

# Richfield Springs Public Library



*May 2024*

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*Serving our neighbors since 1910.*

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# 1 | Director's Corner

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*Mindy Baker*

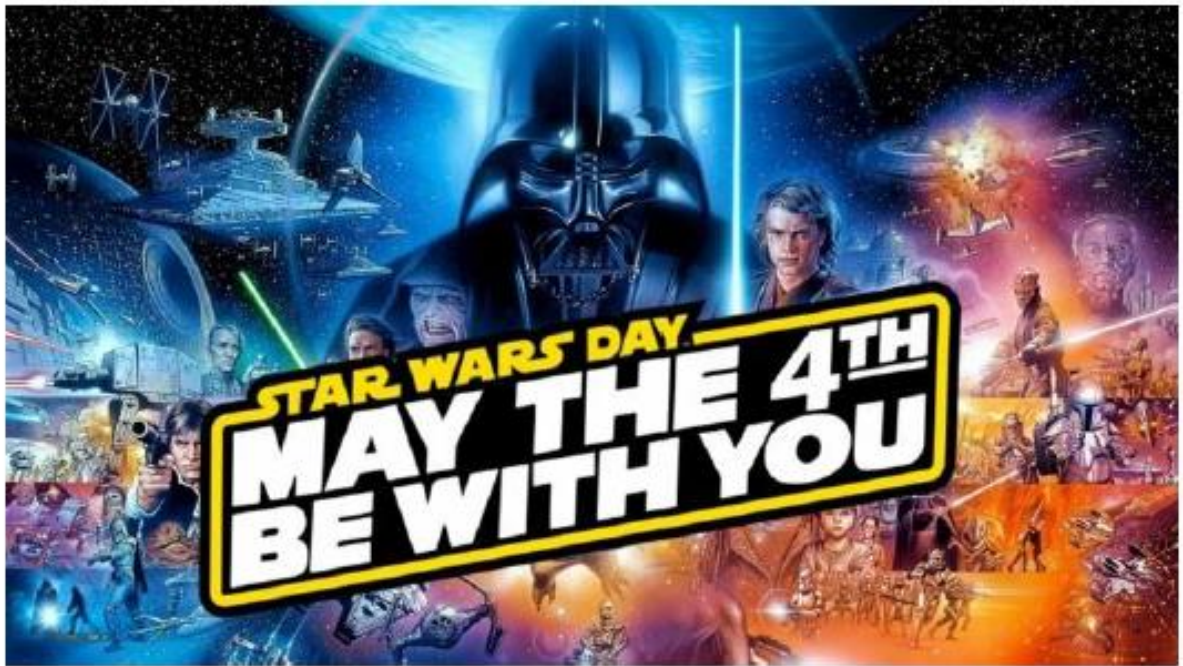
May the fourth be with you!

Welcome spring!

On May Fourth, we celebrate "May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you!" in honor of the Star Wars Universe, we will have a fun raffle taking place this month as a fundraiser for the library. Proceeds for the raffle will go towards supplies and program costs. If you are a Star Wars Fanatic like us, stop in and check out the raffle, and buy a ticket(s). Tickets are \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00. We'll be raffling off the R2-D2 garbage pail I painted for the library two years ago and filling it with some fun things. Included in the raffle of the R2D2 Garbage can, will be items received as donations and free incentives from supply companies. The raffle will be drawn on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. See all you can win with this raffle!

In honor of May the Fourth Be With You, we will also be giving out some fun goodies. We also have the Grogu library cards available if you want to change your library card or know someone who would like to sign up for a card. Remember signing up for a library card is free!

Only 1 and a half months left of school, wow, this year is moving fast. Before you know it we will be starting the Summer Reading Program. Lots of fun things to do this summer. Adventure Begins at the Library is the theme for this Summer. Stop in at the end of the month to pick up your reading records!



May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with  
You Raffle  
\$1 for one ticket or  
\$5 for 6



Dating back to the medieval times, there was once a tradition to leave baskets on the doorsteps of friends and neighbors the night before May first in celebration of May Day, welcoming in warming days and saying goodbye to the cold days of winter.

Wouldn't that be a nice tradition to bring back?

From an article in Southern Living Magazine;

### **“What To Put In A May Day Basket**

May Day baskets aren't just for children, though. A flower-filled May Day gift is the perfect way to brighten someone's day, and we're planning to gather flowers and give blooming baskets to friends and family all month long.

If you're inspired to make your own this year, you can keep it simple while still sending a clear message. Wrap a small bouquet from your garden. And you don't have to limit your basket to flowers. Add a picture, note, candy, or small trinkets your recipient would enjoy, like seeds for a gardener, herbs for a cook, or small tools for an artist. Tuck in some homemade treats the recipient is sure to enjoy, such as Homemade Turtles or a loaf of Carrot Cake Quick Bread. Make a batch of snack mix, and package it in waffle cones wrapped in paper.”

