

MARCH

at the Library



Women's History Month

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March is Women's History Month—a time to honor the contributions, achievements, and resilience of women throughout history and across the globe. As we celebrate this month, one powerful way to pay tribute to women's voices is through literature. Literature by and about women offers a rich tapestry of stories, experiences, and perspectives that can deeply enrich our understanding of the world and ourselves.

Literature by women spans genres and time periods, offering a diverse array of narratives that reflect the complexities of women's lives. From classic works penned by trailblazing authors to contemporary voices breaking new ground, there is no shortage of stories waiting to be discovered.

If you are interested in reading more Women Authors this month, consider joining us for our Women Authors Book Club on March 24 at 5:30PM, visit our catalog online to look for booklists about Women's History and Women Authors, or stop by our 2nd floor desk and ask for a recommendation from one of our Librarians!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Unplugged: All Ages Boardgames

Take a Risk, Monopolize on the fun, Checkers out (too far?) all we have to offer at our monthly all-ages board game group. Play new board games, or grab an old favorite, meet new folks, and have an overall good time. Whether you're into Settlers of Catan, Magic the Gathering, or Scrabble, we have you covered.

2nd Sunday | 1PM | 3rd Floor | All Ages

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4th Monday | 5:30PM | 2nd Floor | 18+

Children's Programs Ages 0 - 11 Unless Otherwise Listed

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Prepare your little one for a lifetime of reading with our early literacy initiative! Sign up at the Youth Reference Desk. Ages 0-5.

Baby Bookworms Tuesdays | 11AM | 1st Floor

Join us for a lapsit story time to introduce the sounds and rhythms of language, develop motor skills and support early learning. Storytime is followed by a brief playtime with toys, our parachute, and socialization for caregivers and babies. Baby Bookworms is recommended for pre-walkers who are not yet highly mobile. Ages 0 to 12 months.

Little Ones Story Time

1st, 2nd, & 4th Fridays | 10:15AM | 1st Floor

Join us for Little Ones, a fun, interactive story time designed to introduce early language skills, movement, and learning concepts. We'll sing songs, recite rhymes, and enjoy a few movement activities. Storytime is followed by an extended play session focused on gross motor skills and social engagement for both toddlers and caregivers.

Little Ones is recommended for toddlers ages 12 to 24 months who are ready for the next step after Baby Bookworms.

Toddler Story Time Wed & Thur | 10:15AM | 1st Floor

Caregivers and toddlers can join us for repetitive rhymes, songs and movement that help introduce the sounds and rhythms of language, develop motor skills, and support early learning. Participants will also enjoy simple books that explore familiar concepts, sounds and movements. Caregiver participation strongly encouraged. Ages 24 to 36 months.

Preschool Story Time Wed & Thur | 11:15AM | 1st Floor

Saturdays | 10:30AM | 1st Floor

Join us for age-appropriate stories, songs, movement, and play that promote language and listening skills, enhance motor skills, expand imaginations, and inspire curiosity! Ages 3 to 5 years

Kids Craft Corner 4th Tuesday | 5PM | 1st Floor

Children ages 7-12 are invited to join us every month as we get creative, get a little messy, and most of all have a lot of fun. Every month will feature a new and unique craft to create. All supplies will be provided, so just bring yourself and maybe a friend or two!

Mystique and Mayhem 1st & 3rd Wednesdays | 5PM | 1st Floor

Youth are invited to embark on a journey of creativity through play and enrichment as they work together to develop problem-solving, critical thinking, creativity, communication, and more through the excitement of storytelling and world building. From character creation to descriptive imagination, every story is unique. Ages 7 to 12 years.

Youth Chess Club 1st & 3rd Saturday | 2PM | 3rd Floor

Get ready to embark on a chess-tastic journey with the Temple Chess Club! Join our squad of enthusiastic volunteers who are armed with a passion for pawns, a love for knights, and a knack for cunning strategies! Unleash your inner grandmaster, forge new friendships, and let the checkmates commence! Ages 6 - 18.

