

Check it Out Column for week of Jan. 31-Feb. 6

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 the library this month – and throughout the year.

- LOVE our audio books. Enter our "Love Those Audio Books Contest". It starts February 1 and ends on February 27. Enter the drawing for a MP3 player. Receive one chance to win for every audio book you check out and listen to during the month of February. These are great for commuting or on trips.
- Develop a lifelong LOVE of books and libraries in your children. Introduce your children to the library; let them explore the ACE computer in the children's area, and take them to children's events such as our Story Hours.
- LOVE your library card. Get it. Use it. 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.
- LOVE staying informed. Read the local newspapers. WCPL has a weekly column, "Check It Out" which covers our services, events, and collections. In addition, look for our periodic press releases and our quarterly newsletters. Go to our web site, www.warsawlibrary.org and discover upcoming events and more. Get involved and encourage others to do the same.
- LOVE talking 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.
- LOVE meeting people. 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