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# LIBRARY LIVE

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## TWEEN SUBSCRIPTION BOX

Middle school students can level up their reading game with our new monthly subscription box service! This free service is exclusively for MCPL 'tweens in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grades who have a library card. Sign up at [mcpls.org/tween-subscription-box/](https://mcpls.org/tween-subscription-box/) for this new service and receive a box each month from January through May. Each box will contain a book (which you can keep!) along with other goodies on a different theme each month. The boxes can be picked up from any of our branches! Sign up now to join in the fun!



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## HOLIDAY CRAFTING WITH CREATIVEBUG

The holiday season is the perfect time to share your creativity with friends and family. Whether knitting a gift for a friend or making something to decorate your home, Creativebug has classes that will instruct and inspire you throughout the season.



Creativebug is an online craft class database created by JoAnn Fabrics. Patrons have an all-access, no-boundaries pass to explore 1000+ classes. People of all skill levels and ages can work alongside instructors to learn craft techniques, FREE with your library card!

Head to [mcpls.org/education](https://mcpls.org/education) to get started!

# December New Releases

Find more new releases, complete with links, at [www.mcpls.org/new](http://www.mcpls.org/new)

## DVDs

*Cry Macho*  
*The Last Duel*  
*Mitchells vs the Machines*  
*Venom Let There Be Carnage*  
*Paw Patrol Pups Save the Alien*  
*Werewolves Within*  
*Creepshow Season 2*  
*Call the Midwife Season 10*  
*The Waltons Homecoming (2021)*  
*The Mary Saints of Newark*

## BOCD

*Two Sisters Detective Agency*  
by James Patterson  
*Better Off Dead* by Lee Child  
*The Judge's List* by John Grisham  
*Game On* by Janet Evanovich  
*Mercy* by David Baldacci  
*The Party Crasher*  
by Sophie Kinsella  
*Dear Santa* by Debbie Macomber  
*Crossroads* by Jonathan Franzen  
*The Butler* by Danille Steel  
*The Dark Hours*  
by Michael Connelly  
*The Last Shadow*  
by Orson Scott Card  
*Foul Play* by Stuart Woods  
*Love for Beginners* by Jill Shalvis  
*The Madness of Crowds*  
by Louise Penny  
*The Vicar of Wakefield*  
by Oliver Goldsmith  
*The Wish* by Nicholas Sparks  
*An Irish Country Yuletide*  
by Patrick Taylor

## Video Games

### Nintendo Switch:

*Taxi Chaos*  
*Phoenix Wright Ace Attorney 123*  
*Neo: The World Ends with You*  
*Battle Axe*  
*Sonic Mania*

### PS4:

*Olympic Games Tokyo 2020*  
*Far Cry 6*

### Xbox One

*Guardians of the Galaxy*  
*Bio Mutant*  
*Kaze and the Wild Masks*

## Bestsellers

*Someone Perfect* by Mary Balogh  
*A Man of Honor*  
by Barbara Taylor Bradford  
*Criminal Mischief* by Stuart Woods  
*Curse of Salem* by Kay Hooper  
*The Paris Detective*  
by James Patterson  
*The Sorority Murder*  
by Allison Brennan  
*Annihilation Road*  
by Christine Feehan  
*Sharpe's Assassin*  
by Bernard Cornwell  
*W.E.B. Griffin Rogue Assets*  
by Andrews & Wilson  
by Brian Andrews

## Inspirational

*The Amish Quilting Bee*  
by Amy Clipston  
*Precarious Summer* by Lyn Core  
*Proposing Mischief*  
by Regina Jennings  
*Shadows of Swanford Abbey*  
by Julie Klassen  
*Waiting for Love* by Tracie Peterson  
*A Season for Change*  
by Beth Wiseman  
*Right Here Waiting*  
by Susan May Warren

