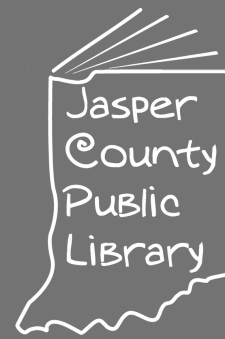


NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2023

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

INFORM, ENRICH, EMPOWER



ISL Talking Books at JCPL

JCPL wants to share with you about a little-known service available to anyone with limited vision - The Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library (TBBL). Offered through the Indiana State Library and made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, the TBBL “provides free library service to residents of Indiana who cannot use standard printed materials due to a visual, physical, or reading disability.” Those who are eligible and have been diagnosed by a competent authority (doctor, nurse, therapist, medical staff) can complete the application found on the Indiana State Library website and return it to them via mail, email, or fax. Once approved, materials will be mailed directly to you! Everything from the Talking Book and Braille Library arrives in reusable containers and with reversible mailing labels. TBBL offers a variety of materials for patrons to choose from, including:

- 12,000 digital audio book titles available on cartridge
- 35,000 digital audio book titles available for download through BARD
- 19,000 Braille book titles
- 11,000 Braille titles available for download through BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Downloads)
- 16,000 large print titles
- Indiana Voices—a recording program producing Indiana related books and magazines
- NLS Magazine on Cartridge program
- Braille magazines

JCPL feels honored to be able to partner with other library agencies to provide the best service available to all patrons in an effort “to inform, enrich, and empower our diverse community.”

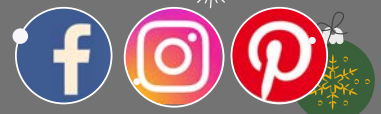


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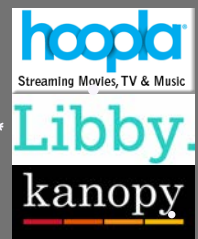
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HOLIDAY CLOSURES

