

At Your Library

Events for January
& February 2024

*Learn and grow at your library this year!
Look to your library to spark your curiosity and nurture your new goals.
Discover all our events for kids, teens and adults this winter.*



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On Our Cover:
Local authors reached out to new readers at our "Local Authors Open House" this past November.
Players of all ages and skill levels can get practice and learn to improve their game at our monthly "Chess: Play and Learn" events in Ashland and Columbia.

Friends of the Library Book Sales

These hard-working volunteers raise money for their libraries by sorting and reselling donated used books, music and other items at the following sales.

Friends of the Columbia Public Library

(573) 817-7110 • www.dbrl.org/friends-cpl • Cash or checks only. All proceeds support library services.

First Wednesday Sale

February 7: Gardening, Travel & Nature

Noon-3 p.m. Friends Room

First Wednesday sales offer some of the very best books that have been donated to the Friends. There is NO SALE on January 3.

Lobby Sales Wednesdays & Saturdays • Noon- 3 p.m. (except Jan. 3 & Feb. 7)

Friends of the Southern Boone County Public Library

(573) 657-7378 • www.dbrl.org/friends-sbc • All proceeds support library services.

Saturday Book Sales

Saturdays, January 13 & February 10 • 9 a.m.-Noon

Get a free book bag, and fill it with as many books as it will hold for \$5 per bag. You can also shop the Friends' book cart during library open hours.

The Friends accept donations of gently used books during library open hours. Donations are reviewed for addition to the library collection before being sold. See donation details at www.dbrl.org/friends.



FREE Tax Help at the Columbia Public Library

February 1-April 13, by appointment

Free income tax service at the Columbia Public Library is provided through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), an IRS affiliate. Starting January 16, call (573) 443-3161 to schedule an appointment.

All libraries will be CLOSED Sunday, December 31 & Monday, January 1.

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Our services are accessible to you. In compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, the Daniel Boone Regional Library will arrange for accommodations such as sign interpretation or alternative audiovisual devices to help you participate in library programs and/or meetings or access services. We ask that you make requests for accommodations with as much lead time as possible prior to the scheduled program, service or meeting. To make arrangements, please call (573) 443-3161 or send email to help@dbrl.org.

Don't Miss These Special Family Events!



Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 3
All DBRL Locations

Join us for "Take Your Child to the Library Day." We'll have drop-in activities, prizes and, of course, books to check out at each of our libraries. Families, all ages.



Winter Reading Snow Much Fun

A Reading Program for All Ages

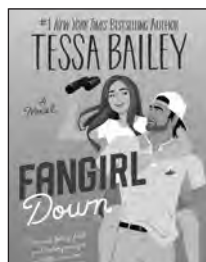
Starts January 15!
See page 23 for details.

Live Online Author Series Register to get a link: www.dbrl.org/online-author-series



Rebecca Serle
Embrace Love in the New Year
Wednesday, January 10, 7-8 p.m.

Join us as we talk with Rebecca Serle about her journey writing epic love stories that span generations. Discuss "The Dinner List" in person at the Columbia library on January 4, see p. 7.



Tessa Bailey
Spice, Spirit and Swoon
Thursday, February 8, 7-8 p.m.

New York Times bestselling author Tessa Bailey will talk about the launch of her new super hot sports romance, "Fangirl Down," about a pro athlete and his biggest fan.



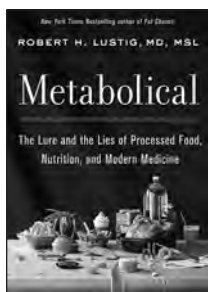
Rajiv Nagaich
**Your Retirement:
Dream or Disaster?**
Tuesday, January 23, 1-2 p.m.

Learn why retirement plan failure happens and how you can keep it from happening to you with elder law attorney and bestselling author Rajiv Nagaich.



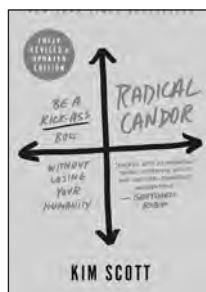
Jason Mott
**Identity, Love and Being a
Black Fiction Writer in America**
Tuesday, February 20, 3-4 p.m.

Hear New York Times bestselling author Jason Mott discuss his recent novel "Hell of a Book," an honest, funny novel that goes to the heart of the hidden costs of being a Black American.



Dr. Robert Lustig
"Metabolical"
Tuesday, January 30, 1-2 p.m.

Launch your new year healthfully with Dr. Robert Lustig, who challenges our current health care paradigm and the heavy influence of Big Food, Big Pharma and Big Government in his book "Metabolical."



Kim Scott
**Be a Kick-Ass Boss
Without Losing Your Humanity**
Wednesday, February 28, 1-2 p.m.

Kim Scott, New York Times bestselling author, will explain the Radical Candor feedback framework and how you can practice it.

The Online Author Series is supported by David Lile honorarium funds. Check the website for more upcoming events in this series. The talks are all recorded for later viewing. Check the "Recently Live" section at www.dbrl.org/events.

Enjoy From Home or Anywhere



StoneLion Puppet Theatre: "I'd Rather Be a Hummingbird"

Watch on YouTube January 15-February 28

Watch as puppeteers tell the story of Nigel the beaver in this recorded program. Nigel is learning the work of the big beavers when disaster strikes. All the forest creatures wait for someone else to help, except the little hummingbird. (40 min.)

Families. Get the link at www.dbrl.org/stonelion-puppets.

Hybrid Event Online & In-Person

Attend via Zoom or in person at the Columbia Public Library

LUNCH & LEARN PRESENTATIONS

The Unhoused in Columbia

Wednesday, January 10, Noon-1 p.m.

Hear from CoMo Mobile Aid Collective's Catherine Armbrust and Kari Utterbach from the Dept. of Public Health & Human Services about the unhoused citizens in our community and the services provided for them.

