



Quincy Public Library

Jan./Feb./March 2026

# Discovery Guide



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## New Year, New Vision Board

Crafts/DIY | Jan. 8 | 6:00PM - 7:30PM  
Start 2026 strong and empowered! Join us for a Vision Board Workshop and learn how to retrain your brain using visualization, a tool used by athletes, CEOs, and successful goal-getters. Turn your dreams and goals for 2026 into a visual format and boost your chances of achieving them. All supplies provided. Bring favorite quotes or photos if you would like. Light refreshments served. Free and open to the public, reservations recommended.

## It's All in the (Retro) Cards: How to Play Euchre

Playtime | Jan. 22 | 6:00PM - 7:30PM  
With electronic devices everywhere, card games fell by the wayside. Lately, retro card and table games are making a comeback! Level up your entertaining skills and learn to play the classic game Euchre. Join us at QPL and learn from experienced card players willing to share their knowledge. All cards and light refreshments provided. Bring your friends and enjoy some games together.

## 5th Annual Puzzle Swap

Swap | Jan. 31 | 2:00PM - 4:00PM  
The fifth annual puzzle swap is here to help you trade in your old puzzles for something new to you. Do you have puzzles you have already completed? Puzzles you haven't done but are tired of looking at? Puzzles your kids are tired of playing with?

Here's how it works:

- Bring your puzzles to the library in their original packaging. Opened puzzles are fine, just reseal with tape before dropping them off.
- Drop off your puzzles at the "Ask Here" desk. The librarian will have you write down your name and the number of puzzles you are leaving.
- Drop off anytime the library is open: Monday–Thursday 9 AM to 8 PM, Friday 9 AM to 5 PM, and Saturday 9 AM to 11 AM.
- Swaps are on a 1:1 basis; for each puzzle you bring in, you can pick a new puzzle on Swap Day.

Come in on January 31 between 2 PM and 4 PM to choose your new puzzles!

## Trivia Night: A Century of Black History

Performance / Lecture | Feb. 12 | 6:00PM - 7:30PM

Black History Month began as a way of remembering events and important people of African and Afro-Caribbean ancestry. The catalyst for Black History Month was created in 1926 in the United States, when Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH) announced "Negro History Week" in February, becoming a month-long celebration in 1970. As a result, the 2026 national Black History Month theme is "A Century of Black History Commemorations." (cont. on next page.)

In honor of 100 years of commemorating Black History, join us at QPL for some Black history Trivia. Test how much you know about Black History, compete with friends, learn something new, and take a chance on winning some merch! Light refreshments provided. Space and seating are limited.

## 4th Annual Seed Swap!

Swap | Feb. 21 | 2:00PM - 4:00PM

Quincy Public Library is hosting its fourth annual Seed Swap to help you diversify your garden with new herbs, vegetables, and flowers. Whether you have leftover seeds from last year, extra seeds from starting your spring plants, or packs you decided not to use, you can drop them off at the library and pick up new varieties on Seed Swap Day.

Seed Drop-off Instructions:

- Bring your seeds in their original packaging. Open packets are welcome as long as they are resealed with tape or staples and placed in a small plastic bag.
- Drop them off at the Ask Here Desk, where staff will record your name and the number of packets you brought.
- Seed drop-off is available any time the library is open: Monday through Thursday 9 am to 8 pm and Friday 9 am to 5 pm.
- Swaps follow a one to one system. For every packet you bring, you will receive a packet to select on Seed Swap Day.

Seed Swap Day:

Join us on February 21 between 10 am and 12 pm to choose your new seeds. You may also bring seeds the day of the swap, but early drop-offs receive priority entry with a ticket. The drop-off and swap events are designed to help you explore new varieties and discover seeds you may never have tried before. Keep an eye on our calendar for an upcoming plant swap in April and visit our expanded Seed Library if you need even more seeds for your garden.

## African & African-American Tales: A Storytelling Adventure

Performance / Lecture | Feb. 28 | 3:00PM - 4:30PM

Experience the magic of storytelling with Velma Gladney, Professional Storyteller, as she brings traditional African and African-American tales to life. Enjoy lively animal stories featuring classic characters like Ananse the Spider, Hare, Monkey, Bre'r Rabbit, and more, passed down through generations. Discover the humor, wisdom, and cultural heritage in these timeless stories shared as they were meant to be heard—spoken, animated, and full of life. This program is geared toward adults, but all ages are welcome to join this immersive celebration of storytelling.