## Misc. Fiction

*My Darling Husband*  
by Kimberly Belle  
*Sea Hawke* by Ted Bell  
*The Sunshine Club* by Carolyn Brown  
*The Replacement Wife*  
by Darby Kane  
*Smile and Look Pretty*  
by Amanda Pellegrino  
*Twenty Years Later*  
by Charles Donlea  
*Watching Over You* by Lori Foster  
*Silent Parade* by Keigo Higashino  
*Absence of Mallets* by Kate Carlisle  
*Bright Burning Things*  
by Lisa Harding  
*Bryant & May: London Bridge is*  
*Falling Down*  
by Christopher Fowler  
*The Cat Who Saved Books*  
by Sosuke Natsukawa  
*From a Dark Horizon*  
by Luke McCallin

## Large Print

*The Midnight Lock*  
by Jeffrey Deaver

*Tom Clancy Chain of Command*

by Marc Cameron

*Sharpe's Assassin*

by Bernard Cornwell

*Flying Angels* by Danielle Steel

*Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult

## Non-Fiction

*The Defense Lawyer: The Barry*  
*Slotnick Story*

by James Patterson

*Fix It with Food: Every Meal Easy*

by Michael Symon

*The Myth of Closure* by Pauline Boss

*Skinnytaste Air Fryer Dinners*

by Gina Homolka

*The Bright Ages: A New History of*  
*Medieval Europe*

by Matthew Gabriele

*Garbo* by Robert Gottlieb

*Out of Office* by Charlie Warzel

*Silenced No More* by Sarah Ransome

*Atlas of the Heart* by Brene Brown

*From Staircase to Stage* by Raekwon

*Knitted Gifts for All Season*

by Wendy Bernard

## Graphic Novels

*The Rescue* by Erin Hunter

*Amethyst: Princess of Gemworld*

by Shannon Hale

*Batman and Robin and Howard*

by Jeffrey Brown

*Star Wars: The High Republic*

*Adventures Vol. 1*

by Daniel José Older

*Mob Psycho 100 Vol. 3* by ONE

*+Anima Vol. 1* by Natsumi Mukai

*Lore Olympus Vol. 1* by Rachel Smythe

*The Legend of Zelda Twilight Princess*

*Vol. 9* by Akira Himekawa

*Superman: The One Who Fell*

by Phillip Kennedy Johnson

*Guardians of the Galaxy Here We Make*

*Our Stand Vol. 2* by Al Ewing

*Zombies vs. Turtles the S.Q.U.I.D.*

*Squad 2* by Megan Miller

*The Way of the Househusband Vol. 6*

by Kousuke Oono

## Young Adult

*Here's to You* by Becky Albertalli

*Star Wars Vol. 3 War of the Bounty*

*Hunters* by Charles Soule

*Marvelverse Thor* by Chris Samnee

*Wonder Woman Vol. 1 Afterworlds*

by Becky Cloonan

*The Excalibur Curse* by Kiersten White

*Girls of Fate and Fury*

by Natasha Ngan

*Spin Me Right Round* by David Valdes



*Heartless Prince* by Leigh Dragoon  
*Red Wolf* by Rachel Vincent  
*Aurora's End* by Amie Kaufman  
*Our Violent Ends* by Chloe Gong  
*Rebel Rose* by Emma Theriault  
*Iron Widow* by Xiran Jay Zhao  
*Nocturna* by Maya Motayne  
*Dreams Lie Beneath* by Rebecca Ross