QAnon and Conspiracy Theories

Thursday, February 15, Noon-1 p.m.

What are conspiracy theories, why do people believe them and how do they affect elections? MU Assistant Professor of Sociology Christopher Conner will consider these questions.

Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County. Adults. Register to get Zoom links for these presentations at: www.dbrl.org/lunch-and-learn

Looking Ahead: State Legislative Update

Thursday, February 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Hear from your Missouri state representatives and senator about this year's legislative priorities. Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County. Adults. Register for a link: www.dbrl.org/looking-ahead

Live Events Via Zoom

The Power of Positive Parenting Workshop: Raising Resilient Children

Part One, Younger Children:

Tuesday, January 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Part Two, Teens & Tweens:

Tuesday, February 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Kids are not naturally resilient; it's a skill they must develop. This workshop will teach you how to help your child be resilient. Experts say some parenting strategies can make a difference, no matter what challenges you face. Presented by Catherine Miller, M.Ed. with the Boone County Early Childhood Coalition.

Parents. Register for link: www.dbrl.org/parenting-workshop

Be Kind. Set Boundaries.

Tuesday, January 23, Noon-1 p.m.

Setting healthy emotional, psychological and physical boundaries is the foundation for an environment of genuine kindness and well-being. In this online class, learn basic practices for living from a place of compassionate boundaries from presenter Emily Arth, psychotherapist and certified facilitator of the work of Dr. Brené Brown. Sponsored by Children's Grove.

Adults. Register for a link: www.dbrl.org/be-kind

Here & There: Birds in Their Wintering Grounds

Thursday, February 22
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for an online program about birds in winter. We'll discuss interesting behaviors and ecology of winter species here in Missouri and where some of our summer birds are right now (hint: the tropics!) and what they are up to. Presented by Dana Ripper, director of the Missouri River Bird Observatory.

Teens & adults. Register for a link: www.dbrl.org/birds



Events recorded for later viewing. See www.dbrl.org/events or check our YouTube channel youtube.com/dbrlorg

January & February Events | ASHLAND

Southern Boone County Public Library, 109 North Main Street, Ashland



Family Story Time

Mondays in January & February (except Jan. 1)
9:30-10 a.m.

Join us for rhymes, stories and fun! Families, ages 3-5.



Health on Wheels Outreach Visits

Wednesdays, January 10 & 24
Wednesdays, February 14 & 28
3-6 p.m.

Come visit the Health on Wheels van from the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services for free services like health assessments, blood pressure checks, pre-diabetes questionnaire screenings, COVID-19 test kits, health information and referrals to community resources. Stop in while the van is in the Southern Boone County Library parking lot.

Adults, 18 and older.

Wednesday, January 17

Chess: Play & Learn 2-4 p.m.

Come enjoy one of the world's oldest games with other enthusiasts. You can play face-to-face with those of varying skill levels. Those new to the game can ask questions and get advice from the more experienced players.

Players of all ages and experience levels are welcome.

Monday, January 22

Is Your Child on Track? 9-11:30 a.m.

The Boone County Early Childhood Coalition offers a quick, free screening to assess your child's well-being and social-emotional health.

For Boone County families with ages 2 mos. to 5 yrs.

Thursday, January 25

Reading to Rex 4-5 p.m.

Children will read for 10 minutes to certified therapy dogs while a handler oversees them. It's a fun way to improve your children's literacy skills.

Kindergarten age and older.
Please note, depending on attendance, your family may need to wait for a dog.



Saturday, February 10

Genealogical Research Using Ancestry.com 2-3 p.m.

Genealogist and library staff member Tim Dollens will teach you how to use Ancestry.com, Library Edition, an online genealogy tool available for free at the library. He'll discuss how to use federal population schedules, immigration and military records and the Social Security Death Index.

Adults.

ASHLAND | February Events



Sculpt a Chinese Dragon

Tuesday, February 13

Paper Crafting: Z-Fold Spring Cards 6-7 p.m.

Join us for a paper crafting class, fun for both novices and those who want to learn a new technique. In this session, we'll create two z-folded notecards using soft spring colors. Bring paper crafting scissors and your favorite adhesive, if you have them. Step-by-step instructions and most supplies are provided.

Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/cards

Monday, February 19

Is Your Child on Track? 9-11:30 a.m.

The Boone County Early Childhood Coalition offers a quick, free screening to assess your child's well-being and social-emotional health.

For Boone County families with ages 2 mos. to 5 yrs.

Sculpt a Chinese Dragon 1-2 p.m.

Come celebrate the Year of the Dragon! Learn a quick and cool way to sculpt a dragon, then create a diorama scene to go with it. You will also learn about the culture of China through a touchable mini-museum. Artist/teacher Sarah Poff will guide your way.

Ages 5-10. Register: www.dbrl.org/dragon

Wednesday, February 21

Chess: Play & Learn 2-4 p.m.

Come enjoy one of the world's oldest games with other enthusiasts. You can play face-to-face with those of varying skill levels. Those new to the game can ask questions and get advice from the more experienced players.

Players of all ages and experience levels are welcome.

Thursday, February 22

DIY "Neon" Signs

4-5:30 p.m.

Create your own light-up sign art with LED wire. Supplies and snacks will be provided.

Ages 12-18.

Register: www.dbrl.org/neon



Tuesday, February 27

Tuskegee Airmen From Lincoln University

6-7 p.m.

As the U.S. anticipated entering WWII, it established Civil Pilot Training programs at universities and airfields, including Lincoln University. Join author Michelle Brooks to learn about Lincoln University's military alumni who helped influence desegregation in the military and continued to break racial barriers thereafter. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Adults & teens.

Thursday, February 29

Reading to Rex

4-5 p.m.

