

Upcoming Events:

The Talking Book Center will be closed on September 2nd for Labor Day, and have limited hours the week of September 9-13 for staff training. Emails and voicemails will continue to be checked and books will continue to be mailed daily.

September 3, Fishersville: The monthly Triad Community Meeting from 2pm - 3pm will feature “Emergency Preparedness”. Learn what you should have in your home or a pre-packed bag in case of an emergency or evacuation. Meeting location is the BRITE Transit building, 51 Ivy Ridge Lane in Fishersville.

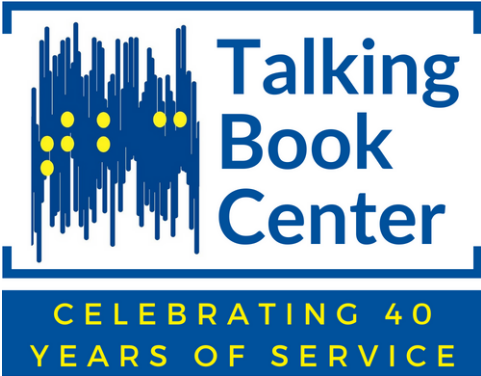
September 5, Waynesboro: A “Tech For Beginners” class will be held at the Waynesboro Public Library from 1pm- 2pm. This monthly series teaches computer and digital literacy skills, with the first class focusing on navigating computers and organizing files. Please call 540-942-6746 to register, space is limited.

September 18, Waynesboro: The Arc of Augusta will be hosting Bridging Connections, A Community Resource Fair to provide free resources for people with disabilities, seniors, and the community. 3pm-7pm, Best Western Plus, 109 Appletree Lane, Waynesboro.

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Staunton, VA 24401

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Voting Information:

For the general election of 2024 we will be voting for President & Vice President of the United States, U.S. Senator, U.S Representative for the 6th District, and city councils.

There are several ways to vote for the upcoming election!

- ◆ November 5, Election Day: Stand in line and vote in person at your polling station
- ◆ Absentee Voting by mail: Request a ballot from your local registrar. They will mail you a ballot mid-September and you mail it back. Ballots will not be sent to everyone, you need to request it. Bring your completed ballot to your City Hall or your Government Center, but you will need a photo I.D., and you can not have someone else bring it for you. You can also mail it in a regular blue post office box, a stamp is required.
- ◆ In-Person Early voting starts September 20. You can vote in person at your local City Hall or Government Center. This includes curbside voting so you won’t have to get out of your car! You will need a photo I.D.

In-person Voting: Mondays through Fridays, some places are closed at lunchtime. You don’t need an appointment but you can call ahead if you require assistance.

Augusta County - Government Center, 18 Government Center Lane, Verona, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, 540-245-5656

Staunton - City Hall, 116 West Beverley Street, 9 am - 5 pm, 540-332-3840

Waynesboro - 501 W. Broad Street, 9 am - 5 pm, 540-942-6620

Rockbridge County- 150 South Main Street, Lexington, 8:30 - 4:30, 540-463-7203

Lexington – City Hall, 300 East Washington Street, Lexington, 9am-5pm, 540-462-3706

Buena Vista – Municipal Building, 2039 Sycamore Avenue, 9am-5pm, 540-261-8605

Bath County– Court House, 65 Courthouse Hill Road, Warm Springs 540-839-7266

Highland County– 97 Highland Center Drive, Monterey, 540-468-2013

Patron Recommendations:

DB122023 Vision: A Memoir Of Blindness And Justice by David S. Tatel
A memoir by one of America’s most accomplished public servants and legal thinkers—who spent years denying and working around his blindness, before finally embracing it as an essential part of his identity. David Tatel has served nearly 30 years on America’s second highest court, the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, where many of our most crucial cases are resolved—or teed up for the Supreme Court. He has championed equal justice for his entire adult life; decided landmark environmental and voting cases; and embodied the ideal of what a great judge should be. Yet he has been blind for the past 50 of his 80-plus years. His story of fighting for justice over many decades, with and without eyesight, is an inspiration to us all. 2024.

