

At Your Library

Events for January
& February 2026

Take on the annual
Winter Reading challenge
and come to the library
to learn new things!
See inside for details.



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Pictured on Our Cover:

A child shows off a creation from the program "Stories in Art, Art in Stories."

Staff and a patron pose in the Training Center during a session of "DIY Digital Archiving Lab."

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 Callaway County Public Library

(573) 642-7261 • www.dbrl.org/friends-ccpl • All proceeds support library services.

No sales scheduled for January-February, but book donations are welcome!

Friends of the Columbia Public Library

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

Bonus Book Sale (*Children's Books & More!*)

Saturday, January 17, Noon-3 p.m. Friends Room

Due to canceled sales in the fall, there are extra children's books and more to sell this winter!

First Wednesday Sales • Noon-3 p.m. Friends Room

January 7: Religion, Judaica, Philosophy, Poetry & Literature

February 4: Black History, Gardening, Nature & Travel

First Wednesday sales offer some of the very best books that have been donated to the Friends.

Lobby Sales Wednesdays & Saturdays • Noon- 3 p.m. (except Jan. 7, 17, Feb. 4)

Friends of the Southern Boone County Public Library

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

Saturday Book Sale Saturdays, January 10 & February 14, 9 a.m.-Noon

Get a book bag to fill with as many books as it will hold for \$5. Or you can shop the Friends' book cart during library open hours.

The Friends of the Library accept donations of gently used books during library open hours. For donation details check your library's Friends information at www.dbrl.org/friends.

LIBRARIES CLOSED: Wednesday December 31 & Thursday, January 1

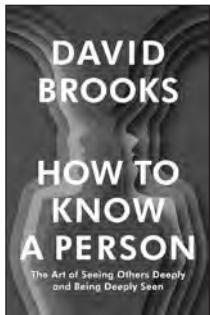
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Our services are accessible to you. In compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, the Daniel Boone Regional Library will arrange for accommodations such as sign interpretation or alternative audiovisual devices to help you participate 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, call (573) 443-3161 or send email to ada@dbrl.org.

January & February | ONLINE EVENTS

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



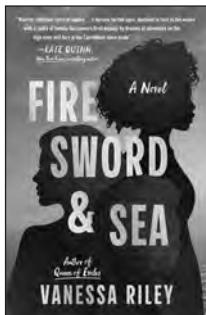
David Brooks

The Creative and Compassionate Art of Seeing Others Deeply

Tuesday, January 13, 1-2 p.m.

Chat with author David Brooks about his book, "How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply," which offers a welcoming and integrated approach to becoming more understanding toward others and finding the joy that comes from being seen.

Adults.



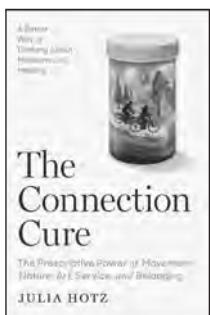
Vanessa Riley

Swashbuckling Heroines and High Seas Adventures

Thursday, February 5, 6-7 p.m.

Join us for a chat with author Vanessa Riley about her newest book, "Fire Sword and Sea," based on the folk story of the female pirate Jacquette Delahaye.

Adults.



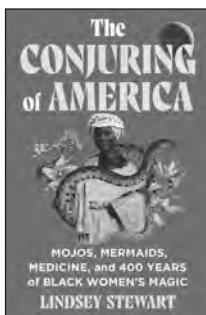
Julia Hotz

Nature, Art and Service as Medicine

Tuesday, January 20, 1-2 p.m.

Hear author Julia Hotz talk about her book "The Connection Cure: The Prescriptive Power of Movement, Nature, Art, Service, and Belonging," which combines science reporting, patient stories and self-discovery to help readers discover the power of social prescribing.

Adults.



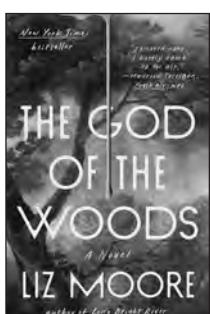
Dr. Lindsey Stewart

Mermaids, Medicine and 400 Years of Black Women's Magic

Thursday, February 12, 1-2 p.m.

Join us online with Dr. Lindsey Stewart, talking about "The Conjuring of America: Mojos, Mermaids, Medicine, and 400 Years of Black Women's Magic," which tells the stories of the Black women who, in secrecy and subterfuge, courageously and devotedly continued their practices and worship for centuries and passed down their traditions.

Adults.



Liz Moore

New York Times Bestselling Author of "The God of the Woods"

Wednesday, January 28, 6-7 p.m.

Join us to chat with Liz Moore discussing her award-winning novel "The God of the Woods," a multi-threaded story inviting readers into a rich and gripping dynasty of secrets and second chances.

Adults.

Miss a talk? You can watch it later!



Browse the archives to find recorded talks from beloved authors like Malala Yousafzai, Jodi Picoult, Gregg Hurwitz and Silvia Moreno-Garcia, as well as popular presentations from Smithsonian scientists.

www.libraryc.org/dbrl/archive

ONLINE EVENTS | January & February

Hybrid Events: Online via Zoom & In-Person

Lunch & Learn Presentations

Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County. Adults.

Attend in person at the Columbia Public Library or register to get a viewing link at www.dbrl.org/register-online. 



Data Centers and Their Impact

Wednesday, January 14
Noon-1 p.m.

John Coffman of the Consumers Council of Missouri will speak about data centers, facilities that house computers and networks that store, process and transmit data. Coffman will also discuss the environmental implications of data centers.



How Learning About Diversity Changes Lives: Nancy F. Browning

Wednesday, February 11
Noon-1 p.m.

Professor emeritus Nancy F. Browning will present "Now That My Eyes Are Open," a lecture about her experiences teaching cultural diversity classes and how exposure to diverse concepts is an important part of education.

Live Events via Zoom



Wintering Raptors

Thursday, February 19, 6-7 p.m.

Join us online to learn about the magnificent raptors that spend winters in Missouri. From soaring eagles to stealthy owls and fast-flying falcons, discover what species you can spot, how they survive cold weather and how to observe them

safely. Presented by Dana Ripper, co-director of the Missouri River Bird Observatory. Adults & teens.

Register to receive a link: www.dbrl.org/register-online 



Crys Matthews Concert

Tuesday, February 24
6:30-7:30 p.m.

