

Andover Public Library News

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NEW OUTDOOR DROP BOX



You may have noticed some construction activity in our parking lot recently. We're pretty excited about the end result: our new outdoor book drop!

We're please to debut our new outdoor book drop located directly in front of the main entrance across the drive. We recommend entering the library parking lot via the second (south) drive for easiest access to the new drop box.

NEW LIBRARY QUARANTINE PERIODS

The Online Computer Library Center, The Institute of Museum and Library Services, and Battelle are collaborating on a research project, named [*REopening Archives, Libraries, and Museums \(REALM\)*](#), to investigate how long COVID-19 survives on various materials that are commonly handled in these institutions.

Results of the first test, published June 22, 2020, showed that the COVID-19 virus was not detectable on hardback books, paperback books, plastic DVD cases, plastic book covers, and book pages after three days.

However, results of the second test, published July 20, 2020, on glossy paper pages, magazine pages, and children's board books showed that the virus remained on glossy paper pages and board books for up to four days. Magazines showed trace amounts of the virus at the four-day mark.

Due to these test results, the **Northeast Kansas Library System recommends a quarantine period of items for up to 96 hours (or 4 days).**

All APL library items will sit undisturbed in a back processing room for at least four days before they are checked in by staff.



[REALM testing of book pages](https://www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/test1-results.html)
<https://www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/test1-results.html>



[REALM testing of board books](https://www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/test2-results.html)
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Items will remain on your account for at least four days before being checked in. No late fees will be applied to your account.

If you have any questions about items returned to the library or fines on your account, please call us at (316) 558-3500.

FALL READING CHALLENGES ON BEANSTACK



Our fall reading challenge is perfect for readers aged 15 and older. Read your way through fall by reading three books each month in different categories.

September 1 - November 30



Readers up to age 14 can complete any five (5) activities (out of 15 choices) during the month of August and earn another prize book! (While supplies last).

August 1 - August 31



One of the best ways to encourage learning is to spend time sharing books together each day. As you read together, your child will gain skills that will prepare them for lifelong learning. Reading together is fun and will create life-long memories for both of you.

Visit the Library's Beanstack page to sign up or register for a challenge here: <https://andoverlibrary.beanstack.org/>

TWO NEW DIGITAL ESCAPE ROOMS FOR FAMILY FUN!



You're a Patriot soldier in the Revolutionary War and a spy in the Culper Spy Ring. Can you safely deliver a message in time? This escape room is intended for adults and may be completed individually or as a group. [Click here to play.](#)

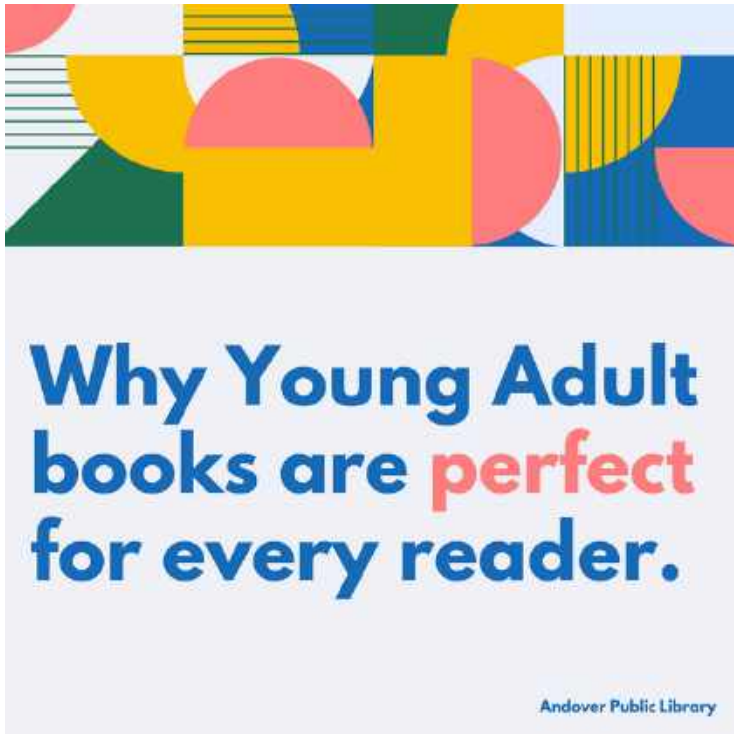


Can you help Pete the Cat get back home through the Land of Make-Believe? Readers in preschool through second grade (and all Pete the Cat fans) will love this new digital escape room!

[Click here to play.](#)

Find more fun digital escape rooms on our website [here.](#)

YA WEEK ON INSTAGRAM



Check out our Instagram page ([@andoverpubliclibrary](https://www.instagram.com/andoverpubliclibrary)) for great book- and library-related content!

During our recent YA Week on Instagram, we discussed why YA books are perfect for every reader. Check out our fun YA games, recommendations, genres, and featured books in our stories and on our feed. And, while you're there, give us a follow for more fun library information!

NEW COLOR COPIER

We've updated our public copier to a new model with the ability to scan documents and copy in color!

Color copying is 50¢ and black and white copies remain 25¢.

Scanning to a USB drive is available free of charge. You must provide your own USB drive; the library does not have USB drives for loan or purchase.





COMING SOON TO APL

We've been hard at work creating a **life-size Candyland** game here at the library!

Soon, you'll have the opportunity to sign your family up for an appointment to play.

Only one family will be allowed in the game room at a time and rigorous cleaning will occur between sessions.



We want to hear from you! We're in the process of developing and expanding our adult programming options in the upcoming year and we need your input.

