

## Happy New Year to You from Us

As this crazy year comes to an end, we want to thank you for your support of the Basehor Library. We have been reminded this year of the power of a good story to help us escape the anxiety of the current moment. It has been our privilege to provide stories and information to you through our collections of books, movies, and digital resources. We have loved hearing from you and seeing you at our drive-thru and in our online programs. In 2021, we look forward to continuing to serve you the best way possible. May the new year bring us all health and healing, and may we again be able to gather and share with each other safely and in peace.

## Book TALK (Talk About Literature in Kansas): A Community Book Discussion

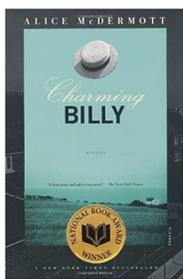
Just as the film industry has the Oscars and the Golden Globes to honor artistic achievement, the literary world has the Pulitzer Prizes, the National Book Award, and the National Book Critics Circle Award to highlight the year's best works of fiction. Likewise, just as the movie awards favor smaller, more finely crafted films over blockbusters, book awards tend to shine a spotlight on well-wrought literary works rather than formulaic best sellers. This spring we will be reading three award winning titles. The first will be *Charming Billy* by Alice McDermott.



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### *Charming Billy* by Alice McDermott

Tuesday, January 26 @ 6:30-7:30 pm



Billy Lynch's family and friends have gathered to comfort his widow, and to pay their respects to one of the last great romantics. As they trade tales of his famous humor, immense charm, and consuming sorrow, a complex portrait emerges of an enigmatic man, a loyal friend, a beloved husband, and an incurable alcoholic. Alice McDermott's striking novel, *Charming Billy*, is a study of the lies that bind and the weight of familial love, of the way good intentions can be as destructive as the truth they were meant to hide. *Charming Billy* was the winner of the 1998

National Book Award for Fiction. Our discussion will be led by Deborah Peterson.

Copies of the book are available now at the library. You can participate in our book discussion in-person or online with Zoom. If you choose to come to the library that evening, we will all be wearing masks and remain socially distanced.

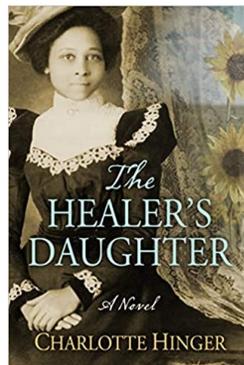
**Registration is required for both in person and online participation. Please register on our website, call us, or email us at [patronupdate@basehorlibrary.org](mailto:patronupdate@basehorlibrary.org).**

## Thursday Evening Book Club

Thursday, January 28 @ 6:30-7:30 pm at the library

### *The Healer's Daughter* by Charlotte Hinger

Our book this month was selected as a 2020 Kansas Notable Book. This annual honor recognizes outstanding titles either



written by a Kansan or about a Kansas related topic. The author, Charlotte Hinger, is a Kansan native, novelist and historian currently living in Colorado.

Shortly after the Civil War, Bethany Herbert, daughter of a legendary Black healer, leaves the South for Nicodemus, Kansas, the first all-black community in the Great Plains.

Stunned by the scams used to promote the new town – there's no town, no water – the community comes to love

the prairie. Soon, Bethany's mother, Queen Bess, joins her in Nicodemus, as does the handsome northern lawyer Jed Talbot. He galvanizes the settlers, knowing their votes will influence the racial make-up of elected county and state positions. Sinister forces come into play through white politicians seeking the black vote, and sabotage by a light-skinned woman within Nicodemus who yearns for the old color hierarchy. Bethany, Queen Bess, and the settlers fight for their town, the one place where they feel truly free.

Copies of the book are available at the library. We will be having a socially-distanced, masked discussion. Contact the library if you'd like to join via Zoom.

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We will be closed Monday, January 18 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Available via phone and email: Mon-Thurs 9am-8pm ☉ Fri-Sat 9am-5pm ☉ Sun 1pm-5pm



## 2021 Adult Winter Reading Challenge Read, Relax and Unwind

January 1, 2021 through February 28, 2021

*Sometimes, all you need is to sit and read a book to help you relax and unwind.*

The 2021 Adult Winter Reading Challenge is an opportunity for adults to celebrate the enjoyment of leisure reading. Read five adult books in two months to earn your choice of one of three great prizes (while supplies last). You can get all the details, register and track your progress on our **Beanstack app**. Completing the challenge will also qualify you to be entered into the grand prize drawing of one of three \$50 gift cards.