A troubadour of truth, Nashville resident Crys Matthews is among the brightest stars of the new generation of social justice music-makers. An award-winning, prolific lyricist and composer, Matthews blends country, Americana, folk, blues and bluegrass into a bold, complex performance steeped in traditional melodies.

Adults. Register to receive a link: www.dbrl.org/register-online
Will be recorded for viewing through March 26. 



Foundations of Trust: How to Build Relationships That Last

Friday, February 27, Noon-1 p.m.

Trust is the foundation of every relationship, but, for many of us, no one showed us how to build that foundation — or what to do when it cracks. Join us online with psychotherapist Emily Arth, LSCW, C.Hyp., to explore practical steps and emotional principles behind building genuine trust. Sponsored by Children's Grove.

Adults. Register to receive a link: www.dbrl.org/register-online 

January Events | ASHLAND

Southern Boone County Public Library, 109 North Main St., Ashland



Baby & Toddler Time

Mondays • 9:30-10 a.m.

Bring your little ones for rhymes, stories and fun!
Families, ages birth-3.

Family Story Time

Wednesdays • 9:30-10 a.m.

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



Paper Crafting: Pleating Techniques for Cards, Jan. 13

Tuesday, January 20

Southern Boone Morning Book Club: "An Unwanted Guest"

11 a.m.-Noon

Come discuss "An Unwanted Guest" by Shari Lapena. A weekend retreat at a cozy mountain lodge is the perfect getaway...until a storm hits. The guests settle in for the long haul, but someone is picking them off one by one.

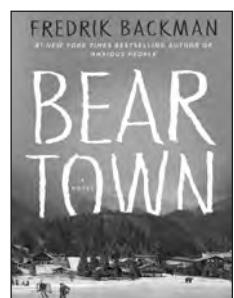
Adults.



Southern Boone Evening Book Club: "Beartown" 7-8 p.m.

We'll discuss "Beartown" by Fredrik Backman. A forgotten town is fractured by scandal, but the amateur hockey team might just change everything. This book explores what can happen when we carry the heavy weight of other people's dreams on our shoulders.

Adults.



Friday, January 23

Adult Craft & Hobby Hour 2-3 p.m.

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

Adults.

Wednesday, January 7

Drop-in Puzzle Time 2-3:30 p.m.

Drop in and meet fellow puzzlers in a casual setting as we collectively assemble a puzzle or two.

Teens and adults.

Tuesday, January 13

Paper Crafting: Pleating Techniques for Cards

2-3:30 p.m. • 6-7:30 p.m.

Discover how simple pleating techniques can transform patterned paper into beautifully textured cards. In this hands-on class, you'll learn step-by-step pleating methods and creative ways to incorporate dimension without bulk. No experience needed. All supplies are included, and you'll receive instructions to guide you through the process.

Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/register-ashland

Monday, January 19

Crafts for Littles: Snow 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Drop in after "Baby and Toddler Time" for a snow-themed craft.
Families, ages 2 and older.

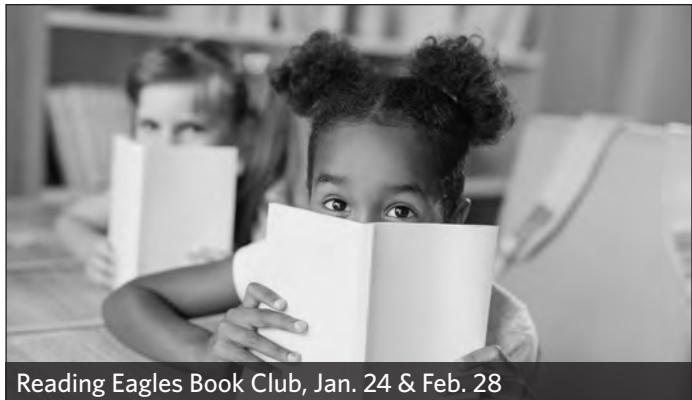
ASHLAND | January & February Events

Saturday, January 24

Reading Eagles Book Club: Books in a Series

10-11 a.m.

Reading Eagles, this month we're picking books that are part of a series. Pick any series you want to talk about! Snacks provided. Kids in first-third grades.



Reading Eagles Book Club, Jan. 24 & Feb. 28

Monday, January 26

Is Your Child on Track? 9-11 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 29

Reading to Rex 4-5 p.m.

Children will read for 10 minutes to a certified therapy dog 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.

Crafts for Kids: Dog Toys 4-5 p.m.

Join us in the main library while others are "Reading to Rex" to make a new toy for your own furry friend.

Families, ages 5 and older.

Wednesday, February 4

Drop-in and Make: Danish Heart Baskets

2-3 p.m.

Drop in and learn to make a Danish heart basket, the perfect gift for someone special. This is a beginner-level craft that is quick and easy. All materials to make and fill your basket will be provided.

Teens and adults.



Friday, February 6

Speed Friending for Moms With Ashland Mom's Club 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Making friends as an adult can be difficult and sometimes being a mom makes it even harder. Whether you are new to Ashland or just want to connect with other moms, this night is for you! Join members of the Ashland Mom's Club for a night of quick conversations and light refreshments.

Adults. Registration appreciated, but not required at www.dbrl.org/register-ashland

Saturday, February 7

Take Your Child to the Library Day 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Discover your local library on this special day! Come explore the children's area and the rest of the library together and pick out a free book while supplies last.

Families.

Tuesday, February 10

Paper Crafting: Found Paper Flowers

2-3:30 p.m. - 6-7:30 p.m.

This year, we'll work with found paper as our medium, such as leftovers from other projects, packaging material, paper bags and maps. Today's project is a rose made from paper towels. Working with found materials will give your projects a unique look, and it's a creative way to reuse paper.

Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/register-ashland

February Events | ASHLAND



From Freezer to Table, Feb. 12

Thursday, February 12

From Freezer to Table: Prep Ahead for Delicious, Homemade Meals 6:30-8 p.m.

Join Rachel Tiemeyer, published cookbook author and co-founder of website "Thriving Home," to learn how freezer cooking can simplify your life. Discover smart prep-ahead strategies, menu-planning tips and recipes that make healthy, homemade meals possible — no matter your season of life.

