YELLOW WIFE

Community READ!

Sadeqa Johnson
OUR VALUES

We value free and open access to the library and library services for all citizens.

We value our patrons by serving them equally, respectfully, and with a friendly attitude.

We value lifelong learning and reading for joy.

We value the privacy of our patrons.

We value our community by playing an active role in improving quality of life.

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BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2022 at 4:30 pm at the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library.

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FEATURE PRESENTATION

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Marathon Center for the Performing Arts
March 29, 2022
7:30 pm

Tickets are $10.00 each at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts ticket office, online at mcpa.org, or at the door the night of the event.
Dear Friends,

It’s time to celebrate CommunityREAD month! Each March, we encourage our community to read, share, and enjoy our CommunityREAD family of books. This year we are thrilled to return to an in-person Feature Event. I invite you to join us at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts to hear our CommunityREAD 2022 author, Sadeqa Johnson. In this newsletter you'll find more information about Ms. Johnson’s visit, our YouthREAD titles, and programs for all ages surrounding the themes of our CommunityREAD selections.

CommunityREAD would not be possible without generous community support. We are grateful to the Friends of the Library, The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation, Premier Bank, The LaRiche Family of Dealerships, and the Hancock County Convention and Visitors Bureau for continuing to sponsor CommunityREAD.

We are also grateful to the community members serving on the CommunityREAD and YouthREAD committees. These community members read, review, research, and discuss short list titles to select our CommunityREAD and YouthREAD titles each year.

We love hearing about great books! If you’ve read something you think would be a good CommunityREAD title, please let us know by emailing Joel Mantey at jmantey@findlaylibrary.org.

Please join us in celebrating CommunityREAD and read, share, and enjoy these thought-provoking titles!

Sarah Clevidence
Sarah Clevidence, Director
Findlay-Hancock County Public Library
The CommunityREAD selection for 2022 is *Yellow Wife*, by Sadeqa Johnson. The feature presentation by the author will take place on March 29, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are $10.00 each at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts ticket office, online at mcpa.org, or at the door the night of the event. She will also give a presentation at Findlay High School for students at 9:00 a.m. that morning.

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The book follows Pheby Delores Brown, who was born on a plantation in Charles City, Virginia, and has lived a relatively sheltered life. Shielded by her mother’s position as the estate’s medicine woman and cherished by the Master’s sister, she is set apart from the others on the plantation, belonging to neither world. She’d been promised freedom on her eighteenth birthday, but instead of the idyllic life she imagined with her true love, Essex Henry, Pheby is forced to leave the only home she has ever known. She unexpectedly finds herself thrust into the bowels of slavery at the infamous Devil’s Half Acre, a jail in Richmond, Virginia, where the enslaved are broken, tortured, and sold every day. There, Pheby is exposed not just to her Jailer’s cruelty but also to his contradictions. To survive, Pheby will have to outwit him, and she soon faces the ultimate sacrifice.

Sadeqa Johnson, the author and our guest speaker, is a Kimbilo Fellow, former board member of the James River Writers, and proud member of the Tall Poppy Writers. She also teaches fiction writing for the MFA program at Drexel University. Originally from Philadelphia, she currently lives near Richmond, Virginia, with her husband and three children.

YouthREAD is a program that allows young readers the opportunity to explore themes similar to those found in the CommunityREAD selection. The YouthREAD titles selected are as follows: The preschool title is *Shhh! The Baby’s Asleep* by JaNay Brown-Wood. For children in kindergarten through second grade, the book is *Saturday* by Oge Mora. Kids in grades three through five can enjoy *Ann Fights for Freedom* by Nikki Shannon Smith. *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* by Kwame Mbalia is the title chosen for grades six through eight. The book for grades nine through twelve is *Copper Sun*, by Sharon Draper.

For more information on CommunityREAD events and programs, please go to findlaylibrary.org.

Thank you sponsors!
PRESCHOOL BOOK – SHHH! THE BABY’S ASLEEP BY JANAY BROWN-WOOD

Baby is finally asleep. But everyone is much too loud! Can Mom, Daddy, Grammy, Pop Pop, Shae, Dante, Rover the dog, and even the neighbor keep quiet? Just when they think they can rest—oh no. The baby’s awake. One savvy little narrator knows just the way to make his baby sister fall back asleep: by reading her a good book! A hilarious cast of characters will keep readers laughing throughout this amusing celebration of early literacy and intergenerational family relationships.