Children will read for 10 minutes to certified therapy dogs while a handler oversees them. It's a fun way to improve children's literacy skills.

Kindergarten age and older. Please note, depending on attendance, your family may need to wait for a dog.

January Events | COLUMBIA

Columbia Public Library, 100 West Broadway, Columbia (Unless otherwise noted.)

Children's Story Times

in the Children's Program Room



Baby Story Time

Thursdays in January & February
9:30-10 a.m. & 10:30-11 a.m.

For the tiniest library patron, join us for rhymes, songs, stories and fun. Ages birth-18 months with an adult.

Evening Family Story Time

Tuesday, January 9 & February 13 · 6-6:30 p.m.

Enjoy stories, songs and activities for your family.
Ages 13 months-5 years with an adult.

Family Story Time

Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 30 & February 6, 13, 27
9:30-10 a.m. & 10:30-11 a.m.

Join staff for rhymes, songs, stories and fun.
Ages 13 months-5 years with an adult.

Tuesday, January 2

Family Game Day

9:30-11:30 a.m. • 2-4 p.m.
Children's Program Room

We'll have some favorite board games, blocks and puzzles available for you and your family to enjoy.

Families with children of all ages.



Thursday, January 4

First Thursday Book Discussion: "The Dinner List"

Noon-1 p.m. Children's Program Room

Join us to discuss Rebecca Serle's novel "The Dinner List," imbued with delightful magical realism and life-changing romance. When Sabrina arrives at her 30th birthday dinner, she finds at the table not just her best friend, but also three significant people from her past and, well, Audrey Hepburn. Serle will also give an online author talk on Wednesday, January 10, see p. 3.

Adults.



Saturday, January 6

Marketplace & Medicaid Open Enrollment Assistance

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Training Center

Licensed Navigators from Missouri Connections for Health will help you review eligibility, compare options and enroll in 2024 Health Insurance Marketplace (Healthcare.gov) plans or Medicaid (MO HealthNet). Call (573) 817-8300, ext. 214 with any questions.

Adults. No appointment necessary. For full details and a list of what to bring with you: www.dbrl.org/health-enrollment.

Monday, January 8

Get Comfortable With Computers

Noon-1:30 p.m. Training Center

Learn and practice very basic computer skills. We will go over basic functions such as using a mouse and keyboard and browsing online. If you're new to computers, this class is for you!

Adults and teens.

Register: www.dbrl.org/comfort-with-computers

Monday, January 8

Reading to Rover

5:30-7 p.m. Children's Program Room

Children will read for 15 minutes to one of Ann Gafke's Teacher's Pet Therapy Dogs while a handler oversees them. It's a fun way to improve children's literacy skills. All dogs are certified therapy dogs.

Kindergarten age and older. Please note, depending on attendance, your family may need to wait for a dog.

Tuesday, January 9

KidSight Vision Screening

9:30-11:30 a.m. Children's Area

Bring your child for a free KidSight vision screening. It only takes a few seconds, and you'll receive the result instantly.

Ages 6 months and older.

Memory Café: Calming Activities

10-11:30 a.m. Friends Room

Enjoy music, movement, crafts, conversation and light refreshments. Our theme is "Calming Activities."

For adults experiencing dementia accompanied by a participating personal care partner who will also participate.

Register: www.dbrl.org/memory-cafe



Wednesday, January 10

Is Your Child on Track?

10 a.m.-Noon Children's Program Room

The Boone County Early Childhood Coalition offers a quick, free screening to assess your child's well-being and social-emotional health.

For Boone County families with ages 2 mos. to 5 yrs.

Technology Help Sessions

Device Advice & Tech Help Drop-in

Tuesdays & Fridays • 2-3:30 p.m. (except January 19)
Training Center, Second Floor

Library trainers can help you with the basic functions of your Windows, Android or Apple laptop or device. You can also use self-paced tutorials to work on keyboarding skills. Staff are unable to troubleshoot or repair malfunctioning equipment. Adults.

One-on-One Tech Help

Library staff can also schedule an in-person or virtual one-on-one appointment to help with your tech questions. To book a session, call the library or use our Tech Help Request Form at www.dbrl.org/tech-help-request.

Wednesday, January 10

Lunch & Learn: The Unhoused in Columbia

Noon-1 p.m. Friends Room or Online via Zoom

Hear from CoMo Mobile Aid Collective's Catherine Armbrust and Kari Utterbach from the Dept. of Public Health & Human Services about the unhoused citizens in our community and the services provided for this population. Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County.

Adults. No registration needed to attend in person. To attend via Zoom, register at www.dbrl.org/lunch-and-learn.

Marketplace & Medicaid Open Enrollment Assistance

1-5 p.m. Training Center

See January 6. Adults. No appointment necessary.

An Introduction to Visible Mending: Part One

6-7:30 p.m. Friends Room

Have you ever had to toss out a beloved article of clothing because it had a stain, a hole or a tear? Our two-part workshop offers you the chance to rescue damaged clothing and even add panache. You'll learn basic techniques and creative approaches to mending and repair. Bring a damaged item of clothing to mend. All other supplies provided. Join us again on January 24 for the second part.

Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/visible-mending



An Introduction to Visible Mending



National Day of Service Volunteer Fair

Saturday, January 13

Free Magazine Day

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Friends Room

It's time for the library's annual Free Magazine Day! Come browse dozens of children's and adult publications from 2022 that can be yours for free. First come, first served.

Marketplace & Medicaid Open Enrollment Assistance

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Training Center

See January 6. Adults. No appointment necessary.

TRYPs Theater: Live at Eleven

11-11:30 a.m. Children's Program Room

At this workshop, children play games, sing, dance and act out books. Presented by TRYPs Children's Theater, Columbia's professional theater group for young audiences.

Ages 3-8.

