

# BETWEEN THE COVERS



## It's Summertime...

And that means it's time for summer reading! You can join in on this year's program, Trail of Stories: Color Our World, by signing up at the library, printing your own [reading logs from our website](#), or through [ReadSquared](#). This year's program does run a little bit differently than previous years though. You still want to earn 1,000 points, but rather than getting points for each book you read, you earn 25 points for every day you read! You can still earn points from doing fun activities as well. Once you have 500 points, you will get a fun halfway point prize, and once you have 1,000 points, you'll get a completion prize and an entry into the grand prize drawing of your choice. The last day to turn in summer reading logs and collect prizes is Monday, August 11, so sign up now so that you have as much time as possible to meet your goals!

With the library parking lot under construction, the library is going on the road for our programs. That includes three visits to local farm markets over the month of June! We'll be handing out crafts, providing information, and just having fun. You can find us at the South Haven Farm Market on Wednesday, June 11th, at the Market at SCA on Friday, June 20th, and at the Farmers Market at Pullman on Saturday, June 28th. To find what other fun activities we'll have this summer, check out our [calendar on our website](#)!



Dug out holes and poured walls... Things are coming along!



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# NATIONAL great outdoors MONTH

reminds us to explore our nation's  
abundant wildlife refuges, parks,  
and natural beauty.

This National Month  
raises awareness of the  
accessibility of the great  
outdoors. We also hope  
you take the time to head  
outside to enjoy nature.

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## VANESSA'S VIEW

If you were  
to ask me  
who some  
of my artist  
inspirations  
are, rest  
assured  
Phoebe  
Wahl is on  
my list. This

month's book, *Sonya's Chickens*, written and illustrated by Phoebe Wahl is an endearing story about life and death, a tough topic that readers may find difficult to share with their little ones, but important nonetheless. An aspect of Wahl's work I am really fond of is how her illustrations are able to depict the narrative all on their own, even if the text was omitted. In this book, Wahl enhances her work by using collage to add a variety of patterns and textures. From the carefully selected patterns she uses to add life to her characters and environments, to the emphasized color pencil scribbles she uses to add rosy cheeks and noses to her characters; there is so much thought and care found within the artwork. While the theme in this book may be glum, the coziness Wahl manages to incorporate in her illustrations reminds us of the warmth we are able to embrace in each of our lives.



## NEW! YOUTH READS>>>

## NATIONAL GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

brings awareness to the vast opportunity in exploring the great outdoors. Whether we hike or bike the trails, kayak or canoe the many rivers and canyons or pitch a tent in the forest or on a hillside, National Great Outdoors Month is an excellent time to consider making access possible.

# #greatoutdoorsmonth



Depending on where we live, sometimes reaching nature is more difficult.

Many cities create relaxing and vibrant green spaces with trails and paths designed for easy access by the community. However, in some inner-city neighborhoods, access to parks or the ability to get outside the city to visit State or National Parks is difficult. ...continued on page 4



