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<p>5</p> <p>Local Authors Showcase 1:30-4:00PM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Lego Block Party 6:00-7:00PM Consumer Reports 6:00-7:30PM Pizza and Pages 6:45-7:45PM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Preschool Storytime 10:30-11:00AM Tail Waggin' Tutors 5:30-6:30PM Board Game Night 5:30-8:00PM Knitting & Crocheting @ the Library 6:00-8:00PM</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Family Story Time 10:30-11:00AM Yoga 5:30-6:30PM Microsoft Powerpoint 6:00-7:30PM Needle Felting Christmas Gnomes 6:00-8:00PM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Yoga 9:30-10:30AM Dungeons & Dragons 6:00-9:00PM</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Sensory Play Day 10:15-11:00AM</p>	<p>11</p>	
<p>12</p> <p>Teen Art Club Informational Meeting 5:30-6:00PM Family Book Bingo 6:00-7:00PM Holiday Wine Bottle Decorating 6:00-7:30PM Virtual DIY Homesteading 6:30-7:00PM</p>		<p>13</p> <p>Preschool Storytime 10:30-11:00AM Kids Craft Night 6:00-7:00PM Improve Your Resume with Practical Strategies 6:00-7:30PM Novel Ideas 6:45-7:45PM</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Kidsight Free Vision Screening for Children 10:00-10:30AM Family Story Time 10:30-11:00AM Tail Waggin' Tutors 4:00-5:00PM Yoga 5:30-6:30PM</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Yoga 9:30-10:30AM Bookworms 4:00-5:00PM Anime Club 4:30-6:00PM Troubleshooting Techniques 6:00-7:30PM Author Talk 6:30-8:00PM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Rhyme Time 10:00-10:30AM & 10:45-11:15AM Family Movie Night 6:00-8:00PM</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Teen After Hours 6:00-8:30PM</p>	
<p>19</p> <p>Kids Take and Make All Day Facebook for Beginners 12:00-1:15PM Loosely Bound Book Club 6:00-7:30PM Route 66: Missouri's Mother Road 6:30-8:00PM</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Preschool Storytime 10:30-11:00AM Make it @ MRRRL 5:30-7:30PM</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Family Story Time 10:30-11:00AM Yoga 5:30-6:30PM</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Minecraft @ MRRRL 4:00-5:30PM Dungeons & Dragons 6:00-9:00PM</p>	<p>23</p> <p>CLOSED Christmas Holiday</p>	<p>24</p> <p>CLOSED Christmas Holiday</p>	<p>25</p>	
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* A Kids and Teens Winter Reading Program will be offered December 17-January 21. Sign up online at mrrl.readsquared.com to join today.

MISSOURI RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY

DECEMBER 2021

KIDS & TEENS

KIDS AND TEENS
WINTER READING PROGRAM

READ AND EARN PRIZES
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!
DECEMBER 17-JANUARY 21

SIGN UP TODAY AT
MRRL.READSQUARED.COM

Happy Holidays

DEC 24 DEC 25 DEC 26 **CLOSED ALL DAY**

DEC 31 **CLOSING EARLY 5:00PM**

JAN 01 **CLOSED ALL DAY**

FRIDAY
DECEMBER
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6:00-9:00PM

POLAR EXPRESS @ LIVING WINDOWS

Hop on the Polar Express at the Library during Living Windows! Mrs. Claus and the Conductor will even be reading The Polar Express! Grab your cookies after you ride the the bus and experience the magic! Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. The line will begin inside the library, and the last train will leave at 8:45pm!
Co-sponsored by JEFFTRAN, Hy-Vee, Hobby Lobby, and the Downtown Business Association.

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER
15
4:00-5:00PM

TAIL WAGGIN TUTORS

Bring your favorite book to read to a trained therapy dog (TDI-Therapy Dogs International). Raina will be in the Children's department for an hour, and can't wait to hear your story!

SATURDAY
DECEMBER
18
6:00-8:30PM

TEEN AFTER HOURS

Teen After-Hours is BACK, y'all! It's the after-hours party in the library that you've been missing. Play games, hang out, and eat free pizza with your friends after the library closes. Spaces are somewhat limited to achieve some degree of social distancing, so make sure you register to claim your spot!
(6th-12th GRADE)

FRIDAY
DECEMBER
17
6:00-8:00PM

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: THE GRINCH (2018) -PG

All ages. No reservations needed. Family Event. Blankets and pillows welcome! Light snacks will be provided. NOTE: This is an after-hours event- the library doors will be closed at 6:15 pm.

kids

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

TUESDAYS | 10:30-11:00a.m. | MRRL Art Gallery East
For ages 3 - 5. No reservations needed. Stories and songs for preschoolers.