Adults. Register: www.dbrl.org/register-ashland

Monday, February 16

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

See Jan. 26. Boone County families with ages 2 mos. to 5 yrs.

Crafts for Littles: Wild Animals 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Join us after "Baby and Toddler Time" for a wildly fun paper craft! Families, ages 2 and older.

Tuesday, February 17

Southern Boone Morning Book Club: "The Great Alone" 11 a.m.-Noon

Come discuss "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah. Lenora is 13 when her father convinces her mother to move to Kaneq, Alaska. It's 1974, and the former Vietnam POW sees a better future away from the noise and nightmares that plague him, but the harsh conditions they find bring out the worst in him as the family faces cold, isolation, hardship and tragedy.

Adults.

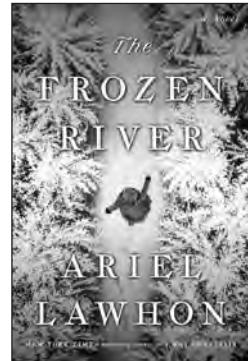
Tuesday, February 17

Southern Boone Evening Book Club: "The Frozen River"

7-8 p.m.

This month's evening book club will discuss "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon, a gripping historical mystery based on the life of Martha Ballard, an 18th-century midwife in Maine. Her diary is a record of every birth and death, crime and debacle that unfolds in the close-knit community, soon landing her at the center of scandal implicating those she loves.

Adults.



Friday, February 20

Bingo for Books Family Fun Night 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun night. When you get a "bingo," you win a book! Families, ages 7 and older.

Thursday, February 26

Reading to Rex 4-5 p.m.

See Jan. 29. Kindergarten age and older. Please note, depending on attendance, your family may need to wait for a dog.

Friday, February 27

Adult Craft & Hobby Hour 2-3 p.m.

See Jan. 23. Adults.

Saturday, February 28

Reading Eagles Book Club: Judge a Book by Its Cover 10-11 a.m.

You may have been told never to judge a book by its cover, but this month, that's exactly what we're doing. Talk about a book you picked just because you liked the cover! Snacks provided. Kids in first-third grade.

COLUMBIA | January Events

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

Children's Story Times

in the Children's Program Room



Baby Story Time

Mondays • 10-10:30 a.m.

For the tiniest library patron, join us for rhymes, songs, stories and fun. Ages birth-12 months with an adult.

Toddler Story Time

Thursdays • 9:30-10 a.m. & 10:30-11 a.m.

(except Jan. 1, 29, Feb. 26)

Join library staff for rhymes, songs, stories and fun. Ages 12-30 months (walking confidently) with an adult.

Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays • 9:30-10 a.m. & 10:30-11 a.m.

(except Jan. 27, Feb. 24)

Join staff for rhymes, songs, stories and fun. Ages 2½ (30 mos.)-5 years with an adult.

Also See: Sensory-Friendly Story Times

January 21 & February 18 (see pages 11 and 16)

Monday, January 5

Crow Party: Trinket Trading

6-7:30 p.m. Friends Room

Do you like shiny things? Do you scream at your friends when you see them? Do you remember the faces of those who have wronged you? Then you might be a crow! Live out your corvid dreams and come to our trinket trading party.

Teens & adults. Registration not required, but space is limited.

Tuesday, January 6

Drop-in Genealogy Help

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

Drop in for help with researching your family history. Adults.

Brighter Beginnings: Parenting Resources Table

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

Brighter Beginnings helps connect expectant parents or those with young children with home visiting services and parenting education tailored to their needs. Drop in to find out how they can help you and your family! For Boone County families expecting a baby or with children ages 5 and younger.

Wednesday, January 7

"KPop Demon Hunters" Party

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

Still can't get enough of "KPop Demon Hunters"? Neither can we. Stop by and hang out with other HUNTR/X fans as we celebrate the Rainbow Honmoon. We'll have crafts, activities and, of course, music. Ages 8 and older.

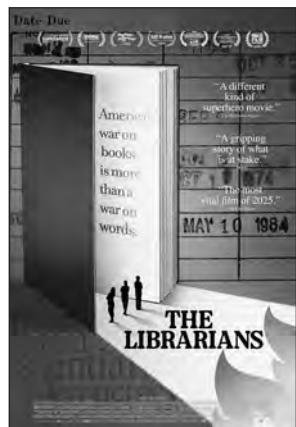
Thursday, January 8

"The Librarians" Free Screening at Ragtag Cinema

7-9 p.m. Ragtag Cinema, 10 Hitt St.

Enjoy a free screening of the "The Librarians," a documentary by Kim A. Snyder highlighting library staff in Texas, Florida and beyond who act as first responders in the fight for democracy and First Amendment rights. After the film, stay for a panel discussion with local library representatives. (Not rated, 92 min.)

Adults and teens can pick up free tickets starting at noon the day of the show at Ragtag or at the library (number limited).



Health Insurance Enrollment

Marketplace & Medicaid Open Enrollment Assistance

Wed., Jan. 7 • 2-5:30 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 10 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Training Center

A licensed navigator from Missouri Connections for Health will help you review eligibility, compare options and enroll in 2026 Health Insurance Marketplace (Healthcare.gov) plans or Medicaid (MO HealthNet). Adults. Appointments are strongly advised; to make one call 573-326-9104. See www.dbrl.org/medicaid for a list of documents to bring.

Friday, January 9

Stories & Activities for Adults With Disabilities

10-10:45 a.m. Children's Program Room

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

Adults with a caregiver.

Saturday, January 10

Scavenger Hunt: Peril at Christie's Peak

10-11 a.m. • 1-2 p.m. • 3-4 p.m. Studio

Frank Lee Arvin Boddy is a real estate tycoon who has his eye on owning all of the businesses in Christie's Peak, a tourist-supported village nestled north of Columbia. Visiting the area to gloat over his upcoming empire, Mr. Boddy is murdered! Who done it? How? Where? You and your adult-led team of four will solve this scavenger-hunt mystery.

Adults & older teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/register-columbia

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.

Technology Help Sessions

DIY Digital Archiving Lab

Wednesdays in January • Tuesdays in February

11-11:45 a.m. & 12-12:45 p.m. Training Center

Featuring up-to-date scanning equipment, this weekly session allows you to digitize photos, documents, artwork, slides and negatives. Orientation to the equipment and assistance from staff is available during this lab time.

