

DECEMBER
2025

ADULTS



**GIVING
TUESDAY**

DECEMBER 2, 2025

BECAUSE THE LIBRARY
CHANGES LIVES.

2025 local
AUTHORS
showcase



Sunday, December 7 | 1:15-4:15^{PM} | MRRL Art Gallery



**Paper-Stuffed
Ornaments
Take & Make**

DECEMBER 8 | ALL DAY



2026 GOAL SETTING:

Vision Board Bingo Cards

Monday, December 29 | 6:00-7:30^{pm}



*Happy
Holidays*

CLOSED ALL DAY

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Happy New Year!

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Programs for adults at the Missouri River Regional Library

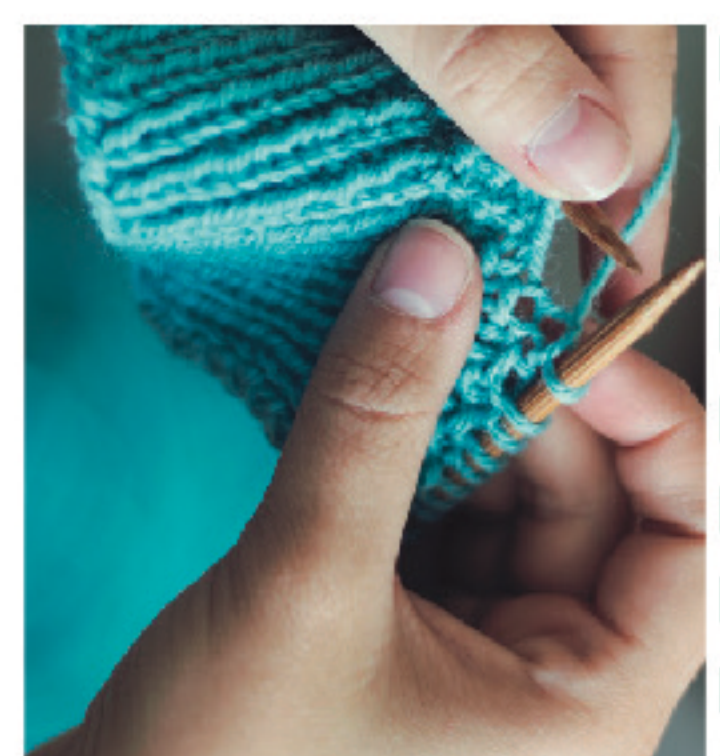


JUNK JOURNALING

Monday, December 1

6:00-7:30 p.m. | Mark Twain Room

Join us for our Junk Journaling Group! Each month, Alexandria A., a local Junk Journaling Pro, will show us a new technique and then we'll get to incorporate it in our junk journaling time! This month we will be having our annual white elephant exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift of journal items that someone could incorporate into their journal.



KNITTING & CROCHETING @ MRRL

Tuesday, December 2

6:00-7:45 p.m. | Truman Room

Knit and crochet with us! Ages 12 & up.



YOGA

Wednesday, December 3, 10 & 17

5:15-6:15 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

Thursday, December 4, 11 & 18

9:30-10:30 a.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

Rejuvenate your mind and body. All shapes, sizes, and abilities are welcome. Drop-ins welcome.