Sunday, January 14

Tunes at Two: Pack Matthews

2-3 p.m. Reading Balcony

Local musicians provide a musical backdrop at the Columbia Public Library on the second Sunday of every month. This month we present pianist Pack Matthews.

Monday, January 15

National Day of Service Volunteer Fair

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Friends Room

Today, we honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with the National Day of Service, a great day to discover how you can have a positive impact on your community! Come visit our volunteer fair, where a number of local nonprofit organizations will be on hand to help you learn more about the vital and rewarding volunteer opportunities in the Columbia area.

Adults and teens.

"(IM)possible: The Untold Story of Henry Kirklin": With Local Author Charlis Jeanette

10:30-11 a.m. Children's Program Room

Hear author Charlis Jeanette read "(IM)possible: The Untold Story of Henry Kirklin," her children's book about a former Boone County slave turned farmer, horticulturalist and teacher at MU. After the story, we'll do an activity. Co-sponsored by the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture. Books available for purchase and signing.

Families, ages 5-11. Register: www.dbrl.org/impossible

Cozy Winter Crafts

3-4 p.m. • 6-7 p.m. Children's Program Room

Whether you love being in the cold, or just love the idea of the cold, join us in the warmth and make some cozy winter crafts. If you choose to make a cool snowman, don't worry, it won't melt!

Ages 10-18, parents welcome.

Register: www.dbrl.org/winter-crafts



Tuesday, January 16

Missouri Underground: How Missouri Got Its Border

4-5 p.m. Friends Room

In 2024, DBRL is partnering with the Missouri State Museum to explore the literal and figurative underground of Missouri's history. This month, learn from local historian Henry Gensky about our state's distinctive borders, which follow both rivers and man-made boundaries.

Adults.

Socrates Café

6:30-8 p.m. Conference Room B

Must science and religion inevitably be opponents? Is widespread human happiness possible? Join us to think through, examine and discuss philosophical questions in the spirit of Christopher Phillips' book "Socrates Café." No preparation is required; just come with questions and an open mind.

Adults.

Wednesday, January 17

"Eli the Elephant Tries Everything": Read-Aloud and Activities

10:30-11 a.m. Children's Program Room

Staff from the Columbia/Boone County Health Department will share the book "Eli the Elephant Tries Everything" by Brianda Younggren. After the story, kids will explore food through art with food stamping.

Ages 2-5 with adult. Register: www.dbrl.org/eli-elephant



Wednesday, January 17

Online Security Basics

6:30-8 p.m. Studio

Learn how to prevent viruses and safeguard your privacy when using the internet.

Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/online-security

Samantha Fierke Concert

7-8 p.m. Friends Room

Enjoy an evening of jazz with Columbia's own Sam Fierke. A vocalist pursuing a jazz composition degree at Berklee College of Music, Fierke released their second CD, "Mirage," in 2022. They draw much of their influence from global jazz and fusion musicians, but also deeply appreciate "straight ahead" jazz. They will be accompanied by pianist Sam Luetkemeyer.

Adults and teens.

Friday, January 19

Block Party for Little Ones

9:30-11 a.m. Friends Room

Calling all young engineers! Join your fellow construction enthusiasts at our block party, where you'll build, explore and create together.

Families, ages 6 and younger.



Block Party for Little Ones

Saturday, January 20

Escape Room: Save the Oceans!

9:30-10:30 a.m. • 11 a.m.-Noon
1:30-2:30 p.m. • 3-4 p.m. Training Center

While the ocean still holds many mysteries, one thing we do know is that our oceans and the life they contain are in trouble. In this escape room (first offered in 2022), you'll solve a series of puzzles to help determine how to save the world's oceans. Will you figure it out in time? Join us to find out!

Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/escape-room

Genealogical Research Using Ancestry.com

9:30-10:30 a.m. Virginia G. Young Room

Genealogist and library staff member Tim Dollens will teach you how to use Ancestry.com, Library Edition, an online genealogy tool available for free at the library. He'll discuss how to use federal population schedules, immigration and military records and the Social Security Death Index.

Adults.

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For Boone County families with ages 2 mos. to 5 yrs.

Saturday, January 20

Cookware Swap

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friends Room

Calling all cooks! Was tidying your kitchen one of your New Year's resolutions? Bring your extra pots, pans, spatulas and measuring spoons to our cookware swap and take home something new to aid you in your next culinary adventure.

Adults and teens. For guidelines about what to bring, visit www.dbrl.org/cookware-swap.



Columbia's Climate Resilience Conversation

2:30-4 p.m. Friends Room

Do you know how extreme heat affects your health? Do you have ideas on how to keep your neighborhood cool? The Office of Sustainability wants to hear from YOU! Join City staff for an interactive and informative conversation about urban heat. Drop in to learn and share your thoughts about community-driven solutions. Light snacks and activities for kids provided.

Adults & teens, families welcome.

Monday, January 22

Project Teen: DIY "Neon" Signs

6-7:30 p.m. Friends Room

Create your own light-up sign art with LED wire. Supplies and snacks provided.

Ages 12-18. Register: www.dbrl.org/project-teen

Tuesday, January 23

Drop-in Genealogy Help

9:15-11:15 a.m. Training Center

Drop in for help with researching your family history.



Discovery Time

Tuesday, January 23

Discovery Time

9:30-10:15 a.m. • 10:30-11:15 a.m. • 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Children's Program Room

Meet other parents and children, read to your child and get ideas for activities you can do to develop learning skills.

Parents with children ages 5 and younger.

Silent Book Club

6-7:30 p.m. Quiet Reading Room

Join the most casual book club in town — there's no required reading! B.Y.O.B. (bring your own book, that is), and enjoy conversations with other book lovers and silent reading. **Adults.**

Wednesday, January 24

Discovery Time

9:30-10:15 a.m. • 10:30-11:15 a.m. Children's Program Room

See Jan. 23. Parents with children ages 5 and younger.