## Children

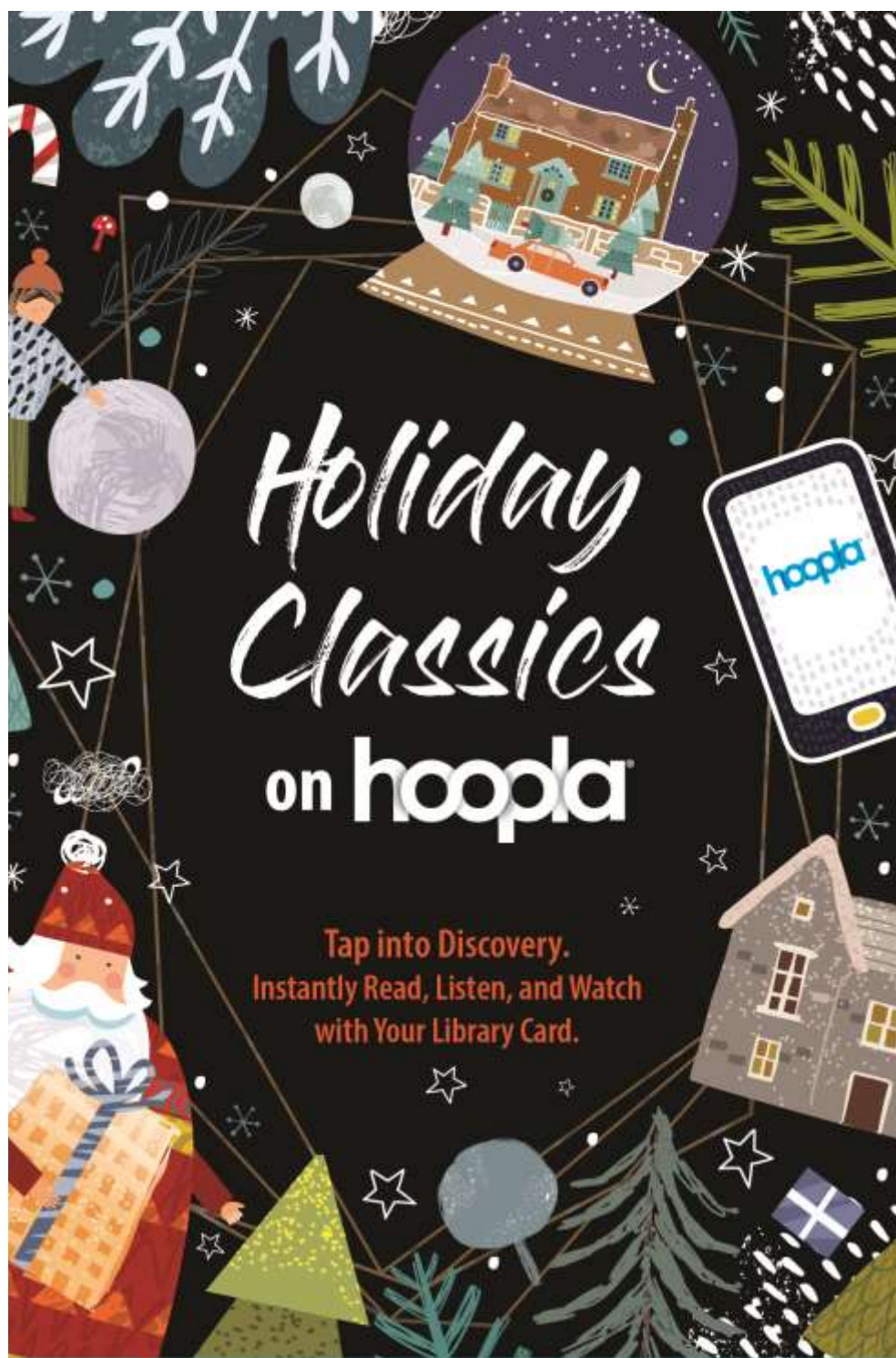
*1,2,3 Pull* by Emily Arnold McCully  
*Bad Kitty Gets a Phone* by Nick Bruel  
*Big as a Giant Snail* by Jess Keating  
*Karen's School Picture*  
 by Ann M. Martin  
*Otto: a Palindrama* by Jon Agee  
*Purrmaids: A Grr-Eat New Friendship*  
 by Sudpta Bardhan-Quallen  
*Stacy's Extraordinary Words*  
 by Stacey Abrams  
*Storm on Snowbelle Mountain*  
 by Rebecca Elliot  
*We Shall Overcome* by Bryan Collier  
*What is Love* by Mac Barnett  
*Love Berenstain Bears Gifts of the Spirit* by Mike Berenstain  
*The Very Hungry Caterpillar's First Winter* by Eric Carle  
*Kat Loves Dog* by James Patterson  
*Bake, Make and Learn to Cook*  
 by David Atherton

