



The Connection

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HOURS
Monday
10 am-6 pm
Tuesday -Wednesday-
Thursday
10 am-5 pm
Friday & Saturday
10 am-2 pm

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Director
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Amy W.
Program-
Coordinator
Amanda S.
Children Librarian
Sandy O.
Circulation Staff
Ellie M.
Michelle C.
—BOOK NOOK—
Used & collectable
books for sale.
Hours
Monday-Thursday
10 am - 4 pm
Friday & Saturday
10 am-1:30 pm

100% volunteer
staffed—please call
ahead for
exact hours

Greeting Patrons

January 30, 2026

We hope everyone is surviving the long month of January. We would like to take a few minutes of your time and let everyone know we are implementing a new Software

System starting in February.

WBDL will be closed **February 18-28, 2026**. This is the time that our old system goes offline and our new system is being installed. Some reasons for the closure are.

1. We can not issue new library cards
2. We can not check books in and out
3. We can not renew books

During this time, our online card catalog will be down as well, meaning you can not log in to your account and order items and renew items.

****All fines will be waived for the closure period.****

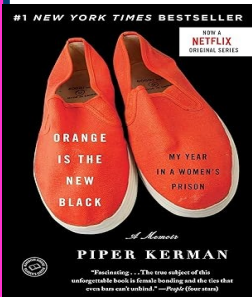
We will reopen on **Monday, March 2, 2026**, we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Sincerely,

WBDL Staff

Technical Assistance provided by appointment only Tuesday-Friday 1:30-4:00 PM

“LIBRARIES ARE SACRED TIME MACHINES”



Title: *Orange is the New Black*
Author: Piper Kerman
Date: Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026
@ 2 p.m.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • NOW A NETFLIX ORIGINAL SERIES

With a career, a boyfriend, and a loving family, Piper Kerman barely resembles the reckless young woman who delivered a suitcase of drug money ten years before. But that past has caught up with her. Convicted and sentenced to fifteen months at the infamous federal correctional facility in Danbury, Connecticut, the well-heeled Smith College alumna is now inmate #11187-424—one of the millions of people who disappear “down the rabbit hole” of the American penal system. From her first strip search to her final release, Kerman learns to navigate this strange world with its strictly enforced codes of behavior and arbitrary rules. She meets women from all walks of life, who surprise her with small tokens of generosity, hard words of wisdom, and simple acts of acceptance. Heartbreaking, hilarious, and at times enraging, Kerman’s story offers a rare look into the lives of women in prison—why it is we lock so many away and what happens to them when they’re there.

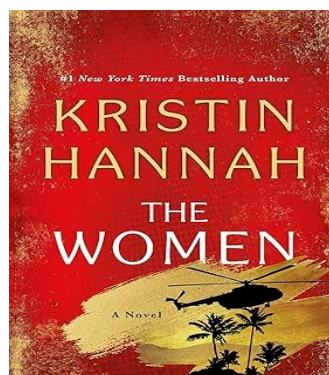
The BOOK NOOK

February Sale
ALL ROMANCE BOOKS
5 FOR A \$1.00

SATURDAY HOLIDAY STORYTIME
FEBRUARY 14, 2026
11-1:00 P.M.



Next Month:
March 12, 2026
@ 2 p.m



Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances “Frankie” McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path.