

Merrill Public Library



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Monday 2-6 Thursday 4-7

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Brief and Disjointed History of the Library (as institution)

The first libraries consisted of archives of the earliest form of writing – the clay tablets in cuneiform script discovered in temple rooms in Sumer, some dating back to 2600 BCE. About an inch thick, tablets came in various shapes and sizes. Mud-like clay was placed in the wooden frames, and the surface was smoothed for writing and allowed to dry until damp. After being inscribed, the clay dried in the sun, or for a harder finish, was baked in a kiln. For storage, tablets could be stacked on edge, side by side, the contents described by a title written on the edge that faced out and was readily seen. The first libraries appeared five thousand years ago in Southwest Asia's Fertile Crescent, an area that ran from Mesopotamia to the Nile in Africa. Known as the cradle of civilization, the Fertile Crescent was the birthplace of writing, sometime before 3000 BCE. These archives, which mainly consisted of the records of commercial transactions or inventories, mark the end of prehistory and the start of history.

Much has changed over the past few thousand years. Libraries have changed and evolved as we humans have altered and expanded our knowledge. In the 21st Century, libraries continue to change and evolve to match new trends involving the way that patrons consume books and other media. More than ever, the 21st Century library is the digital library. By 2017, 100% of US libraries offered internet access and 90% helped with internet skills. Librarians became increasingly responsible for both physical and digital collections. A digital collection can include sources created and distributed digitally and physical documents scanned and provided in a digital format. With an increase in demand for digital resources, library systems throughout the world have expanded their outreach. Driven by ebook reading apps that categorize content based on different popular groupings, digital book clubs, digital magazines, and easy-access digital library cards for ebooks and audiobook use in libraries globally reached a record high with 326 million loans by the end of 2018.

The Merrill Public Library uses a digital system called "Bridges"; it is user friendly and opens readers up to considerable more material. It is accessible through our website. Feel free to call the library if there are any problems using "Bridges".

September Books

The Following books were ordered for September:

Adult:

A Blessing to Cherish, by Loraine Snelling

The Crow Trap: The First Vera Stanhope Mystery, by Ann Cleeves

The Cruellest Month: A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel, by Louise Penny

Darling Rose Gold, by Stephanie Wrobel

The Guilt Trip, by Sandie Jones

Bay of Sighs, By Nora Roberts

The Heron's Cry: A Detective Matthew Venn Novel, by Ann Cleeves

News of the World, by Paulette Jiles

Normal Sucks: How to Live, Learn, and Thrive, Outside the Lines, by Jonathan Mooney

Still Life: A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel, by Louise Penny

The Stone Wall, by Beverly Lewis

Telling Tales, by Ann Cleeves

The Winemakers Wife, by Kristen Harmel

Where River's Part: A Texas Gold Mystery, by Kellie Coates Gilbert

Winter's Curse, by Mary Stone

Winter's Mourn, by Mary Stone

A Woman of Fortune, by Kellie Coates Gilbert

A Fatal Grace, by Louise Penny

Juvenile:

Bea is for Blended, by Lindsey Stoddard

The Ghoul Next Door, by Cullen Bunn

Kyle's Little Sister, by Bon Hyung Jeong

It's Out of Here! The Might and Majesty of the Homerun, by Matt Doeden

Children:

Game Over, Super Rabbit Boy! a Branches Book (Press Start # 1) 1, by Thomas Flintham

Super Rabbit Boy Powers Up! a Branches Book (Press Start # 2) 2, By Thomas Flintham

Super Rabbit Racers! a Branches Book (Press Start # 3) 3, by Thomas Flintham