Adults and teens, one person per session.

Register: www.dbrl.org/tech-classes

Device Advice & Tech Help Drop-in

Tuesdays & Fridays • 2-3:30 p.m. Training Center

Library trainers can help you with the basic functions of your Windows, Android Chrome 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 & teens.

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.

Sunday, January 11

Tunes at Two: Cliff White

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 enjoy Cliff White on hammered and mountain dulcimer.

Adults, teens, school-age children.

Monday, January 12

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 with a handler. It's a fun way to improve children's literacy skills. All dogs are certified therapy dogs.

Kindergarten age and older.

COLUMBIA | January Events

Tuesday, January 13

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.

Wednesday, January 14

STEAM Story Time

10-10:45 a.m. Children's Program Room

Explore the world around us through the lens of science. We'll read books, sing songs and share fun learning activities.

Ages 3-5 with an adult.

Lunch & Learn: Data Centers and Their Impact

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

John Coffman of the Consumers Council of Missouri will speak about data centers, facilities that house computers and networks to store, process and transmit data. 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/register-online.

Pokémon Camp

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

Calling all Pokémon trainers! Meet at the library to hang out and share your love of Pokémon with several activities including the Pokémon Trading Card Game. Don't know how to play? No worries; we'll learn together. All skill levels welcome.

Ages 8-12.

Thursday, January 15

Parents as Teachers: Parenting Resources Table

10 a.m.-Noon Children's Area

The Columbia Public Schools Parents as Teachers program offers events, classes, screenings, personal visits and other resources. Drop by to see how they can help. Services are free to families in the Columbia Public Schools attendance area from pregnancy to kindergarten entry. Adults.



Thursday, January 15

Sensory-Friendly Exploration Stations

5:30-6:30 p.m. Children's Program Room

Join us to explore various hands-on activities in an environment designed for children with low-sensory needs.

Ages 5-9 and caregivers.

Saturday, January 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.

Monday, January 19

Sherry McBride-Brown Volunteer Fair

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

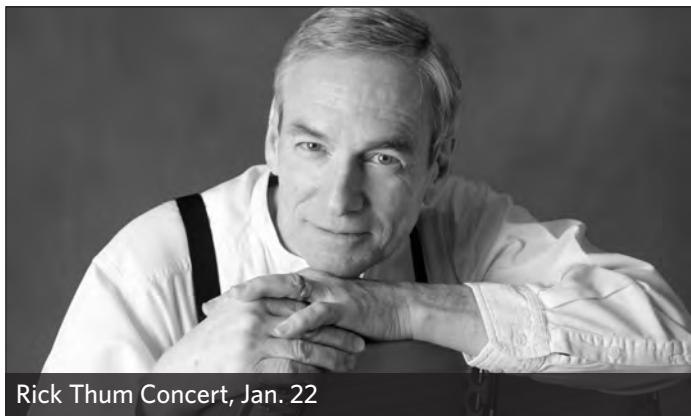
On this National Day of Service, we honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., and we celebrate our friend and library colleague, the late Sherry McBride-Brown, with an event designed to help you discover local nonprofits and find a group to volunteer with in the Columbia area.

Adults and teens.

Google Photos Basics 2:30-4 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/tech-classes



Rick Thum Concert, Jan. 22

Monday, January 19

Lifelong Learning Resources: Using Popular Online Resources 6-7:30 p.m. Training Center

Come learn how to access some of our most popular free online resources like Consumer Reports, Creativebug, Mango Languages and Morningstar Investing Center and investigate our complete curated lists of local and national resources and find ones that will benefit you.

Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/tech-classes

Tuesday, January 20

Drop-in Genealogy Help

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

Drop in for help with researching your family history. Adults.

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." No preparation is required; just come with questions and an open mind. Adults.

Read Harder Challenge 2026 Kickoff

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

Join us to kick off the 2026 Read Harder Challenge. Whether you're ready to commit or just curious, you'll learn more about the program and how to participate. This challenge, created by Book Riot, encourages you to read more diversely.

Adults.

Tuesday, January 20

Online Resources for Armchair or IRL Travelers

6:30-7:30 p.m. Training Center

Interested in learning about different parts of the world and acquiring or boosting language skills? We'll guide you through several online resources for travel and world language learning.

Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/tech-classes

Wednesday, January 21

Sensory-Friendly Story Time

10-10:45 a.m. Children's Program Room

Enjoy a story time for children with low-sensory needs. We'll offer a comfortable, positive environment with soft lighting, music, stories and extra time for exploration and transitions.

Ages 3-6 and caregivers. Register: www.dbrl.org/register-columbia

Spring Garden Planning 6-7:30 p.m. Friends Room

Plan ahead for the best lettuce, carrots, broccoli and other cool season crops this spring. Learn about square-foot gardening techniques and how to control weeds and diseases in your garden from Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture staff.

Adults. Register: www.dbrl.org/register-columbia

Thursday, January 22

Rick Thum Concert 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friends Room

Don't miss this concert with award-winning hammered dulcimer player Rick Thum. Skilled on guitar, harmonica, banjo, mandolin and more, Rick is also a dulcimer maker, a popular teacher and a performer on the national festival circuit.

Adults and teens.

Saturday, January 24

Mizzou PAL-OOZA Story Time

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

Trained members of Mizzou PALS will read with small groups of children and parents in four 15-minute sessions, so you can drop by any time. Children will hear books designed to improve reading comprehension and vocabulary. Different books will be shared each session; attend more than one if space allows.

Ages 3-5 with an adult.

COLUMBIA | January Events

Saturday, January 24

Crafternoon: Fancy Bookmarks

to Keep Your Place 2-4 p.m. Friends Room

With winter weather forcing us inside, many people spend more time with a book. To help you keep your place, this month's crafting session offers supplies for you to make two styles of pretty bookmarks: corner markers and beaded bookmarks.

Adults only. Register beginning January 9:

www.dbrl.org/register-columbia

Sunday, January 25

Is Your Child on Track?

2-4 p.m. 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.

Monday, January 26

Chess: Play & Learn

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

Come play face-to-face with chess players of varying skill levels. Those new to the game can ask questions and get advice from more experienced players.

Players of all ages and experience levels are welcome.