## ABi'S PICKS

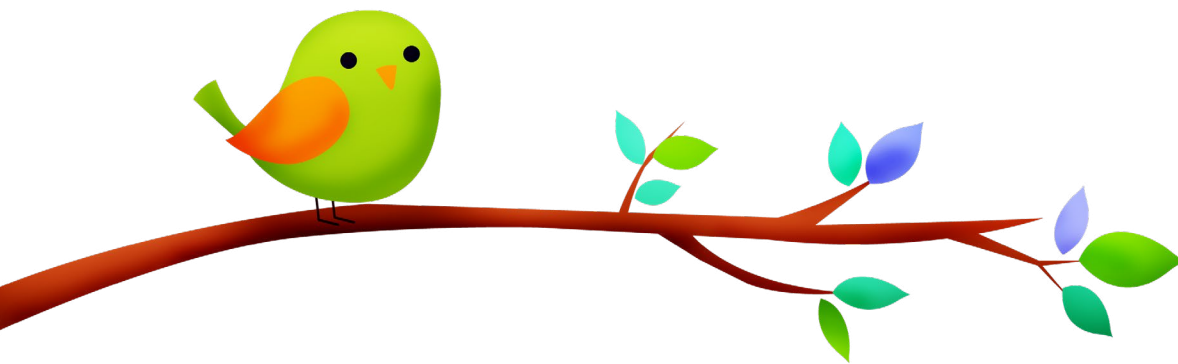
### color

PICTURE BOOK  
*Color, Color, Color, Color*  
by Ruth Heller

MIDDLE GRADE  
*What Is Color?*  
by Steven Weinberg

YOUNG ADULT  
*How to Be a Color Wizard*  
by Jason Logan

## NEW! TWEEN READS>>>



#PRIDEmonth

No matter our preferred mode of enjoying the great outdoors - hiking, biking, kayaking to name a few - nature is calling. Pursue the beauty and majesty of the big skies and open spaces the outdoors offers.

#### 7 GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH IDEAS

- Visit a State or National Park.
- Volunteer as a summer camp counselor.
- Take an outdoor photography class.
- Sign up for Northern lights tour.
- Go deep sea diving.
- Learn how to identify birds and go birding.
- Share your enthusiasm for nature with a group of students and take them on a nature hike.
- Become a Big Brother or Big Sister and go on a group nature bike trail.
- Share your ideas on social media using #GreatOutdoorsMonth.



GRAPHICS CORNER

NEW! TEEN READS>>>>



*two women  
...family secret  
.....lost manuscript*

Raised by her literary icon father Carson Wells, Alison Wells always felt loved, even though her mother died when she was a teen. But when she takes a DNA test on a whim and discovers she has a sister she never knew about, it's clear there are things her father didn't tell her before he died.

Determined to meet Juniper—her half sister—and unravel the truth of

what happened all those years ago, Ali finds herself taking a job as Juniper's intern. She'll eventually figure out a way to tell Juniper the truth of their relationship. But she never could have imagined what would happen next.

Juniper Connolly has always been incredibly healthy... until she wakes up in the hospital after experiencing cardiac arrest, with her new—and recently fired—intern to thank for saving her life. It's clear June needs to de-stress her life a little, so when Ali offers her the use of her family's cabin in a small Wyoming town, June has no reason not to go. But when she arrives, her life will never be the same.

Under the wide-open spaces of the Wyoming summer sun, Ali and June will untangle the secrets and lies their lives were built on to discover who they really are and what family really means. But even more than that, they'll build a real relationship with one another and finally become sisters.

## Movie Preview...

*Titles subject to change.*



### KENDRA'S CURRENT ISSUE

The changing of the guard at the bird feeder has arrived. Time for the hummingbird, which is the focus of this month's *Birds & Blooms* on Libby. Discover the best hanging and garden plants for these welcome guests and marvel at the stunning photos throughout.



### MICHELE'S MEDIA

This month in my quest for classics, I have opened the lid on *Dracula* by Bram Stoker. And then closed it. Kinda peeked in a week or so later for a few days, and shut it yet again. Decided I needed a classics break, so I read *Onyx Storm*, book 3 in the *Empyrean Series* by Rebecca Yarros (1... maybe 2 stars btw) and was disappointed by the repetitive plot and predictable character development, or should I say, non-development. Thought that maybe I needed a little non-fiction to "cheer" me up, so I picked up *Prequel* by Rachel Maddow, quickly realizing that it gave me as much anxiety as watching the news does these days. So I guess that means I'm back to the undead. Maybe I can finally put a stake in the heart of this one and call it done.

## The Vaster Wilds

by Lauren Groff

A taut and electrifying novel from celebrated bestselling author Lauren Groff, about one spirited girl alone in the wilderness, trying to survive.

**DISCUSSION  
WEDNESDAY  
7.2 @ 1:30 PM  
@ Root Café**

A servant girl escapes from a colonial settlement in the wilderness. She carries nothing with her but her wits, a few possessions, and the spark of god that burns hot within her. What she finds in this terra incognita is beyond the limits of her imagination and will bend her belief in everything that her own civilization has taught her.

Lauren Groff's new novel is at once a thrilling adventure story and a penetrating fable about trying to find a new way of living in a world succumbing to the churn of colonialism. *The Vaster Wilds* is a work of raw and prophetic power that tells the story of America in miniature, through one girl at a hinge point in history, to ask how—and if—we can adapt quickly enough to save ourselves.

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