Google Photos Basics

2-3:30 p.m. Training Center

Learn to get the most out of Google's free online tool for organizing, storing, sharing and editing your photos.

Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/google-photos

Drop-in Genealogy Help

5:30-7:30 p.m. Training Center

Drop in for help with researching your family history.

Wednesday, January 24

An Introduction to Visible Mending: Part Two

6-7:30 p.m. Friends Room

In this second session, bring back your damaged items to continue your mending and get advice and assistance. Part one of this workshop takes place January 10. Supplies provided.

Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/visible-mending

Saturday, January 27

Jump Into Reading

11 a.m.-Noon Children's Program Room

Trained members of the Jumpstart Corps from MU will read with small groups of kids and parents in 15-minute sessions, so you can drop by any time. Different books will be shared each session; attend more than one if space allows.

Ages 3-5 with an adult.

Crafternoon: Paper Quilling

2-4 p.m. Friends Room

Back by popular demand, we're doing paper quilling! Popular since the 15th century, this is the art of using thin strips of paper and glue to create beautiful shapes and patterns. All supplies provided.

Adults. Register starting January 2: www.dbrl.org/crafternoon

Sunday, January 28

Winter Garden Forum

1:30-3:30 p.m. Friends Room

Get fresh ideas for a new gardening season from two local experts! Emily Gustafson, Missouri Prairie Foundation, will focus on Missouri native plants for the home garden. And Tim Moloney with MU Plant Science & Technology will discuss trees for home landscapes. Presented by the Discovery Garden Club. Light refreshments served.

Adults.





Tuesday, January 30

Lifelong Learning: Travel Blogging and Art for Self Care

Noon-1:30 p.m. Studio

The library's free online resources are your gateway to lifelong learning. This month, we'll demonstrate how to use them with two different topics: travel blogging and altered books or other art for self care. There will also be time for you to do your own exploration. All you need is your library card.

Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/lifelong-learning

Chess: Play & Learn

6-8 p.m. Children's Program Room

Come enjoy one of the world's oldest games with other enthusiasts. You can play face-to-face with those of varying skill levels. Those new to the game can ask questions and get advice from the more experienced players.

Players of all ages and experience levels are welcome.

Read Harder Challenge 2024

6:30-7:30 p.m. Friends Room

Join us to kick off the 2024 Read Harder Challenge. Whether you're ready to commit or just curious, learn about the program and how to participate. This challenge, created by Book Riot, encourages you to read more diversely.

Adults.

Wednesday, January 31

VA S.A.V.E. Training: Suicide Prevention

6-7 p.m. Friends Room

VA S.A.V.E. is a suicide prevention program that will help you act with care and compassion if you encounter a veteran or any person in crisis who is experiencing suicidal thoughts. For immediate help, call 988, the suicide and crisis lifeline. Presented in partnership with the Harry S Truman VA Medical Center.

Adults.

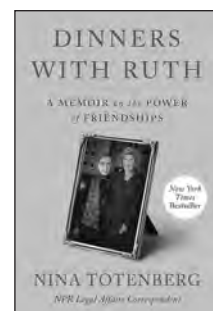
Thursday, February 1

First Thursday Book Discussion: "Dinners With Ruth"

Noon-1 p.m. Children's Program Room

In "Dinners With Ruth," NPR reporter Nina Totenberg delivers an extraordinary memoir of her personal successes, struggles and life-affirming relationships, including her friendship of nearly 50 years with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Join us to discuss this captivating memoir. The author will also appear as part of the Online Author Series on March 6.

Adults.



Friday, February 2

Stories and Activities for Adults With Disabilities

10-10:30 a.m. Children's Program Room

Join us for a story time filled with books, songs and movement! After story time, we'll have an interactive activity just for you.

Adults with a caregiver.

Library After Dark: Lock-In for Grown-Ups

6:30-8 p.m. Children's Program Room

Leave the grown-up world behind and immerse yourself in a night of fun, crafts and pizza at this after-hours program just for ages 18 and older. Spoiler alert: story time and parachute play will be offered!

Adults. Register: www.dbrl.org/library-after-dark

Saturday, February 3

Jump Into Reading

11 a.m.-Noon Children's Program Room

Trained members of the Jumpstart Corps from MU will read with small groups of children and parents in four 15-minute sessions, so you can drop by any time. Different books will be shared each session; attend more than one if space allows.

Ages 3-5 with an adult.

Protest With Poetry: A Generative Spoken-Word Workshop

2-3:30 p.m. Friends Room

Author and performer Caleb Rainey will discuss the basic approach to writing a politically charged spoken-word poem, analyze contemporary examples and assist you with writing of your own pieces.

Adults and teens 16 and older.

Register: www.dbrl.org/protest-poetry

Sunday, February 4

Annie Fisher: Boone County's Most Famous Chef

2-2:45 p.m. Friends Room

Witness the historic story of Boone County's most famous chef with Verna Laboy's portrayal of Annie Fisher, an accomplished Black businessperson. Fisher, who lived from 1867 to 1938, was an entrepreneur and the first Black woman to own a restaurant and catering business in Columbia.

Ages 6-adults.



Tuesday, February 6

KidSight Vision Screening

9:30-11:30 a.m. Children's Area

Bring your child for a free KidSight vision screening. It only takes a few seconds, and you'll receive the result instantly.

Ages 6 months and older.



Tuesday, February 6

Tuskegee Airmen From Lincoln University

6-7 p.m. Friends Room

As the U.S. anticipated entering WWII, it established Civil Pilot Training programs at universities and airfields, including Lincoln University. Join author Michelle Brooks to learn about Lincoln University's military alumni who helped influence desegregation in the military and continued to break racial barriers thereafter. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Adults & teens.

