

RALLS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Book Reviews from the Staff

Want to try a new book or author? Read ahead to get a few options from our staff members. Ask the front desk for these great reads!

Kim Eastin

My author pick is CJ Box. In the Joe Pickett series, Joe is a game warden from Montana. Joe deals with a lot from drunk elk to murder. Throw in some mystery, danger and old family values and you have a great read! There are 24 books in this series and the first three have been made into a TV series. CJ Box also has many other books available here at the library. Come check out this great author!

Staff Spotlight- Maureen Bair

Mo is our high school staff. She is the 'behind the scene' helper who preps for story hour, gathers book drop books and does all of the tasks we ask her to do. The library would not run without her! She provides guidance in the Young Adult section and keeps us current on the new books available. Mo has many 'hidden' talents and this spring we will have her teach some of those talents after school and on Saturdays. Stay tuned... Thank you, Mo, for your dedication to the Ralls County Library.

Notes From the Director



Hello friends,
Our library has lost and gained new and old friends this month. As most of you already know, Ms. Leanne has retired this month to spend some well deserved time working on her talents of gardening. While she will still be busy throughout the community, we have hired a new (old) face as the Birth to Preschool Programmer. Mrs. Becca Jennings will serve in this role starting February 1, 2024. Becca previously worked here at the library as Interim Director before I arrived. You will probably recognize her! Ms. Becca and Ms. Diane will continue the quality of read alouds, storytelling and literacy enriched activities every Thursday morning at 10:00 and every other Thursday night at 6:00. She will also work to organize the childrens' book section as well as help with the Summer Reading Program. Please stop by and re-welcome Ms. Becca to our library family!
Debbie, Director RCL



Come Join Us at the Ralls County Library

February							2024
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				1 WELCOME MS. BECCA! Story Hour 10:00 AM	2	3	
4	5	6	Winter Seed Sowing Adult and Children over 12 with an adult 6:00 PM	8	9	10 Valentine Bouquet Cards - all ages 9-11 AM	
11	12	13	14 Adult Outreach Perry Sr Housing 10:00-11:30 AM	15 Story Hour 10:00 AM	16 Adult and Child/Youth Marvel Trivia Night 6:00 PM	17	
18	19 President's Day Library is Closed	20	21 Adult Outreach Center Sr Housing 10:00-11:30 AM	22 Story Hour 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM	23	24 Games/Puzzles and Donuts - all ages 9-11AM	
25	26	27	28 Adult Outreach NL Sr Housing 10:00-11:30 AM	29 Story Hour 10:00 AM			

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**February Babies to Preschool Programming
Becca Jennings/Diane Schulte**



Come join Ms. Becca and Ms. Diane as they read about snow and do age appropriate learning activities with the littles!

**February Children/Youth (Grades Kdg-12) Programming
Dawn Hargraves**



You're going to love February at the library! We have some great books, crafts, and games lined up for the month. I'm excited to be adding games as an element of our AM story hour for our school-age kids. Each week I will share a story or an excerpt of a larger book and follow that with the option of an art project or game. We have a huge stack of new games to play, and kids are welcome to bring a favorite table game to share with their friends. Games are available any time at the library, and we always have a couple game tables open for use. Come during the day, after school, or on Saturday mornings to enjoy a free and fun place to hang out. Play some games and grab some books while you're here.



February Adult Programming/Kim Eastin

Since Mother Nature was hard to get along with in January, our Winter Seed Sowing Class has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2024 starting at 6:00PM. Call the library for your reservation. Please bring clear milk/water jugs, flower or vegetable seeds and a bucket to mix soil in. All other supplies will be provided. Come join the fun!

Adult Outreach programs are happening in Perry, Center and New London on Wednesday. These are for any Ralls County resident. If your books are here at the library, we can bring them to you during this time. We want to help any Ralls County resident wanting to use the library but cannot get to there. Call the library for more information.

Lastly, Trivia Night for families on Friday, February 16. Brush up on your Marvel facts as the competition begins at 6:00PM.

These cold winter days are made for reading. Come see us!

Adult Book Club News

Let's talk book club!

A survey is on the Ralls County Library Facebook page @RallsCountyLibrary - Book Club Interest Survey. We also have paper copies at the library or call us and we can take your information over the phone. We will compile the information and a time/date decision will be made. Can't wait to talk books with old and new friends!



New Books in the Library

Do you have a new author or series that you want to read? Ask the girls at the front desk if we have it or if we can get it for you through Evergreen. We are here to add to your reading addiction and to open your eyes to new literacy opportunities. Some new authors available are William Kent Krueger, Ariel Lawhon, Dan Padavona, Matthew Blake as well as old favorites, Danielle Steel, James Patterson etc.



Kids, Teens, and Adults

On Friday, February 16th, 6:00PM, we would like to invite patrons of all ages for a Marvel Trivia night. Grab your kids, grandkids, and friends, and come see who knows the most about the Marvel universe. We have limited space for this event, so sign up on the Facebook event page or by calling the library. We hope to see you here.

