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On the shelves by Allison Boswinkle
For the Love of Picture Books

Love is in the air—especially in Youth Services. We love all types of books, but our favorite type is picture books. Their name can be deceiving, though. Not all picture books are for story hours, young children, or bedtime stories. Readers of all ages can enjoy the illustrations and different levels of text in picture books. Take some time to browse our collection! In the meantime, check out these lovely picture books just in time for Valentine’s Day.

Kiss Kiss! by Margaret Wild: Baby Hippo loves his mama, but one day he forgets to give her a kiss before going out to play. As he explores the jungle, he notices all of the other jungle babies giving a “kiss kiss!” to their parents. He suddenly realizes he was in such a hurry to play that he forgot to kiss his mama! Not only is the story adorable, but the illustrations are too! The illustrations in this book are simple, yet they show the reader different aspects of the jungle. E WILD

New York’s top love stories

The New York Public Library, in 2007, called these the 10 Greatest Love Stories of All Time. (However, if you prefer happy endings, these may not be your choices.)

- Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë
- Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy
- Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare
- Casablanca, originally a play by Murray Burnett; then a film
- A Midsummer Night’s Dream by William Shakespeare
- Doctor Zhivago by Boris Pasternak
- Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen
- Dangerous Liaisons by Pierre Choderlos de Laclos
- Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
- Hunchback of Notre Dame by Victor Hugo

Spread the love

If you are still feeling lovesick, check out some of these other titles of picture books about love:

Love You Forever by Robert Munsch
Yummiest Love by Lisa McCourt
I Love You, Little Monkey by Alan Durant
Hugs and Kisses by Christophe Lopez
Won’t You Be My Valentine? by Joanne Ryder
Love, Ruby Valentine by Laurie Friedman
Ooh-La-La, Max in Love by Maira Kalman

February @ your library

Exhibits & Displays


Display case: Readied bottles (collection of Jeannette Loop)

Galleries: To be determined

Adult Programs

Welcome to the World of Music
Wed, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 6:30 p.m.
Please bring pencil and paper to lessons.

Discussion- Novel Conversations
Monday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Discuss Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie.

Library Quilters
Each Wednesday at noon

“Our Voices Heard!” African American History Month Celebration
Thursday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Join us as the Golden Tones perform some doo-wop and soul favorites. We will also announce student winners of the African American history quiz.

Computer Classes

FREE classes take place in the Computer Lab at Main Library. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required by calling 219-931-5100, ext. 345. *Familiarity with keyboard and mouse is required.

Mouse Basics
Monday, February 6 at 11 a.m.
Tuesday, February 21 at 6 p.m.
Wednesday, February 22 at 2 p.m.
February, 28 at 11 a.m.
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Monday, February 13 at 11 a.m.
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How to use and search the Internet.

Word 2007 Basics*
Tuesday, February 7 at 2 p.m.
Monday, February 13 at 2 p.m.
Monday, February 27 at 11 a.m.

Teen Programs

Teen Scene/2nd fl.
To join, just bring in something from school (class schedule, report card, etc.) that shows you’re in grades 7-12. For details, ask at the Information Desk or call 931-5100, ext. 351.
- Monday-Thursday: 3:30 p.m.
- Friday: 3-5 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Beastly Party
Saturday, February 4 at 11 a.m.
Come watch the movie and enjoy snacks. Prizes for teens who come dressed as their favorite Beastly character. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for funding.

Teen Duct Tape Roses
Saturday, February 4 at 9 a.m.
Make a rose for yourself or a friend! All supplies provided.

Youth Programs

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For the Little Ones

Babies and Books (Lap坐 program for infants and parent/caregiver)
Thursday, February 9 & 23 at 10 a.m.

Tiny Tots Toddler Time (Interactive program for busy toddlers)
Thursday, February 9 & 23 at 10:30 a.m.

School Age (see program for age level)

Lego Club (for 3rd-6th grade)
Thursday, February 9 at 3:45 p.m.

Craft Love (for K-6th grade)
Monday, February 13 at 3:45 p.m.
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For Families

Family Night @ your library
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