

# Monthly Newsletter

December 2025

# Toddlers & Preschoolers

### **Preschool Storytime**



"C is for Cookie... & Christmas!" Dec 5

Kick off the holiday season with a sweet and silly Storytime all about cookies!



## "Merry Mittens" Dec 5



Bundle up for a cozy Mittens Storytime! Featuring stories about warm winter wear.

### Family Fun for All Ages

Chess for all ages
Sat., Dec 6

LEGO Bricks & Books Sat., Dec 13

"Holiday Brick Bash" "
Mini build challenges for merry makers!

Color Me Calm

Sat., Dec 27



#### **Just for TEENS**

D&D Club Dec 4, 11, & 18

Storytelling, creative problem-solving, & plenty of fun – beginners welcome!

Fandom Files for Teens "Mindcraft MasterFile Quest" Building Knowledge; One Block at a Time

Discover real-world knowledge to power your Minecraft world. Learn how to use MasterFile for research.



## Elementary Fun

## Elves in the Shelves Can You Crack the Code?

Dec 15-20

Pop in during the week of December 15-20 for a family scavenger hunt through the stacks-- find elves, decipher the secret holiday message.



#### S.T.E.A.M. & Stories

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"Healthy Holiday"

(K-5<sup>th</sup> grade) December 9

Sara Bridgewater, Nutrition and Health Field Specialist, MU Extension Office, presents a mini-cooking class that mixes simple recipes with S.T.E.A.M.

## Merry Christmas!

## Library CLOSED

December 24

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December 25th

#### Paws to READ!

at B.B. K-9 School



115 E. Cherry Dec 17



Kids practice reading aloud with furry friends. Meet new friends!

#### Adults & Seniors



Book Buzz for Adults

Enjoy a relaxing conversation with fellow book lovers.

- Recap the best of 2025!
- Look forward to new releases.
- New Year, New You! non-fiction
- and Amy's favorites too!

## More Events for all ages

# Movies at the Library



Dec 22
The Best Christmas
Pageant Ever
(Rated PG)

Dec 26 Freakier Friday (Rated PG)

Dec 29 King of Kings (Animated-2025) (Rated PG)

## National Cookie Day

Dec 4

Share a favorite cookie recipe to add to our online cookie cookbook.

### Fantasy Football

Friendly weekly gathering to check scores & chat teams on Tuesdays at 5:15 pm.

## Community Share: Cards with a Cause

Merry Maker Monday Paper Quilling Cards - Dec 1

Warm Heart Wednesdays Dec 3 & 10

Help us spread some holiday joy!

#### Featured Online Resource



Explore your family history with **HeritageQuest**, free with a library card, and uncover the people and

places that shaped your traditions. Perfect for holiday conversations, memory-sharing, and building your family story. Scan QR code or visit NPL's website,

click logo on the home pg



Date(s) / Time	Program / Event	Audience	Spark (Quick Description)
<b>Dec 1</b> 10 am-4 pm	Merry Maker Monday: Paper Quilling Holiday Cards	All ages	Drop in for festive crafting fun.
<b>Tuesdays,</b> 5:15 pm	Fantasy Football Meet-ups  @ Precision Coffee Co./NPL MakerSpace	All ages	Join fellow fans for fantasy football.
<b>Dec 3 &amp; 10</b> All Day	Warm Hearts Wednesdays: Cards for a Cause	All ages	Write warm holiday wishes to help make the season bright.
<b>Dec 4</b> All Day	National Cookie Day: Recipe Swap & Sweet Treats	All ages	Share and enjoy holiday cookie favorites.
<b>Dec 4, 11, 18</b> 4–5:30 pm	D&D Club	Teens	Adventure, dice, and epic quests.
<b>Dec 5</b> 10:00 am	Storytime: "Cookies!"	Early literacy families	Toddlers & preschoolers' story fun.
<b>Dec 9</b> 4:00 pm	STEAM Lab: Healthy Holiday Mini Cooking Class for Kids!	Elementary	Kids learn healthy habits by cooking, creating, and exploring STEAM concepts.
<b>Dec 13</b> 10 am-noon	Books & Bricks: "Holiday Brick Bash"	All ages / Families	Family-friendly LEGO building fun. Mini builds for merry makers.
<b>Dec 15–20</b> All Day	Elves in the Shelves: Can You Crack the Code?	All ages	Hunt for elves & decode holiday messages.
<b>Dec 17</b> 3:30 pm	PAWS to Read with Franklin @ B.B. K-9 School	Youth readers	Read aloud to Franklin at B.B. K-9 School!
<b>Dec 19</b> 10:00 am	Storytime: "Mittens!"	Early literacy families	Toddlers & preschoolers' story fun.
<b>Dec 22</b> 2:00 pm	Family Movie: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (2024)	Families	Holiday movie fun for all ages, based on a children's novel.
Dec 24 & Dec 25	Library CLOSED		Merry Christmas!
<b>Dec 26</b> 2:00 pm	Family Movie: Freakier Friday (2025)	All ages	Laughter-filled mother-daughter mix-up movie.
<b>Dec 29</b> 2:00 pm	Family Movie: King of Kings (Animated, 2025)	Families	Animated retelling of the life of Jesus through storytelling.
<b>Dec 31</b> 10:30 am	Adult Book Buzz: Cozy Reads & Cocoa	Adults	Discuss cozy winter reads over cocoa
Saturdays for all ages/ Families	Passive programs:  Dec 6- Chess for all ages  Dec 13- Lego Holiday Brick Bash  Dec 20- Elves on the Shelves  Dec 27-Color Me Calm		
All Month	Featured Online Resources	Teens- Explore a Minecraft MasterFile Quest! Adults- Discover your roots w/ HertiageQuest FREE	