



Andover Public Library News

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LIBRARY HOTSPOT

CHECK OUT THE INTERNET!

Available now at APL

We are pleased to now offer a T-Mobile hotspot for checkout at APL!

Our wifi hotspot is available to check out for one week and can be put on hold [here](#).

SUMMER READING AT APL

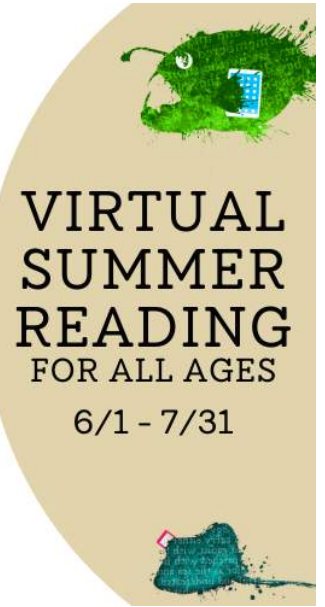


Tails & TALES

AT ANDOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Participate on  **beanstack**



Join us for a fun summer filled with animals and stories!

EVENTS

KICK-OFF PARTY

Tuesday, June 1 in the park
Featuring a petting zoo!

Virtual puppet shows

Virtual storytime from the
Sedgwick County Zoo

6/23 Mad Science at 10:30 at the
Amphitheater

ACTIVITIES

STEAM take-and-make crafts
every other Saturday

New StoryWalk in the park
every other Monday

6/28 - 7/3 Virtual event: Jeff Quinn's
Reading Safari Magic Show

7/15 Local children's musician
Aaron Fowler at 9:30 at the
Amphitheater

7/22 Sedgwick County Zoo at 9:30
at the Amphitheater

Register for the challenge on [Beanstack](https://beanstack.org) and log your
reading for prizes all summer!

BEANSTACK CHALLENGES



Whether you're just entering the job market, coming back after time off, or starting over in a new field, this challenge will give you all the tools to find a new job. Complete activities like resume and interview tips, computer skills, and more.



May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Celebrate Asian-American & Pacific Islander voices through the month with recommended reading lists and learning activities for all ages.
May 1 to May 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/>

DISC GOLF KITS AVAILABLE

DISC GOLF

Activity kits available from APL!

Includes: three different discs, rules of the game, and carrying bag.



We have disc golf kits available at APL! Stop by the library and pick up a kit and play the brand new disc golf course in the park.

Disc golf kits include 3 discs (a putter, a mid range, and a driver), a rules of the game instruction sheet, and check out for one week.

Find more information, including a map of the course [here](#).

PERSONALIZED BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

THE
BOOK
CONCIERGE
AT ANDOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY



Finding new books to read can sometimes be difficult. We understand that and we're here to help!

Fill out our [Book Concierge form](#) online for personalized young adult (YA) and adult book recommendations.

The Library also offers book bundles in every reading level and genre. Simply call us at (316) 558-3500 or send an email to contact@andoverlibrary.org and request a book bundle with your preferred genre and reading level.

IT'S GAME TIME!



It's time for another family game night! Stop by the library and pick out a fun board game to play with the whole family. We have games for children and multi-player advanced games for serious board gamers.

Board games check out for one week and must be picked up and returned to Andover Library. Stop by today and find something fun!

NOVEL JOURNEYS



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A service for Andover Library cardholders with physical limitations or transportation challenges to receive library books at home.



The Andover Library offers our Novel Journeys service to homebound patrons who are unable to come to the library.

In partnership with the Rotary Club of Andover, we curate a selection of titles and deliver them to your home free of charge.

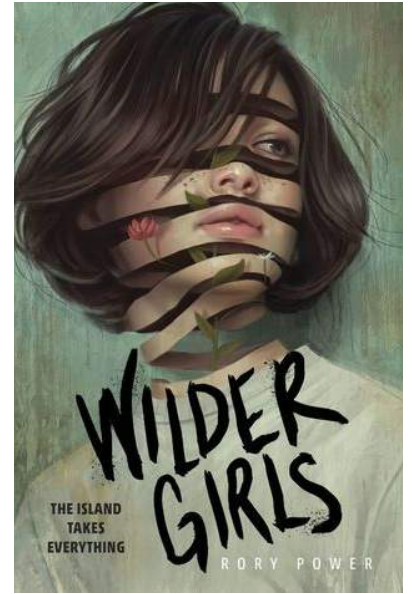
Contact the library at (316) 558-3500 for more information.

STAFF BOOK REVIEW

It's been eighteen months since the Raxter School for Girls was put under quarantine. Since the Tox hit and pulled Hetty's life out from under her.

