

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 |



May 2026



Memorials

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



Spring Story Time Fun with Lager! 🌸🐾

Our Story Time with Lager sessions continued to bloom beautifully throughout April! We've loved welcoming families for mornings filled with stories, laughter, and plenty of tail wags from sweet Lager, along with Miss Marcia and Miss De. From celebrating St. Patrick's Day and Easter to enjoying all things spring, each week has brought engaging stories, cheerful activities, and special moments the children won't soon forget.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this program such a joy. Your support means so much, and it's been wonderful watching the kids connect, learn, and grow. We're so grateful to share these heartwarming mornings with our community!

MORE LAGER STORY TIME!

April 2026

Thursdays at 10 a.m.





Keziah Reaches 1,000 Books!

We are thrilled to congratulate Keziah Elder, age 3, on reaching an incredible milestone: 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten! 🎉📖 What an amazing accomplishment! Keziah's dedication to reading, along with the love and support behind her, has made this journey truly special. We are so proud of her hard work and can't wait to see all the wonderful things she'll continue to achieve!



Faye Reaches 800 Books!

We are thrilled to celebrate another wonderful milestone for one of our young readers. Faye Shuster, age 2, has now reached 800 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 helped her reach this point. Every book shared builds important early literacy skills and a lifelong love of reading. It's such a joy to watch young readers like Faye grow and thrive!



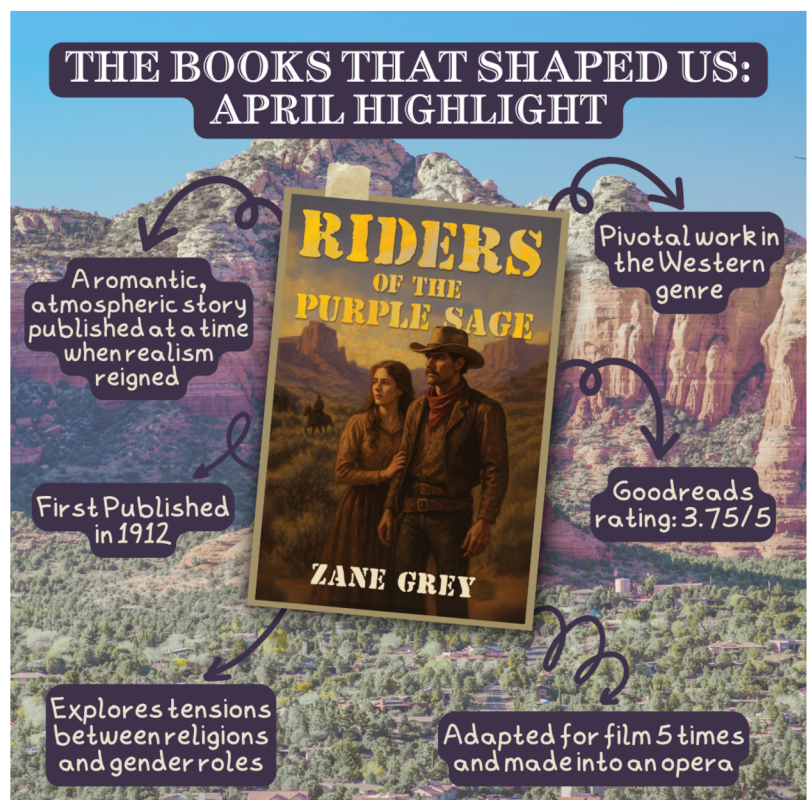
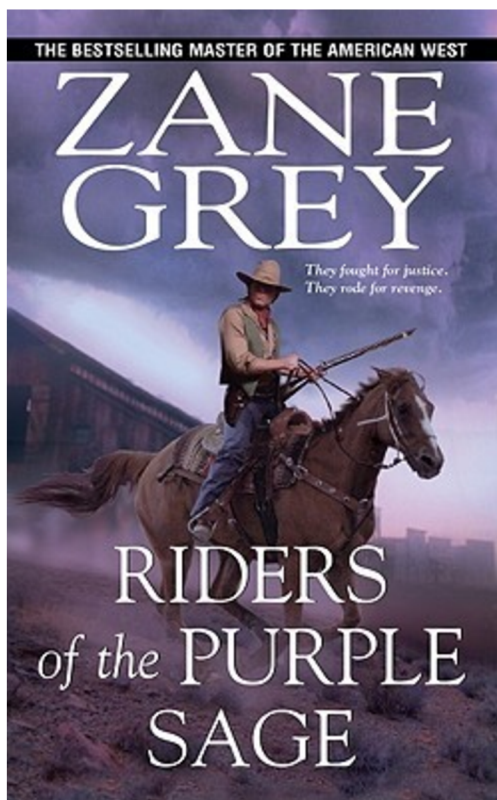
Read WITH YOUR LIBRARIAN



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!