PICTURE BOOK (GRADES K-2) – SATURDAY BY OGE MORA

In this heartfelt and universal story, a mother and daughter look forward to their special Saturday routine together every single week. But this Saturday, one thing after another goes wrong—ruining storytime, salon time, picnic time, and the puppet show they’d been looking forward to going to all week. Mom is nearing a meltdown...until her loving daughter reminds her that being together is the most important thing of all.

CHAPTER BOOK (GRADES 3-5) – ANN FIGHTS FOR FREEDOM BY NIKKI SHANNON SMITH

Twelve-year-old Ann understands there is only one thing to be grateful for as a slave: having her family together. But when the master falls into debt, he plans to sell both Ann and her younger brother to two different owners. Ann is convinced her family must run away on the Underground Railroad. Will Ann’s family survive the dangerous trip to their freedom in the North? The story is supported by a glossary, discussion questions, and nonfiction material on the Underground Railroad, making it a valuable resource for young readers.

MIDDLE-GRADE BOOK (GRADES 6-8) – TRISTAN STRONG PUNCHES A HOLE IN THE SKY BY KWAME MBALIA

Tristan Strong has lost his best friend in a tragic accident and all he has left is his friend’s notebook full of stories. He goes to his grandparent’s farm to try to heal, and a creature shows up and steals the notebook from him. Trying to get the journal out of the creature’s hands, Tristan punches the tree, accidentally ripping open a chasm into the MidPass, a volatile place. Tristan finds himself in the middle of a battle with black American folk heroes John Henry and Brer Rabbit. In order to get back home, Tristan and these new allies will need to entice the god Anansi, the Weaver, to come out of hiding and seal the hole in the sky.

TEEN BOOK (GRADES 9-12) – COPPER SUN BY SHARON M. DRAPER

Amari’s life was once perfect. Her village was suddenly invaded by slave traders, and her family brutally murdered as she was dragged away to a slave ship to be sold in the Carolinas. Now as a slave, survival is all Amari can dream about. She makes friends with a white indentured servant named Molly. Amari and Molly escape and flee South to the Spanish colony in Florida at Fort Mose. Along the way, their strength is tested, but the hope of a new life keeps them going.

More information on CommunityREAD programming at findlaylibrary.org
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING

STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am in the Lindamood Room
Join us for an in-person Storytime at the library. We will sing, rhyme, and read together. Space is limited and registration is required. Please register for each Storytime you’d like to attend at findlaylibrary.org.

BABY STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY
Wednesdays & Fridays at 9:30 am in the Lindamood Room
We will sing, rhyme, read, and have fun with scarves and bells! Please register once per household at findlaylibrary.org.

MAKERSPACE FOR HOMESCHOOLERS: PUPPETS
March 3 at 2:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
A program especially for homeschoolers! Learn how to make puppets and put on a show! Space is limited and registration is required. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration and more information at findlaylibrary.org.

MAKERSPACE: PUPPETS
March 3 at 6:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
Learn how to make puppets and put on a show! Space is limited and registration is required. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration and more information at findlaylibrary.org.

KIDS CLUB: BEYOND DIVERSITY
March 6 at 2:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
In partnership with the Borderless Relations Committee with support from On Earth Peace, Kids Club seeks to create a community of belonging by empowering kids through reading, discussion, and celebrating differences in cultures. Registration and more information at findlaylibrary.org.

FAMILY STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY
March 7 at 6:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
We will incorporate the same fun activities as our weekly Storytime, just later in the day when it’s more convenient for you. Space is limited and registration is required. Please register at findlaylibrary.org.

TWEEN NIGHT: KINDNESS CRAFTS
March 10 at 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
Make spring cards and crafts to donate to local senior citizens through the United Way of Hancock County’s Senior Cheer program. This program is for tweens in grades 2-6. Registration and more information at findlaylibrary.org.

