



April Arlington Library News

- **Tuesdays — Adult program, 9:00 AM, Coffee and Conversation**
- **Tuesdays and Thursdays — Adult program, 9:00-9:45 AM, Geri-Fit**
- **Saturday, April 11, – Children’s program, 10:00-11:00 AM**

Tuesday, April 28, — Adult program, 3:30-4:30 PM, Book Club discussing *Before Dorothy* by Hazel Gaynor

- **All April — Stuffed animal drive**

Welcome, April! So glad that we are on the way to Spring, warmer weather, and feeling like spending more time outside in the sun.

Fun Fact: 250 years ago in April, the American Revolutionary War began. April 19, in Massachusetts was the Battle of Lexington and Concord with the “shot heard ‘round the world.” British troops were trying to seize colonists’ weapons and arrest leaders suggesting colonists seek their freedom from Great Britain. April 18 and April 19th, Paul Revere made his famous ride to alert colonists of the arrival of British troops. April 19, there was an armed conflict at Lexington Common and Old North Bridge in Concord, Massachusetts with the first war casualties.

Cristee’ has continued weeding (removing books that have not been checked out for years) our collection. These **books are currently for sale** by freewill donation.

Our physical layout of the library has changed as we now have a tower of **graphic novels** in our J (Juvenile) and YA (Young Adult) area. The books on CD have moved to shelves on our north wall.

We also have a tower display of **community resources**. If you need information on WIC, Agency on Aging, The VNA, nicotine, gambling or alcohol cessation, or applying for state assistance, the library can be your first stop.

We are busily planning for the **Summer Reading Program** using the state theme of *Plant A Seed, Read*.

Summer reading will be hosted every Saturday beginning June 6 to July 18 with the exception of July 4 from 10:00-11:00 AM. Kids and adults are invited to participate and prizes will be awarded to all ages! Details have yet to be finalized, so continue to watch for updates.

Throughout the entire month of April, the library will be hosting a **stuffed animal drive**. At the end of the drive, all new and gently loved stuffies will be distributed to Fayette County EMS, fire departments, ambulance, law enforcement, and hospitals to help bring comfort to children affected by trauma. This drive is sponsored by Fayette County 4-H Citizenship and the library is honored to partner with them!

Tuesdays continue to be our **Coffee and Conversation** from **9:00 AM** until whenever. Come and see the new coffee machine and taste our different favored coffees, teas and hot chocolate while catching up with your neighbors!

Tuesdays and Thursdays from **9:00-9:45 AM**, **Geri-Fit** continues in the lower level. Laughs and a good stretch are a weekly occurrence.

Saturday, April 11, from 10:00-11:00 AM, **Story Hour** for our youth.

Tuesday, April 28, from 3:30-4:30 PM, **Book Club** will meet to discuss *Beyond Dorothy* by Hazel Gaynor.

Before Dorothy (2025) by Hazel Gaynor is a historical fiction novel serving as a prequel to *The Wizard of Oz*. It follows Emily Gale in 1930s Kansas as she faces the Dust Bowl, poverty, and sudden motherhood after adopting her orphaned niece, Dorothy. The story explores the origins of Aunt Em, Uncle Henry, and Dorothy.”

New books to explore include:

A youth graphic novel, *Night Chef* by Mika Song. “Any great chef knows that the best meals are shared with family. And Night Chef is the greatest chef . . . but she doesn’t have a family. Suddenly, one fateful evening, an egg she planned to cook for dinner hatches. Now saddled with a baby crow whom she names Ichi, Night Chef leaves the human restaurant she calls home in search of Ichi’s parents.”

Adult novels:

The Greatness Code by Alan C. Guarino. “Your personal greatness objective is self-defined. For each of us, the definition of success and the journey to achieve it is different. Yet, no matter how talented or driven you are, your ability to achieve greatness is significantly influenced by many factors outside of your control. Leadership sets the tone—defining not just what they think success looks like, but also how you are expected to show up, collaborate, and grow.”

Texas Outlaw by James Patterson. “When his girlfriend, country singer Willow Dawes, writes a song about his bravery, Officer Rory Yates finds himself with newfound but unwanted fame. Being sent to the remote West Texas town of Rio Lobo, a municipality with two stoplights, has never seemed like a better opportunity. Rio Lobo detective Ariana Delgado is the person who requested Rory and the only one who believes that a local councilwoman’s seemingly accidental death is a murder. Then Rory begins to uncover a tangle of small-town secrets, favors, and lies as crooked as Texas law is straight. All of a sudden, my most honorable detective has found himself on the wrong side of the law.”

Come in to see what has been changed and been added to our collection. Enjoy the warmer weather and curl up with a good book. Until next time..... Keep Reading!