

**DECEMBER
2024**

KIDS & TEENS

annual
**craft & bake
SALE**

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**KIDS AND TEENS
WINTER READING PROGRAM**

DECEMBER 20-JANUARY 17

Sign up today at mrrl.readsquared.com

Happy Holidays

**THE LIBRARY WILL BE
CLOSED ALL DAY**

TUESDAY
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FRIDAY
DECEMBER
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2:00-
4:00PM

KIDS CAR CRAFT & DRIVE-IN CHRISTMAS MOVIE DAY

Ages 3-7. Reservations required and limited to 25. Each child will be able to decorate their own cardboard box car, and then park it for a drive-in Christmas movie experience! Short animated Christmas features will be shown, and light snacks will be served.

SATURDAY
DECEMBER
14
6:00-
8:30PM

TEEN AFTER HOURS

Party in the Library! Free pizza, soda and gaming after the library closes. Doors will be locked after 6pm, so please arrive on time if you wish to attend. Registration required.

(6th-12th GRADE)

FRIDAY
DECEMBER
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6:00PM-
8:00PM

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: IF (PG)

All ages. No reservations needed. Family Event. Blankets and pillows welcome! Light snacks will be provided. *NOTE: This is an after-hours event. The library doors will be closed at 6:15 pm.*

TUESDAY
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TEEN HOT COCOA AND CRAFTS

It's craft night! Join us for a variety of craft stations, such as friendship bracelets, shrinky-dinks, and button making while enjoying warm hot cocoa. Registration required.

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JOURNALING FOR JOY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 | 2:00-3:00 p.m. | Truman Room
Journaling for Joy, is a program designed by the founder of the We Speak Foundation ACCO - a non profit 501(c)(3) organization designed to address mental health challenges and suicide prevention by providing children, from 1st grade and up, with a creative outlet to express their emotions through journaling. Journals will be provided. Registration required.

LEGO BLOCK PARTY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 6:00-7:00 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
For ages 5-12. No reservations needed. An hour of free-building LEGO fun featuring a large variety of base blocks, specialty pieces, and mini-figures.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

TUESDAYS, DECEMBER 3, 10, 17 & 31 | 10:30-11:00 a.m.
| MRRL Art Gallery East
For ages 3 - 5. No reservations needed. Stories and songs for preschoolers.



FAMILY STORYTIME

WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 4, 11 & 18 | 10:30-11:30 a.m.
| MRRL Art Gallery
All ages. Stories, music, crafts, and activities.

RHYME TIME

FRIDAYS, DECEMBER 6 & 20 | 9:30-10:00 a.m., 10:15-10:45 a.m. & 11:45-11:15 a.m. | MRRL Art Gallery East
A special time for babies and their caregivers featuring music, movement and socialization. For children 2 and under, and their caregivers. No reservations needed.



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 the bus and experience the magic!
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.!

KIDS AFTER-SCHOOL EVENT: LEGO MARBLE MAZES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 | 4:00-5:00 p.m. | Truman Room
For grades 1-5. No reservations needed. Use LEGO bricks to create complex marble mazes.

FAMILY BOOK BINGO

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 | 6:00-7:00 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
All ages. No reservations needed. An hour of bingo fun for the family. Winning cards earn book prizes for ages 12 and under.

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Children's Area
Bring your favorite book to read to a trained therapy dog (TDI-Therapy Dogs International)! Raina and River will be in the Children's department. They can't wait to hear your story!

EVENING FAMILY STORYTIME

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 | 6:00-6:30 p.m. | 2nd Floor Children's Area
Stories and songs for families with young children.

BOOKMOBILE COMMUNITY STOP @ WARDSVILLE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | Wardville
The library's Bookmobile will be parked outside Blair Oaks Elementary School on the second Thursday of each month, from 4-6 p.m. Visit us for a variety of books, CDs and DVDs.

SENSORY PLAY DAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 | 10:15-11:00 a.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
Drop in and enjoy an open learning and play time featuring a variety of sensory and activity stations.

POKÉMON CARD PLAYING DAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 11:00 A.M.-12:30 p.m. | Truman Room
No reservations needed. Bring your Pokémon cards to the library and challenge someone to a friendly duel. This is not a tournament. All skill levels are welcome. For those new to the game, someone will be available to demonstrate how to play.