ZOOM STORYTIME
Tuesdays at 10:30 am on Zoom starting February 8
This is a weekly live and interactive Storytime experience for children via Zoom so you can join us from home or anywhere! Registration and more information at findlaylibrary.org.

AT-HOME MAKERSPACE WINTER REPEAT
March 1, 15 & 29 at 6:00 pm on Facebook
Miss Sarah presents art, science, and engineering projects. Create something fun with supplies you can find at home. This winter, we are reposting our favorite videos on Facebook.

For any programs that require registration, go to findlaylibrary.org, click on the calendar tab, then on the program in the calendar for the registration form.
DRAWING CLUB: RAINBOW SCRATCH ART
March 17 at 6:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
Hang out with other young artists as you learn how to do rainbow scratch art. Recommended for grades 2 and up. Space is limited and registration is required. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. More information and registration is available at findlaylibrary.org.

FAMILY NIGHT: TINY ART
March 28 at 4:00 pm or 6:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
Paint a miniature masterpiece on a tiny canvas. Art may be displayed during ArtWalk on Friday, May 6. Space is limited and registration is required. Register once per household please, and households will be seated together. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Please register at findlaylibrary.org.

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Welcome to the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library

Riverside

Benton Ridge

Shhh! The Baby's Asleep
by Jeannette Winter
Illustrated by3

StoryWalk®
TEEN PROGRAMMING

TEEN TAKE & MAKE KIT: ORIGAMI
Kits include instructions on how to make origami folds, diagrams for making origami, and origami paper! Kits will be available to pick up at the Main Library in the Teen Department, as well as the Arlington Branch and Bookmobile between March 7 and March 25. While supplies last!

TEEN CAREER CHAT: LIBRARIAN
March 15 at 6:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
Teens in grades 6-12, and their parents, are invited to a librarian career chat. Find out how to become a librarian and what it’s like to be a librarian at a high school, university, and public library. Please register at findlaylibrary.org.

ADULT PROGRAMMING

TUTOR TRAINING
March 1 - 31
On YouTube
Volunteer to teach reading, writing, English, life skills, and subject areas of the High School Equivalency. Registration is required by calling 419-422-3755 or e-mailing readforlife@findlaylibrary.org.

DEMENTIA FRIENDS
March 1 at 6:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
Join us for a free one hour session led by a Dementia Friends Champion. You’ll learn what dementia is, what it may be like to live with the disease, and tips for communication with people living with dementia.

LET’S EAT RIGHT FOR NUTRITION
March 9 at 6:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
We will be looking at healthy food from the food groups, reading nutrition labels, and other nutrition related tips. Kirsten Seele, of Northwest Ohio Orthopedics, will be here to share about all things nutrition.

SPICE WORLD
March 14-19 at the Library
This month we are making sweet potato biscuits in connection with CommunityREAD. The kits will be available to pick up March 14-19. Please register at findlaylibrary.org.

MONEY MONDAY: MEDICARE BASICS
March 21 at 5:30 pm on Zoom or in the Lindamood Room
Want to know more about Medicare? Or about health insurance options for those retiring before age 65? This is a hybrid program, happening in-person and virtually on Zoom. Registration is required at findlaylibrary.org, only if you wish to attend virtually.

SOUTHERN COMFORT FOOD
March 2 at 4:30 pm in the Lindamood Room
To celebrate the CommunityREAD title, Yellow Wife by Sadeqa Johnson, this eat well/live well session will feature wellness practices and healthy recipes inspired by traditional Southern cuisine.

THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN FINDLAY
March 22 at 6:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
The Black Heritage Library and Multicultural Center will discuss the history of the Underground Railroad here in Findlay, Ohio.
CRAFTERWORK
March 30
at 6:00 pm
in the Lindamood Room
Come craft with us on the last
Wednesday of each month!
Register by calling 419-422-1737 or at findlaylibrary.org.
Adults and teens 16+ are welcome. This month’s craft is
a heart glasses case. This craft is free!

DOCUMENTARY:
LORRAINE HANSBERRY,
SIGHTED EYES,
FEELING HEART
March 24 at 5:00 PM
in the Lindamood Room
Sighted Eyes, Feeling Heart is the first-ever feature
documentary about Lorraine Hansberry, the visionary
playwright who authored the groundbreaking A Raisin in the Sun.

