

Check It Out Column for week of February 1-7

I love the Library because...

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This month Warsaw Community Public Library is celebrating Library Lover's Month. In light of this nationwide event, it seemed only fitting to share the thoughts of staff members, who incidentally are patrons as well. During last year's Library Lover's Month, staff members were asked anonymously why they loved the library. Their responses echoed what our patrons have shared with us over the years. Read over them and discover why we love our library.

"I can find anything I want, or go anywhere. It's like a friend that is always there."

"It's like one-stop shopping in a mall! Books, magazines, etc., everything I need for home, business or just for fun."

"Aesthetically pleasing environment and a supportive agency to the community."

"I love to read and the library lets me have access to more books and a greater variety of books than I can afford to purchase."

"Great community programs and activities."

"It's my book fix! I love to read!"

"It's a place where I can connect with people, make friends, grow relationships..."

"It's my window to the world..."

"Reading allows me to escape into different time frames, countries, life styles, beliefs..."

"...it has a great inspiration section."

"[It's a] wholesome environment and setting for learning and relaxation and potential for research."

"Each book is like a new friend to meet and take with you wherever you go."

"Books are as essential to me as the air that I breathe..."

Why do we love our library? It's a meeting place to gather with friends, a place of growth with the many classes and workshops offered, a place of learning with the different resources and databases available, a place to stay connected with family and friends across the miles with the use of public computers, and a place to explore the

world at no expense. These are just a few of the reasons shared by staff members and I am sure that you, the reader, can think of more.

We invite you to share with us this month why you love the library. A contest, “I Love My Library because...”, is being held this month, offering you the opportunity to express your thoughts. The contest runs from February 1 through February 14. Pick up your entry form at the Adult Reference desk. We would love to hear from you!

For more details on the contest call Programming Services at 574-267-6011.