

**Shakespeare Saved My Life: Ten Years in Solitary with the Bard**

By Laura Bates (Sourcebooks) \$15.99

A female professor, a super-maximum-security prisoner, and how Shakespeare saved them both: a testament to the transforming power of literature. Just as Larry Newton, one of the most notorious inmates at Indiana Federal Prison, was trying to break out of jail, Laura Bates was trying to break in. Now, a decade later, her Shakespeare in Shackles program has been lauded by academics and prison communities alike. But it's not just the prisoners who are transformed.

**A Mind Unraveled: A Memoir**

By Kurt Eichenwald (Ballantine Books) \$28

The compelling story of an acclaimed journalist and bestselling author's ongoing struggle with epilepsy—his tor-

tuous decision to keep his condition a secret to avoid discrimination, and his ensuing decades-long battle to not only survive, but to thrive. Ultimately, this is an inspirational story, one that chronicles how Eichenwald transformed trauma into a guide for reaching the future he desired.

**Alone on the Wall (Expanded)**

By Alex Honnold with David Roberts (W. W. Norton &amp; Company) \$16.95

This expanded edition includes two new chapters on Alex Honnold's free solo ascent of the iconic 3,000-foot El Capitan in Yosemite National Park. In 2017 Honnold became the first person to free solo El Capitan—to scale the wall without rope, a partner, or any protective gear. Alone on the Wall recounts his most astonishing achievements of his extraordinary life and career, brimming with lessons on living fearlessly,

taking risks, and maintaining focus even in the face of extreme danger.

**Way Out There: Adventures of a Wilderness Trekker**

By J. Robert Harris (Mountaineers Books) \$18.95

Harris, a distinguished member of The Explorers Club, shares seven decades of surprising adventures. His travels have taken him from the Arctic to the Andes, through mountain ranges across North America and Europe, into Tasmania, and across Australia's outback. By turns funny, suspenseful, and uplifting, his stories reveal how he has been immeasurably enriched by the beauty, the wildness, even the unpredictability, of a life "way out there." The foreword is by the late Dr. Roscoe C. Brown Jr., one of the famed Tuskegee Airmen fighter pilots during World War II.

**Happiness: A Memoir: The Crooked Little Road to Semi-Ever After**

By Heather Harpham (Picador USA) \$18

A Reese Witherspoon Book Club pick, this moving memoir follows a family after the birth of a daughter whose health and life are on the line. Happiness radiates in many directions—new, romantic love; gratitude for a beautiful, inscrutable world; deep, abiding friendship; the passion a parent has for a child; and the many unlikely ways to build a family. Ultimately, it's a story about love and happiness, in their many crooked configurations.

Until next month, happy reading.

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## February Library Events

## Enjoy Valentine crafts and discussions at the library

By Harriet Halbig

Come to the library during February for Valentine activities and continuing discussion groups. Join us for the 2019 Winter Adult Reading Program continuing until March 13. Read books and attend library activities to earn prizes!

**Children's programs**

Regularly occurring children's programs include *Story Time* at 10:30 and 11:15 each Tuesday for children 3 and up, *Toddler Time* for 1- and 2-year-olds with an adult on Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:30, *Book Break* (a short read-aloud session) on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:30, and *Paws to Read* (children reading to dogs) on Monday and Wednesday from 4 to 5.

Saturday, Feb. 9 from 10:30 to 11:30 come to the library to make candy with pretzels. Just in time for Valentine's Day, we will be making candy-coated pretzels. Please register by emailing [syates@ppld.org](mailto:syates@ppld.org).

Come to the library on Monday, Feb. 11 from 1:30 to 2:30 for Madi Ort's *Unique Pets*. Madi will introduce her pet rats, lizards, snakes, and tarantula and explain where they live, what they eat, and efforts to conserve them in the wild. This program is designed for homeschoolers, but preschoolers are also welcome.

On Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 4 to 5 there will be a program to make felt-laced Valentines.