November 22: All Libraries close at 5 pm

November 23: Closed for Thanksgiving

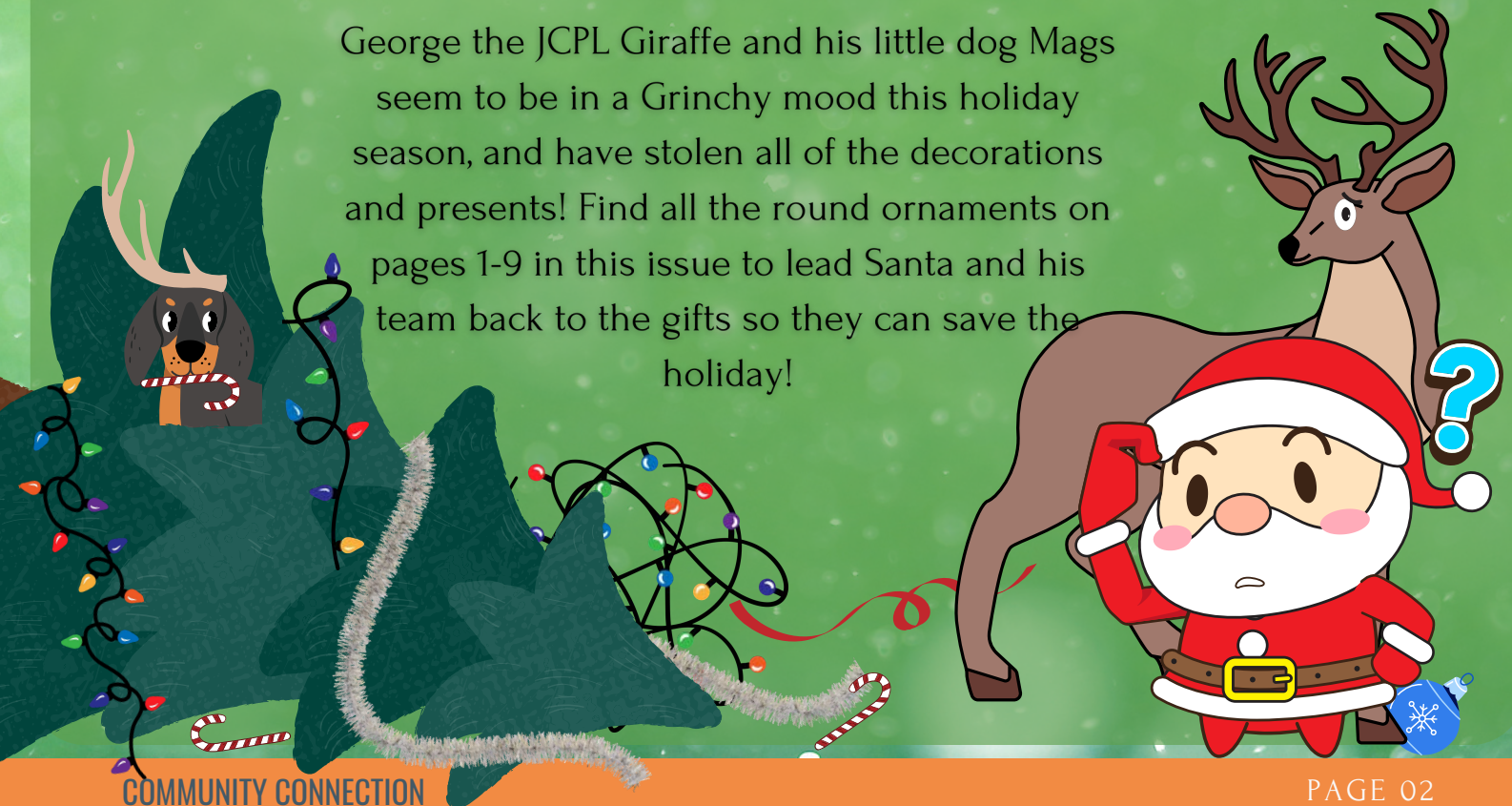
December 25: Closed for Christmas

January 1: Closed for New Year's Day



WE'VE BEEN GRINCHED!

George the JCPL Giraffe and his little dog Mags seem to be in a Grinchy mood this holiday season, and have stolen all of the decorations and presents! Find all the round ornaments on pages 1-9 in this issue to lead Santa and his team back to the gifts so they can save the holiday!





WHEATFIELD EVENTS



November 2-Lego

4-5 pm, Ages 5 +

Build some cool Lego creations as you enjoy a snack.

November 3-Friday Fun-Bingo

11 am, Adults.

Join us for a morning of Bingo fun!

November 3-Charcuterie Board Class

Carmen Fortney returns to give us tips to create a nice charcuterie board. Participants must bring their own board of any kind, approximately 9" x 12". There will be a \$20 fee.

Mondays, November 6-27-Toddler Time

10-10:30 am, Ages 2-3

Those in attendance will hear stories and make crafts.

November 10-18-Holiday Photo Booth

Stop in during open hours to take your own photos in front of our holiday scene, professionally set up by Spare Room Studios. Perfect opportunity for Christmas pictures!

November 14-Teen Book Club

4-5 pm, Grades 6-12. Registration required.

We will be having a book discussion! Books will be available at the front desk.

November 20-Thanksgiving After School Program

4-5 pm, Grades K-5.

Kids will enjoy a snack, a craft, and hear a story.

November 24-Nerf Night

6-8 pm, All ages.

Join us for capture the flag games using Nerf guns and darts. Anyone under 13 years of age must be accompanied by an adult, and all participants will be required to sign a waiver. Participants are required to bring their own unmodified Nerf toy and protective eyewear. The library will provide darts. Refreshments will be provided.

November 28-Friends Meeting

1 pm, Adults.

New members are always welcome!

December 1-Friday Fun-Bingo!

11 am, Adults.

Join us for a morning of Bingo fun!

December 2-Christmas Story Time

10-10:30 am, Ages 3-5. Registration required.

We will listen to stories and make a craft.

December 5-Family Holiday Program

10 am OR 6 pm, All ages.

We will have stories, crafts, a snack, and a visit from Santa!

December 13-Christmas After School Program

4-5 pm, Grades K-5

We will have a snack, make a craft, and hear a story.

