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### Here's the latest news!

#### Greetings!

Do you find it hard to get excited about February? Is there really anything to love about it?



While we can't promise to make it your favorite month, maybe we can help to brighten it up. Come and join us. It's time to give February some love!

Here are our **Top Ten Reasons** to love February in 2020:

**#10** Remember those impulsive New Year's resolutions that were nagging you for awhile? They've mostly been put to rest by now. Hooray!

**#9** Maybe you have noticed that the days are lengthening. Each day, sunset occurs a little later, and the light lingers a little longer here in Northwest Ohio. By February 29, the sun won't set until 6:24 pm. That means an increase of 1 hour and 12 minutes of daylight since February 1st. We like this trend a lot.

**#8** Hot beverages for you! Way Public Library Foundation & Friends invites you to enjoy a complimentary hot beverage at Way on Wednesday, February 26 between 10:00am and 7:00pm. Come in from the cold and get your mitts on a hot cup of coffee, tea, or cocoa!

**#7** Consider this. Though winter is not over, February is actually a turning point. Isn't it heartening to know that even now life is quickening underground, and invisible preparations for spring are underway in the darkness? Poet Eliza Cook reminds us, *"For this wide and glittering cloak of*

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2 - Circulation/Renewals

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*snow, protects the seeds of life below; beneath this mantle are nurtured and born, the roots of the flowers, the germs of the corn."*

**#6** Since there's an extra day in February this year, we decided to put it to good use! On February 29 at 10:00am we are hosting another of our popular [PuzzlePalooza](#) events. Sign up to test your skills against other jigsaw puzzle enthusiasts. That same evening at 6:00, you are invited to a [reception](#) for our artist-in-residence Robert Vanitvelt. Meet the artist, see his work, and enjoy refreshments after hours at the library.

**#5** Let's spread some love to our troops this month. While deployed, many of our military men and women are away from their loved ones not only on Valentine's Day, but on birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions. Let them know how much you appreciate their sacrifices. Stop by our *Operation Gratitude* table and leave your message. We'll make sure it gets delivered!

**#4** Have you seen the two big, beautiful gift baskets at the Information Desk? You could win one of them! WPLFF is sponsoring a raffle to brighten your winter days. Fill out your entry form at the library by March 1st (and cross your fingers)!

**#3** Let's hear it for February 15! You know--the first "discount candy day" of the year. Who doesn't go shopping to stock up on all those unsold fancy confections after Valentine's Day? Just to be clear, we're not talking about conversation hearts. We're talking about chocolate. All the chocolate. Since it will be half-price, the only sensible thing to do is buy twice as much. Right?

**#2** Speaking of chocolate, Marsha Smith, founder of Marsha's Homemade Buckeyes, is our special guest speaker on February 11 at 2:00pm. Mark your calendar. You'll want to come and hear her fascinating story. It will be a real treat!

**#1** Indulge your desire to own books and support the library at the same time? What's not to love about that? Way Public Library Foundation & Friends is having an ENORMOUS two-day [book sale](#) on February 21st and 22nd. They have been collecting books for this sale since September, and the selection is totally swoon-worthy. As always, your purchases benefit the library, and that makes you a hero in our eyes!

There you have it. Ten reasons to love February in 2020! Read on for more news and information.

[New Online Calendar](#)

## It keeps getting better!

We are excited to announce that more features have been rolled out for our new online calendar! We hope these enhancements will help make the library more accessible to you from your computer or mobile devices.



- You can now self-schedule One-on-One Technology Help. Visit [waylibrary.info](http://waylibrary.info) and click Departments > Technology > Technology Help (or just follow this [link](#)) to see all available times and schedule your appointment. Registering online will require an email address for reminders and important notices. (You may still call the Information Desk at 419-874-3135 ext 119 during regular library hours to schedule One-on-One appointments.)
- Online scheduling is now available for our meeting rooms as well. Click [here](#) to see availability and schedule a room for your group up to two months in advance. All requests must be approved by a librarian, but you will receive an email confirmation when your request is accepted. You can still call the meeting room coordinator, Rachel Henck Bentley, at 419-874-3135 ext 106 with special requests or for questions about booking space.

Now that you have seen our self-scheduling capabilities, why not check out our new and improved [program and event calendar](#)?

## African-American History Month

### Portraits on exhibit on main level

Be sure to roam throughout the library's main level and see all of the powerful portraits of African-American history-makers on display during February.

