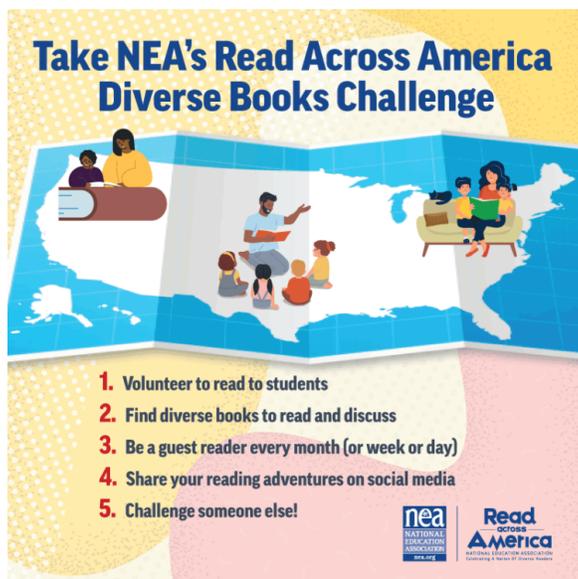
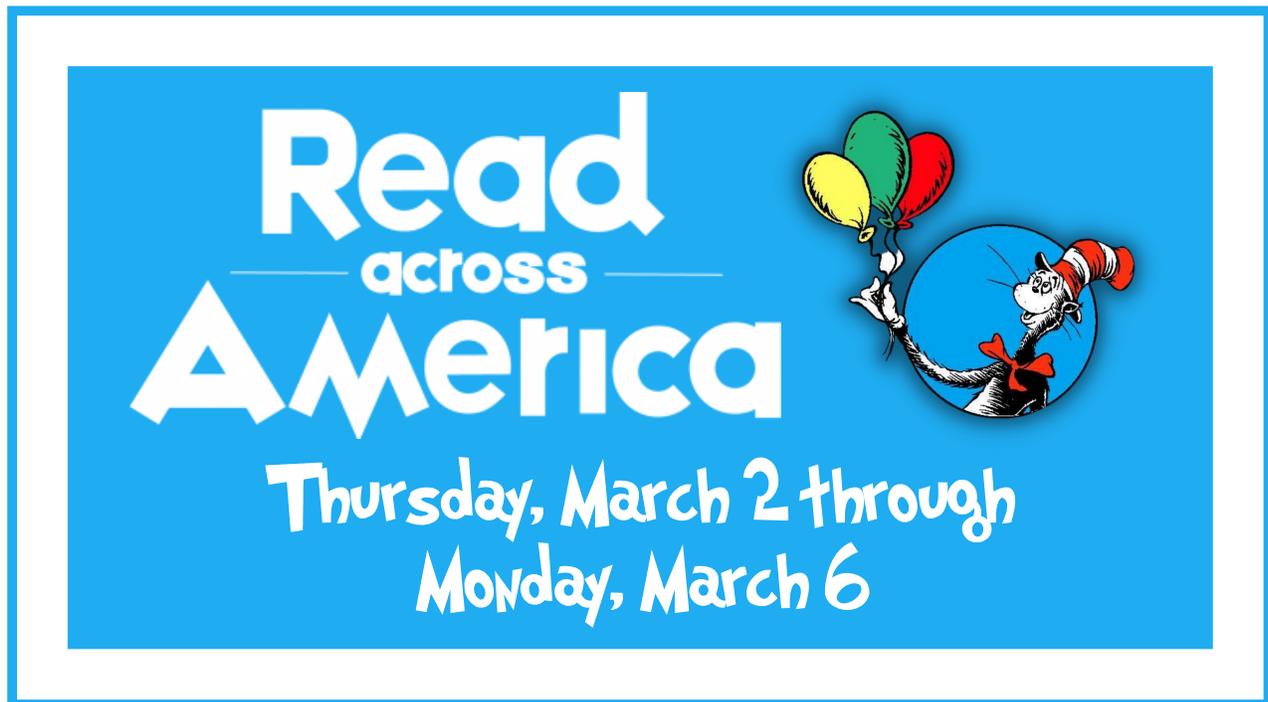


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Upcoming Events



Read Across America Week is celebrated from **March 2 to 6**, with March 2 being **Dr. Seuss's birthday**. Actually, the entire month of **March** is **National Reading Month**. During this month, the **National Education Association (nea.org)** aims to encourage reading and educate people about its benefits, especially among children and young adults. Parents and educators can visit N.E.A.'s website to find more information about how to become more involved at home and in school. Also, find out more about their Read Across America Diverse Book Challenge at nea.org/diverse-books-challenge.

Upcoming Events continued



The Weird & Wonderful World with Mary Roach



Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Experience an entertaining and hilarious evening with New York Times best-selling science author, Mary Roach - despite her claim that “people call me a science writer, though I don't have a science degree and sometimes have to fake my way through interviews with experts I can't understand”! Roach will discuss her frank approach to science, the importance of humor, and explore the weird, wonderful world in which we live.

