

# LIBRARY LINE



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## FULLY BOOKED RETURNS JAN. 1

Fully Booked returns with some new rules and fantastic prompts for great reads in 2024! This year, adults are challenged to read 15 books within each 4 month period: January-April, May-August and September-December to earn prizes. Prizes become available on the first of the final month of each challenge time frame.

Readers can work off the paper log or track their titles in READsquared, a service specifically designed for keeping track of reading challenge materials, creating online book reviews and finding recommended reading lists all in one place. The steps are relatively simple:

1. Log-in or register at [IrvingLibrary.ReadSquared.com](http://IrvingLibrary.ReadSquared.com)
2. Read any owned or borrowed adult book (print, digital and audio are acceptable) and log that title in ReadSquared.
3. After logging the title, click on Missions and complete the corresponding prompt for that title.
4. Completing 15 prompts wins the challenge for that 4-month period for an annual total of 45 titles.
5. Prizes become available at library locations at the start of April, August and December.

Happy New Year, and happy reading!





# Friends News



## North Texas Giving Day Outcome

North Texas Giving Day was a great day with donations of \$4,000. This proves the value people place on libraries, specifically on the Irving Public Library. The 2023 Giving Day focus was to apply donations to the Irving Public Library's tenth anniversary celebration of the North Texas Teen Book Festival (NTTBF). The upcoming NTTBF takes place April 27, 2024 at the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas and will feature over 70 authors of Young Adult and Middle Grade literature.

Over the years, thousands of young adults have gained lasting memories having had personal interactions with favorite authors at the North Texas Teen Book Festival, instilling the love of reading in their lives for years to come. Visit the library's [Flickr album](#) to see what a great time attendees had at last year's event.

To learn more about the North Texas Teen Book Festival, visit the [NTTBF website](#). See the [Friends of the Irving Public Library](#) for more information on giving to the North Texas Teen Book Festival.

## Start the New Year with a Resolution

Read more books, and buy those books at the Friends of the Library Book Sales.

All proceeds go to support the Irving Public Library

### BOOK SALES RESUME

**1 to 3 p.m., Feb. 7**

#### **1st Wednesday Members-Only Book Sale**

Memberships available at the door at reduced cost for remainder of the Friends year which ends April 30. Most books \$1.00 or less. Inventory will also include puzzles, CDs, DVDs and vinyl records.

**Additional Members-Only sales for this season take place March 6 and April 3.**

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Feb. 10**

#### **Saturday Book Sale**

This book sale is open to the public.

All book sales take place at the Friends Warehouse, 3000 Rock Island Road, Irving, TX. Please come in through the red door on the eastern side of the building.

For more information on book sales, to purchase a membership online or more, visit the [Friends of the Irving Public Library website](#).



# Program News

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

## Events for Adults



**Jan. 29-Feb. 28**

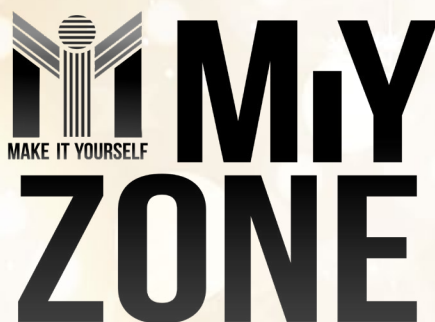
### **Blind Date with a Book**

All Irving Public Library locations  
Take a chance on a mystery book  
in the Blind Date with a Book  
display between Jan. 29 and Feb.  
14 and enter for a chance to win  
a prize! Last day to enter is Feb.  
28. The prize drawing takes place  
March 1.

## Dec. 24 through Jan. 1 winter storytime break

All locations will undergo a  
storytime break between  
Dec. 24 and Jan. 1.

**Valley Ranch Library**  
will experience a storytime break  
from Feb. 19-March 10  
due to early voting.



The Irving Public Library MiY  
Zones and Digitizing Lab hosts  
“passive programs” where  
the public can drop in during  
[regular MiY Zone hours](#) to work  
on a short project using the  
equipment in the space. Check  
out the current and soon-to-be-  
released projects for adult  
learners and makers:

**Dec. 1-31 | Holiday 3D Print Kits**  
South Irving Library

**Dec. 1-31 | MiY Zone: Mug Press**  
West Irving Library

**Feb. 1-29 | Sew Your Own:  
Bookmarks**  
Valley Ranch Library

**March 2-30 | 3D Print Kits**  
South Irving Library

## children's highlights

### **Jan. 6 | New Year, Healthy Me: Yoga and Healthy Habits**

11 a.m. | West Irving Library  
Start the new year right by  
practicing yoga techniques. Please  
bring a yoga mat from home.

### **Jan. 6 | Mad Science: Fire and Ice**

2:30 p.m. | Valley Ranch Library  
This explosive show will feature  
live experiments about extreme  
temperatures.

### **Jan. 20 | MiY Kids: Codrones | Ages 8+**

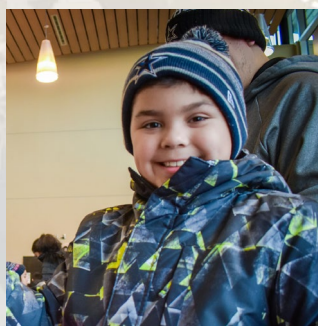
2:30 p.m. | West Irving Library  
Using block-based coding, children  
will make a drone fly and do tricks.

### **Feb. 2 | Friday Night Library: Many Tales**

7 p.m. | South Irving Library  
Stories alive! Celebrate African  
American Heritage Month with  
storyteller Toni Simmons and other  
community performers, games,  
crafts and other activities.

### **Feb. 17 | Book It: Percy Jackson**

2:30 p.m. | Valley Ranch Library  
Celebrate the popular book series  
with crafts and games.





# Services News

## Thanks for the Memories



Corine Barberena at her retirement party

While this season has been filled with many celebrations, library staff have also attended a few bittersweet gatherings for familiar faces who left the ranks to become retirees. Karen Wong, former Senior Librarian over adult fiction and programming at the South Irving Library left at the end of September. Corine Barberena, former Senior Library Services Manager over Outreach, Community Engagement and Collection Development left at the end of October. She was followed by Debbie Brightwell Brown, Senior Librarian over Children's materials and programming at the West Irving Library at the end of November. All of them expressed some time for travel as part of their early retirement activities. Karen recently stopped by to bring freshly baked cookies to her old team.

The retirements may be on pause for the time being, but organizational changes are still afoot as the library fills these open positions!

## Upcoming Library Closures:

Jan. 1, New Year's Holiday

Jan. 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Feb. 1, Staff In-Service



(In photo: Library Director Lynette Roberson with I LEAD Graduates: Lead Library Coordinator Luke Newman and Management Analyst DJ Jefferson)

## I LEAD Graduates

I LEAD is an internal City of Irving training program. All employees are encouraged to apply, but only a select few are chosen. With this training, staff will be better prepared for leadership positions or to enhance their ability to prepare for future career advancement. The program is open to all general employees; however, these individuals must be high performers with some level of leadership skills and aim to advance their careers. Luke Newman and DJ Jefferson successfully completed the last session.

The Library is excited for the leadership opportunities that are ahead for these two employees. In fact, Luke has already secured a promotion to Lead Library Coordinator at Valley Ranch Library!

## Book Tree & Coat Drive

The South Irving Library book tree returned for the holiday season. The book tree has become quite a popular spot to take family photos or just a quick selfie. The tradition began at the old Central Library building, now the J.D. Huffman Building, and has continued at the South Irving Library ever since. The location is also collecting coats and other warm winter clothing throughout the season to give away to those in need.