Artist-in-residence Robert Vanitvelt makes his large paintings come to life with an unconventional artistic process utilizing house paint and drop cloths.

Sign up for a guided tour of the exhibit led by Dr. Nicole Jackson of BGSU on [February 10](#) or [February 15](#).



The artist-in-residence initiative is made possible by funding from Way Public Library Foundation & Friends.

## How do we serve you? Let us count the ways!

## **We continue to count the services Way offers to the community.**



In January's enewsletter we began listing our lineup of services. This month we continue with a new list featuring some well-known services plus some that may be new to you. Read on to make sure you are getting the most out of your library!

*Which of these services have you used?*

- An astounding 1,000 programs and classes per year offered by Way for children, teens, and adults
- One-on-One technology assistance: 30-minute individual appointments with our experts to address your specific tech needs
- Book discussion groups
- Free notary public service
- Early childhood literacy programs such as *1000 Books Before Kindergarten*
- *Book Buddies* program for delivering reading material to eldercare facilities and the homebound
- Collection site for recycling unwanted cellphones and tablets
- AARP tax assistance by appointment
- Science Adventure kits for checkout by teachers and homeschooling families
- Host site for American Red Cross blood drives
- Local history resource room
- VCR to DVD converters for use in the library (also available in our *Beyond Books* collection to check out and use at home)
- Community board for posting notices from not-for-profit and government organizations

*Watch for more services to be featured in next month's enewsletter!*

### **Voter Registration Information**

#### **Forms available at Way**



The voter registration deadline for the March 17 election is February 18, 2020.

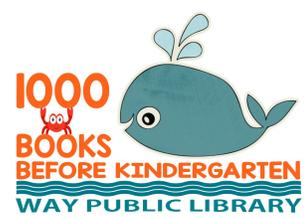
If you are not registered, you may pick up a voter registration form at Way Library, or at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), or you may register online at <https://www.co.wood.oh.us/boe/>.

This year's presidential primary is on March 17. Early in-person voting begins February 19, 2020 at the Board of Elections at the Wood County Courthouse. Absentee/early voting ballots must be postmarked by March 16, 2020. For more information about voting, visit [Wood County Board of Elections](#).

### **Early Childhood Literacy at Way**

## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Melissa Tallis, Youth Services Coordinator, knows what a key role early literacy plays in learning. That's why she urges families to sign up for our **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program**.



The concept is simple, but the rewards are priceless. Read a book--any book--to your newborn, infant, toddler, or preschooler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books before your child starts kindergarten. It may sound difficult, but it's actually just one bedtime story every night for three years, or ten books a week for two years, or twenty books a week for one year (that's just 3 books a day). Completely doable!

Register at the Youth Services Desk. You will receive a special tote bag with everything you need to get started. Check back in at the library after reading 200, 400, 600, 800, and 1,000 books for fun prizes. Once you reach 1,000 books, participants will receive a gift book and a certificate of completion.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten at Way Library is generously sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Perrysburg.

For more information, contact the Youth Services Department at 419-874-3135 ext. 116.

## New Service! Cellphone Recycling at Way

### Save your unwanted electronics from the landfill!

Good news! You can drop off your unwanted cellphones and tablets at Way Library and we will recycle them for you.



Place your unwanted cellphones in the designated receptacle in our outer lobby. If your tablet is too large to fit in the bin, you may drop it off at the Circulation Desk.

If you have other electronics for recycling, bring them to our [Electronics Recycling Event](#) on Saturday, April 25, 2020 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Local electronics recycler RecellOne will take most any item that plugs in, with the exception of CRT monitors or projection TVs.

For more information about recycling electronics at Way, contact Travis McAfee at [travis.mcafee@waylibrary.info](mailto:travis.mcafee@waylibrary.info) or 419-874-3135 ext 103.

Any proceeds from recycling will benefit the library.

## WPLFF Book Sale

### Winter Blast Book Sale!

**Friday, Feb. 21 from 9am-6:30pm  
Saturday, Feb. 22 from 9am-3pm**



Have you been stuck inside for too long? Cure your cabin fever with an outing to this enormous sale where you'll find thousands of outstanding, gently used books to browse and take home!

Large bags will sell for the bargain price of \$15, and small bags for \$5. Books may also be purchased individually.

Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.

Book sales are sponsored by Way Public Library Foundation & Friends. All proceeds benefit Way Library.

### **Winter Raffle**

**Enter to win one of two gift baskets!**

*"Let Way Library Brighten Your Winter Days"* is the theme of a raffle being sponsored by Way Public Library Foundation & Friends in February.



