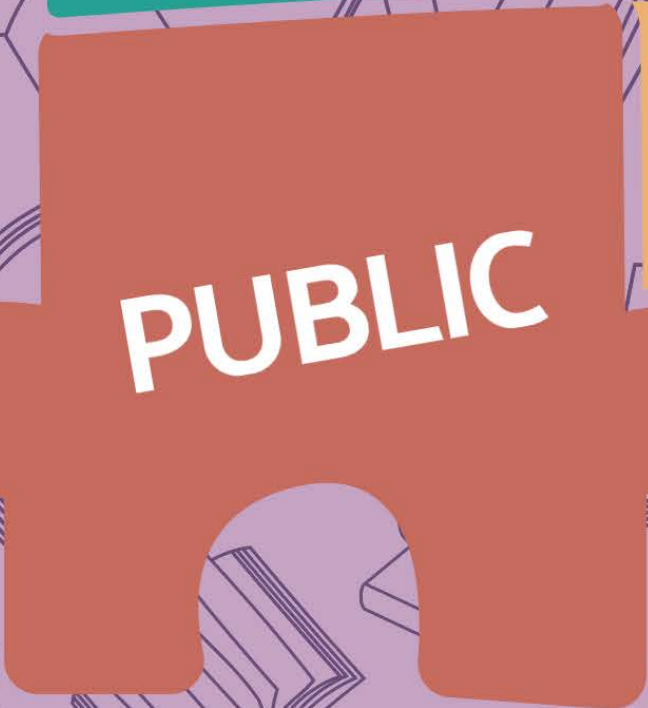
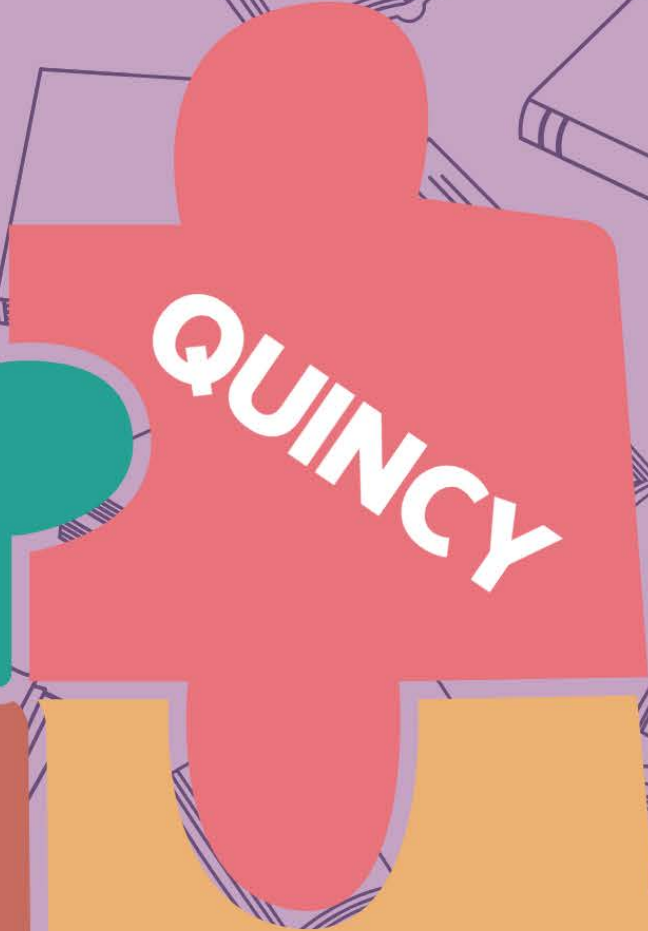