(<https://www.southernliving.com/culture/may-day-baskets>)

These suggestions are perfect for Mother's Day as well, so give them to friends and family, or Mom's/Grandmother's for Mother's Day! This month for our take home craft kit of the month, we will be making May Day baskets.

Don't forget the Kid's Art Classes on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, and May 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 pm. The Teen and Adult Art Collective will also be on May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm.

"The job now in hand was May baskets, for it was the custom of the children to hang them on the doors of their friends the night before May-day; and the girls had agreed to supply baskets if the boys would hunt for flowers."

~Louisa May Alcott, circa 1880 novel "Jack and Jill"

## Play Magic The Gathering and Dungeons & Dragons at the Library!

The library received a Dungeons & Dragons Club kit from the Wizards of the Coast Company, and we would like to start a club here at the library. We are seeking a Dungeon Master to run the campaigns!

Starting this Saturday, May 4th we will be at the library from 5 pm till 9 pm playing Magic The Gathering, and continuing every other Saturday after that; we have plenty of space for Dungeons & Dragons campaigns too.

More Magic The Gathering players are welcome too. If you have never played and are interested in joining, stop by!

Join us on Saturday, May 4th, if you would like to play Magic The Gathering or DnD.



# 2 | Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Stories Come Alive 11 am	4 May the 4 <sup>th</sup> be with you!  MTG and DnD at the Library 5 pm - 9 pm
5	6 Chair Yoga 2 pm	7 Children's Art Class 3:30 pm  Teen & Adult Art Collective 6 pm	8	9 Town of Richfield Meeting - NY Forward 4pm-7pm	10 Stories Come Alive 11 am	11
12 Happy Mother's Day	13 Chair Yoga 2 pm	14 Library Board Meeting 4 pm  Village Board Meeting 7 pm	15	16	17 Stories Come Alive 11 am	18 MTG and DnD at the Library 5 pm - 9 pm
19	20 Chair Yoga 2 pm	21 Children's Art Class 3:30 pm  Teen & Adult Art Collective 6 pm	22 Memorial Room in Use for Private Meeting 1 pm - ?	23	24 Stories Come Alive 11 am	25
26 Closed for Memorial Day	27 Village Board Meeting 7 pm	28	29	30 Sign up for the Summer Reading Program!	31 Stories Come Alive 11 am	

