

# DIMMICK DIGEST



Official Newsletter of the Dimmick Memorial Library  
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## From The Director's Desk

BY KARA EDMONDS, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Wow! Has it really been so long since we reached out with a library newsletter? Let us update you on some of the changes the libraries have experienced this year!

We have three new staff members at Penn Kidder Library and Dimmick Memorial Library. We also added a fluffy, sweet staff member whose service is not to the library, but is dedicated to her human. Perhaps you'll get to meet her one day!

In the Spring, we were awarded a \$1000 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to support our Summer Reading program: Oceans of Possibilities. We had a record number of participants: 120 people signed up this summer. Our fun, educational, and unique events attracted 450 attendees! Both Dimmick and Penn Kidder experienced a dramatic increase in library visits this summer over Summer 2021. We also had a dramatic increase in library card sign-ups, too! **Thank you to the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, the Friends of the Library, the staff and volunteers at the libraries, and to our wonderful patrons for making the libraries such a fun and exciting place this summer!**

In addition to a busy summer, we also increased library materials at both libraries. Over the last 13 months, we focused on acquiring books and other materials representing the incredible diversity of the human experience. We are so proud of the breadth and depth of these library collections because they allow us to share stories of people and populations often underrepresented in literature and film. It is our hope that library patrons will find materials that increase their understanding and empathy for people who are not like themselves. And, that every patron will find materials where they feel seen and represented. We will be delighted to help you find your next favorite book in this increased collection.

As we look forward to Autumn and Winter, we are planning lots of fun things: Dog Month at Penn Kidder, Halloween Movies at Dimmick, Pumpkin painting, Craft nights, regular book sales, and STEM activities. And, we are so excited to bring back the Gingerbread Contest this year!

**We hope you'll join us for some new reading materials, new activities, and lots of happenings at the library!**



## Dimmick Library Events:

**STORYTIME WITH MISS BRENDA**  
Every Tuesday at 10AM

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**  
2nd Tuesday of every month at 5:30PM

**READER'S CIRCLE**  
2nd Wednesday of every month  
from 6:00-7:30PM

**DIMMICK BOOK CLUB**  
2nd Wednesday of every month  
at 2PM @ Stabin Museum

**COALTOWN CRAFTERS**  
2nd Thursday of every month at 7PM

## Penn Kidder Events:

**STORYTIME FOR AGES 0-5**  
Every Wednesday at 11AM

**CLASSICS CLUB**  
3rd Tuesday of the month  
from 6:00-7:30PM

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## Summer Reading Art Show Makes a Splash!

This year's Summer Reading Program was a huge success. We had a **400% increase in participants from last year**--How crazy is that??

One of our fun activities we offered this year was an art show for kids! The children got to take home a canvas and painting supplies, create their masterpiece, and then bring it back! The canvases were displayed on mini easels, making them look extra professional for our tiny artists.

Many of the children enjoyed making beach landscapes to fit our Oceans of Possibilities summer theme, though we had so many more fun artist renderings, too!



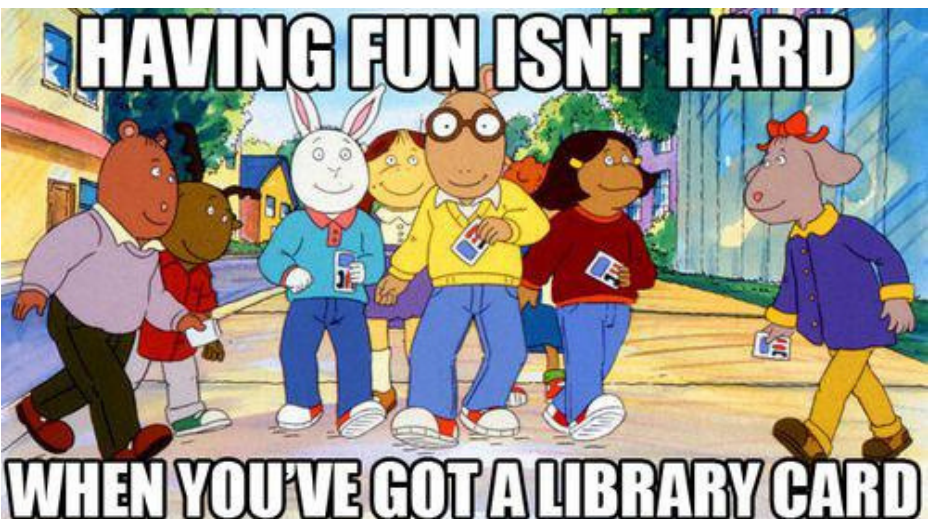
**“ WHEN I GOT MY LIBRARY CARD, THAT'S WHEN MY LIFE BEGAN ”**

**RITA MAE BROWN**

## September is National Library Card Sign up Month!

Did you know we had a 33% increase in library card sign ups this summer? September celebrates library patrons and signing up to access your local library. So, **here's a few reasons why YOU should get a library card:**

- **Free books, DVDs, and more!** Did you know that we add new titles every single month--AND we can even get ahold of books and DVDs that we don't have in our catalog through one of our partner libraries!?
- We have **free wi-fi** and access to up-to-date technology. You can use one of our computers for free, and you can print both black and white and color for a minimal charge.
- Don't want to come into the library? No problem! You can place a hold online and do porch pickup, or **you can use our free online resource, Libby**, an app that lets you read ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines, from your own e-device at home!
- And, of course--Don't forget all the **fun community activities** we offer, **free of charge!**



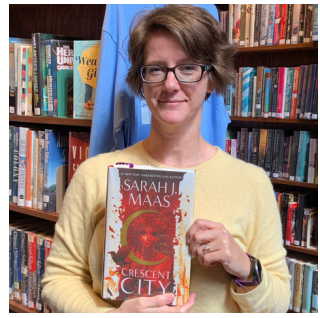


# Staff Book Recommendations!

## **Kara Recommends: Crescent City by Sarah J Maas**

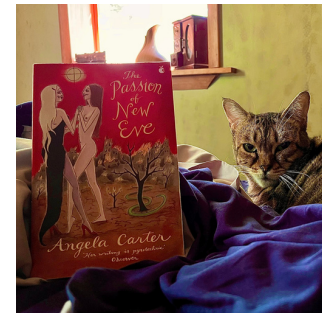
Like everything I have read by Sarah J. Maas, *Crescent City* builds a complex, high-fantasy world with many multidimensional characters and a compelling story. Maas skillfully allows the plot to unfold as she shows us who these characters are. I really appreciated that we didn't have only a romantic relationship shoved down our throats: there were also important sibling, family, and friend relationships that are impactful to the people and to the story. The twists and turns of the investigation were super fun to discover, too.

This book weighs in Heavy, but I loved all 800 pages of it! And, guess what? We have the second volume on our "New Adult Fiction" shelf!



## **Chris recommends: The Passion of New Eve by Angela Carter**

Like all her writing, this tale is at once beautiful and grotesque, timeless and timely, challenging and simple. Carter is the queen of the ultra-modern, dark-as-pitch fairy tale, and this is no exception. This novel in particular has much to say to our present society about sex, gender, hatred, violence, chaos, and (unavoidably) the end of the world. To write a word about the plot would be to give away too much. To write about the many ways in which this novel changed me would take far too long. Read it, and read it now, but take a moment to steel yourself. This novel is not for the easily repulsed.



## **Brenda recommends: Candles on Bay Street by K.C. McKinnon**

The story takes place in a small town: Fort Kent, Maine. It centers around a local girl who returns home after a long absence. The town veterinarian's life turns into an upheaval when his childhood friend and lifelong crush comes back to town after a long absence with her son Trooper in tow. He is happily married now, and before long, the four of them become friends. She opens up a candle shop, which becomes a successful business venture and reconnects with old friends. But, in the midst of everything, something just isn't right. What secret is she hiding from everyone? A beautifully, well written story of growing older, the many joys of friendship and reconnecting to one's roots. Yes, you can go home again!



