

A Message from Emily

There couldn't be a more perfect time to be inside writing this newsletter than during a snow storm!

2024 has been my year for great books! Last year I was in a slump and could only recommend just a few books that I had read. From the very first one I read in January *The Measure* to the most current one I finished last night *The Frozen River* they have all been great!

New for me this year, I became serious about tracking my books. I am not good with technology so I decided to start tracking my books in an actual Book Lovers Journal. In the past I have used Goodreads which I like, however it isn't easy for me to navigate the annual challenges. For this reason, I went to the good old fashioned way! I highly suggest if you are like me and can't remember titles and author names to get yourself a tracker. Goodreads is great if you can navigate it and a Book Lovers Journal is even better! Yes, we have the journals in the store!

Emily

Book of the
month
Always
10% OFF



The Women

By: Kristin Hannah

"When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these unexpected words, it is a revelation. Raised on idyllic Coronado Island and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing, being a good girl. But in 1965 the world is changing, and she suddenly imagines a different choice for her life. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she impulsively joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path. As green and inexperienced as the men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is overwhelmed by the chaos and destruction of war, as well as the unexpected trauma of coming home to a changed and politically divided America."--

Book Club

We have six different book clubs that meet in the store. If you would like more information or would like to join a club please call the store. We prefer you to sign up in advance for any of our book clubs. This way in the event we need to cancel due to weather or illness we have contact information from you.



APRIL

BOOK CLUB MEETING INFO

Interested in joining one of our book clubs or starting one?

Reach out to us at 320-763-9400!

Sunday Afternoon Book Club -

Meets 4/7 @ 3:30pm

Reading: The Women by: Kristin Hannah

Between the Covers Book Club -

Meets 4/30 @ 5:30pm

Reading: Lessons in Chemistry by: Bonnie Garmus

Wednesday Morning Book Club -

Meets 4/3 @ 10:00am

Reading: The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride by: Joe Siple

Thursday Evening Book Club -

Meets 4/25 @ 7:30pm

Reading: We Are Not Ourselves by: Matthew Thomas

Thursday Morning Book Club -

Meets 4/18 @ 10:00am

Reading: The Women by: Kristin Hannah

Please check our social media for updates on cancellations or other updates!





Books

April Events

Friday, April 5th: Stuffie Sleepover Drop Off at 5:30pm

Saturday, April 6th: Story Hour
(Breakfast Themed) at 10:00am

Saturday, April 13th: Story Hour
(Weather Themed) at 10:00am

Saturday, April 13th: MN Author Event
(Connie Nelson) at 11:00am

Saturday, April 20th: Story Hour
(Baby Chicks Themed) at 10:00am

Saturday, April 20th: Earth Day Poetry Event at 12:00pm
(held at First Lutheran Church)

Friday, April 26th: MN Author Event
(Candace Simar) at 3:00pm

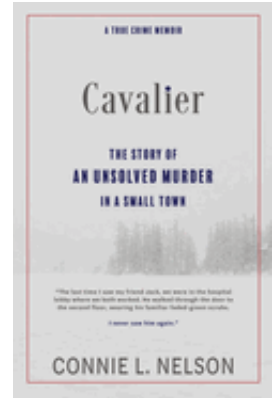
Saturday, April 27th: Story Hour
(Bees Themed) at 10:00am

Saturday, April 27th: INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORE DAY!
Come celebrate in store with us!

Check out our event pages on Facebook for more detailed information!



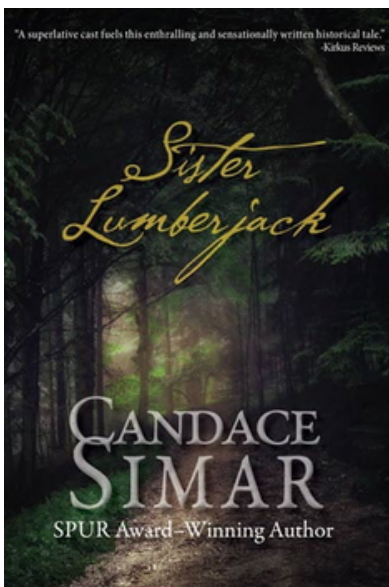
April 13th
Author Connie Nelson
11:00am



North Dakota was home to Connie Nelson for most of her career in marketing and communications. After retiring in 2018 and moving to Santa Fe, New Mexico, she became active in local writing and publishing circles, which led to writing her first book, *Cavalier—The Story of an Unsolved Murder in a Small Town*, a firsthand account of a traumatic 1986 incident.