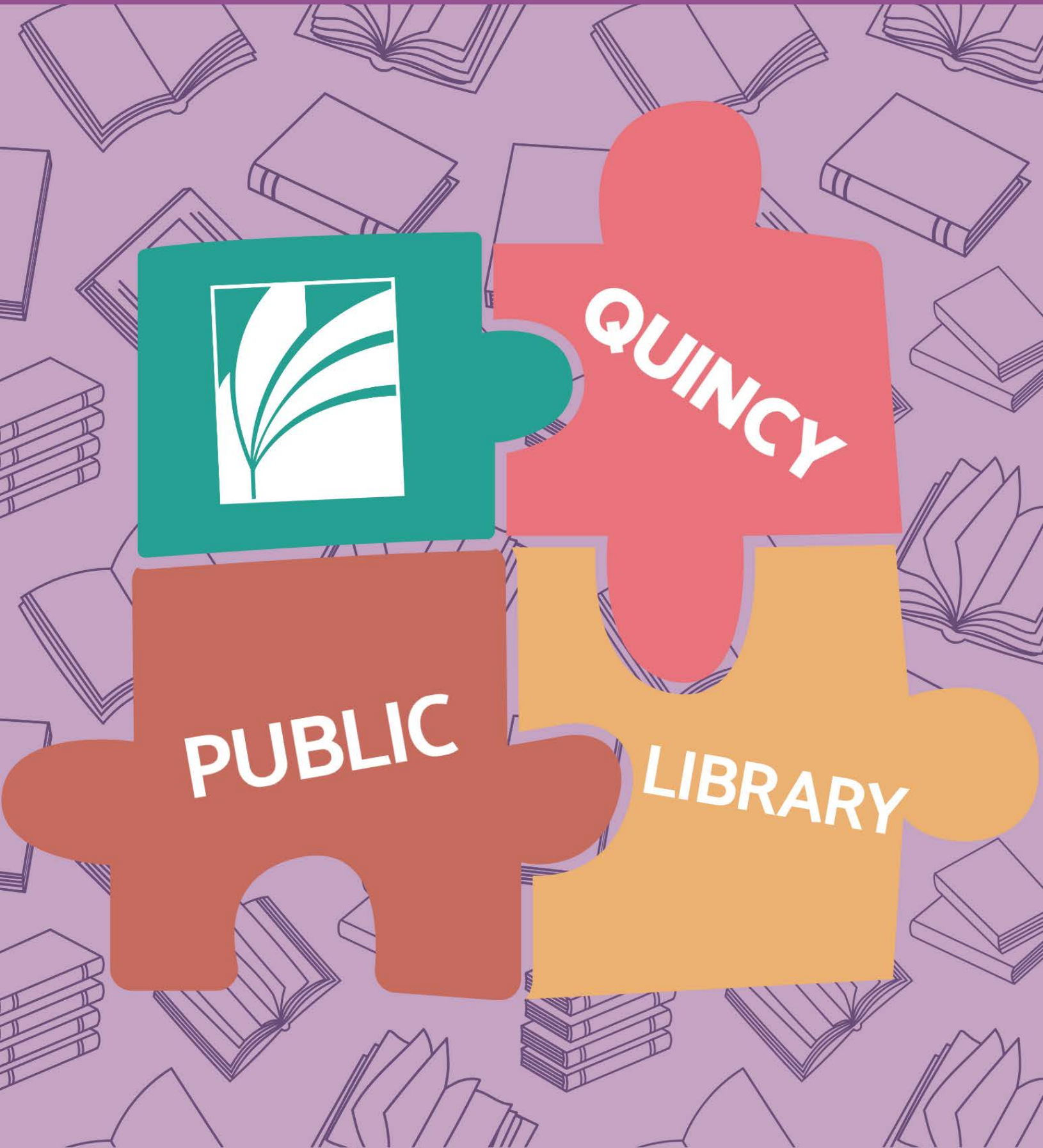




