

THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHTS:

MS. LOIS IS RETIRING!

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

NOON YEAR'S EVE

FOREIGN FILM: A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES

Library Hours:

Monday: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Tuesday: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Thursday: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday: Closed

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Goodbye Ms. Lois!

Our Children's Librarian, Ms. Lois, is retiring! Her last day working at the Cromwell Belden Public Library will be on December 31st, just a few weeks shy of 32 years assisting, educating and entertaining the smallest citizens of Cromwell. Her contributions to literacy will be missed as will her experienced presence among the staff. Come visit with Ms. Lois on Tuesday, December 11th from 12:00-1:30pm or 5:00-7:30pm in the Arch Room! Refreshments will be served.

An Interview with Ms. Lois



What will you miss most?

"I will miss the interactions I have had over the years with the families. Some families I have known so long that I am now doing programs for the children of the children I began with."

What were your favorite programs?

"Toddler, 2 year olds, Parent and Child Book Discussions and Storytimes."

Tell us something we didn't know about you.

"I came to this position in Cromwell from Miami Beach where I worked full-time as a Media Specialist and part-time with NBC as a trouble shooter for the news and promotions department. To make me feel more at home when I arrived, I was given a large photo of a palm tree. I have had that palm tree in my office ever since!"



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE!

**CAUTION****CAUTION****CAUTION****CAUTION**

Progress



Construction is moving along. The ground for the expansion's foundation is currently being readied. We anticipate that the foundation will be laid before the end of the month, allowing us to get ahead of the winter snow!



Noon Year's Eve!

Saturday, December 29th

@ 11:30 AM

Town Hall Gym

Join us this year for our second annual Noon Year's Eve party! This year's celebration is bigger and better than ever - we'll have a DJ, photo booth, snacks, balloon drop and more!

**All Ages Welcome.
Registration
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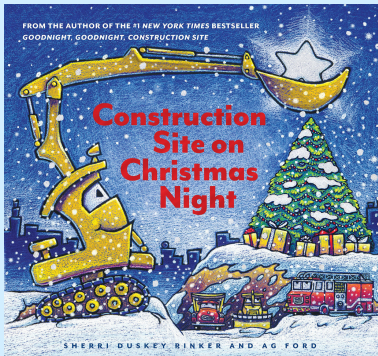
Ms. Lois' Picks



NONFICTION:

Kids Bake! 100+ Sweet and Savory Recipes

Kids can learn all about baking and its terminology. Good Housekeeping's tasty kid-approved recipes will have them baking delicious treats in no time!



PICTURE BOOK:

Construction Site on Christmas Night

by Sherri Duskey Rinker

Our construction site friends are back and this time they're building a special Christmas gift together!

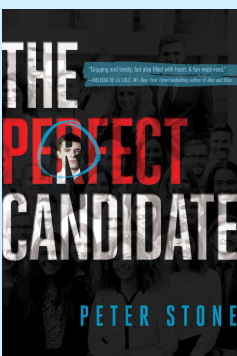


PICTURE BOOK:

All-of-a-Kind Family Hanukkah

by Emily Jenkins

Join the All-of-a-Kind Family in 1912 to learn about preparing for Hanukkah and how it is celebrated!



YOUNG ADULT:

The Perfect Candidate

by Peter Stone

Teens and adults will enjoy this exciting political thriller about Cameron Carter, a Congressman's intern who finds himself in the middle of a deadly FBI investigation.

Meet Gizmo!

Children of all ages are invited to come meet Gizmo, the 3.5 pound Miki dog! Ms. Jenifer will tell us all about Gizmo's work as a therapy dog, supporter of reading, and the world's tiniest first responder!



**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 27TH
@ 1:00 PM
ARCH ROOM**

**REGISTRATION
REQUIRED.
ALL AGES WELCOME**

Join us for diverse monthly

Foreign Film Screenings

at the Library! Snacks will be served
and discussion will follow.

A Child's Christmas in Wales (Wales , 55 mins)

Thursday, Dec. 13th at 2 PM

Virtual Reality Drop-In

Explore the world of Virtual Reality with
the library's HTC Vive headset!

All ages welcome, parental supervision
required for children under 12.

Sat. Dec. 8th 2 - 4 p.m.

Tues. Dec. 11th 3 - 5 p.m.

No registration required

"When in doubt, go to the library"
- J.K. Rowling

Library Book Club

Join us on the last Thursday of every month to
discuss the latest book club pick and of course,
eat dessert! Copies are available for pick-up at
the library each month, after the meeting.

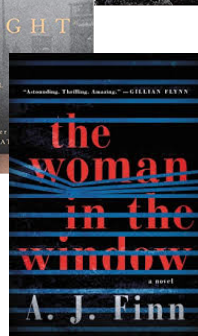
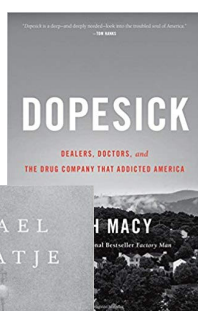
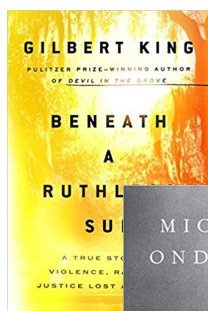
Another Brooklyn

by Jacqueline Woodson

Thursday, Jan. 31st - 6:30 p.m.

*Running into a long-ago friend sets memories from
the 1970s in motion for August, transporting her to
a time and a place where friendship was everything
—until it wasn't. For August and her girls, sharing
confidences as they ambled through neighborhood
streets, Brooklyn was a place where they believed
that they were beautiful, talented, brilliant—a part
of a future that belonged to them.*

(SOME OF THE) BEST BOOKS OF 2018!



Beneath a Ruthless Sun by Gilbert King - Compelling & insightful, this book exposes the corruption of racial bigotry and animus that still shadows a community, a state and a nation.

Dopesick by Beth Macy - The only book to fully chart the devastating opioid crisis in America: "a harrowing, deeply compassionate dispatch from the heart of a national emergency" (*New York Times*).

Warlight by Michael Ondaatje - From the author of *The English Patient* comes a mesmerizing new novel that tells a dramatic story set in the decade after World War II, through the lives of a small group of unexpected characters.

Washington Black by Esi Edugyan - The dazzling adventure of a boy who rises from the ashes of slavery to become a free man of the world. A story of self-invention and betrayal, of love and redemption, of a world destroyed and made whole again.

Woman in the Window by A.J. Finn - A twisty, powerful, Hitchcock-ian thriller about an agoraphobic woman who believes she witnessed a crime in a neighboring house. *It isn't paranoia if it's really happening...*