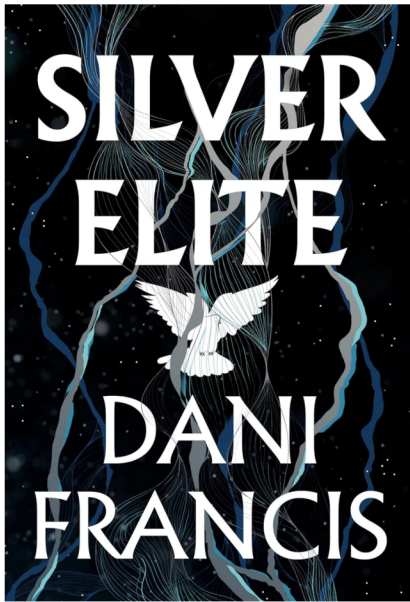
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Swords & Spice Romantasy Book Club Picks

May 2026 Book Pick

Silver Elite by Dani Francis



Release Date:
May 6, 2025

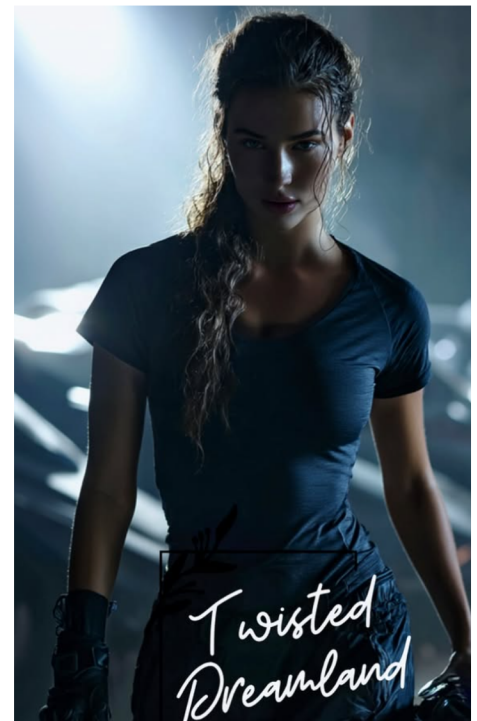
Join us for our May meeting of the Swords & Spice Romantasy Book Club as we dive into *Silver Elite* by Dani Francis, a gripping tale of ambition, loyalty, and the dangerous allure of power. This month's discussion will explore themes of identity, trust, and what it truly means to rise above expectations in a world filled with shifting alliances and hidden agendas.

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, May 21**

 **5:30 p.m.**

 **Library Community Room**



Digital Library Resources

Now Streaming with Your Library: Discover Kanopy! 🎬

We're excited to introduce Kanopy, a new streaming service now available for free with your library card! Through Kanopy, you can enjoy a wide range of high-quality films. From classic cinema and powerful documentaries to independent films and family-friendly favorites - all thoughtfully curated and completely ad-free.

In honor of Memorial Day, explore Kanopy's collection of films that reflect on service, sacrifice, and history. Whether you're interested in wartime classics, personal stories, or historical perspectives, Kanopy offers meaningful viewing that helps us remember and honor those who served.

Getting started is easy. Just visit:

👉 kanopy.com/en/eccleslesher?frontend=kui

Create your free account with your library card and start streaming instantly on your computer, tablet, or smart TV.

With Kanopy, your library card opens the door to a world of film - thoughtful, enriching, and always available when you are. Grab some popcorn, settle in, and start exploring today!





