

# The Scotty Pages

Newsletter of the T.B. Scott Free Library  
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## Adult Services

### Seed Library!



The Seed Library is all set up and ready for you to check out some seeds to grow! Stop by the library to claim your seeds.



## From the Director's Office

*Laurie A. Ollhoff*

It has been a goal of mine to create a library newsletter for quite some time. For those of you that create such material, you know it can be time consuming. However, the benefits derived from such a communication outlet are endless. Bare with us as we work through its creation. Content, most certainly, will vary from one newsletter to the next. There will be four newsletters a year. We hope you will find them enjoyable and useful.

## Youth Services

### Summer Reading Challenge

**Begins June 2!**

The Library is gearing up for a colorful summer reading challenge. The 2025 theme is COLOR MY WORLD. Watch for details each week on the library's website, social media, and internal announcement network. You are always welcome to call the library for details.



## Beyond Books COMMUNITY ARTSHARE and Outreach Services

The month of April brings local young artisans from St. John's School. The 8th grade students were tasked with painting moon lamps that represented their favorite book. May and June will bring the world of Spirit Dolls to the library, a collection masterfully created by Peter and Dian Ritter. Spirit dolls, often with roots in various cultures and traditions, are objects believed to hold or represent a spirit, often as a reminder of a personal journey.



### Event Highlights from April to June

There is always something going on at the library! Here is a highlight of a few of the events coming up through June. **ALL events require pre-registration:**

- A: Digital Literacy Workshops - multiple dates, multiple topics
- A: Powerful Tools for Adult Caregivers: April 24-May 29 1PM
- YS: Read to a Dog: June 4, 11, 18, 25 @10AM. Pre-registration required.
- YS: The Magic of Isaiah: June 5 @10AM & 12:30PM
- Think Like an Engineer-Crunch Labs Build: June 10 @10:30AM-12PM
- YS: Big Bubble Show: June 18 @10:30AM
- YS: The Magic of Storytelling: June 24 @10:30AM

Check the Event Calendar for more: <https://www.tbscottlibrary.org/events>



## What Are You Reading?

Contributor: Laurie A. Ollhoff, Director

### *Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing* by Matthew Perry

I was a huge fan of the sitcom "Friends" like so many others and an even greater fan of "Chandler." He was funny and could make you laugh every time he would appear in a scene. Reading his autobiography posthumously strongly tugged at my heart strings. I became aware of his struggle with drugs and alcohol somewhere down the line but had no idea the daily battle he faced. Sitting down to physically read a book does not work in my schedule so I often choose to listen to audiobooks. This one, by far, was the best as it was read by Matthew Perry, himself. I think what hit me the hardest was one of the first sentences I heard him say, "Hi, my name is Matthew, although you may know me by another name. My friends call me Matty. And I should be dead," because as I mentioned at the beginning of my review, he was already deceased. If you want to understand the struggle anyone faces with addiction, I strongly suggest you check out the book from the library or go to Libby and listen to "his voice" tell "his story."