**Family programs**

*Coloring for Everyone* will be held from 4 to 5:30 on Friday, Feb. 8. We will make color-themed coloring sheets. Colored pencils, markers, and gel pens are provided, and you are welcome to bring your own as well. Drop in and stay as long as you like!

*All Ages Knitting* meets each Wednesday from 3 to 5 in the study room. Practice supplies are provided or you may bring your own project.

*Lego Build* will meet from 10 to 11:30 on Saturday, Feb. 16. All ages are welcome to create with our bins of Legos.

**Teen and Tween programs**

The Monument Library Teen Advisory Board meets at 2 on the first Saturday of each month. Teens can earn volunteer hours for creating programs and decorating the teen area of the library.

Is math a challenge for you? Come to the library on Mondays from 3:30 to 7 to meet with experienced adult tutors free of charge. No appointment is necessary. *AfterMath* is offered on the D-38 schedule and will not be available on Presidents' Day, Feb. 18.

The *Paper Tiger Origami Club* is

open to teens and adults of all skill levels and will meet from 4:30 to 5:30 on Friday, Feb. 15. We learn two new designs each month. Registration is suggested but not required.

The *Monument Teen Creative Writing Group* will meet in the study room on Monday, Feb. 5 from 6 to 7:30. This writing group is open to ages 12 to 18 and offers the chance to meet with fellow writers, discuss ideas, do writing exercises, and enjoy snacks.

The monthly teen arts and crafts program will be from 4 to 5:30 on Thursday, Feb. 27. We do a different craft each month. Call the library at 488-2370 or watch for flyers for details on this month's offering.

**Adult programs**

Regularly occurring adult programs include *Socrates Café* discussion group on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 and *Senior Chats* on Wednesdays from 10 to noon. No registration is required for these groups. Free beginner yoga classes are offered each Thursday from noon to 1. See above for descriptions of *Coloring for Everyone*, *All Ages Knitting*, and *Paper Tiger Origami Club*.

The *Life Circles* writing group meets from 9:30 to 11:30 on the first and third Mondays of the month. This group writes memories of life experiences.

Colorado Springs author and fiber artist Mary Madison will tell stories of plantation slave weavers and textile artists, including a slide program and former slave oral histories. Copies of her book, *Plantation Slave Weavers Remember*, will be available for sale. The program will be from 2 to 3 on Friday, Feb. 15. No registration is necessary.

The *Monumental Bookworms* book club will meet from 7 to 8:30 on Tuesday, Feb. 12 to discuss *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles. This group, sponsored by the Tri-Lakes Friends of the Library, is open to all patrons.

The *Second Thursday Craft* for February is Book Spine Bookmarks and Book Page Greeting Cards. Join us each month for a new craft. This is the perfect craft for book lovers and uses old book pages. This class counts as an activity for the *Winter Adult Reading Program*. Registration is required and all materials are provided. Registration opens two weeks before craft day, which is Thursday, Feb. 14, from 2 to 4.

The *Monumental Readers* will meet from 10 to noon on Friday, Feb. 15 to discuss *Radical Survivor* by Dr. Nancy Saltzman. All are welcome to attend and no registration is needed.

The library is offering a *Medicare 101* class on Wednesday, Feb. 20 from

5:30 to 7:30. This class will teach you how Medicare and private insurance can help you through your or your parents' later years. The program is presented by the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments and covers Medicare A, B, and options such as supplemental insurance. Registration is required.

The *History Buffs* discussion group will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 on Wednesday, Feb. 27. This year's discussions are about the Age of Discovery. No registration required.

The *Monument Library Spinning Group* will meet from 1:30 to 3:45 on

Friday, Feb. 28.

**Palmer Lake Library Events**

*Family Story Time* at Palmer Lake is each Wednesday at 10:30. *Toddler Time* is on Fridays at 10:30.

The *Palmer Lake Book Group* meets at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month. Please call 481-2487 for the current selection.

Susan Permut, volunteer naturalist at Castlewood Canyon State Park, will make a presentation called *Skins and Skulls* on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 10:30. She will bring skins and skulls from animals of the eastern plains of Colorado and

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