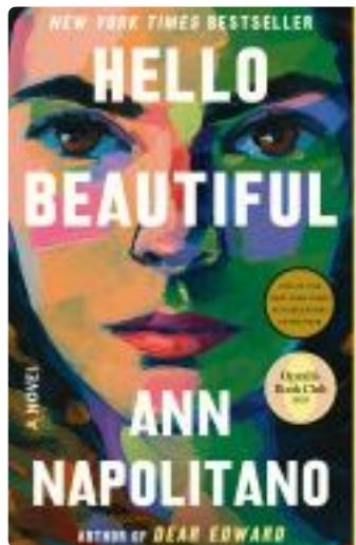


## BOOK CLUB READS

### Ann Napolitano

The Tuesday Evening Book Club has selected *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano for our March 25, 2025 Meeting.



Ann Napolitano is the bestselling author of *HELLO BEAUTIFUL*, which was selected as Oprah's 100th Book Club pick; *DEAR EDWARD*, an instant New York Times bestseller, a Read with Jenna selection, and an Apple TV+ series; *A GOOD HARD LOOK*; and *WITHIN ARM'S REACH*. For seven years, Napolitano was the associate editor of the literary magazine *One Story*, and she received an MFA from New York University. She has taught fiction writing at Brooklyn College's MFA program, New York University's School of Continuing and Professional Studies, and Gotham Writers Workshop.

Napolitano's novel, *Hello Beautiful*, was published by Dial Press in March 2023 and was an instant New York Times bestseller. The novel was published by Viking Penguin in the United Kingdom in July 2023, and currently has thirty-one international publishers. It was named one of the ten best books of the year by the Chicago Public Library, and one of the best books of the year by The New York Times, Amazon, NPR, The Washington Post, Time, Vogue, Glamour, Harper's Bazaar, The New York Post.

Vibrating with tenderness, *Hello Beautiful* is a gorgeous, profoundly moving portrait of what's possible when we choose to love someone not in spite of who they are, but because of it. "Hello Beautiful" is the greeting Charlie Padavano gives each of his daughters.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/61771675-hello-beautiful>

<https://www.bookreporter.com/authors/ann-napolitano>

## 2025 Upcoming Book Club Dates

**March 25, 2025**

**April 22, 2025**

Just a few of our members!



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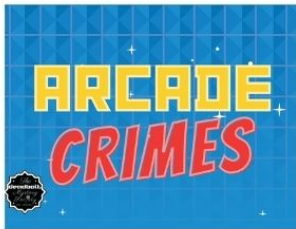
## CHILDREN'S CORNER



Call today to sign up your child for our monthly Sit! Stay! Read! program. Bring your own book or select one of ours and read to our furry friends here at the library. Next event is February 25th from 10-12:00.



Join the Junior Mystery Club Thursday, March 6 at 5:00PM, for a new set of mysteries



from Mississippi's own Deadbolt Mystery Society

### Kids Stuffed Animal Hospital



**Saturday, March 15  
10:00AM-12:00PM**

Join Dr. Zoe Dudiak, and other Veterinarians of **Bienville Animal Medical Center**, as they give your child's **favorite stuffed animal a check-up**. Stuffed animal patients will have their reflexes tested, receive inoculations, be weighed and measured for height, receive an eye exam, etc. All children attending must be joined by a parent or guardian for the event. Sign-ups for appointments are required and can be made by calling the library or approaching the circulation desk. Spaces are limited.



**FUN & FREE!**  
for 4th-6th graders

**JOIN A FUN WITH FOOD CLASS!**

DATE: **March 17, 18, & 19th | 4pm - 6pm**

LOCATION: **Ocean Springs Municipal Library**

A cook must be creative, understand math and science, and be constantly attentive to reading and writing.

**Activities:**

- Taste new foods and flavors
- Learn how food is grown on the farm
- Use math skills through measuring
- Use reading skills following recipes
- Use time management in meal preparation
- Practice food and kitchen safety
- Play games and be physically active

FOR MORE INFO:  
N & title: **Shelby E. Naron, RDN, Community Wellness Planner**  
Phone or email: **228.769.3213 | sen174@msstate.edu**

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**Children's Cooking Class March 17-19th. Ran by MS State Extension Service. (4-6th grade). Signups must be made via email (sen174@msstate.edu)**



Join us every Wednesday at 10:00 for our preK story time. This story time is for all ages from babies to elementary school aged children. We have stories, songs, flannel boards, crafts and even an occasional visitor. We look forward to seeing you there!

### LEGO CLUB NOW TWICE A MONTH!



**March 4th and March 18th  
3:30-5:00PM**



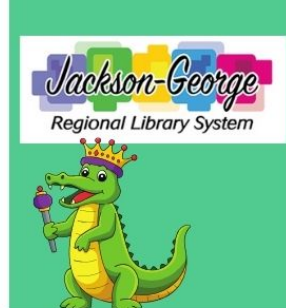
**March 19th  
5-6pm**





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## Keep on Rollin'

- All branches of JGRS will be closed for the Mardi Gras holiday on March 4th.
- Join Master Gardener Judy Harris on Saturday March 15 from 2-3 PM for Gardening 101. participants can register by signing up at the circulation desk or calling 228-875-1193.
- This month's Teatime Crafternoon will be paper making. Katie McCann will show participants how to make paper. Teatime Crafternoon is on fourth Tuesdays at 2 PM. Patrons can sign up at the circulation desk or register by calling 228-875-1193.



