

# THE LIBRARY LEDGER

WELLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## LIBRARY CARD MONTH—SEPT.



Sign up for a library card this month, or update your current card's information, and you'll be entered into a prize drawing.

"It's a little card that goes a loud way. Let your imagination sing at the library." — Idina Menzel

Tony Award-winning performer, actress, singer-songwriter, and philanthropist Idina Menzel and her sister author and educator Cara Mentzel will serve as honorary chairs of Library Card Sign-Up Month 2022.

## BOOK SALE RECAP

Thank you to everyone that supported our Book Sale on September 16-17. It was one of our best sales yet and we made over \$400!

These funds will be put to use in our expanded program offerings this year, as well as supplement our library acquisitions.



We love our patrons!

## FUNDRAISING GOAL: UPGRADE THE ELEVATOR

It may have come to your attention that our elevator has been "down" numerous times this past year. The elevator was installed with the Library Expansion in 1986. Since then WPL has kept the equipment maintained and in working order, but it's just getting old. To fully upgrade the elevator and bring it up to current ADA standards will cost in the vicinity of \$114,000.

If you love our Library as much as we do, we hope that you'll join us in the endeavor!

Donations may be dropped off at the Library or through our PayPal account accessed through our website.

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## WELLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### **Hours:**

M & W: 9:30am-6:00pm  
T & TH: 9:30am - 8:30pm  
F: 9:30am-5:00pm  
S: 9:30am-4:00pm  
Sun: Closed

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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**SEP 18-24, 2022**

### **Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us.**

Recent polling on behalf of the American Library Association shows that seven in 10 voters oppose efforts to remove books from public libraries, including majorities of voters across party lines.

Three-quarters of parents of public-school children (74%) express a high degree of confidence in school librarians to make good decisions about which books to make available to children, and when asked about specific types of books that have been a focus of local debates, large majorities say for each that they should be available in school libraries on an age-appropriate basis.

Students cannot access critical information to help them understand themselves and the world around them. Parents lose the opportunity to engage in teachable moments with their kids. And communities lose the opportunity to learn and build mutual understanding.

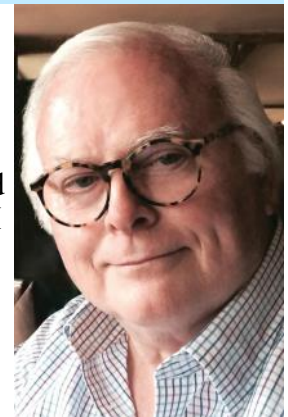
Although book bans are nothing new, there were more censorship attempts in 2021 than at any time since the American Library Association began tracking more than two decades ago.

## **AUTHOR HIGHLIGHT: STUART WOODS**

Stuart Woods died at home at the age of 84 on July 22, 2022. Best known for his Stone Barrington novels, Woods wrote over 90 books. [USA Today](#) has an obituary.

"I write every day from 11 a.m. to noon, about one chapter a day," Woods told *The Hartford Courant* in 2015. "And I answer my emails. The other 23 hours I do anything but write — boating, lots of reading, watching old movies."

Woods' books are popular among our library patrons. We have quite a number of Stuart Woods' books in our collection. Others can be checked out through InterLibrary Loan.



## **CHECK US OUT! LIBRARY SERVICES**

**Computers:** The library has computers available for public use, as well as free access to our WiFi. Last year our computers were used more than 2,500 times!

**To Take Home:** Our collection of 233,678 items is more than books! We have DVDs, audiobooks, board games, puzzles and lawn games for you to check out and enjoy.

**Programs for all Ages:** More information is on the following pages.

**Notary Public:** Free to the public!

## OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BOOK MONTH

Created by the National Book Foundation in 2003, the month-long celebration created focuses on the importance of reading, writing and literature. National Book Month is also a time to honor the country's best books and authors. In mid-October, the National Book Awards announces the year's 15 finalists.

### How to Observe National Book Month

1. Start a new book that you've never read before
2. Share an old, favorite book with someone
3. #NationalBookMonth to let your friends and followers know what you're reading and why, and encourage them to do the same!



## KANSAS NOTABLE BOOKS 2022



[The Kansas Notable Books List](#) is the annual recognition of 15 outstanding titles either written by Kansans or about a Kansas related topic. The Kansas Notable Book List highlights the state's lively contemporary writing community and encourages readers to enjoy some of the best writing of the authors among us. It is a project of the Kansas Center for the Book, a program of the State Library.