KIDS STEAM NIGHT: BALANCE BOT BUDDIES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 | 6:00-7:00 p.m. | Truman Room
For grades 1-5. No reservations needed. Use corks, skewers, clay, and other materials to create a bot buddy that is able to maintain perfect balance on the tip of a toothpick.

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FAMILY EVENT: CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT CRAFTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
Family event. No reservations needed. An hour of Christmas ornament creation in a variety of styles.

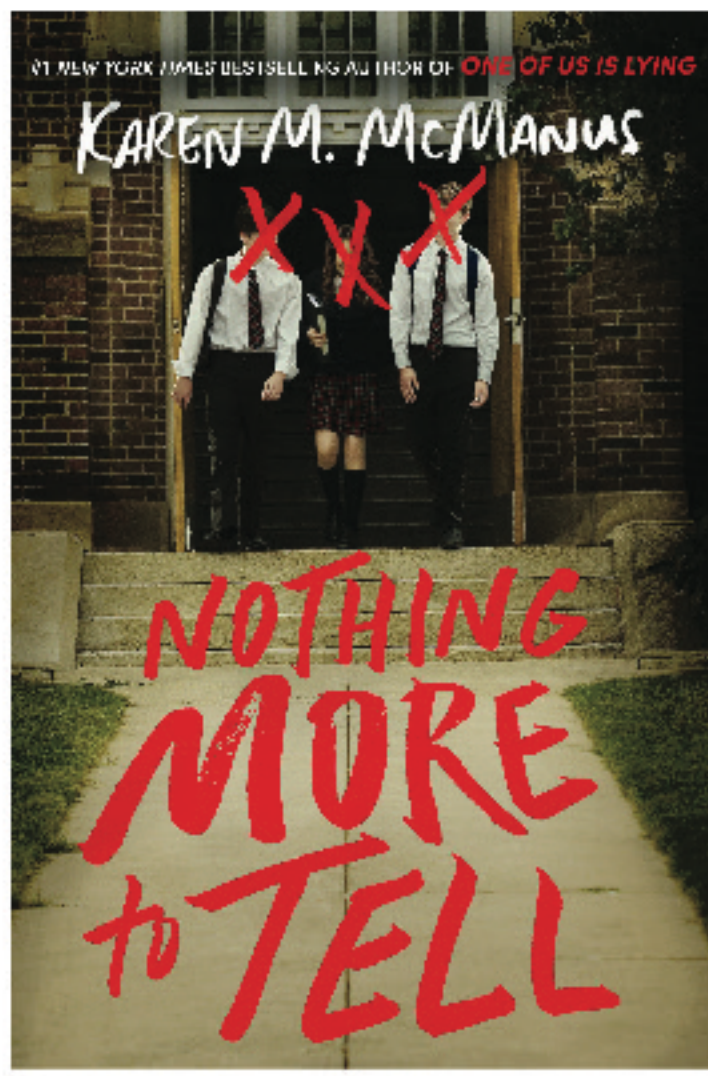
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: IF (PG)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
All ages. No reservations needed. Family Event. Blankets and pillows welcome! Light snacks will be provided.
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FAMILY CRAFT: NEW YEAR'S HATS AND BLOWERS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery
All ages family event. No reservations needed. A tradition continues! Get ready to ring in the new year by creating your own unique party hat and blower.

teens (6th-12th grade)



PIZZA & PAGES: NOTHING MORE TO TELL

BY KAREN MCMANUS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 6:45-7:45 p.m. |

Truman Room

Pizza & Pages is our 9th-12th grade book group. A free copy of the book is provided for the first 8 participants. Pizza and soda are served at every meeting. Reservations required. The book we'll be discussing in December is *Nothing More to Tell* by Karen McManus.

LEARN CALLIGRAPHY FOR TEENS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

Learn some calligraphy basics and create winter cards for friends. This event will discuss how to do some calligraphy using brush markers and some basic tips for hand lettering.



TEEN ART CLUB

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 | 5:30-7:00 p.m. | Truman Room

Meet and create with other art-loving teens at Art Club! We'll be mixing up open creation time (with supplies provided) with guided tutorials to help you learn new techniques.



NOVEL IDEAS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 | 6:45-7:45 p.m. | Truman Room

Novel Ideas is our 6th-8th grade book group. A free copy of the book is provided for the first 8 participants. Light refreshments are served at every meeting.

