



Quincy Public Library

Sept./Oct. 2024

Discovery Guide

A dark purple background with a white constellation pattern of stars and connecting lines, resembling a star map.

BIG READ 2024.

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AND EASY



September is

Library Card Sign Up Month

Explore everything your library card gives you during this month-long celebration:

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- ▷ 24/7 online access to e-books, audiobooks, movies, magazines, comics, and more!
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- ▷ Internet access, Wi-Fi, and computers
- ▷ Online programming, databases, and research materials
- ▷ Expert reading recommendations
- ▷ And much more!



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WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A LIBRARY CARD?

Explore everything your library card gives you!



Learn something new 24/7

Online classes and research materials ready when you are

Borrow instead of buy

Save money on your favorite books, movies, and media

Entertain your kids -- or yourself!

Sign-up for fun activities and educational programming for all ages



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE...



BANNED BOOKS WEEK Sept. 22-28, 2024

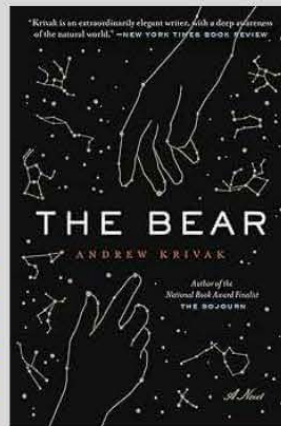
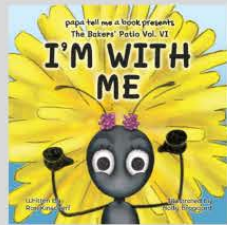


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BIG READ 2024

READ WITH US!

NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.



9/19 - 10/26

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Big Read: *The Bear* by Andrew Krivak

The Bear, National Book Award finalist Andrew Krivak's third novel, is a "beautiful and elegant ... gem" (Publishers Weekly) that explores a world at the end of humanity. The last two humans on Earth—a father and daughter—live off the land at the foot of a mountain, learning to live alongside the rhythms of a world reclaimed by nature. Then one day, the girl is alone: left only with the lessons her father taught her and the companionship of the vast wilderness. "Krivak folds the deep past and the far future into a remarkable fable about our inheritance as humanity makes a harmonic return to the spirit and animal worlds,"

writes Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, Adam Johnson. Krivak's descriptions are "so loving and vivid that you can feel the lake water and smell the sea" (Slate). "This tender story is endowed with such fullness of meaning that you have to assign this short, touching book its own category: the post-apocalypse utopia" (Wall Street Journal).

Little Read: *I'm With Me* by Ron Kinscherf

The colony is startled when Allison Ant travels to the edge of the Bakers' Patio to wait for a friend. Many make efforts to convince Allison to head back but all fail. Queen Antasia decides to find Allison and join her as she waits for her special friend to arrive.

WHAT IS THE NEA BIG READ?

The NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) designed to encourage communities to come together and read a single book. The program provides grants to nonprofit organizations, libraries, and schools, which then select a book from a provided list of titles and organize events around it. These events typically include book discussions, author readings, and various activities related to the themes of the book, all aimed at fostering a love of reading and a sense of community.

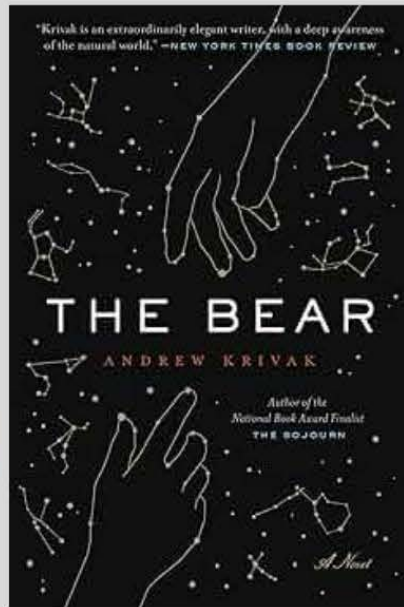


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BIG READ 2024

Big Read Kickoff with Andrew Krivak

Come to the Washington Park Square to meet with our Big Read partners, get your free copy of *The Bear*, and meet Andrew Krivak to get your book autographed.