# 3 | New Items

## Adult Books

*Tourist Season* by Brenda Novak

*Sharpe's Command* by Bernard Cornwell

*The Reaper Follows* by Heather Graham

*Table for Two* by Amor Towles

*Rebel Rising* by Rebel Wilson

*Troublemakers: Lessons in Freedom from Young*

*Children at School* by Carla Shalaby

*The Secret Lives of Booksellers and Librarians* by

James Patterson & Matt Eversmann

*Pay Dirt* by Sara Paretsky

*To Gaze upon Wicked Gods* by Molly X. Chang

*The Poison Pen* by Paige Shelton

*The Princess of Las Vegas* by Chris Bohjalian

*Close to Death* by Anthony Horowitz

*The Royal Librarian* by Daisy Wood

*All You Need is Love: The Beatles in Their Own*

*Words* by Peter Brown & Steven Gaines

*Ghost Station* by S.A. Barnes



## Adult Books

*Toxic Prey* by John Sandford

*The Fellowship of Puzzle Makers* by Samuel Burr

*Chamber Divers: The Untold Story of D-Day*

*Scientists Who Changed Special Operations Forever*  
by Rachel Lance

*The Gathering* by C.J. Tudor

*The Familiar* by Leigh Bardugo

*What Cannot Be Said* by C.S. Harris

*Murder in Rose Hill* by Victoria Thompson

*It Had to be You* by Mary Higgins Clark & Alafair  
Burke

*Death by Chocolate* by Sarah Graves

*The Rulebreaker: The Life and Times of Barbara*  
*Walters* by Susan Page

*Extinction* by Douglas Preston

*Shakespeare: The Man Who Pays the Rent* by Judi  
Dench

*The Museum of Lost Quilts* by Jennifer Chiaverini

## DVDs and Blu-Rays

*Wednesday Season 1*

*Madame Web*

*Ferrari*

*The Color Purple*

*Lawmen Bass Reeves*

# 4 | Craft Kit of the Month

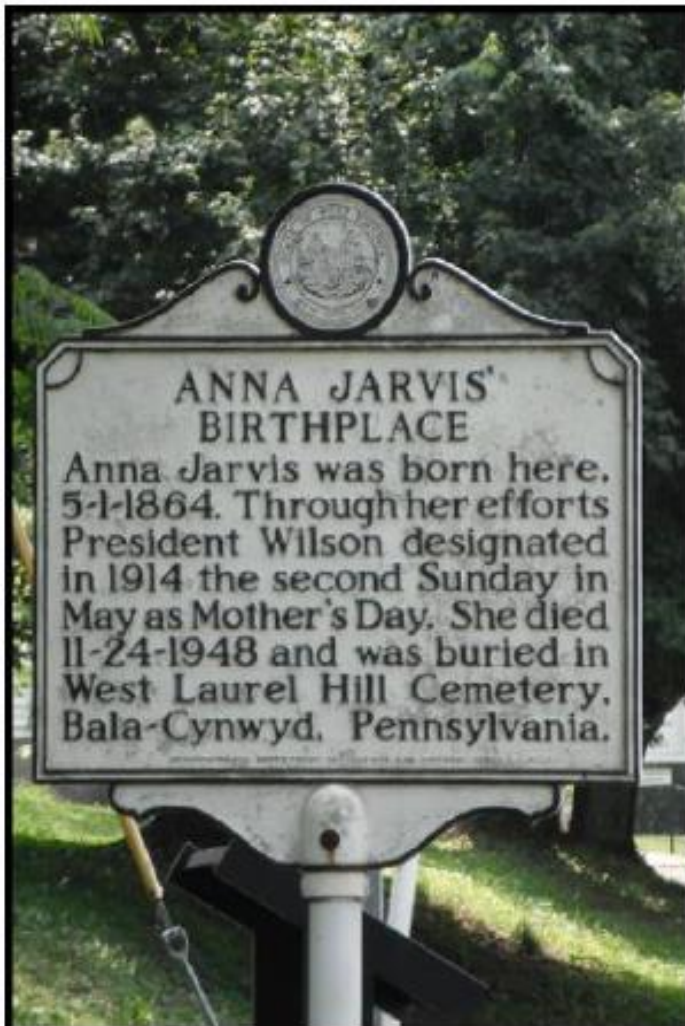


## *May Day Baskets*

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!**



Anna Jarvis campaigned to establish Mother's Day as an official holiday. The holiday was first declared officially by the state of West Virginia in 1910. Other states followed quickly. On May 8, 1914, the U.S. Congress passed a law designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day and President Woodrow Wilson signed it the next day.

"A warrior believes in an end she can't see and fights for it. A warrior never gives up. A warrior fights for those weaker than herself. It sounds like motherhood to me."  
- Kristin Hannah, "The Nightingale"

# 5 | Artist of the Month



## Karen Bray

Karen Bray has been a life long artist. Her interest in art began in the 70s when she started watching oil painting tutorials on PBS. From there, she sought to learn new methods using different to make her visions come to life. She took her first watercolor class at Herkimer County Community College with Guy Corriero. From that moment, she fell in love with the fluidity of watercolors and knew it was her next endeavor.

Karen has maintained an interest in all mediums and while she learned and practiced watercolor, she was also experimenting with oil paints and then transitioned to acrylics. The acrylics expanded her abilities in ways that oil paints and watercolors did not because they dried faster and had more versatility. It led to the beginning of her career of painting on as many mediums as possible including wood, glass ornaments, clay pots and canvases. Karen has sold over 500 glass ornaments that she has painted spanning the country from her home state of New York to California and Maine to Florida. Her ornaments have been highly sought after for holiday gift giving and have even commemorated a holiday season for a Mardi Gras group in New Orleans.

Karen has maintained her thirst for knowledge, learning techniques from other experienced artists, and has taken a few classes at Munson Williams with Annette Gurdo in acrylics. She later found a watercolor class in Cooperstown with Ralph Murray, which is what motivated her to turn her attention back to watercolors.

Karen was asked to participate in a miniature canvas show with the Cooperstown Art Association which provided her an opportunity to display her work in a more formal setting. Over the years, Karen has sold many of her painted creations. Karen has sold several of her works on canvas and has been commissioned for specific pieces with specialized subject matter. One such commissioned work included the Garden Club sign for the town, which was then displayed prominently with the other signage when entering Richfield Springs. Most recently, Karen participated in the Art Show at the West Winfield Library and has already been invited to participate again next year. Karen is delighted to have the time in her retirement to continue to explore what inspires her and to bring to life her visions. She now has the freedom to devote time nearly every day to practicing her watercolor skills to develop her abilities or to engage in other mediums that catch her attention.



Let all Americans stand proud for the red, white, and blue  
In tribute to the sacrifice of soldiers and to their families too  
When our freedom was in danger they answered the call  
Leaving their families to fight bravely, determined to give their all  
Let the names etched on stone, fill us with gratitude and pride  
And be a reminder of the men and women that fought and died  
On this Memorial Day, let us celebrate in the land of the free  
Giving thanks to those that gave that right to you and me

By Kathy Coleman Jones 22 May 2015

“As we express our  
gratitude, we must  
never forget that the  
highest appreciation  
is not to utter the  
words, but to live by  
them.”

~ John F. Kennedy

“Remember, concentrate on the moment. Feel, don't think, use your instincts.”

~ Qui-Gonn Jinn – Star Wars

## Our Staff

- Library Manager, Director  
Mindy Baker
- Library Assistant  
Martha Ainslie-Hamblin



## Library Hours

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays  
& Fridays

11 am - 5 pm

Tuesdays 11 am - 8 pm

Saturdays 10 am - 12 pm