## **Amanda recommends: Saga by Brian K. Vaughan and Fiona Staples**

Not your typical sci-fi story, this collection of comics is full of eye-catching characters, brutal honesty about the truths of war, and how a family finds hope amidst the chaos and turmoil.

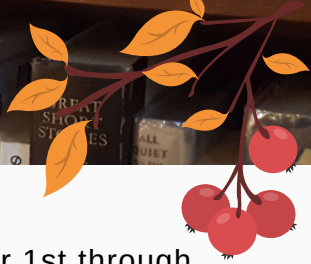
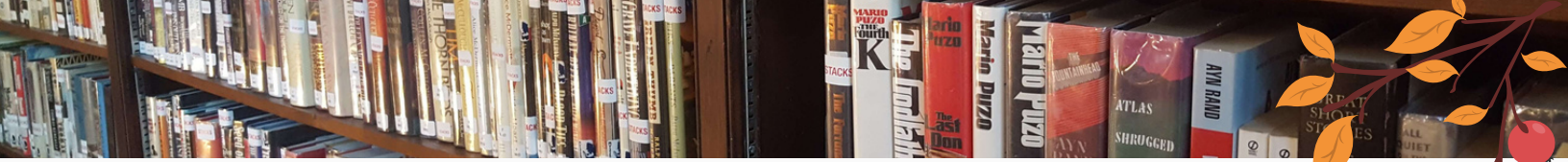
*Saga*, written by Brian K. Vaughan and illustrated by Fiona Staples, follows complicated characters with often conflicting morals and ideals as they make their way across the stars. Showcasing memorable dynamics, heartache, and what happens when the past comes back to haunt you, this fast paced and intense comic series is sure to keep you on your toes.



## **Jackie recommends: The Last Housewife by Ashley Winstead**

A true crime podcaster and his childhood best friend meet up for the first time in years to investigate the death of a young woman neither of them have seen in almost a decade. *The Last Housewife* explores some difficult topics (and a cult!) all while entertaining the reader with twists and turns no one would be able to guess. This book was not at all what I was expecting...but in the best way! I found myself completely entranced by Shay's story and the past she has to come to terms with as she searches for her college friend. I think it brings some really important social concepts forward, while entertaining the reader with all of the ingredients they expect from a thriller novel. This is a dark, deep, read--but I think it's one you'll enjoy as much as I did!





## Fall Foliage Comes To The Dimmick

The leaves may be turning early this year, but Fall Foliage is here to stay! From October 1st through 23rd, the town of Jim Thorpe will have unique vendors, scenic train rides, crafts, delicious food, carriage rides--and more!

During this time, **we will be holding Saturday book sales from 10-3 PM** where you can peruse our collection and find a book to bring home to your own library! Our Friends of the Library group will also be holding a lemonade stand with baked goods for sale. **All proceeds from these events benefit the library, which brings new materials and programs to local patrons.**



## Friends of the Library Summer Book Sales Surpass Goal



We had an incredible turnout this year for our Summer Book Sales, thank to our Friends of the Library group! These lovely ladies work tirelessly nearly every weekend to sell books and DVDS (and Vinyl Records, too!) to support the library. All of the proceeds from the Friends of the Library book sales support The Dimmick and contribute to new programming and materials that are provided to library patrons. **The Friends surpassed their fundraising goal for this year by September already!** Book sales will be continuing on through Fall Foliage season and the Friends will also be selling merchandise. Stop on by for a visit and pick up a new tshirt or a book to add to your home collection! Be sure to visit our Facebook page for book sale dates, or call the circulation desk for more information.

