

Eccles-Lesher Memorial Library

NEWSLETTER



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| 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 |



April 2026



Memorials

Honor friends and loved ones by participating in our Memorial Book and Memorial Brick Programs!



Story Time with Lager Is Off to a Wonderful Start!

We are so grateful to everyone who bundled up and joined us for the March sessions of our special eight-week Story Time with Lager series! We welcomed well over 10 children for a morning full of stories, smiles, and tail-wagging fun with Lager the Therapy Dog, Miss Marcia, and Miss De.

We'll be spending the coming weeks celebrating spring with stories and activities focused on seasonal themes, holidays, and, of course, plenty of opportunities to visit with sweet Lager. We'd love to see even more families join us for this heartwarming program.

Story Time with Lager is held on Thursdays at 10 a.m. through April here at the library.



MORE LAGER STORY TIME!

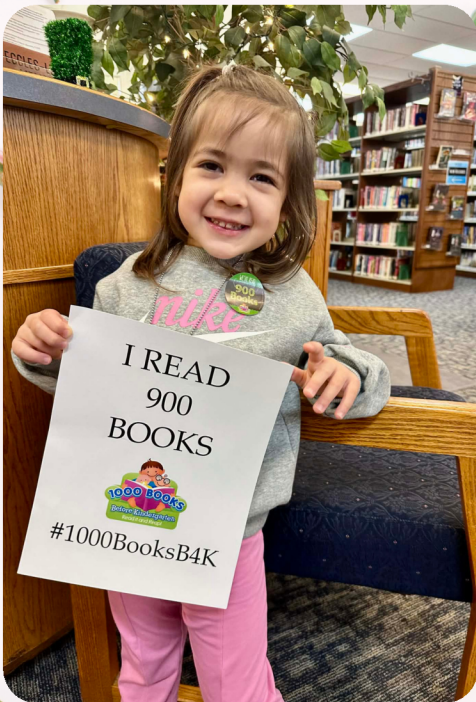
March 2026 | Thursdays at 10 a.m.





Keziah Reaches 900 Books!

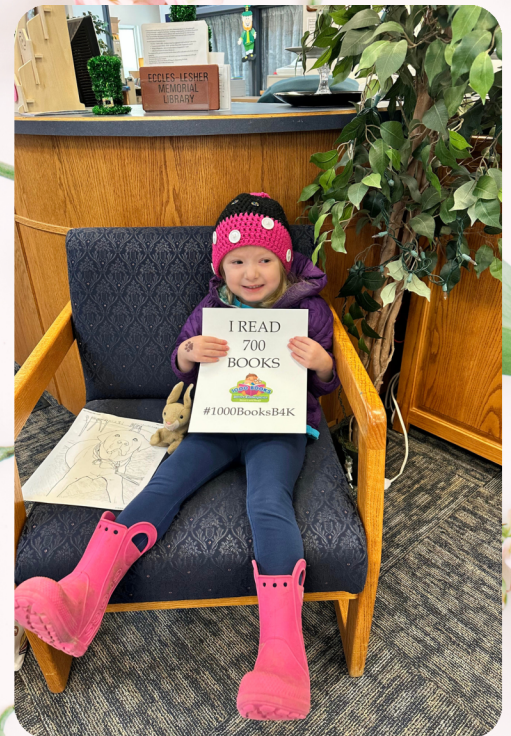
We are thrilled to congratulate Keziah Elder, age 3, on reaching an incredible 900 books in our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program! What a wonderful milestone. Keziah has been doing an amazing job on her reading journey, and we are so proud of all the time, love, and dedication that have helped her get this close to her goal.



Faye Reaches 700 Books!

We are thrilled to celebrate another wonderful milestone for one of our young readers. Faye Shuster, age 2, has now reached 700 books in our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten journey!

Faye continues to do an amazing job, and we are so proud of all the time, love, and dedication that have gone into helping her get this far. Every book shared helps build important early literacy skills and a lifelong love of reading, and it is such a joy to watch young readers like Faye make such incredible progress.



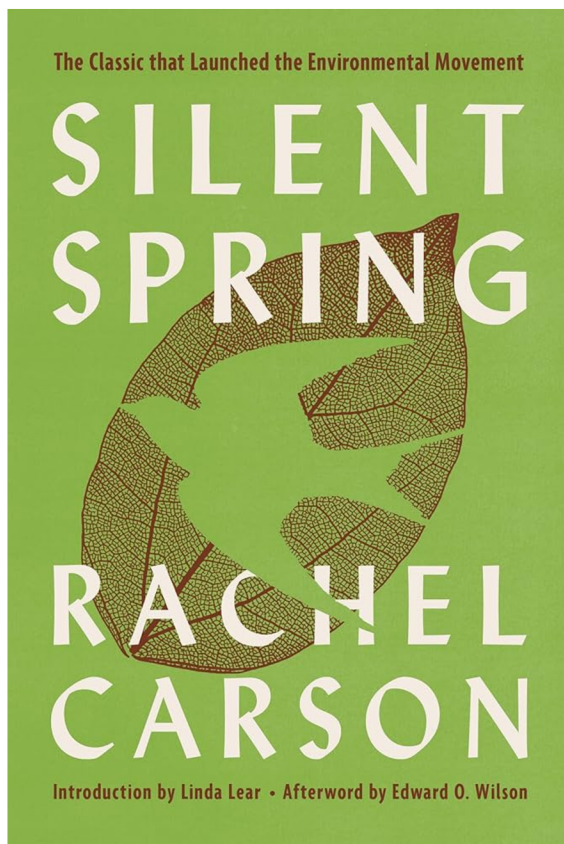
Read WITH YOUR LIBRARIAN



2026: THE BOOKS THAT SHAPE US

Libraries across the Oil Creek Library District are participating in Read with Your Librarian, a monthly reading initiative. This year's theme, "The Books That Shape Us," celebrates America's 250th birthday with influential titles from the Library of Congress's Books That Shaped America exhibit. Featured books are available in print, ebook, and audiobook (via Libby). Stop by to explore the display, check out a title, and read along with us!

