



December 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAKE AND TAKE CRAFTS

During December- while supplies last.

Young children are invited to pick-up a craft to take home, with a new craft every week! (Child must be present to get craft).

CIRCLE TIME FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS

Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Infants and toddlers and their parents/caregivers will have fun rhyming and moving! With a focus on repetition, each week children build their repertoire of rhymes both old and new! There is an informal playgroup following Circle Time.

MAH JONG MONDAYS

Mondays from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Accomplished players and interested participants alike are invited to rattle the tiles and join the fun each Monday from 2 to 5 PM in the Library Program Room.

TECH TUESDAYS

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. to noon

Need some help using the library's digital services? Have a tech issue giving you some grief? The library offers one on one basic tech help on Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

ADVANCED DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Saturday, December 9th at 11:45 a.m.

Calling all adventurers! Join us for BSDL's Dungeons and Dragons Group. If you've never played before and are curious as to how the game works, join us and shadow another player to learn. Light snacks provided. This program is for adults and teens.

BOOK SHARE

Wednesday, December 20th at 10:30 a.m.

Join us to talk books. Share what you have read recently and find out what fellow community members have been reading. This is a great way to discover new books!

ROMANCE BOOK CLUB

Thursday, January 11th at 4:00 p.m.

From meet-cutes to happily ever after, this new book club will explore all facets of the

romance genre. You may reserve a copy of January's book, [GET A LIFE, CHLOE BROWN](#), or download the audiobook using the Libby app.



HOLIDAY HOURS

Library **CLOSED**
Monday December 25th &
Tuesday December 26th

Library **CLOSED**
Monday January 1st & Tuesday
January 2, 2024.



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STAFF PICKS

Sometimes it's difficult to choose what to read since we are surrounded by so many great new titles! Here is a sampling of what staff have been occupied with lately.

Kaitlin

Rushing headlong into the holiday season it feels like there's never enough time to sit back and cozy up with a good book. That is why my top recommendation is: [THE BIG BOOK OF CHRISTMAS MYSTERIES](#), a collection of short Christmas time mysteries featuring favorite sleuths like Inspector Morse, Miss Marple, Rumpole, and Sherlock Holmes himself. These are stories you can finish in a sitting while you wait for cookies to cool or when you come in to warm up from snow shoveling!

If you, like me, think of winter as the indoor season try [COZY: THE ART OF ARRANGING YOURSELF IN THE WORLD](#). This non-fiction offering marries fun anecdotes with ideas and meditations on how to bring a feeling of safety and comfort to any aspect of your life from your favorite reading chair to hospital stays.

Cozy can be found everywhere, if you know where to look.

The holiday season is also a time of stress. It seems like there is always something to worry about from family get-togethers to hazardous weather. I have always found that I feel much more at ease if I can prepare myself for the worst and at least have *theoretical* knowledge of what to do in case of an emergency. War correspondent Judith Matloff tackles all kinds of worst cases in her book [HOW TO DRAG A BODY AND OTHER SAFETY TIPS YOU HOPE TO NEVER NEED](#). This book won't save you from feeling trapped at your in-laws, but at least you will know how to survive an avalanche!

Nancy

William Kent Krueger has another lovely book to read. [THE RIVER WE REMEMBER](#) is his newest release.

Krueger has again opened the door for readers to immerse themselves in small town America. The prejudices of generations still live for many and a death brings them to the forefront. He brings his characters and their private lives to life. One mystery reveals the secrets of many. Once I started reading, I did not want to put this book down. Another wonderful quiet book I hope you enjoy.

Julie

[GO AS A RIVER](#) by Shelley Read is a debut novel that I am currently reading and really loving. Read tells a story that is based on true events of the 1960's in Iola, Colorado. There is a thread of personal struggle and growth -- all set in the wild but beautiful mountains. The main character, Victoria, struggles to deal with her past and face her present harsh realities. The writing is descriptive and the story is keeping me engaged.

BOOK SHARE

3rd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 10:30 AM

The topic of conversation is books, books, books! Share what you have read recently and find out what fellow community members have been reading. This is a great way to discover new books!



Titles shared at the November Book Share:

[South of Broad](#) & [My Reading Life](#) by Pat Conroy
[Her Hidden Genius](#) by Marie Benedict
[The Women of Copper Country](#) by Mary Doria Russell
[Being Mortal](#) by Atul Gawande
[On Pluto](#) by Greg O'Brien
[Stay for Love](#) by Katherine Karol
[The Spectacular](#) by Fiona Davis
Black Moon by E.M. Reed
[Among the Bros](#) by Max Marshall
[Differ We Must](#) by Steve Inskeep

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