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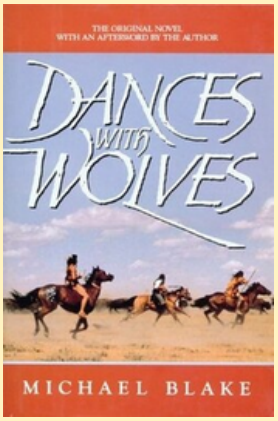
Boone County Library

Dont forget to visit the FOL bookstore
Secondhand Stories!
Tuesday 10:00-4:00
Thursday 12:30-6:30
Friday 10:00-4:00

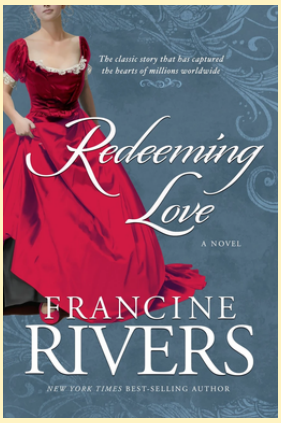
Cozy Staff Favorites



Recommended by:
Tina



Recommended by:
Adrianna



Recommended by:
Kelly

Help Us Create the Next Chapter for Our County Library

Our library is more than books. It is where our community learns, connects, and finds support.

We are raising funds for essential repairs, renovations, and additions to an existing space in our library. This project will create additional meeting space, a children's sensory room, more room in our children's department, and more opportunities for local organizations to provide services and resources to our community.

This project is about more than improving a building- it's about developing more opportunities for the people we serve.

If our library has ever made a difference in your life or the life of someone you love, please consider supporting our project. If you're unable to donate, sharing our fundraiser is just as meaningful and can help us reach someone who can.

Buisness Hours

The Library will be closed on 11/11/26, 11/26/26, and 11/27/26

Sunday: Closed
Monday: 9 a.m. - 5 a.m. (Drive-Through Closed)
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Drive-Through Open)
Tuesday & Thursday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Drive-Through Open)

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Children's Programs

Storytime

Monday at 10 a.m.
ages 3-5

- 11/2
- 11/9
- 11/16
- 11/23
- 11/30

Toddle Time

Thursday at 10 a.m.
ages 0-3

- 11/5
- 11/12
- 11/19

Passive Activities



Book Giveaway

Find the Scarecrows



After School Programs

After School Programs are every Thursday at 4 p.m. for ages 6-12.
All Supplies are provided.

11/5 No after school program
11/12 Fall Slime
11/19 Mini Thankful Journal
11/26 Library Closed

Young Adult Programs

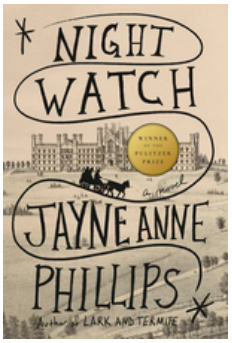
Young Adult Programs are every Tuesday at 4 p.m. for ages 12-18.
All supplies are provided.



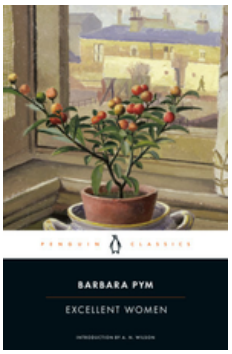
11/3 Painted Pinecones
11/10 Tape Bookmark
11/17 Pumpkin Decor
11/24 Thankful Tree



Adult Programs







Evening Book Club
November 5th

Noon Book Club
November 18th

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m., are for adults only, and include all supplies.

11/3 Puzzle Piece Creation
11/5 Evening Book Club
11/10 Create Clay Ornaments
11/12 Paint Clay Ornaments
11/17 Stained Glass Painted Ornaments- Sign up required
11/18 Noon Book Club
11/19 Wreath Making with Carl Acuff- Sign up required
11/24 Holiday Banner with Genie Allen- Sign up required
11/26 Library Closed

History of Rural Volunteer Fire Departments

Before rural fire departments existed, people living in rural areas often relied on their own resourcefulness and whatever they had available to protect their homes, farms, and livelihoods. When emergencies arose, they also depended on the help of neighbors. Families kept barrels of water, stock tanks, and wet sacks ready near the hearth or barn to extinguish small flare-ups before they grew out of control. When a larger fire broke out, neighbors would form bucket brigades, creating two lines of people to carry water from a nearby well, pond, or river. One line passed full buckets toward the fire, while the other passed empty buckets back to be refilled. If neighbors or a nearby source of water were not available, the consequences could be tragic.

In 1979, the Arkansas Legislature passed Act 36, creating the Rural Fire Protection Division within the Arkansas Forestry Commission. The purpose of the legislation was to help establish rural volunteer fire departments and provide them with equipment and training. At that time, Arkansas had approximately 300 rural fire departments. In the decades that followed, that number grew to more than 1,000.

The purpose of a rural volunteer fire department is to protect local communities from fires, natural disasters, medical emergencies, and other emergency situations without relying on a full-time paid staff. Volunteers may perform a wide variety of duties, including fighting structural, vehicle, and wildland fires; providing first aid and emergency medical assistance; and assisting with rescue operations.

Boone County is served by over a dozen volunteer fire departments, including Alpena, Bellefonte, Bergman, Capps-Batavia, Cottonwood, Diamond City, Harmon, Hill Top, Krooked Kreek, Lead Hill, Omaha, South Harrison, Valley Springs, and Zinc. These departments and the dedicated volunteers who serve in them play an important role in protecting the lives and property of residents throughout the county.

Fundraising is also an important part of rural volunteer fire departments. Pancake breakfasts, chili suppers, auctions, and other fundraising events provide opportunities for community members to gather, visit with their neighbors, and support the volunteers who help protect them. Local newspapers, radio stations, and social media can help spread the word about fundraising events and encourage residents to become involved. Rural volunteer fire departments depend upon community participation and support as they serve their neighbors.

When looking back at the lives of our ancestors, we can only imagine the challenges they faced when fires and other emergencies occurred. They may have wished they had a volunteer fire department nearby to answer their call for help. Support your local VFD!

“Visit the Boone County Library Genealogy Department and begin discovering your heritage, exploring your ancestry, and learning more about the rich history of our local area.”

Be sure to follow us on our Facebook, Instagram and website to keep up with all our events, cancellations and closings.