



Library Speak: Genre

Genre is a French word which translates to *kind* or *sort* in English. In the library world, we use genres to categorize books. This helps people find the kinds of books they are most interested in. Here is a chart outlining some of the more popular genres along with examples of authors for each category.

Genre	Description	Sub-genres	Authors
Fantasy	Novels set in a completely fictional world or in a version of this world that includes magic, magical creatures, and/or supernatural events.	Legends, Myths, Fairy Tales, Epic Fantasy, Alternate & Parallel Worlds, Urban Fantasy	Neil Gaiman, N.K. Jemisin, C.S. Lewis, George R.R. Martin, Naomi Novik, J.K. Rowling, Brandon Sanderson, J.R.R. Tolkien
Historical Fiction	Novels telling a story that is set in the past and pays close attention to the manners, social conditions and other details of the depicted period. These stories often combine historic people, places and/or events with imagined people, places and/or events.	Prehistoric, Ancient Civilizations, Medieval, 15th-19th Centuries, 20th Century, Sagas	Ken Follett, Philippa Gregory, Kritisin Hannah, Sue Monk Kidd, Hilary Mantel, Colson Whitehead
Horror	Novels that create the feeling of fear, repulsion, fright or terror in the readers.	Gothic, Paranormal, Psychological, Apocalyptic	Clive Barker, Max Brooks, M.R. Carey, Joe Hill, Shirley Jackson, Stephen King, Paul Tremblay
Mystery	Novels where the plot revolves around solving why something has happened or will happen.	Traditional Mystery, Cozy Mystery, Historical Mystery, Public Detectives, Private Investigators, Crime Capers, Noir	Rhys Bowen, Agatha Christie, Michael Connelly, Arthur Conan Doyle, Janet Evanovich, Tana French, Dennis Lehane, Louise Penny
Romance	Novels focusing on a central love story. These books have optimistic or emotionally satisfying endings.	Contemporary Romance, Historic Romance, Western Romance, Regency Romance, Paranormal Romance, Inspirational Romance, Cozy Romance	Mary Balogh, Sandra Brown, Robyn Carr, Diana Gabaldon, Beverly Jenkins, Beverly Lewis, Debbie Macomber, Courtney Milan, Tracie Peterson, Nicholas Sparks
Science Fiction	Novels dealing with imaginative and futuristic concepts such as advanced science and technology, time travel, extraterrestrial life, etc. These stories are often set in the future or on other planets. Science Fiction is the literature of "what if?"	Hard Sci-Fi, Space Opera, Military Sci-Fi, Time Travel, Steampunk, Techno Sci-Fi, Dystopias, Utopias, Alternate History, Parallel Reality	Isaac Asimov, Margaret Atwood, Orson Scott Card, Philip K. Dick, Frank Herbert, Ursula Le Guin, Neal Stephenson, Andy Weir
Suspense or Thriller	Novels that evoke heightened feelings of suspense, excitement, thrill, surprise, anticipation, and anxiety. Literary devices such as plot twists and cliffhangers are extensively used in these books.	Adventure Thrillers, Conspiracy Thrillers, Espionage Thrillers, Crime Thrillers, Psychological Suspense, Domestic Thrillers	David Baldacci, Lee Child, Clive Cussler, John Grisham, Iris Johansen, Liane Moriarty, Daniel Silva

2020 has been a challenging year. The pandemic has affected our daily lives including our reading preferences. The library staff has noticed a trend of more people requesting cozy mysteries and cozy romances. Also known as cozies, cozy mysteries and romances are gentle subgenres where readers will not experience any graphic language, sex or violence. Instead, readers can count on a comfortable and joyful reading experience.

Story Time Fridays 9-Noon

Story Time in a Bag will continue in 2021! We are committed to continue this service to families during the pandemic. Kits will be available on Friday mornings for pick up.

When the library is able to open for browsing, we will resume Story Time by Appointment. This has one family at a time come into the library for individualized story time. We meet for a story for 10 minutes, then families move into the library for checkout, snacks and their Story Time in a Bag kit. We will restart this program when we are out of Tier 3 mitigation.

January Promotion—Cordova Library Mugs or Water Bottle

Adults—check out 10 items during the month of January and receive our new Cordova Library coffee mug or water bottle.

Kids—check out 20 items during January and receive a water bottle.



Take and Make Christmas Tree



Kits are available to make these fleece Christmas Trees. You will receive the material and paper to make. You will need a hot glue gun.

Call for your take and make kit today!
654-2330



Noon Year's Eve in a Box

Starting December 21st, the library will have Noon Year's Eve in a Box for families in our community. This box contains party supplies and activities to celebrate the New Year's Eve safely at home. There will be links to a countdown clock and online activities. Of course, it wouldn't be a celebration without sparkling apple juice!

Cordova Library has an App!!

To download the App, go to Google Play or iTunes store and look for PrairieCat mobile app. Once downloaded to your device, find and choose Cordova District Library. Go to your account and add your library card number. The PIN is the last 4 digits of your library card number. Now you can place holds, view holds and see your reading history. Also, all of our E-Resources are listed in the app. Any questions, please call the library for our tech support help.



