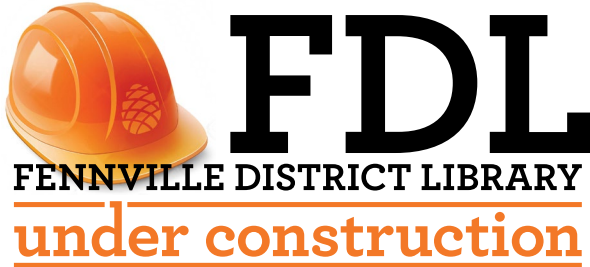


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TEACHER

appreciation week

is celebrated in the first full week of May, from May 4 through May 8 in 2025, and is when teachers get the extra credit they deserve. The big day is Teacher Appreciation Day on May 5, but teachers are just so great that they get a whole week to savor our appreciation. Whether you have a teacher, know a teacher, or are a teacher, there are endless ways to give a little extra support to teachers and teachers organizations. Teaching is known to be a time-consuming and challenging profession, so this week is our chance to say thank you to those that play or have played such a huge role in our lives. Who doesn't have a fond memory of a teacher who inspired us in some way?

Teaching is one of the oldest professions – in 561BC, the first private teacher in history was one of the most learned men of all time, Confucius. In Ancient Greece, there was huge value placed on educating children, and in the 1600s the Pilgrims also placed a similar emphasis on the practice.

By the 19th century, politicians began to believe that education was needed for political order, and elementary through college education was widespread and public, and the need for teachers has been growing ever since!

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VANESSA'S VIEW

Time is a perplexing concept. Some may question why time can't move any faster,

others wish it could slow down and some don't even notice it slip by. *Forever or a Day* written and illustrated by Sarah Jacoby takes readers on an exploration of time, allowing us to gain a deeper understanding on how to experience and appreciate it. Jacoby uses limited text to narrate a simple, yet thought provoking poem, and her illustrations complement the text perfectly. Her illustrations possess a subtle abstract style, perfectly representing the abstract concept of time. Her strong use of color helps readers visualize how colors change throughout the course of a day. In doing so, the illustrations become filled with life. You are able to feel the "go, go, go" with the vibrant colors, while the subtle transition to darker colors allows you to slow down and experience a sense of calmness. "Some people pay a lot of attention to it. Some don't." No matter how you view time, Sarah Jacoby's book is a gentle reminder how precious the time we have is, especially the time we are able to share with loved ones.

NEW! YOUTH READS>>>

TEACHER appreciation day

Though the origins of Teacher Appreciation Week are somewhat murky, it's clear that it was in 1944 that an Arkansas school teacher, Mattye White Woodridge, wrote to politicians and educational professionals about the demand for a day to appreciate teachers. However, it wasn't for nearly a decade until the idea was introduced to Congress by none other than Eleanor Roosevelt. In 1953, she was successful in convincing lawmakers to adopt the day.

After the National Education Association (NEA) and Kansas and Indiana state affiliates lobbied Congress again to create National

Teacher Day on March 7, 1980, they continued to observe it yearly even though Congress did not. They did this until 1985 when the Assembly transformed the single day into the first full week of May.

Teacher Appreciation Day is described by the NEA, which spearheads the weeklong event, as "a day for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives." Each year they provide social media kits, printable teacher achievement certificates, contests, and gift suggestions to help teachers feel all the appreciation we have for them. *...continued on page 4*



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PICTURE BOOK
Call of the Swamp
by Davide Cali

MIDDLE GRADE
Spineless
by Samantha San Miguel

YOUNG ADULT
*Nowhere Better
Than Here*
by Sarah Guillory

NEW! TWEEN READS>>>

HOW TO

#thankateacher

BRING A GIFT TO YOUR TEACHER

Many associations, like National PTA, offer suggestions for gifts to give to teachers and provide fun printable thank-you notes and flyers. Other great ideas to honor your teacher's work include gift cards, donations, baked goods, decorating their classroom door or teachers lounge, volunteering in a classroom, or using the official hashtag #ThankATeacher

REACH OUT TO AN OLD TEACHER

We all remember at least one old teacher fondly, and chances are they remember you and would love to know what you're up to. See if they are still teaching at your old school and plan to pay a visit, give a call, or even add them on social media to keep up with them! It's a great chance to let them know the impact they have had on your life.