An Introduction to 3D Printing

6:30-7:30 p.m. Training Center

From rapid industrial prototyping, to makerspace hobbies, to fine art, 3D printing is an evolving technology with a wide range of uses. Learn all about how 3D printers work, what they're being used for and how to use different software to design an object to print. At the end of the class, we will see a 3D printer in action.



Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/tech-classes

Tuesday, January 27

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.

Ages 5 and younger with parent.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friends Room

Every blood donation you make can help save up to three lives. To donate, bring your photo ID. You should feel well the day of donation and have plenty to eat and drink.

Make an appointment: www.redcrossblood.org. Donors must be age 17 or older and weigh at least 110 lbs.

Silent Book Club 6-7:30 p.m. Quiet Reading Room

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, January 28

Discovery Time

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

See Jan. 27. Ages 5 and younger with parent.

Thursday, January 29

Discovery Time

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

See Jan. 27. Ages 5 and younger with parent.

Excel for Beginners 2:30-4 p.m. Training Center

Excel is a useful tool for managing data, and you don't need to be a tech expert. We'll show you why it's useful and teach you to use features like autofill, formulas and conditional formatting to make your spreadsheets do some of the work for you!

Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/tech-classes

January & February Events | COLUMBIA

Friday, January 30

Button-Making for Adults With Disabilities

10-10:45 a.m. Children's Program Room

Create unique buttons to wear or share! You bring the creativity, and we'll provide the supplies.

Adults with a caregiver.

Saturday, January 31

Free Magazine Day 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friends Room

Looking for magazine back issues for crafts, research or other projects? Come browse dozens of children's and adult magazines and comics from 2024 that can be yours for free! First come, first served. Adults, teens and older kids.

Sunday, February 1

Winter Garden Forum

1:30-3:30 p.m. Friends Room and Conf. Rooms A & B

Start planning your indoor and outdoor gardens with help from experts. Jeni Mae McKenzie of Ophelia's Plants and Flowers will offer tips on caring for indoor plants. And Dr. Tim Evans of the MU Vet School will speak on making pet-friendly gardens free of plants that are toxic to animals. Presented by the Discovery Garden Club. Light refreshments served. Adults.

Monday, February 2

Parents as Teachers: Parenting Resources Table

10 a.m.-Noon Children's Area

The Columbia Public Schools Parents as Teachers program offers events, classes, screenings, personal visits and other resources. Drop by to see how they can help. Services are free to families in the Columbia Public Schools attendance area from pregnancy to kindergarten entry. Adults.

Tuesday, February 3

Drop-in Genealogy Help

9:15-10:45 a.m. Training Center

Drop in for help with researching your family history. Adults.



Winter Garden Forum, Feb. 1

Wednesday, February 4

Is Your Child on Track?

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

See Jan. 25. For Boone County families with ages 2 mos. to 5 yrs.

Thursday, February 5

Brighter Beginnings: Parenting Resources Table

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

Brighter Beginnings helps connect expectant parents or those with young children with home visiting services and parenting education tailored to their needs. Drop in to find out how they can help you and your family!

For Boone County families expecting a baby or with children ages 5 and younger.

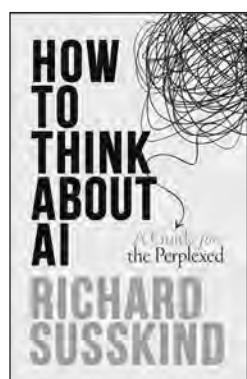
First Thursday Book Discussion: "How to Think About AI"

11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Children's Program Room

In "How to Think About AI," the author Richard Susskind draws on his experience of working on AI since the early 1980s. For him, balancing the benefits and threats of the technology — both saving humanity with and from artificial intelligence — is the defining challenge of our age.

Adults and teens. Register to receive a free copy of the book (supplies limited): www.dbrl.org/register-columbia



COLUMBIA | February Events

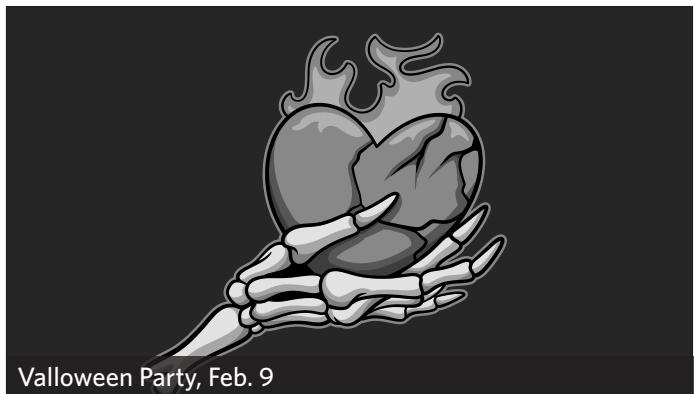
Friday, February 6

Be My Little Valentine

9:30-10:15 a.m. • 11-11:45 a.m. Children's Program Room

Join us for a Valentine's Day celebration with dancing, a photo op and other activities. Fancy clothes welcome.

Birth to age 5 with an adult.



Valloween Party, Feb. 9

Saturday, February 7

Take Your Child to the Library Day

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Discover your local library on this special day! Come explore the children's area and the rest of the library together and pick out a free book while supplies last. Families.

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 development. In this session, a picture book will provide the jumping-off point for an art project that encourages active looking, listening, imagining and creating. Presented by the Columbia Art League. Ages 5-9, parents welcome. Register: www.dbrl.org/register-columbia

History and Genealogy as Preservation

1-3:30 p.m. Friends Room

Join Columbia's Historic Preservation Commission for its fourth annual speaker series event. Historian David Sapp will discuss two historic structures no longer physically part of Columbia and genealogist Vikki Pauley will share histories she has uncovered around the community of Barnett in northeastern Boone County.

Adults. Registration encouraged; seating is first-come, first-served. Register: www.dbrl.org/register-columbia

Sunday, February 8

Tunes at Two: Lionelle Miller

2-3 p.m. Reading Balcony

Local musicians provide a musical backdrop at the library on the second Sunday of every month. This month enjoy pianist Lionelle Miller. Adults, teens, school-age children.

Monday, February 9

Valloween Party: Sensory-Friendly Session

4-5 p.m. Friends Room

Ghosts are white, vampires are dead. Valentine's would be better if it was Halloween instead! Bring your best fiends and join us for a creepy craft time. This session will feature an environment designed for low-sensory needs. Snacks provided.

