

T.B. SCOTT FREE LIBRARY

The Scotty Pages

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

The Library is celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the 1965 Voting Right Act with the traveling exhibit made possible through the Wisconsin Historical Society. The exhibit explores moments when women in Wisconsin gained political rights. The eight-panel display shares the important story of Wisconsin women's quest for political rights and recognition through quotes, photographs, and a timeline of events. The exhibit will be available on the 3rd floor beginning Thursday, September 4th, thru Thursday, September 25th.



Youth Services



The first month of the Summer's Literacy Program has been nothing less than amazing! We have already had some fantastic performers with the Magic of Isaiah and The Bubble Show brought to you by the magnificent bubble blower Rondini! These wonderful performers christened our new Youth Services Activity Room with glorious laughter and applause. Once the final touches have been put into place, the Library will hold an official Open House this Fall, which will highlight the Youth Services Department renovation and all that the Library has to offer our wonderful community. Stay tuned for details.

From the Director's Office

Laurie A. Ollhoff

We are in the thralls of summer reading! And, if you have not noticed, the book shelves are looking a bit scarce. "Why, might you ask?" It is because your library has the books to read that will take you on an adventure of a lifetime without having to move from that wonderful campfire or cozy spot at the cottage or from under that umbrella at the beach. We are your place for books and more this summer! Be sure to stop in and say "Hi." We look forward to seeing you.

Beyond Books COMMUNITY ARTSHARE

and Outreach Services

How many of you are familiar with the **Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library**? It is a free resource that provides audiobooks, braille materials, and audio-described DVDs to Wisconsin residents who have difficulty reading standard print due to visual, physical, or reading disabilities. It's part of the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) and offers free delivery of materials and equipment via mail. For more information, go to <https://dpi.wi.gov/talkingbooks>.



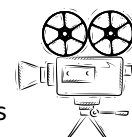
Event Highlights from July to September

There is always something going on at the library! Here is a highlight of a few of the events coming up through September:

- Adult: **9/10/2025** - Six-week Beginning Watercolor Workshop begins
- Youth: **7/15/2025** - Lego Day All Day
- Multi-Generational: **8/12/2025** - Puzzle Competition
- Youth: *Storytime* is back **September 10**

Critic's Choice Movies:

July 23 @1PM: Big Miracle
August 27 @1PM: Champions
September 24 @1PM: Suffragette



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

What Are You Reading?

Contributor: Laurie A. Ollhoff, Director

The Personal Librarian

by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

My Rating: ★★★★★

In *The Personal Librarian*, the authors tell the amazing story of the lifework of Belle da Costa Greene, the personal librarian of J.P. Morgan and the director of the Morgan Library & Museum. Belle de Costa Green was a mixed-race woman from a prominent African American family "passing" as white in the Gilded Age. She was a force in the art and collectible world and was held with high regard by men and women alike. Belle sacrificed a great deal in the process. What would you be willing to sacrifice? Would you give up associating with family? Would you give up a future of marital happiness? Would you set aside the joy of motherhood? Would you be comfortable with a life where you lived in constant fear of being discovered? That was Belle. That was her life. It is imperative that we applaud her bravery and commitment. She sacrificed so much to provide the world with an amazing collection of books, art, and artifacts.

As I read through her story, written so incredibly well by Benedict and Murray, I realized that a visit to the Morgan Library & Museum was most definitely in my travel "To Do List."