September 19
6 pm - 8 pm

To register, scan the QR code →



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FOR ADULTS

Crop Swap!

DIY | September 7 | 10AM - 12PM
If you've grown something so well that you now have more than you need, bring it to trade for something new! Don't forget to bring your own tote bag or box to carry home your new finds! Any leftover items will be donated to a local food pantry.

"Our Community In Art" Opening Night and Awards Ceremony

Big Read | September 20 | 7PM - 8PM
Our local artists worked in a creative fury for months, developing art based on Quincy's beautiful natural landscapes. Join us at The Art Center for the culmination of their efforts as we award the first, second, and third place winners in the 'Our Community in Art' contest. Walk through the gallery and enjoy Quincy's natural spaces through the artists' lenses!



Healing with Nature and Art

Big Read | October 3 | 6PM - 7:30PM

Discover the healing power of nature through Ecotherapy at QPL. Join us to hear Kate Hafflower, LCPC and Certified Ecotherapist with expertise in creative arts therapies. She'll discuss how nature and creative arts can offer powerful healing benefits.



Star Party in the Park!

Big Read | October 9 | 7:30PM - 9:30PM
In the 2024 Big Read selection, *The Bear*, Andrew Krivak talks about many constellations. Are you interested in learning more about stars and constellations in general, as well as the ones mentioned in the book? Join QPL at the Quincy Park District Star Party at Moorman Park! Enjoy learning about constellations, stars, and telescopes while having refreshments under the night sky as we share our love of the stars!



Adult Creative Writing Workshop

Big Read | October 17 | 6PM - 7:30PM
Did you know nature has inspired many writers? Want to try creative writing but don't know where to start? Join us at QPL during the 2024 Big Read to learn the basics from a seasoned QU professor. Write about your experiences in Quincy's natural spaces, nature, or anything else that inspires you!



Nature Art Class with The Budding Artist

Big Read | October 19 | 1PM - 3PM
Join us at QPL to celebrate the nature themes in the 2024 Big Read selection, *The Bear* by Andrew Krivak. Sometimes one finds art in nature, sometimes one finds nature in art, and sometimes one puts nature into art! New to art? Learn how to incorporate nature into art under the tutelage of The Budding Artist. Space and supplies are limited. Register now!



BOOK CLUBS & DISCUSSIONS

Book Clubs

Bookies Book Club

Wednesday | 1 - 2:30 pm

The Personal Librarian September 4
The Bear October 2

Banned Book Club

Tuesday | 6:30 - 7:45 pm

To Kill a Mockingbird September 24
The Bear October 22

Unshelved Book Club

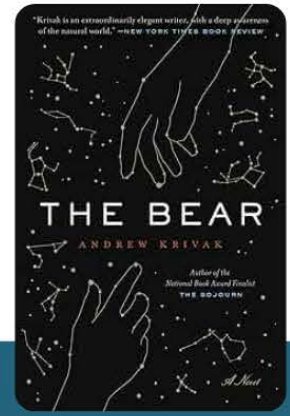
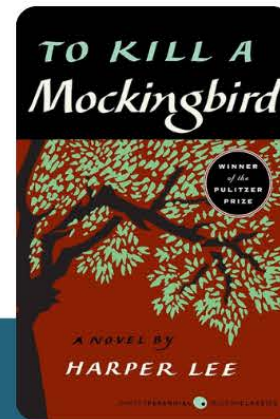
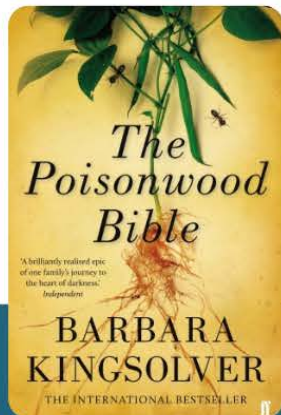
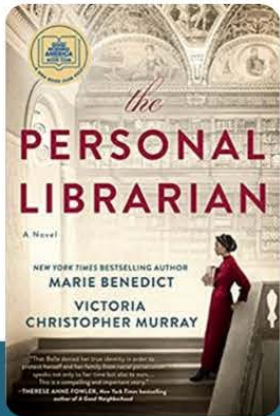
Wednesday | 1 - 2 pm

Moorewood Family Rules September 11
The Bear October 9

Renaissance Readers

Tuesday | 10am - 11:30 am

The Poisonwood Bible September 10
The Bear October 8



Discussion Groups

Socrates Cafe
10 am - 12 pm

Sept. 13: Immigration
Oct. 11: Your
Personality and Others

Candid Conversations
10 am - 12 pm

September 28
October 26

Check our
calendar to
register!