This month is Reader's Choice! Bring your selected book to talk about it with the group.



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 | 6:00-9:00 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

Are you an adventurer at heart? Play Dungeons & Dragons with us! The excitement is real and the escapades are 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! Whether you are a long-time adventurer or brand new to the game, you are welcome to join us.



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MINECRAFT MONDAY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 5:00-6:15 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

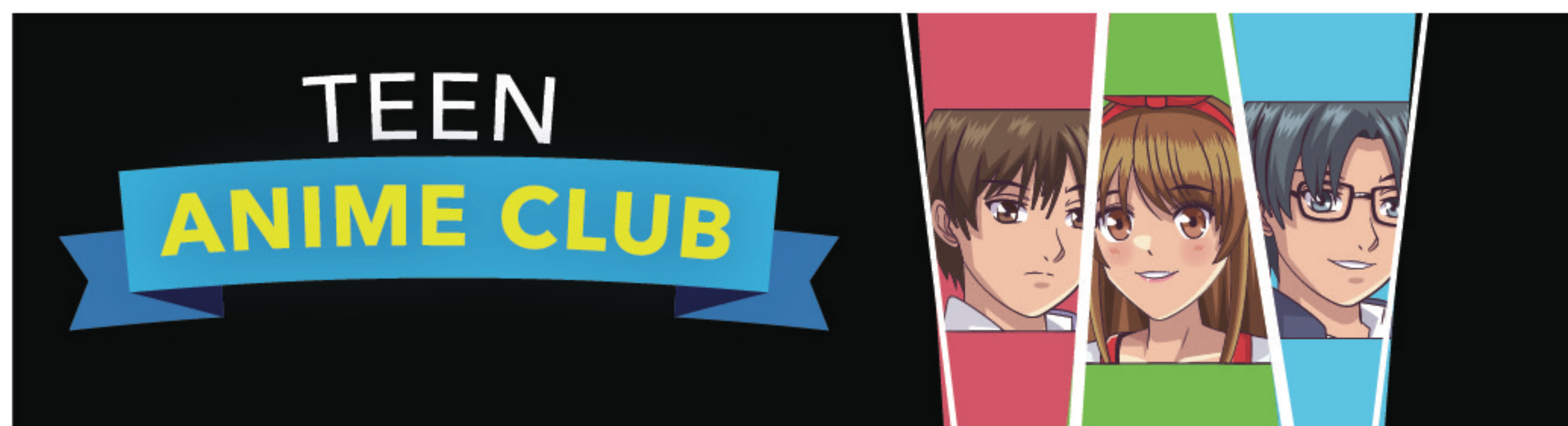
Join us to play Minecraft with your friends! There are limited laptops available from the library and require reservations. You may bring your own devices. For ages 10-18.



TEEN HOT COCOA AND CRAFTS

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It's craft night! Join us for a variety of craft stations, such as friendship bracelets, shrinky-dinks, and button making while enjoying warm hot cocoa. Registration required.



TEEN ANIME CLUB

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 | 4:30-6:00 p.m. | MRRL Art Gallery

Watch popular anime series on the big screen and nom on free popcorn and soda.

TWEEN DUCT TAPE MAGIC WALLETS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Truman Room

Join us in making a duct tape magic wallet. These wallets allow the user to move items between sides in the wallets and create a fun magic trick. Registration required. Grades 4th-7th.