FAMILY STORY TIME

WEDNESDAYS | 10:30-11:00a.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
Stories and songs for families. A take-and-make craft will be available at the event.

RHYME TIME

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3 & 17 | 10:00-10:30a.m. & 10:45-11:15a.m. | MRRL Art Gallery East
A special time for babies and their caregivers featuring music, movement, and socialization. For children 2 and under, and their caregivers. No reservations needed.



LEGO BLOCK PARTY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 6:00-7:00p.m.
For ages 5-12. No reservations needed. An hour of free-building LEGO fun featuring a large variety of base blocks, specialty pieces, and mini-figures.

TAIL WAGGIN TUTORS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 5:30-6:30p.m. | Children's Area
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15 | 4:00-5:00p.m. | Children's Area
Bring your favorite book to read to a trained therapy dog (TDI-Therapy Dogs International). Raina will be in the Children's department for an hour on the 15th. Zinga is coming on the 7th. We can't wait to hear your story!

SENSORY PLAY DAY (3 AND UNDER)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10 | 10:15-11:00a.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
Drop in and enjoy an open learning and play time featuring a variety of sensory and activity stations.

FAMILY BOOK BINGO

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 | 6:00-7:00p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
All ages. No reservations needed. An hour of bingo fun for the family. Winning cards earn book prizes for ages 12 and under.

KIDS CRAFT NIGHT: CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 6:00-7:00p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
For grades 2-5. Limited to 30 participants and registration is required. Create and decorate Christmas ornaments. Several styles will be available to make, including painted glass, clothespin reindeer and more.

KIDSIGHT FREE VISION SCREENING FOR CHILDREN

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15 | 10:00-10:30 a.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
Representatives from KidSight will be here to offer quick, free vision screening for children six and under.



BOOKWORMS:

The Elephants Girl by Celesta Rimington
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

4:00-5:00p.m. | Truman Room
Bookworms is our book discussion group for 3rd-5th grade students. The first 8 participants receive a free copy of the book before the discussion. Please check with the Children's Desk in the Main Library to receive your copy of the book. This month we are reading *The Elephant's Girl* by Celesta Rimington. Registration is required.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: THE GRINCH (2018) -PG

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 | 6:00-8:00p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
All ages. No reservations needed. Family Event. Blankets and pillows welcome! Light snacks will be provided. NOTE: This is an after-hours event- the library doors will be closed at 6:15 pm.

KIDS TAKE AND MAKE STEAM ACTIVITY: GUM DROP CHALLENGE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20 | All Day
For ages 6-11. No registration needed. Using just gum drops and toothpicks, complete six different building challenges. Kits will be available at the Children's desk starting on Monday, December 20th. Come on in while supplies last!

KIDS STEAM NIGHT: MARBLE MADNESS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28 | 6:00-7:00p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
For grades 1-5. Tonight is all about marbles. Create racing runs and other madness from supplied materials such as pool noodles, foam mats, cardboard and more.

teens (6th-12th grade)

SAGA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1 | 4:30-5:30p.m. | Truman Room
SAGA is a teen-led group dedicated to discussing matters of importance to the LGBTQAI+ community. Teen allies are also welcome!

MAKE IT @ MRRL: COLORFUL GEOMETRIC LANTERNS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 6:00-7:30p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
Make a colorful and festive geometric lantern with us! They're so pretty, you'll want to leave it out all year.

PIZZA & PAGES:

Burn by Patrick Ness

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 6:45-7:45p.m. | Truman Room
Pizza & Pages is our high school book group. The book we'll be discussing for December is *Burn* by Patrick Ness. Copies of the book are available for registered participants. Free pizza too!

TEEN ART CLUB INFORMATIONAL MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 | 5:30-6:00p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
We're starting a Teen Art Club and we want your input! We'll be discussing what types of projects we're going to do and how we want to create a space for teens to create with other teens who love art.

NOVEL IDEAS:

Raybearer by Jordan Ifueko

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 6:45-7:45p.m. | Truman Room
Novel Ideas is our 6-8th grade book group. The book we'll be discussing for December is *Raybearer* by Jordan Ifueko. Copies of this book are available for registered participants. Registration required.

