



Amery Area Public Library Newsletter

Friday, February 7, 2025

Hello Trevor,

Happy February!

This week was busy at the library. In addition to watching live streams of weather-predicting rodents on Groundhog Day, we had several recurring events: Chess Club, the Amery Library Wordsmiths (our adult writing group), Storytime, our Books & Brews Book Club, and our monthly Home Delivery service.

This afternoon we have a presentation about **dog breeds and behaviors** by Heather Mishefske. She is a certified professional dog trainer (CPDT-KA) and a certified canine behavior consultant (CBCC-KA). She'll also be bringing one of her dogs! She will be here Friday, February 7th at 4 p.m.

Then on Saturday we are having our annual Galentine's Day party! Grab your gal pals and celebrate the power of friendships! Join us for crafts, games, food, and drinks. This is being held on Saturday, February 8th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Next week we have our Mystery Book Club meeting, our monthly Teen Thursday program, and our monthly Saturday Storytime. See below for details.

Have a great week!

Thanks for reading,
the Library Staff

Possible Saturday Closure

As we write this, the weather forecast is for five to eight inches of snow from late Friday night through Saturday afternoon. Thus there is a possibility the library will not open on Saturday.

If that happens, we will post notices on our website, Facebook and Instagram accounts, and put signs on our doors.

Please check these sources or call us at (715) 268-9340 before you come to the

library on Saturday.

If we do close on Saturday, our Galentine's Day Party will be moved to Saturday, February 15th from noon until 2 p.m.

Spotlight Article: Family Workstation

In January we added a Family Workstation to our public computer area. It is a workstation with a computer on a desk and a small playpen to the right of it. It allows parents and caregivers with small children to utilize the library's computer-based resources while their kids have a fun place to play. The playpen has engaging activities for young children, including movable panels, a mirror, board books, and toys. The Family Workstation provides parents and caregivers with security and the ability to focus on tasks by keeping children occupied in a safe, controlled area. We have the same number of computers available for the public now as we did before the workstation was installed—one of them just has an attached playpen!



Groundhog Day Poll

Last Sunday, February 2nd, was Groundhog Day. Legend has it that if a groundhog does not see their shadow there will be an early spring. But if a groundhog does see their shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter.

In the United States, Jimmy the Groundhog from Sun Prairie did not see his

shadow, but Punxsutawney Phil from Gobbler's Knob in Pennsylvania did. So, the American groundhogs are split about whether we will have an early spring or six more weeks of winter.

In Canada, Ontario's Wiarton Willie did not see his shadow, but Nova Scotia's Shubenacadie Sam and Quebec's Fred la Marmotte did.

Combining the results from the two countries gives three groundhogs who saw their shadow and two did not. So that means we will have another six weeks of winter. Which means either you get six more weeks to stay indoors with a book and a cup of hot cocoa, or six more weeks to go ice fishing with a book to read as you wait to catch a fish.

Which Groundhogs do you want to be correct?

[Jimmy the Groundhog and Wiarton Willie - I want an early spring!](#)

[Punxsutawney Phil, Shubenacadie Sam, and Fred la Marmotte - I want six more weeks of winter!](#)

[Click here to learn the history of Groundhog Day](#)

[Find Library Books about Groundhog Day](#)

Upcoming Events & Programs

DOG BREEDS AND BEHAVIORS



Why do dogs act the way they do?

Learn about the behaviors of various dog breeds from Heather Mishefske, a certified professional dog trainer and canine behavior consultant!

Friday, February 7
4 PM



DRESS CODE:
RED & PINK



MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

HELP US SOLVE
THE CASE!

Tuesday, February 11th
2 PM at the Library

"A MARVEL. A THRILLER WITH A BEATING HEART AND JAGGED TEETH."
—TOMMY ORANGE

WINTER

DAVID HESKA WANBLI WEIDEN

COUNTS

A NOVEL

Teen Thursday

Ages 12 to 18



February 13, 6 to 8 pm

SATURDAY STORYTIME

JOIN MISS EMMA FOR
STORYTIME ON
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15
AT 10 AM



Homeschool Hangout

Meet other homeschoolers,
learn about library resources,
and let us know how the
library can support you!

This month:
Make a parachuting ostrich
with Creativebug



February 18, 1 pm



Bring the family on **Tuesday, February 18 from 6 to 8 PM** for fun and games! Snacks will be provided.

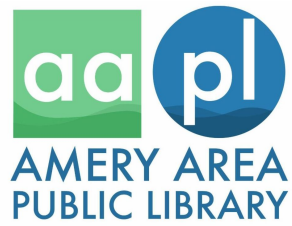
Event Calendar

FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Friends of the Library Book Sale 9:30 am - 12 pm
2	3 Chess Club 4 - 5:30 pm	4	5 Storytime 10 am Writing Group 4:30 - 5:30 pm	6 Books & Brews 6 pm	7 Dog Breeds and Behaviors 4 - 5 pm	8 Galentine's Day 11 am - 1 pm
9	10	11 Mystery Book Club 2 pm	12 Storytime 10 am	13 Teen Thursday 6 - 8 pm	14	15 Saturday Storytime 10 am
16	17 Chess Club 4 - 5:30 pm	18 Homeschool Hangout - 1 pm Family Game Night 6 - 8 pm	19 Storytime 10 am Writing Group 4:30 - 5:30 pm	20 Author Talk: Mark Peacock 6 - 7 p.m.	21	22
23	24	25 Pokémon Club 4 - 5 pm	26 Storytime 10 am	27 Non-fiction Book Club 2 - 3:30 pm Friends of the Library Book Sale 3 - 5 pm History Night 6 - 7 pm	28	



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