New and Popular Books on BARD:

- DB122758 The Underground Library by Jennifer Ryan (historical fiction)
- DB122172 The Man With No Face by Peter May (mystery)
- DB122173 Phantom Orbit by David Ignatius (spy thriller)
- DB122294 Murder At The Savoy; Ginger Gold 16 by Lee Strauss (myst.)
- DB120356 A Husband For Mari; Amish Matchmaker 02 by Emma Miller
- DB122210 All The Colors Of The Dark by Chris Whitaker (historical suspense)
- DB122746 Forged In Love; Wyoming Sunrise 01 by Mary Connealy (religious romance)
- DB86517 It Ends With Us by Colleen Hoover (domestic fiction) (explicit content)
- DB120373 85 Days: The Last Campaign Of Robert Kennedy by Jules Witcover
- DB122385 The Talented Mrs. Mandelbaum: The Rise And Fall Of An American Organized-Crime Boss by Margalit Fox
- DB122510 Mellencamp by Paul Rees (music biography)
- DB122466 When Women Ran Fifth Avenue: Glamour And Power At The Dawn Of American Fashion by Julie Satow
- DB120018 Votes Of Confidence: A Young Person's Guide To American Elections by Jeff Fleischer
- DB122358 Lemons On Friday: Trusting God Through My Greatest Heartbreak by Mattie Jackson Selecman
- DB93761 The Truths We Hold: An American Journey by Kamala Harris
- DB120211 The Trump Indictments: The Historic Charging Documents With Commentary by Melissa Murray



Global Reading: India

- DB107286 The Kabuliwallah and Other Stories by Rabindranath Tagor
A collection of short stories about human yearning and longing. Includes "The Kabuliwallah" and "The Hungry Stones" 1892. (1913 Nobel Prize)
- DB50087 Interpreter Of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri (literature)
Nine tales of brief encounters with lasting effects, set in India and America, emphasizing cultural transition and loss. While American-born Mr. and Mrs. Das and their three young children are tourists in India, Mrs. Das confides a disquieting secret to their guide. 1999.
- DB44608 The God Of Small Things by Arundhati Roy (historical fiction)
A story of class struggle, family crisis, and coming of age in Kerala, India. Twins Estha and Rahel are isolated from the squalor and political unrest around them. The events of a single day in 1969 alter their lives and relationships forever. 1997.
- DB47434 Hullabaloo In The Guava Orchard by Kiran Desai (contemporary fiction)
A twenty-year-old fired postal worker opts for a simpler way of life and moves into a tree. Sampath is followed by his family, who refuse to abandon him, and by villagers who flock to him for wisdom, which they do not realize he has gained from reading their mail. 1998.
- DB113515 The Bangalore Detectives Club by Harini Nagendra (mystery)
1920. When Kaveri moves to Bangalore to marry Ramu, she's resigned herself to a quiet life. But that all changes the night of the party at the Century Club when she spots an uninvited guest in the shadows. An hour later, the party turns into a murder scene. 2022.
- DB68395 Sea Of Poppies; Ibis Trilogy 01 by Amitav Ghosh (historical fiction)
1838. With the opium trade as a backdrop, the ship Ibis leaves British India bound for Mauritius and carrying a diverse crew and passengers, including a Bengali widow, a French orphan, a deposed raja, and an American freedman. 2008.
- DB48746 An Equal Music by Vikram Seth (contemporary romance)
Violinist Michael is dedicated to teaching when he finds the lost love of his youth, pianist Julia, now a married mother. While renewing their relationship, they explore the changes of ten years apart, including Julia's growing deafness. 1999.
- DB74363 Miss New India by Bharati Mukherjee (contemporary fiction)
With the help of her American teacher, Anjali flees her catastrophic arranged marriage in northern India. In the teeming city of Bangalore, Anjali meets a diverse group of people and struggles to find a job at a call center. 2011.
- DB47315 Mother Teresa: A Complete Authorized Biography by Kathryn Spink (biography)
- DB95557 The Bhagavad Gita: The Song Of God Retold In Simplified English by Edward Viljoen (religion)



Sports Fiction:

DB60300 The Professional by W.C. Heinz (classic)
Classic boxing tale of aspiring New York City prize fighter Eddie Brown and his quest for the middleweight championship of the world. His story and those of his manager, Doc, and other assorted hangers-on unfold through the eyes of writer Frank Hughes. 1958.