FOR TEENS

Teen Takeover | 3:00pm - 5:00pm Every Tuesday & Thursday

Ages 13 - 18

It's Teen Time! Snacks, crafts, games, and more!

Finally, some place you can escape to after school without younger siblings getting in your way.

Need a ride? Ask your adult to contact QPS transportation to make the library your stop!

Trust but Verify: Navigating the Media September 10 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Fake News. Alternative Facts. TikTok.

Everybody has their own interpretation of The Truth. What are some strategies that we can use to sift through all the noise to make decisions for ourselves? Does it even matter?

Join Nora Baldner, Assistant Professor of Communication at Quincy University, as she shares ways to help you feel a little more in control of the information you consume.

Let's Taco 'Bout Books: Teen Book Club

Sept. 13 & Oct. 11 | 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Reading a book? Let's Taco 'Bout It! Open discussion of whatever you are reading right now, no themes or required reading here. Eat a taco and find your next favorite book or maybe someone to do some buddy reading. You never know what will happen over a salsa packet.

"It's okay to fall apart. Tacos fall apart, and we still love them."



Argyle Lake State Park 101 September 21 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Want to get away? But you don't want to go too far. Say "Hello!" to Argyle Lake State Park. It's only an hour away, over by Macomb.

Find out more about everything the park has to offer, including what wildlife you might be able to see on your visit. Park Naturalist, Bridget Hinchee, will be on hand to answer all your questions like, "I can canoe, can you canoe?"

Big Read Survival Challenge for Teens October 12 | 1:00pm - 2:30pm

May the odds be ever in your favor!

Do you know which berries are edible and which are poisonous? Can you read a map to get yourself out of the woods? Maybe you know First Aid! Test your camouflage skills against others in a team survival challenge!

Our advice? Stay alive. 😊

Who Am I? Creative Writing to Build (D&D) Character

October 22 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Creative writing and tabletop games might not sound like a natural fit, but you'd be surprised. If you have to come up with your own character, how do you do it? Do you start with a name or a weapon? Does any character in D&D have parents?! Maybe you lead the group and want to learn better techniques for crafting elements of your story, that's creative writing too!

Find the answer to these questions and more as you start on your TTRPG creative writing adventure!

(There will probably be dice involved because...reasons)

KIDS & FAMILIES

To register for these great children's events, scan the QR Code.



Toddler Time

Storytime that is best for ages 16 - 36 months.

Tuesdays @ 10am

*No Toddler Time on September 3 & October 8

Baby Time

Storytime that is best for birth - 16 months.

Every Wednesday @ 10:30am.

Preschool Time

Storytime that is best for ages 3+.

Thursdays @ 10am.

*No Preschool Time on September 5 & October 10

Playdate

Playdate is best for ages 6 and under. 10am every Friday.

*No Playdate October 25

Monday Funday

Fun, family night perfect for 6 years and under. Every Monday @ 6pm.

*No Monday Funday September 2 & October 7

Lego Club

In-person | Lego Club is designed for ages 6 - 12. Every Wednesday from 3:30 - 5pm.

Minecraft Club

This is an unstructured program for children to relax after school and play Minecraft with friends using the library's iPads.



This program is for children ages 7-12 years. Every Tuesday @ 3:30 PM. QPL devices are limited; participants are welcome to bring personal devices.

Puppet Shows

Sleeping Beauty

September 3: 10am

September 5: 10am

September 7: 10am

A Whiz of a Wiz

October 7: 6pm

October 8: 10am

October 10: 10am

October 12: 10am



Haunted House Craft

October 17 | 6:00pm - 6:45pm

Transform a wooden house into a haunted house to add a little Halloween flair to your room! This craft program is designed for children ages 7 and up, with adult support for younger children. All QPL programs are free and open to the public, but supplies are limited, so reservations are requested.

Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree

October 25 | 10:00am - 10:45am

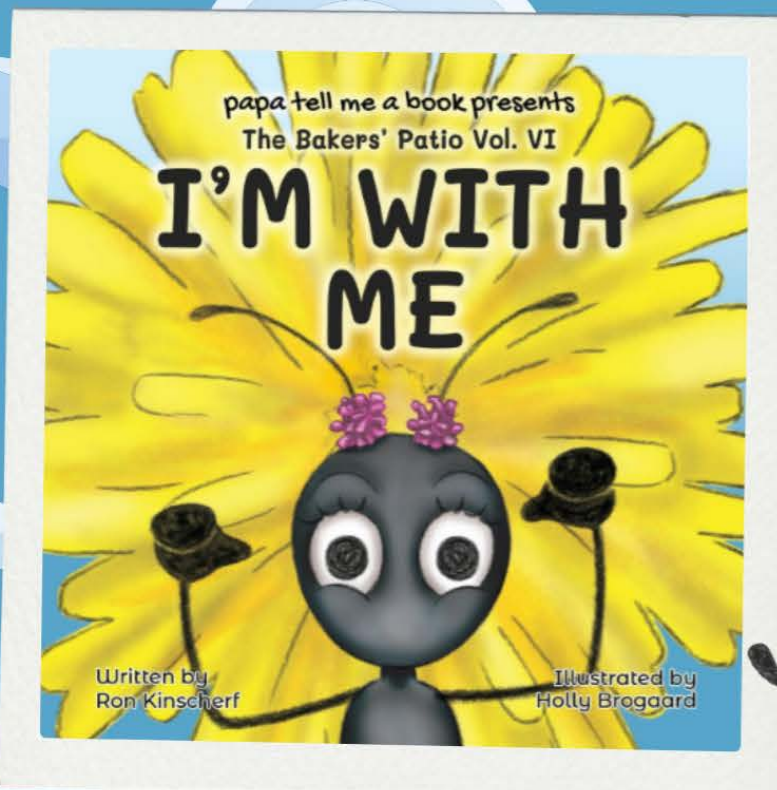
Little monsters, princesses, superheroes, and pumpkins are invited to play pretend with Halloween songs, stories, and more before going trick-or-treating around the library. This program is targeted for children ages 3-9, but all are welcome to attend. All QPL programs are free and open to the public, but space is limited; reservations are requested.



Little READ

Join us for an Author Visit with Ron Kinscherf!

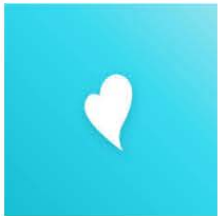
Saturday, October 5
10am to 11am
QPL's Children's Theatre



DIGITAL SERVICES AT QPL

Take your Reading Digital

Scan the codes below to download our apps today and take your library everywhere your life takes you!



BEANSTACK

Track your reading and join challenges.



HOOPLA

Read and Listen to your favorite books!
Watch shows and movies.



Boundless

Read and Listen to your favorite books!



KANOPY

Watch movies, shows, & more.
Has a 'Just for Kids' section.



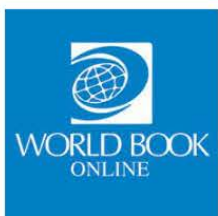
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LIBBY

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World Book Online

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Comics Plus

Comics and Manga galore!



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Closed Monday, September 2nd
for Labor Day
Closing at 5 pm on September
19th for QPL's Big Read Kickoff
at Washington Park

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arrange for special assistance
with library programs by calling
(217) 223-1309 two weeks prior to
any program.*

*All programs are subject to
cancellation or rescheduling.
All program registrants and
participants must permit the
taking of photographs of
themselves during library
activities and programs for
future publication materials.*

Experience
something fun while
at the library? Make
sure to tag us on
social media
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**Friends of the
Library**

BOOK SALE

IN THE LARGE MEETING ROOM AT QPL

Thursday, October 24	9:30AM - 4:30PM
Friday, October 25	9:30AM - 4:30PM
Saturday, October 26	9:30AM - 4:30PM

FIND QPL AT...

September 21



Balloon Glow
September 26



September 22



ArtFest
September 28

the District
Trick or Treat
October 26