



December 2022

EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

SATURDAY STORY TIME

Saturday, December 3rd at 10:30 a.m.

Listen to stories, sing songs and make a special craft with Miss Kaitlin! Designed for preschool age children but all are welcome.

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.

TAKE AND MAKE CRAFTS

November 23rd- December 28th

Fend off the dreaded "I'm bored" by picking up a free take and make craft for kids. New crafts available every Wednesday through Dec. 28th while supplies last.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS & TEENS

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 4 PM in the Library Program Room.

TECH TUESDAYS

Tuesdays 10:30 AM 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.

BOOK SHARE

Wednesday, January 18th at 10:30 a.m. (no book share in December)

Join us for a cup of coffee or tea and talk about 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!

ADVANCED DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Time Varies

Are you an adventurer at heart? Join us for BSDL's Dungeons and Dragons Group October 22nd starting at noon. This group will meet monthly to play Advanced Dungeons and Dragons. Contact the library for more information and to find out program times (times vary each month depending on group schedule). This program is for Adults and Teens.

TEENY TINY BUSY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, January 24th at 4 p.m. (no book club in December)

The book club for busy people! Each month we discuss a SHORT story in less than an hour. Meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Each month's reading is from *The Best American Short Stories 2021*. [Reserve a copy online](#), or call the library at 231-352-4671.

GREETING CARD EXCHANGE

November 2nd - December 23rd

Donate your unused greeting cards to the library's greeting card exchange. Donate your old unused cards and pick up a few new to you cards. The library has lots of great work space to write cards and greetings. And don't forget the Post Office is across the street! This event starts on November 2 and continues through December 23rd. Please donate only clean, undamaged cards or stationery that has not been written on. Cards do not have to be holiday-themed.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Library **CLOSED**
Friday December 23rd through
Monday December 26th

Library **CLOSED**
Friday December 30th through
Monday January 2, 2023.



SEASONS GREETINGS!

THE BSDL STAFF WISH YOU NOTHING BUT THE BEST THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Need a good book or something to binge during the holidays? Or, do you need a recommendation for the perfect gift book? The staff at BSDL are happy to help you find the perfect title to make your season bright.

STAFF PICKS

NOTES ON WHAT STAFF HAVE BEEN READING,
WATCHING, STREAMING & SCROLLING



Jennifer

This year, I have been slowly challenging myself to read genres out of my comfort zone. Lately, I have been reading/listening to biographies, and recently finished two great titles. The first title is [FRIENDS, LOVERS, AND THE BIG TERRIBLE THING; A Memoir](#) by Matthew Perry. The second title is [THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF AN ORDINARY MAN](#) by Paul Newman and David Rosenthal. I also tried my first mystery which I enjoyed quite a bit. It is called [THE WOMAN IN THE LIBRARY](#) by Sulari Gentill. It took a bit to get the flow of this particular book, but once it got going it was quite good.

Kaitlin

This past month I dove into the new Miss Marple Collection, that's right the New Miss Marple collection, [MARPLE: TWELVE NEW STORIES](#). While Agatha Christie hasn't been writing for quite some time, twelve contemporary authors have taken up the pen to send our favorite resident of St Mary Mead on new adventures. These writers include favorites such as Ruth Ware, Elly Griffiths, Karen M. McManus and Leigh Bardugo. Being a story collection, I must admit I jumped around to my favorite authors first and found them to be delightful, with all the charm, wit, and insight we've come to expect from a Miss Marple Mystery


Julie

I recently borrowed [FOREVER YOUNG: A MEMOIR](#) by Hayley Mills from Libby and thoroughly enjoyed delving into the life and memories of one of my childhood favorites. I loved reading of her history with Walt Disney and the various accounts of her work and personal experiences with so many stars or those who would become famous. Her honest and easy writing style made for a really enjoyable read. I also just brought home [LET'S MAKE DUMPLINGS](#) by Hugh Amano. It is a 'comic book cookbook' with terrific illustrations which I

absolutely love. [RICE IS LIFE](#) by Caryl Levine has helped me choose the right rice cooker for my purposes...ahem, and has already yielded a couple of good recipes.

Stacy

I recently read [THE MAGIC KINGDOM](#) by Russell Banks. I know what you're thinking- c'mon Stacy, another Disney book? Don't let the title fool you, as there are no fairy godmothers or magic castles in this book. It is a coming of age story loosely based on a very real Shaker community that once inhabited part of the land that today is Walt Disney World.



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OCTOBER BOOK SHARE TITLES

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[WOMAN IN THE LIBRARY](#) by Sulari Gentill
[THE RABBIT HUTCH](#) by Tess Gunty
[THE MANY DAUGHTERS OF AFONG MOY](#) by Jamie Ford
[SLOW FIRE BURNING](#) by Paula Hawkins
[ANXIOUS PEOPLE](#) by Frederik Backman
[TOMORROW, TOMORROW, AND TOMORROW](#) Gabrielle Zevin
[THE LAST CHAIRLIFT](#) by John Irving
NO ONE'S BRIDE by Nerys Leigh
[THE MADNESS OF CROWDS](#) by Louise Penny
[WILD RESCUES](#) by Kevin Grange
[FOUNTAINS OF SILENCE](#) by Ruta Sepetys

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