## The Dog Days of Summer

This September, we celebrated Dog Month at the library with many different dog-themed events that celebrate both local animal adoptions and working dogs. This programming was inspired by our new(ish) employee, Gracie, who's been working at the library with her human, Jackie, since April. If you haven't yet seen Gracie at work, she's usually napping behind the circulation desk-- However, she does so much more. Gracie's experience comes from two years of training and she certainly shows it! If you're not familiar with service dogs, like Gracie, here's a few things you should know:

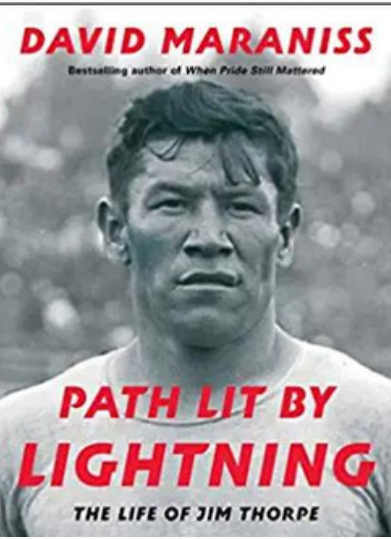


**A Service Dog is a dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability.**

- Service Dogs can be any size or breed!
- Emotional Support Dogs and Therapy Dogs aren't a Service Dog. Because they are not task-trained for their handler's disability, they don't have public access rights.
- Service Dogs aren't required by law to wear a vest or have any kind of official "paperwork"
- Cardiac Alert, Gluten Detection, Diabetic Alert, and Psychiatric Response are just a few things Service Dogs can be trained to do!



**Want more information about service dogs?  
Visit [ADA.gov](http://ADA.gov) for a full list of FAQs**



## New Jim Thorpe Biography Excites Patrons

Released just this August, David Maraniss, Winner of the 1993 Pulitzer Prize and editor for The Washington Post, writes *Path Lit By Lightning*, a biography exploring the life of the famous athlete our town is named after.

At a whopping 664 pages, the book follows Jim Thorpe's successes at the 1912 Olympic Games, and the aftermath that came from it. Despite his incredible skill, Jim Thorpe faced racism that would alter his future path. Maraniss follows the trials of Jim Thorpe's life that are not often talked about, with historical research that readers will appreciate.

This nonfiction title is already becoming a popular read for local patrons looking to explore the newfound knowledge of our local legend. If you're interested in checking out this book for yourself, you can place a hold online or call the Circulation Desk for more information.

## Art Show Openings Draw Crowds

After two years without any art shows, our local artists have returned! Starting this September, we are once again displaying art, starting off with the works of John H. Bushnell and Dan Becker. These art pieces will be available to view and purchase through the end of September. Dan Becker has several still life and landscape paintings for sale, and John Bushnell has stained glass renderings of local landscapes hanging in the interior library window, also for sale. The artwork is selling fast, so be sure to stop by before it's gone!

The next set of local artists will be presenting their work in October. Proceeds from art sales benefit the library. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more information!



Landscapes by Dan Becker



Stained Glass by John H. Bushnell

## Let's Get Cooking! Friends Cookbook Supports Library

What do YOU, Julia Child, and James Beard have in common? Creative, sumptuous and memorable recipes of course!! Here's a non-monetary request...Help the Friends of the Dimmick **support our historical treasure by sharing your favorite recipes** to be included in our soon-to-be-published cookbook! Feel free to tell us *why* these recipes are so special to you! Or, anything else that you'd like to share about them!

These comments will add your endearing touch to our very special project, which will be available for sale once completed. So, help us gather the best recipes of your family (and ours!) by emailing us at [jtcooks42@gmail.com](mailto:jtcooks42@gmail.com).



**"Laughter is brightest where food is best!"**

## October Events

- October 1st and 2nd: Allentown Paper Show
- October 1st: Beginning of Fall Foliage Festival
- October 4th: Pumpkin Painting 6-7PM
- October 6th: Teen Halloween Movie
- October 19th: Adult Halloween Movie
- October 25th: Kids Halloween Movie



Follow us on Facebook @dimmickmemoriallibrary for more up-to-date information on library events!

# Coming soon/New to the library!



We've added so many new items to our library this summer...**658** to be exact!

This summer, we've focused on bringing more inclusive content to our collection, featuring stories that celebrate gender, ethnicity, and identity, among others.

This is a mission that's become important to us at the Dimmick--we hope to serve our patrons with up-to-date materials that anyone and everyone can enjoy. So, stop on by, pick up a book, and let's get reading!