**Questions? Contact us at the library!**

### Dementia Support Group

Thursday, January 7 @ 6:30 pm in person and on Zoom

Join us in this safe, supportive environment for caregivers.

Dr. Martiza Buenaver, Geriatric Psychiatrist specializing in dementia education, is our guide. We have been meeting on Zoom and in person. Anyone is welcome to join us as we share our experiences. Please call the library for more information.



### Coffee Klatch

Monday, January 11 @ 9:30-10:30 am at the library  
Sorry, no coffee (or teal!) at this time. But, please, do come and hear about some of the new books available here at the library. Learn what's hot at the library and maybe discover a title or two you missed. We will be socially-distanced and wearing masks. Contact the library if you'd like to join via Zoom.



# 20's & 30's



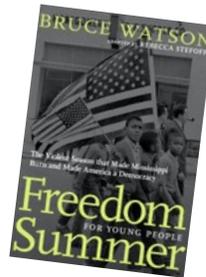
## Books n' Beverages Book Club Thursday, January 14 @ 7:00 pm on Zoom *The Queen's Gambit* by Walter Tevis

Eight year-old orphan Beth Harmon is quiet, sullen, and by all appearances unremarkable. That is, until she plays her first game of chess. Her senses grow sharper, her thinking clearer, and for the first time in her life she feels herself fully in control. By the age of sixteen, she's competing for the U.S. Open championship. But as Beth hones her skills on the professional circuit, the stakes get higher, her isolation grows more frightening, and the thought of escape becomes all the more tempting. The book is available on hoopla as an ebook and audiobook.

The meeting will be held on Zoom. Contact Amy (aschaffer@basehorlibrary.org) if you would like the link.

# Teens

## NEW Teen Books!



## Teen Tuesdays w/ Amy

Tuesdays, January 5, 12, 19 & 26 @ 3:30 pm on Zoom

In-person programs might be on hold for right now, but we have a solution to bring the Teen Program to you. Come chat with Amy every Tuesday at 3:30 pm. Hear about the newest books & comics and talk about whatever you'd like. If you'd like to join, email Amy at aschaffer@basehorlibrary.org for the weekly link.



## Teen Teleparties

Wednesdays (Anime Club!) @ 3:30 January 6, 13, 20 & 27  
and Thursdays @ 3:30 pm January 7, 14, 21 & 28

Join us virtually each week on Wednesdays and Thursdays for a Netflix teleparty...we'll watch a movie and chat with each other while it streams. To join in, email Amy at aschaffer@basehorlibrary.org and you will be sent a link to the Netflix Teleparty close to the time of the meeting.



Participants must have a Netflix account and have the Teleparty extension downloaded on a Chrome browser. Need help? Let Amy know and she'll get you set up.



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# Babies - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

## To-Go Crafts From Miss Becca!

Just in time for these cold wintery days, our to-go craft bags are available for pick-up. You can ask for them at our drive-thru window or at the Children's Department desk. Each craft is based on a children's book that you might see at the library.

Available January 4-15

Inspired by *The Snowy Day*  
by Ezra Jack Keats

The first craft in January is a hot cocoa mug. When do *you* drink hot cocoa? All the craft items you need to create this picture-perfect cup of hot cocoa is in the To-Go bag. It will make you thirsty for a real, steaming cup of hot cocoa! This is an easy craft that focuses on gluing and decorating.



Available January 18-31

Inspired by *Papa, Please Get the Moon*  
by Eric Carle

The second craft in January is this adorable moon and star craft. All you need to create your own moon and star is in the bag. Send us a picture of your own moon and star! This craft focuses on the fine motor skills cutting, tying and decorating.

Crafts available until gone!

## Storytimes with Sir Patrick

**Facebook LIVE Storytimes**  
**Wednesdays and Thursdays**  
**@ 10:00-10:30 am**

Wednesdays, starting January 6

Thursdays, starting January 7

We hope you had a happy and safe holiday season!

Storytime will resume on **January 6**, the first Wednesday of the New Year.

Join Mr. Patrick on Facebook Live every Wednesday and Thursday in January at 10:00 am for a collection of new stories, old classics, and lots of laughs and heart!



## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

*Now on Beanstack!*

1,000 B4K program is a fun, exciting, and free way to start your child on the path to success! Any child ages birth to five years can participate. With the Beanstack app, you and your child will enjoy all the benefits of this wonderful program! Just sign up, log your books, and show us your progress to get your child's rewards. Questions? Just ask. Happy Reading!



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