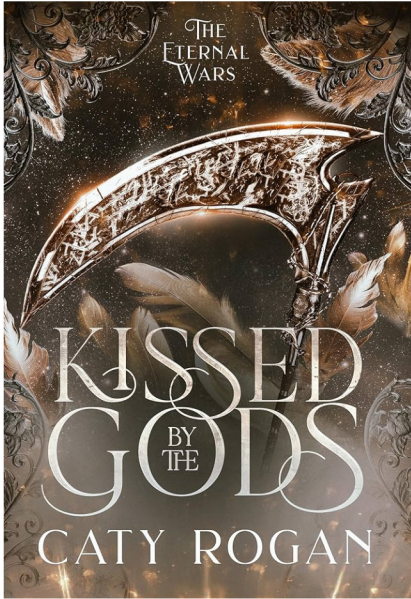
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Swords & Spice Romantasy Book Club Picks

April 2026 Book Pick

Kissed by the Gods by Katy Rogan



Release Date:
August 25, 2025

Join us for our April meeting of the Swords & Spice Romantasy Book Club as we dive into *Kissed by the Gods* by Katy Rogan, a captivating tale woven with divine influence, forbidden connections, and the weight of destiny. This month's discussion will explore themes of power, fate, and what it means to challenge the forces that seek to control us.

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

Thursday, April 23

5:30 p.m.

Library Community Room



Oil Creek Library District Resources

Dial-A-Story: Storytime Anytime, Anywhere!

The Eccles-Lesher Memorial Library is proud to offer Dial-A-Story, a free and easy way for children and families to enjoy storytime—right from home or on the go!

This service provides access to weekly recorded stories read by expert children’s librarians and storytellers, all available from any phone. It’s a wonderful way to turn everyday moments into opportunities for learning and imagination—whether you’re waiting at an appointment, riding in the car, or simply need a few quiet minutes at home.

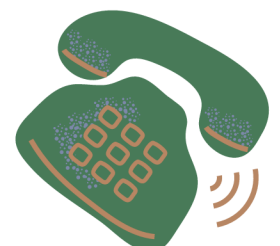
Call 814-914-9123 to listen to the current stories—there are multiple options to choose from each week!

You can also listen online anytime by visiting:
<https://oilcreek.org/home/district-resources/dial-a-story/>

In addition to weekly stories, families can enjoy a classic chapter book with new installments added every Monday and Thursday.

“Dial-A-Story helps us reach families wherever they are—bringing the joy of reading beyond our walls and making storytime accessible for everyone, no matter their schedule or situation.”

Visit our website or contact the library for more details, and start listening today!



Three fresh stories
each Monday

Digital Library Resources

We're excited to announce a brand-new digital resource available to patrons of the Oil Creek Library District: Mometrix eLibrary!


Mometrix offers study materials for over 1,500 standardized exams, including college entrance exams, graduate school tests, finance certifications, nursing and medical exams, civil service tests, K-12 and teacher certification exams, and many more. Whether you're preparing for a career change, professional certification, college admission, or advancement in your current field, this resource can help you feel confident and prepared.

Each fully digital study guide includes instructional lessons, practice tests with answer explanations, study strategies, and helpful test-taking tips. Practice tests are a critical part of effective exam preparation, and Mometrix allows users to print sections of tests to simulate the real testing experience.

Best of all, this resource is free with your library card.

If you or someone you know is studying for an upcoming exam, stop by the library and ask us how to access Mometrix. We're happy to help you get started on the path toward your next goal.

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**Preparing
For An
Exam?**

**Mometrix
eLibrary**

The illustration shows a woman with long dark hair, wearing a yellow sleeveless top and dark pants, sitting on a stack of books. She is holding an open book and looking at it. Above her, a lightbulb and a flask are floating. The books she is sitting on have titles like 'ASTRONOMY' and 'GALAXY'. The background is yellow, and the text 'Preparing For An Exam?' is written in large, bold, black letters. The Mometrix eLibrary logo is in the bottom right corner.

Spring Cleaning? Think of the Library!

As you sort through bookshelves this season, please keep the Friends of the Library's Secret Garden Bookstore in mind. We're especially in need of hardcover fiction in excellent condition to help restock our shelves.

Your donated books are resold to raise funds that support library programs and services throughout the year. If your books are clean and gift-worthy, we'd love to give them a second life.

Thank you for helping us keep great stories circulating in our community!

**Exceptions that we cannot accept:*

- Nonfiction books (these rarely sell)
- Mass market paperbacks or magazines
- VHS tapes or cassette tapes
- Encyclopedia/reference sets
- Reader's Digest condensed books
- Books that are musty, moldy, torn, dirty, written in, or water-damaged



Join the Friends of the Library!

Looking for a way to give back? Join the Friends of the Library! This welcoming group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m., and there's no cost to join. Your support helps fund programs and make a positive impact in our community - plus, we'd love to see some new faces!

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