## Readalongs

*Our Little Kitchen* by Jillian Tamaki  
*Peace Train* by Cat Stevens  
*Sharice's Big Voice: A Native Kid Becomes a Congresswoman*  
 by Sharice Davids  
*Max Einstein: Rebels with a Cause*  
 by Chris Grabenstein  
*Bear Came Along* by Richard T. Morris  
*The House of Grass and Sky*  
 by Mary Lyn Ray  
*Family Reunion* by Chad Richardson  
*Maybe* by Kobi Yamada  
*What Do You Do with a Chance?*  
 by Kobi Yamada  
*El Perro con Sombrero: A Bilingual Doggy Tale*  
 by Derek Taylor Kent  
*Red Pandas* by Kaitlyn Duling  
*My Weird School: Class Pet Mess*  
 by Dan Gutman  
*This is MY Fort!* by Drew Daywalt

## Audiobooks

*Fear No Evil* by James Patterson  
*Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult  
*A Man of Honor*  
 by Barbara Taylor Bradford  
*Criminal Mischief* by Stuart Woods



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**December 24-25: All branches CLOSED**  
**December 31-January 1: All branches CLOSED**

## Fairmont Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Book Cave is Open! The Friends of the Marion County Public Library (Fairmont) will be taking walk-ins to browse the book sale room. The book sale room is open every Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

## T(w)een Crafternoon: Gingerbread House Ornaments

Join us to make a tiny gingerbread house ornament. Paint it however you'd like and even add beads and other decorations on Monday, December 6 at 4:00 p.m.



Please register early to reserve your seat for this fun craft. Sign up at [mcpls.org/events](http://mcpls.org/events).

## Teen Anime Club

Come hang out for an after-hours anime viewing! Each week we will watch an anime or animated show. Bring your friends, socialize, and maybe find a new favorite series! The first and the third Wednesday of the month (the 1st and the 15th) at 5:45 p.m.

## Discover 3D Printing: Gingerbread Cookie Cutters

Join us to make your very own holiday cookie cutter on Thursday, December 9 at 4:30 p.m.

This program is designed for 4th grade children and up. Participants will be contacted to pick up their 3D printed

objects in the weeks following this program.

Registration is required and limited to 12 people. Sign up at [mcpls.org/events](http://mcpls.org/events).

## Holiday Hijinx! Puppet Show

It's time again for another festive puppet show at the library! 'Grandma Got Ran Over by a Reindeer', 'I want a Hippopotamus for Christmas', Santa Claus and other holiday favorites will appear for this multiple show day. Be sure to join us for this musical fun filled day as part of your Feast of the Seven Fishes celebration!

Show Times are 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 11.

## Featured WV Authors: Geoffrey C. Fuller & S. James McLaughlin

Join the authors of the new book, *The WVU Coed Murders*, for a Q&A and book signing on Saturday, December 11 at 12:00 p.m.

Some said the killer couldn't be a local. Others claimed he was the wealthy son of a prominent Morgantown family. Whispers spread that Mared and Karen were sacrificed by a satanic cult or the victims of a madman. Then the handwritten letters began to arrive: "You will locate the bodies of the girls covered over with brush— look carefully. The animals are now on the move."

Investigators didn't find too few suspects—they had far too many. There was the campus janitor with a fur fetish, the "harmless" deliveryman who beat a woman nearly to death, the nursing home orderly with the bloody broomstick and the bouncer with the "girlish" laugh who threatened to cut off



people's heads. Local authors Geoffrey C. Fuller and S. James McLaughlin tell the complete story of the murders for the first time.

Geoffrey C. Fuller has written for literary and commercial magazines and contributed to twenty-five fiction and nonfiction books. He is the author of the novel *Full Bone Moon* and the true crime books *Pretty Little Killers* and *The Savage Murder of Skylar Neese* (a New York Times bestseller).

S. James McLaughlin is a podcast producer of Appalachian Mysteria. Written and produced in West Virginia, the series covers unresolved cases in Appalachia. McLaughlin studied journalism at West Virginia University and graduated with a degree in graphics technology from Fairmont State University.

