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# THE OCEAN SPRINGS MUNICIPAL LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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## **SUMMER'S ALMOST HERE AT THE OS LIBRARY!**

It's May, and we're busy preparing for our annual Summer events here at your local library! But we've still got quite a few things happening this month:

- On **Saturday, May 10th** from **2:30 to 3:30pm** Join instructor Kacie Marvin as she teaches the basics of computer coding with blockchain and giving an understanding of binary code for children. **Registration is required** and can be made by calling the library at **228-875-1193** or approaching the library circulation desk.
- On **Monday, May 26th**, the OS Library and all JGRLS library branches will be closed in observance of **Memorial Day**. We will re-open the next day.

## **COMING SOON**



**COLOR OUR WORLD**  
**SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM 2025**

Join us **Saturday May 31st** from **10AM to 2 PM** at the Ocean Springs Civic Center, 3730 Bienville Blvd. in Ocean Springs for our JGRLS **Summer Library Program Kick-off party**. There will be live music, food trucks, foam fun, and games and prizes.

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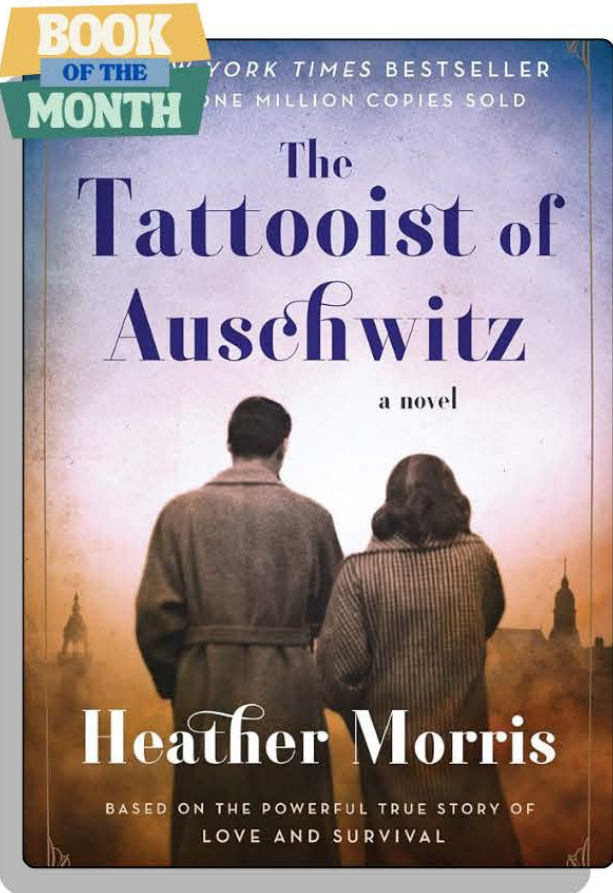
## **MONTHLY EVENTS FOR ADULTS**

- **Watercolor Class**- Second Mondays at 10am
- **All Abilities Story Time**- Third Mondays at 10am
- **Teatime Crafternoon**- Fourth Tuesdays at 2pm
- **Evening Book Club**- Fourth Tuesdays at 5pm
- **Gaming Club (All Ages)**- Third Wednesdays at 5pm
- **Monthly Bingo**- Third Thursdays at 2pm
- **Puzzle Competition**- First Saturdays at 10am
- **Library Mystery Society**- Second Saturdays at 12pm





# BOOK CLUB READS



## THE TATTOOIST OF AUSCHWITZ by Heather Morris

**AN UNFORGETTABLE LOVE STORY IN THE MIDST OF ATROCITY.**

In April 1942, Lale Sokolov, a Slovakian Jew, is forcibly transported to the concentration camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau. When his captors discover that he speaks several languages, he is put to work as a *Tätowierer* (the German word for tattooist), tasked with permanently marking his fellow prisoners. Imprisoned for over two and a half years, Lale witnesses horrific atrocities and barbarism—but also incredible acts of bravery and compassion. Risking his own life, he uses his privileged position to exchange jewels and money from murdered Jews for food to keep his fellow prisoners alive. One day in July 1942, Lale, prisoner 32407, comforts a trembling young woman waiting in line to have the number 34902 tattooed onto her arm. Her name is Gita, and in that first encounter, Lale vows to somehow survive the camp and marry her.

[HTTPS://WWW.GOODREADS.COM/BOOK/SHOW/38359036-THE-TATTOOIST-OF-AUSCHWITZ](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/38359036-the-tattooist-of-auschwitz)

## OUR NEXT BOOK:

### *Recipes for Love and Murder*

by Sally Andrew

## Upcoming Book Club Dates

**May 27th, 2025**

**June 24th, 2025**



**Just a few of our members!**



# 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 :**  
**May 24th 10-12pm**



Summer Library Program is fast approaching! Our library will have programs for all ages.

Pre-registration for pre-K and Elementary aged children will begin on Monday, June 2nd. Come by and get registered and find out what awaits you at the OS Library this summer!