## Women in the Military: Women's History Month Film & Discussion Series

Movie | Fridays in March | 1:00PM - 3:00PM

In honor of Women's History Month, join us for a movie series highlighting the experiences of women who have served, supported, or documented military efforts across history. Through films ranging from historical accounts to contemporary narratives, we will consider the evolving roles, challenges, and contributions of women in wartime and military service. Each session includes a film screening followed by an optional discussion focused on themes such as resilience, leadership, representation, and the barriers women have encountered. All are welcome. Screenings begin at 1 pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

### **Week 1, March 6:** *Into the Fire: American Women in the Spanish Civil War*

This documentary follows nearly 80 American women who volunteered in 1936 to support medical, humanitarian, and communications efforts during the Spanish Civil War. Their stories illustrate the motivations, risks, and courage involved in participating in an international conflict far from home.



### **Week 2, March 13:** *Women of World War II: The Untold Stories*

Through firsthand accounts and archival interviews, this film explores the contributions of women who worked as codebreakers, pilots, shipbuilders, and factory workers during World War II, illuminating the essential roles they played on the home front and beyond.



### **Week 3, March 20:** *Lee*

A historical drama based on the life of war correspondent and photographer Lee Miller (Kate Winslet). The film follows her work alongside Allied troops during World War II as she documents events on the front lines and shapes public understanding of the conflict through her images.

### **Week 4, March 27:** *The Invisible War*

Directed by Kirby Dick, this investigative documentary examines the issue of sexual assault within the U.S. military. The film presents interviews, reporting, and perspectives that brought national attention to the topic and sparked discussions about policy and institutional reform.



## 2nd Annual Craft Supply Swap

Crafts / DIY | Mar. 21 | 1:00PM - 3:00PM

Do you tend to get overly ambitious buying craft supplies you never use? Do you accidentally buy too much? Have you been wanting to try a new craft but don't know where to start? Maybe you just want to do some spring cleaning and get rid of supplies you never use anymore!

Let QPL help you solve all of these problems! For the second year in a row, QPL is holding a craft swap. Any crafting items in good shape are eligible to be swapped!\* Fabric, knitting, sewing, coloring, painting, crocheting, woodworking, vinyl cutting, and other crafting supplies will be accepted as long as they are in good condition.

Cleaning house and don't want new stuff? Donations to the library will be accepted as well!

The drop-off period is between Monday, March 16 at 9 a.m. and Friday, March 20 at 5 p.m. Or just bring your trades in on swap day! You can arrive the day of the swap with items to trade, but people who drop off in advance and have a ticket will receive priority admittance on swap day—so don't miss out! Come join us and find your new crafting hobby!

\*Swaps will be on a 1:1 basis, so keep this in mind. If you donate something with a higher value—like a sewing machine—you may not be able to pick out something of equal value on swap day.

## Shelf Scenes: DIY Fairy Garden Book Nooks

Crafts / DIY | Mar. 28 | 1:00PM - 4:00PM

Step into a world of miniature magic! Join us for a hands-on crafting program where you'll create your very own fairy garden book nook—a tiny enchanted scene that fits right between the books on your shelf. A book nook is a miniature, three-dimensional scene designed to sit between books on a shelf—like a tiny world hidden in your library. Using moss, miniature accessories, and a dash of imagination, you'll build a whimsical woodland hideaway complete with fairy-sized paths and secret details. No experience needed—just a love for creativity and a little bit of fairy dust! Book nooks can be expensive to purchase—even when buying a kit!

Come to QPL, where all materials are provided, and leave with a one-of-a-kind book nook that will bring a spark of enchantment to your bookshelf. Perfect for anyone who believes magic belongs in the library! Come create something truly magical! Light refreshments will be provided.

Registration is required to secure your seat. If spaces are full, you may be added to a waiting list. If registration fills and you cannot attend, please cancel your reservation or call us so that we may add people from the waiting list.

# Fourth Annual Menstrual Hygiene Drive

March 2 – April 10 2026



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Donate pads,  
tampons, period underwear,  
& period cups at the  
library to distribute around  
the community!



