

## Chrisman Public Library News

April 17, 2026

We hope you had a joyous Easter! It's been a busy time at the Chrisman Public Library and we truly wouldn't have it any other way!

With spring here, many thoughts are on planting seeds, growing flowers and vegetables, and the library has numerous books on how-to grow all that you want! We also have a seed library with native plant seed packets that are free! This "seed library" was donated by "Seeds of Hope", a nonprofit organization dedicated to restoring Illinois' natural habitat and we've had several patrons take some and YOU are welcome to come in and take some, too!

As it's spring, where would we be without Chrisman's Spring Fling events on May 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup>? There will be city wide garage/rummage sales and the library will be having a book "sale" inside the library on Friday (May 1) from 9am – 2pm and Saturday (May 2) from 8am - noon. We will be selling our new book bags and you will be able to fill a bag with books for no additional fee/donation. We will also have water bottles, etched with "Chrisman Public Library" for purchase, as well. Only on Saturday will the library hold their hanging flower basket sale with Flowers on Main supplying the hanging baskets! We're hoping for warm and dry weather for Spring Fling and we hope to see you on the square sometime that weekend!

The Chrisman Page Turners book club held it's meeting on April 8 at 6pm and discussed "West with Giraffes", written by Lynda Rutledge and "hosted" by Barb Oates. "Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, West with Giraffes explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late." Next month, May 6, we will be discussing "Broken Country", written by Clare Leslie Hall and "hosted" by Mary Rank! There is always room for more people to come and talk about these books, held typically on the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm! Plenty of room! Check our Facebook page (Chrisman Public Library) or our website ([chrismanpubliclibrary.com](http://chrismanpubliclibrary.com)) for our monthly calendar for specific dates and times.

Yoga classes are still going strong at the library! The next "chair" yoga, and "regular" yoga class is April 28 and they are held every other Tuesday! The cost is \$10 per session and we hope many more will take part in this wonderful opportunity! Hope to see you at 5pm for "chair" and 6pm for "regular"! Once again, check our Facebook page or our website for our monthly calendar for specific dates.

Story Time was special on April 2! We had a guest reader, Miss Lisa McCormick and she read "If you Plant a Seed", written and illustrated by Kadir Nelson and "Happy Easter, Little Critter", written by Mercer Mayer! The ten children were taught about not being selfish and the joy of Easter! The children were offered a choice of craft, which is unusual for us. They could make an Easter Mouse or Spring wreath and all was done at our front table! Once they were done, they were checking out books, getting their snack and drink and ready to head home with their hands full with their beautiful creations! It was truly a fun afternoon! Our next Story Time will be May 7 at 3:30 and we hope you will be able to join us!

Pro-craft-inators are still meeting each Friday morning at 10am to work on their "take along" projects! Many wonderful ideas, a lot of discussion, helpful instruction if needed, and laughter! If you're interested in finding an hour of time to work on your project, this is the place you need to be!

We hope you have a wonderful week!