December 18-Maker Monday

4 pm, Grades 1-8. Registration required.

We will have a snack and make some cool creations.

December 19-Teen Craft Day

4-5 pm, Grades 6-12. Registration required.

Teens will enjoy a snack while they make a Christmas craft for someone special.

December 29-Family Lego Build-a-Thon

6-8 pm, All ages. Registration required.

Families are welcome to bring in their own Lego kits to work on, or use one of the ones we will have available. Families will compete against each other with fun Lego challenges!



Combat Coffee



Every 1st Wednesday of the month at 10 am.

Created by a Vet, Combat Coffee is a casual environment in which Veterans (with or without combat experience) can connect through coffee, conversation, and camaraderie.



DEMOTTE EVENTS



November-Silent Auction

The Friends of the Library will be hosting a silent auction throughout the month of November. Several holiday-themed items will be up for auction. Bidding will end on November 30 and the winners will be called December 1.

Wednesdays, November 1-22-Lapsit

10 am, Ages 0-23 months. Registration required.
Join us for a morning of stories, rhymes, and interactive play with others.

November 6-Magnificent Monday

10 am, All ages.
This program is for individuals with developmental disabilities. We will read a story or two and provide a craft.

November 7-Growing Together, a Parenting Group

6:30 pm, Adults.
This month's topic is Attachment Styles and Communication Strategies. Learn how to define children's attachment styles and the impact it has on their behavior, as well as effective communication strategies.

November 14-Friends Meeting

1 pm, Adults
New members are always welcome!



November 14-Medicare 101

6 pm, Adults.
Cliff Havens returns to answer any and all questions you may have about Medicare in 2024.

November 15-Turkey Bingo

11 am, Adults. Registration requested.
Join us for a special Turkey Bingo! Prizes will be awarded to the winner.

November 16-STEM

4:30 pm, Grades K-5.
Join us to make Elephant Toothpaste!

November 17-The Office Adult Trivia

6:30-8, Adults. Registration required.
Gather in groups of 2-4 and come test your Michael, Dwight, Jim and Pam knowledge against others to see who will come out on top. Prizes awarded to the top team!

November 20-Quest Trekkers

6 pm, Grades 2-5.
We will be discussing "Stella Diaz has Something to Say" by Angela Dominguez.

November 27-Pre-Stem: Movement!

10 am, Ages 3-5. Registration required.
Explore the concept of movement in different stations.

December 1-Nerf-Night: Fortnite Battle Royale

7-9 pm, All ages. Registration required.
Join us for an evening of capture the flag! Sign up on one of two teams online. The team you choose is the shirt color you must wear on game night. Each participant must have a signed waiver, eye protection, and an unmodified Nerf gun. Darts and light refreshments will be provided.





DEMOTTE EVENTS

December 4-Magnificent Monday

10 am, All ages.
This program is for individuals with developmental disabilities. We will read a story or two and provide a craft.

December 5-Growing Together: A Parenting Group

6:30 pm, Adults.
This month's topic will be "Coping Skills and Teaching by Example". Learn how to cope with the stressors of parenting and how to model positive coping skills and decision making by your own actions.

December 7-Pinecone Gnomes

4:30-5:30 pm, Grades 4-12
Join us as we make Christmas Pinecone Gnomes!

December 9-Christmas Movie Trivia

6:30-8, All ages. Registration required.
Gather in groups of 2-4 and come test your Christmas movie knowledge. Prizes awarded to the top team!