Hours of Operation

Curbside Pick Up (No in-person browsing)	In-Person Browsing Allowed
Monday: 9:00am—6:30pm	Monday through Thursday: 9:00am—12:30pm & 2:00pm-6:30pm*
Tuesday: 9:00am—6:30pm	Friday: 9:00am—12:30 & 2:00-4:00pm
Wednesday: 9:00am—6:30pm	Saturday: 9:00am-12:30pm
Thursday: 9:00am—6:30pm	*closed for lunch and cleaning
Friday: 9:00am—4:00pm	
Saturday: 9:00am-12:30pm	

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Covid Poem

When this is over,
 may we never again
 take for granted
 A handshake with a stranger
 Full shelves at the store
 Conversations with neighbors
 A crowded theatre
 Friday night out
 The taste of communion
 A routine checkup
 The school rush each morning
 Coffee with a friend
 The stadium roaring
 Each deep breath
 A boring Tuesday
 Life itself.

When this ends,
 may we find
 that we have become
 more like the people
 we wanted to be
 we were called to be
 we hoped to be
 and may we stay
 that way--better
 for each other
 because of the worst.
 - Laura Kelley Fanucci

Jesse White Extends Closure of Driver Services Facilities until Jan. 5, 2021

Driver's licenses and ID card expirations are extended until June 1, 2021. Online renewals have been expanded to reduce facility visits for in-person services. Select facilities open to serve new drivers and CDL applicants only.

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is announcing that Driver Services facilities statewide will remain closed for in-person transactions until **Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021**, due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. White is reminding the public that expirations for driver's licenses and ID cards have been extended until June 1, 2021.

Expanded Online Services

White also has expanded online services for the public, which they can take advantage of by visiting www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Some of these services include:

- ◆ Renewing a license plate sticker
- ◆ Renewing a valid driver's license for qualifying drivers
- ◆ Renewing a valid ID card for those age 22-64 (seniors 65 and older have free, non-expiring IDs)
- ◆ Obtaining a driver record abstract
- ◆ Filing Business Services documents, such as incorporations and annual reports
- ◆ Customers with issues involving administrative hearings may contact adminhearings@ilsos.gov.

Expanded Online Renewals for Driver's Licenses and ID Cards

In an effort to reduce future facility visits for in-person service, White has expanded online renewals for driver's licenses and ID cards. Not everyone qualifies, particularly those who are required to pass a written or road test. For qualifying drivers, if the driver's license or ID card expired between Feb. 1, 2020, through Jan. 31, 2021, then the individual will receive a letter this month with a unique PIN needed to renew online. If the driver's license or ID card expires after Feb. 1, 2021, the individual will receive the PIN letter approximately 90 days before the expiration date. For more information on determining whether an individual qualifies for online renewal, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com and click on "Read more on how to renew your driver's license or ID card online" near the top of the main page.

Winter Break in a Box

Do you need some activities for the kiddos over winter break? The library will be making kits that includes activities to do over winter break. Activities will include Shrinky Dinks, origami, string art, slime and other bonus items. Call 654-2330 to get a kit—limited kits are available. Kits will be distributed starting December 18th.

Take and Make String Art Ornaments

Kits are available to make these string art Christmas ornaments. They are great to give as gifts!



Book Sale Update

Amazing patrons donated \$326 to students at Riverdale Elementary School. With that money, we purchased 180 books for students in need. Thank you to everyone who donated money!

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How are you doing in the Library?

This is by far the question most asked for library staff during the pandemic. Like everyone, we are doing okay. The hardest part of this is not being able to see our patrons. We miss you! It is quiet in the library, however, we are **NOT CLOSED!**

Due to Tier 3 Mitigations, our doors are locked but we are still here to help you. How do we do this?

- **Curbside Delivery**—either you choose the books (online or through our App) or we can choose them for you. To do this, we will ask you a few questions to see what kind of authors, genres, or format you prefer. Then, we shop! It is so fun to find books for our patrons.
 - **Home Delivery**—we will deliver your library materials to your home. Now, you might not want to “bother” us, but we enjoy getting out of the library and seeing patrons in our library district. It makes us feel like we are one of the “traveling librarians” from the 1930’s WPA. If you are not sure what we are talking about,
- there are two great books that tell about that time in history:
- *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson
 - *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes
- **Computers**—if you need to use a computer for emergency situations (financial, medical, unemployment, etc.), please call to set up a 15 minute appointment.
 - **Notary, Printing, Fax, & Stamps**—we can offer these services curbside. For Notary services, we will come out the parking lot to sign documents. Printing can be completed from your phone outside. For faxes, we will take your documents and fax them for you while you wait. As always, we have stamps available for \$11 per book and will deliver curbside.
 - **System Delivery**—RAILS is still making deliveries from our consortium members. This means we still have access to over 5.2 MILLION items in the system!