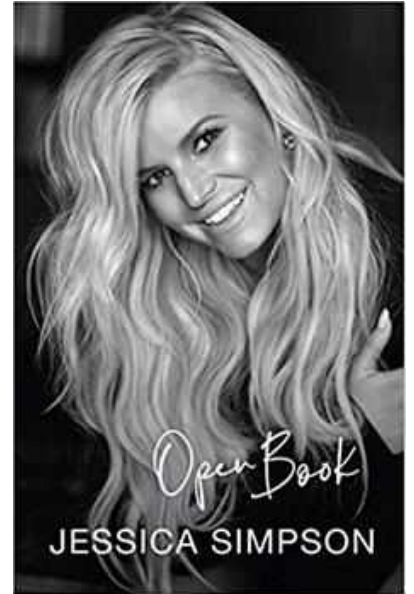
Click on the link below to take a short survey about the types of programs you would like to see at APL. Do you want more book clubs? Evening programs? Want to learn about crafting or car repair? Now's your time to tell us!

Click [here to take the APL Adult Programming Survey](#).

STAFF BOOK REVIEWS

I came for the juicy details and stayed for the heartfelt reflections. [*Open Book* by Jessica Simpson](#) was a wonderful memoir of a woman who has overcome a lot. From childhood trauma to tumultuous relationships to struggles with alcoholism, Simpson's life has been about way more than making it in the music industry.

Simpson moved around when she was younger, because of her dad's job. She grew up in a religious home and relied immensely on her faith to get her through tough times. The death of her cousin and abuse when she was younger continues to impact her to this day. She grew up singing in the church setting but dreamed of breaking into the pop world. Her commentary on her early experiences really sets the tone for later on as she details her various relationships and opinion of herself.



By going through various “scandals” in her career and personal life, the reader gets an inside look at what really happened. From her acting jobs to her entry into the pop music industry, this behind the scenes perspective dismantles any preconceptions of Jessica Simpson from over the years. While she felt in on the joke, it was also difficult to not appear intelligent in the public eye. Simpson is very forthcoming regarding her relationships with Nick Lachey, John Mayer, Tony Romo, and Eric Johnson. By divulging her experiences, you get a front-row seat of how she has been affected by and grown from her past partners as well as her current husband.

Simpson talks about getting sober, starting her own business, and becoming a mother. She is not afraid to go into the embarrassing or hard moments of the past few years. Given the fact that she has been through her share of rough patches, Simpson remained devoted to her family, faith, and standards she set for herself beginning at a young age.

I was left feeling moved and entertained. I highly recommend this book for anyone who loves a well-written celebrity memoir, grew up in the early 2000s and loves the nostalgia, or simply wants to become immersed in the life of someone who has put herself out there. *Open Book* does not disappoint!

Review by Cathy Liebenau, APL Page

Are you looking for a book that you want to savor, yet at the same time you want to binge read? [*With the Fire on High* by Elizabeth Acevedo](#) fits this expectation.

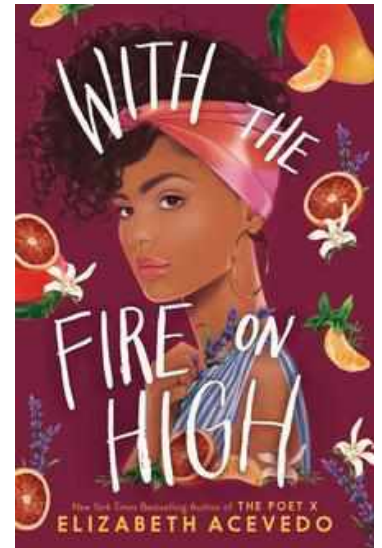
With the Fire on High focuses on the struggles of being a teen mother and the challenges of being a senior in high school. Emoni's only outlet is her gift of cooking. She dreams of working in a kitchen after she graduates. Her school offers the opportunity to enroll in a cooking class that includes the possibility of a trip to Spain. However, she must overcome differences with her instructor and raise enough funds to be able to go on the class trip.

I enjoyed reading *With the Fire on High*, which was like reading a diary. Emoni's voice has an honest and warm tone that, as a reader, allows you to empathize with the character. Emotions in this book range from anger to sadness to happiness; it covers all of what it means to be human.

The book is divided into three parts. At the beginning of each part is Emoni's recipe that serves the purpose of soothing a person's mood, such as missing someone you love.

If you're looking for a book with a depth that will satisfy your reading appetite, then I would highly recommend this book. Bon Appetit!

Review by Kendra Ellison, Lead Circulation Librarian and YA Consultant



[*Dear Sweet Pea*](#) is a delightful middle-grade novel written by Julie Murphy (of *Dumplin'* fame). The book is about a girl named Sweet Pea who is in the final weeks of seventh grade. She lives in the small town of Valentine, Texas with her cat named Cheese. Her parents recently divorced, but her dad moves two houses down. Sweet Pea's neighbor is Miss Flora Mae who is Valentine's resident advice columnist for their local paper. When Miss Flora Mae asks Sweet Pea to watch her plants and mail her the letters she receives for the advice column, Sweet Pea sneaks a peek at a few and attempts to write her own advice. Will Sweet Pea and her old friend Kiera reignite their friendship? Will her parents' divorce ever get easier to deal with? Dive right in to find out!

I recommend this book for ages 8 and up. There are so many great themes throughout the story- acceptance, dealing with divorce, and surviving middle school. This is an incredibly relatable, touching, and funny story of a girl trying to find her place in this world. You are in for a real treat!

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