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BIG ROCK LIBRARY MARCH 2026

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MONDAY 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

THURSDAY 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

SATURDAY 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



 **HAPPY** 
St. Patrick's
 **DAY** 



COMING UP AT THE LIBRARY



Left to right from top center: *The Picasso Heist* by James Patterson and Howard Roughan, *Democracy Awakening* by Heather Cox Richardson, *The Living and the Dead* by Christoffer Carlsson, *The Tortoise Tale* by Kendra Coulter, *Kingdom of Ash* by Sarah J. Maas, *From Cradle to Grave* by Rhys Bowen, *Perun's Hammer* by Ian Heller, *When We Spoke to the Dead* by Ilise S. Carter, *The Intruder* by Freida McFadden, *The Familiar* by Leigh Bardugo, *The List of Suspicious Things* by Jennie Godfrey, *The Book Club of Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick, *Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo, *At Midnight Comes the Cry* by Julia Spencer-Fleming, *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid, *Come, Tell Me How You Live* by Agatha Christie Mallowan, *James* by Percival Everett.

READ ANY BOOK GROUP

MONDAY, March 2 @ 6:00 PM

February's group brought a plethora of different titles and genres, making for an interesting evening. Feel free to stop by the library and discuss any of these books with our staff of volunteers. If you're lucky, you'll find the person who read the book ready to fill you in. Love scary suspense? Try Freida McFadden. If romantasy is your thing, Sarah Maas might be an author to try. Plus we can always steer you to the James Patterson section.

Come to our March book group as well, and pick up a few ideas!

COMING UP AT THE LIBRARY

Explore the Far East with us on Thursday, March 5th at 6:00PM.

TASTE OF JAPAN



Ever thought about visiting Japan? Wondered what it's like? Join former Big Rock resident Erin Ehrhart for an informal presentation and discussion of her experiences in her favorite place to visit, Japan.

And while you're here, taste an array of unusual Japanese snacks. (No dried squid, though. Sorry.)

Be sure to bring your questions!!



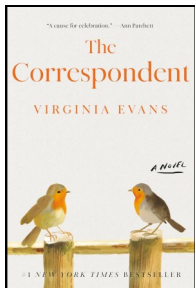
Colonial Coins

In the early days of our country's history, the primary type of currency was in the form of coins. Richard Shimkus, an avid coin collector here in Big Rock, will be at the library on **March 19th at 2:00 PM** to discuss the first coinage of the Colonies from 1652 to 1787. He'll also talk about Coinage used by the Colonies prior to their own minting of coins.

For anyone who is interested in money and history, this presentation should provide a fascinating look at how currency evolved over the course of the early days of our country.



READ ONE BOOK GROUP Monday, April 13 @ 6:00 PM



Hailed as one of the year's best books, "...this year's breakout novel no one saw coming." (*The Wall Street Journal*), *The Correspondent* is about the power of letter writing.

Sybil has led a full life, and uses letters to bring order and meaning, and perhaps even purpose, to events in it, a means of expressing herself to others. All except the letters she has written and never sent.

Until, that is, she receives unexpected letters from someone in her past that bring back painful memories. Her decision to go back to those unsent letters changes her life.

A Best Book of the Year: NPR, *The Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, *Elle*, *Christian Science Monitor* and *She Reads*.

Join us for an in-depth discussion of this best-selling book about the power of the written word, and the gift of letters.

COMING UP AT THE LIBRARY



Easter Is Around the Corner!

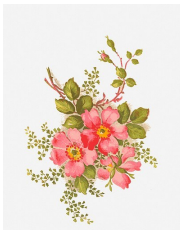
Join us at the Big Rock Library for a fun and festive Craft Night. We'll be making decoupage Easter bunnies to brighten your table.

When: Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 PM.

Cost: \$4.00 per person to cover materials for the project.

Come and enjoy a creative evening and make and adorable Easter decoration to take home!

Please call 630-556-3604 to reserve your spot. Spaces fill up quickly—we hope to see you there.



Brilliant Bedazzling

Our February crafting group got off to a great start by bedazzling everything in sight! From rubber duckies to tote bags to wooden plaques, our table was glittering with bright colors.



While we could have bedazzled all night, we decided our craft group would meet in the fourth Wednesday of each month. (See above for March info.) We'll never stop bedazzling though!!



An America 250 Moment

Oyster ice cream was the most popular flavor in the colonies until Thomas Jefferson brought back a vanilla pod from France.