DB87116 Selection Day by Aravind Adiga (contemporary fiction)
Two young brothers from the slums of Mumbai, Manju and Radha, both have a talent for cricket. They must deal with the high expectations of their controlling father, who is obsessed with the sport and believes cricket is the family's ticket to advancement. 2016.

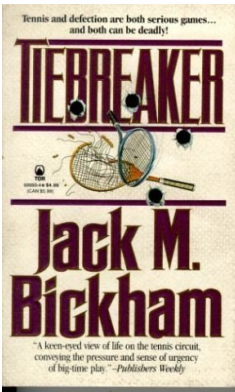
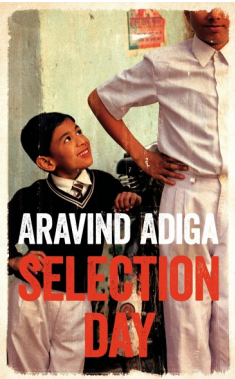
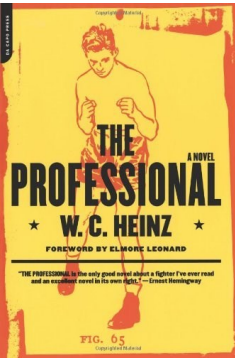
DB70306 Even Money by Dick Francis (mystery)
After a steeplechase event, British bookmaker Ned meets his father, who Ned thought had been dead for thirty-seven years. But then Ned sees him murdered. Already coping with a ill wife, Ned uncovers family secrets and determines the reason his father was killed. 2009.

DB32175 Tiebreaker; Brad Smith 01 by Jack Bickham (spy fiction)
The CIA sends Brad Smith to Belgrade to bring the beautiful Danisa out from behind the Iron Curtain. His background in professional tennis is the perfect cover for rescuing the brilliant young tennis pro, who must be persuaded to leave her homeland. Her brother, a KGB agent, will only defect if he knows she is safe. 1989.

DB94420 A Long Way From Home by Peter Carey (historical fiction)
1950. Irene and her car salesman husband Titch enter the Redex Trial, a brutal race around Australia. With them is their neighbor and navigator, Willie. They soon find themselves in an Australia they're not familiar with and must find their way home. 2017.

DB99244 We Ride Upon Sticks by Quan Barry (paranormal fiction)
In 1989, the Danvers High School field hockey team was experiencing a frustrating losing streak. In this town that hosted witch trials centuries before, the girls decide they will do anything to win--even make a deal with the devil. 2020.

DB84687 You Will Know Me by Megan Abbott (mystery thriller)
How far will you go to achieve a dream? That's the question a celebrated coach poses to Katie and Eric Knox after he sees their daughter--a gymnastics prodigy and Olympic hopeful--compete. For the Knoxes there are no limits--until a violent death rocks their close-knit gymnastics community. 2016.



September 22 - 28 is Banned Books Week:

DB99758 All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson (a memoir-manifesto addressing Black queer identity, explicit content)

DB120932 Gender Queer by Maia Kobabe (a graphic memoir exploring gender identity, explicit content)

DB101117 The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (a young adult novel addressing police violence and racism)

DB24695 The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood (a dystopian novel exploring themes of power and control, explicit content)

DB49914 The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison (historical fiction)
1941. Eleven-year-old Pecola Breedlove--poor, ugly, and black--desperately wants blue eyes, which she thinks would solve all of her problems. Instead she is subjected to rejection, violence, and an unwanted pregnancy. She begins to descend into madness. 1970. (explicit)

