

The Reader

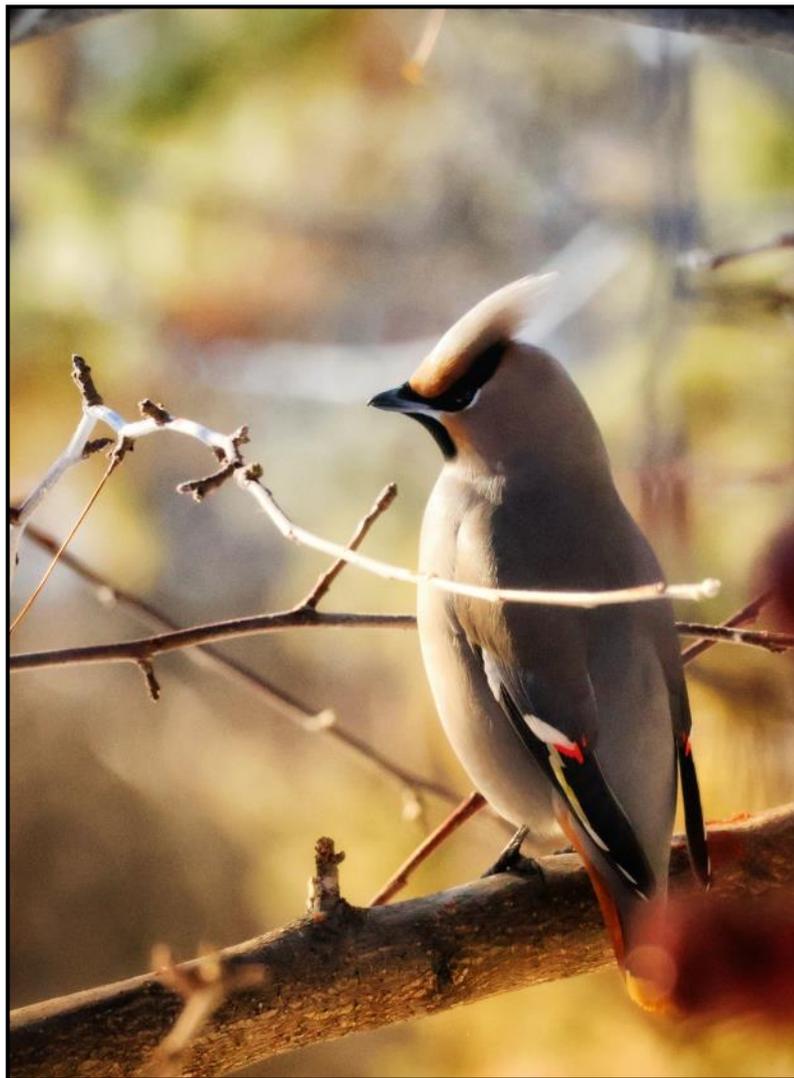


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March 2026

Library Programming

IGNITE YOUR CURIOSITY!

Saturday,
March 21st

3-4pm,
Harvey Theatre

Register: Tuesday,
March 10th

Candy Chemistry

60 Minutes / Ages 4-12

Discover the surprising science hiding in a bag of Skittles. Explore solubility, buoyancy, reactivity and investigate the odds of finding your favourite colour.

How sweet it is!



Children's Programming PAUSED - Starting April -

As we wrap up our winter children's programming, we will be pausing our spring session (BabyTime, StoryTime, Kids Unplugged and Stay & Play) to prepare for the upcoming library construction.

Watch for announcements, as the NEW areas become available!

Construction BEGINS...!

UPDATE: Congratulations to Parkwest Projects Ltd. who was awarded the tender for the Library expansion/renovation! We expect the contractor to start construction at the end of March, with the project completion by the fall of 2026 - well ahead of our goal of the end of year.

Tens of thousands of books will be moved, new study areas created, and the children's Rotary Hideaway will be another regional gem to be proud of and enjoy. Since the construction cost was within 0.5% of the estimate, we will be proceeding with both Phase One and Phase Two of the build, which also includes the following:

- road entrance enlargement,
- parking lot improvements,
- interior blinds (the most requested change)
- accessible walkways from the decks throughout the site.

The expansion's impact extends beyond the 6,000-square-foot children's wing renovation, bringing improvements to the entire library. Patrons and staff will have to work around the construction, as the goal is to limit any Library closures.

This March, we're also sending out a special *Request For Proposal* (RFP) to local artists and creatives to design/build a one-of-a-kind fantasy cabin for the Rotary Hideaway. We're also seeking handcrafted treasures to nestle within our reading forest. Stay tuned—the official call for entries will be posted shortly!

The incredible community support from donors, municipalities and the Province of Manitoba made this project possible. We have almost reached our fundraising goal with only \$10,000 of the \$2.8 million left to raise in 2026. If you would like to bring us to the finish line, please visit the Circ desk or visit: gfri.org to make a matching donation.

We are incredibly grateful for the Selkirk and District Community Foundation and our dedicated community donors. Your overwhelming support was the catalyst for this project, helping us garner the necessary municipal and Provincial backing to bring this vision to life. We are very excited with the expansion, what it means for the region, and can't wait till the fall!

Ken Kuryliw, Director of Library Services

Libby READS

March 26 - April 9

Join the first Libby Reads program for 2026! Readers worldwide can check out this title with no waitlists or holds in the Libby App.