To learn more,  
scan here!



# FOURTH ANNUAL MENSTRUAL HYGIENE DRIVE

**March 2 – April 10**

It's that time of year - QPL will hold its Fourth Annual Menstrual Hygiene Drive from Monday, March 2 until Friday, April 10!

Period Poverty is a human rights issue that affects all menstruating individuals regardless of race, nationality, and religion. It includes:

- Lack of menstrual hygiene supplies
- Lack of education surrounding menstruation
- Missing school, work, and other activities
- Exacerbates medical access for trans community

According to an article published in the Journal of Global Health Reports, "Two-thirds of the 16.9 million low-income women in the US could not afford menstrual products in the past year, with a half of this needing to choose between menstrual products and food."

Last year, your generosity provided 312 packages of pads, tampons, period underwear, menstrual cups, and hygiene wipes to Bella Ease, the YWCA, Quanaa, Parents as Teachers through Transitions, Horizons, and the Quincy Public Schools! Let's see if we can top that this year!

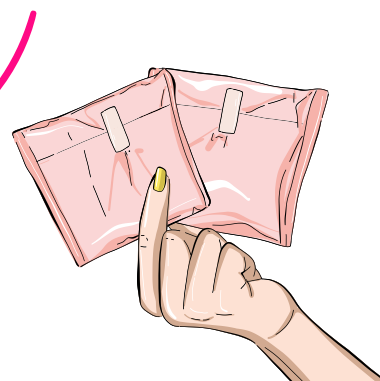
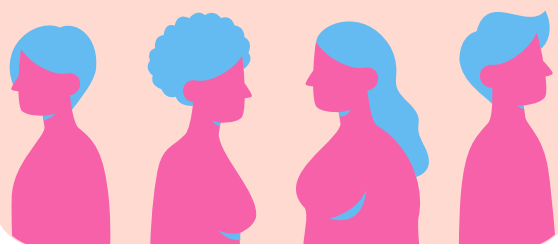


Simply drop off your donations in the lobby any time the library is open. Items we will be accepting include:

- Tampons
- Pads
- Unused menstrual cups
- Unused period underwear
- Hygiene wipes

Don't have the time or want to purchase these products? Let us take care of the shopping for you! We will have a box for cash donations along with a Givebutter campaign to raise money for us to purchase these supplies. Please access our Givebutter campaign at: [givebutter.com/menstrualhygienedr ive26](https://givebutter.com/menstrualhygienedr ive26)

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HYGIENE IS A  
HUMAN RIGHT**





# BOOK CLUBS

## Cooks and Books

Monday | 6 - 7:30 pm

*The Ultimate Meal-Prep Cookbook: One Grocery List. A Week of Meals. No Waste.* January 12

*The Fix-It and Forget-It Big Cookbook: 1400 Best Slow Cooker Recipes!* February 9

*Skinnytaste One and Done: 140 No-Fuss Dinners for Your Instant Pot®, Slow Cooker, Air Fryer, Sheet Pan, Skillet, Dutch Oven, and More: A Cookbook* March 9