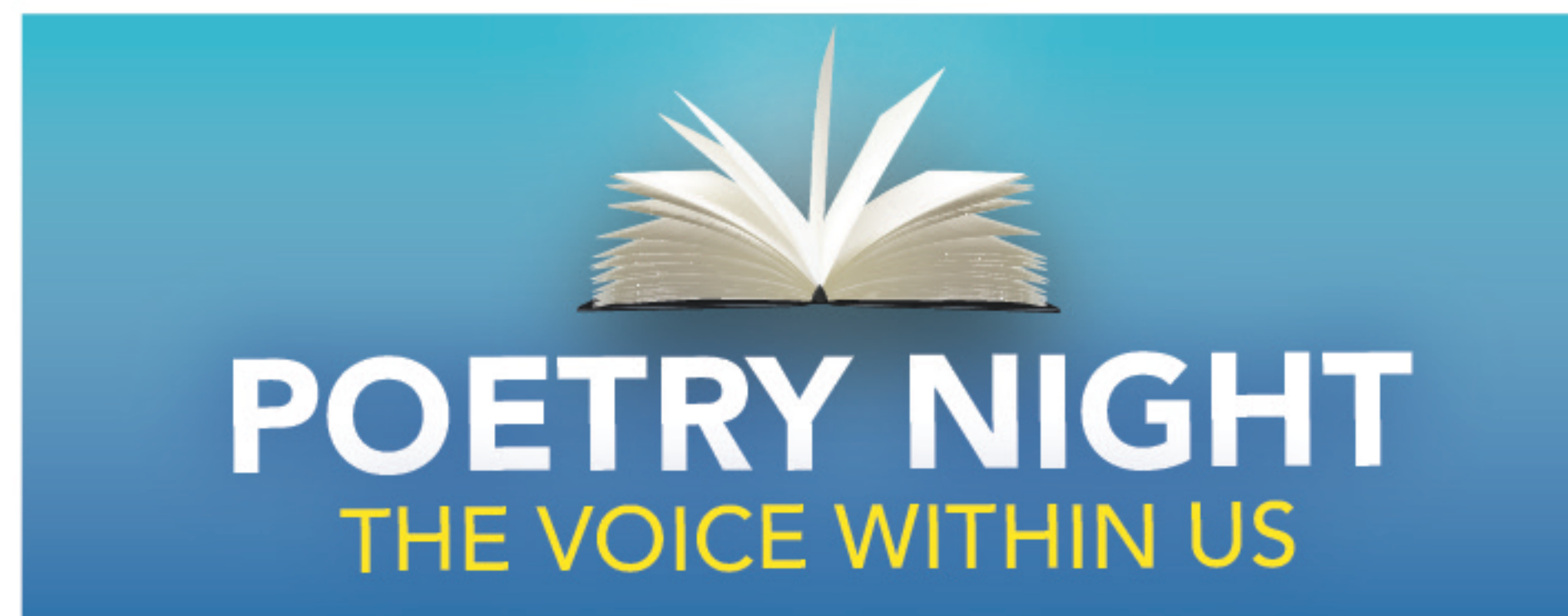


SHELF INDULGENCE

Wednesday, December 3

6:00-7:30 p.m. | Mark Twain Room

Looking for avid readers and stimulating conversation? You've found us! A new book will be selected each month to discuss. Librarians at the Main Desk are available to help find a copy for each attendee! Indulge yourself and dig into some great literature with other book lovers. In December, we will be discussing *The King of Wrath* by Ana Huang and *The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson.



AN EVENING OF POETRY

Wednesday, December 3

6:30-7:45 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

Students from LU English professor Eli Burrell's Fall 2025 Undergraduate Poetry Workshop will present their original work at this special program. These talented and diverse students will read poems they wrote this semester, reflecting issues and passions that are important to them. This is an opportunity for the mid-Missouri community to connect with fresh voices in poetry and support LU's student writers.



SOCIAL BRIDGE CLUB

Thursdays

1:00-3:30 p.m. | Truman Room

Join us for some fun and friendly Bridge gameplay. All skill levels and new players welcome.



GENEALOGY HELP SESSIONS

Thursdays, December 4, 11 & 18

1:00-4:00 p.m. | Mark Twain Room

Saturday, December 6 & 20

1:00-4:00 p.m. | Mark Twain Room

Genealogist Laura Loyborg hosts genealogy help sessions each Thursday from 1-4 p.m. in the Mark Twain Room; no registration is required for this group class. There will be a lesson, Q&A time, handouts, and individually-assisted research help.

In addition, 1-hour sessions, beginning at 1, 2, and 3 p.m. are offered on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Email Laura at familyisworldhistory@yahoo.com to secure an appointment for one-on-one help with your family tree. Your request for an appointment time must be emailed no later than the Wednesday prior to the Saturday class and a return email from Laura will secure your time choice. If no reservations are made by Wednesday night, no Saturday classes will be held.



UKULELE JAM SESSION

Thursday, December 4 & 18

6:15-7:45 p.m. | Truman Room

Spend some time having fun and making music. Regardless of your experience, bring a ukulele and join the group!



FIRST FRIDAY FILM: THE PENGUIN LESSONS

Friday, December 5

7:00-9:00 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

Inspired by the true story of a disillusioned Englishman who went to work in a school in Argentina in 1976. Thinking the job would be an easy ride, Tom (Steve Coogan) finds a divided nation and a class of unteachable students. However, after he rescues a penguin from an oil-slicked beach, his life is turned upside down.



Sunday, December 7 | 1:15-4:15 p.m.

MRRL Main Floor

Meet local authors whose works represent a variety of genres--from novels and poetry to biography and history. Visitors can talk with writers about their work and publishing experience, and authors will have their books available for sale and signing.

The Author Showcase is an annual library tradition--an event that supports local authors in the mid-Missouri community.



Paper-Stuffed Ornaments Take & Make

PAPER STUFFED ORNAMENTS TAKE AND MAKE CRAFT

Monday, December 8
All Day | MRRL Main Floor

Stop by the front desk to pick up a kit to make your very own paper stuffed Christmas ornament! Each kit will have everything you need to make your ornament. Come get one while supplies last as there is a limited amount.