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Ages 18+

**FIFTY
IN 50**

Tween Programs

Ages 11 - 13 Unless Otherwise Listed

Tween Advisory Board 3rd Tuesday | 5PM | 1st Floor

Calling all Tweens: The Temple Public Library needs your help! Join us for our Tween Advisory Board where you can help influence the future of tween programs. If you are between the ages of 11 and 13, join us on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings will be held at 5PM in the Teen Space.

Tween Hangout 2nd Thursday | 5PM | 1st Floor

Looking for something to do? Looking for a place to hang out with your friends? Join us every second Thursday from 5-6PM at the Temple Public Library for Tween Hangout! Each program we will have a new and fun activity you can do, or feel free to just hang out with your friends and make some new ones!

Teen Programs

Ages 13 - 18 Unless Otherwise Listed

50 Books Before Graduation temple.beanstack.org

Prepare for your next chapter in life with our teen reading challenge! Register at temple.beanstack.org, the Beanstack Tracker app, or at the Youth Services Desk on the 1st Floor.

D&D and Beyond 1st & 3rd Thursday | 5PM | 1st Floor

Do you like to live on the edge of your seat and by the roll of the dice? Join us for D&D and Beyond where we play games like D&D, Kids on Bikes, City of Mist, and more! This group meets every first and third Thursday of the month at 5PM in the Teen Space.

Teen Craft Corner 4th Tuesday | 5PM | 1st Floor

Take a break from the stresses of school and life and create something fun during our monthly craft program. Our crafts will include projects such as string art, painting, learning about artists and their techniques, mixed media, and so much more! We will meet every fourth Tuesday in the Teen Space.

Teen Advisory Board 2nd Tuesday | 5PM | 1st Floor

Join our Teen Advisory Board for the opportunity to tell us what to do! By attending our meetings you will not only have volunteer opportunities, but you will also be able to discuss programming and events you want to see at the library. So go ahead, boss us around! As an added bonus: there will be snacks. We will meet every second Tuesday in the Teen Space.

Teen Hangout 4th Thursday | 5PM | 1st Floor

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Society of Fantastic Bibliophiles 1st Tuesday | 5PM | 1st Floor

Let's talk about your favorite books! Join us for our Teen Book Talk program and share what you are reading. If you do not have a book to share, feel free to listen in to find your next favorite read. This group meets every first Tuesday of the month at 5PM in the Teen Space.



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Adult Programs

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FiftyIn50 Reading Challenge

January 2 - December 20, 2024 | temple.beanstack.org

Read 50 books from 50 different categories in 50 weeks to win a prize! Find more information online or sign up now at temple.beanstack.org.

Art Journaling 3rd Thursday | 1PM | 2nd Floor

Unleash your creativity and nurture your soul in this inspiring art journaling workshop! Whether you are looking to explore your thoughts, express your emotions, or simply carve out time for yourself, this program offers the perfect space to reflect, create, and connect. No experience is needed, so join a welcoming community as we embark on a journey of creativity, self-expression, and inspiration. Make time for yourself—you deserve it!

Books for Lunch Feb 12 | 12PM | 3rd Floor

Sponsored by the Temple Literacy Council and Temple Public Library, enjoy a book discussion or review over lunch (food not provided).

The Candlekeep Library

1st & 3rd Thursday | 11:30AM | 3rd Floor

Looking to play D&D with other adults in the afternoon? This new group is open to players of all levels. Feel free to bring your own character, or select one of the pre-made characters that will be available.

FiftyIn50 Discussion Group 3rd Thursday | 9AM | 2nd Floor

Feeling a little stuck on your 2025 FiftyIn50 Reading Challenge? Don't worry—you are not alone! Join a fun and supportive group of fellow readers for a relaxed, book club-style meetup designed to spark ideas, share inspiration, and help you crush your reading goals. At this meetup, you can share your challenges and get fresh, creative book recommendations to keep you motivated; connect with other book lovers, exchange tips, and build a community of readers cheering each other on; and leave each session with new ideas, encouragement, and the confidence to tackle your reading list. This free-form discussion is perfect for anyone 18+ who loves to read—no special skills required, just a passion for books! Whether you are a seasoned reader or just getting started, this is the place to find support, make connections, and celebrate your progress. Let's turn reading into a team effort!

