

# National Library Week

Our favorite week of spring - National Library Week - is right around the corner, being celebrated this year from April 7th-13th with the catchphrase "Ready, Set, Library!" Plan now to visit your library during National Library Week and all month long for programs, activities, prizes, and more.

The Franklin County Commissioners will read a proclamation to declare April 7th-13th "Franklin County Public Library Week" during their April 3rd meeting, which will begin at 10am in the Administration Building, 272 N Second St, Chambersburg.

Write a love letter to your library and spread library joy during National Library Week and beyond!



#### New Beanstack Challenge - April 1st

Join our travel-themed Beanstack activity challenge - Near & Far with Your Library Card - in collaboration with Fulton County Libraries. Earn raffle tickets by completing activities like being a hometown tourist, making a recipe from another country, or learning a new language, then enter your tickets on Beanstack to win great prizes!





### Talk Derby to Me

Save the Date for the second annual Kentucky Derby Party which benefits the Coyle Free Library, to be held on May 4th at 5pm. Tickets will be available to purchase soon!

#### **UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

**Easter Holiday** 

Friday, March 29 Saturday, March 30

Memorial Day Monday, May 27 Juneteenth Wednesday, June 19

**Independence Day** 

Thursday, July 4

2023 Annual Appeal

**FCLS Programs** 

Apps and More

# **Library News**

Read on to learn about what we've been working on recently!

## Grade Three at the Library

Welcome to our new initiative - *Grade Three at the Library*! We have a goal that every third-grader in Franklin and Fulton counties will have a library card and know the benefits that come with it. As part of this program, we've sent library card applications to third-grade teachers, met with home-school groups, and posted flyers in every library. While we may not reach 100% participation this year, we hope this program will grow every year until we do because life is better with a library card.



# **Upcoming Author Visits**

Two of our libraries will welcome bestselling authors to their locations as part of our *Near and Far* and *Grade Three at the Library* initiatives.

Saturday, April 13th, Besore Library @ 12pm -- Bestselling cookbook author Dave Joachim will visit the Besore Library in Greencastle to share his tips and tricks on mastering the art of homemade pizza with a live demonstration and tasting. Attendees are encouraged to sign up in advance to reserve a complimentary copy of one of Dave's cookbooks.

Dave has authored, edited or collaborated on more than 50 cookbooks. He holds a master's degree in English language and literature from Binghamton University, where he taught writing classes for three years. Since high school, he has also enjoyed a second life as a drummer in various blues and rock bands in the New York City and Philadelphia areas.





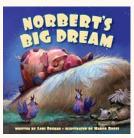
Friday, April 19th, Coyle Free Library @ 6pm -- Award-winning picture book author Lori Degman will visit Grandview Elementary School and Coyle Free Library as part of our *Grade Three at the Library* initiative. Her 2019 book *Just Read!* was selected for the 2020-21 Illinois Reads Book List.

Lori was a teacher of the d/Deaf and hard of hearing, has a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education, and is now a full-time author. She enjoys presenting at schools, festivals, and writing conferences. She lives near Chicago, IL, with her husband, two grown sons (when they come to visit), and pets.













# **Explore Your Libraries**

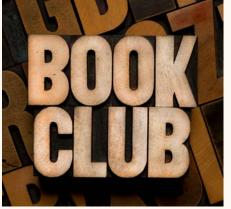
Contact your local library branch for more information on the programs and activities they're offering and to sign up for upcoming events.



**BESORE LIBRARY** 

Saturday, April 13, 12pm Mastering Pizza with Author Dave Joachim\*

\*click here to register online and reserve your copy of a free cookbook, while supplies last, must be present to claim



**BLUE RIDGE SUMMIT** 

3rd Monday @ 5pm Copies of this month's book available at the front desk

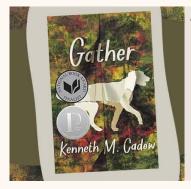


**COYLE FREE LIBRARY** 

Weekly on Tuesdays @ 6:30pm Writing Group for Ages 16+

## **Staff Picks**

Looking for your next read? Ask a staff member, browse the stacks, or try Novelist - an online resource offering read-alike suggestions based on author, genre, writing style, and more!



A resourceful teenager in rural Vermont struggles to hold on to the family home while his mom recovers from addiction in this striking debut novel, a National Book Award finalist, and Michael L. Printz Honor Book.

A four-year-old Mi'kmaq girl goes missing from the blueberry fields of Maine, sparking a mystery that will haunt the survivors, unravel a family, and remain unsolved for nearly fifty years.



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# **Support Your Library**

Our 2024 Annual Appeal will kick off during National Library Week, and we are so grateful for the many generous contributions made by our library community. These tax-deductible donations directly impact the services, materials, and programs we offer in our Franklin County libraries. We couldn't do what we do without you! Thank you, again, to Patriot Federal Credit Union, for sponsoring our 2024 Annual Appeal.

Did you know there's another way to impact the long-term success of the Franklin County Library System?

We have established the Franklin County Library System Fund at The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC). Unlike our annual fundraising campaign, which supports yearly budgetary needs across system libraries, the Franklin County Library System Fund is an endowment fund. Donations are invested to benefit our community libraries for years to come

A donation to the Franklin County Library System's Agency Fund, administered by The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, provides decades of support to the Franklin County Library System.

**FCLS Endowment** 