## Renaissance Readers

Tuesday | 10am - 11:30 am

*Empire Falls* January 13

*Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead* February 10

*One Flew Over the Cuckoos Nest* March 10

## Banned Book Club

Tuesday | 6:30 - 7:45 pm

*Never Let Me Go* January 27

*Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* February 24

*A Thousand Splendid Suns* March 24

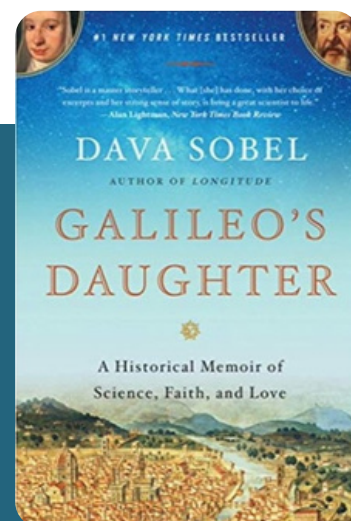
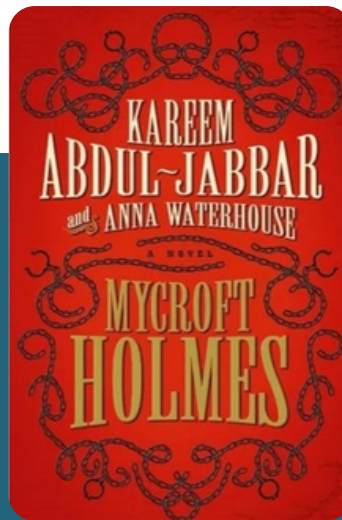
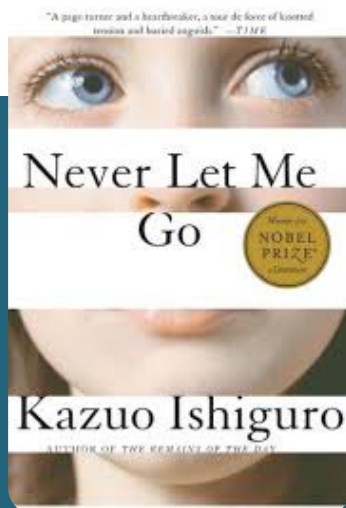
## Bookies Book Club

Wednesday | 1 - 2:30 pm

*Galileo's Daughter: A Historical Memoir of Science, Faith, & Love* January 7

*Mycroft Holmes* February 4

*Think Like a Lady, Act Like a Lord* March 4



Register for our Book Clubs on  
our online calendar:  
[quincylibrary.org/events](https://quincylibrary.org/events)





# FOR TEENS

Check our  
calendar to  
register!



## Teen Takeover | 3:00pm - 5:00pm Every Tuesday & Thursday

Ages 13 - 18

It's Teen Time! Snacks, crafts, games, and more!

Finally, a place you can escape to after school without younger siblings getting in your way.

\*No Teen Takeover on Jan. 1

Need a ride? Hop on the first couple buses from QHS to Junior High or get a green pass from the office!



## Guess that Song: Musicals Edition

Jan. 13 | 3PM - 5PM



Do you enjoy musicals? Do you know a lot of Broadway hits? If yes, this event is for you! Come join us in racing to identify our favorite Musical Hit Songs!

## DIY Luminaries

Jan. 27 | 3PM - 5PM

Are you tired of it getting dark outside super early? Let's brighten up your space with your own DIY mason jar luminary! Supplies will be provided!



## Mardi Gras Masks

Feb. 12 | 3PM - 5PM



In celebration of Mardi Gras, famously celebrated in New Orleans, Louisiana, we will make our own Mardi Gras masks! Blank masks will be provided, so you can flex your creativity and decorate it your own way. Feel free to also ask about the history of the masks!

## CD Chandeliers

Feb. 26 | 3PM - 5PM



Ever wanted a chandelier in your own room? You can build your own here! We will offer the tools and materials needed to build your own CD Chandelier or CD Spiral that you can hang in your space!

## Leprechauns in the Library

Mar. 2 - 17 | During Open Hours

The Children's Department Staff told the Young Adult Librarian there are leprechauns hidden in the Teen Zone! Find all 3 leprechauns, report their location to the Reference Desk, and you can win a prize! If you can decode their riddles, you may even find a hint! The leprechauns will be out and about until St. Patrick's Day on March 17th!

## Let the Record Show

Mar. 10 | 3PM - 5PM

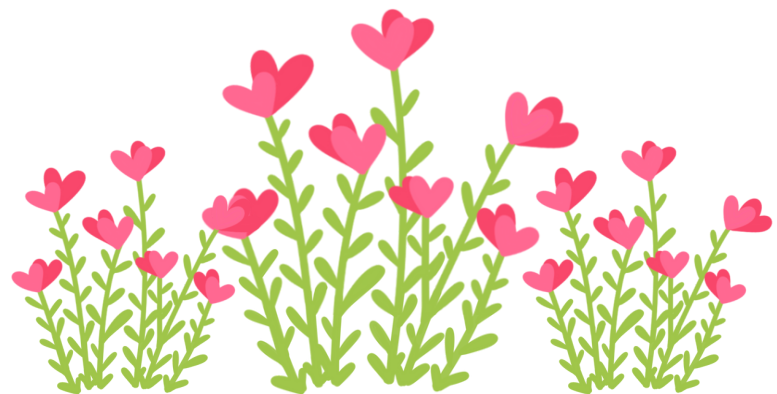


Let's repurpose some damaged and/or donated vinyl records to create some art! We will provide the vinyl records and paint, you provide the creativity!