Quincy Public Library

Jan./Feb./March 2025

Discovery Guide



FOR ADULTS

The Seed Library
reopens on
Jan 15th!

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Craft Time: Korean Lotus Lanterns

DIY/Craft | Jan. 16
6PM - 7:30PM



Discover the richness of Korean culture and history with QPL's Korean Lotus Lantern Program! Learn about Korean heritage in America while creating a beautiful lotus lantern using provided supplies and step-by-step instructions. Sample traditional non-alcoholic Korean drinks and foods during the event.

Class size is limited, and registration is required to secure your spot. If the class is full, you can join the waiting list. Please cancel your registration if you can't attend so we can offer your spot to someone else. Don't miss this opportunity to explore Korean culture at QPL!

Chicago Pizza: Past, Present & Future with Steve Dolinsky

Virtual Performance/Lecture | Jan. 9
6PM - 7PM

Join Quincy Public Library and Illinois Libraries Present (ILP) for a free virtual program with award-winning broadcaster and journalist Steve Dolinsky. With over two decades of experience and 13 James Beard Awards, Dolinsky offers an insider's perspective on food trends and culture.

Register to receive a Zoom link and enjoy this program from home! ILP is a statewide collaboration funded in part by a grant from the Illinois State Library, using funds from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.



Love and Laughs with Michelle Buteau

Performance/Lecture | Jan. 23
6PM - 8PM



Celebrate Dry January with the Quincy Public Library and Illinois Libraries Present (ILP) at **State Street Theatre!**

- 6 PM: Enjoy a free mocktail flight during our pre-party.
- 7 PM: Stay for a watch party featuring comedian Michelle Buteau in a hilarious virtual program.

Buteau is an accomplished comedian, actress, author, and host of *The Circle* and Netflix's new *Survival of the Thickest*.

Prefer to watch from home? Register to receive the Zoom link and enjoy this free virtual program from anywhere!

4th Annual Puzzle Swap

Crafts/DIY | Jan. 25 | 1PM - 3PM

Join Quincy Public Library's 4th Annual Puzzle Swap and refresh your collection with "new-to-you" puzzles!

How it Works:

1. Drop Off Puzzles (1/20 - 1/25):
 - Bring puzzles in original packaging (reseal opened boxes with tape).
 - Drop them off at the "Ask Here" desk during library hours:
 - Mon–Thurs: 9 AM–8 PM
 - Friday: 9 AM–5 PM
 - A librarian will record your name and the number of puzzles.
2. Swap Day:
 - For each puzzle dropped off, pick a new one on January 25th, 1–3 PM.

Missed Drop-Off? Bring puzzles on Swap Day and trade on the spot!

Note: Priority given to participants with drop-off tickets.

Beast of a Yeast: A How-to Class on Sourdough Bread

Crafts/DIY | Jan. 30 | 6PM - 7:30PM

January is National Baking Month, the perfect time to embrace the cold and warm up with homemade treats! Why not start by learning the art of sourdough?

Sourdough baking is more popular than ever, and sourdough starter can last indefinitely with proper care. Ready to learn from the best?

Join us at QPL for a hands-on workshop with a chef and baker from Thyme Square Bakery & Cafe! Thyme Square has been crafting scratch-made bread with the same sourdough starter since 2016, supplying their restaurant and others in Quincy with fresh, delicious loaves.

At this event, you'll learn how to make, feed, and care for a starter—and even bake your own bread! Plus, you'll leave with the starter you create during the workshop.

Enjoy light refreshments, and one lucky attendee will win a special door prize! Don't miss this opportunity to start your sourdough journey.

A Night with James McBride

Virtual Performance/Lecture | Feb. 4
7PM - 8PM

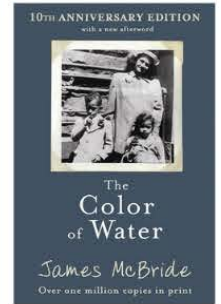
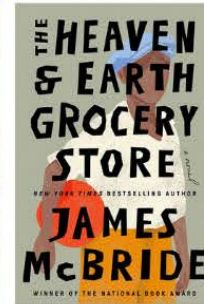
Join Quincy Public Library and Illinois Libraries Present (ILP) for a special Black History Month event featuring the acclaimed James McBride!

James McBride, an award-winning author, musician, and screenwriter, is best known for his memoir *The Color of Water*, an American classic that spent over two years on the New York Times bestseller list. A talented musician, he has performed with jazz legend Jimmy Scott and composed for various artists. McBride has earned numerous accolades, including the National Humanities Medal and the National Book Award for Fiction.

This free, virtual program is open to



everyone. After registering, you'll receive a Zoom link to join from home.



Black Artists Music Trivia!

Performance/Lecture | Feb. 13
6PM - 7:30PM

Black music has profoundly influenced American history and culture, offering a powerful voice to express joy, sorrow, and social change. Rooted in African traditions and shaped by experiences of resilience during enslavement, it evolved into iconic genres like Jazz, Blues, Gospel, Soul, R&B, and Hip-Hop—now enjoyed worldwide.

Test your knowledge and celebrate this rich musical heritage! Compete to win prizes: a \$5 gift certificate or gas card for the winner of each round. The rounds will continue until time runs out.

3rd Annual Seed Swap

Crafts/DIY | Feb. 22
10AM - 12PM

Join us for Quincy Public Library's Third Annual Seed Swap and diversify your garden with herbs, flowers, and veggies! Seed drop off period is 2/17 - 2/21 during operating hours.

Missed the drop-off? No worries! Bring your seeds (in original packaging, resealed) and swap them out on the spot.

