:00 PM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Try out the Library's Virtual Reality System! Reserve a 20 minute time slot and try out Beat Saber, Waltz of the Wizard, and more!

## THE SILENT READERS CLUB

THURSDAYS, SEPT. 7, OCT. 5, NOV. 2  
6:00 - 8:00 PM | IN-PERSON | DROP-IN

You choose a book & we'll provide an evening with snacks, warm drinks... and some peace & quiet so you can finally finish that book! Cozy up by the "fireplace" or find a quiet spot throughout the library - its your choice!

## FRIDAY FLICKS

WITH THE SENIOR CENTER  
FRIDAYS | 1:00 PM

ARCH ROOM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join the Cromwell Senior Center and the Library for this co-presented event - new movies on the big screen! Watch films that are new to DVD every Friday - we've shown features like **A Man Called Otto** and **80 For Brady** recently, and look forward to showing more fun & interesting films in the future!

Call the Senior Center to register or to find out more information: 860-632-3447



## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MONDAYS, SEPT. 11, OCT. 2 & NOV. 6  
6:30 PM | ALL WELCOME | DROP-IN

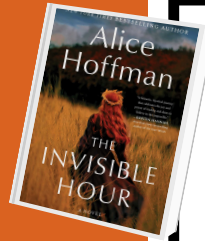
Join the Friends' monthly meeting & help brainstorm new ways to support your local library. The Friends fund museum passes, events & more!



# ADULTS... AND MORE!



## BOOKS ON TAP: THE INVISIBLE HOUR



DATE AND LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED | 21+

Join Kara for a drink and an offbeat book discussion! Mingle and grab a drink - discussion will start at 6:15. Didn't get a chance to register, but still read (or mostly read) the book? Feel free to join us! Limited copies of the book are available to borrow, if you register. Stop by the reference desk to pick up a copy today!

## LIBRARY PAINT NIGHTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27 | 6:00 PM

OR

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25 | 6:00 PM

ADULTS ONLY

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us for a guided paint experience for beginners & experts alike, presented in partnership with the Cromwell Arts Alliance. Follow along or paint your own interpretation of the night's theme!



## MEET THE CANDIDATES!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4  
@ 6:30 PM

The Belden Room | DROP-IN

As the 2023 election nears, join us at the library for refreshments and a chance to learn more about your Town Council and Mayoral candidates.

Candidates will each be given a chance to introduce themselves, followed by a question and answer session with those running for Mayor of Cromwell.



## HOCUS POCUS 2 MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13  
@ PIERSON PARK

5:00 PM - Event Starts | 6:00 PM - Movie Starts



Celebrate spooky season with a showing of **Hocus Pocus 2!**

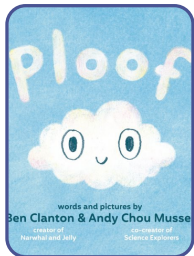
Join us for an evening of **face painting**, a **visit from the Sanderson sisters**, food trucks, popcorn and more!

This program is presented in partnership with Cromwell Recreation and Cromwell Youth Services.

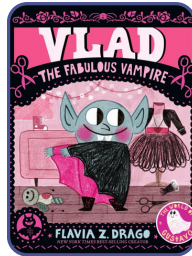


# COMING THIS FALL!

We can't fit them all - but here are a few of the titles arriving this fall that we're excited to share!



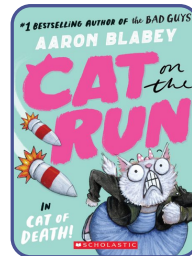
**Ploof**  
by Ben Clanton  
Picture Book



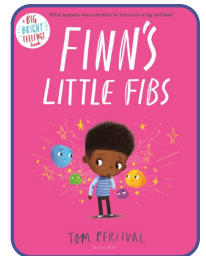
**Vlad the Fabulous Vampire**  
by Flavia Z. Drago  
Picture Book



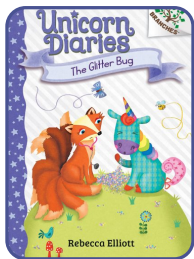
**The Wild Robot Protects**  
by Peter Brown  
Juvenile Fiction



**Cat on the Run**  
by Aaron Blabey  
Graphic Novel



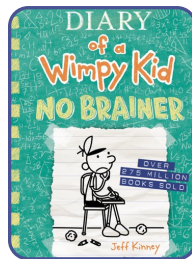
**Finn's Little Fibs**  
by Tom Percival  
Picture Book



**Unicorn Diaries**  
by Rebecca Elliott  
Early Chapter



**Green**  
by Alex Gino  
Juvenile Fiction



**Diary of a Wimpy Kid**  
by Jeff Kinney  
Juvenile Fiction



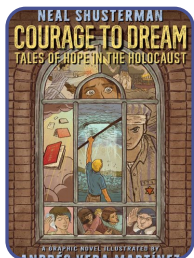
**Rez Ball**  
by Byron Graves  
Young Adult



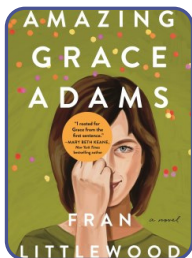
**The Spirit Bares Its Teeth**  
by Andrew Joseph White  
Young Adult



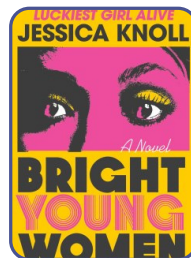
**Alanna**  
by Tamora Pierce  
Young Adult



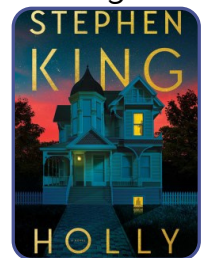
**Courage to Dream**  
by Neal Shusterman  
Young Adult



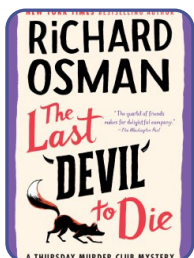
**Amazing Grace Adams**  
by Fran Littlewood  
Adult: Contemporary



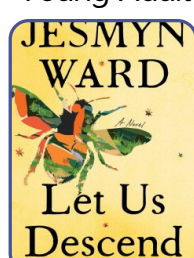
**Bright Young Women**  
by Jessica Knoll  
Adult: Thriller



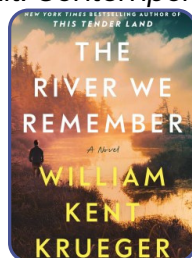
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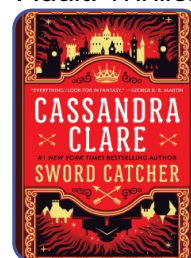
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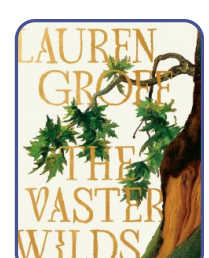
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Adult: Historical



**The River We Remember**  
by William Kent Kreuger  
Adult: Historical



**Sword Catcher**  
by Cassandra Clare  
Adult: Fantasy



**The Vaster Wilds**  
by Lauren Groff  
Adult: Literary