The COVID pandemic provided the time to research and participate in on-line workshops to hone her writing and publishing skills, so as the world stood still for a couple of years, Connie utilized her downtime to write this story.

April 26th
Author Candace Simar
3:00pm



Candace Simar likes to imagine how things might have been. She combines her love of history with her Scandinavian heritage in historical novels that examine the early days of Minnesota and North Dakota. “I write historical novels to share painless history lessons about the fascinating and unique history of our region.”



Store Hours

Monday- Friday

10:00am to 5:30pm

Saturday

10:00am to 4:00

Sunday

11:00am to 3:00pm

If you are coming from afar please check our social media for any store hour changes.



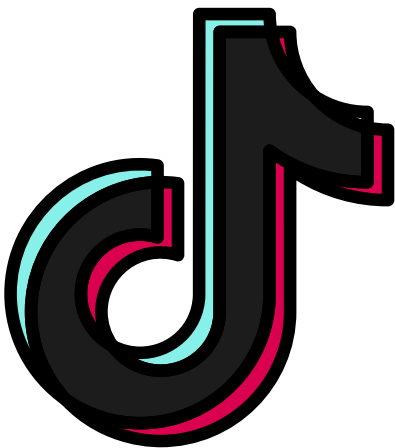
Every Saturday 10am
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FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR CANCELATIONS
DUE
TO INCLEMENT
WEATHER
OR STAFFING

Anne's
book rec

I'm sitting in Palm Springs, CA as I write this review. It's beautiful here -much nicer than Minnesota these past few days. Anyway, I visited a lovely bookstore here called The Best Bookstore! Their top selling book - over 700+ copies sold- is *The Guncle* by Steven Rowley. This book has been on my list for a while, so instead of a book review this month, I'm telling you my next read- *The Guncle*! This author has a new book coming out May 21st called *The Guncle Abroad*! Give us a call if you'd like us to order a copy!



Let's
get
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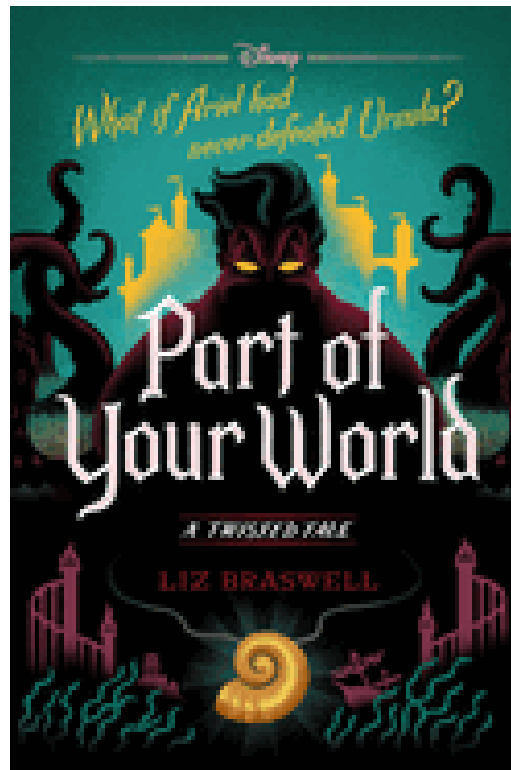


Anglica's book rec

Part Of Your World: A Twisted Tale Graphic Novel

This YA fantasy is a "Twisted Tale" about what would happen if Ariel never defeated Ursula like the original Disney movie. Set five years after Ursula defeated Ariel and took over the kingdom, cursed the Sea King, and tricked Prince Eric, all while a voiceless Ariel ruled the sea in her father's place. When Ariel discovers her father is still alive and being kept as a prisoner of Ursula's, she travels to the surface world once again to set many wrongs right...

This is a great book for teens and adults who love the classic Little Mermaid tale or for anyone who is a fantasy reader. This is the first graphic novel adaptation of the TWISTED TALE book series. The series is based on various "what if's" of classic Disney movies including Aladdin, Mulan, Snow White, and more of your favorite characters!