Teens and adults. Register: www.dbrl.org/register-columbia

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

Kindergarten age and older.

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

See 4 p.m. sensory-friendly session above. Teens and adults. Registration is not required, but space is limited.

Tuesday, February 10

iPhone and iPad for Beginners

Noon-1:30 p.m. Studio

Learn to navigate the home screen, manage apps and connect to the internet with your Apple iPhone or iPad. Bring along your device, your Apple ID and your password.

Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/tech-classes



Instrument Petting Zoo, Feb. 13

Wednesday, February 11

Poetry Out Loud 10 a.m.-Noon Friends Room

Regional 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 is coordinated locally by the Office of Cultural Affairs with the Missouri Arts Council.

Teens and adults. (Alternate weather date: February 18.)

"All Our Fruits and Vegetables" Read-Aloud and Activities

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

Staff from the Columbia/Boone County WIC Program will share the book "All Our Fruits and Vegetables" by Roberta L. Duyff and Patricia C. McKissack. After the story, kids can do a food stamping craft with non-toxic, washable paint.

Ages 2-5 with adult. Register: www.dbrl.org/register-columbia

Lunch & Learn: How Learning About Diversity Changes Lives: Nancy F. Browning

Noon-1 p.m. Virginia G. Young Room & Online via Zoom

Professor Emeritus of Cultural Diversity Nancy F. Browning will present "Now That My Eyes Are Open: How Learning About Diversity Changes Lives." Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County.

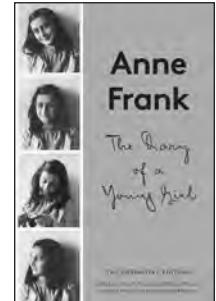
Adults. No registration needed to attend in person. To attend via Zoom, register at www.dbrl.org/register-online.

Wednesday, February 11

Acting Courage: Student Reflections on Performing "The Diary of Anne Frank"

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

Step into the world of Anne Frank as Hickman High School students bring excerpts from her diary to life through performance, then share how embodying her story has impacted them personally. Through dramatic presentation and thoughtful conversation, explore courage, empathy and the search for hope — even in the darkest times. Adults and teens. This program is a part of the "Americans and the Holocaust" exhibit.



Friday, February 13

Stories & Activities for Adults With Disabilities

10-10:45 a.m. Children's Program Room

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

Adults with a caregiver.

Instrument Petting Zoo With Higday and Mizzou

2-3:30 p.m. Friends Room and Conference Rooms A & B

You will have the opportunity to try out brass, string, woodwind and percussion instruments while being guided by Mizzou music student volunteers at this event sponsored by the Paul D. Higday Mozart Trust and the University of Missouri School of Music.

Suggested for ages 5 and older. Adults are welcome to try out instruments as well!

Saturday, February 14

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.

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Saturday, February 14

Puzzle Play and Swap 2-4 p.m. Friends Room

Join us for a relaxing afternoon of puzzling at the library, PLUS a puzzle swap! We'll have a variety of puzzles to work on. Take your time or compete in a puzzle race! Optionally, for the swap, bring one or more puzzles to trade. Adults and teens.



STEAM Unplugged, Feb. 16

Monday, February 16

STEAM Unplugged 2-3 p.m. Children's Program Room

Explore the world around us through the lens of STEAM. We will playfully learn some of the basics of science, technology, engineering, arts and math using screen-free challenges, tech toys and more! Ages 5-9.

Tuesday, February 17

Drop-in Genealogy Help

9:15-10:45 a.m. Training Center

Drop in for help with researching your family history. Adults.

Chess: Play & Learn

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

Come play face-to-face with chess players of varying skill levels. Those new to the game can ask questions and get advice from more experienced players.

Players of all ages and experience levels are welcome.

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." No preparation is 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 challenge. Discuss which reading tasks you've completed and get inspiration for those tasks you may be stuck on. Adults.

Wednesday, February 18

Sensory-Friendly Story Time

10-10:45 a.m. Children's Program Room

Enjoy a story time for children with low-sensory needs. We'll offer a comfortable, positive environment with soft lighting, music, stories and extra time for exploration and transitions.

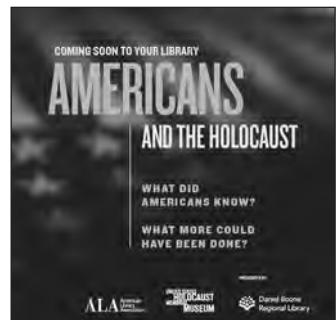
Ages 3-6 & caregivers. Register: www.dbrl.org/register-columbia

Americans and the Holocaust Exhibit Tour

11 a.m.-Noon Quiet Reading Room

Join library staff for a tour of the exhibit "Americans and the Holocaust." You'll learn about the motives, pressures and fears that shaped Americans' responses to the rise of Nazism, war and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s. It will be on display February 9 through March 16; see page 23.

Adults and teens. Register to reserve your tour spot: www.dbrl.org/register-columbia



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

Calling all Pokémon trainers! Come share your love of Pokémon with several activities including the Pokémon Trading Card Game. Don't know how to play? No worries; we'll learn together. All skill levels welcome. Ages 8-12.



Backyard Chicken Care Basics, Feb. 21

Wednesday, February 18

Black History Month at 100: Looking Back and Looking Forward

6-7:30 p.m. Friends Room

Explore the significance of studying Black history as Black History Month founder Dr. Carter G. Woodson envisioned. Panelists from the University of Missouri and the community will discuss extending the study, teaching and learning of Black history into the future, as well as local efforts to celebrate and educate about our community's Black history. Adults.

Introduction to Generative AI

6-7:30 p.m. Training Center

Are you curious about uses for the artificial intelligence platforms ChatGPT, Google Gemini and Perplexity? Come learn about some interesting and useful applications as well as some of the downsides to these new AI programs. No previous experience is required. Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/tech-classes

Thursday, February 19

Craft afternoon: Painted Pouches to Keep Your Stuff

2-4 p.m. Friends Room

Hand paint a zippered cloth pouch to keep in your car, your purse, your laptop bag, your briefcase or anywhere. These are big enough for all those little extras you might want with you in winter like lip balm, cough drops, hand cream and tissues.