## Plants: Some Assembly Required

Mar. 24 | 3PM - 5PM

In honor of the Spring Equinox, we will build our own plants! We can build, with wire and beads, our own bendable plants and place them in tiny pots. And these plants don't require sunlight or water!





QPL programs are free and open to the public, but space is limited, so please reserve your spot today! Register with the QR Code, or visit [quincylibrary.org](http://quincylibrary.org)

# KIDS & FAMILIES

## Relaxation Station

Relax with crafts, games, or coloring pages for 6 years and under. Every Monday @ 6pm.

\*No Relaxation Station on Jan. 5, Feb. 2, or March 2.

## Toddler Time

Storytime that is best for ages 16 - 36 months.

Tuesdays @ 10am.

\*No Toddler Time on Jan. 6, Feb. 3, or March 3.

## Baby Time

Storytime that is best for birth - 16 months.

Every Wednesday @ 10am.

## Preschool Time

Storytime that is best for ages 3+.

Thursdays @ 10am.

\*No Preschool Time on Jan. 8 or Feb. 5.

## Playdate

Playdate is best for ages 6 and under.

Every Friday @ 10am.

## Lego Club

In-person | Lego Club is designed for ages 6 - 12. Every Wednesday from 3:30 - 4:45pm.

**NEW:** Once a month Lego Club will meet on a Saturday.

**January 10:** 2:00pm - 4:00pm

**February 7:** 2:00pm - 4:00pm

**March 7:** 2:00pm - 4:00pm

## Puppet Shows

### Frosty The Snowman

January 5: 6pm

January 6: 10am

January 8: 10am

January 10: 10am

### Beauty and the Beast

February 2: 6pm

February 3: 10am

February 5: 10am

February 7: 10am

### Luck of the Irish

March 2: 6pm

March 3: 10am

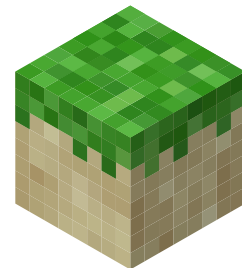
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## Minecraft Club

This is an unstructured program for children to relax after school and play Minecraft with friends using the library's iPads. This program is for children ages 7-12 years. Every Tuesday @ 3:30 PM. QPL devices are limited; participants are welcome to bring personal devices.



# KIDS & FAMILIES



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## Tween Program: Yarn Art

January 15 | 6PM – 7:30PM



Who knew you could make such a beautiful piece of art work out of.... YARN? Come down to QPL to make art out of yarn, string, cardboard and tape!

## A Picnic at Camp Half-Blood

January 24 | 1PM – 3PM

Welcome to Camp Half-Blood! If you are a fan of the Percy Jackson and the Olympians book series, or just have an interest in Greek Mythology, then you demigods and goddesses alike should

join us for this afternoon of fun!

We'll have a feast, a craft, and even some Greek games! Actors for QCT's musical

"The Lightning Thief" will join the party for an activity! This program is designed

for children ages 5-12 and their families, but all are welcome to attend. Please reserve a space for every person attending the party!



## Valentine's Movie Night: The Parent Trap

February 13 | 2:30PM – 4:45PM

Happy (almost) Valentine's Day! Join Miss Caroline as we watch "The Parent Trap" Identical twins Annie and Hallie, separated at birth and each raised by one of their biological parents, discover each other for the first time at summer camp and make a plan to bring their wayward parents back together. This movie is rated PG and runs for 128 mins.



## Tween Program: Popsicle Stick Picture Frame Decorating

February 19 | 6PM – 7:30PM

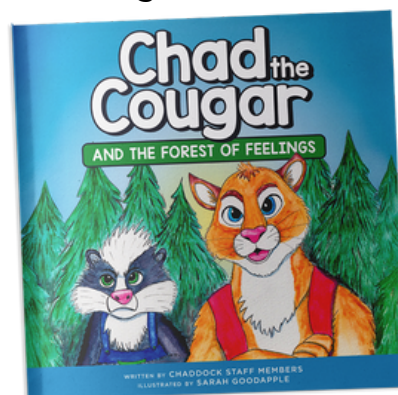
Lets get decorating! Come to QPL to decorate the perfect picture frame for your bedroom, refrigerator, or maybe to give as a gift! This is a Tween Program (7-12 years old) and we will be handling small pieces and glue! Smaller kids are welcomed with a parent or guardian supervision!