The Seed Swap runs from 10 AM to 12 PM. Visit anytime during that window to exchange unused seeds for new varieties.

Check our calendar for an April plant swap, and explore our Seed Library for more options!

Third Annual Menstrual Hygiene Drive

March 1st - April 12th, 2025



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Donate pads,
tampons, period underwear,
& period cups at the
library to distribute around
the community!



To learn more,
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FOR ADULTS

Exploring Space with Coralie Adam

Virtual Performance/Lecture | March 4
7PM - 8PM

Celebrate Women's History Month with the Quincy Public Library and Illinois Libraries Present (ILP) in a virtual program honoring women in science and technology!

Coralie Adam, leader of the Optical Navigation team at KinetX Aerospace, has played key roles in NASA's New Horizons, OSIRIS-REx, Lucy, and OSIRIS-APEX missions. With degrees in Aerospace Engineering, she co-convened the study of Bennu's particle ejections and now serves as deputy Navigation Team Chief on NASA's Lucy mission.

This free virtual program is open to all. Register to receive a Zoom link and join us from home!

Women's History Month Expert Panel: Women in STEM

Performance/Lecture | March 20
6PM - 7:30PM

Women are underrepresented in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and often face unique challenges.

Why are there so few women in STEM? What barriers—educational or societal—prevent women from pursuing these careers? How can we encourage young women to enter these male-dominated, lucrative fields?

Join us at the library to meet professional engineers, astrophysicists, IT specialists, and a NASA Ambassador, and discuss these issues with local experts.

Enjoy light refreshments and engaging conversation!



1st Annual Craft Supply Swap!

Crafts/DIY | March 22

10AM - 12PM

Do you tend to get overly ambitious buying craft supplies you never use? Accidentally buy too much? Want to try a new craft but don't know where to start? Or maybe you just want to do some Spring cleaning and get rid of supplies you no longer use!

Let QPL help! For the first time ever, we're hosting a Craft Swap! Any crafting items are eligible—fabric, knitting, sewing, coloring, painting, crocheting, woodworking, vinyl cutting, and more—as long as they're in good condition.

Cleaning house? Donations to the library are welcome, and anything we can't use will be offered in the swap!

Drop off your supplies anytime during open hours between Monday, March 17 at 9 a.m. and Friday, March 21 at 5 p.m. Then, come in on Saturday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to noon to find your next crafting hobby!

*Swaps are 1:1, so if you donate something valuable, like a sewing machine, you may not be able to select something of equal value on swap day.



BOOK CLUBS & DISCUSSIONS

Book Clubs

Cooks and Books!

Monday | 6 - 7:30 pm

Introductory Meeting	January 13
TBD	February 10
TBD	March 10

Renaissance Readers

Tuesday | 10am - 11:30 am

<i>Cannery Row</i>	January 14
<i>By the Fire We Carry</i>	February 11
<i>The Sun Also Rises</i>	March 11

