

**DECEMBER  
2024**

# ADULTS

## annual craft & bake SALE

TUESDAY  
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**03**  
9AM-7PM

WEDNESDAY  
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**04**  
9AM-7PM

THURSDAY  
DEC  
**05**  
9AM-1PM

Come check out the unique handmade gifts and delicious baked goods, all while supporting a great cause at the same time! Proceeds benefit the local United Way.

## Music at the Library



*Maria Duhova Trevor*

Thursday, December 12  
6:30-7:30<sup>PM</sup>  
at Grace Episcopal Church

## winter WORDS

ADULT READING CLUB

DECEMBER 20, 2024 - FEBRUARY 28, 2025

**GIVING  
TUESDAY**

**DECEMBER 3, 2024**

BECAUSE THE LIBRARY  
CHANGES LIVES.

Happy  
Holidays

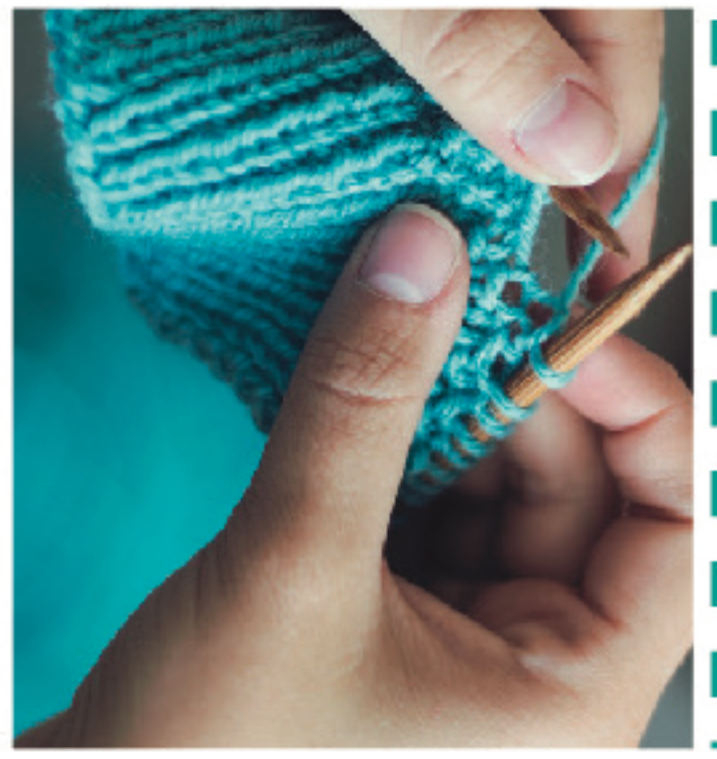
**CLOSED ALL DAY**

TUESDAY  
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# Programs for adults at the Missouri River Regional Library

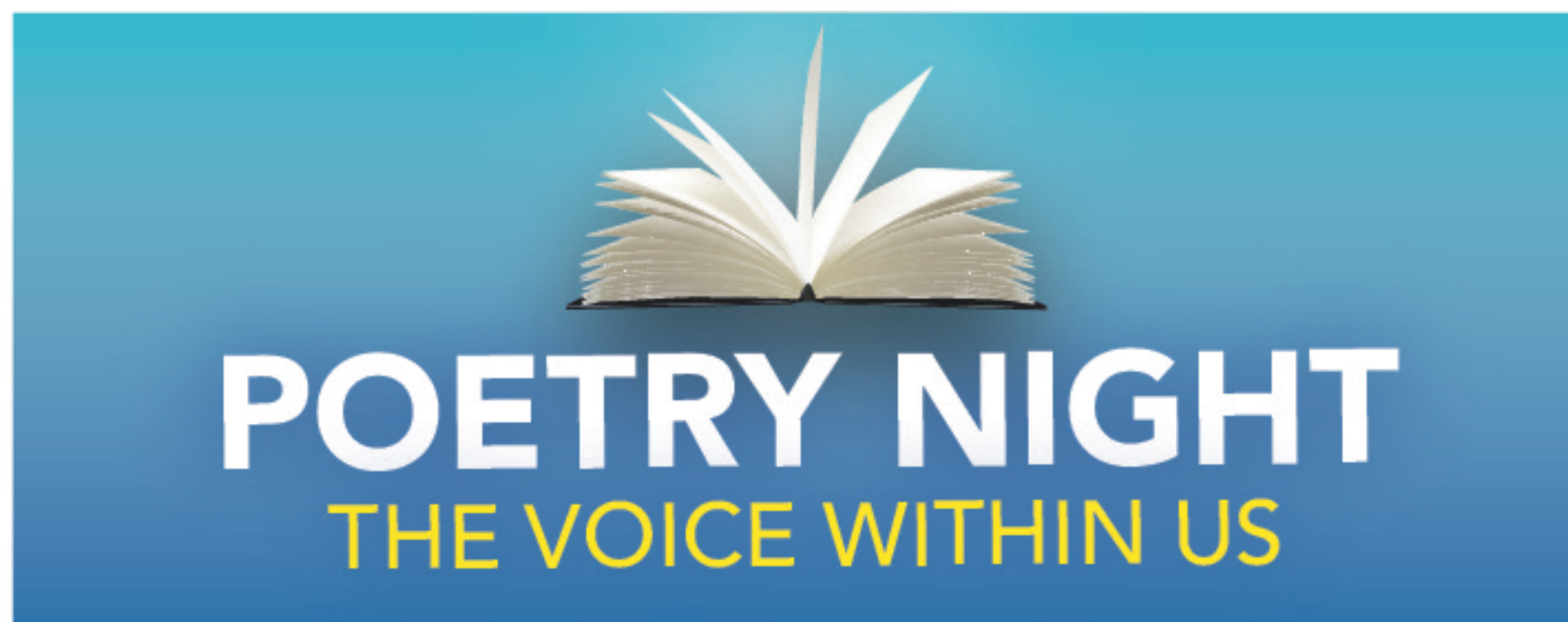


## KNITTING & CROCHETING

AT MISSOURI RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY

**KNITTING & CROCHETING @ MRRL**  
Tuesday, December 3  
6:00-7:45 p.m. | Truman Room

Knit and crochet with us! Ages 12 & up.



## POETRY NIGHT

THE VOICE WITHIN US

**AN EVENING OF POETRY**  
Tuesday, December 3  
6:30-8:00 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

Students from English professor Eli Burrell's Fall 2024 Undergraduate Poetry Workshop will present their original work at this special program. Eight talented and diverse students will read poems written this semester, reflecting on the issues and passions that matter most to them. This is a wonderful opportunity for the mid-Missouri community to connect with fresh voices in poetry and support LU's student writers.



**UNITED WAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE**  
Tuesday, Wednesday, December 3 & 4  
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. | MRRL Main Floor  
Thursday, December 5  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | MRRL Main Floor

Come check out the unique handmade gifts and delicious baked goods, all while supporting a great cause at the same time! Proceeds benefit the local United Way.



**YOGA**  
Wednesdays, December 4, 11, & 18  
5:15-6:15 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery  
Thursdays, December 5, 12, 19, & 26  
9:30-10:30 a.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

Rejuvenate your mind and body. All shapes, sizes, and abilities are welcome. Drop-ins welcome.



**SHELF INDULGENCE**  
Wednesday, December 4  
6:00-7:30 p.m. | Truman Room

Looking for avid readers and stimulating conversation? You've found us! A new book will be selected each month to discuss. Librarians at the main desk are available to help find a copy for each attendee! In December we are discussing *A Week in Winter* by Maeve Binchy and *Caravel* by Stephanie Garber.



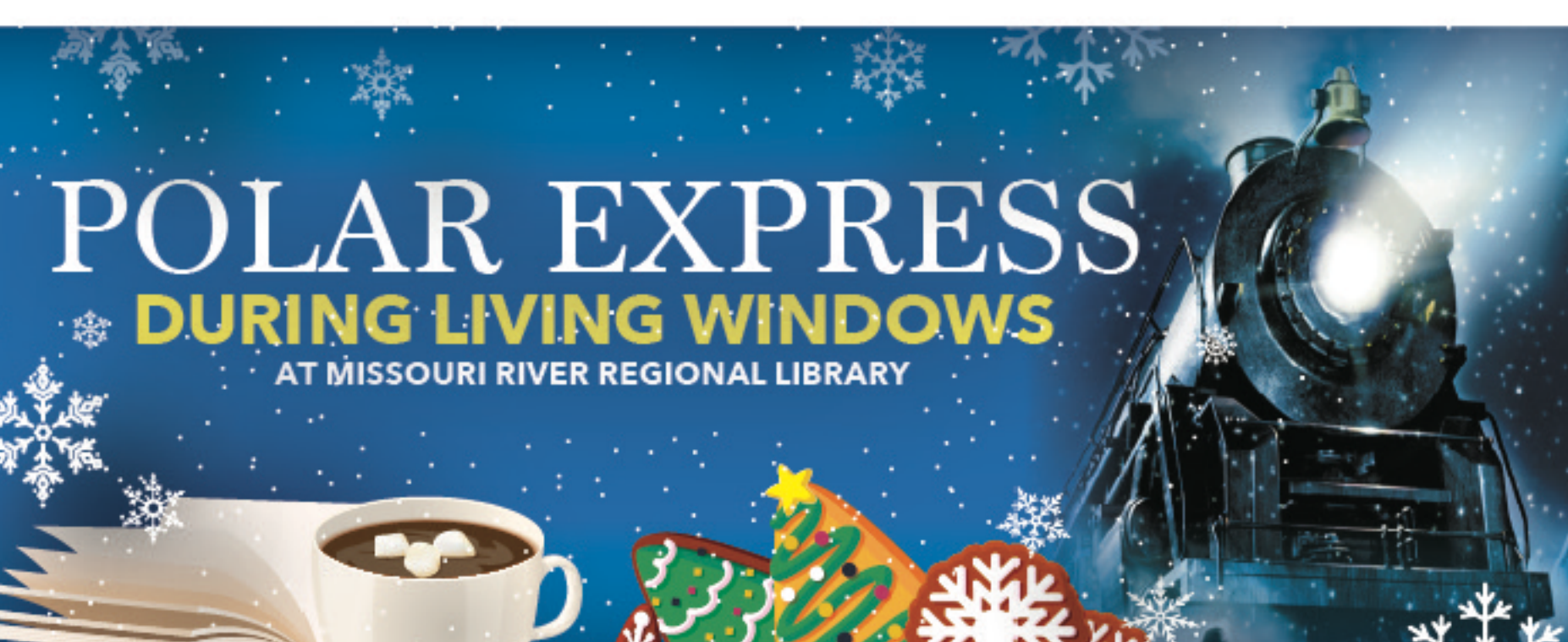
**SOCIAL BRIDGE CLUB**  
Thursday, December 5 & 19  
1:00-3:30 p.m. | Truman Room

Join us for some fun and friendly Bridge gameplay. All skill levels and new players welcome.



**UKULELE JAM SESSION**  
Thursday, December 5  
1:15-2:45 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery  
Thursday, December 19

6:15-7:45 p.m. | Truman Room  
Spend some time having fun and making music. Regardless of your experience, bring a ukulele and join the group!



**Polar Express @ Living Windows**  
Friday, December 6  
6:00-9:00 p.m. |

Hop on the Polar Express at the Library during Living Windows! Mrs. Claus and the Conductor will even be reading *The Polar Express*! Grab your cookies after you ride the bus and experience the magic! Dancers from the Mid-Mo Conservatory of Dance will be performing on the main floor as well. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. The line will begin inside the library, and the last train will leave at 8:45 p.m.!



**FIRST FRIDAY FILM:**  
**THE HOLIDAY**  
Friday, December 6  
7:00-9:00 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

In this classic holiday film, two women find that a change of address can change their lives. After particularly difficult breakups, two women swap homes in each other's countries where they each meet a local guy and fall in love. Starring Cameron Diaz, Jack Black, Kate Winslet and Jude Law.

**2024 local AUTHORS showcase**

Sunday, December 8 | 1:15-4:15 p.m.  
MRRL Main Floor

Meet local authors whose works represent a variety of genres. They will meet with visitors to discuss their work and publishing experience and will have their books available for sale and signing. No registration required for visitors!

It's the perfect time to support local authors and purchase their books for family, friends--or yourself.

Authors can register by emailing Madeline Matson ([matsonm@mrml.org](mailto:matsonm@mrml.org)) to reserve a space. Registration is limited to 35



**TIK TOK MADE ME READ IT**  
Monday, December 9  
6:00-7:30 p.m. | Mark Twain Room

Connect with fellow readers in this book club focused on all the trending reads on TikTok. Each month, we will discuss a book made popular on #BookTok.

This month's read will be *Twelve Dates of Christmas* by Jenny Bayliss. If you need help finding a copy, you can ask the librarians at the information desk. A free copy will be given to the first 8 people.



**JUNK JOURNALING**

Tuesday, December 10

6:00-7:30 p.m. | Mark Twain Room

This month we will be having a white elephant gift exchange. Please bring a gift that could include, but is not limited to craft supplies, ephemera, handmade junk journaling items, etc.



**IT'S THE LAW: DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**

Tuesday, December 10

6:30-8:00 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

Join Cody R. Holt of Dodson & Waters, LLC for an informative presentation on the dissolution of marriage process in the State of Missouri. This session will guide attendees through the legal steps involved in filing for divorce, covering key topics such as property division, child custody, and support arrangements. Whether you're considering divorce or simply seeking to understand the process, this presentation will offer insights to help navigate this challenging time.



**AFTERNOON CREATIVE CLUB**

Thursday, December 12

1:30-4:00 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

Every now and then an afternoon needs to be dedicated to creative, relaxing endeavors. Join us at the library's new Afternoon Creative Club where you can meet other gamers and crafters. Enjoy collaborating on jigsaw puzzles, playing Scrabble, or learning a new crafting hobby. The library will provide games and art material, you bring the fun and willingness to try something new!

**Want more information?**

No worries, you can find all your favorites at [www.mrrl.org/events](http://www.mrrl.org/events)

## Music at the Library

Thursday, December 12 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Grace Episcopal Church across from MRRL

Maria Duhova Trevor has enjoyed a varied and successful career as a harpist in the US and Europe. In 2006, she moved to the US from Slovakia where she studied harp performance and did graduate work, later performing as a harpist with symphonies in her native country and in the Czech Republic. She is one of the most sought-after harpists in Missouri. She currently serves as the principal harpist of the Springfield (MO) Symphony, as an adjunct instructor of harp at the University of Missouri and Truman State University, and maintains an active studio with students of a broad age range. She initiated a monthly program in Columbia, Harp and Healing, where she plays therapeutic music for those in need of healing.

## winter WORDS

ADULT READING CLUB

Starting December 20 until February 28, read five books in any format (print, audio, electronic) and enter your titles on Readsquared or list them on a form available at the Reference Desk. You'll be eligible for special prizes at the program's end.

## LU-MRRL LECTURE SERIES

**LU-MRRL LECTURE SERIES: Inferiority Feelings: The Strivings Behind All Human Motivation**

Monday, December 16

6:30-8:00 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

All behavior can be traced back to feelings of inferiority. Inferiority feelings do not inherently come from a place of weakness; instead they allow us to grow and overcome obstacles. Dr. Charles Hinton, assistant professor of psychology, will discuss how our inferiority feelings develop and, if not careful, can leave us spiraling when we face challenges we cannot master.



**LOOSELY BOUND BOOK CLUB**

Monday, December 16

6:00-7:30 p.m. | Truman Room

Looking for your next great read? Instead of reading the same book each month, members read a book of their own choice related to the theme of the month. This month's theme is a classic revisited. We can't wait to hear what you read! Ages 18 and up.



**UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER BOOK BINGO**

Thursday, December 19

6:30-7:30 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

Get in the holiday spirit, don your best Christmas sweater and join us to play a riveting game of Bingo where the prizes are books! This event is for adults only. \*Christmas sweaters are optional, but highly recommended!

## American Red Cross

# BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, December 29  
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

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



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<b>Journaling For Joy</b> 2:00-3:00PM	<b>Lego Block Party</b> 6:00-7:00PM <b>Pizza &amp; Pages</b> 6:45-7:45PM	<b>Craft and Bake Sale to Benefit United Way</b> DEC 03  DEC 04 9:00AM-7:00PM  DEC 05 9:00AM-1:00PM			<b>Rhyme Time</b> 9:30-10:00AM, 10:15-10:45AM, & 11:00-11:30AM <b>Polar Express @ Living Windows</b> 6:00-9:00PM <b>First Friday Film</b> 7:00-9:00PM	<b>One-on-One Genealogy Help Sessions</b> 1:00-2:00PM <b>Genealogy Help Sessions</b> 2:00-4:00PM <b>Learn Calligraphy For Teens</b> 6:00-7:30PM							
<b>Local Authors Showcase</b> 1:15-4:15PM <b>TikTok Made Me Read It</b> 6:00-7:30PM	<b>Computer Skills 101 with Learning Express</b> 10:00-11:15AM <b>Kids After School: Lego Marble Mazes</b> 4:00-5:00PM <b>Teen Art Club</b> 5:30-7:00PM <b>Family Book Bingo</b> 6:00-7:00PM	<b>Preschool Storytime</b> 10:30-11:00AM <b>Junk Journaling</b> 6:00-7:30PM <b>It's the Law: Dissolution of Marriage</b> 6:30-8:00PM <b>Novel Ideas</b> 6:45-7:45PM	<b>Family Story Time</b> 10:30-11:30AM <b>Tail Waggin' Tutors</b> 11:00AM-12:00PM <b>How to Delete Yourself from the Internet</b> 3:00-4:30PM <b>Yoga</b> 5:15-6:15PM	<b>Yoga</b> 9:30-10:30AM <b>Genealogy Help Sessions</b> 1:00-4:00PM <b>Afternoon Creative Club</b> 1:30-4:00PM <b>Dungeons &amp; Dragons</b> 6:00-9:00PM	<b>Sensory Play Day</b> 10:15-11:00AM <b>Music in the Library: Maria Duhova Trevor</b> 6:30-7:30PM <b>Evening Family Storytime</b> 6:00-6:30PM	<b>Pokémon Card Playing Day</b> 11:00AM-12:30PM <b>Teen After-Hours</b> 6:00-8:30PM							
<b>Journaling for Joy</b> 2:00-3:00PM <b>Ukulele Jam Session</b> 6:15-7:45PM <b>Ugly Christmas Sweater Book Bingo</b> 6:30-7:30PM	<b>Minecraft Monday</b> 5:00-6:15PM <b>Loosely Bound Book Club</b> 6:00-7:30PM <b>LU-MRRL Lecture Series: Inferiority Feelings: The Strivings Behind All Human Motivation</b> 6:30-8:00PM	<b>Preschool Storytime</b> 10:30-11:00AM <b>Google Drive</b> 6:00-7:30PM <b>Teen Hot Cocoa And Crafts</b> 6:00-7:30PM	<b>Family Story Time</b> 10:30-11:30AM <b>Speeding Up Your PC</b> 3:00-4:15PM <b>Yoga</b> 5:15-6:15PM <b>Kids STEAM Night: Balance Bot Buddies</b> 6:00-7:00PM	<b>Yoga</b> 9:30-10:30AM <b>Social Bridge Club</b> 1:00-3:00PM <b>Genealogy Help Sessions</b> 1:00-4:00PM <b>Teen Anime Club</b> 4:30-6:00PM	<b>Rhyme Time</b> 9:30-10:00AM, 10:15-10:45AM, & 11:00-11:30AM <b>Kids Car Craft and Drive-In Christmas Movie Day</b> 2:00-4:00PM <b>Tween Duct-Tape Magic Wallets</b> 4:30-5:30PM								
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<b>Chess Club</b> 6:00-7:30PM <b>Navigating Our Newspaper Databases</b> 10:00-11:15AM		<b>CLOSED</b> Christmas Eve		<b>CLOSED</b> Christmas Day		<b>Yoga</b> 9:30-10:30AM <b>MRRL/American Red Cross Blood Drive</b> 12:00-4:00PM <b>Android Basics</b> 10:00-11:15AM		<b>Family Event: Christmas Ornament Crafts</b> 11:00AM-12:00PM <b>Family Movie Night</b> 6:00-8:00PM		<b>Winter Reading!</b> Kids/Teens: 12/20-1/17 Adults: 12/20-2/28			
<b>29</b>		<b>30</b>		<b>31</b>		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>  (573) 634-2464   www.mrrl.org   Follow the Missouri River Regional Library on Facebook and Instagram!  </div> <div> <b>KEY</b>   Adults   Computer   Kids   Teens   Outreach   Registration Required           </div> <div>             Sign up for weekly <b>UPDATES</b> at www.mrrl.org  </div> </div>							
<b>Family Craft: New Year's Hats And Blowers</b> 11:00AM-12:00PM <b>Preschool Storytime</b> 10:30-11:00AM		<b>CLOSING EARLY: 5PM</b> New Year's Eve											