LU-MRRL LECTURE SERIES

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Tuesday, December 9
6:30-8:00 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

Dr. Abdul Ajia, associate professor of business administration, will present two programs during this lecture.

"What Exactly is Business Education?" is a tour of the core disciplines of business education (marketing, business administration, finance, accounting, decision sciences, data analytics) and why these matter outside of the boardroom.

"Decision Science for Everyday Choices" is a no-jargon talk about how simple tools can make our everyday decisions faster and clearer. Participants will learn three basics: opportunity cost ("If I say yes to this, what am I saying no to?"), break-even (when a flat fee really pays), and expected value (how to weigh risk and reward). These tools apply to everyday situations from phone plans and gym memberships to small "insurance" offers. Along with practical examples, Dr. Ajia will offer a quick audience exercise and a pocket checklist.

ALPHA-GAL SYNDROME AWARENESS

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Wednesday, December 10
6:30-8:00 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

Alpha-Gal Syndrome is on the rise in Missouri. Kathy Deeken, nutrition and health specialist with MU Extension, will explain prevention, symptoms, screening for the condition, what a diagnosis means for your health, and shopping for Alpha-Gal. Come learn more about it and what you can do to protect yourself. Registration is not necessary.



TIK TOK MADE ME READ IT Monday, December 22

6:00-7:30 p.m. | Mark Twain Room

Connect with fellow readers in this book club focused on all the trending reads on TikTok. This month we will be reading *Christmas People* by Iva Marie Palmer. If you need help finding a copy, you can ask the librarians at the front desk. A free copy will be given to the first 8 people.



BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, December 26

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

MRRL Art Gallery

Make a blood donation appointment at the library, give to those in need and get an exclusive long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, limited quantity! Those who donate blood will also get to pick a free book from our table.

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Monday, December 29
6:00-7:30 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

2026 is just around the corner! Resolutions and vision boards can be a little overwhelming sometimes, especially if you can't complete everything on them. Come try out this newer trend for goal setting: Bingo Cards! It's your New Year's resolutions reimagined as a fun challenge that is less intimidating. We will each be making our own bingo cards that you can use to set your goals for 2026.

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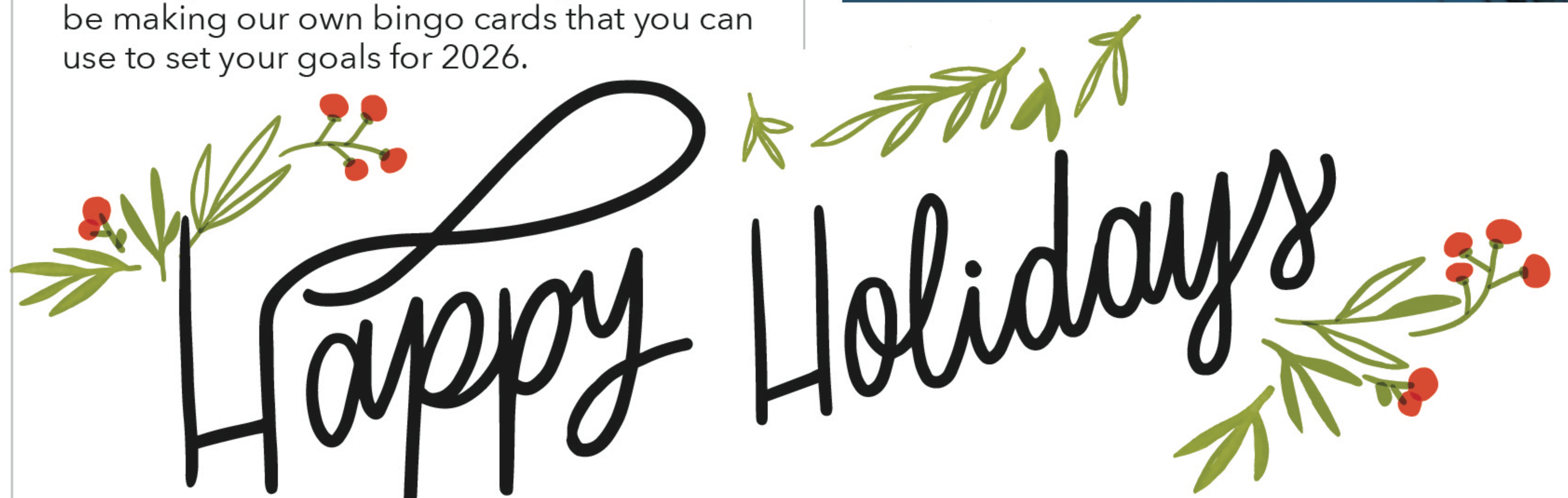


Central Bank pledges a \$2,000 donation when \$2,000 is donated on **#GivingTuesday!**



GALE LEGALFORMS

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