It started slow. First, the teachers died one by one. Then it began to infect the students, turning their bodies strange and foreign. Now, cut off from the rest of the world and left to fend for themselves on their island home, the girls don't dare wander outside the school's fence, where the Tox has made the woods wild and dangerous. They wait for the cure they were promised as the Tox seeps into everything.

But when Byatt goes missing, Hetty will do anything to find her, even if it means breaking quarantine and braving the horrors that lie beyond the fence. And when she does, Hetty learns that there's more to their story, to their life at Raxter, than she could have ever thought true. - - Publisher synopsis



This creepy debut novel from young adult horror writer, Rory Power, might just make you sleep with the lights on.

I'm going to be honest, I absolutely chose this book solely on the beautiful cover. I soon learned, however, that [Wilder Girls](#) is a gripping feminist, LGBTQ horror novel perfect for a weekend spent reading. The pace is slow to start, but the tension quickly builds and you'll find yourself abandoning everything else to keep reading. Power is a master at building tension and creating an atmospheric story.

The characters are unapologetically real. Many are unlikeable but are also determined and powerful. You won't always agree with the choices they make, but you'll understand the enduring hardship that brings them to fight for survival, no matter the cost.

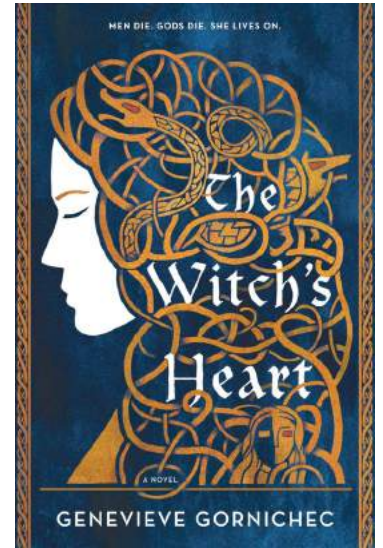
Be warned, however, like many horror novels this book is violent and gory. Power doesn't sugarcoat the conditions at the Raxter School for Girls or the realities of living with the Tox everywhere you turn. Content warnings include character death and animal (not pets) death, and more found on Rory Power's website [here](#).

Review by Sara, Support Librarian

STAFF BOOK REVIEW

Genevieve Gornichec's debut novel, [The Witch's Heart](#), takes the Norse characters and myths we are familiar with and gives them a new voice. Instead of the usual suspects, Odin and Thor, we are introduced to a minor character: the witch Angrboda, Loki's first wife and the mother of his three children.

The Witch's Heart begins with a heartbreaking scene in which Angrboda is being burned at the stake for the third time and her heart has been removed. She possesses the gift of seid, a kind of prophetic magic, which allows her to see into the future. Odin punishes her because she will not help him to see the future. She survives the burnings and finds herself stripped of her powers. Angrboda is now at the edge of the world, her body is slowly healing and she is reduced to foraging for roots just trying to survive.



Loki, the frost giant trickster god finds her and returns her heart to her. It's at this point, where as a Marvel fan I can't help but hear Tom Hiddleston, the actor who portrays Loki in the Marvel movies. "You're a difficult woman to find." See...I bet you just imagined the same thing!

Unlike the Loki we are accustomed to in the movies, this Loki is angsty, bored, and lacking in charisma. Angrboda is distrustful, as she should be, but Loki is persistent, he continues to insinuate himself into her life. She is content to live a solitary life in a cave. Despite Loki's many antics and their frequent arguments, they fall in love and have three ill-fated children: the wolf Fenir, the Midgard serpent Jormungandr, and the half-dead girl and future queen of the dead, Hel.

Angrboda's friend, the huntress giant Skadi, helps her to hide her family from the all-seeing eye of Odin. The threat that her unique family poses to the gods in Asgard will not go unnoticed for long. Angrboda's prophetic visions of Ragnarok, or the apocalypse, and the role her children will play in the fall of the gods are a constant threat to her family's safety. Angrboda must choose between letting the prophecy play out or somehow find a way to change the outcome.

The Witch's Heart can be a bit slow-paced at times. This is a character-driven story of a woman who eventually learns to embrace her power. Angrboda makes the argument that the experiences of love and motherhood are equal to any epic battle waged by the gods. We get a glimpse into the complicated relationship with her "children" and the lengths she will go for love and vengeance. Throughout the book, we are reminded that in Norse mythology, Ragnarok is inevitable. Angrboda, like all the others, is bound by fate. The author offers us a new perspective: instead of trying to alter the ending, focus on the small moments in your life, be present in your own life.

Review by Angela, Circulation Librarian