Wednesday, February 7

Cross-Stitch Bookmarks

6-7:30 p.m. Friends Room

Join us for a cozy evening of crafting and hot cocoa as we make cross-stitch bookmarks. We'll have a variety of patterns and designs to choose from and instructions on how to make them. All materials will be provided.

Adults. Register: www.dbrl.org/cross-stitch

Thursday, February 8

Looking Ahead: State Legislative Update

6:30-7:30 p.m. Friends Room or Online via Zoom

Hear from your Missouri state representatives and senator about this year's legislative priorities. Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County.

Adults. No registration needed to attend in person. To attend via Zoom, register at www.dbrl.org/looking-ahead.

COLUMBIA | February Events



The Snow Ball: A Family Dance

Tuesday, February 13

Bored Gamer Night

5:30-8:30 p.m. Friends Room

Looking for something to do this winter? Drop by the library and play a game! We will be providing a space for game enthusiasts to come and play a variety of games and enjoy snacks. Feel free to bring your friends and your own favorite games to play!

Adults and teens 16 and older.

Canva Basics

6:30-8 p.m. Training Center

Canva is a powerful online tool that can help you design social media posts, presentations, posters, videos, logos and more. The projects you start on one computer can be accessed online anywhere in the world. We'll help you create a free account and get started.

Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/canva

Wednesday, February 14

Poetry Out Loud

10 a.m.-Noon Friends Room

Local high school students will compete for a spot on the Missouri state team at this poetry recitation competition. Come observe and encourage the students as they perform. This program of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation is coordinated locally by the Office of Cultural Affairs with the Missouri Arts Council. (Bad weather date: February 21.)

Adults and teens.

Thursday, February 15

Lunch & Learn: QAnon and Conspiracy Theories

Noon-1 p.m. Friends Room or Online via Zoom

What are conspiracy theories, why do people believe them and how do they affect elections? MU Assistant Professor of Sociology Christopher Conner considers these questions. Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County.

Adults. No registration needed to attend in person. To attend via Zoom, register at www.dbrl.org/lunch-and-learn.

The Snow Ball: A Family Dance

6-6:45 p.m. Friends Room

Dress in your finery and twirl and bow to the music of fiddler Tom Verdot, guitarist Thom Howard, flutist Rebecca Logan and keyboardist Marcie McGuire. Dance caller Jim Thaxter will take us through simple circle and line dances for you and your child.

Families with ages 5 and older. Parent participation is a must. Register: www.dbrl.org/snow-ball

Friday, February 16

Columbia's Climate Resilience Conversation

9-10:30 a.m. Friends Room

Do you know how extreme heat affects your health? Do you have ideas on how to keep your neighborhood cool? The Office of Sustainability wants to hear from YOU! Join City staff for an interactive and informative conversation about urban heat. Drop in to learn and share your thoughts about community-driven solutions. Light snacks and activities for kids provided.

Adults & teens, families welcome.

D&D Adventurer's Guild

1-4 p.m. Friends Room

Calling all adventurers — we're looking for new recruits! Whether you're a new Dungeons and Dragons player looking for experience or you've slain a horde of dragons, you can find fame and glory here. You'll create a character (or bring a first- or second-level character) and play through an open-ended adventure! Refreshments provided.

Ages 13-17. Register: www.dbrl.org/d+d

Saturday, February 17

Is Your Child on Track?

10 a.m.-Noon Children's Program Room

The Boone County Early Childhood Coalition offers a quick, free screening to assess your child's well-being and social-emotional health.

For Boone County families with ages 2 mos. to 5 yrs.

Saving Family Stories: Capturing and Preserving Oral Histories

1-4 p.m. Friends Room

Participants in this workshop will learn the basics of oral history planning, recording, editing and sharing. Students learn how to gather video and audio using a Canon camera and a cell phone, and explore the basics of video editing in Adobe Premiere. Led by the Recollection Agency's Trevor Harris and presented in partnership with Vidwest Studios.



Ages 12 and older.

Register: www.dbrl.org/saving-family-stories

Monday, February 19

Crafternoon at Night: Bullet Journals

5:30-7:30 p.m. Friends Room

Bullet journaling is a tool designed to relieve the stress of keeping up with your to-do list and appointments, allowing you to easily track things in a highly visual and organized format. You will leave the class with a bullet journal and instructions on how to use it. All supplies provided.

Adults. Register starting February 1: www.dbrl.org/crafternoon

Tuesday, February 20

Drop-in Genealogy Help

9:15-11:15 a.m. Training Center

Drop in for help with researching your family history.

Tuesday, February 20

Discovery Time

9:30-10:15 a.m. • 10:30-11:15 a.m. • 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Children's Program Room

Meet other parents and children, read to your child and get ideas for activities you can do to develop learning skills.

Parents with children ages 5 and younger.

Socrates Café

6:30-8 p.m. Conference Room B

Join us to think through, examine and discuss philosophical questions in the spirit of Christopher Phillips' book "Socrates Café: A Fresh Taste of Philosophy." No preparation required; just come with questions and an open mind.

Adults.

Read Harder Challenge Check-in

6:30-7:30 p.m. Friends Room

Gather with other readers who are taking on the Read Harder Challenge. Discuss which reading tasks you've completed and get inspiration for those tasks you may be stuck on. Adults.

Wednesday, February 21

Discovery Time

9:30-10:15 a.m. • 10:30-11:15 a.m. Children's Program Room

See Feb. 20. Parents with children ages 5 and younger.

Drop-in Genealogy Help

5:30-7:30 p.m. Training Center See Feb. 20.