## Adult Craft Class: Beaded Tree

### Ornament (Adult)

Join us to create a cute felt tree on Monday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m. You can decorate it with various beads and other ornaments. The library will provide the supplies needed to create this craft, but feel free to bring any additional supplies that you might like to use.



Please be sure to register for this event in advance! Sign up at [mcpls.org/events](https://mcpls.org/events).

## Tabletop Game Group (Teens & Adults)

Wednesday Night Games is back— **IN PERSON!**

**December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: 5:00 p.m.**

Alternative, advanced and imaginative games will be featured. Browse our collection of over 150 games, or bring your own to share! This event is open to adults and mature teens. Refreshments will be provided! Get your game on!

Contact Dan Ward at 304-366-1210 extension 128 for more information.



Tell us your favorite books and movies so we can suggest them to others!

Favorite book/movie

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Author

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Why you love it

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Your first name

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Please return this form to the front desk or email your picks to [mmartin@mcpls.net](mailto:mmartin@mcpls.net) by **December 30, 2021**.



# FAIRVIEW

December 24-25: All branches CLOSED  
December 31-January 1: All branches CLOSED

## Fairview Book Sale

Stop in daily during regular business hours to shop our book sale. Books and DVDs are available for all ages. Buy one item or fill a whole bag for only \$3.00! New donations coming in all the time. Stop in for some great reads and fantastic movies!

## The Teen Alley

Teens take over our meeting room on Wednesday December 1 and December 8 at 1:00 p.m. Play games, discuss books, or just hang out! We will offer different programs each week for teens aged 13-17.



Space is limited, so sign up at [mcpls.org/events](http://mcpls.org/events).

## The Polar Palooza!

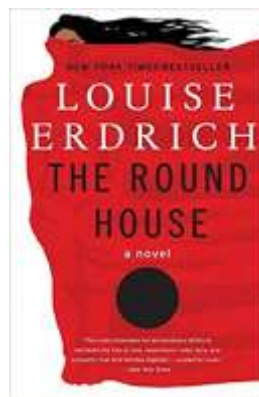
Join us at the Fairview Public Library as we take a trip on the Polar Express on Saturday, December 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Play games, make crafts, eat tasty snacks and lounge in your PJs while watching a screening of *The Polar Express*! LEGO builders can stop and make reindeer, wreaths and Christmas trees from 12:00-12:30. Come early and remain for the craft show and parade in downtown Fairview, then play games and visit with Santa at the Fairview Volunteer Fire Department! It will be a fun-filled day in Fairview!



## Speaking of Books: *The Round House* (Adult)

This month, we will be discussing *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich on Tuesday, December 7 at 4:00 p.m. The book is available to borrow from any Marion County Public Library branch or digitally through our various online platforms.

Synopsis: One Sunday in the spring of 1988, a woman



living on a reservation in North Dakota is attacked. The details of the crime are slow to surface because Geraldine Coutts is traumatized and reluctant to relive or reveal what happened, either to the police or to her husband, Bazil, and thirteen-year-old son, Joe. In one day, Joe's life is irrevocably transformed. He tries to heal his mother, but she will not leave her bed and slips into an abyss of solitude. Increasingly alone, Joe finds himself

thrust prematurely into an adult world for which he is ill prepared.-Amazon.

Sign up at [mcpls.org/events](http://mcpls.org/events).







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## Holiday Whoobalation with the Grinch

Join us as we celebrate the holidays with none other than the GRINCH in your best holiday pajamas on Saturday, December 4 at 11:00 a.m.

With fun and crafting, the morning is sure to be one to delight!! Just keep your eye on that sneaky Grinch. You never know when he might try to steal our gifts and goodies again!

Registration is required, and try to arrive on time to catch all the activities. Fun for all ages. Sign up at [mcpls.org/events](http://mcpls.org/events).

## Crafty Kids' Club

For children ages 8 and up. Come after school to create different crafts with Carol on Tuesday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m. For the month of December, you can make a flowerpot snowman, which would make a great Christmas gift for a loved one.



All supplies provided by the Mannington Public Library. Sign up at [mcpls.org/events](http://mcpls.org/events).