## Coming Soon



April 7th through April 30th the library will host Through the Lens: Copiah County Truck Farming Exhibit. These photos by Luther M. Hamilton (1869-1944), a native of Crystal Springs, feature early truck farming, farm workers with tomato and cabbage crops, and scenes of downtown Crystal Springs.

### MONTHLY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

- Watercolor Class- Second Mondays at 10 AM
- All Abilities Story Time- Third Mondays at 10:00AM
- Teatime Crafternoon - Fourth Tuesdays at 2:00PM
- Evening Book Club - Fourth Tuesdays at 5:00pm
- Bingo - Third Thursdays at 2:00 PM
- Puzzle Competition - First Saturdays
- Library Mystery Society - Second Saturdays at Noon
- Gaming Club (all ages) - Third Wednesdays at 5:00 pm





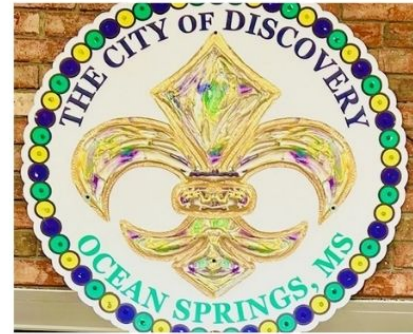
## Community Outreach

**February 3rd - Senior Memory Cafe- Valentine Edition** was held at OS Senior Citizen Center @ 515 Washington Ave., Ocean Springs, MS. We handed out some lovely sheets for all to do. We talked about our most recent Snow fall here in OS last month. Most places received at least 8 inches of snow or more. The Seniors talked of the last big snow storm over 30 years ago here in OS, which was in March, 1993. We also went down memory lane of Beatle Mania which heavily incorporated the theme of **Love** in their music.

**February 18th - Ocean Springs Area Council** - Tentative school plans update with Superintendent Michael Lindsey @ 2320 Government St., OS.

**February 27th- Mary C O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center Partner's Meeting-** located @1600 Government St, OS, (228) 875-6732 from 5:30p-7p.

Last Month we featured **THE CANDY COTTAGE** located @ 702 Washington Ave., OS, # 228-875-8268 & **FRENCH KISS PASTRIES** located @910 A Washington Ave. OS, #228-2151160. Our neighborhood is so sweet! Visit Us while we are out and about at different locations.



## Important Dates and Information

**Mar.13- 11:30am - Friends of the Library Meeting** in Meeting room @ Ocean Springs Library. Upcoming Meeting Dates: **Apr. 10, May 8, Jun.12, Jul. 10, 2025.** Would you like to become a Friend? Ask the front desk for details.

**Senior Memory Cafe** - Mar. 3, 2025 Mardi Gras Edition will be held at OS Senior Citizen Center, 515 Washington Avenue, Ocean Springs, MS. Visit Us as the '25 **King & Queen** Reign over this season as we "*Laissez, Les Bons Temp Rouler!*" ("**LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!**")



## OUTREACH / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are your business would like to partner up /collaborate with us for any event you can contact our OS Manager J. Thompson, OSMGR@JGRS.ORG. You can stop by The Ocean Springs Municipal Library or call 228-875-1193. Follow us on our Facebook page: Ocean Springs Municipal Library or Website JGRS.org. We are looking for Volunteers at the library. If you are interested & would like to help Us at the library come by or call for more information.