Two baskets jam-packed with fun and useful gifts will be given away in a drawing to be held on March 2, 2020.

Basket #1 features day-brightening gifts for adults. It includes a Kindle Paperwhite with leather cover, a light therapy lamp, a hands-free Hug light, photo clip string lights, a plush throw blanket, and more! If you are 13 years of age or older you are eligible to enter the raffle for this basket.

Basket #2 is full of gifts to light up kids' faces! It holds a Kindle Kids Edition, an LED speech bubble lightbox, a Very Hungry Caterpillar neck pillow, a walking triceratops motorized craft kit, Lego book, building shapes, and more! You must be 12 years of age or younger to enter the raffle for this basket.

Visit the library to place your entry. The deadline to enter is 5:00pm on Sunday, March 1, 2020. One entry per day is allowed, so drop in often!

### **Are you looking for Romance Novels?**

**Here's how to find them**

February and love go together like Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy. It would be downright heartless to feature something other than romance novels in our "spine label" spotlight this month, don't you agree?



Whether you prefer a light romance from our paperback or inspirational fiction collections, or a more classic love story, such as *The Notebook* or *Rebecca*, we have plenty of titles from which to choose.

This month you will find romance novels on display down the center aisle. You can also spot them in the fiction or paperback sections with a "Romance" spine label.

*"If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day, so I never have to live without you," said Christopher Robin to Winnie-the-Pooh.*

## Operation Gratitude

### Cards and Letters for the Troops

Way Library invites you to join us in writing cards of gratitude to active duty military and veterans throughout the month of February.



Look for our table in front of the Indiana Avenue windows. You'll find all the supplies you need for writing, making cards, or drawing a picture to show your support and appreciation. Place your message in our *Operation Gratitude* bin and we will make sure it gets to its destination!

## Baker's Way

### A Pan for All Seasons

Happy Valentine's Day! Wouldn't you like to make something extra-special and delicious for your Valentine this year?



*Baker's Way* has a new cookie pan for making heart-shaped sugar cookies the easy way. The decorating options are endless, and one batch of the dough (recipe included) makes 7 dozen mini-cookies--more than enough for a Valentine's Day party!

This year, why not skip the cake and show your love with some scrumptious Valentine's Day cookies?

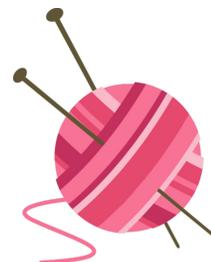
[See all the cake pans in our collection.](#)

## Warm Up America!

### Do you knit or crochet?

If the answer is "yes," you are invited to join us in a project to "Warm Up America!"

Here's how it works. Volunteers knit or crochet 7" x 9" sections and drop them off in the designated basket here at Way Library. The sections will be made into afghans to be distributed to those in need.



If you would like to participate, you may knit at home and bring in your sections, or you may find a comfortable spot here at Way and knit to your heart's content! Patterns and material specifications may be found at [warmupamerica.org](http://warmupamerica.org).

If you enjoy knitting as a group activity, the Witty Knitters invite you to join them in our Meeting Rooms C & D on Wednesday, February 26 from 12:00-3:00pm and Wednesday, March 18 from 12:00-3:00pm. You will need to bring your own knitting needles and yarn.

### Local History Nugget

#### If you were around in 1970...

If you lived in Perrysburg in February of 1970, you could have clipped a recipe for "George Washington Cherry Log" from the *Perrysburg Messenger Journal*. You wouldn't have to sift any flour to make it though. The recipe called for pancake mix instead.



The February 5, 1970 issue also featured Perrysburg Pharmacy's advertisement for Valentine's candies. The price for a 1-pound box of assorted Russell Stover chocolates fifty years ago? \$1.95!

### The Way Gallery

#### Topics Camera Club Exhibit

The Topics Camera Club Photography Exhibit, featuring over fifty framed prints, continues through late February in our lower level gallery.

Stop by and see these outstanding images anytime during regular library hours.

Read more about the [Way Gallery](#).



### A Sweet Recipe for You

#### 3-Ingredient Oreo Truffles

*Here's an easy homemade treat to share with someone you love!*



#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 19-oz family-size package of regular Oreo cookies (not Double-Stuf)
- 1 8-oz package cream cheese, softened
- 16-oz vanilla or chocolate candy melts

*Candy sprinkles (optional)*

## DIRECTIONS

Crush cookies into fine crumbs using a food processor.

