

Check it Out Column for week of Jan. 25-31

Library Lover's Month @ WCPL

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February is Library Lover's Month at Warsaw Community Public Library. Library Lover's Month is a month-long celebration of public, school and private libraries of all types. This is a time for everyone to recognize the important role libraries play in the cultural and economic success of local communities and the nation as a whole.

Libraries are a great place to attend craft classes and develop new skills, discover how to start a business or even to explore the world without spending money. In addition, there's access to a variety of online databases, high-speed Internet as well as a large number of magazines, newspapers, journals and books. Libraries are always a center of lifelong learning.

Reader, this is where you come in. Whether you depend on the library for best-selling books, children's story hours or access to computers and the Internet, there are many ways to show how much you love library this month – and throughout the year.

- Attend local government meetings. Let city and county officials know the library is an important community resource. Ask for their support in continued funding for public libraries.
- Introduce your child to the library and help them develop a lifelong LOVE of books and libraries.
- Use your library card. Explore the many different ways to use your library card. There are databases, practice tests like SATs and GMATs, and online meeting room reservations available with the use of your card.
- Stay informed. Read the local newspapers. Many people are not aware of the funding problems libraries are experiencing nationally or in their own communities. Encourage others to get involved.
- Talk about the library to family and friends. Share your experiences as a library user and urge others to take advantage of the information and programs available at WCPL.
- Volunteer at the Library. We can always use help at books sales. Or maybe you can present a program.
- LOVE the library with a donation. Consider a tax-deductible gift to the library. WCPL has memorial programs, endowments and other opportunities to support quality library services. Buy a WCPL subscription to a popular magazine or remember WCPL in your estate planning.

For more information about Library Lover's Month or about other ways to LOVE your public library, visit the library or the website at www.warsawlibrary.org