Winter Reading Program
Read and earn prizes this holiday season!

December 15th - January 19th

Happy New Year! 2024

I Have a Dream
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
The Library will be closed on Monday, January 15th

Pop-Up Book Sale

January

19 Friday
9AM-6PM

20 Saturday
9AM-5PM

21 Sunday
1PM-5PM

22 Monday
9AM-5PM

Thursday January 4
6:00-7:00PM

Teen Forensics 101: Pickle Autopsy!
Test your powers of observation and see if you can figure out what happened to some very unfortunate pickles in our Teen Forensics 101 event. Reservations required.
(6th-12th Grade)

Tuesday January 16
6:00-7:30PM

Make It @ MRRL: DIY Dragon Eyes
With a few simple supplies and some creativity, you can create your own dragon eye. Put it on a magnet, a pendant, a notebook - anywhere you like!
Reservations required.
(6th-12th Grade)

Saturday January 20
10:30AM-12:00PM

Stuffed Animal Superheroes
Family event. No reservations needed. Bring your favorite stuffed animal friend and transform it into a superhero by creating masks, capes, and other super accessories for it to wear. Send your new super friend down zip lines, launch them through the air, or complete other heroic challenges.

Monday January 22
4:00-5:00PM

Kids After-School: Paper Circuits
For grades 1-5. No reservations needed. Combine paper, copper tape, diodes, and batteries to create greeting cards and other items that light up when manipulated.
**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**
**TUESDAYS | 10:30-11:00 a.m. | MRRL Art Gallery**
Ages 3-5. No reservations needed. Stories and music for preschoolers.

**FAMILY STORY TIME**
**WEDNESDAYS | 10:30-11:30 a.m. | MRRL Art Gallery**
All ages. Stories, music, crafts, and activities.

**TAIL WAGGIN’ TUTORS**
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | 2nd Floor 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 from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on January 3rd, and 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. on January 17th. She can’t wait to hear your story!

**RHYME TIME**
**FRIDAYS, JANUARY 5 & 19 | 9:30-10:00 a.m., 10:15-10:45 a.m., & 11:00-11:30 a.m.**
A special time for babies and their caregivers featuring music, movement and socialization. For children 2 and under, and their caregivers. No reservations needed. Choose from three sessions.

**BOOKMOBILE COMMUNITY STOP IN WARDSVILLE**
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | Wardsville, Blair Oaks Elementary School**
The library’s Bookmobile will be parked outside Blair Oaks Elementary School on the second Thursday of each month, from 4-6 p.m.

**SENSORY PLAY DAY**
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12 | 10:15-11:00 a.m. | MRRL Art Gallery**
Drop in and enjoy an open learning and play time featuring a variety of sensory and activity stations.

**KIDS STEAM NIGHT: SNAP CIRCUITS**
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 | 6:00-7:00 p.m. | Truman Room**
Ages 7-12. Registration required and limited to 12 spots. Create an electronic alarm, power a helicopter blade, or design other simple electronics using kits.

**BOOKWORMS**
**BOOKWORMS: WINTER READS**
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 | 5:30-6:00 p.m. | Truman Room**
Bookworms is our themed book discussion group for 3rd-5th grade students. This month’s theme is “Winter Reads,” so please pick a chapter book or graphic novel that you think fits this theme and be ready to share it with your fellow bookworms.

Registration is required.

**STUFFED ANIMAL SUPERHEROES**
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 | 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery**
Family event. No reservations needed. Bring your favorite stuffed animal friend and transform it into a superhero by creating masks, capes, and other super accessories for it to wear. Send your new super friend down zip lines, launch them through the air, or complete other heroic challenges.

**KIDS AFTER-SCHOOL: PAPER CIRCUITS**
**MONDAY, JANUARY 22 | 4:00-5:00 p.m. | Truman Room**
For grades 1-5. No reservations needed. Combine paper, copper tape, diodes, and batteries to create greeting cards and other items that light up when manipulated.

**KIDSIGHT FREE VISION SCREENING FOR CHILDREN**
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 | 10:00-11:00 a.m. | MRRL Art Gallery West**
Representatives from KidSight will be here to offer quick, free vision screening for children six and under.

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: PAW PATROL: THE MIGHTY MOVIE**
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 | 6:00-8:00 p.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.

**HELEN HAYNES PRESENTS MUSIKGARTEN**
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30 | 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery**
Ages 3-6. No reservations needed. Stories and music for preschoolers.

Music and movement for children and their caregivers. Two classes for different age groups. 10:30-11:00 (0-3 yrs. old), 11:15-12:00 (3-6 yrs. old). No reservations needed.
TEEN FORENSICS 101: PICKLE AUTOPSY!
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4 | 6:00-7:00 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
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TEEN ART CLUB
MONDAY, JANUARY 8 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Truman Room
Hang out and make art with other artsy teens! We’ve got the supplies, you bring the creativity.

PIZZA & PAGES: READERS CHOICE!
MONDAY, JANUARY 8 | 6:45-7:45 p.m. | Truman Room
Pizza & Pages is our 9th-12th grade book group. A free copy of the book is provided for the first 8 participants. Pizza and soda are served at every meeting. Reservations required.

January is Reader’s Choice month! Read any book you like and tell us all about it at our meeting. Visit the Teen Zone if you need a book to read and we’ll get you a free book of your choice.

NOVEL IDEAS:
READERS CHOICE!
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 | 6:45-7:45 p.m. | Truman Room
Novel Ideas is our 6th-8th grade book group. A free copy of the book is provided for the first 8 participants. Light refreshments are served at every meeting.

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DUNGEONS & DRAGONS | AGES 12+
THURSDAYS, JANUARY 11 & 25 | 6:00-9:00 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery & Truman Room
Are you an adventurer at heart? Play Dungeons & Dragons with us! The excitement is real and the escapades are 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!

Whether you are a long-time adventurer or brand new to the game, you are welcome to join us.

TEEN AFTER HOURS
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13 | 6:00-8:30 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
Party in the Library! Free pizza, soda and gaming after the library closes. Doors will be locked after 6pm, so please arrive on time if you wish to attend.

Registration required.

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TEEN ANIME CLUB
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 | 4:30-6:00 p.m. | Truman Room
Watch popular anime series on the big screen and nom on free popcorn and soda.

CHESS CLUB
MONDAY, JANUARY 22 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Truman Room
Come to play, teach or learn more about chess. All ages welcome!

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