December 13-Christmas Bingo

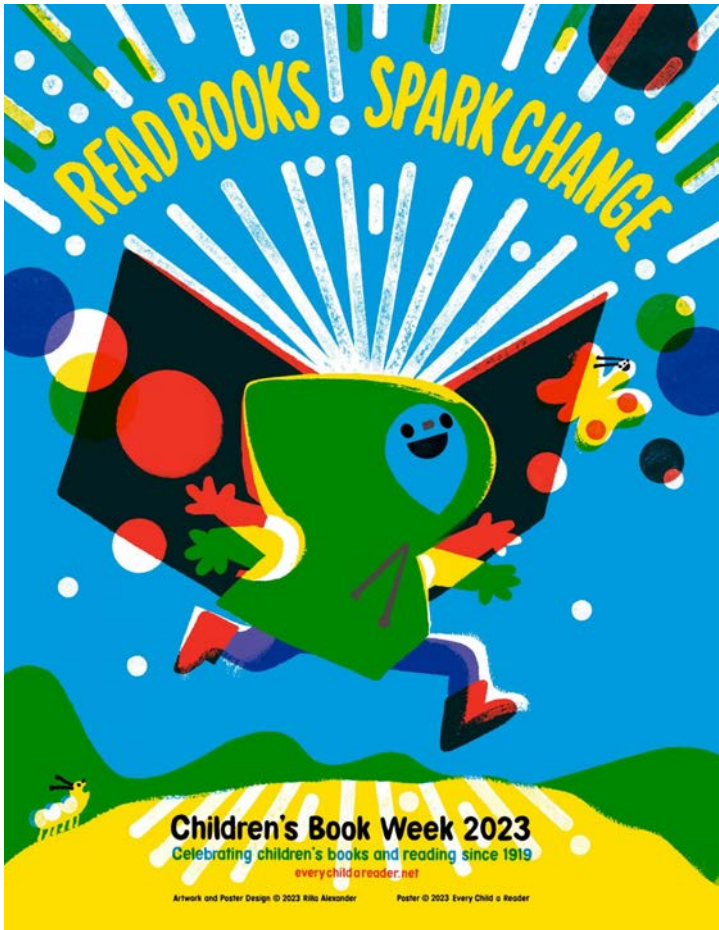
11 am, Adults.
Join us for Christmas-themed Bingo fun! Prizes will be awarded to the winner.

December 14-Lego Night

4-5 pm, All ages, ages under 5 require adult supervision.
Join us for an afternoon of Lego creation!

December 18-Quest Trekkers

6 pm, Grades 2-5. Registration required.
Join us to discuss the book "Smile" by Raina Telegmeir.



CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK WITH JCPL!

Children's Book Week, established in 1919, is not only a celebration of books, but of connection. This beloved program continues to grow and adapt each year with new resources and celebration ideas.

During Children's Book Week (November 5-11) when a child age 12 and under checks out a book, audiobook, or magazine they will be entered into a drawing.



RENSSELAER EVENTS

November 1-Scrabble Night

6-7:30 pm, Ages 16+

Join us at the Rensselaer Library to test your word skills by playing a game of Scrabble! Supplies are provided and free.

November 2-Bingo

10 am, Adults.

Join us for a fun morning of Bingo!

Tuesdays, November 7-21-Story Time

10 am, Ages 3-5. Registration required.

Children and their caretakers are invited to join us for stories, activities and crafts.

November 8-Genealogy Help

6-7:30 pm; All ages.

This monthly program is designed to help you learn how to search for your family history using the free online resources available at the library. All assistance is available on a first come, first serve basis.

November 9-Decorate the Hero Tree

2 pm, All ages

Honor your loved one by bringing in a photo of your military hero and adding it as an ornament to the Heroes Tree! The tree will be in the genealogy department. If you are unable to attend, photos and information may be dropped off and an ornament will be made and added to the tree.

November 11-Medicare 101

1:30-2:30, Adults

Cliff Havens returns to answer any and all questions you may have about Medicare in 2024.

November 13-Friends Meeting

7 pm, Adults.

Annual dues are only \$3 individual, \$5 for a family. Please support your Friends group by attending!

November 14-STEAM

4-5 pm, Grades 2-8

Join us for some different Minute-to-Win-It games!

November 15-Basic Cake Decorating

6 pm, All ages.

We will be learning the basic techniques of cake decorating. This free basic course in cake decorating will cover the fundamental skills needed to kick start your cake decorating adventures. Those attending will be allowed to practice with piping icing on a practice mat. All materials are supplied.

November 16-Third Thursday

4-5 pm, Grades 1-5.

In celebration of Games Week, we will play a variety of different games.

November 20-Lego Workshop

5-6:30 pm, All ages. (Ages under 5 require adult supervision)

Come and see what you can create using Legos.