CHESS CLUB

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Truman Room

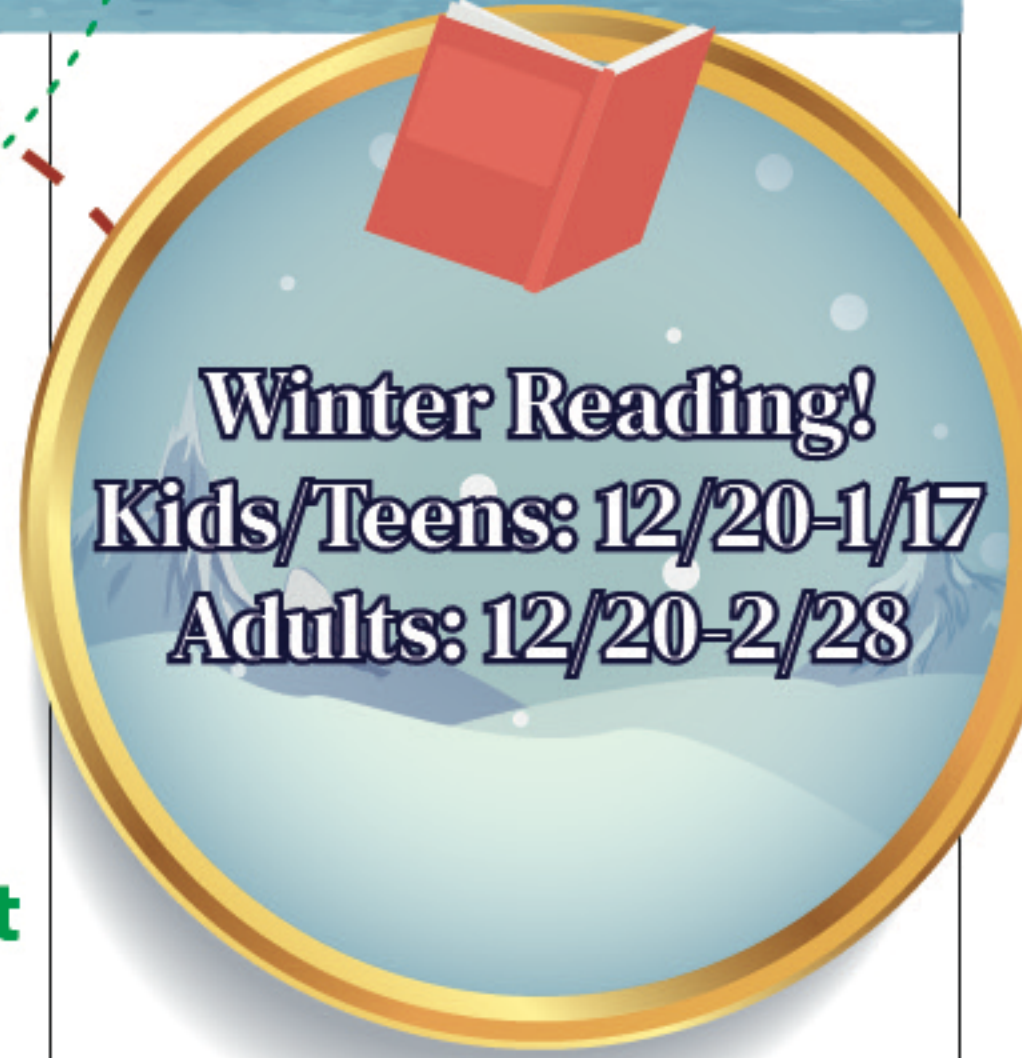
Come to play, teach or learn more about chess. All ages welcome!

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Local Authors Showcase 1:15-4:15PM TikTok Made Me Read It 6:00-7:30PM	Computer Skills 101 with Learning Express 10:00-11:15AM Kids After School: Lego Marble Mazes 4:00-5:00PM Teen Art Club 5:30-7:00PM Family Book Bingo 6:00-7:00PM	Preschool Storytime 10:30-11:00AM Junk Journaling 6:00-7:30PM It's the Law: Dissolution of Marriage 6:30-8:00PM Novel Ideas 6:45-7:45PM	Family Story Time 10:30-11:30AM Tail Waggin' Tutors 11:00AM-12:00PM How to Delete Yourself from the Internet 3:00-4:30PM Yoga 5:15-6:15PM	Yoga 9:30-10:30AM Genealogy Help Sessions 1:00-4:00PM Afternoon Creative Club 1:30-4:00PM Dungeons & Dragons 6:00-9:00PM	Sensory Play Day 10:15-11:00AM Music in the Library: Maria Duhova Trevor 6:30-7:30PM Pokémon Card Playing Day 11:00AM-12:30PM Teen After-Hours 6:00-8:30PM Evening Family Storytime 6:00-6:30PM	
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Family Craft: New Year's Hats And Blowers 11:00AM-12:00PM Preschool Storytime 10:30-11:00AM	CLOSING EARLY: 5PM New Year's Eve		KEY ● Adults ● Computer ● Kids ● Teens ● Outreach Registration Required			



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