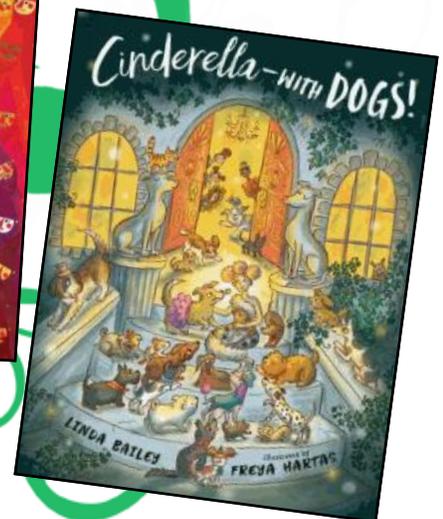
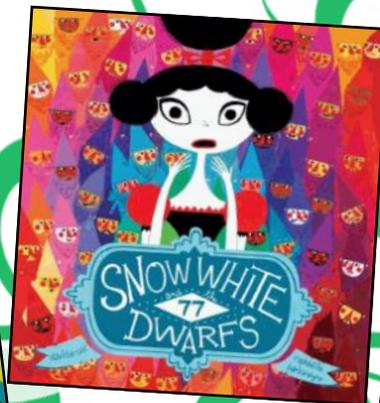
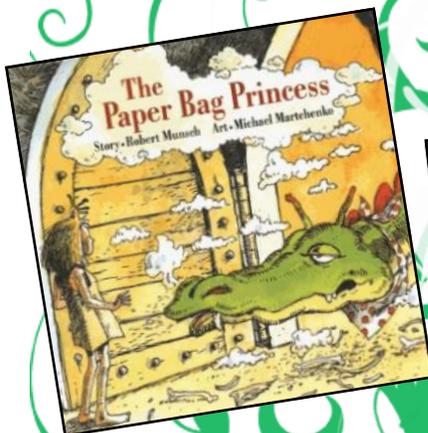
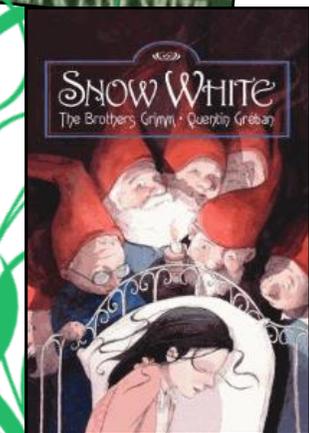
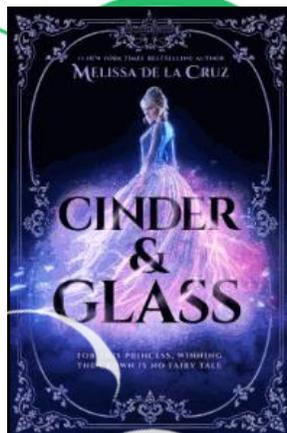
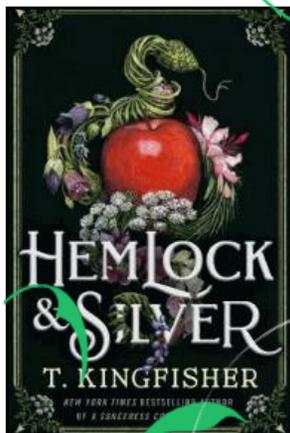
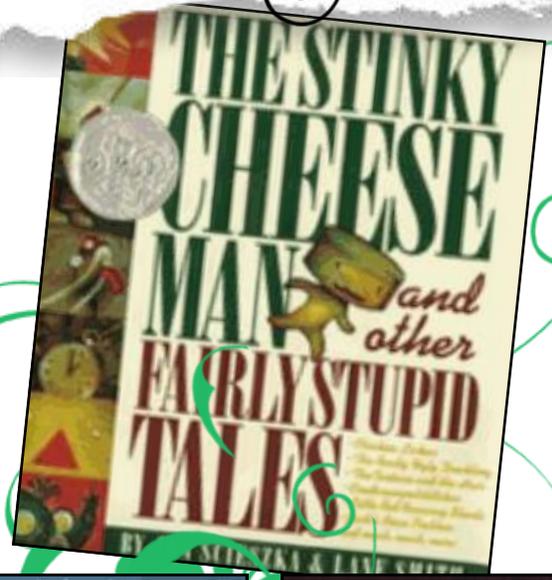
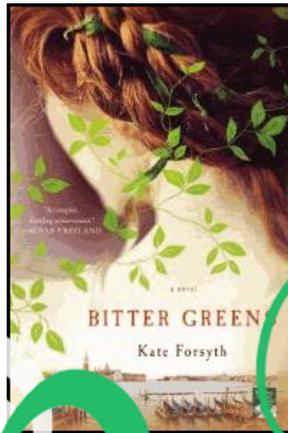
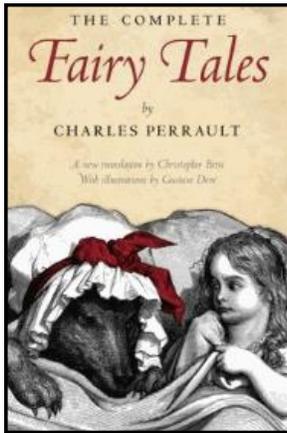
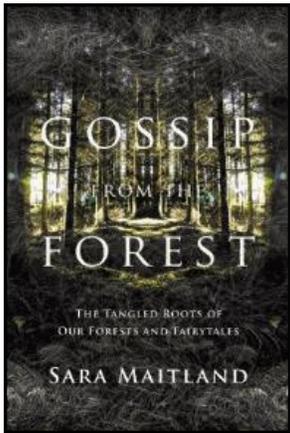


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 Friday: 9:30am - 7:00pm
 Saturday - Sunday: 11:00am - 5pm
 CLOSED: MONDAY

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