FICTION ADDICTION
BOOK DISCUSSION
March 7 at 2:00 pm
in the Lindamood Room
Read Yellow Wife by Sadeqa Johnson, the CommunityREAD selection, and join us for a discussion.

BOWS AND BLASTERS
SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY BOOK CLUB
March 9 at 6:00 pm
in the Blanchard Room
This month’s book is Yellow Wife by Sadeqa Johnson, this year’s CommunityREAD book. Copies are available at the Reference Desk and eBook copies are available on Libby. Join our Bows & Blasters Facebook group!

GENTLE READS
BOOK DISCUSSION
March 10 at 2:00 pm
in the Lindamood Room
Read Yellow Wife by Sadeqa Johnson, the CommunityREAD selection, and join us for a discussion.

LIT LOVERS
BOOK DISCUSSION
March 14 at 6:30 pm
in the Lindamood Room
Read Yellow Wife by Sadeqa Johnson, the CommunityREAD selection, and join us for a discussion.

50 NORTH
BOOK DISCUSSION
March 17
at 10:00 am
at 50 North
Read Yellow Wife by Sadeqa Johnson, and join us at 50 North (339 E. Melrose Ave.) for a discussion!

MONDAY AFTERNOON
BOOK GROUP
March 21
at 1:00 pm on Zoom

“...A fully immersive, intricately crafted story inspired by the pages of history... Simply enthralling.”
〜 Lisa Wingate, #1 New York Times Bestselling Author of Before We Were Yours and The Book of Lost Friends
WHAT ARE WE CHECKING OUT?

- My Love For You Is Always
  by Gillian Sze
- The Line Tender
  by Kate Allen
- The Obsidian Butterfly
  by Lani Forbes
- Legacy
  by David Bowie
- How to Bake Anything
  Gluten Free
  by Becky Excell
- Red Thread of Fate
  by Lyn Liao Butler
- The Unofficial Ancestry.com Workbook: A How-To Manual for Tracing Your Family Tree on the #1 Genealogy Website
  by Nancy Hendrickson
- Justice League

To see NEW ITEMS, go to findlaylibrary.org & click on Catalog
February Memorials & Honorariums

The Findlay-Hancock County Public Library appreciates the opportunity to be a part of a lasting tribute that will be enjoyed by the entire community. Patrons often donate to the library to purchase a book(s) as a tribute to a deceased family member, friend, or co-worker. Other patrons donate to purchase a book(s) in honor of retirements, birthdays, anniversaries, and special occasions.

Donors may suggest specific titles or subjects for memorials/honorariums or allow our professional selectors to choose appropriate items. A special bookplate will be placed in each donated book identifying the person being memorialized or honored, as well as the name of the donors. Please click here for more information or to donate, or contact us at 419-434-1480.

In Memory of: Carolyn Bish
by James & Theresa Smith

In Memory of: Carolyn Bish
by Jerry & Becky Richards

In Memory of: Carolyn Bish
by Friends at Dietsch Brothers

In Memory of: Carolyn Bish
by Friends at Dietsch Brothers (East Location)

In Memory of: William Gibson
by Literal Woman Book Club

In Memory of: Connie Kramp
by Sarah Clevidence

In Memory of: Connie Kramp
by Terry & Mary Fancher

In Memory of: Michael Romick
by FHCPL Board & Staff

In Memory of: Carolyn Bish
by Friends at Dietsch Brothers

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by James & Theresa Smith
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Does your family dread when it’s your turn to pick a movie for family movie night? 😞
Are you looking for a fabulous new book but just don’t have the time to browse the shelves? 😞
Do you search endlessly for music to drive to work to, but can’t find your groove? 😞

We can put a smile back on your face! 😊
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Read for Life 419-422-3755
Teen Services 419-434-1300

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BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

MONDAY
Arcadia 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Van Buren 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

TUESDAY
Vanlue 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Mt. Blanchard 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY
Mt. Cory 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Benton Ridge 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

THURSDAY
Jenera 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Rawson 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

SENIOR TOWERS
1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

50 NORTH
1st & 3rd Friday of each month
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM