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<p>5</p> <p>Local Authors Showcase 1:30-4:00PM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Lego Block Party 6:00-7:00PM Consumer Reports 6:00-7:30PM Pizza and Pages 6:45-7:45PM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Preschool Storytime 10:30-11:00AM Tail Waggin' Tutors 5:30-6:30PM Board Game Night 5:30-8:00PM Knitting & Crocheting @ the Library 6:00-8:00PM</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Family Story Time 10:30-11:00AM Yoga 5:30-6:30PM Microsoft Powerpoint 6:00-7:30PM Needle Felting Christmas Gnomes 6:00-8:00PM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Yoga 9:30-10:30AM Dungeons & Dragons 6:00-9:00PM</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Sensory Play Day 10:15-11:00AM</p>	<p>11</p>	
<p>12</p> <p>Teen Art Club Informational Meeting 5:30-6:00PM Family Book Bingo 6:00-7:00PM Holiday Wine Bottle Decorating 6:00-7:30PM Virtual DIY Homesteading 6:30-7:00PM</p>		<p>13</p> <p>Facebook for Beginners 12:00-1:15PM Loosely Bound Book Club 6:00-7:30PM Route 66: Missouri's Mother Road 6:30-8:00PM</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Preschool Storytime 10:30-11:00AM Kids Craft Night 6:00-7:00PM Improve Your Resume with Practical Strategies 6:00-7:30PM Novel Ideas 6:45-7:45PM</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Kidsight Free Vision Screening for Children 10:00-10:30AM Family Story Time 10:30-11:00AM Tail Waggin Tutors 10:30-11:00AM Yoga 5:30-6:30PM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Yoga 9:30-10:30AM Bookworms 4:00-5:00PM Anime Club 4:30-6:00PM Troubleshooting Techniques 6:00-7:30PM Author Talk 6:30-8:00PM</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Rhyme Time 10:00-10:30AM & 10:45-11:15AM Family Movie Night 6:00-8:00PM</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Teen After Hours 6:00-8:30PM</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Kids Take and Make All Day</p>		<p>20</p> <p>Facebook for Beginners 12:00-1:15PM Loosely Bound Book Club 6:00-7:30PM Route 66: Missouri's Mother Road 6:30-8:00PM</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Preschool Storytime 10:30-11:00AM Make it @ MRRL 5:30-7:30PM</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Family Story Time 10:30-11:00AM Yoga 5:30-6:30PM</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Minecraft @ MRRL 4:00-5:30PM Dungeons & Dragons 6:00-9:00PM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>CLOSED Christmas Holiday</p>	<p>25</p> <p>CLOSED Christmas Holiday</p>
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* A Kids and Teens Winter Reading Program will be offered December 17-January 21. Sign up online at mrrl.readsquared.com to join today.

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annual craft & bake SALE

TUESDAY **DEC 07** 9AM-6PM
WEDNESDAY **DEC 08** 9AM-6PM
THURSDAY **DEC 09** 9AM-1PM

SALE WILL BE HELD IN THE LIBRARY LOBBY

Happy Holidays

DEC 24, 25, 26 **CLOSED ALL DAY**
DEC 31 **CLOSING EARLY 5:00PM**
JAN 01 **CLOSED ALL DAY**

TECH CLASSES

Register online at mrrl.org/events/month

GROW WITH GOOGLE: DIGITAL SKILLS FOR EVERYDAY TASKS
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 9:00-10:00a.m. | Virtual
Join National Trainer, Bryan Caplan, as he shows you how to manage work and life tasks more effectively using Google tools. Whether you want to build a budget, create a meeting agenda or organize your priorities, these best practices will boost your productivity while working remote.

- In this session, you'll learn to:
- Use templates in Google Sheets to build a personalized to-do list
 - Use templates in Google Docs to create a meeting agenda

CONSUMER REPORTS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 6:00-7:30p.m. | Mark Twain Room
Join us as we learn about the library's Consumer Reports database. Using this popular review website, you can check out thousands of different products and learn how to make this library service work for you. Registration required.

MICROSOFT POWERPOINT
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 6:00-7:30p.m. | Mark Twain Room
Microsoft Powerpoint is a useful presentation application used by millions worldwide. Join us as we explore how to easily use the software (Microsoft 2016 or higher). Registration required.

IMPROVE YOUR RESUME WITH PRACTICAL STRATEGIES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 6:00-7:30p.m. | Mark Twain Room
Join us for a look at how to create a resume that employers will notice. We'll talk about types of resumes, strategies to improve your own, and what employers are looking for in a job candidate. Registration required.

TROUBLESHOOTING TECHNIQUES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 5:30-7:30p.m. | Mark Twain Room
Sometimes computers and software can be frustrating. They might freeze or shut down unexpectedly, which can lead to lost time and patience. But the library is here to help! Join us to learn about techniques you can use to discover computer problems yourself (before needing to call tech support). Registration required.

FACEBOOK FOR BEGINNERS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20 | 12:00-1:15 p.m. | Mark Twain Room
Facebook is an app that millions of people around the world use every day. Learn how to use it effectively in this virtual class! We will go over the basics of usage, including tips on how to navigate the new version. Registration required.

GENEALOGY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 | 5:45-7:45 p.m. | Mark Twain Room
Are you interested in learning more about your ancestors? Then come to our Genealogy class! We'll go over different databases you can use to find past family members, and help you begin to develop your family tree. Registration required.



YOGA
Wednesdays
 5:30-6:30p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
Thursdays
 9:30-10:30a.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

Rejuvenate your mind and body. All shapes, sizes, and abilities are welcome. Bring a mat (or towel) to class if you have one, but these are not required. Drop-ins welcome. No charge - library program.



NEEDLE FELTING CHRISTMAS GNOMES
Wednesdays, December 1 & 8
 6:00-8:00p.m. | Virtual Program

Whether you are new to needle felting or have already fallen in love with it, we would love for you to join us! We are making Christmas gnomes that you will take home with you.



FIRST FRIDAY FILM: HERE TODAY
Friday, December 3
 7:00-9:00p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

Veteran comedy writer Charlie Burnz (Billy Crystal) forms an unlikely yet hilarious and touching friendship with New York lounge singer Emma Payge (Tiffany Haddish). Emma unexpectedly wins a lunch with the comedy legend, but their relationship gets off to an extremely rocky start. Before long, each finds in the other a sort of soulmate, forging a deep bond in a story of friendship across generations. The film is based on Alan Zweibel's short story, "The Prize." Critics noted "the easy chemistry between the characters reflects the real-life friendship of the two stars."



LOCAL AUTHORS SHOWCASE
Sunday, December 5
 1:30-4:00p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

Meet local authors from the mid-Missouri area whose works represent a variety of genres. They will meet with visitors to discuss their work and publishing experiences, and have their books available for sale. It's the perfect time to purchase signed copies for family, friends -- or yourself.



BOARD GAME NIGHT: SPOTLIGHT OF THE GAME EVOLUTION
Tuesday, December 7 (Ages 12+)
 5:30-8:00p.m. | Mark Twain Room

For any and all teens and adults who love to game, this evening is for you! Bring your favorite board game or come learn one of the many games the library owns! This month, we will be learning how to play the strategic game Evolution. Snacks and drinks will be provided! Registration is required!



KNITTING & CROCHETING
Tuesday, December 7
 6:00-8:00p.m. | Truman Room

Knitters, crocheters, and fiber artists of all types are welcome. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the Truman Room.

DID YOU MISS A VIRTUAL PROGRAM?
 No worries, you can see our virtual video archives at www.mrrl.org/virtual-programs



LU-MRRL LECTURE SERIES: BLACK CULTURE IN WHITE SPACES: EXPERIENCES OF STUDENTS ATTENDING RURAL HBCUS
Tuesday, December 7
 7:00-8:15p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

This talk will feature a presentation by Dr. Mick Brewer, assistant professor of communication studies in the Department of Humanities and Communications. He will discuss some of the tensions and struggles inherent to the social and relationship lives of students of color attending historically Black colleges or universities (HBCUs) in geographic and cultural areas marked by whiteness and political conservatism. Findings and discussion presented originate from a larger research project examining these issues by conducting interviews with students who narrate their experiences navigating and negotiating a life rich with complexity, contradiction and collaboration.



DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS
Thursdays, December 9 & 23
Ages 12+
 6:00-9:00p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

Are you an adventurer at heart? Play Dungeons & Dragons with us! We are back IN PERSON & LIVE here at the library! The excitement is real and the escapades never-ending! You might stomp your way through an army of orcs, or go on a noble quest to rescue a whole town. You decide! Please contact Megan at mehmertm@mrrl.org for more information or to sign up. Whether you are a long time adventurer or brand new to the game, you are welcome to join us.



HOLIDAY WINE BOTTLE DECORATING
Monday, December 13
 6:00-7:30p.m. | Truman Room

Join us in learning some different methods to upcycle wine bottles into holiday decorations! Every participant will make a couple of bottles to take home!



VIRTUAL DIY HOMESTEADING
Monday, December 13
 6:30-7:00p.m. | Virtual Program

Have you ever been interested in homesteading? Do you want to reduce the amount of chemicals in your home and food? Are you trying to go plastic free? Join us each month for a hands-on (virtual!) class where we'll learn how to DIY various items for your home. Please email Angie at baynea@mrrl.org for more information. This month we will be learning how to make the perfect pie crust.



AUTHOR TALK: PATRICK MURPHY AND THE STORY OF SWITZER'S LICORICE
Thursday, December 16
 6:30-8:00p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

The sweet smell of licorice and the giant candy bar painted on the factory wall at the Eads Bridge remain locked into the collective memory of generations of St. Louisans. Patrick Murphy spent his boyhood hearing family stories about the Switzer Licorice Company, where his father, grandfather and great-grandfather worked as candy men. In his new book, *Candy Men*, he tells the story of how two Irish-American families began a candy company in the kitchen of a tenement in St. Louis's Irish slum and showed the world how the American Dream can be built upon a foundation of candy. In a story that passes through three generations, two World Wars, economic depressions, and labor unrest, the Murphy and the Switzers dedicated their lives to keeping the dream alive until it was put to an end by forces beyond their control. And yet, the story continues today with a fresh twist and a renewed life of its own.

Murphy has spent the past 30 years producing television programs for PBS, both locally and nationally. A five-time Emmy award winner, he has created documentaries, weekly series, and musical variety shows. He is also a working artist whose artwork is shown in galleries throughout the St. Louis region. His book will be available for sale and signing after the program.



LOOSELY BOUND BOOK CLUB
Monday, December 20
 6:00-7:30p.m. | Truman Room

Looking for your next great read? Join us at our newest book club! Instead of reading the same book each month, members read a book related to the theme of the month. This month's theme is "the most wonderful time of the year." Feel free to interpret that however you like! We can't wait to hear what you read! Discussion and recommendations abound! Ages 18 and up.



ROUTE 66: MISSOURI'S MOTHER ROAD
Monday, December 20
 6:30-8:00p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

Missouri enjoys a special place in Route 66 history, folklore and culture. This film celebrates the unique heritage of a beloved road, with highlights of a trip from St. Louis to Joplin with stops along the way. Travelers from around the world continue to accept the invitation to "get your kicks, on Route 66," as they leave the interstates and take a road less traveled for a special experience.

“**Libraries: The medicine chest of the soul**
 —Library at Thebes, inscription over the door”



NEW ADULT ANIME EVENING: MAKE YOUR OWN TOTORO AND SOOT SPRITES DREAM CATCHER
Monday, December 27
Ages 18 +
 6:00-8:00p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

Does Studio Ghibli own a piece of your heart? Then come join us for Anime Evening! This month we will be making Totoro and Soot Sprite Dream Catchers while watching anime and enjoying snacks! Registration required.



COSPLAY CREATIONS
Tuesday, December 28
Ages 12+
 6:00-7:30p.m. | Truman Room

Learn the ins and outs of cosplay. Come meet others with a love for being creative and unique. With local cosplayer, Shiloh Luebbering, we will explore make-up, wigs, the uses of 3D printing, and how to make your dream costume come true. In December, we will especially be looking at furry ear creations!



BLOOD DRIVE
Wednesday, December 29
 10:30a.m.-4:00p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

Make a blood donation appointment at the library and give to those in need.

BOOKMOBILE
 Catch the bookmobile at our community stop, the Capital Mall
 December 22 | 11:00a.m.-1:00p.m.