Adults only. Register beginning February 5:

www.dbrl.org/register-columbia

Thursday, February 19

The Holocaust in the Heartland

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

Helen Turner, director of education for the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum, delves into the remarkable journey behind the reopening of the museum's doors in November 2022. Join us for a thought-provoking exploration of remembrance, renewal and the enduring legacy of the Holocaust. A part of the "Americans and the Holocaust" exhibit; see page 23. Adults and teens.

Saturday, February 21

Your Vote, Your Voice!

10-11:30 a.m. Friends Room

This year, voters will have three important opportunities to participate in the democratic process: municipal elections on April 7, a primary election on August 4 and a general election on November 3. In this nonpartisan program, learn how to research candidates and issues, understand the voting process and explore making your voice heard. Co-sponsored by When She Votes. Adults.

Mizzou PAL-OOZA Story Time

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

Trained members of Mizzou PALS will read with small groups of children and parents in four 15-minute sessions, so you can drop by any time. Children will hear books designed to improve reading comprehension and vocabulary. Different books will be shared each session; attend more than one if space allows.

Ages 3-5 with an adult.

Backyard Chicken Care Basics

2-3:30 p.m. Friends Room

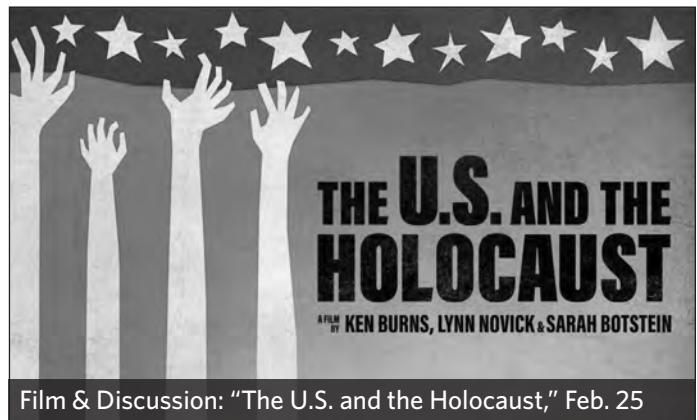
Did you know that you can keep six hens in your Columbia backyard as long as they're fenced in? Join CCUA staff to learn about what materials you need before you get chicks, decide what breeds would be best for you and get advice about bird biosecurity. Become a well-rounded urban farmer in 2026 with a regular supply of delicious and nutritious eggs!

Adults. Register: www.dbrl.org/register-columbia

COLUMBIA | February Events



Jazz, Jive & Jam With Bobby Norfolk & Ric Vice, Feb. 22
photo, Bob Morrison



Film & Discussion: "The U.S. and the Holocaust," Feb. 25

Sunday, February 22

Jazz, Jive & Jam: Music, Poetry and Stories of The Harlem Renaissance

2-3 p.m. Friends Room

Take a trip on the "A" train with Emmy Award-winning storyteller Bobby Norfolk and double bassist Ric Vice as they take you on a journey featuring the works of Langston Hughes and other Harlem greats to celebrate the Black art, music and poetry that exploded out of Harlem in the early 20th century.

Adults and teens.

Monday, February 23

Creating a Gmail Account

Noon-1:30 p.m. Training Center

Explore the basics of email as you set up your own Gmail account. Staff will guide you through the essentials of setting up and managing an email account, including how to send and reply to messages, add attachments and organize your inbox. If you have a Gmail address, bring your account and password.

Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/tech-classes

Tuesday, February 24

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.

Ages 5 and younger with parent.

Tuesday, February 24

Online Security Basics

6-7:30 p.m. Training Center
Learn how to prevent viruses and safeguard your privacy when using the internet.

Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/tech-classes

Silent Book Club

6-7:30 p.m. Friends Room
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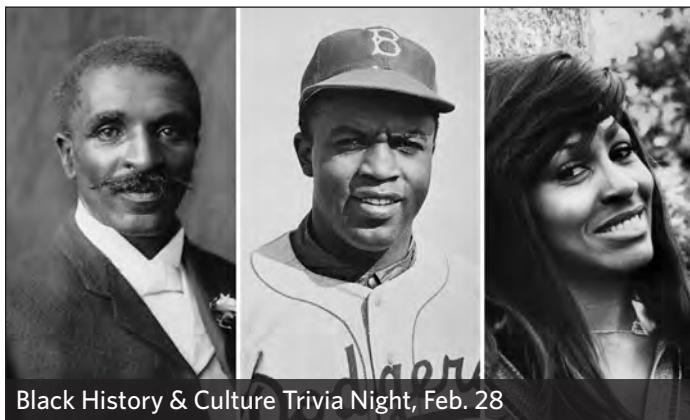
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See Feb. 24. Ages 5 and younger with parent.

Film & Discussion: "The U.S. and the Holocaust" Refugees and Immigration in America

6-8 p.m. Jesse Wrench Auditorium, Room S107, Memorial Student Union, 581 Hitt Street

Join us to view "The U.S. and the Holocaust," a film by Ken Burns, Lynn Novick and Sarah Botstein, followed by a panel discussion on refugees and immigration featuring Dr. Catherine Rymph, Dr. Bradley Nichols and Dr. Brad Prager from MU, as well as Garrett Rucinski from City of Refuge. Presented in partnership with Mizzou Hillel. A part of the "Americans and the Holocaust" exhibit; see page 23. Adults.

February Events | COLUMBIA



Black History & Culture Trivia Night, Feb. 28

Wednesday, February 25

Sensory-Friendly Discovery Time

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. This session is designed for children with low-sensory needs.

Parents with children ages 5 and younger.

Thursday, February 26

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.

Discovery Time

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

See Feb. 24. Ages 5 and younger with parent.

FACE of Boone County: Parenting Resources Table

3-5 p.m. Children's Area

The Family Access Center of Excellence provides free supportive case management to Boone County youth and families, connecting them to resources such as counseling, basic needs, tutoring and parenting support. Drop by to learn more. Adults.

Thursday, February 26

Chess From Scratch

3-4:15 p.m. Children's Program Room

Learn how to play chess (or be refreshed on the rules) in this introduction to chess. We will discuss how to set up the board, how pieces move (and their values), how the game ends and the basics of strategy.