November 21-Teen Tuesday

4-5 pm, Grades 6-12.

Back by popular demand, we will be doing Pour Painting!

November 24-December 28-Annual Christmas Tree Walk

Come and vote for your favorite tree during the open hours of the library by bringing unexpired canned / boxed items and placing them under the tree of your choice. Trees will be decorated by area organizations. Donated items will be donated to the local Food Pantry.

November 25-Crocheting for Beginners

2-4:30 pm, Ages 16 +

We will be learning how to crochet with some of the basic stitches; the chain stitch and the single crochet stitch. During this free class we will make a simple project such as a washcloth or bookmark.



RENSSELAER EVENTS

November 28-Kahoot! Disney Facts Trivia

6-7:30 pm, Ages 16+

Test your Disney knowledge with Kahoot! Bring a mobile device to participate. Prizes will be awarded to the winner!

December 4-Santa Visit

6 pm, Grades pre-K to 4th.

Enjoy some fun crafts as you wait to see Santa and have your picture taken.

Tuesdays, December 5-19-Toddler Time

10 am, Ages 2-5

Toddlers along with their caregivers are welcome to join us for stories, activities, and crafts.

December 5-Stocking Stuffers

6-7:30 pm, Ages 13 +

Come and create small diy crafts and snacks to fill stockings! Bring a photo (original will be returned undamaged) or select one from your camera for printing for a keepsake ornament. All other materials will be provided.

December 6-Scrabble Game Night

6-7:30 pm, Ages 16+

Join us at the Rensselaer Library to test your word skills by playing a game of Scrabble! Supplies are provided and free.

December 6-Cook the Book: Holiday Cookie & Candy Swap

6 pm, All ages.

This Cook the Book program closes the year 2023 with a Cookie and Candy Swap, and as with past Cook the Book Programs, we choose the cookbook, and you choose the recipes or bring your own. Prepare your chosen sweet treats and bring them to share with others in attendance. Bring at least 45 cookies or candies (all the same recipe along with a copy of the recipe) to share with 15 people, each of whom will receive 3 cookies from each of the 15 people in attendance. Please bring a tray or container to take your cookies/candy home in.

December 7-Bingo

10-11 am, Adults.

Join us for a fun morning of Bingo!

December 12-Teen Tuesday

4-5 pm, Grades 6-12

Come and make some cute edible gifts!

December 13-Genealogy Help

6-7:30 pm; All ages.

This monthly program is designed to help you learn how to search for your family history using the free online resources available at the library. All assistance is available on a first come, first serve basis.

December 15-Fabulous Friday

1 pm, All ages.

This program is for individuals with developmental disabilities. We will read a story and do a craft.

December 21-Third Thursday

4-5 pm, Grades 1-5

Come and make some candy cane crafts and enjoy a snack.

December 23-Holiday Movie Wrapping Madness

10 am-3 pm, Ages 5 +

Folks who are stressing before the holidays, let us help you through the final stretch. Come wrap gifts at our gift wrapping station while your children watch holiday movies in another room. We will provide popcorn, punch, and other snacks, as well as holiday crafts and games. Children 4 and younger need to stay with you or with a sibling over 11 or guardian capable of supervising them.



Every 3rd Monday of the month from 9:30-11 am.

Created by a Vet, Combat Coffee is a casual environment in which Veterans can connect through coffee, conversation, and camaraderie.

PARADE OF GINGERBREAD HOMES

WHEATFIELD LIBRARY

Individuals and families are invited to build a gingerbread house and bring it into the library between December 4-9. We will then allow patrons to vote for their favorite house via monetary donations between December 11-23. The house with the most donations will win a \$25 gift card! All donations will go to the Wheatfield Friends of the Library.



