T.B. Scott Free Library
The Scotty Pages
Newsletter of the T.B. Scott Free Library
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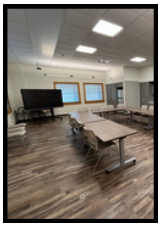
Adult Services

While books are the library's "bread and butter," there is a great deal more that is available to our community members and patrons. Our meeting rooms, study rooms, and quiet working & reading spaces are available for anyone in need of a space for an in-person meeting, virtual meeting or webinar, or staff training session. Room reservations can be made by completing a Book-A-Room Request at www.tbscottlibrary.org or by calling the library at 715-536-7191. Walk-ins are always welcome when rooms are available.










Youth Services

Summer reading may be over; however, there is plenty of time to check out a plethora of wonderful books and activity kits and enjoy the in-house activities available in the Youth Services Department. Also worth noting is one of the best kept secrets of the library – Wiggle, Giggle, Shake. This energy-filled toddler time is a result of a collaborative effort between the library, Children's Wisconsin, and the United Way and takes place every Friday @10:30AM.

While you continue to enjoy all that the library has to offer, the library's Youth Services team is working diligently behind the scenes to bring the best the library has to offer community members for the Fall.

From the Director's Office

Laurie A. Ollhoff

It has been one hot & "dino-rific" summer as staff unearthed wonderful stories, fun activities, and brought some very talented performers to the library for all to enjoy! After the completion of the summer read for all ages, library staff take a brief hiatus to catch their breath and gear up for fall programming. Last fall, the library world was greatly impacted by the closure of a large book vendor. This vendor was this library's main source of reading material for our patrons. As a result, the library shifted gears. We have new vendors in place and know that new titles will come flying in soon. Thank you to all of our wonderful patrons for your patience as we transitioned from one vendor to several vendors realizing it is best not to have our "eggs in one basket."

Beyond Books Community ArtShare and Outreach Services



Library outreach comes in various formats. T.B. Scott Free Library recently added a Mini Food Pantry to its list of services for the community. Various libraries throughout the state have added vegetable gardens to this offering, as well, to provide individuals with fresh vegetable options to promote healthy eating habits. With that in mind, the library contacted Boy Scout Troop 503 to inquire about a possible collaboration. Boy Scout Matthew Burkhardt had his sights set on completing his Eagle Scout Project and the library's raised garden beds became his project to manage and complete. The raised beds are located near the front entrance of the library for those in need to enjoy. It was an honor for the library to work with Matthew to assist him with his Eagle Scout Project while providing a valuable resource for the entire community.







Event Highlights Summer & Fall



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

- **Adult:** 8/11 @3:30PM - Make Your Own Suncatcher
- **Adult:** 8/12 @11AM - Estate Planning
- **Multi-Gen:** 8 /13 @11AM - A Pizza the Puzzle
- **Multi-Gen:** 8/18 & 9/15 @4PM - Spanish Club
- **Adult:** 8/21@11AM - SummerTime Bingo
- **Youth:** 8/24-8/29 - Back-to-School Scavenger Hunt
- **Adult:** 9/1 @12PM - Virtual Author Visit - *The Democracy We Keep* by David O. Stewart
- **Adult:** 9/8@4PM - CreateYourOwn Fall/Pumpkin Door Hang
- **Youth:** 9/16 @10:30AM Wednesday Storytime Begins
- **Adult:** 9/26 @10:30AM - Puzzle Competition

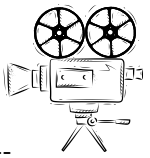
ADRC Hosted Events:

- 9/10, 9/ 17 & 9/24 - Retirement Ready (Time: TBD)
- 9/30 @2PM - Caregiver Workshop

Critic's Choice Movies:

Start Time: 1PM

- July : Next Goal Wins
- Aug : If
- Sept : Now You See Me-- Now You Don't



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

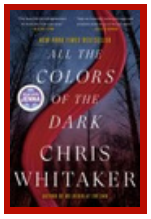
What Are You Reading?

Contributor: Maria Pregler

All the Colors of the Dark

by Chris Whitaker

My Rating: ☆☆☆☆☆



When the daughter of a wealthy family is targeted, the most unlikely hero emerges—Patch, a local boy, who saves the girl. In doing so, he leaves heartache in his wake. Patch and those who love him soon discover that the line between triumph and tragedy has never been finer.

While this is a hefty novel, don't let its length discourage you—it's impossible to put down. Patch and Saint quickly become characters you feel you know, only for the story to reveal surprising new layers and secrets to each of them. Spanning several decades, this mystery/thriller masterfully holds back its many secrets, delivering twist after twist right to the end. This book might make you laugh, and quite possible cry (it did for me). That said, it does explore some darker and emotionally challenging themes, so it may not be the right fit for every reader. If you enjoy deeply developed characters, suspense, and unexpected plot twists, this novel is worth your time!

