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February is filled with the sweet love of music in ‘Adventures in Murphy’s Burrow’

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Valentine’s Day is more than a tradition. Like music it enriches our lives. Music can make us happy, make us feel stronger, and help us celebrate, just to name a few benefits. As Murph learns in this month’s episode, cards, candy, flowers and music are traditional ways to express how much we care about those we love. As William Shakespeare wrote in *Twelfth Night*, “If music is the food of love, play on.”

The February 2017 episode of “Adventures in Murphy’s Burrow” shares the love of music and is available on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/Vp7n5WuiAWc>.

- Watch **Mary Dicken** as she makes beautiful sounds with a concert grand harp, the largest of the harp family. The harp is an instrument she began learning to play at age 13 after first learning to play the piano. Both instruments have strings though the strings of the piano are often hidden.
- The **concert grand harp** has 47 strings. Short strings sound higher than the long strings. Listen to the differences in sounds the harp makes. Red strings on the harp are C strings while the white strings play different notes. Black strings help distinguish where the player is on the harp. Learn about tuning pins and how a tuning key is used to tune the strings on the harp.
- Miss Mary tells Murph that anyone can be a musician but it takes practice. And she gives Murph a **special valentine** as an expression of friendship. Happy Valentine’s Day Murph!
- Visit Miss Mary’s home where she raises four chickens: Pepper, Queenie, Joanie, and Rosie. See the different colored eggs **Mary’s chickens** produce and strawberries her chickens eat. Murph eats red delicious strawberries too.
- Take a trip to **Bradley Academy** to visit with music teacher **Karen Blooding** as she conducts choir practice of “spirituals” for African American Experience Night at Patterson Park Community Center and the Murfreesboro City Schools **Music Festival** at Siegel Elementary School, March 9.
- Make a paper chain out of **valentine hearts** with tape, scissors, and strips of construction paper.

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Murph is an inquisitive rabbit who visits unique and interesting people and places in Murfreesboro and interviews guests that visit his burrow. When you're with Murph in the Burrow, its one big adventure after another.

You can also watch "Murphy's Burrow" anytime online on the City's website at www.murfreesborotn.gov/murph or watch CityTV (AT&T Uverse Channel 99/Comcast Xfinity in Murfreesboro on Channel 3 and Roku) Sun., Mon., Wed., Sat. at 9:00 a.m.; Monday – Friday at 3:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Past episodes can be viewed at our You Tube channel at www.youtube.com/cityofmurfreesboro.

"Adventures in Murphy's Burrow" is created by producer-writer Nancy Phillips. The program is directed and edited by CityTV's John Padgett in the City of Murfreesboro Communications Department.

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Photo caption: *Murph interviews harpist Mary Dicken and visits her home where she raises chickens.*

1. *L/R Murph and Mary Dicken.jpeg.*