Genealogy Saturdays 4th Saturday | 11AM | 2nd Floor

Discover Your Roots with the Bell County Genealogy Society! Dig into your family history with expert guidance from the Bell County Genealogy Society. Whether you are just starting out or have hit a roadblock in your research, join us in the Temple Public Library's Genealogy Room for free, personalized assistance. Uncover the stories of your ancestors and bring your family tree to life!

Job and Resource Assistance Tuesdays | 10AM | 2nd Floor

Unlock your potential with professional guidance provided by the Heart of Texas Goodwill Missions team every Tuesday from 10AM to 3:30PM on the second floor of the library. These dedicated experts will help you sharpen your job search skills, craft a standout resume, and tackle any computer challenges you face. But that's not all—whether you need help finding food, housing, utility assistance, counseling services, transportation, or clothing, this is your chance to learn about available support to help you achieve your goals and build a brighter future.



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Adult Programs

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2nd Saturday Crafternoons: Needlepoint & Embroidery March 8 | 2PM | 2nd Floor

Unleash your creativity and dive into the world of needlepoint and embroidery at this engaging and hands-on Crafternoon session! Perfect for beginners and enthusiasts alike, this workshop blends history, artistry, and practical skills to help you create a stunning Bargello stitch design. Space is limited so reserve your spot early at bit.ly/TPLAdultRegistration.

Sit 'n' Stitch 2nd Tuesday | 5PM | 2nd Floor 3rd Saturday | 11AM | 2nd Floor

Join our meet-up group for fiber enthusiasts. Whether you knit, crochet, needle point, felt, or sew, join us for an hour or two of good conversation and great crafting. Bring your own projects to work on alone or with others.

Stories to Tell 2nd & 4th Saturdays | 1PM | 2nd Floor

Get your ideas and writing flowing with this women's writing group, using prompts to create meaningful prose & poetry. Participants can share their work with the group, provide feedback to others who share, or quietly work in the company of other writers.

Wandering Reads Discussion 1st Thursday | 5:30PM | 2nd Floor

All those who wander are not lost. Sign up for our monthly Wandering Reads and be transported! Subscribe to have a book selected for you based on your preferences and the month's travel-related theme, and then join us for an in-person discussion where you can report back from your readerly journeys and compare notes about the month's topic. Sign up at www.bit.ly/2025TPLWanderingReads.

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Words in Progress 4th Saturday | 2:30PM | 2nd Floor

Writer's block? Dreaming of starting (or finishing) your own book? Come join us for Words in Progress: A Writers Group where we will work monthly on developing our voices, honing our creative skills, and discussing the craft and discipline of writing. From those who have never touched pen to paper to published authors, all are welcome in this constructive and supportive workshop.

All Ages Programs

Friends of the Library Mid-Winter Book Sale

Join the Friends of the Temple Public Library for their 2025 Mid-Winter Used Book Sale!

The Book Sale will be in the McLane Room on the third floor of the Temple Public Library.

- Monday, 2/24: 10AM - 7PM, Member Preview Day
- Wednesday, 2/26: 10AM - 7PM, Regular Sale*
- Thursday, 2/27: 10AM - 7PM, Regular Sale*
- Friday, 2/28: 10AM - 7PM, Regular Sale*
- Saturday, 3/1: 10AM - 4PM, Bag Day

*Teacher Discount Days for 20% off

For more information about how you can get involved with the Friends of the Temple Public Library, be sure to visit them online at friendsofthetemplepubliclibrary.org or follow them on [Facebook](#).

Homeschool Meetup 2nd Tuesday | 1PM | 1st Floor

Looking for a fun and welcoming space to meet other homeschool families? Take a well-deserved break during our Homeschool Meetup! This is the perfect opportunity to catch up with friends, make new connections, and enjoy some quality family time. Attendees can expect a variety of toys and board games to keep kids engaged and entertained, a chance to connect with other homeschooling families, whether you are a seasoned pro or just starting your journey, and a relaxed, supportive environment to share experiences and build community. Whether you are here for the friendships, the fun, or the shared experiences, this meetup is designed to make your homeschooling adventure even more rewarding. We can't wait to see you there!

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