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NTTBF YEAR 10 BIRTHDAY BASH!

Thousands of book lovers find excitement, laughter, adventure, and a place to belong each year at the North Texas Teen Book Festival (NTTBF). Join in the fun for NTTBF's tenth year celebration, April 27 at the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas with over 70 authors in a panel-palooza of graphic novel draw-offs, game shows, workshops and book discussions followed by end of day signing lines.

Middle Grade stands its ground at NTTBF 2024! This year 40 authors are part of the Middle

Ground (MG) track, represented in 29 panels and two special keynotes by industry rock stars Tui T. Sutherland (*Wings of Fire* series) at 9 a.m. and Jeff Kinney (*Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series) at 3 p.m. Kinney will also have a separate signing time from noon to 2 p.m. Families interested in strictly Middle Ground panels can select an MG program at the Irving Convention Center Info Desk or download it [online](#).

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Friends News

Friends Annual Meeting Becomes “Shopper’s Delight”

The Friends will reward Annual Meeting attendees with BOOK BUCKS! Book Bucks will be applied as a discount on purchases after the 15-minute business meeting. Bring a guest to the meeting who joins the Friends and receive double Book Bucks!

Annual Meeting, Wednesday, May 1

12:45 p.m. Red Door is locked. Book Bucks distributed to all attendees.

1 p.m. Short business meeting concluded. Red Door opened for 1st Wednesday Member Book Sale.

Book Bucks valid from May 1, (Member Book Sale) through June 9 (Summer Book Sale).



Looking for Library Stories!

From Marilyn:

My library life began when I was 6 years old and has remained one of my biggest sources of pleasure and learning. To realize the wealth of information and innovative services that are available at the Irving Public Library for free to citizens of Irving, is amazing. I could not have dreamed of having the service offerings, creative offerings, job assistance, and many other resources. We are fortunate to have this treasure chest open to all of our residents.

From Barbara:

The Library has always exceeded my expectations with new enhancements that have kept the library and my desires moving forward. With technology, Interlibrary Loan, and the TexShare card, Irving Library's resources are unlimited. The staff has responded to requests for audiobooks I have wanted, and they order them! I'm a huge fan. The Irving Library is my source for a world of knowledge, and more often than not, from the comfort of home. Now that's a great library!



Summerize Your Bookshelf at the Annual Book Sale

Stock up for summer fun with a variety of entertainment at bargain prices! PUZZLES, DVDs, CDs, RECORDS and BOOKS:

- to try new summer recipes
- to practice learning a new language
- to do science experiments
- to learn new hobbies
- to discover new places to go

Most books are \$1 or less.

Book Sale Dates

June 7
3 to 7 p.m.
Members Only

June 8
10 a.m.
to 4 p.m.

June 9
1 to
4 p.m.

For this edition of Library Line, library testimonials were contributed by Marilyn Willems and her good friend Barbara Eshleman. Scan (or click on) the QR code below to contribute a library impact story for future library publicity or reports.

Program News

Looking for more events or event details? Check out the [Beyond the Stacks newsletter!](#)

NTTBF YEAR 10 BIRTHDAY BASH!

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The Young Adult keynote starts at 2:30 p.m., featuring Karen M. McManus (*One of Us is Lying* series), Jennifer Lynn Barnes (*Inheritance Games* series) and Jumata Emill (*Wander in the Dark*). In 2024, Young Adult works are represented by 37 authors in 26 panels, 12 of which overlap with the Middle Ground. All panel age designations are clearly marked in festival programs.



What else is going on at NTTBF? There is plenty to see and do! Visit the SWAG Shops for cool merch. Publishers' booths on levels one and four will be hosting giveaways. Students can pick up a free book while supplies last in the Exhibit Hall from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Book Beau will be on site to sell fun book sleeves. Take pictures at the many photo ops. The indie book store, Pantego Books, will sell pre-signed titles from the attending authors. If it all becomes too much, visit the Sensory Room on level 3. VITAC live captioning and sign language interpreters will also be available in panel rooms again this year.

Signing lines for all (except Jeff Kinney) start at 3:30 p.m.


There is nothing on its scale in all of North Texas, and the Friends are excited to play a role through fundraising and working the SWAG Shops on levels one and four. For more information, visit NorthTexasTeenBookFestival.com.

Adventure begins at your library

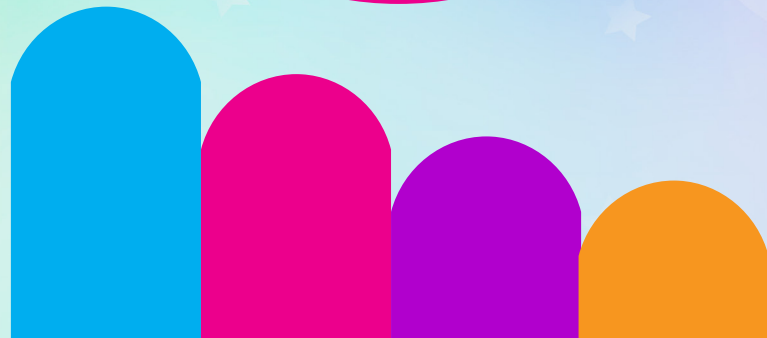
Plan for a season of fun and daring activities during Irving Public Library's annual Summer Reading Challenge! Starting June 1, go on literary adventures and earn fantastic prizes with programs for babies, children and teens. The countdown has already begun on the READSquared website where participants can track their reading and build connections with reading recommendations, games and more!

Adults have [Fully Booked](#), their very own year-round reading challenge to enjoy! Participate in the Summer edition of the program.

For additional information, visit IrvingLibrary.READSquared.com.



APRIL 27
SOUTH AND WEST
IRVING LIBRARIES
WILL BE CLOSED
FOR NORTH TEXAS
TEEN BOOK
FESTIVAL



Get Ready for the Glow Up!



When there's a water main break, power outage, catalog downtime, or some other disruption to library services, where can the public turn for timely news and updates?

The Library's Communications staff spring into action when there's an unexpected event and work diligently to actively publicize such situations with web notices, posters at locations, social media posts and more.

The system is preparing for a summer glow up, an active season of upgrades and repairs impacting all locations, which will require some closures. Stay in the know by taking these measures:

- Bookmark the library's website, not just the catalog, at CityofIrving.org/Library.
- Check for newflash articles and accompanying web banners on the library's homepage.
- Look out for closure posters or other notices on points of entry at library locations and digital slides displayed on the TVs.

For announcements and updates, in addition to program news, fun content and progress reports on the summer glow up, follow the library on social media at @IrvingLibrary on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/IrvingLibrary), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/IrvingLibrary) and [X \(formerly Twitter\)](https://twitter.com/IrvingLibrary).

Remember, Friends don't let friends go to the library when it's closed. Help spread the word.

Services News

Who's New at IPL?

Change has been the name of the game since last fall when retirements left the library system with several important roles to fill. Meet the new and newly promoted librarians!

- Britney Cossey, Library Services Manager, Community Services and Programming
- Malani LaCoste, Library Services Manager, Technical Services
- Jennifer Mesa, Children's Librarian at West
- Javier Lopez, Librarian, Community Services

But, It's Not Over Yet!

The retirement bug bit Dolores Grevan-Stefursky, another irreplaceable team member. Dolores is the system's Senior Administrative Specialist. At the end of April, she closes the chapter on a noteworthy career with the library and will be greatly missed.



Upcoming Library Closures:

April 27, North Texas Teen Book Festival (South and West Only)

May 26, Memorial Day