Banned Book Club

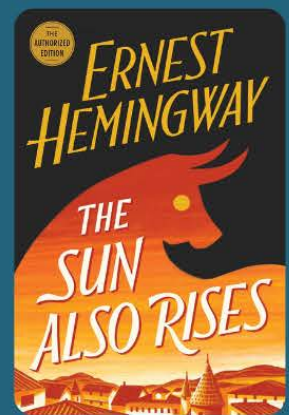
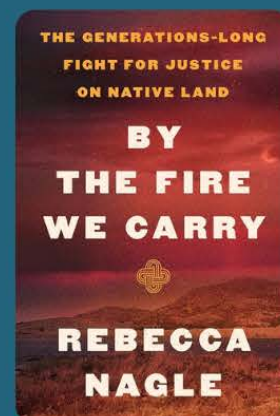
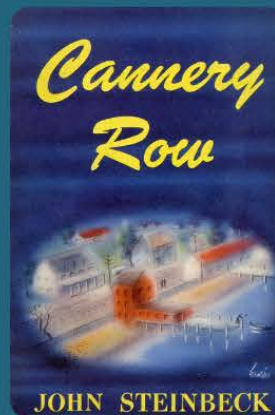
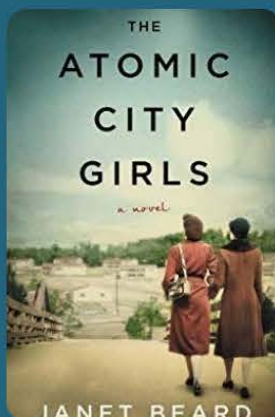
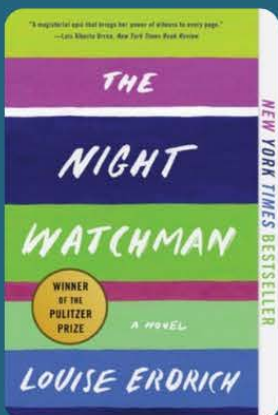
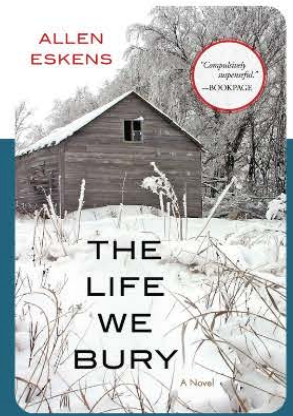
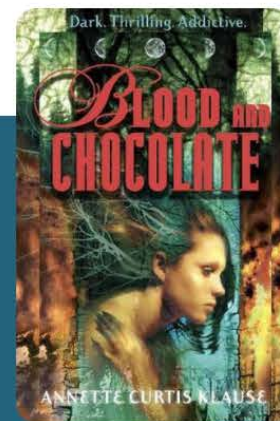
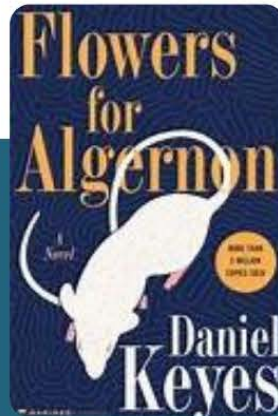
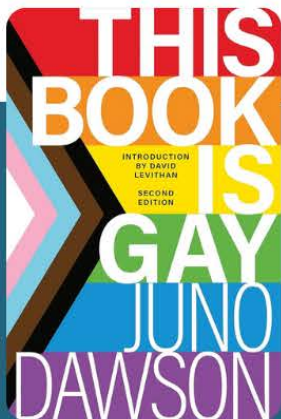
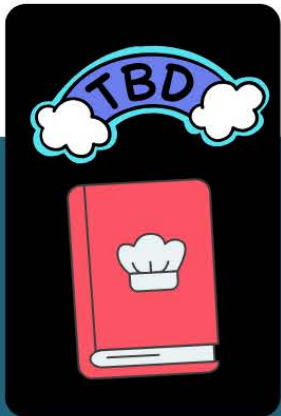
Tuesday | 6:30 - 7:45 pm

<i>This Book is Gay</i>	January 28
<i>Flowers for Algernon</i>	February 25
<i>Blood and Chocolate</i>	March 25

Bookies Book Club

Wednesday | 1 - 2:30 pm

<i>The Life We Bury</i>	January 8
<i>Night Watchman</i>	February 5
<i>The Atomic City Girls</i>	March 5



FOR TEENS

Check our calendar to register!



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 QHS? Get a pass for Bus #44!

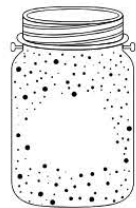


Good Things Mason Jars

Jan. 9 | 3PM - 5PM

Instead of focusing on the bad, let's celebrate the good! Decorate a mason jar to fill with good things. When something positive happens to you, big or small, write it down or save a memento to fill your jar. Then when things aren't going right, you can pull out your jar as a reminder of happier times.

Hopefully, your jar will be overflowing by this time next year and you can reflect on the good times had.



Slime Time

Jan. 30 | 3PM - 5PM

It's slime time! Make it clear, make it colorful, put beads in it! The slime's the limit for this craft.

Take home your very own slime friend.



Love Stinks: Let's Eat Chocolate!

Feb. 13 | 3PM - 5PM

If you're flying solo this February or just don't vibe with all the pink hearts and flying babies, come to the library and make some sweet treats!

There will be different types of chocolates to taste and some molded chocolate to make. 🍫

Quincy and the Underground Railroad

Feb. 27 | 3PM - 5PM

Did you know Quincy was involved in the Underground Railroad? Find out how! Join a speaker from the Historical Society of Quincy & Adams County to discover the secrets of Quincy's past!



Tie Dye Tiles! 🌈

March 6 | 3PM - 5PM

Let's liven up the place a bit! With some markers and rubbing alcohol, you can create some spectacular designs. Whether you use it for a coaster or just decorations for your room, show off your groovy style!