Place crumbs in a bowl, reserving 2 tablespoons for optional topping.

Add softened cream cheese to bowl and stir until thoroughly combined with crumbs.

Form mixture into small balls and place on parchment paper lined baking tray. Place in freezer to chill for about 30 minutes.

Melt candy melts according to package directions. Dip the chilled truffles into melted candy melts to coat completely; return to baking tray. Decorate immediately with reserved crumbs or sprinkles, if desired. Let truffles harden in freezer 10-15 minutes. Serve. Store in refrigerator.

### Connect with us on Facebook

#### Let's be friends!

Become a part of our growing social community. We post breaking library news, important announcements, and service updates on our page--plus photos and fun, engaging content. [Join us now!](#)



## Upcoming Programs and Classes at Way Library

### Educating. Enriching. Entertaining.

Way Library offers a vast selection of classes and programs for people of all ages.

Whether you would like to:

- learn a new skill
- discuss books
- enjoy an acclaimed film
- take part in civil discourse on current issues
- hear about the latest medical procedures
- discover a new passion
- or one of countless other pursuits,



we have a class or program for you. Look over our schedule and make plans to join us often!

**For the most up-to-date list of programs and classes, click on a link below.**

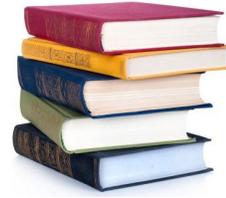
[Adult Programs and Classes](#)  
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[Teen Programs and Classes](#)

# New Books Hot Off the Press

## New Fiction to Be Released in February

### Moe's Bookmark

*Moe Ibarra is an avid reader of many contemporary authors and is always ready to help you with a book recommendation. Here are some new titles she has selected with your reading enjoyment in mind.*



*Click a title to perform a search for these items in our catalog. Please note that some books may not be available for reserving until closer to their release dates.*

### February 4

[\*Crooked River\*](#) by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child

[\*Golden in Death\*](#) by J. D. Robb

[\*The Museum of Desire\*](#) by Jonathan Kellerman

### February 11

[\*Salt River\*](#) by Randy Wayne White

### February 17

[\*Blindside\*](#) (a Michael Bennett novel) by James Patterson

### February 25

[\*The Big Lie\*](#) by James Grippando

[\*Coconut Layer Cake Murder\*](#) by Joanne Fluke

## New Inspirational Fiction

*If you enjoy novels that are wholesome and uplifting, make note of these upcoming inspirational fiction releases curated by staff member Moe Ibarra. Though all of these titles are scheduled for February release, some may not be immediately available for reservation. Keep checking!*



[\*His Unexpected Amish Twins\*](#) by Rachel J. Good

[\*Two Steps Forward\*](#) by Suzanne Woods Fisher

[\*The Fifth Avenue Story Society\*](#) by Rachel Hauck

[\*If for Any Reason\*](#) by Courtney Walsh

[\*The Solid Grounds Coffee Company\*](#) by Carla Laureano

[\*The Land Beneath Us\*](#) by Sarah Sundin

[\*The Tea Chest\*](#) by Heidi Chiavaroli

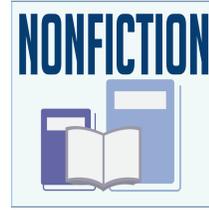
[\*Collision of Lies\*](#) by Tom Threadgill

[\*More Than We Remember\*](#) by Christina Suzann Nelson

## New Nonfiction

### Books to be released in February

*For those who enjoy nonfiction, Circulation staff member Stephanie Coil offers these suggestions. (Anticipated release dates are noted. Some titles may not be available for reservation until closer to their release dates.)*



#### February 1

[\*The Magic of Marie Laveau: Embracing the Spiritual Legacy of the Voodoo Queen of New Orleans\*](#)

by Denise Alvarado

#### February 4

[\*Dangerous Prayers: Because Following Jesus Was Never Meant to Be Safe\*](#) by Craig Groeschel

#### February 11

[\*Hold On, But Don't Hold Still: Hope and Humor from My Seriously Flawed Life\*](#) by Kristina Kuzmic

#### February 18

[\*Counterpoint: A Memoir of Bach and Mourning\*](#)

by Philip Kennicott

#### February 25

[\*Yellow Bird: Oil, Murder, and a Woman's Search for Justice in Indian Country\*](#) by Sierra Crane Murdoch