

# Richfield Springs Public Library



# October 2024 Newsletter

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# I | Director's Corner

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*Mindy Baker*

Happy Spooky Season!

I can't believe the year is almost over. where did the time go?

This month we have Wanda Hunt returning to the library with her Chair Yoga Class starting on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 2 – 3 pm. and Tai Chi. starting on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am – 12:45 pm. These classes only cost one non-perishable item for a donation to the Food Pantry. and take place on consecutive Mondays and Tuesdays.

Stories Come Alive. in collaboration with the Richfield Springs Community Center and the Richfield Springs Community Literacy Partnership Committee. takes place on Fridays at 12 pm with a craft project to follow. The take-home Craft Kit of the month is also offered to all through a collaboration with the Richfield Springs Community Center.

Art class for kids this month will be on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm. and Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm. The Teen & Adult Art Collective will be on the same days at 6 pm.



During the Art Class for Kids we create artwork which I show the kids how to do. using different media and techniques each time. The Teen & Adult Art Collective is not a class. but a group where we can work on our artwork using many different tools and supplies offered for free by the library.

We share our projects with each other and offer commentary. and techniques. If someone is looking for instruction on a project or technique I will help.

Join us for Magic the Gathering. "a collectible trading card game of fun-filled. strategic games to play with friends old and new." (<https://magic.wizards.com/en/intro>) We will be at the library playing Magic on October 5<sup>th</sup>. and 19<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm – 8 pm. the side door to the library will be open for entry at these times. not the front

The Garden club is holding a Scarecrow Contest here at the library in the garden out front. on Saturday. October 5<sup>th</sup> Set up is at 2 pm and judging starts at 3 pm if you are interested in taking part and creating a scarecrow. "Contest Criteria is as follows: All ages are welcome. a pair of scarecrows is preferred. and scarecrow height must be 6 – 7 feet. (Height does not include post) One entry per person/team (one or pair). Scarecrows must be family friendly. Cash prizes are 1<sup>st</sup> place \$75. 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$50. and 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$25. Winning Scarecrow will be on display in the herb garden through the Autumn Season!"

# 2 | Calendar

October 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Kids Art Class 3:30 pm Teen & Adult Art Collective 6 pm	2	3	4 Stories Come Alive 12 pm	5 Magic the Gathering 5 pm
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# New Items

## Adult Books

*The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness* by

Jonathan Haidt

*A Song of Ash and Moonlight* by Claire LeGrand

*Exposure* by Ava Dellair

*Bad Liar* by Tami Hoag

*Counting Miracles* by Nicholas Sparks

*A Crime of a Different Stripe* by Sally Goldenbaum

*On The Hunt* by Iris Johansen

*A Fire in the Sky* by Sophie Jordan

## Large Print Books

*A Happier Life* by Kristy Woodson Harvey

*The League of Gentlewomen Witches* by India Holton

*The Rose Arbor* by Rhys Bowen

*The Women of Crooked Creek* by MK McClintock

*Christmas in Crooked Creek* by MK McClintock

*The Trail to Crooked Creek* by MK McClintock

## Junior Books

*Dragon Girls: Mina the Lightning Dragon* by Maddy Mara  
*How To Be A Color Wizard: Forage and Experiment with Natural  
Art Making* by Jason Logan  
*Library Girl* by Polly Horvath

## Picture Books

*Cookie Time* by Jessie Sima  
*The Children's Moon* by Carmen Agra Deedy  
*Scooper and Dumper The Pumpkin Parade* by Lindsay Ward  
*Millie Fleur's Poison Garden* by Christy Mandin  
*Things That Go Bump in the Day* by Melinda Beatty  
*It's Powwow Time!* By Martha Troian  
*Mixed-Up Mooncakes* by Christina Matula and Erica Lyons

## YA Books

*When We Flew Away* by Alice Hoffman

## DVDs and Blu-Rays

*The Fabulous Four*  
*Late Night With the Devil*  
*Inside Out 2*  
*The Watchers (Blu-ray)* Based on a book!  
*The Clean Up Crew*  
*Civil War*  
*The Garfield Movie*



# 4 | Craft Kit of the Month



## *Spooky Spider!*

The take-home craft kit of the month is made available to all in collaboration with the Richfield Springs Community Center's: Stories Come Alive!

Pick up your craft kit on the shelves by the door of the Library. We would love to see your finished craft; please post a picture and tag us on Facebook @RichfieldSpringsPublicLibrary.

**Stop in and get creative!**



# 5 | Artist of the Month



## Meredith Foster

Meredith is a New York born, self-taught artist, currently residing in Schoharie County, originally from Long Island. Primary influences have been Salvador Dali, Edvard Munch and Vincent Van Gogh, as well as nature in all its forms.

Using mediums such as charcoal and acrylics, ranging from animal portraits to surrealistic darker images, has been a way to express her feelings on canvas.

In January 2012, the web page Pawprints From the Heart was created. The passing of her Great Dane Elvira resulted in the first charcoal animal portrait. This sparked such emotion in others resulting in commissioned portraits of their own animals, leading to other forms of art such as seasonal primitive décor, custom crochet, wood burning/engraving, and jewelry.

January 2014 was Meredith's first showing at G Gallery in Bellmore, NY. Later that same month was Macabre Film Festival in Rockville Center, NY, resulting in an exchanging of gifts with horror legend and artist Tom Sullivan of the Evil Dead franchise.

By summer of 2014, Pawprints From the Heart had expanded to offer wood burning, engraving, and jewelry.

March of 2015 started to offer custom crochet such as photo blankets and pillows, hats, scarves, stuffed animals, including 3-foot-long dragons, mandala capes and hooded dusters, after only learning crochet within a year due to a car accident and major back surgery in June 2014.

During the years after that, she has shown her art at many venues such as small local art shows and outdoor festivals. Quality being the motivator, every piece that is created is not just an order but is a one-of-a-kind piece and an extension of herself.



"There is still a lot to learn and there is always great stuff out there. Even mistakes can be wonderful."

~ Robin Williams

## Our Staff

**Library Manager. Director**  
Mindy Baker

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Martha Ainslie-Hamblin

*Richfield Springs Public Library*



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## Library Hours

Mondays. Wednesdays. Thursdays &  
Fridays

11 am – 5 pm

Tuesdays 11 am – 8 pm

Saturdays 10 am – 12 pm