DONATE TO TEACHERS

Many associations have made it their mission to support teachers with school supplies and making ends meet. Some of the best organizations to send a little extra to this week include Donors Choose, Fund for Teachers, and the National Education Association Foundation. You can even specifically fund particular subjects, like the arts or math and sciences! ~ nationaltoday.com

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GRAPHICS CORNER

NEW! TEEN READS>>>

boy howdy WALT LONGMIRE IS BACK

after the escapades of *First Frost* and encounters one of his most baffling cases in Wyoming's brutal and unforgiving Red Desert.

When Blair McGowan, the mail person with the longest postal route in the country of over three hundred miles a day, goes missing the question becomes—where do you look for her? The Postal

Inspector for the State of Wyoming elicits Sheriff Longmire to mount an investigation into her disappearance and Walt does everything but mail it in; posing as a letter-carrier himself, the good sheriff follows her trail and finds himself enveloped in the intrigue of an otherworldly cult.

Packed to the brim with twists and turns, the 21st novel in the New York Times–bestselling *Longmire* series pushes Walt to his absolute limits, forcing him to wrestle with the impossible question: What good are your morals, if you're marked for the dead letter office?

Craig Johnson on Libby!

Movie Preview...

Titles subject to change.



KENDRA'S CURRENT ISSUE

Are you looking for a spot for your next adult-only glampout? Check out page 31 in the Spring issue of *Midwest Living* and look no further than our hometown! Fennville is highlighted among some of the top vacation destinations.



MICHELE'S MEDIA

My literary goal for 2025 was to read more classics, and let me tell you, there are a lot of choices in that category. Making a list alone felt like a daunting task, much less reading them all, so I enlisted my good friend Abi (who holds a degree in Classics 😊) to come up with some suggestions.

I started my year with *Pride and Prejudice* (and then stopped, and started, and stopped again). Took a break and went to court with *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Got stranded on a island with *Lord of the Flies*. Hung out with bezoomy droogs in *A Clockwork Orange*. Watched a painting become a reflection in *The Portrait of Dorian Gray*. Dabbled with a double life in *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. And now maybe I will start P&P...Again.



The Sisterhood: The Secret History of Women at the CIA

by Liza Mundy

**DISCUSSION
WEDNESDAY
6.4 @ 1:30 PM
@ Root Café**

Created in the aftermath of World War II, the Central Intelligence Agency relied on women even as it attempted to channel their talents and keep them down. Women sent cables, made dead drops, and maintained the agency's secrets. Despite discrimination—even because of it—women who started as clerks, secretaries, or unpaid spouses rose to become some of the CIA's shrewdest operatives.

They were unlikely spies—and that's exactly what made them perfect for the role. Because women were seen as unimportant, pioneering female intelligence officers moved unnoticed around Bonn, Geneva, and Moscow, stealing secrets from under the noses of their KGB adversaries. Back at headquarters, women built the CIA's critical archives—first by hand, then by computer. And they noticed things that the men at the top didn't see. As the CIA faced an identity crisis after the Cold War, it was a close-knit network of female analysts who spotted the rising threat of al-Qaeda—though their warnings were repeatedly brushed aside.

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Wake up your creative mind and stretch the limits of your imagination! Fun for the whole family on **Tuesday, May 6 at 3:30 PM**, on location at **Paradise Park**.



Storytime is going on the road! This month, our Destination is **Paradise Park** on **Monday, May 12 at 10:30 AM!** For ages 0-5.



Fourth Fridays in Fennville AND Summer Reading Kick-Off, Friday, May 23 at 5 PM
While you're having fun at the events for Fourth Fridays in Fennville, make sure you visit the library staff for a fun activity and to sign up for Summer Reading! This family event is **downtown Fennville**.



REMINDER!
We will be CLOSED on Monday, May 26.



Let's get outside! This month, meet at the **Post Office** on **Tuesday, May 20 at 3:30 PM** to begin our family fun adventure.



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