

Eccles-Lesher Memorial Library

NEWSLETTER



Monday	8:30 a - 5:30 p
Tuesday	9:00 a - 6:00 p
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	8:30 a - 5:30 p
Friday	9:30 a - 4:30 p
Saturday	9:00 a - 3:00 p
Sunday	Closed

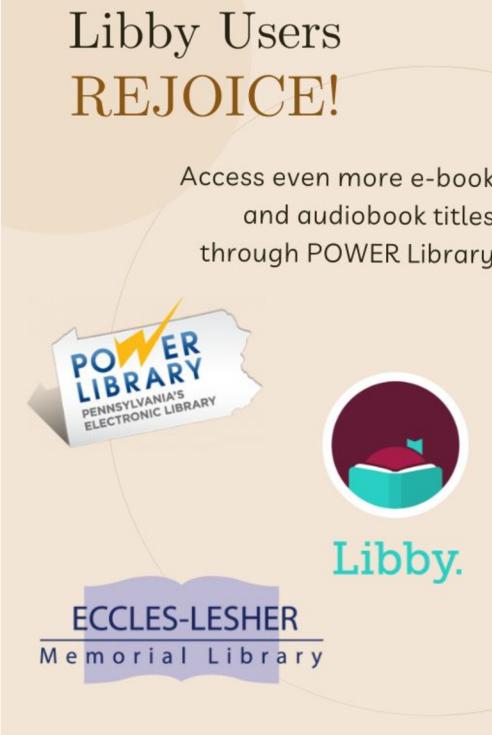
Memorials

Memorial Bricks

In Memory of Hope
Goodman
Given By Shelly Murphy



February 2026



Even More Libby Titles Now Available!

Great news for our Libby users! You now have access to even more ebooks and audiobooks through POWER Library, Pennsylvania's free digital library, right inside the Libby app.

How to add POWER Library in Libby:

- Open Libby and log in as usual
- Tap the menu button (center bottom)
- Scroll down and tap Add Library
- Search for POWER Library
- Enter your library card number
- From the dropdown, select Eccles-Lesher Memorial Library

POWER Library will appear as a new digital card in your account, and its collection will automatically be included in your searches, giving you access to even more free reads and listens! Happy reading!

Read WITH YOUR LIBRARIAN



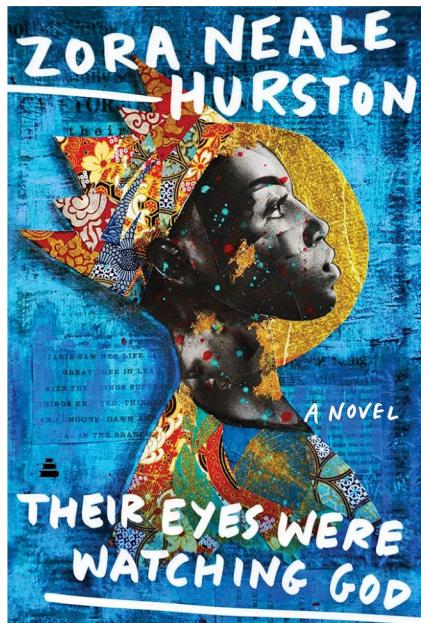
2026: THE Books THAT SHAPE Us

This year, the libraries of the Oil Creek Library District are pleased to take part in a new reading initiative called Read with Your Librarian.

Each month, a featured title will be highlighted that connects to the annual theme. The 2026 theme, "The Books That Shape Us," celebrates America's 250th birthday by exploring influential books that helped shape our nation's ideas, culture, and history. Monthly selections are drawn from the Library of Congress's Books That Shaped America exhibit.

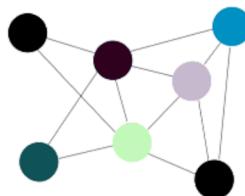
Featured titles will be available through the library in multiple formats, including print, ebook, and audiobook (via Libby).

Stop by the library to browse the display, check out a featured book, and read along with us throughout the year. Patrons can also sign up for the Read with Your Librarian newsletter to learn more about upcoming selections and related resources.



February's selection is *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. This timeless novel explores identity, resilience, and the search for one's own voice through the unforgettable journey of Janie Crawford.

Rich in language and cultural insight, it remains a powerful story about self-discovery and independence —making it an essential read in our Books That Shape Us theme.

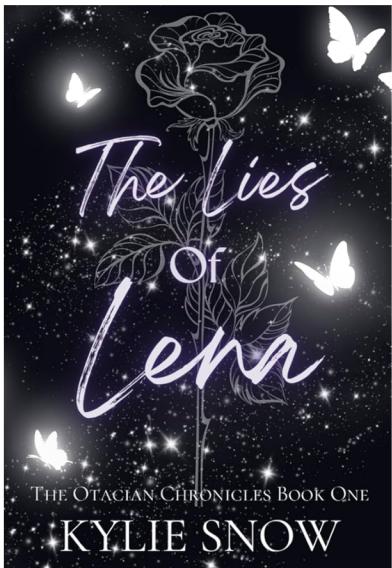


**OIL CREEK
LIBRARY DISTRICT**

Swords & Spice Romantasy Book Club Picks

Swords & Spice Romantasy Book Club – February Meeting

February Selection: The Lies of Lena by Kylie Snow



Release Date:
May 14, 2024

Join us for our February meeting of the Swords & Spice Romantasy Book Club as we dive into *The Lies of Lena*, a darkly compelling romantasy filled with secrets, moral gray areas, and impossible choices. This month's discussion will explore themes of truth, loyalty, and survival in a world where nothing—and no one—is quite as it seems.

Whether you're a longtime fantasy reader or just beginning your romantasy journey, Swords & Spice offers a relaxed, welcoming space for thoughtful discussion and a shared love of magical storytelling.

