

O-Town Reads 2026 programming: The Midnight Library, by Matt Haig

Speaker and Magician :

Adam Brown

Thursday, Feb. 19

at 6:30 pm at 204 S Walnut St

Adam Brown, The Gentle Giant

All ages welcome



Our featured O-Town Reads Event: Adam Brown, Speaker and Magician will present his program based on the community read book, "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig.

True happiness is a state of mind, built on small, meaningful decisions every day.

"Put down the book of 'What If' and pick up the chapter of 'What Is'."

Meet us at 204 S Walnut St for inspiration and a little magic! 6:30 pm, refreshments served.

Write Your Own Story Workshop with Ky



**Thursday, Feb. 5th &
Thurs. Feb. 12th, 4-5 pm, at Ottawa Library**

Our own, Ky Zaldivar, will lead a creative writing opportunity to begin exploring your own "Midnight Library." Prompts provided.

We will have two classes, you may attend one or both. We have notebooks, laptops, pens etc. You may also bring in your own notebooks, laptop, journals, diaries, fun pens, etc. Program for Adults.



Creative Connection

**Tuesday, Feb. 24th, at 4-7 pm,
at Ottawa Library**

Nora Seed, of "The Midnight Library", felt as if she didn't have a purpose or connections and wasn't enjoying her life. Let's change that chapter in our own lives and connect through fun activities. *This is a time for adults to play, let loose and just chill together.*



We will have Legos, a "Bedazzle your book cover" craft, games and puzzles available to get your creative juices flowing! We encourage everyone to come and have a fun night.

We will have some fun snacks available as well, come and go between 4pm and 7pm. *All supplies are provided, although if you like you may bring your own book cover to bedazzle.*

Book Discussions "The Midnight Library"

Books available for free at Ottawa Library.

Pick up your copy today!

Discussions are geared to Adults.



**Monday, Jan. 26th. at 6pm
at Ottawa Library**

We will have a informal book discussion on Matt Haig's best seller, "The Midnight Library" our choice title for our community read.



**Thursday, Feb. 12th
from 10-11am
at Mug Shot Coffee 109 S Walnut**

Enjoy a cup of coffee and cozy up in the couch area of Mug Shot Coffee. We will share our thoughts on the themes of "The Midnight Library."



**Tuesday, Feb. 17th, at 12-2 pm,
at 204 S Walnut St**

We will meet for a come and go book discussion between 12-2pm. We will enjoy appetizers from Corner Market. Let's talk about the characters, plot and writing styles of Matt Haig's best seller.



Ottawa Library, www.ottawalibrary.org 785-242-3080

Upcoming programs around O-Town Reads

O-Town Reads Events Children and Teens



Come & Go Kindness Event

Monday, February 9th 4pm-6pm

Join us for a special Come & Go activity inspired by our O-Town Reads pick, *The Midnight Library*. Open to all ages, with a focus on ages 5-11. All supplies provided. Create a note, picture, or Valentine to hide in a library book and brighten a future reader's day. Stop by and help spread a little joy!

Spread the Love with Positive Notes
Share the love this February! Stop by the children's desk to write or draw a kind message on a Post-it. We'll display them on our polka-dot columns for visitors to take whenever they need a little boost. Help us spread positivity, one note at a time!

TWEEN Writing Club

Wednesday, February 4th

@4-5PM

Ages 8-12 years old

Our Writing Club is a fun way to make new friends and explore creativity through writing — Inspired by our O-Town Reads pick, *The Midnight Library*, with themes like discovering what you enjoy and connecting with others. Come write, share, and have fun!

Ottawa Library presents:

Prairie Paws A PAWSitively FUN Event

Monday, February 16th @2-4PM

**204 S. Walnut--Formerly The Bottle House
A Family Friendly Event**

Join us for a special guest speaker from Prairie Paws Animal Shelter, crafting, and a puppy storytime! A great opportunity to make new friends and find maybe a pet! **No outside pets allowed.

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Sheryl Servatius-Brown & Rich Brown	



TEEN after hours
Friday, February 13th
6-8pm

This month is inspired by our O-Town Reads pick, *The Midnight Library*. Teens will enjoy crafts and conversations focused on kindness, positivity, and healthy relationships. Participants will create bookmarks and notes to share and hide in library books, spreading encouragement throughout the space. Plus, enjoy extra activities like Nintendo Switch games, Nerf games, and more!

AGES 12-18 ONLY

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB
FEBRUARY 3RD & 17TH
@6-7:30 PM

JOIN A CREATIVE WRITING SESSION TO BOOST MOTIVATION AND WRITING SKILLS, SUITABLE FOR ALL LEVELS.

THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY WE CONNECT OUR PROGRAMS TO THE THEMES FROM OUR O-TOWN READS BOOK SELECTION, THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY BY MET WALK. DURING OUR WRITING WE WILL DO SOME ACTIVITIES TO HIGHLIGHT THE THEMES FROM THE BOOK.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO READ THE BOOK.

Youth events around O-Town Reads