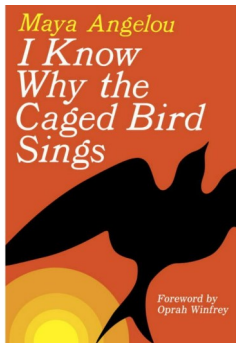
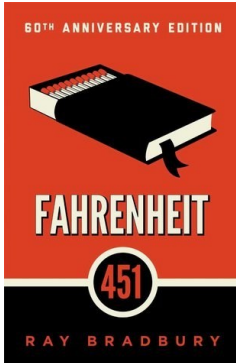
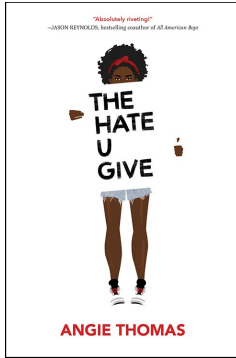
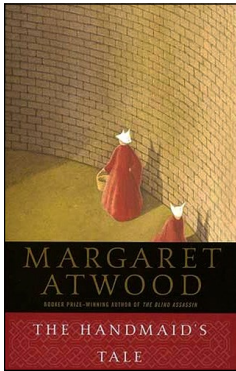
DB34963 Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury (classic)
Social satire set in the future, when owning or reading books is a crime. Guy Montag, the fireman-hero, becomes a fugitive when he succumbs to temptation. Some strong language. 1953.

DB38959 Animal Farm by George Orwell (satire)
An allegorical political satire of communism in which the animals on a farm overthrow their master and live a utopian life until the intelligent pigs take over and one establishes himself as dictator. 1945.

DB111228 Maus: A Survivor's Tale by Art Spiegelman (biography)
Maus recounts the chilling experiences of the author's father during the Holocaust, with Jews drawn as wide-eyed mice and Nazis as menacing cats. Maus is a haunting tale within a tale, weaving the author's account of his tortured relationship with his aging father into an astonishing retelling of one of history's most unspeakable tragedies. 1986.

DB29207 The Satanic Verses by Salman Rushdie (magical realism)
When two Indian-born actors fall from an exploded hijacked airplane onto an English Channel beach, they must overcome violent personal conflicts in order to survive the catastrophe. Gibreel acquires a halo, but Saladin begins to take on the appearance of the devil, and from here on the story becomes a tale of good and evil. 1988.

DB103271 I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou (memoir)
Memoir describes the authors childhood and adolescent years in rural Arkansas, St. Louis, and San Francisco, and the racial and gender indignities she endured. 1969.



Romance: All of these titles have explicit sexual content:

DB74175 Heat Wave by Nancy Thayer

After Carley's husband dies, she discovers he has left her and their daughters in financial straits. To survive, Carley turns their Nantucket house into a bed-and-breakfast. The first summer is one of upheaval--and newfound love. 2011.

DB80808 Afterburn by Zane

Yardley Brown is entranced by bank clerk Rayne Waters, but figures she must be attached. He searches for romance but only finds disappointment after disappointment. Finally, he asks Rayne out, and he may have found the woman of his dreams. 2005.

DB17403 Chances; Lucky Santangelo 01 by Jackie Collins

Gino Santangelo, a hoodlum, becomes a bigtime Vegas casino owner. He lives by taking chances, but the biggest chance Gino ever took is fleeing America to escape prosecution by the IRS and leaving his empire for his sensual daughter, Lucky, to run. 1981.

DB39650 Pirate by Fabio and Eugenia Riley

After his father is killed in Spain, Venetian Marco Glaviano becomes a privateer for England, battling the Spaniards. He rescues orphan Christina Abbott and rears her on his island. Six years later Christina, who has always loved Marco, insists that he marry her. Fighting his own attraction to her, Marco arranges for Christina to marry someone more suitable. 1993.

