
Off the Shelf:

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Love Your Library – Again!

Once again, it is time to love your library. The Prince William Public Library System's 7th annual Love My Library Campaign has begun. Branches and neighborhood libraries are featuring displays of heart-themed cards with selections of books, music CDs and DVDs needed for our collections. It has never been easier to donate most-needed items to your favorite library. Always loved "To Kill a Mockingbird"? You're in luck, because your local library needs another copy. Or was "Speak Now" by Taylor Swift your personal album of the year? If so, there's a library near you which could use another copy of this award-winning CD. To participate, visit your closest branch and simply select and fill out one of the displayed cards, and give the card (with either cash or check) to the Circulation staff. In return, donors receive a reusable Love My Library bag that features art work by local architect and artist, Paul Econa. Mr. Econa is a Lake Ridge resident and, in addition to his career as an architect, "also loves everything related to industrial and graphic design, photography and art . . .and I love my Library, of course!" You will find a wide-ranging selection of items to buy -- everything from \$4 paperbacks and board books to \$35 audiobook sets. Best of all, everything to choose from has been selected to meet the needs of each individual branch. While you receive a great book bag, the item you chose will feature a unique Love My Library book plate. You may donate your item in honor of or in memory of an individual or group, or simply have your gift acknowledged on the book plate. In 2010, hundreds of items worth over \$12,000 were donated, including large donations from Supervisor Covington and TD Bank. This year the 2011 campaign began on February 14th will end on the last day of National Library Week Saturday, April 16th. Visit your local library and show us some love!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

There's Love My Library, and then there's Love in the Library, in the form of romantic novels of all sorts. Readers of romance will find lots to love when they consult the Electronic Resources page of the library's website and use NoveList to guide their reading. Most fans of the genre have favorite authors, but often struggle to find something else to read when they've worked through the authors they love most. NoveList allows the user, any time, 24/7, to login by using their library card number. Once in the source, the user can find "read-alikes" and other lists of recommended novels, with summaries and reviews. In February, romance readers find themselves in love with NoveList. No matter what type of book you like to read, this great source can guide you to new and undiscovered reading adventures. Go to <http://www.pwcgov.org/library> and click on the 6th choice to the left, Electronic Resources. From there, find NoveList and start your own adventure.

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