Ages 8 and older. Ages 8-12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Register: www.dbrl.org/register-columbia

Friday, February 27

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2-3 p.m. Quiet Reading Room

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

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, MU Student Affairs, University of Missouri Libraries and Columbia Honda.

Adults. Register: www.dbrl.org/register-columbia

FULTON | January & February Events

Callaway County Public Library, 710 Court St., Fulton



Baby & Toddler Time

Tuesdays • 10-11 a.m. (except Jan. 6)

Enjoy books, songs and play! Ages birth-24 months.

Family Story Time

Mondays • 10-11 a.m. (except Jan. 5, 19)

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

Saturday, January 10

Craft & Create: Perler Beads 12:30-2 p.m.

Get creative with Perler beads, which we'll melt with an iron and fuse into pixelated designs. Perfect for people looking to explore their creativity, whether you're a seasoned bead artist or a first-timer. Supplies provided. Ages 9 to adult.

Monday, January 12

Let's Play Together! 1-3 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled open play session encouraging creativity, social skills and hands-on learning for younger and older children. Let's play together! Ages birth-12.

Wednesday, January 14

Adult Craft & Hobby Hour 2-3 p.m.

Drop in to enjoy a relaxing hour of good company while you work on your current craft project or start something new using any of the supplies provided. Adults.

Thursday, January 15

Crafty Thursday: Beaded Succulent Magnets

3-4 p.m.

We'll use colorful beads and simple wire techniques to create tiny succulent plant magnets. They're cute, small and never need watering. All supplies provided.

Adults. Register: www.dbrl.org/register-fulton

Monday, January 19

Sherry McBride-Brown Volunteer Fair

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

On this National Day of Service, we honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., and we celebrate our friend and library colleague, the late Sherry McBride-Brown, with this event designed to help you discover how you can have a positive impact on your community! Come speak with organizers from local nonprofits and find a group to volunteer with in the Fulton area. Adults and teens.



Monday, January 26

Kids Create: Open Craft Hour 2-3 p.m. • 4-5 p.m.

Join us for freestyle crafting with a mishmash of materials. We'll provide a huge assortment of supplies, from yarn and beads to paint and collage items. Ages 5-12.

Saturday, February 7

Take Your Child to the Library Day 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Discover your local library on this special day! Come explore the children's area and the rest of the library together and pick out a free book while supplies last. Families.

February Events | FULTON

Wednesday, February 11

Adult Craft & Hobby Hour 2-3 p.m.

See Jan. 14. Adults.

Monday, February 16

Kids Create: No-Sew Fleece Tie Pillows

2-3 p.m. • 4-5 p.m.

Come make a craft that's all about knots and fluff — no sewing needed! We'll provide two colorful pieces of fleece fabric, and you'll tie the edges together to create your very own fluffy, squishy pillow. Ages 5-12.

Thursday, February 19

Crafty Thursday: Perler Bead Valentines

3-4 p.m.

Celebrate creativity and kindness as you make colorful creations using Perler beads which melt and fuse together. With simple materials and endless design possibilities, this hands-on activity is perfect for crafters of all skill levels. Adults.

Register: www.dbrl.org/register-fulton



January Events | HOLTS SUMMIT

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

Thursday, January 8

Adult Craft & Hobby Hour

4-5 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 provided by the library. Adults.



Family Story Time

Thursdays • 10-11 a.m. (except Jan. 1, 8)

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

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HOLTS SUMMIT | February Events



Kids in the Kitchen

Presented by Callaway County 4-H
For ages 8-18

Wednesdays, February 4–March 25 • 4-5 p.m.

This eight-week course will encourage young people to eat healthier meals and snacks through hands-on cooking experiences. Kids and teens will learn to prepare simple, healthy foods they can make for themselves and their family. Each lesson includes kid-friendly handouts such as recipes and safety tips.

Please register for the whole eight week series:
www.dbrl.org/register-holts-summit

Tuesday, February 3

Crafty Tuesday:
Butterfly Paintings
4-5:30 p.m.

Join us for this month's craft as we upcycle old picture frames by painting butterflies on the glass. You'll leave with a framed piece of art for your wall.

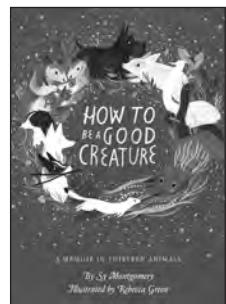
Ages 18 & older. Register: www.dbrl.org/register-holts-summit



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Thursday, February 12

Adult Craft & Hobby Hour 4-5 p.m.

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Saturday, February 14

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Ages 9 to adult.

Tuesday, February 17

Snack and Chat Book Discussion:
"How To Be a Good Creature"

4-5 p.m.

Even the most casual observer of human nature has surely noticed that we have room to improve. In observance of Valentine's Day, a day devoted to love and admiration, let us turn our attention to author Sy Montgomery's "How To Be a Good Creature: A Memoir in Thirteen Animals." The author, a naturalist, discusses the animals who taught her how to love and be empathetic. Adults.

Thursday, February 19

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Come make a craft that's all about knots and fluff — no sewing needed! We'll provide two colorful pieces of fleece fabric, and you'll tie the edges together to create your very own fluffy, squishy pillow. Ages 5-12.

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Hallsville	City Hall	1:30-7 p.m., 2nd & 4th Tuesdays	Jan. 13 & 27	Feb. 10 & 24
Harrisburg	Lions Club Park	1:30-7 p.m., 2nd & 4th Wednesdays	Jan. 14 & 28	Feb. 11 & 25
Rocheport	205 Central Ave.	3-6:30 p.m., 2nd & 4th Thursdays	Jan. 8 & 22	Feb. 12 & 26
Sturgeon	Prenger Foods	1:30-7 p.m., 2nd & 4th Mondays	Jan. 12 & 26	Feb. 9 & 23

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A Reading Program for All Ages Jan. 12 - Feb. 28

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We'll kick off this year's Winter Reading program with a food drive benefiting The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri and Serve, Inc.

Bring in shelf-stable food items for donation Jan. 12-31. Donate at your library or bookmobile stop. Donated items earn you a chance to enter to win an Instant Pot.

Sign up and learn more:
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573-642-7261

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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.
*Curbside pickup closes at 7 p.m.

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573-657-7378
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Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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