## Chaddock Presents: Chad the Cougar and the Forest of Feelings

February 21 | 10AM – 11AM

Chad the Cougar is more than just a storybook character. He's a compassionate companion designed to help children navigate big emotions, build resilience and understand themselves better. Rooted in the science of attachment and trauma, this engaging book supports emotional literacy and connection in ways that are both meaningful and fun.

Join us for a delightful visit from Chaddock's Sarah Goodapple and local author Ron Kinscherf! Enjoy a lively reading of their story, "Chad the Cougar and the Forest of Feelings", learn the inspiration behind it, and discover how they brought this book to life. Perfect for story lovers of all ages!





# KIDS & FAMILIES

## Leprechauns in the Library!

March 2 - 17 | During Open Hours

Leprechauns have taken over the Children's Library! They've left riddles on our bulletin board to help lead you to their hiding spots—and special bookmark checklists so you can keep track of each leprechaun you catch along the way.

Once you've found all 10 leprechauns, bring your completed checklist to the Children's Desk to receive a special prize. Good luck, and happy searching!

## Tween Program: DIY Gold Slime

March 19 | 6PM - 7PM

Lets make a leprechauns dream slime! You can create your own weird-textured masterpiece however you want using glue, foam, gold glitter, and beads! This is a Tween Program (7-12) and we will be handling small pieces.

## Lights Off! Stuffed Animal Sleepover

March 26 | 6PM - 6:30PM

Ever wonder what happens when the library lights go out? Your stuffed animals will find out! Join us for this special story time and craft with your stuffed animals who you tuck in for the night so they can sleep over at the library. Join us on Saturday, March 28th, to pick up your stuffed animals, have a little breakfast, and see what your animals were up to when the lights went out! This program is designed for children ages 5-9 years old, but all are welcomed to attend. All QPL programs are free and open to the public, but space is limited; reservations are requested.

## Lights On! Stuffed Animal Sleepover

March 28 | 9AM - 10AM

The library's lights are on! It's time to pick up your stuffed animals after their night at the Lights Off Stuffed Animal Sleepover. Come and see what they were up to when the lights went out and enjoy a snack.

**\*\*Please note that attendance at the Lights Out Stuffed Animal Sleepover is required to participate in this event. \*\***





# MOBILE LIBRARY



## What does the Mobile Library offer?

- Library card services – Sign up for a new card or update an existing one
- Checkouts and returns – Borrow and return books, movies, and audiobooks directly on the vehicle
- Wi-Fi access – Free internet access available during visits
- Wheelchair accessibility – Equipped with a wheelchair lift for easy access
- Diverse collection – Offers nearly 3,000 items, including:
  - Regular print books
  - Large print books
  - Audiobooks
  - Movies
- Title requests – Request materials from other libraries for pickup at the Mobile Library
- Early literacy outreach – Visits daycares with books and programming
- Service to multigenerational households – Visits multifamily housing complexes with materials for all ages
- Lifelong learning resources – Delivers materials to retirement homes and other community living facilities
- Neighborhood and community outreach – Appears at special events and local summer programs
- Flexible and evolving service – Routes and stops are evaluated regularly based on community need

**Mobile Library Update: The Mobile Library will be temporarily out of service starting at the end of December while we complete important maintenance. We anticipate its return in January and are making sure everything is in top shape so we can continue providing great service to our community. Stay tuned for updates.**

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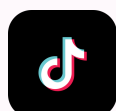
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## Library Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Fri. - Sat. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Closed on Thursday, January 1**

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*Persons with disabilities can arrange for special assistance with library programs by calling (217) 223-1309 two weeks prior to any program.*

*All programs are subject to cancellation or rescheduling. All program registrants and participants must permit the taking of photographs of themselves during library activities and programs for future publication materials.*

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