



# PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

MARCH 2021 NEWS

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## LIBRARY RE-OPENS TO THE PUBLIC

After months of curbside services and computer use by appointment only, the Perry Public Library Board announced that the library would re-open to the public with certain limitations in place on Wednesday, February 17. The front doors will remain locked for now, so patrons must enter from the East side entrance on Railroad Street. Masks that completely cover the mouth and nose will be required, as well as social distancing. Browsing for library materials will be available for up to 25 patrons at a time, as well as four public computer stations. Short visits are encouraged, therefore seating will not be available, except for those using the four public computers. Hand sanitizer use is compulsory and a supply will be readily available, as well as cleaning materials for computer stations. Questions about library re-opening protocols are directed to Mary Murphy, Perry Public Library Director. Welcome Back!



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## St. Patrick's Day Reads

### Fiction

*Chance of a Lifetime* by Jude Deveraux

*An Irish Wish* by Nora Roberts

*A Dance in Donegal* by Jennifer Deibel

*The Liberation of Brigid Dunne* by Patricia Scanlan

*The Mountains Wild* by Sarah Taylor

*The Pull of the Stars* by Emma Donoghue

*A Catered St. Patrick's Day: A Mystery with Recipes* by Isis Crawford

*Night of the Blackbird* by Heather Graham

*Circle of Friends* by Maeve Binchy

*Brooklyn: A Novel* by Colm Toibin

*Faithful Place* by Tana French

*Ireland: A Novel* by Frank Delaney

*A Keeper: A Novel* by Graham Norton



### Nonfiction

*In search of ancient Ireland : the origins of the Irish, from neolithic times to the coming of the English* by Carmel McCaffrey

## Adult Programs

### March Craft Club: **Hello** or **Welcome** Sign

*Welcome Hello*

The Perry Public Library **Craft Club** will hold a virtual event on **Monday, March 29, at 6:00 p.m.**, via **Zoom**, and the featured craft is a **Hello or Welcome sign**. **Registration and a \$5 materials fee are required by Monday, March 22**, to receive the Craft Kit, available for pick-up on March 25. Participants may choose between "Hello" and "Welcome" white or black vinyl lettering and designate background paint color at time of registration. The March Craft Club Presenter is Sarah Finn, and anyone interested is invited to join her for the free live presentation, accessible from the library website: <http://www.perry.lib.ia.us>. Call the library for more information or to register: 515-465-3569.



**WELCOME**





## Mystery Book Club Events

The featured title for the March 2021 **Mystery Book Club** is **Black Widows** by **Cate Quinn**. The virtual book discussion with Perry Public Library Director Mary Murphy begins at **7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 23**, via **Zoom**. The live **Author Talk with Cate Quinn** will take place the following day, at **6:00 p.m., Central Time, Wednesday, March 24**, brought to you in partnership with Baker & Taylor's Murder at the Library Book Club. Anyone interested may join Library Director Mary Murphy for the free events, but registration is required. Print books and ebooks will be available for participants. Call the library to register or for more information: 515-465-3569. A discussion guide, author video, and more are available at the following website: <https://bookclub.baker-taylor-site.com/Murder-At-the-Library>.

## Children's Programs

### Books and Bites Virtual Program

The March **Books and Bites** program for First and Second Graders is at **3:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 3**. The featured story is **That's What Leprechauns Do** by **Eve Bunting**, and we will craft a leprechaun Tic-Tac-Toe game and make Leprechaun Snack Mix together. This is a live Zoom program with Children's Librarian Suzanne Kestel, and participation is limited to fifteen children. The free program comes with a snack kit you pick up at the library prior to the program, but **registration is required**. Call the library for more information or to register by Monday, March 1: 515-465-3569.



### Sweet Tweets Storytime Unit Begins March 10



Families with children ages two to five are invited to join Children's Librarian Miss Suzanne for a new virtual Storytime unit called **Sweet Tweets**. We will learn all about birds: owls, songbirds, flamingos, and birds that reside in Iowa. We will begin "meeting" on **March 10**, via **Zoom**, and continue on **Wednesdays during March and April, at 10:15 a.m.** Stories, songs, games, simple crafts, and pre-literacy activities will be incorporated into the programs, and Activity Kits are included! Storytimes are free, but registration is required. Call the library: 515-465-3569, register online: <http://www.perry.lib.ia.us>, or email Suzanne Kestel: [skestel@perry.lib.ia.us](mailto:skestel@perry.lib.ia.us) to participate.





## Virtual Spring Break at the Library

**Spring Break is March 15-19** for Perry Schools, and Perry Public Library will offer two virtual Spring Break programs during the week. On **Tuesday, March 16**, a live Zoom program for **Third, Fourth, and Fifth Graders** is scheduled for **10:15 a.m.** with Children's Librarian Suzanne Kestel. During this free program, we will explore our creativity by building an apple tower and crafting a pine cone creature! **Registration is required** for this program that includes a free Activity Kit you pick up at the library.

On **Thursday, March 18**, a virtual Spring Break program for **Kindergarten, First, and Second Graders** will take place at **10:15 a.m.** Lego vehicles will be the focus of this Zoom program, and each registered participant can pick up a **free Activity Kit** at the library containing two Lego construction vehicles to keep! Don't miss it - registration for this program is limited to fifteen participants. Register online (<http://www.perry.lib.ia.us>) or call the library to sign up for the programs by Monday, March 15: 515-465-3569.

**Special Spring Break bonus: a free virtual magic show from popular magician, Rick Eugene!** Access the program from the Perry Public Library website during Spring Break week!

## Wee Wonders Recorded Programs

New **Wee Wonders** recorded programs for babies 0-18 months old are posted the **first and third Thursdays** of the month on the Perry Public Library website: <http://www.perry.lib.ia.us>. The programs include songs, finger plays, simple stories, and developmentally appropriate activities. Registered participants also receive free parent handouts and a free book for each session, available for pickup during library open hours. **March recordings will be posted on March 4 and 18.** Call: 515-465-3569 or email: [skestel@perry.lib.ia.us](mailto:skestel@perry.lib.ia.us) to register.



## We want to hear from you!

Did you take part in any of the Health Initiatives Programming at Perry Public Library in 2020? The programs were sponsored by the Iowa Department of Public Health, Dallas County Health Department, and Telligen. We would love to hear your feedback! To participate in a brief survey, go to: <http://forms.gle/ANyPBMMyA1UGWkR5K9> Thank you for helping us serve you better!