

RALLS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Book Reviews from the Staff

Want to try a new book or author? Read ahead to get a few options from our staff members. Ask the front desk for these great reads!

Maureen Bair - *Good Omens* by Terry Prachett and Neil Gaimann.

Prachett and Gaimann are a match made in heaven which is quite ironic for this book. I have never cried and laughed all on the same page. The prose is fabulous, the dialogue cunning and witty and it's a quick easy read! Try it out, you won't regret it!

Meet Our New Birth to Age 5 Leader - Becca Jennings

If not in the library, you will find Ms. Becca camping, reading, snuggling her dog or searching for Big Foot! Living in the New London area with her husband and daughter, Ms. Becca loves to spend time outdoors. Becca has taught elementary education for 9 years and is certified as a Library Media Specialist. She is currently working with Ms. Diane with our birth to age 5 patrons. She reads to daycares, Head Start and school-aged children as well. Come by the library on **Thursdays for Story Hour at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM to say hello!**



Notes From the Director



Hello friends,
Come on spring!! Things are hopping at the library. Let us help you find something to read or something to do at the library.
Speaking of something to do, Ralls County Library in partnership with EDF Renewables is sponsoring an author visit on Thursday, March 14 at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Children's author Kenneth Kraegel will be here to share several of his books with our patrons. Kenneth is an author and illustrator and will take the audience through the process of book making, writing and illustrating. Our patrons will have the opportunity to purchase his books at discounted rate and have their literacy questions answered. See the attached flyer to this newsletter for more information and mark your calendars for this free, family event! Hope to see you here!

Debbie Jameson
Director Ralls County Library

Come Join Us at the Ralls County Library

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Sunday			Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday			Saturday		
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3			4 Adult Book Club 6-7 PM			5			6 Adult Outreach Perry Sr Hsg 10:00 AM			7 Story Hour for all ages 10:00 AM			8			9 Dungeons/ Dragons 9-11:30 AM Ages 10 and up		
10			11			12 Friends of the Library Mtg 4:15 PM Library Board Mtg 5:30 PM			13 Adult Outreach Center Hsg 1:00 PM			14 Author Kenneth Kraegel 10:00 and 6:00 PM			15			16 Author Kenneth Kraegel Monroe City Library 10:00 AM		
17			18 Ralls County Seed Library Begins			19			20 Adult Outreach NL Hsg 10:00 AM			21 Story Hour for all ages 10:00 AM			22			23 Plant/Seed Swap 9-11 AM		
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February Baby to Age 5 Programming Becca Jennings/Diane Schulte



March means no more winter... hopefully! Ms. Becca and Ms. Diane has some fantastic activities planned for our birth to 5 year patrons this month. We are going to be celebrating St. Patrick's Day, Easter, spring weather, and our author visit from Mr. Kenneth Kraegel. We will continue to "get messy" with paint and shaving cream, all while working on our fine motor skills. Be prepared to listen to some great books as well! We can't wait to see you on Thursdays!

February Children/Youth (Grades Kdg-12) Programming Dawn Hargraves



March is going to be a great month for children and youth at the library. We have really enjoyed the addition of games to our activities, so we will continue to make games available during story hour. We will also be exploring our new STEAM kits. This month we will have the opportunity to meet author/illustrator Kenneth Kraegel, make an Easter egg wreath, design awesome paracord creations, and explore some hands-on science by making slime.

We are really excited to announce that we will have an Intro to DND activity Saturday, March 9th. An experienced DM will be available to introduce teens to the game and start a campaign. Space is limited, so an RSVP will be necessary. Please call the library to reserve your spot. Don't forget to check out the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Kits for children grades 3-12!



February Adult Programming/Kim Eastin

March

Exciting news for March as it is the beginning of our adult book club! It is not too late to sign up - you will need a copy (electronic/physical) of the book *Where the Jessamine Grows* by Donna Everhart. We are meeting on Monday, March 4 at 6:00 PM at the library and then April 1 and May 6. You do not have to have your book read for this March meeting.

Love gardening? The library is starting a Seed Library. Garden and flower seeds can be 'checked out' for free starting March 18 until ? Donations of seeds can be dropped off at the library and are appreciated.

The library will also be hosting a Plant and Seed Swap on Saturday, March 23 from 9-11:30 AM at the library. Bring a plant/seed and swap for one you don't have!

New Opportunities at the Ralls County Library - Blackstone Unlimited and Libby

The Ralls County Library recently joined Blackstone Unlimited. It is a groundbreaking platform that revolutionizes access to audiobooks for libraries with the largest always-available collection of downloadable audiobooks. Blackstone Unlimited Audio offers over 6,500 titles and is committed to continuously expanding its collection. It provides instant access and no restrictions or holds and a diverse and growing catalog. You can access Blackstone Unlimited with your Ralls County Library card and PIN number. For more information or questions answered, call the library at 573-267-3200.



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The Ralls County Library has a NEW Website!

The Ralls County Library has launched an updated, modernized webpage for our patrons. This webpage was created by staff here at the library through a program called PLOUD offered from the Missouri State Library. It is our goal to provide current information about the library, resources available and programs offered to our patrons. Check out our new website!

www.rallscountylibrary.com



MEET THE AUTHOR



KENNETH KRAEGEL
WWW.KENNETHKRAEGEL.COM

HIS BOOKS:

- KING ARTHUR'S VERY GREAT GRANDSON
- THIS IS A BOOK OF SHAPES
- GREEN PANTS
- WILD HONEY FROM THE MOON
- MUSHROOM LULLABY

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SAVE THE DATE

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**10:00 AM and
6:00 PM**



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