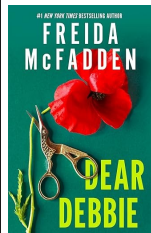
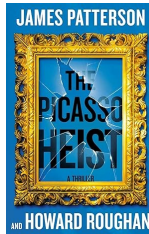
History Channel

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

New Mysteries & Thrillers

The Picasso Heist by James Patterson and Howard Roughan

The discovery of an unknown Picasso generates too much attention as everyone with money wants to acquire it; by whatever means necessary.



Dear Debbie by Freida McFadden

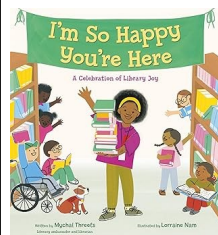
Advice columnist Debbie Mullen has heard it all. But as her life starts to spin out of control, she finds she needs to take her own advice, with killer results.

Monster in the Moonlight by Annelise Ryan

Cryptozoologist Morgan Carter is called in to investigate when a vicious attack by a supposedly werewolf-like creature results in a dead body and a scratched up car that seem to point to some creature unknown to science...yet!



New Picture Book

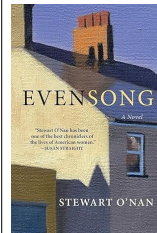


I'm So Happy You're Here: A Celebration of Library Joy by Mychal Threeth

The book encourages children to love books and reading and shows how the library is for everyone to enjoy.

New Adult Fiction

Evensong by Stewart O'Nan

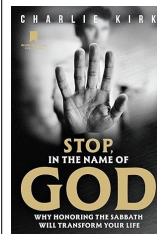
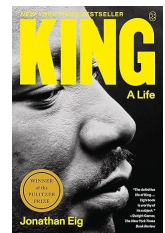


The Humpty Dumpty Club, a group of older women, learn to cope when the temporary loss of a leading member puts an extra burden on the rest as they provide invisible support to the community running errands, giving people rides, and otherwise making themselves useful.

New Non-Fiction

King: A Life by Jonathan Eig (2023)

The Pulitzer Prize winning biography of Martin Luther King, Jr. is the first major account of his life in decades and includes much newly released material from the FBI's files.



Stop, In the Name of God by Charlie Kirk

The controversial activist discusses why he believes observing the Sabbath is important.

If you're not sure what this "New, Not New" list is about, here's clarification. The library often gets donations or requests for older titles. While they are not new, they're new to the library and we want you to know we have them.

New Not New

And Every Morning the Way Home Gets Longer and Longer by Fredrik Backman (2015) -Adult fiction

Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano (2023) -Adult fiction

There There by Tommy Orange (2018) -Adult fiction

Revenge of the Zombie Monks: An Unofficial Graphic Novel for Minecrafters by Cara J. Stevens (2016) -Junior Graphic Novels

The Zombie Wars (Battle Station Prime) by Cara J. Stevens (2020) – Junior Graphic Novels

Sofia Valdez, Future Prez by Andrea Beatty (2019) -Picture Books

A Final Word

CUTE CORNER: We're veering off course this month to talk about the unique Scottish creature called the wild haggis. Wild haggis are found in the Scottish Highlands, although they are more often not found. They are shy creatures and hide at the slightest hint of humans approaching their territory.

Wild haggis are unique in that the legs on one side of their bodies are longer than on the other. This facilitates traveling on uneven and mountainous terrain, however, it does lead to difficulties in procreating! As a result of this trait, some haggis travel clockwise, while others move in a counterclockwise direction.

During the warm months, the haggis prepares for winter during Rounding Season, eating wild oats, neeps and thistles with the occasional Tunnock's Teacake and a draft of single malt Scottish whiskey. Rounding Season helps the haggis survive the brutal highland winters.

Subspecies include the Deep Forest Haggis, the Sea Haggis, the Field Haggis and the Borders Haggis.

For more, see the haggis wildlife foundation website.



If by chance you come face to face with a wild haggis, it is entirely possible you have had one too many single malt Scottish whiskeys yourself!

Calendar for March

March 2- Any Book Group @ 6:00 PM

March 5- Taste of Japan @ 6:00 PM

March 19- Colonial Coinage @ 2:00 PM

March 25- Craft Group @ 6:30 PM

April 6- Read Any Book Group @ 6:00 PM

April 13- Read One Book Group @ 6:00 PM