**Third Wed.**  
**Every Month!**  
**5-6pm**

**LEGO CLUB**  
**NOW TWICE A MONTH!**



**May 6th and 20th**  
**3:30-5:00PM**



**Join us every**  
**Wednesday at 10am**  
**for Pre-K Storytime.**

This story time is for all ages from babies to elementary school aged children. We have stories, songs, flannel boards, and crafts. We look forward to seeing you there!



**Lap-sit Storytime**  
This story time is babies up to toddlers. Join us on **Tuesdays at 11am** for songs, finger play and board books.



## Community Outreach

**April 5 – Fresh Market OS** (1000 Washington Ave.) – The Friends of the OS Library had their monthly book sale and are also selling OS Library mascot **Dinosaur Bob T-Shirts**. Prices are listed at **\$25(Kids SM-Adult XL)** and **\$28(2X-3X)**. Pre-Order is available. Please ask the front desk or call for details.

**April 7 – Senior Memory Cafe** (515 Washington Ave.) – **Easter Edition** was held at the Senior Center. We talked about the history of Easter & different traditions on Easter holiday. We presented a plaque celebrating the partnership we have with the Senior Center over the years, which was accepted by all the Seniors who visited that day. Here's to many more years with the Senior Center!

**April 17 – Health Fair & Fruit Mart** (512 Washington Ave.) – The library gave out healthy fruit (provided by the Friends) to all Seniors who attended, overviewed resources available at the library, and took time to answer any questions they had.

**April 19 – Earth Day@ The Mary C. Center** (1600 Government St.) – The OS Library partnered with the Mary C O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center for an event celebrating Earth Day featuring fun activities for all ages, live music, and food!



## IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

**May 5th – Senior Memory Cafe @ 9:30am** – **Cinco de Mayo/ Mother's Day**

Edition will be held at the **Senior Center**, 515 Washington Ave. Come enjoy the fun as we talk of the past & enjoy the present moments.

**May 8th – Friends of the Library Meeting @11:30am** – Will be held in the Meeting Room at the OS Library. Upcoming Meeting Dates: **June 12th, July 10th, & Aug.**

**14th.** Would you like to become a Friend of OS Library? Ask the front desk for more details.

**Clary & Sage Apothecary** – C&S owner Brandi St. Cyr recently opened their new location **here in OS @ 1010 B Porter Ave**. She will host a number of classes at the shop & The Mary C. Center. C&S also hosted Trivia Night at Lafitte's on Porter Ave. Hope you get a chance to have fun & win magical prizes!

**Call or Text 228-623-5232, or Check out her Facebook page** for more details.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES/EXHIBITS

Summer is almost here, so **Summer Library Reading Program** is around the corner! Would you like to Volunteer for our Summer events? Our **Summer Kick-off Party** will be held on **May 31st @ the OS Civic Center**. If you would like to volunteer contact the front desk. Do you have a collection or any interesting hobby? Tell us or email our Manager, J. Thompson at [osmgr@jgrls.org](mailto:osmgr@jgrls.org), if you would like to show it off.



# A BIT OF FUN

## MAY TRIVIA

1. The Empire State Building first opened on May \_\_\_\_, 1931.
2. How many days are in May?
3. The Golden Gate Bridge opened in San Francisco on May 27 of what year?
4. What holiday occurs on the last Monday of May?
5. If you were born in May, what is your birthstone?
6. What do we call May the 4th?
7. Mother's Day falls on the 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ of the month.
8. On May 14th, 1804, what famous pair of explorers began their journey up the Missouri River?
9. What two zodiac signs are associated with the month of May?
10. What is a nickname for the full moon in May?

1. 1st 2. 31 3. 1937 4. Memorial Day 5. Emerald 6. Star Wars Day 7. Sunday 8. Lewis & Clark 9. Taurus and Gemini 10. Flower Moon



## FOR YOUNG ADULTS

### Teen Book Club!

Join us for Teen Book Club at Snow & Boba on **Thursday, May 29th @ 5:30pm**. It is located at the Parkside Square Plaza across from the Ocean Springs Hospital.



**Tween/Teen Drawing**

Arcade Games Snacks

Drawing Music

1st and 3rd Wed.  
4:00-6:00 PM  
Ages 10-18

This past month's book was **Scythe** by Neal Shusterman



## New Book Look!

### NEEDY LITTLE THINGS

by Channelle Desamours

**In this debut speculative YA mystery, a Black teen with premonition-like powers must solve her friend's disappearance before she finds herself in the same danger.**

Sariyah Lee Bryant can hear what people need—tangible things, like a pencil, a hair tie, a phone charger—an ability only her family and her best friend, Malcolm, know the truth about. But when she fulfills a need for her friend Deja who vanishes shortly after, Sariyah is left wondering if her ability is more curse than gift. This isn't the first time one of her friends has landed on the missing persons list, and she's determined not to let her become yet another forgotten Black girl.

**#young-adult #magical-realism #mental-health**

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/211004954-needy-little-things>

### For You!

**Volunteer** - Need service hours for school? **Teen Volunteers needed for the Summer Library Kick-off Party!**

**Drawing Club** - May 7th & 21st - Bring your favorite drawing supplies and enjoy an evening with friends!

**Teen Book Club** - May 29th at Snow & Boba in Parkside Square Plaza (Same shopping center as Rouses).