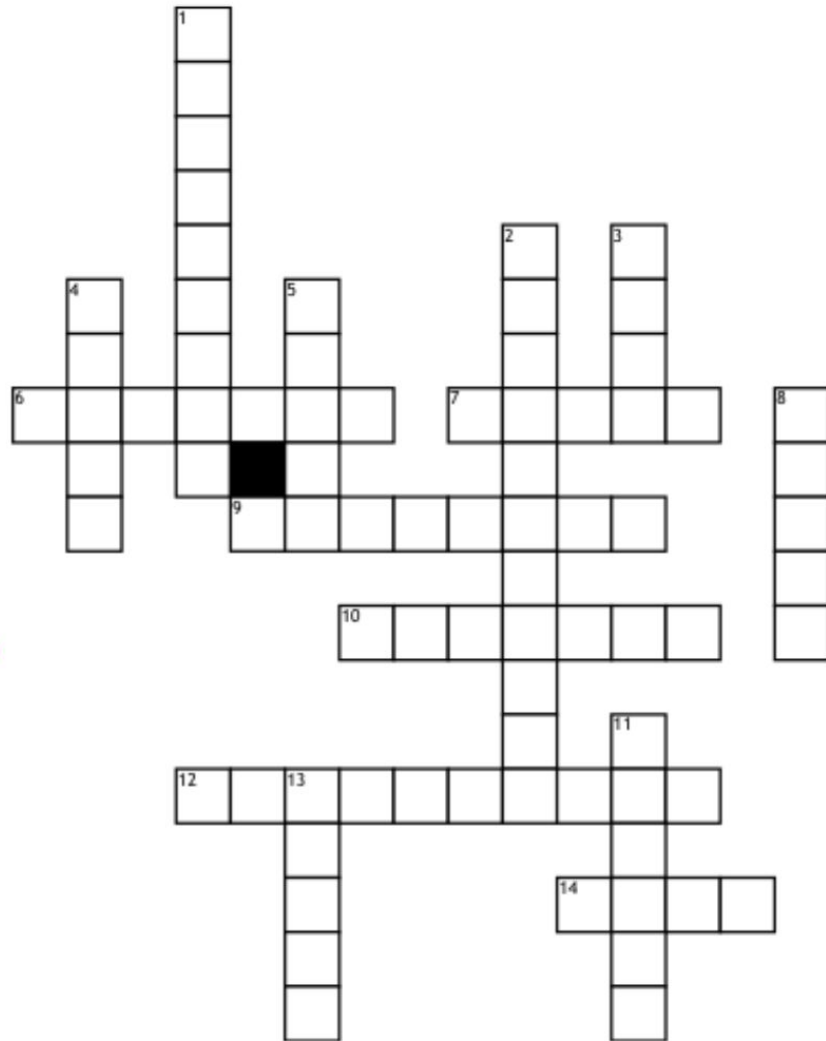
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## A BIT OF FUN



### Across

6. Saint Patrick was the patron saint of which country?

7. Saint Patrick banished this reptile from Ireland

9. A "fake" "Stone"

10. Stone that is good luck to kiss in Ireland

12. If you catch one, they have to give you all their gold

14. The original color of Saint Patrick's Day

### Down

1. Hope to find this at the end of a rainbow

2. Phrase that means "Ireland forever"

3. 4 leaf clover brings good

4. Month Saint Patrick's Day is in

5. If you don't wear green people can do this to you

8. You can be this nationality for a day on March 17th

11. Capitol of Ireland

13. Irish nickname for Patrick



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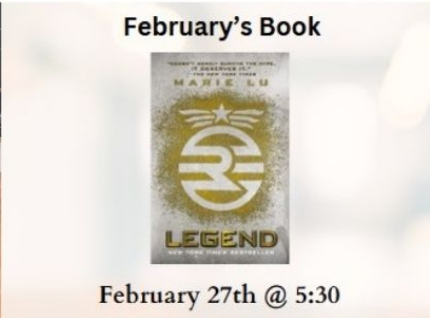
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## FOR YOUNG ADULTS

### First Teen Book Club!

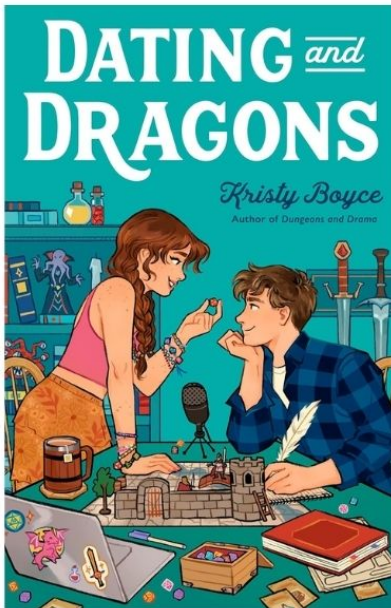
Twenty-four teens came to our first book club at Snow & Boba on January 31st! The next club meeting at Snow & Boba will be Thursday, 2-27 @ 5:30PM



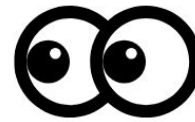
### Tween/Teen Drawing

Every Other Wednesday | 4:00-6:00 PM  
Ages 10-18

Activities: Drawing, Arcade Games, Snacks, Music



### New Book Look



**Dating and Dragons** (*Dungeons and Drama #2*) by Kristy Boyce

"Like book 1 - Cuteness overload. This did have a bit 'more' to it and I really appreciated it." - Noi, goodreads.com review

"This is **a feel good, wholesome romance** that had me smiling and swooning. I really liked the characters in this one and they felt true to their age. I like that Quinn's grandma was trying to play sly matchmaker and making convenient excuses to run into Logan. I am a gamer, but have never played D&D although I know the general idea. **I think this book explains the nature of D&D without making it overshadow the rest of the story.** Overall I was really impressed with this book and it's a cozy, sweet story that is great for all ages." - ReneeReads, goodreads.com review

#romance #contemporary #gaming

### For You!

**Volunteer** - Need service hours for school? Want to do something at the library? Ask us about volunteering!

**Drawing Club** - March 12 & 26 - Bring your favorite drawing supplies and enjoy an evening with friends!

**Teen Book Club** - March 27th at 5:30 @ Snow & Boba (in the same shopping center as Rouses).