

Director's Note-May 2025 Newsletter

Last month was a whirlwind! Our family completed its journey with the Smith Cotton robotics team (Team Scream) and we are quickly approaching our youngest graduating from high school. It's been a busy few weeks of "doing things for the last time", which brings lots of joy and some sadness. As much as I love watching my kids grow up, there's been quite a few tears lately as the finality of it all sets in. To all the other parents out there celebrating your "last Senior", peace and hugs to you-I'm with you!

As always, the library is hopping this time of year! Most of our time has been dedicated to planning our annual Summer Reading Program, which kicks off on June 4, from 3-6pm. The theme this year is "Color Our World" and we plan to get messy at our kick off. Please note that Children's Programs will pause throughout May as we prepare for Summer Reading; but still come see us and check out your books!

Speaking of Children's department- If you have not made it by lately, check out the new shelving-we rearranged a few things to allow for additional space in our Storytime area (and our carpet downstairs is squeaky clean now after the flooding 😊). We also have some new seating for Children's department that should be ready to go the first part of May. Stop by and try it out!

This month we are recognizing "Women's Health Month". Please look for our book display (including the books below and more) this month in honor of this topic. Personally, I've read two books recently around this subject that I recommend.

- Dare I Say it? Everything I Wish I'd Known about Menopause, by Naomi Watts. This book reads like your talking to a girlfriend. It's funny, honest, and relevant-I highly recommend!
- Next Level: Your Guide to Kicking Ass, Feeling Great, and Crushing Goals Through Menopause and Beyond, by Dr. Stacy Sims. This book is a little more "medical", but she does a great job explaining what works for women at each stage of life.

Additionally, we are extending our plant swap through May. I have managed to neglect almost every plant at my house, but I'm not going to give up yet! Bring in a cutting from an inside or outside plant and trade for something new! I love that this is an easy way for the library to help save our patrons money!

Look for us at the Farmer's Market on May 30! We will be sharing library programs and events.

See you at the library-

Jamie Sparks, Director