Dubbed “America’s funniest science writer” by the Washington Post, Roach has explored topics from the curious lives of human cadavers, packing to visit space, the afterlife, the alimentary canal, and more. Roach claims to have no hobbies, but enjoys bird-watching, hiking, playing scrabble, and watching late-night Animal Planet.

Annalee Newitz will join Mary Roach in conversation. Newitz has a Ph.D. in English and American Studies from UC Berkeley and is one half of the hilarious podcast, Our Opinions are Correct. On their show, Newitz delves into the weird, wonderful, and nerdy framework of science in pop culture.

Register for the Webinar at the link below:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ez6W8E48RIqwmGO7ldWpxw



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Upcoming Events continued

Story Time with Miss Jana

Fridays in March at 10:00 a.m.

Ages 2 to 5, siblings welcome

Featuring themed stories, activities, & an on-site craft... Don't miss the fun!

March themes:

- March 3 - Dr. Seuss Day
- March 10 - Vehicles
- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- March 24 - It's Spring!
- March 31 - Toys



March Edible Family Take 'n Make

Available beginning Monday, March 20
during regular library hours

With Easter just a few weeks away, we have an edible kit for the whole family. Grab the makings for **Bunny Bait**, follow the easy steps to make this tasty treat and enjoy! Save a little to entice the Easter Bunny to your door.

Kid's Hedgehog Donut Holes Drop-in

Saturday, March 18 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Hedgehogs are adorable little creatures with spines everywhere but their face, feet and tummies and they probably don't taste good. Our **Hedgehog Donut Holes**, however, are different. They have yummy sprinkles everywhere but their faces and they taste terrific! Don't miss the opportunity to find out for yourselves.



Adult Page Art Critter Class

Saturday, March 25 - 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Ages 16 and up - register at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

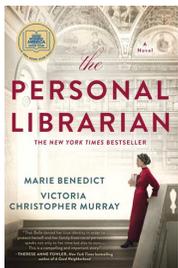
Because they're so darn cute, we're continuing our hedgehog theme with our **Page Art Critter Class**. Cecil D. Hedgie, created from book pages, will make an adorable addition to any home or office, plus he can hold mail, gift cards or any small pieces of paper.



Registration is required at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/page-art-critter-tickets-559019491347>

FPL Book Clubs

Food for Thought Book Group - 2nd Thursday at 5:30 p.m.



Food for Thought book discussion group meets in-person at FPL to review the chosen book of the month while also enjoying a light snack. Any interested adults are encouraged to join the group.

On **March 9**, we will discuss the novel, *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict.

Bookkeepers Book Group - 3rd Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Bookkeepers discussion group meets in-person to talk over the book chosen for that month. All interested adults are welcome to join the group.

On **March 17**, we will discuss *Fly Away* by Kristin Hannah.



In Other News...

March is a Month for Reading, Learning & Creativity

Not only is March National Reading Month, it's also National Women's History Month and National Crafting Month.



National Women's History Month

Women's History Month celebrates the often-overlooked contributions of women in history, society, and culture. It has been annually observed in the United States and other countries, since 1987. Every woman has a story to tell and we have many of them in our FPL collection. Check out books, movies or audiobooks honoring some magnificent ladies and celebrate them to the fullest.

National Crafting Month

National Crafting Month was established in 1994 by the Association for Creative Industries in an attempt to help Americans find an outlet to reduce stress and anxiety. Today, crafting is not only a worthwhile, relaxing pursuit, it also has become big business. So if you aim to stay busy trying a new craft or want to attempt making handmade items to gift or sell, come in and look through what books and magazines FPL offers that can help. Also, **March 14** is **National Children's Craft Day** and our children's section can give you some great ideas to try with the kids.



In Other News continued...

Story Time Brings Out the Creativity in our Littles



Story Time with Miss Jana offers fun stories, activities and hands-on crafts for preschoolers, aged 2 to 5, with a different theme each Friday. In November and December of 2022, two of the crafts involved sewing with felt, plastic needles and yarn. Our patron, 5-year-old Sydney, loved them and asked Mom for more sewing projects. She was gifted kits to make the items pictured and, with a lot of skill and a little help, Sydney created some beautiful pieces. Way to go, Sydney!

Forsyth Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Village of Forsyth Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 1 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Forsyth Park will be filled with eggs for the kids to find and they can even meet the Easter Bunny himself!

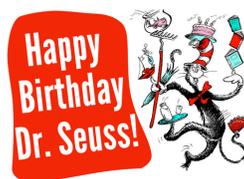


March Celebrations

March
National
Reading Month



March 2
Dr Seuss's 119th
Birthday



March 2 - 6
Read Across
America Week



March 8
International
Women's Day



March 14
National Kid's
Craft Day



March 17
Happy St.
Patrick's Day

