Dear Friends,

When the cold, dark night looms long ahead of us, and we fear what lurks under the bed or beyond the door, we can open a book for light. In its pages, we can find companions from other times and places; we can claim joys and sorrows that have been hard to name; we can laugh and we can wonder. Books dare us to imagine a wider world. And the world is wide – though it can feel riddled with hazards and claustrophobic with worries, our imaginations still can run feral in hope through the stories we read. This winter, let’s lean on books. We can read through the dark. Fearlessly.

Queridos Amigos,

Cuando la noche fría y oscura se nos avecina, y tememos lo que se esconde bajo la cama o más allá de la puerta, podemos iluminarnos con un libro. En sus páginas, podemos encontrar compañeros de otros tiempos y lugares; podemos reclamar alegrías y penas que han sido difíciles de nombrar; podemos reír y podemos maravillarnos. Los libros nos desafían a imaginar un mundo más amplio. Y el mundo es amplio - aunque puede sentirse plagado de peligros y claustrofóbico con preocupaciones, nuestra imaginación todavía puede ser salvaje en la esperanza mediante las historias que leemos. Este invierno, apoyémonos en los libros. Podemos leer a través de la oscuridad. Sin miedo.

Jenny Emery Davidson
Executive Director

READ FEARLESSLY
LEER SIN TEMER

Many Ways to Use the Library!

1. **Come in!** Our current hours are
   Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
2. **Start an account at www.comlib.org/catalog**
   - then drop by for your FREE library card.
3. **Download books & movies for FREE** with the
   Libby, Axis360 and Kanopy apps.
4. **Print, search & surf for FREE** at the Library.
5. **Place HOLDS online** and collect them at our
   Curbside Pick Up.
6. **Call us!** We are here to help, 208.726.3493
   M-F, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Entra! Nuestro horario actual es: lunes a viernes, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
1. Abre una cuenta en: www.comlib.org/catalog
   - luego pasa por aquí para obtener tu tarjeta de membresía GRATIS.
2. **Baja libros y películas GRATIS con las apps** Libby, Axis360 y Kanopy.
3. **Imprime, busca y surfea GRATIS en la biblioteca.**
4. **RESERVA libros en línea y recógelos en nuestra**
   terraza.
5. ¡Llámanos! Estamos aquí para ayudar,
   208.726.3493 • L-V, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Curious about our other resources? Check out our website: www.comlib.org
**Winter Read**

**Kindred**
by Octavia E. Butler

This winter we invite everyone to read a book together. Octavia E. Butler’s *Kindred* imagines the mysterious transportation of a 20th century Black woman to the antebellum South, where she must navigate a world in which her freedoms have been stripped away. The novel explores how race, gender, love, violence, and family ties alter our realities, and places us in the shoes of a woman who must navigate the impossible. Join us for one of our virtual events, discussions, or exhibits as we dive into this classic work and its recent graphic novel adaptation, and as we explore the world of Octavia E. Butler. Check out the book at libraries in Ketchum, Hailey, Bellevue, Fairfield, and Stanley.

**Winter Read Virtual Events**

- **January 28**  
  **Winter Read Kickoff**

- **February 10**  
  **Conversation** with Damian Duffy and John Jennings, co-creators of the *Kindred* graphic novel

- **February 17**  
  **Conversation** with Lynell George, author of *A Handful of Earth, A Handful of Sky: The World of Octavia E. Butler*

- **March 4**  
  **Conversation** with Nisi Shawl, author of *Everfair* and *Writing the Other: A Practical Guide*

- **March 12**  
  **Winter Read Closing**

**Stay tuned for more!**

For all Winter Read information, go to [www.comlib.org](http://www.comlib.org).
Winter Read Virtual Discussions

All Discussions via Zoom

Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Winter Read Book Group, 4 p.m. Read *Kindred* along with 2 other books and explore the theme “Race through Time” as part of a 5-week Zoom book discussion group. The book list includes *Narrative of the Life of Fredrick Douglass* and *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. Email Jenny for the reading schedule: jdavidson@comlib.org.

Feb. 23 *Kindred Discussion*, 5:30 p.m., hosted by the Stanley Community Library

Feb. 25 *Kindred Discussion*, 5:30 p.m., hosted by the Hailey Public Library

Mar. 1 *Kindred Discussion*, 5:30 p.m., hosted by the Bellevue Public Library

Mar. 7 *Kindred Graphic Novel Discussion*, 5:30 p.m., hosted by The Community Library

Winter Read Exhibits • Jan. 25 - April 2

**Library Foyer**

*A Place for All People: Introducing the National Museum of African American History and Culture*

This poster exhibit explores African American history, culture, and the community’s powerful, deep, and lasting contribution to the American story.

**Multiple Library Locations**

*Choosing to Participate*

This poster exhibit encourages dialogue, engagement, respect, and participation in positive social change across our community and nation.

*Courtesy of the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Services*

The Community Library plays a role in TWO NEW HEMINGWAY DOCUMENTARIES premiering this spring!

March 2

*Hemingway and the Natural World: A Discussion with Ken Burns, Lynn Novick, and Terry Tempest Williams* 5 p.m. • Zoom

Idaho Public Television and The Community Library, in partnership with PBS, will present the film’s directors, Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, and writer Terry Tempest Williams, in a discussion about the writer’s connection to the natural world. The event will feature clips from the upcoming show. You’ll be able to register for the event at pbs.org/hemingway.

Early March TBA

*Idaho’s Hemingway* 8:30 p.m. • Idaho Public Television

Set largely at the Hemingway House stewarded by the Library, this short documentary will explore what Hemingway’s life in Idaho tells us about our state’s cultural landscape. View the program on Idaho Public Television.

March 25

*Idaho’s Hemingway: A Panel Discussion* 6 p.m. • Livestream

Bill Manny, creator of Idaho Public Television’s new short documentary on Hemingway, will give an inside look at the making of the film that will premiere on March 14. Watch the Library website for the Livestream link.

April 5-7

*Hemingway: A Film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick* Time TBD • PBS

This 3-part, 6-hour documentary film will examine the visionary work and turbulent life of Ernest Hemingway. The team filmed parts of the documentary in Ketchum at the Hemingway House, and they explored aspects of the Library’s regional history archive for the project. View the program on PBS.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Jan. 12 *State of the Valley Forum*, 6 p.m., in collaboration with the Wood River Women’s Foundation

Jan. 20 *Preventing the Devastating Impacts of Growth*, 6 p.m., with Shawn Hill, in collaboration with the Wood River Land Trust

Jan. 26 *Visiting Papa’s Places*, 6 p.m., with Writer-in-Residence Nancy Sindelar

Feb. 4 *A Conversation with Azar Nafisi*, 7 p.m., in partnership with the Sun Valley Museum of Art

Feb. 9 *Upbeat with Alasdair*, 6:30 p.m., in collaboration with the Sun Valley Music Festival

Starting Jan. 26 2nd Annual Year-Long Audacious Read, 4 p.m. Read *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Márquez over the whole year, and meet once a month to discuss it. Email Jenny for the reading schedule: jdavidson@comlib.org.