 **Wednesday, February 19**

 **5:30 p.m.**

 **Library Community Room**

All are welcome—no pressure, no prior book club experience needed. Just bring your thoughts, curiosity, and love of a good story.



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PRESENTS:

BIRD ART COMPETITION FOR KIDS

“Wild Birds of
Pennsylvania:
Through The
Eyes Of
Youth”



GRADES
PRE-K TO 3RD,
4TH TO 6TH
AND
7TH TO 12TH



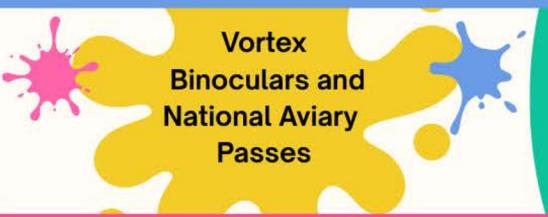
ANY WILD BIRD SPECIES, ANY MEDIA, SIZE RESTRICTIONS,
MUST INCLUDE 5 INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE BIRD



SUBMIT ENTRIES BY MARCH 21, 2026 TO YOUR LOCAL
FOREST OR CLARION COUNTY LIBRARY

BIRD BOOK PRIZES FOR LOCAL
LIBRARY WINNERS OF EACH
AGE/GRADE GROUP

GRAND PRIZES FOR WINNERS
OF EACH AGE GROUP OVERALL



PAINTING
DRAWING
COLLAGE
SCULPTURE



For complete rules, see your
Librarian, go to
senecarocksaudubon.org or scan
this code



Seneca Rocks Audubon Society
Wild Birds of Pennsylvania Art Competition for Kids

Welcome to the Seneca Rocks Audubon Society's "Wild Birds of Pennsylvania: Through The Eyes Of Youth" Art Competition for Kids. Please read the rules carefully before entering.

Who Can Enter?

The competition is open to children ages 4 to 18 who are residents of Clarion, or Forest counties or patrons of the Brookville Library. The art will be divided into three groups:

- Elementary grades Pre-K through 3rd
- 4th through 6th
- Jr. High/High School grades 7th through 12th.
- One entry per child

Theme:

"Wild Birds of Pennsylvania: Through The Eyes Of Youth." Create an artwork that depicts a wild bird that lives in Pennsylvania that you have seen or want to learn more about.

- All artwork must include 5 interesting facts about the bird depicted or created. Either submit the list of facts in the [Google Form](#) provided and attach it to the artwork, or incorporate the information into the artwork in some fashion.

Artwork Guidelines:

- Artworks can be a painting, drawing, sculpture, collage or mobile. No photos.
- Artwork can be created by using paint, crayons, markers, colored pencils, clay, wood, wire, paper, fiber, recycled products, or any mixed media.
- Size Restrictions:
 - Drawings or paintings must be no larger than the standard A3 (11.7 X 16.5 inches)
 - Sculptures must be self-standing and no larger than 12" X 16"
 - Mobiles must have their own support for displays and no larger than 24" X 32".
- Artwork must be original and **created by the child**. No help is allowed from adults except to supply materials or resources as needed, and deliver the artwork to the library. Kits, paint by numbers, and tracing, etc., are also not permitted.

Important Dates:

- Deadline to Submit: March 21
- Judging starts: March 25-31
- Winners announced: April 8th
- April Art show at Michelle's Cafe, in Clarion for the finalists.
- **How to Submit:**
- Submit your entry to your Community Librarian
- [Complete this Google Form](#) and print the email of your responses. (See your Librarian if you need help) <https://forms.gle/bcZY6LWFSMZ5J6qVA>
- Attach the printed email to the back of the artwork that provides
 - Full name
 - Age/Grade
 - Title of Artwork

- 5 Interesting grade level appropriate facts about the bird
- Name of the Library
- Parent or Guardian's contact information

Prizes

- One winner from each age group at each Library will receive a bird themed prize and a certificate.
- Each winner will automatically be entered into the Grand Prize Competition with the eight other participating libraries in Clarion, Forest and Jefferson Counties.
- Three Grand Prizes: 2 General Admission Tickets to the National Aviary in Pittsburgh and a pair of Vortex binoculars for each winner of the age categories.

Other Rules:

- Entries must be picked up by the parent/guardian upon conclusion of the Art Show(s).
No entries will otherwise be returned
- By entering, you give SRAS and the Library permission to display the artwork and share it on our website or social media
- Judges' decisions are final

Participating Libraries

- Sarah Stewart Brevard Memorial Library, Tionesta
- Marienville Public Library, Marienville
- Clarion Free Library, Clarion
- Foxburg Free Library, Foxburg
- Redbank Valley Public Library, New Bethlehem
- Eccles-Lesher Memorial Library, Ringersburg
- Knox Public Library, Knox
- Rebecca M Arthur's Memorial Library, Brookville

Have FUN!

This is all about celebrating imagination, expression and learning about BIRDS. We can't wait to see your amazing artwork!



Winter Weather Policy

If the Union School District closes for inclement weather (snow/ice/etc.), the Eccles-Lesher Memorial Library also closes. Two-hour delays do not affect the library. To stay as up-to-date as possible, please check our social media or calendar on our website at www.eccles-lesher.org. Stay safe if you're traveling in inclement weather!



This spring, The Friends of the Library, as a part of their mission to raise awareness of the library and its programs through volunteer work, advocacy, and fundraising, will be offering a scholarship to a senior from this year's Union High School or to eligible students from the Karn's City Area School District who are residents of East Brady Borough or Brady Township. More details will be forthcoming as we get closer to the time of application. Stay tuned!

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