Saturday, February 24

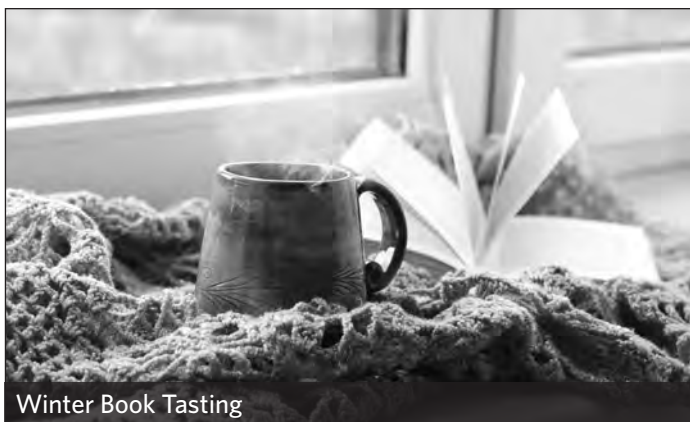
Stories in Art, Art in Stories

11 a.m.-Noon Children's Program Room

Nurture your child's interest in reading, visual literacy, creative thinking and language. A picture book provides the jumping-off point for an art project encouraging active looking, listening, imagining and creating. Presented by the Columbia Art League.

Ages 5-9, parents welcome.

Register: www.dbrl.org/stories-in-art



Winter Book Tasting

Saturday, February 24

Winter Book Tasting

1-2:30 p.m. Friends Room

Come to our book tasting and find your next favorite book! Sample selections from nonfiction titles that will include biographies, memoirs, true crime, history, nature and science as you discuss with your fellow tasters. We're sure to have something that will whet your appetite.

Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/book-tasting

Black History & Culture Trivia Night

6-9 p.m. Friends Room

Join us for a fun and competitive celebration of Black history and culture at this after-hours event. We'll provide food for all and prizes for the winning teams. Check-in and dinner begin at 6 p.m., play begins at 6:30 p.m. Co-sponsored by the University of Missouri BHM Committee, University of Missouri Libraries, Columbia Honda.

Adults. Register: www.dbrl.org/black-history-trivia

Tuesday, February 27

Digital Organization 101

2-3:30 p.m. Studio

Do you have your photos, documents and other digital files scattered in lots of different places and across many different devices and services? In this introductory class, learn how to get organized and gain peace of mind. We'll explore the basics of proper file management and taxonomy.

Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/digital-organization

Tuesday, February 27

Chess: Play & Learn

6-8 p.m. Children's Program Room

Come enjoy one of the world's oldest games with other enthusiasts. You can play face-to-face with those of varying skill levels. Those new to the game can ask questions and get advice from the more experienced players.

Players of all ages and experience levels are welcome.

Silent Book Club

6-7:30 p.m. Quiet Reading Room

Join the most casual book club in town — there's no required reading! B.Y.O.B. (bring your own book, that is), and enjoy conversations with other book lovers and one whole hour of silent reading.

Adults.

Wednesday, February 28

Is Your Child on Track?

10 a.m.-Noon Children's Program Room

See Feb. 17. For Boone County families with ages 2 mos. to 5 yrs.

Thursday, February 29

Leap Day Party

4-4:45 p.m. Children's Program Room

Once every four years, there's an extra day in February. Come celebrate February 29 with us by creating some leaping crafts and joining in some Leap Day activities.

Ages, 5-10, parents welcome.

Orienteering for Geocachers and Everyone Else

6:30-7:30 p.m. Friends Room

Orienteering involves finding your way through varied terrain using a compass, a topographical map and land navigation skills. Geocachers may use orienteering skills to find a cache. Learn about Rock Bridge Memorial State Park's TRIM orienteering course with master naturalist Steve Ferguson. Bring a liquid-filled orienteering compass if you have one.

Families, ages 12-adult. Register: www.dbrl.org/orienteering

January & February Events | FULTON

Callaway County Public Library, 710 Court Street, Fulton



Family Story Time

Mondays in January & February · 10-10:45 a.m.
(except Jan. 1)

Join us for rhymes, stories and fun! Families, ages birth-5.

Baby & Toddler Time

Thursdays, January 18 & February 15 · 10-10:45 a.m.
Enjoy books, songs and play! Ages birth-36 months.



Story Explorers: "Trombone Shorty"

Thursday, January 25

Balloon Bonanza

6-7 p.m.

You're never too old to have fun with balloons! We'll use balloons to make stress balls and pompom shooters, plus race against the clock to complete wacky balloon challenges.

Ages 9-12. Register: www.dbri.org/balloon-bonanza

Thursday, February 1

Story Explorers: "Trombone Shorty"

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Support your early reader's developing skills through a read-aloud of "Trombone Shorty" by Troy Andrews. Then, create your own harmonica.

Families, ages 5-8.

Saturday, February 10

Jigsaw Puzzle and Board Game Swap

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

During the colder months, jigsaw puzzles and board games are a great way to use your indoor time. Do you have a pile of old puzzles and games at home, but wish you had some new ones? Today you can swap! Bring the puzzles and games you no longer want and swap them. Or if you just want to give away some puzzles and games, you can drop them off beginning February 1.

All ages.

Wednesday, January 10

Adult Craft & Hobby Hour

2-3 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of crafting, knitting, sewing and more! Enjoy a relaxing hour of good company while you work on your current project, or make use of adult coloring pages and other supplies provided by the library.

Adults.



Wednesday, January 24

Tech Help Drop-In

2-3 p.m.

Stop by to get help with the basic functions of your Windows, Android or Apple device. We can also guide you on how to use library apps such as Libby and hoopla. Staff are unable to troubleshoot or repair malfunctioning equipment.

Adults.



Life-Size Candy Land

Wednesday, February 14

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2-3 p.m.

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Adults.

Saturday, February 17

Life-Size Candy Land

2-4 p.m.

Take a walk through a life-size version of the classic board game Candy Land! Follow the rainbow path and collect candy along the way, plus enjoy other fun activities.

Families, all ages.

Tuesday, February 20

Tuskegee Airmen From Lincoln University

6-7 p.m.