### Children:

*Ava: A Year of Adventure in the Life of an American Avocet* by Mandy Kern

*The Greatest Thing: A Story about Buck O'Neil* by Kristy Nerstheimer

*Haven's Secret (The Powers Book 1)* by Melissa Benoist & Jessica Benoist

*A Vote for Susanna: The First Woman Mayor* by Karen M. Greenwald

### Adult and YA:

*Blue Collar Saints: Poems* by Brenda Leigh White

*Field Journal: Volume XIII, 2021, The Santa Fe Trail, Symphony in the Flint Hills*

*From this Moment: A Novel* by Kim Vogel Sawyer

*How to Resist Amazon and Why* by Danny Caine

*Killing Dragons: Order of the Dolphin* by Kristie Clark

*Mad Prairie: Stories and a Novella* by Kate McIntyre

*Policing Sex in the Sunflower State: The Story of the Kansas State Industrial Farm for Women* by Nicole Perry

*Running Out: In Search of Water on the High Plains* by Lucas Bessire

*Stormbreak: A Seafire Novel* by Natalie C. Parker

*White Hot Hate: A True Story of Domestic Terrorism in America's Heartland* by Kick Lehr

*Words is a Powerful Thing: Twenty Years of Teaching Creative Writing at Douglas County Jail* by Brian Daldorph

# PROGRAMS & EVENTS

## CHILDREN

**Raising Readers Storytime & Craft**—Wednesdays at 10:30am

**Pajama Storytime**—Thursday, Sep 22 and Oct 20 at 6:30 pm

**Fall Painting**—Thursday, Oct 13 at 4:30pm for Children of all Ages

Check out the [website](#) for more info and new programs



Sign up at Library for the "Birthday Club" and receive a post card and redeem for a prize at the library on your special day!



## ALL AGES

**Pokémon Trading Card Club**—3rd Saturday from noon-2pm. Join other Pokemon fans to trade cards and play games.

**Spooky Story Contest**—Begins Oct. 1, deadline Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. All ages welcome to participate. Prizes awarded.

**Game Knights**—1st Saturday, 2:30-4 p.m., beginning Oct. 1, all ages welcome. Bring your own board games or check out the library's collection.

**Spooky Story Contest**—Begins Oct. 1, deadline Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. All ages welcome to participate. Prizes awarded. The Sign-up Form is located on page 8.

**NaNoWriMo Writing Contest**—National Novel Writing Month begins in November.



## ADULTS

### PROGRAMS

**The Bookies Book Club**—meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 5:30pm. The Bookies read a variety of topics and genres.

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# PROGRAMS & EVENTS

## ADULTS (CONT.)

**Soups & Series**—Every other Monday, at 6 p.m., beginning Sept. 26, enjoy soup and a documentary at the library, free of charge, titles subject to change.

**Bad Art Night**—Thursday, Sept. 29, 6 p.m. Be a kid again and use children's art supplies to make the worst looking masterpiece. Free of charge. All supplies provided.

**Adult Coloring**—Tuesday afternoons, all supplies provided, free of charge.

**Cricut Crafts**—Cricut crafts for beginners, First Weds., 6 p.m., \$1 charge.

**Dollar Tree Hacks & Crafts**—Join library staff as they present a life hack or craft using primarily Dollar Tree materials. Third Monday, 5 p.m. All materials provided, free of charge.

**Cleaning Essentials D.I.Y. Workshop**—Tuesday, Oct. 11, 6 p.m. Learn to make your own laundry soap and other cleaning essentials.

**Santa's Elf Christmas Workshop**—Saturday, Nov. 12, morning session, decor, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; afternoon session, gifts, 12:30-4 p.m. Registration required. \$10 per session or \$20 for both to make 4-5+ projects. Bring a sack lunch and join us for a day-long workshop! Snacks and drinks provided.

## COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

**Tech Tuesdays** — Join Jarrod on Tuesday evenings between 6:00 - 8:30pm. He is ready to assist you with your technology questions by phone or in person. Drop in on Tuesdays if he can assist you.

## LIBRARY HISTORY IN THE NEWS

In case you missed it, the Wellington Daily News has run a series of articles this summer on the history of the Wellington Public Library.

They are now available on the library website under “About” and “Library History.” You can also access them by searching the Daily News at: <https://www.wellingtondailynews.com>

[A Love of Libraries](#)

[It Started with a Trail of Correspondence](#)

[The Prentis Study Club](#)

[The Local Legacy of Andrew Carnegie](#)

[Carnegie Library Architecture and Floor Plans](#)



# Soup & Series

Mondays @ 6 p.m.