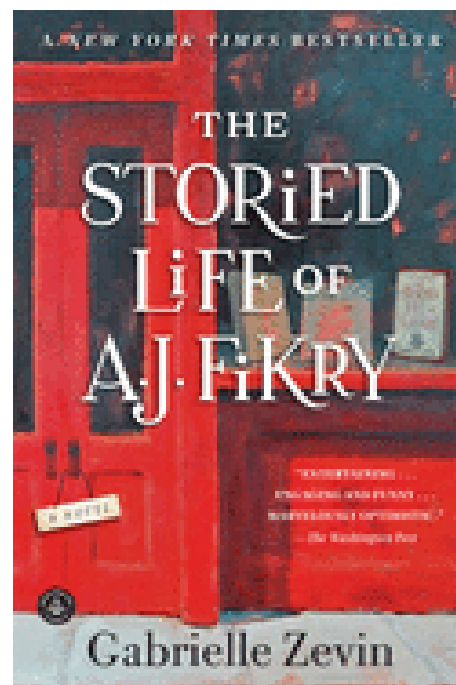


BAPTISM
FIRST
COMMUNION
CONFIRMATION

WE HAVE A
LARGE
SELECTION OF
CHRISTIAN
GIFT ITEMS!

Becky's book rec

I am late to the party but I finally read *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*. What a darling little book this was. We meet A.J. Fikry: independent bookstore owner, widower, all-around intellectual curmudgeon. A rare book is stolen from his safe and a rare package is dropped off in his home around the same time. These events are life changing, even if he is resistant to the change! This was captivating, cozy and full of bookish charm. A.J. is a prickly widower who is coaxed back into life again by family, friends, and his bookstore patrons. Sometimes you just need a sweet story to read in times of chaos and stress.



April is Poetry Month

Earth Day Poetry Event

Start thinking about putting your care for the Earth into words from your heart.

Everyone is invited to submit original poetry for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate from Cherry Street Books.

- **Three prizes will be awarded: One adult, one elementary & one secondary student.**
- Thank you for your entry of poems that include **observation, conservation or appreciation** of the **Earth**.
- **Mail or drop off** poems at **Cherry Street Books**, 503 Broadway, Alexandria, MN. **Entry deadline is APRIL 5.**
- Poems will be posted or read at the **Earth Day Celebration**, at First Lutheran Church on **April 20, 12-3pm**.
Join in the FUN!
- ★ No E-mailed or social media submissions will be accepted.
- ★ Student poets attending the April 20 event will receive a Love Earth magnet compliments of DCL.
- ★ **Include your name and contact information with your poetry submission.** If under 18 years of age, include age along with parent or teacher name.



Sponsors of the poetry contest!
Cherry Street Books
Alexandria Area Indivisible (AAI)
Citizens for a Sustainable Future (CSF)
Douglas County Library

Cherry Street Books presents: “Bookmark Design Contest!”

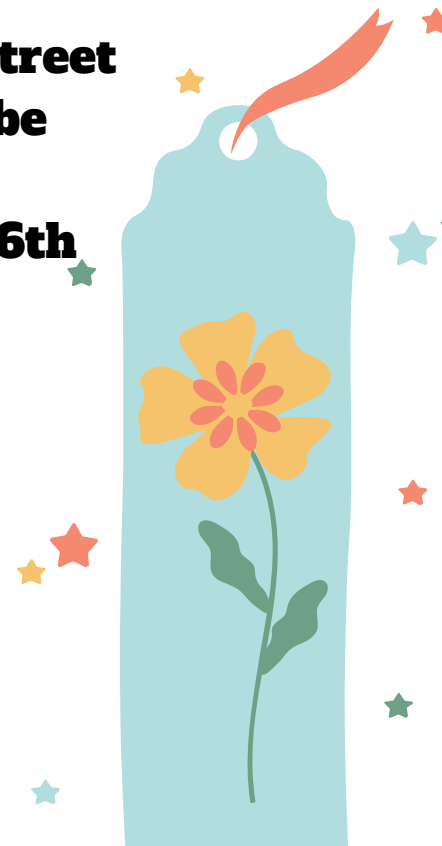
In honor of Children’s Book Week we are
hosting a bookmark contest!

Design and draw a bookmark using our
store’s name:

Cherry Street Books

One winner will be chosen and the official
Cherry Street Bookmarks will be made for our
store and book fairs for next year!

**Bookmark designs due at Cherry Street
books by May 3rd. Winner will be
announced during
Children’s Book Week. Grades K-6th
grade**





You're Invited!

"Stuffie Sleepover!"

Friday April 5th

5:00

Drop off your stuffed animal for a sleepover at
Cherry Street Books

Pick up at Story Hour on April 6th at 10am!

You will get pictures of your friend at their sleepover adventure!



Sign up at desk
\$10 per child