HOLIDAY MOVIE WRAPPING MADDNESS

RENSSELAER LIBRARY, DEC. 23 @ 10 AM-3 PM

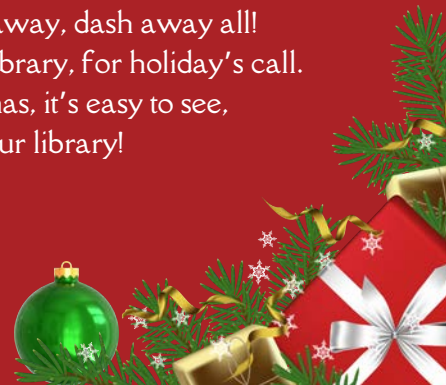
'Twas the Saturday before Christmas, and all through the town
The library was bustling, with cheer all around.
The shelves were all stocked with books by the score,
In hopes that great stories, you soon would explore.

The librarian greeted with a warm, friendly smile,
Inviting you to come stay for a while.
"Come one, come all, to our library so grand,
Wrap gifts with your friends, it's all in our plan!

In one room, we've set up a gift wrapping delight,
bring your ribbons and paper (or use ours), it'll be outta sight!
You can wrap all your presents, make them look just right
With scissors and tape, we've got you covered, tight.

In another room, kids, your time will be planned
We've got movies and popcorn, isn't that just so grand?
You'll giggle and laugh, in the flickering light,
As you watch holiday films, so cozy and bright.

So dash away, dash away, dash away all!
To the Rensselaer Library, for holiday's call.
The spirit of Christmas, it's easy to see,
Is alive and well, in our library!



JCPL Adult Book Discussions

For more details or to reserve a copy, please visit or call your local library.
Registration is appreciated, and available online at www.myjcpl.org/events.

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NOVEMBER 21- THE BOOKIES- TUESDAY- 7:00 PM

BOOK: "THE CHILDREN'S BLIZZARD" BY MELANIE BENJAMIN

THERE IS NO MEETING IN DECEMBER. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Wheatfield

NOVEMBER 14- ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- 1:00 PM

BOOK: "THE ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF LENNI AND MARGOT" BY MARIANNE CRONIN

NOVEMBER 28- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM-AT CUP OF JOY

BOOK: "BEAUTIFUL LITTLE FOOLS" BY JILLIAN CANTOR

DECEMBER 12-ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- 1:00 PM

WE WILL HAVE A CARRY-IN LUNCH AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION OF OUR FAVORITE BOOK OF 2023

DECEMBER 19- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM -AT CUP OF JOY

BOOK: "BENEATH A SCARLET SKY" BY MARK SULLIVAN

Rensselaer

NOVEMBER 15- MEN'S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- 10 AM

BOOK: "ERNIE'S AMERICA: THE BEST OF ERNIE PYLE'S 1930'S DISPATCHES" BY ERNIE PYLE

****THE MEN'S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN****

NOVEMBER 16- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- 1 PM

BOOK: "THE SECRET OF SNOW" BY VIOLA SHIPMAN

**THERE WILL BE NO BOOK CLUB MEETINGS IN DECEMBER.
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



NEW RELEASES FOR NOV / DEC

FICTION TITLES



Dirty Thirty
by Janet Evanovich, 10/31

Resurrection Walk
by Michael Connelly, 11/7

The Edge
by David Baldacci, 11/14

Unnatural Death
by Patricia Cornwell, 11/28

Alex Cross Must Die
by James Patterson, 11/20

The Little Liar
by Mitch Albom, 11/14

The Ball at Versailles
by Danielle Steel, 11/21

Tom Clancy: Command and
Control
by Marc Cameron, 11/21

Just Once
by Karen Kingsbury, 11/14

CHILDREN

Cat Kid Comic Club: Influencers
by Dav Pilkey, 11/28

Winter Turning: A Graphic Novel (A
Wings of Fire Graphic Novel)
by Tui T. Sutherland, 12/26

The Bad Guys in Look Who's Talking
by Aaron Blabey, 11/7

The Last Kids on Earth and the
Monster Dimension
by Max Brallier, 11/7

TEENS

Murtagh: The World of Eragon
by Christopher Paolini, 11/7

My Hero Academia Vol 2
by Kohei Horikoshi

Before the Devil Knows You're Here
by Autumn Krause

Bellegarde
by Jamie Lilac



AUDIOBOOKS

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The Boogeyman

When Calls the Heart, Year Nine

Talk to Me

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