



# The Connection

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### HOURS

Monday/Wednesday  
10am-7pm  
Tues/Thurs/Friday  
10am-5pm  
Sat  
10am-2pm

### STAFF

#### Director

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### —BOOK NOOK—

Used & collectable books  
for sale.

### Hours

Monday-Friday  
10am-4pm  
Saturday  
10am-2pm

100% volunteer staffed—  
please call ahead for exact  
hours



### PATRON SAFETY GUIDELINES

Patrons experiencing infectious diseases or their symptoms, such as the flu, may not enter the library until you have been at least 24 hours with a temperature below 100 F.

Please maintain a distance of 6 feet between people.

No food or beverage is allowed unless necessary for medical reasons.

Please be aware that if the state puts restrictions on libraries, we may need to cancel events.

Let's Discuss



Thursday, November 12th

2-3pm

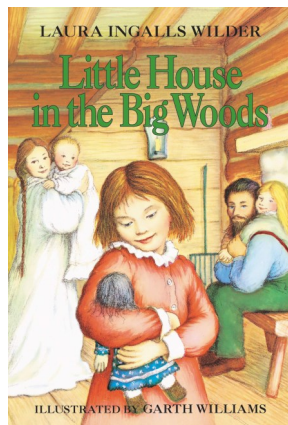
## The Handmaid's Tale

By: Margaret Atwood

"It is set in the near future in which women are no longer allowed to read and are valued only as long as they are viable for reproduction." Funny, unexpected, horrifying, and altogether convincing. *The Handmaid's Tale* is at once scathing satire, dire warning, and tour de force.

Let's Discuss

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

4-5PM

## Little House in the Big Woods

By: Laura Ingalls Wilder

Based on the real adventures of Laura Ingalls Wilder, *Little House in the Big Woods* is the first book in the award-winning Little House series.

Laura Ingalls's story begins in 1871 in a little log cabin on the edge of the Big Woods of Wisconsin. Four year old Laura lives in the little house with her Pa, her Ma, her sisters Mary and Carrie, and her dog Jack.



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## We are open and ready to serve you!



We have developed a disinfecting protocol in accordance with CDC guidelines and recommendations.

Protocol Actions Include:

1. All returned materials are disinfected with UV light before being returned to the library collection.
2. All staff wearing masks.
3. Frequent sanitizing of touched surfaces.
4. Social distancing marked on the floor.
5. Water fountain is turned off.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### November 2020

**November 2:** Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 5pm

**November 3:** Tech Tuesday, 1-4pm

**November 4:** Let's Discuss Jr., Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder, 4pm

**November 10:** Tech Tuesday, Cancelled

**November 12:** Let's Discuss, The Handmade's Tale by Margaret Atwood, 2pm

**November 17:** Tech Tuesday, 1-4pm

**November 24:** Tech Tuesday, 1-4pm

**November 26 - November 29:** Closed for Thanksgiving; have a safe holiday!

# silent auction

Be watching for our silent auction that will end on December 5, 2020. Items will be on display for bidding starting November 23 and ending December 5.

### The BOOK NOOK Corner

Does not accept encyclopedias, Readers Digest Condensed Books, text books or books in need of repair.

If you have some extra time, visit the Book Nook and speak with a volunteer for more information. There's always room for one more volunteer!

Let's Discuss

### The Snow Child

By: Eowyn Ivey

Thursday, December 10, 2020 2-3pm

"Like many fairy tales, there are many different ways it is told, but it always begins the same. An old man and an old woman live happily in their small cottage in the forest, but for one sorrow: they have no children of their own. One winter's day, they build a girl of snow."

Let's Discuss Jr.

### Brown Girl Dreaming

By: Jacqueline Woodson

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 4-5pm

Brown Girl Dreaming is a 2014 adolescent novel told in verse by author Jacqueline Woodson. It discusses the author's childhood as an African American growing up in the 1960s in South Carolina and New York

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