

T.B. SCOTT FREE LIBRARY

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

T.B. Scott Free Library, in collaboration with Compassus, has been regularly hosting a Memory Café the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 10:30am - 12pm. “What is a Memory Café?” you may ask. Memory Cafés are welcoming social gatherings for people living with changes in their memory or thinking, and the people who care for them. A Café is a place to have fun together, talk with others who understand what you’re going through, and try something new! It has been a great addition to library programming. We look forward to more people joining us in 2026. More questions, please call the library 715-536-7191. (<https://dfamerica.org/what-is-memory-cafe/>).



Youth Services

If you have not had a chance to stop at the Library and explore the open and inviting transformation of the Youth Services Department, the staff encourages you to do so. The children’s picture book collection, both fiction and nonfiction have been organized to allow for some wonderful kid browsing. The library staff spent a great deal of time in 2025 organizing the collection into reader-friendly categories making the search for the perfect book much easier for both children and adults alike. If you are a teacher or homeschooling parent, we have also made it much easier for you to gather your themed-materials, as well.



From the Director's Office

Laurie A. Ollhoff

Welcome to 2026 from the T.B. Scott Free Library!

Library staff have been diligently working on new programming and have done an extensive refresh to the library collection. Over the next several months, please watch for the “We Want to Hear From You” Library Survey. The survey is currently in its design phase. As you wait for the Survey’s introduction to the community, start thinking about what you would like to see offered at the Library. The year 2025 brought some great changes to better serve the community. We are looking forward to more fabulous opportunities in 2026!

Beyond Books COMMUNITY ARTSHARE and Outreach Services

The Library staff has been busy brainstorming ways to reach out to our community members and came up with two very supportive opportunities: 1) "Gather at the Table: Pop-Up Senior Dining" the 2nd Wednesday of each month in collaboration with ADRC - Central Wisconsin that includes a 1-hour program before lunch at 12PM and 2) the Library's Mini Food Pantry that is made available during the library's open hours. Food and monetary donations are welcome to help support the food pantry. Please feel free to call the library for more details at 715-536-7191.



Event Highlights from January to March

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

- **Adult:** Tuesday, 1/6/2026 @6PM - Blastomycosis (Medical College of Wisconsin - Physicians in the Community Series)
- **Adult:** Monday, 1/19/2026 - Adult Winter READ Bingo Begins
- **Adult:** Tuesday, 2/10/2026 @4PM - A Book, Hands & Heart (Upcycled Library Material Series)
- **Youth:** Wednesdays @10:30AM - Family Storytime
- **Youth:** Tuesday, 3/24/2026 @10:30AM - Build-A-Buddy Workshop
- **Youth:** Thursday, 3/26/2026 @10:30AM - Peep-sized Palace Creation Station

Critic's Choice Movies:

Start Time: 1PM

1/28/2026: The Hundred-Foot Journey

2/25/2026: Out Of My Mind

3/25/2026: Twisters



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



What Are You Reading?

Contributor: Laurie A. Ollhoff

ONE FOR THE MONEY

by Janet Evanovich

My Rating: ★★★★★

An oldie but a goodie, for certain!

This is a Humor Cozy Mystery, and this is the first book in Stephanie Plum series published in 1994. I have been reading the Stephanie Plum series on and off for some time now. And the reason I sporadically read them is that they are standalone stories that do not require you to read them in order. My only suggestion is that you read this title first as it provides you with a solid background on how the main character, Stephanie, becomes a bounty hunter. I have to say this one is not as funny as some of the other books in this series; however, it certainly does set the tone and the scene for many more hilarious titles in this series. I would like to add that this author has continued to write and has developed great characters in all of the other series written by her. This book was made into a movie in 2012 starring Katherine Heigl. Plum is a bounty hunter, and Trenton serves as the setting as Evanovich relives a bit of her youth in the capital city. So, get ready to read, laugh, and enjoy!