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Thursday, February 22

Villain-tine's Party

6-7 p.m.

Celebrate all your favorite villains with wickedly wonderful crafts and activities.

Ages 9 and older. Register: www.dbrl.org/villain-tines

Wednesday, February 28

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2-3 p.m.

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Adults.

Thursday, February 29

Winter Paint-Along

6-7:30 p.m.

Shake off the winter doldrums and enjoy an evening of guided painting. We'll provide the paint, canvases and step-by-step instructions to paint a winter scene.

Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/paint-along



January Events | HOLTS SUMMIT

Holts Summit Public Library, 188 West Simon Boulevard, Holts Summit



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Wednesdays, January 17 & February 21 · 10-10:45 a.m.

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Adults.

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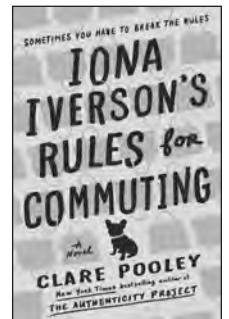
Snack and Chat Book Discussion:

"Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting"

4-5 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of "Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting" by Claire Pooley, about a group of people with nothing in common but a mode of transportation who become something more.

Adults.



Saturday, January 27

Life-Size Candy Land

2-4 p.m.

Take a walk through a life-size version of the classic board game Candy Land! Follow the rainbow path and collect candy along the way, plus enjoy other fun activities.

Families.

Thursday, February 1

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Adults.

HOLTS SUMMIT | February Events



Tuskegee Airmen From Lincoln University

Tuesday, February 6

Story Explorers: "Trombone Shorty"

4:30-5:30 p.m.

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Families, ages 5-8.

Thursday, February 8

Adult Craft & Hobby Hour

4-5 p.m.

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Adults.

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Adults & teens.

Tuesday, February 20

Missouri Underground: Missouri's Rocks, Formations and Geologic History

4-5 p.m.

In 2024, DBRL is partnering with the Missouri State Museum to explore "Missouri Underground," where we learn about both the literal and figurative underground of Missouri's history. This month, learn about Missouri's unique rock formations. Come hear about, touch and hold examples of these rocks and the history of their discovery.

Ages 6-adult.

Wednesday, February 21

Villain-tine's Party

4:30-5:30 p.m.

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Ages 9 and older. Register: www.dbrl.org/villain-tines

Tuesday, February 27

Snack and Chat Book Discussion: "The Measure"

4-5 p.m.

Would you want to know your lifespan if given the choice? The premise of author Nikki Erlick's compelling novel, "The Measure" gives readers the chance to contemplate this life-altering decision. The novel tells the story of what happens when a box containing this information arrives at every doorstep in the world.

Adults.



Wednesday, February 28

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6-7:30 p.m.

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Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/paint-along

VISIT THE BOOKMOBILE



Auxvasse Security Bank parking lot	1:30-7 p.m., 1st & 3rd Thursdays	Jan. 4 & 18	Feb. 1 & 15
Columbia Battle Crossing Schnucks Parking Lot, 5410 Clark Ln.	1:30-6 p.m., 1st & 3rd Fridays	Jan. 5 & 19	Feb. 2 & 16
Columbia North Rangeline North Moser's parking lot, 4840 Rangeline St.	1:30-6 p.m., 1st & 3rd Wednesdays	Jan. 3 & 17	Feb. 7 & 21
Hallsville City Hall	1:30-7 p.m., 2nd & 4th Tuesdays	Jan. 9 & 23	Feb. 13 & 27
Harrisburg Lions Club Park	1:30-7 p.m., 2nd & 4th Wednesdays	Jan. 10 & 24	Feb. 14 & 28
Rocheport 205 Central Ave.	3-6:30 p.m., 2nd & 4th Thursdays	Jan. 11 & 25	Feb. 8 & 22
Sturgeon Prenger Foods	1:30-7 p.m., 2nd & 4th Mondays	Jan. 8 & 22	Feb. 12 & 26

The Daniel Boone Regional Library bookmobile offers thousands of books, music, movies and more for all ages. You can browse on board or, when you place an item on hold, choose a bookmobile stop as your pick-up point. For more information, contact bookmobile staff at 1-800-324-4806 or outreach@dbrl.org.

Winter Reading Snow Much Fun

A Winter Reading Program for All Ages
January 15 - February 29



To sign up and learn more, visit:
www.dbrl.org/winter-reading

Winter is a great season to spend quality time with others! Have fun reading books, doing crafts and playing games with friends, family and neighbors.

Starting Monday, January 15, go online to sign up yourself or your whole family for our annual Winter Reading program and set your own reading goals. When you finish, you'll receive a prize, and have a chance to win gift cards at some of your favorite local businesses!

We'll kick off this year's program on Martin Luther King Jr. Day with two special events:

National Day of Service Volunteer Fair
Monday, January 15 • 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Columbia Public Library
See page 9 for details.

Food Drive January 15-26

Donate shelf-stable food items at the Columbia Public Library or bookmobile stops. When you donate, you may also register to win an air fryer! Donations benefit the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri.



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710 Court Street, Fulton, MO 65251
(573) 642-7261

Monday, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Tuesday, 9 a.m.–8 p.m.
Wednesday–Friday, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.



Columbia Public Library

100 West Broadway, Columbia, MO 65203
(573) 443-3161, 1-800-324-4806

Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday, 1–5 p.m.



Southern Boone County Public Library

109 North Main Street, Ashland, MO 65010
(573) 657-7378

Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.



Holts Summit Public Library

188 West Simon Boulevard, Holts Summit, MO 65043
(573) 606-8770

Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

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Library-To-Go, Hallsville (at Prenger Foods)

409 Route B, Hallsville, MO 65255

Every day, 7 a.m.–8 p.m.



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