Paranormal Romances:

DB69645 Dead Until Dark; Sookie Stackhouse 01 by Charlaine Harris

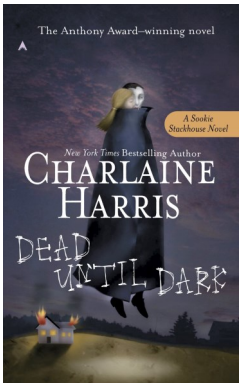
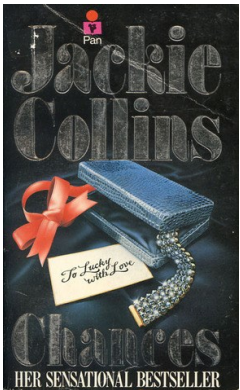
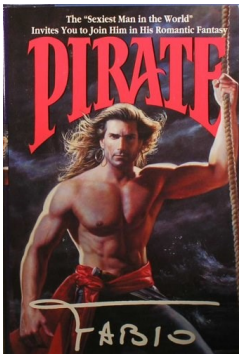
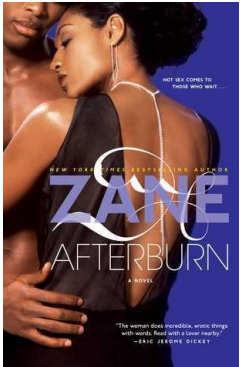
While telepathic waitress Sookie Stackhouse serves tables at Merlotte's bar in Bon Temps, Louisiana, she meets handsome vampire Bill. When a rowdy vampire gang moves into town and murders remain unsolved, Sookie's attraction to Bill puts her in danger. Basis of the television show True Blood. 2001.

DB70079 Covet: A Novel Of The Fallen Angels by J.R. Ward

After construction worker Jim Heron is electrocuted, he meets four angels who tell him that he must help humanity in a contest between angels and demons. Jim has to save seven sinners--the first a wealthy businessman torn between two women. 2009.

DB86209 A Hunger Like No Other; Immortals After Dark by Kresley Cole

The leader of the Lykae Clan, Lachlain MacRieve, was tortured for years by vampires. Now he finds that the mate for whom he has waited centuries, Emmaline Troy, is half-Valkyrie, half-vampire. 2006.



Romance: All of these titles have explicit sexual content:

Regency Romances:

DB60504 The Duke And I; Bridgertons 01 by Julia Quinn

Simon Basset, the new duke of Hastings, and Daphne Bridgerton stage a courtship to keep society matchmakers at bay. But when the charade becomes all too real for Daphne, Simon must either marry her or risk ruining her reputation and breaking her heart. 2000.

DB74092 Silk Is For Seduction; Dressmakers 01 by Loretta Chase

1835. London dressmaker Marcelline Noirot wants to sew the wedding dress of the Duke of Clevedon's betrothed, so Marcelline travels to Paris to impress the young Duke. Although he is aware of her scheme, he is madly attracted to the mysterious modiste. 2011.

DB70589 Truth About Lord Stoneville; Hellions Of Halstead Hall 01 by Sabrina Jeffries

Carefree rake Oliver Sharpe, the Marquess of Stoneville, is threatened with disinheritance if he doesn't marry. Oliver blackmails American Maria Butterfield, whose search for her missing fiancé has brought her to London, into masquerading as his betrothed. 2010.

Mystery and Suspense:

DB45064 Vengeance In Death; Eve Dallas 06 by J.D. Robb

In the year 2058 New York cop Eve Dallas is faced with a serial killer who appears to have some connection with Eve's billionaire husband Roarke's past. As Eve chases clues that keep pointing to Roarke's servant, Roarke secretly tries to solve the case, too. 1997.

DB65353 Play Dirty by Sandra Brown

Former quarterback Griff Burkett, just released from jail after serving time for throwing a game for the mob, is hired by Texas paraplegic millionaire Foster Speakman to impregnate his wife Laura. Griff takes the money while being stalked by crooked Dallas cop Stanley Rodarte. 2007.

DB90898 Cartel: The Cartel 01 by Ashley and JaQuavis

In Miami, where cocaine still rules, the Diamond family runs the cartel. When patriarch Carter dies, his secret illegitimate son, Carter Jones, moves to town. There, he meets Miamor, a contract killer and leader of the Murder Mamas, who has a grudge against the cartel. 2009.

DB58932 Northern Lights by Nora Roberts

Lunacy, Alaska. New sheriff Nate Burke finds the job challenging. While the former cop recovers from his Baltimore partner's violent death, he investigates an unsolved crime that threatens his current life and love, fiery bush pilot Meg Galloway. 2004.