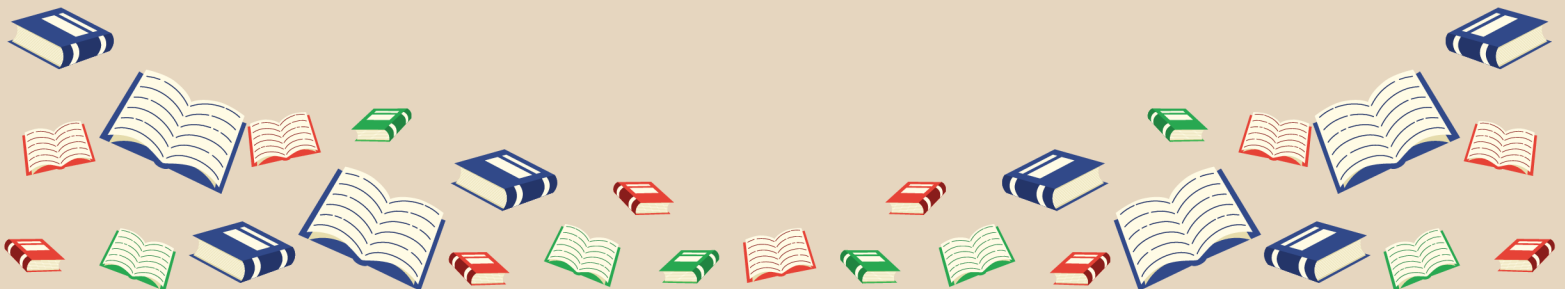
Introducing Our Children's Services Coordinator Patty Henry!

Meet Patty Henry, our new Children's Services Coordinator!

Patty loves books, learning, and kids, and she's excited to help make the library a safe, welcoming, and fun place for children and families. She lives on a farm with her husband, has three children and one grandchild, and loves animals, art, family, dogs, fall, and the color blue. Some of her favorite books include *The Wind in the Willows*, *Five Little Peppers and How They Grow*, and *The Pout-Pout Fish*. If she could visit any children's book world, she'd choose Frog and Toad. She says libraries are "a peaceful, quiet oasis to escape the chaos of life," and she hopes every family who joins a program feels welcome and has fun.

She's especially excited for Summer Reading and getting to know the kids and families in our community.

And yes — she once rode an elephant!
Be sure to say hello and help us welcome Patty to the library!



Patty's Corner



Mondays from 4 - 5 p.m., school-aged children are invited to join Miss Patty for creative crafting fun! Come and explore your own imaginative and artistic side.



Join Miss Patty for a special Mother's Day craft program at the library! On Thursday, May 7th at 10:00 a.m., participants will create a beautiful Mother's Day planter that makes a thoughtful handmade gift. Space is limited to just 20 spots, and registration is required by Thursday, April 30th, so be sure to sign up early to save your place. Call, message, or stop by the library to register!



Get Ready to Unearth a Story This Summer! 🦖📖

Something BIG is coming to the library this summer... and it's millions of years in the making! Our 2026 Summer Reading Program: Unearth a Story will dig into a world of dinosaurs, discovery, and adventure. We've been busy behind the scenes gathering some roar-some surprises and planning hands-on activities that are sure to spark curiosity and imagination in readers of all ages.

Registration will be required, and swag bags will be available at sign-up while supplies last, so be sure to mark your calendars! We're also thrilled to welcome the Carnegie Museum of Natural History for a special dinosaur program on Tuesday, July 14th at 11:00 a.m. You won't want to miss it! Stay tuned for more details... it's going to be a dino-mite summer! 🦖🌟



Celebrating Our Friends of the Library 🇺🇸❤️

In April, we had the pleasure of celebrating both National Library Week and National Volunteer Week, a perfect time to recognize the incredible Friends of the Library. We are so grateful for this wonderful group and all they do to support our library, our programs, and our community.

From fundraising and special projects to advocacy and behind-the-scenes help, the Friends make a meaningful difference in so many ways. Their generosity of time, energy, and care helps us do more for the people we serve, and we are truly thankful for each and every one of them.

The photo shown here was taken during an April Friends meeting, capturing just a small glimpse of the dedicated individuals who give so much throughout the year. Thank you for believing in the value of libraries and for helping us continue to grow, serve, and connect with our community.

If you've ever thought about getting more involved, the Friends of the Library are a wonderful group to be part of!

Pictured Left to Right:

Back Row: Joanne Hosey, Susan Scott, Jane Montgomery, Susie Crick

Front Row: Deb Clark, Emily Jewell

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