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Program Highlights

A Big Thank You From Tiny Tots!

Thank you to the VPL Friends of the Library, library patrons, and the Vestal community for donating to the Tiny Tot Storytime & Playtime toy collection. We offer Tiny Tot programs to our youngest patrons, ages 0-3. Tiny Tot programs promote and assist the development of social, emotional, and physical skills. Just in January, Tiny Tot programs averaged 23 participants. The contribution of new and gently used toys guarantees enough for everyone and provides a variety of stimulation. Thank you for helping our littlest library patrons! Tiny Tot programs are on Thursdays at 10 AM. The next session begins March 16!

-Molly Creveling, Youth Services Librarian

Displays

Fall in love on a blind date this February! Browse the selection of wrapped books on the main display table and pick a genre or clue that tugs at your heartstrings. Not a reader? We have romantic comedy DVDs on display too! Additionally, VPL is celebrating Black History Month with multiple displays that highlight Black Authors and History. Visit the new fiction, new non-fiction, youth services, and YA display tables to read and learn more about Black Experience and perspective.

- Kelly C. - Marketing & Outreach

Last Month at VPL

Top Shelf: Cookbook Club

In January, we hosted the first meeting of Top Shelf, a new cookbook club. Participants are encouraged to find a recipe that meets the chosen theme, prepare it, and bring it to the club meeting for others to try. Top Shelf is an opportunity to sample new food, swap recipes, and talk about cooking and food. In January, the theme centered around comfort food. One participant, Ramona Lena, brought in a family favorite that is a staple in her home called Sicilian Potatoes and Ditalini.

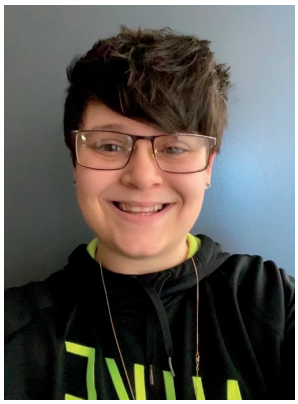
The theme for February's meeting is Sweet Confections, and March is You Say Potato. Limited space is available. Those interested in participating can sign up online.

Sicilian Potatoes + Ditalini Recipe

1 red onion chopped
2 tbsp olive oil
1 1/4 lb. yellow potato, peeled & cut 1/4" cubes
Cayenne pepper
Coarse salt
3 cups chicken stock, divided
1 cup ditalini
2 tbsp parsley
1/4 cup fresh cheese

Cook onion in oil for 10 minutes on medium heat. Add potatoes, cayenne, and salt. Cook for 1 minute. Add 2 cups of chicken stock and bring to a boil. Simmer until tender. Add ditalini + 1 cup of chicken stock. Bring to a boil, cover, and turn off heat. Let sit for 15 minutes. Stir in parsley and cheese. Drizzle with olive oil.

Meet the Staff - Ashley



When you walk into the Vestal Public Library, one of the first faces you'll see is Ashley DeFlippo, Circulation Manager. Ashley has been a faithful part of the Vestal Public Library for eleven years. When she's not at the library helping patrons, she's usually spending time with her grandfather, family, or walking her dog Louie. She also occasionally enjoys playing video games, or reading books by her favorite author, Angie Thomas. Her favorite shows to stream right now are Big Sky and 9-1-1 Lonestar. Her love for Vestal is no secret– she explains, "My grandmother was the Circulation Manager before me, so I am proud that she passed down the keys to me. I love the community, and I love the patrons. You get to see families and children grow up– it's amazing. I am also proud to be a Golden Bear more than anything."

Directors Corner

Library Advocacy Day

February 28, 2023

❤ Love is in the air, and VPL encourages you to participate in Library Advocacy Day on February 28, 2023, to show your love for our local public libraries. More details: nyla.org/nyla-advocacy-day-2023/

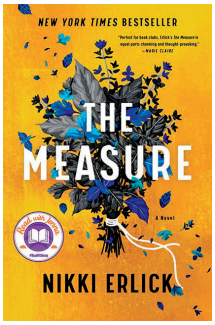
Here are a few more ways to be a Library Advocate all year long:

- Contact your local representative and urge them to support library funding
- Join the Friends of VPL Group - vestalpubliclibrary.org/friends-of-the-library
- Volunteer at VPL - vestalpubliclibrary.org/volunteer-vpl
- Provide constructive feedback to help VPL serve our community better - VPL Community Survey -
- Attend Board Meetings or become a VPL Board of Trustees Member - vestalpubliclibrary.org/board-of-trustees
- Visit VPL as much as possible to use our materials, programs, and services

- Paul K. Chapman - VPL Director

For more information about events check VPL Program Calendars, visit vestalpubliclibrary.org, or call (607)-754-4243

Book Review



The Measure by Nikki Erlick is a thought provoking novel that makes the reader question how they would spend the remainder of their lives, if they were to know precisely when it would end. In this debut novel, everyone in the world wakes up one day to find a box on their doorstep containing a length of string which correlates to the amount of time they have left on earth. For those choosing to open the box, learning whether they are a "short-stringer" or "long-stringer" impacts their life and relationships in varied and unforeseen ways. The availability of this knowledge also raises questions regarding an individual's right to privacy, the right of the government to compel key employees to disclose their life expectancy, and whether political candidates should be required to divulge this information to voters. I enjoyed following the lives of the characters throughout this book as they navigated their new realities, and pondering what I would do if I were in their shoes.

- Melanie Niermeyer
Office Manager

Upcoming Events

FEB 20
Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs
6 PM - In Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
6:30 PM - Meeting Room

FEB 21
Bookaneers (ages 7 - 9)
4:30 PM - Meeting Room
Read It & Eat (ages 10 - 13)
4:30 PM - Conference Room

FEB 22
FUNshop (ages 16+)
6:15 PM - Conference Room
I'd Rather Read YA - Book Club
10:30 AM - Virtual
Spark Joy - Instructional Event
7 PM - In-Person

FEB 23
Pins & Needles
6 PM - In Library
Yin Yoga
6 PM - Meeting Room

FEB 24
The Cazenovia Convention (BHM)
6 PM - Meeting Room

FEB 28
Shelf Love: Teen Book Club
4 PM - Meeting Room
Java Joe Jammers
6 PM - Meeting Room

MAR 1
FUNshop (ages 16+)
6:15 PM - Meeting Room

MAR 2
Yin Yoga
6 PM - Meeting Room

MAR 3
Teen Night - Movie
3 PM - Meeting Room

MAR 6
Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs
6 PM - In Library

MAR 7
Lego Club (ages 7-12)
6 PM - Meeting Room

MAR 8
Tech Assistance
10 AM - Meeting Room
FUNshop (ages 16+)
6:15 PM - Conference Room

MAR 9
Pins & Needles
6 PM - In Library
Yin Yoga
6 PM - Meeting Room

MAR 10
Harry Potter Trivia
5:30 PM - Meeting Room

MAR 13
Top Shelf: Cookbook Club
6:30 PM - Conference Room

MAR 14
Mad for Art
6 PM - In-person or Virtual

MAR 15
Shelf Indulgence: Book Club
6:30 PM - Conference Room
FUNshop (ages 16+)
6:15 PM - Conference Room

MAR 16
Tiny Tots Storytime
10 AM - Meeting Room
Yin Yoga
6 PM - Meeting Room
Game Night
6 PM - In Library

MAR 18
Gardening Club - Seed Starting
11 AM - Meeting Room