Story Emporium: the Friends’ new Bookstore

**Story Emporium**, a new *used* bookstore which will open next month in the library, is sponsored and managed by the Friends of the Warsaw Community Public Library (FOL) and Friends volunteers.

The bookstore provides an array of quality used books of all subjects, music compact discs, DVDs, and other materials at affordable prices. The Friends are eager to raise community awareness of a welcoming, clean, friendly, and organized environment that encourages reading, gathering, and sharing while selecting favorite items to buy.

FOL is a nonprofit corporation that supports the library through advocacy, philanthropy, and volunteerism. Monies from book sales and membership dues provide financial support for purchases and programs not allocated in the library budget, but identified on the library’s annual Wish List.

Officially opening at 10am on Tuesday, March 3, **Story Emporium** will be open approximately 8 days a month with varying days and hours. Bookmarks are available with the information. Each month the days and hours will be posted outside the bookstore’s door. A brightly colored awning identifies the bookstore. A Grand Opening will be held in April.

All specials and promotions will be posted on WCPL Facebook page. **Story Emporium** does not accept material donations, however the library will accept clean, gently used books. Encyclopedias, magazines, and VHS tapes are NOT accepted.

The FOL looks forward to seeing you in the bookstore and offering you a genuine thank you for promoting and supporting the library. FOL membership is always encouraged as a way to be involved in our community. — **Merri Bottorff, FOL President**
Valentine’s Day : a short history

Whether you love Valentine’s Day or hate it, one thing is clear: Valentine’s Day history goes way back. While Valentine’s Day is now known for kissing, gifts for him or her, and hard-to-get dinner reservations, the origins of the holiday are far less romantic. Turns out this sweet and loving commercial holiday has its roots in pagan rituals and good old-fashioned Christian rebranding.

While historians aren’t 100% sure about the origins of the holiday, most would agree that it probably all started as the pre-Roman empire ritual known as Lupercalia. Animal sacrifices were offered; a feast and drunkenness ensued as well as a matchmaking lottery.

Many years later, the Catholic Church did away with the pagan holiday and created a new one, which was dubbed “St. Valentine’s Day” in honor of two Christian martyrs named Valentine. As time went on a few modifications to the holiday here and there followed and by the start of the industrial revolution in the US, Valentine’s day went from being a small-time, mostly historical day of romance to full-blown over the top cheesy money tree that it has become today.

So guys and gals start your preparation early because February 14th is right around the corner. — Missy Chapman, Cataloging Supervisor
“The Braid” : a book review

Laetitia Colombani’s first novel, “The Braid”, is an international bestseller about three memorable women from across the world. Each woman faces a life shattering moment; each woman reacts causing lasting impacts to their families and futures.

Smita, in India is an untouchable, desperate to give her daughter an education she never had, flees her small village. Sicilian Giulia works in her family’s wig workshop and when her father suffers a life threatening accident, she must quickly modernize or close business operations. Canadian Sarah, a twice-divorced mother of 3 children and a driven lawyer expecting a huge promotion learns she has breast cancer.

In this quick suspenseful read, a braid of hair is a reminder of what connects us all in times of crisis. I enjoyed reading these intertwined stories of “down to earth” women who resiliently moved forward in their lives facing life head on, often clashing with the cultural expectations of those around them, but ultimately finding a truer sense of self. — Ann M. Zydek, Library Director
More February Programs...

**CHESS CLUB**
Saturdays in February

**LEGO Club**
Saturday, Feb. 111:00 - 12:30 PM
We supply the LEGO. You supply the creativity.

**COOKBOOK CLUB**
MON, FEB 3 11:00-12:00

**Chair Yoga**
Thursday, Feb 13 11:00-12:00
Participate in a video-lead chair yoga class.

**Pokémon Club**
Wednesday, Feb 12 4:00-5:30 PM
Room C

**TEEN CRAFTS**
FEBRUARY 13
4:30 - 5:30 PM

**QUILT CLUB**
Lake City Piecemakers
Fri, Feb 14 9:15-12:15

**CREAT READERS**
Saturday, February 29
11 AM - 12:30 PM
No Registration
Family Fun Activity

**BINGO**
FRI, FEB 28
2:00-3:00
Free! Come play and win prizes!

**Virtual Reality Club**
THURS, FEB 27 | 3-5

**Needle Felting with Rachel bunny**
Mon, Feb. 3 3:30-5:00
$20 registered
Ages 13+

**Monday with Teddy**
Baby Story Time
February 3, 10, 24
1:30 and 3:15 AM
Activity Room
No Registration
For babies, parents, grandparents & caregivers

**Creative Canvas**
Art with Silvia Strecker
February 5
5:30 PM
All materials supplied
No registration. Seating is limited.

**DROP IN ZONE**
Wed, Feb 5 | 3:30-5:30

**CENSUS APPLICATIONS WITH LARRY KRUEGER**
SAT, FEB 8: 10-2
MON, FEB 10: 10-1:30
DROP IN EVENT

**Minecraft Club**
FEBRUARY 25 4:00 - 5:30 PM

**Sewing Machine Basics for Beginners**
Thurs, Feb 20 | 11:00-1:00
Registration Required

**Sewing Machine Basics for Beginners**
MON, FEB 10 6:30-7:30

**FANDOM FRIDAY**
Friday, February 21
4:30 - 5:30 PM

**Kids MAKERSPACE**
Tuesday, February 11
4:30 - 5:30 PM
No registration

**Family Make It Take It Craft: Valentines**
Sat, Feb 8 10:30 - 1:30
& Wed, Feb 12 4:00-7:30

**CREATIVE WRITING CLUB**
TOPICS: VALENTINE’S DAY, LEAP YEAR AND PRESIDENTS.
MON, FEB 10 6:30-7:30
Room C
No Registration