**Monday, Sept. 26**

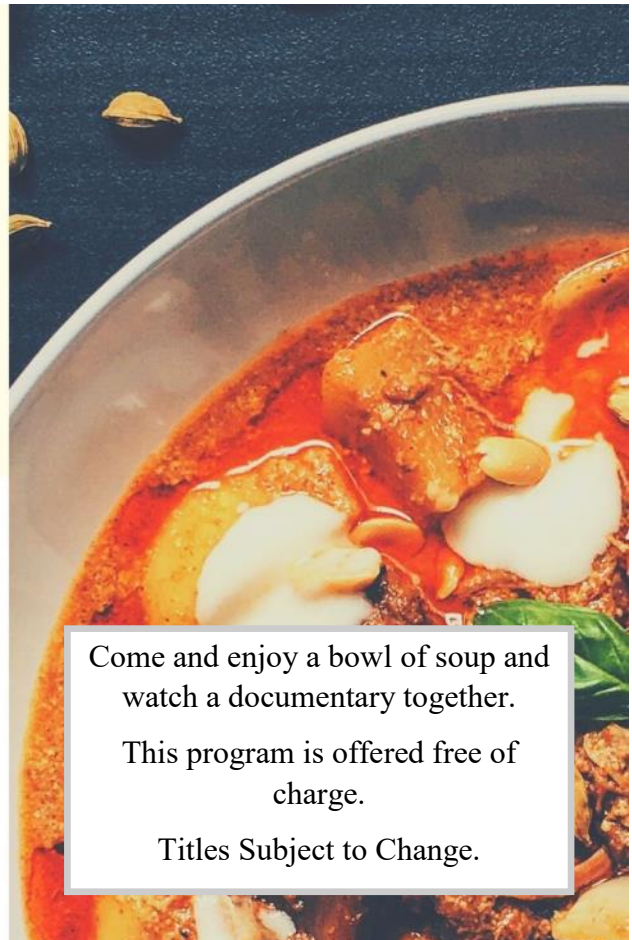
- *Origins of the Gunslinger*

**Monday, Oct. 10**

- *Jesse James & the Southern Guerillas*

**Monday, Oct. 24**

- *Billy the Kid & The Lone Outlaws*



Come and enjoy a bowl of soup and watch a documentary together.

This program is offered free of charge.

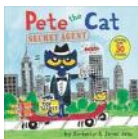
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## NEW CHILDREN AND YA TITLES

### CHILDREN



*What Feelings Do When No One's Looking* by Tina Oziewicz



*Pete the Cat: Secret Agent* by Kim Dean



*Nickelodeon Paw Patrol: Dinosaur Rescue!* by Hollis James

### JUVENILE



*Empty Smiles* by Katharine Arden



*Canterwood Crest—14—Popular* by Jessica Burkhart



*Thunder and Cluck—Smart v. Strong* by Jill Esbaum

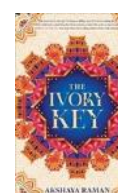
### YOUNG ADULT



*Realm Breaker* by Victoria Aveyard



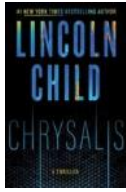
*Heart of the Moors* by Holly Black



*Sense and Second-Degree Murder* by Tirzah Price

# NEW ADULT TITLES

## ADULT FICTION BOOKS



*Chrsallis* by Lincoln Child



*Reckoning* by Catherine Coulter



*Crimson Summer* by Heather Graham



*The Girl who Survived* by Lisa Jackson



*A Face to Die For* by Iris Johansen



*Beautiful* by Danielle Steel

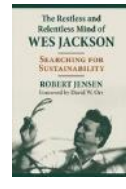
## ADULT NON-FICTION BOOKS



*The Election of the Evangelical* by Daniel K. Williams

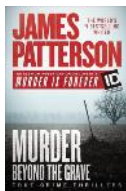


*Courts at War* by Gregory Burnep



*The Restless and Relentless Mind of Wes Jackson* by Robert Jensen

## LARGE-PRINT BOOKS



*Murder Beyond the Grave* by James Patterson



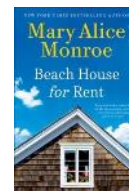
*The Chicken Sisters* by K. J. Dell'Antonia



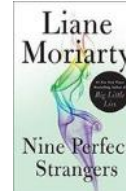
*The Forbidden Door* by Dean R. Koontz



*The Summer House* by Hannah McKinnon



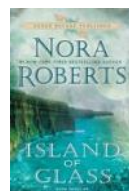
*Beach House for Rent* by Mary Alice Monroe



*Nine Perfect Strangers* by Liane Moriarty



*A Spark of Light* by Jodi Picoult



*Island of Glass* by Nora Roberts



*The Subway Girls* by Susie Orman Schnall

## AUDIO BOOKS



*The Cutting Edge*, by Jeffery Deaver



*The Cuban Affair*, by Nelson DeMille



*One Last Breath* by Lisa Jackson



## STAFF READS AND PICKS

Have you ever wondered what books the Library Staff like to read? Following is what a few that we've been reading this summer.

Chalishia Alvarez — *A Place to Hang the Moon* by Kate Albus (Children's Fiction)

Katherine Cundiff — the full *Atlee Pines* Series by David Baldacci and the full *Blood of Eden* Series by Julie Kagawa

Amber Countryman — *The Store* by Bentley Little

Monica Kern — *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See and *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng

Jo Plumb — *Perish Twice* by Robert Parker

## SPOOKY STORY CONTEST SIGN-UP

*Please staple this completed form to the front of your entry.*

### **For Student to Complete:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Story Title \_\_\_\_\_

*By Signing my name below, I agree that the story I am submitting is 100% my own original work. No words or ideas were borrowed from any other sources.*

*Signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

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### **For Adult Entry (and Parent/Guardian of Student Entry) to Complete:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

*By Signing my name below, I agree that the story I am submitting is 100% my own original work. No words or ideas were borrowed from any other sources. I give my permission for my entry (and my child's name and story) to be published on the Wellington Public Library's website, Facebook page, digital sign and Wellington Daily News.*

*Signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

***Entries must be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday, October 28, 2022.***