



# December January

## LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

POLK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

### SPECIAL EVENTS



#### **STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER**

Drop a stuffie off at the library for a wild fun sleepover with Mrs. Sharon! Drop off your animal on Friday before 5pm and pick up Saturday after 10am. Ages 3-12

***Humansville Library, Friday, Dec. 5***

#### **TEA WITH JANE & EMMA**

Celebrate Jane Austen's 250th birthday with tea and a movie! Grab a plate of tea cakes and treats while watching a movie adaptation of a beloved Jane Austen novel.

Ages 13+ Registration required.

***Rayl Family Library, Tues., Dec. 16, 5:30pm***

#### **A DULCIMER CHRISTMAS**

Join us with Mike Anderson and his dulcimer for an festive evening full of Christmas tunes.

All ages welcome.

***Rayl Family Library, Thurs., Dec. 18, 5:30pm***

#### **COOKIES WITH SANTA**

Enjoy a festive morning at Cookies with Santa! Hear Santa read a Christmas story (or two), decorate your own cookies, and snap a photo with the big man himself to take home the holiday magic. All ages welcome.

***Rayl Family Library, Sat., Dec. 20, 10:00am***

#### **GAMER GATHERING**

Teen gamers are invited to meet up, play their favorite games, and make new friends in a fun, relaxed environment. Ages 13-18

***Rayl Family Library, Tues., Jan 13., 4:00pm***

#### **BOOK BINGO**

Play bingo to win books! Ages 18+ Registration required.

***Rayl Family Library, Thurs., Jan 15., 6:00pm***

#### **ART OF CONSERVATION FISH ART CONTEST**

The Fish Art Contest is open to all youth in grades K-12. To compete, participants will submit an original illustration of a fish or shark in their natural habitat and a one-page creative writing submission (required for grades 4-12). Hosted by the Johnny Morris Foundation.

***Rayl Family Library, Sat., Jan 31., 1:00pm***

### LIBRARY NEWS

All branches will be closed on the following days:

- **Wednesday, December 24th**
- **Thursday, December 25th**
- **Thursday, January 1st**
- **Monday, January 19th**

# BOLIVAR PROGRAMMING

## CHILDREN

### Baby Bookworms

A story time filled with music and movement geared towards the youngest of readers! Two sessions to choose from on Monday.

***Mondays at 9:30am or 2:30pm Ages 0-2***

### Story Hour

Join us for a fun and interactive story time! Enjoy books, activities and crafts.

***Mondays at 11am Ages 3-5***

### Morning Music

A morning of songs, games, and mini-lessons to create meaningful & fun musical experiences.

***Sat., Dec. 13 & Jan. 10 at 10:30am Ages 3-5***

### Bookish Beginnings

A fun mix of stories, games, and crafts, sparking joy and creativity!

***Mondays at 4:00pm Ages 6-8***

### Future Innovators: STEAM Club

Dive into the world of STEAM, exploring and learning through hands-on activities. ***Ages 9-12***

***Thurs., Dec. 4, 4pm: Dash and Dot Robots***

***Thurs., Jan. 1, 4pm: NO CLASS***

### CREATE CREW \*NEW\*

Let your creativity loose while you explore and create whatever you can imagine at this free art time!

***2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays at 4:00pm Ages 9-12***

## TEENS

### Snack Squad

Try snacks from a different country each month.

Registration is required.

***3rd Tuesdays at 4:00pm***

### Open Game Night

Enjoy gaming with friends on our Switch! Must have a library card to check out controllers.

***Tuesdays from 4:00-7:00pm***

### Make It! Teen Craft Class

Try your hand at a new craft! Registration is required.

***Sat., Dec. 27, 12:30pm: NO CLASS***

***Sat., Jan. 24, 12:30pm: Bargello Bookmarks***

## ADULTS

### Novel Ideas Fiction Book Club

Meet to discuss the monthly title with fellow fiction lovers. 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month.

***Dec. 4, 12pm: Demon Copperhead***

***Jan. 8, 12pm: The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau***

### Fiber Arts Club

Come together to share the joy of fiber arts in a welcoming and supportive environment.

***1st Tuesday at 6:00pm***

### Diamond Painting Club

Bring the painting you've been working on and share in your favorite hobby with others!

***2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month at 1:00pm***

### Romantasy Roundtable

Read a book in the month's theme and discuss with fellow book lovers. Registration required for first time participants.

***Wed., Dec. 17, 6:00pm: Magic Realism***

***Wed., Jan. 21, 6:00pm: Age Gap***

### Make It! Adult Craft Class

Try your hand at a new craft! All supplies will be provided. Registration & materials fee is required.