TEEN ANIME CLUB

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 4:30-6:00p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
Join us for the latest and/or greatest anime. We'll even have popcorn and soda!

TEEN AFTER HOURS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 | 6:00-8:30p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
Teen After-Hours is BACK, y'all! It's the after-hours party in the library that you've been missing. Play games, hang out, and eat free pizza with your friends after the library closes. Spaces are somewhat limited to achieve some degree of social distancing, so make sure you register to claim your spot!

MAKE IT @ MRRL: FELT KAWAII HAND-WARMERS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21 | 5:30-7:30p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
Perfect for a last-minute gift or for some wintertime self-care, these cute little handwarmers are guaranteed to keep the bearers nice and cozy this winter.

MINECRAFT @ MRRL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23 | 4:00-5:30p.m. | Virtual Program
Minecraft @ MRRL is back! Collaborate and compete on our private server. Please be sure to register as space will be limited to ensure safe social distancing. Players are also welcome to join remotely. Email Courtney at watersc@mrml.org if you'd like to join our server from the comfort of your own home.

AMONG US

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28 | 7:00-8:00p.m. | Virtual Program
Join us for an evening of Among Us! Register today and we'll email you a link to our Among Us Discord channel on the day of the event. If you've never played before, Among Us can be downloaded for free on mobile devices or purchased for PC online.

new adults

NEEDLE FELTING CHRISTMAS GNOMES

WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 1 & 8 | 6:00-8:00p.m. | Truman Room
Whether you are new to needle felting or have already fallen in love with it, we would love for you to join us! We are making Christmas gnomes that you will take home with you.

BOARD GAME NIGHT | AGES 12 & UP

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 5:30-8:00p.m. | Mark Twain Room
For any and all teens and adults who love to game, this evening is for you! Bring your favorite board game or come learn one of the many games the library owns! This month, we will be learning how to play the strategic game Evolution. Snacks and drinks will be provided! Registration is required!

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS | AGES 12 & UP

THURSDAYS, DECEMBER 9 & 23 | 6:00-9:00p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
Are you an adventurer at heart? Play Dungeons & Dragons with us! We are back IN PERSON & LIVE here at the library! The excitement is real and the escapades never-ending! You might stomp your way through an army of orcs, or go on a noble quest to rescue a whole town. You decide! Please contact Megan at mehmerm@mrml.org for more information or to sign up. Whether you are a long time adventurer or brand new to the game, you are welcome to join us.

VIRTUAL DIY HOMESTEADING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 | 6:30-7:00p.m. | Facebook
Have you ever been interested in homesteading? Do you want to reduce the amount of chemicals in your home and food? Are you trying to go plastic free? Join us each month for a hands-on (virtual!) class where we'll learn how to DIY various items for your home. Please email Angie at baynea@mrml.org for more information. This month we will be learning how to make the perfect pie crust.

HOLIDAY WINE BOTTLE DECORATING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 | 6:00-7:30p.m. | Truman Room
Join us in learning some different methods to upcycle wine bottles into holiday decorations! Every participant will make a couple of bottles to take home!

LOOSELY BOUND BOOK CLUB

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20 | 6:00-7:30p.m. | Truman Room
Looking for your next great read? Join us at our newest book club! Instead of reading the same book each month, members read a book related to the theme of the month. This month's theme is "the most wonderful time of the year." Feel free to interpret that however you like! We can't wait to hear what you read! Discussion and recommendations abound! Ages 18 and up.

ANIME EVENING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27 | 6:00-8:00p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
Does Studio Ghibli own a piece of your heart? Then come join us for Anime Evening! This month we will be making Totoro and Soot Sprite Dream Catchers while watching anime and enjoying snacks! Registration required.

COSPLAY CREATIONS | AGES 12 & UP

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28 | 6:00-7:30p.m. | Truman Room
Learn the ins and outs of cosplay. Come meet others with a love for being creative and unique. With local cosplayer, Shiloh Luebbering, we will explore make-up, wigs, the uses of 3D printing, and how to make your dream costume come true. In December, we will especially be looking at furry ear creations!

18-25+



BOOK MOBILE

Catch the bookmobile at our community stop, the Capital Mall!

December 22 | 11:00a.m.-1:00p.m.

We'll be outside the J.C. Penney Wing.