

Check It Out Column for Jan. 17-23

Say “I Love You” with a library card.

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Library Lover’s Month and Valentine’s Day are all about love. What better way to show your love to your book-reading valentine than the gift of a library card! A whole new world will open up to them with tales of adventure and more. The perfect gift that will last a lifetime!

I love reading! Just a quick peek around my house and one would know it. Books on the living room table, books on the bedside table, and too many to count on my bookshelves. I have got it bad....

My favorites are inspirational mysteries. I get a thrill out of attempting to solve the mystery, ferreting out the clues, and nailing the culprit. Give me lots of twists and turns and I am one satisfied customer. Convinced yet? Here’s what others have to say:

“Books have the power to live on in your memory...to motivate, inspire, educate, and heal. They transport us to places of the heart and beyond.” Bev Lewis.

“Books are keys to unlock everything from knowledge to our hearts.” Robert Hicks.

“Books are timeless, can be shared with others and can be read aloud or to yourself.” Anne Byrn.

“No sugar, no fat, and no calories. Books are easy to mail and there are enough choices to please everyone.” Paula Dean.

“ Books bring people together. They create moments and special family bonding times along with memories of shared togetherness.” Karen Kingsbury.

“...toys break but good stories are remembered forever.” Chris Van Allsburg.

Books are an investment in one’s life. Through the years, I have cried, laughed, and had “ah ha” moments as I read books. I have been in several book clubs and would highly recommend them. Book clubs are a great way to discover new authors and meet new friends.

In fact, WCPL has a new book club that you should check out. It’s called the “Off the Shelf” Reading Group and met on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. February's selection was “The Secret Life of Bees” by Sue Monk Kidd. If you need more information, call 267-6011 and ask for Valerie.

But wait! There's more. For fellow book "addicts", there are book sales planned at WCPL throughout the year. The next one is on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 10-5 PM. You can get your "fix" and save tons of money.

So gather your friends and get ready for adventure, travel to new lands, discover new skills, and uncover life's mysteries...all from books. Visit us in person, at [www.warsawlibrary.org](http://www.warsawlibrary.org) or on our facebook page and become a fan.