All materials will be provided. Registration is encouraged.

Clean Sweep: Craft Clean-Up

March 27 | 3PM - 5PM

Let's clean out these closets! Come by and create crafts with leftovers from years past!

Did you miss an event and want to catch up or maybe make something new out of random pipe cleaners. It's anyone's guess what you will discover here! ✂️🧶🖍️



QPL programs are free and open to the public, but space is limited, so please reserve your spot today! Register with the QR Code, or visit quincylibrary.org

KIDS & FAMILIES

Toddler Time

Storytime that is best for ages 16 - 36 months.

Tuesdays @ 10am

*No Toddler Time on Jan. 7, Feb. 4, or March 4

Baby Time

Storytime that is best for birth - 16 months.

Every Wednesday @ 10:30am.

*No Baby Time on Jan. 1

Preschool Time

Storytime that is best for ages 3+.

Thursdays @ 10am.

*No Preschool Time on Jan. 9, Feb. 6, & March 6

Playdate

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

*No Playdate Jan. 9, Feb. 6, or March 6

Monday Funday

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

*No Monday Funday Jan. 6, Feb. 3, or March 3

Lego Club

In-person | Lego Club is designed for ages 6 - 12. Every Wednesday from 3:30 - 4:45pm.

*No Lego Club Jan. 1

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

Frosty the Snowman

January 6: 6pm

January 7: 10am

January 9: 10am

January 11: 10am

Cinderella

February 3: 6pm

February 4: 10am

February 6: 10am

February 8: 10am

Leprechauns Never Lie

March 3: 6pm

March 4: 10am

March 6: 10am

March 8: 10am



Family Game Night

January 16 | 6PM - 6:30PM

Join us for game night with family and friends while making new friends! Games can help children develop logic and reasoning skills, improve critical thinking, and boost spatial reasoning. They also help with memory formation, cognitive skills, concentration, and focus for extended periods. Bonus: it is fun!

Various games will include Candyland, The Game of Life with Pets, Jenga, Old Maid, and more! This program targets children ages 7-12 and their grownups, but all are welcome to attend. All QPL programs are free and open to the public, but space is limited; registration is requested.



KIDS & FAMILIES

Barbie Party!

January 18 | 1PM - 3PM

Calling all Barbies, and Kens (and Alans of course)! Join us at QPL for a fashion-tastic Barbie-themed party! We will have snacks, play a game, and create a craft. Dress up as your favorite Barbie or Ken, or in your favorite party clothes, and be prepared to strut your stuff! This program is designed for children ages 3-12 and their families, but all are welcome to attend. All QPL programs are free and open to the public, but space is limited; reservations are requested. Please reserve a space for every person attending the party!

The Ultimate Brick Show

February 15 | 9AM - 3PM

Drop in anytime between 9 am and 3 pm for this family program with The Ultimate Brick Show. Children can let their creativity shine in the Lego build zones, learn to code to move robots, make noise, and talk with professionals there!

Perler Bead Craft Night

February 20 | 6PM - 6:45PM

Participants will use Perler (fuse beads) to create works of art! Follow a design or template provided, or let your creativity run wild! This program is designed for children ages 7-12 years old, but all are welcome to attend with adult supervision. You only need to register the name of the child(ren) creating the craft. All QPL programs are free and open to the public, but supplies are limited; reservations are requested.

Lights Off: Stuffed Animal Sleepover

March 20 | 6PM - 6:45PM



Ever wonder what happens when the library lights go out? Your stuffed animals will find out! Join us for this special story time and craft with your stuffed animals who you tuck in for the night so they can sleep over at the library. Join us on Saturday, April 6, to pick up your stuffed animals, have a little breakfast, and see what your animals were up to when the lights went out! This program is designed for children ages 5-9 years old, but all are welcome to attend.



Lights On: Breakfast at the Library

March 22 | 9AM - 10AM

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Fri. - Sat. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Persons with disabilities can 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 @quincylibrary!



QPL's Virtual Library

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



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Read your go-to magazines.



HOOPLA

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



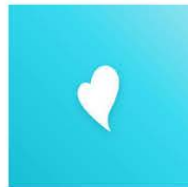
Boundless

Read and Listen to your favorite books!



KANOPY

Watch movies, shows, & more.
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BEANSTACK

Track your reading and join challenges.



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