***Sat., Dec. 27, 10:00 am: NO CLASS***

***Sat., Jan. 24, 10:00 am: Bargello Coaster***

### SIT & STRETCH CHAIR YOGA \*NEW\*

A gentle chair yoga class designed for seniors to keep the body moving and healthy. Ages 60+ Registration required for first time participants.

***Wednesdays at 2:00pm***

## ALL AGES

### Monday Night at the Movies

Watch new releases and popular movies! All ages welcome, viewer discretion is advised.

***Mondays at 5:30pm***

### Checkmates

A casual chess club for players, beginners to advanced. Ages 9 and up.

***2nd Saturday of the month at 1:00pm***

# FAIR PLAY PROGRAMMING

## **Story Hour**

Join us for a fun and interactive story time!  
Enjoy books, activities and crafts perfect for  
ages 3-5.

***Wednesdays at 11:00am***

## **Knit Wits**

Bring a knitting or crochet project to the  
library and work along fellow crafters!

***Dec. 11, Jan. 8 & 22 at 5:30pm***

## **SIT & STRETCH CHAIR YOGA \*NEW\***

A gentle chair yoga class designed for  
seniors to keep the body moving and healthy.  
Registration required. Ages 60+

***Tuesdays at 2:00pm***

## **History Repeats Itself Book Club**

Do you enjoy historical fiction?  
Read a book by the monthly author, then join  
us for coffee, dessert, and discussion.

***Thurs., Dec. 4, 5:30pm: Alison Weir***

***Thurs., Jan. 8, 5:30pm: A Gentleman in  
Moscow by Amor Towles***

## **Mystery Book Chat**

Love to solve a good mystery? Read a book by  
the monthly author, and join us for book  
discussion.

***Thurs., Dec. 18, 5:30pm: Karin Slaughter***

***Thurs., Jan. 15, 5:30pm: Allison Brennan***

# HUMANSVILLE PROGRAMMING

## **Story Hour**

Join us for a fun and interactive story time!  
Enjoy books, activities and crafts perfect for  
ages 3-5.

***Thursdays at 11:00 am***

## **Dungeons & Dragons**

Create your character & learn the game.  
Then join the adventure & start playing!

***Thursdays at 4:00 pm***

## **Tuesday Night at the Movies**

Enjoy free movies at the library! Popcorn and  
drinks are provided. All ages welcome,  
viewer discretion is advised. Grab a Movie  
Night brochure for a list of the upcoming  
movies.

***Dec. 9 & 23, Jan. 13 & 27 at 5:00 pm***

## **Pinterest Pick-up**

Pick up a new easy take home craft kits each  
month! All materials are provided. While  
supplies last.



TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS AND EVENTS HAPPENING  
AT POLK COUNTY LIBRARY AND TO REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS,  
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# STAFF ★★☆☆★ READS OF 2025



## ***The Hidden Magic of Ordinary Things* by Olivia McCullough**

A cute, heartfelt, Hallmark movie of a cozy romantasy story, perfect for reading inbetween longer, heavier series. -Lydia

## ***Sunrise on the Reaping* by Suzanne Collins**

This book ruined my life and Suzanne will be hearing from my lawyer, definitely worth the read and still highly recommend though! -Nataley

## ***Wolfsong* by T.J. Klune**

"You smell like candy canes and pinecones and epic and awesome." -August

## ***A Good Girls Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson**

Where was this book when I was 14-15?! I would have devoured the whole series. -Joy

## ***The Warm Hands of Ghosts* by Katherine Arden**

It is kind of confusing but it's the kind that keeps you intrigued. -Chy

## ***The Carpool Detectives* by Chuck Hogan**

The Carpool Detectives is perfect if you love true crime; I had to keep reminding myself it is a TRUE story! -Bethanie

## ***Nine Month Contract* by Amy Daws**

Fun, witty and refreshingly unique. -Beth

## ***Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann**

A haunting historical true-crime account so good it reads like fiction; one of the best non-fiction books I have ever read! -Anna

## ***Sorcery of Thorns* by Margaret Rogerson**

This book rekindled my love for reading with its enchanting tale in a world where libraries are alive, potentially dangerous, and full of secrets. -Angelique

## OUR NEXT CHAPTER



## Programs & Events Survey

Join us in planning the library's future programs and events.

Scan the QR code or visit our website to complete the survey.

Your feedback helps us make the library better for everyone in our community. We appreciate you sharing your thoughts and ideas, and we can't wait to use them to bring you even more programs, resources, and services you love.



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### HUMANSVILLE LIBRARY

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