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VPL Vignette October 2025

Pop Up Food Pantry

Good News, Neighbors!

We're excited to announce a
SECOND Pop Up Food
Pantry with Good Neighbors!



 Location: Vestal Public
Library, 320 Vestal Parkway
East



Date: Friday, October 17



Time: 5-6pm



Meat, bread, dry goods,
fruits, veggies, and more will
be available — free of charge
for individuals and families in
need.

No registration necessary.
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assistance!



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New policy alert: snacks + studying = approved!

We know reading (and studying) can work up an appetite, so we've updated our food policy and patron code of conduct:

✓ Covered drinks & small dry snacks are now allowed in the library!

✗ Just keep food away from the computers and Local History Room.

Think: water bottles, covered to-go cups, crackers, chips, granola bars = YES

But open mugs, uncovered cups, takeout meals, bowls of soup, sheet pizzas = NOPE

Thanks for helping us keep the library clean, cozy, and odor-free while you enjoy those study-time munchies!

Effective 10/1/2025

Banned Books Week

📖 Banned Books Week is all about celebrating the freedom to read.

Sometimes a challenged book might surprise you—it can spark new ideas, make you think differently, or even feel a little uncomfortable. And that's the power of reading: you get to choose your own path through stories.

Libraries protect your freedom to read what you like (or even what you don't like—if that's your thing).

👉 See the Top 10 most challenged books of 2024 through the link in the comments, and check the 4CLS catalog to see which titles you can explore today.

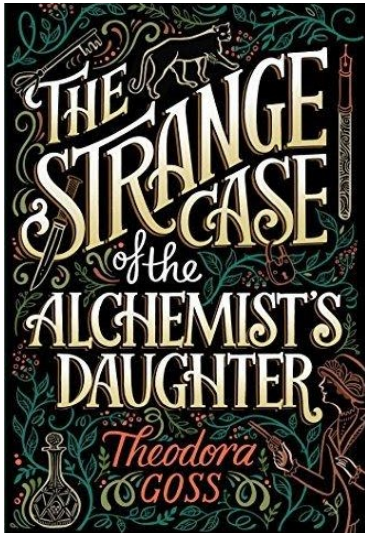
October 5 to October 11, 2025



Staff Book

Review

Molly - Youth Librarian



One of my favorite trilogies is *The Extraordinary Adventures of the Athena Club*. It is filled with familiar famous book characters and parodies storylines such as, Jekyll and Hyde, Frankenstein, The Island of Doctor Moreau, Sherlock Holmes (and more).

The first book of the trilogy, *The Strange Case of the Alchemist's Daughter* follows Mary Jekyll, who is now alone and penniless following her parents' death, is curious about the secrets of her father's mysterious past. One clue in particular hints that Edward Hyde, her father's former friend and a murderer, may be nearby, and there is a reward for information leading to his capture...a reward that would solve all of her immediate financial woes.

But her hunt leads her to Hyde's daughter, Diana, a feral child left to be raised by nuns. With the assistance of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson, Mary continues her search for the elusive Hyde, and soon befriends more women, all of whom have been created through terrifying experimentation: Beatrice Rappaccini, Catherin Moreau, and Justine Frankenstein.

When their investigations lead them to the discovery of a secret society of immoral and power-crazed scientists, the horrors of their past return. Now it is up to the monsters to finally triumph over the monstrous.

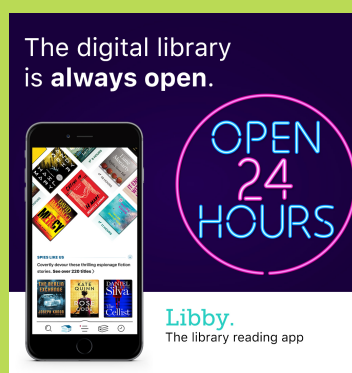
Goss writes in a refreshing and whitty way so that the characters are the ones writing their story, the book is filled with their commentary and banter which is very comical, but provides more depth into each of the characters as the story progresses. This is truly one of my favorite series that I will re-read over and over.

The Strange Case of the Alchemist's Daughter
by Theodora Goss

Events Calendar

We have events for all ages! Sign up or browse online.

Upcoming Event Highlights



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night cliffhanger

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