## My Hero Bibliotheca! Anime Club (Teen)

Come relax after school and watch anime movies and shows on Thursday, December 9 at 3:00 p.m. We'll hang out, talk about what we're watching, and what to watch next. Bring your friends, socialize, and maybe find a new favorite series!

## Novel Ideas: Teen Group

For the holiday season, we would like to remember those not as fortunate as ourselves. Those in nursing homes, veterans, and soldiers overseas alone during the holiday. Gather with us to make heartfelt notes, cards, and letters of caring to send to those without their families on Thursday, December 16 at 3:00 p.m.

Sign up at [mcpls.org/events](http://mcpls.org/events).



## Carol's Crafty Creations: Wine Bottle Snowman (Adult)

Jazz up your winter decor with this adorable upcycled wine bottle snowman on Monday, December 13 at 4:30 p.m. All needed supplies will be provided by the library.

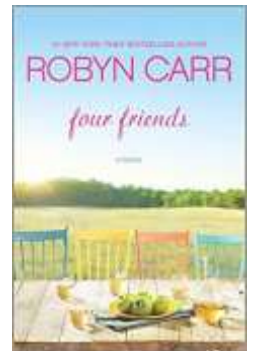
Register early. Space is limited. Sign up at [mcpls.org/events](http://mcpls.org/events).

## Cover2Cover Book Club: *Four Friends* (Adult)

Gerri can't decide what's more devastating: learning her rock-solid marriage has big cracks, or the anger she feels as she tries to repair them. Always the anchor for friends and her children, she realizes it's time to look carefully at herself. The journey is more than revealing—it's transform-ing.

Pick up a copy of *Four Friends* by Robyn Carr and register to join us to discuss the book on Thursday, December 16 at 1:30 p.m. Participants must register to attend.

Sign up at [mcpls.org/events](http://mcpls.org/events).



# Bookmobile Schedule



For more information on our homebound and outreach services or bookmobiles, contact MCPLS Outreach Services Manager Abby Haught at 304-366-1210, extension 129, or at [ahaught@mcpls.org](mailto:ahaught@mcpls.org).

The Bookmobiles will not run the last two weeks of the year (Monday December 20th - Friday December 31st) due to the holiday season. Items checked out during the two weeks prior to this break will have their due dates automatically extended to the next stop at each location, which will resume beginning the week of Monday, January 3rd.

## **The Arbors**

**Tuesday 2:30 – 3:30 PM**

December 14

## **Barrackville Dollar General**

**Wednesday 12:00 – 1:00 PM**

December 8

## **Carolina**

**Tuesday 12:00 – 1:00 PM**

December 7

## **Colfax Community Center**

**Friday 2:30 – 3:30 PM**

December 10

## **Dairy Creme Corner**

**Friday 4:00-5:00 PM**

December 10

## **Disability Action Center**

**Tuesday 2:30 – 3:30 PM**

December 7

## **Eastview Unity Apts.**

**Friday 11:30 – 12:30 PM**

December 10

## **Farmington (next to VFD)**

**Wednesday 2:30 – 3:30 PM**

December 1, 15

## **I-79 Tech Park/NASA Blvd.**

**Thursday 12:00 – 1:00 PM**

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## **Miller School Apartments**

**Friday 12:00 – 1:00 PM**

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## **Monongah Family Dollar**

**Tuesday 10:30 – 11:30 AM**

December 7

## **PACE / Big Lots Parking Lot**

**Wednesday 12:30 – 1:30 PM**

December 1, 15

## **Rock Lake Community Ctr.**

**Wednesday 2:30 – 3:30 PM**

December 8

## **Teleperformance**

**Tuesday 12:00 – 1:00 PM**

December 14

## **Unity Terrace**

**Thursday 2:30 – 3:30 PM**

December 9

## **Woodlands Assisted Living**

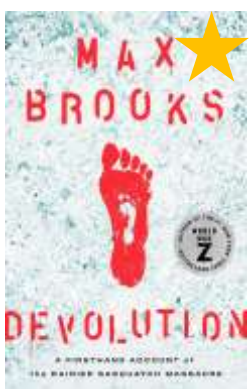
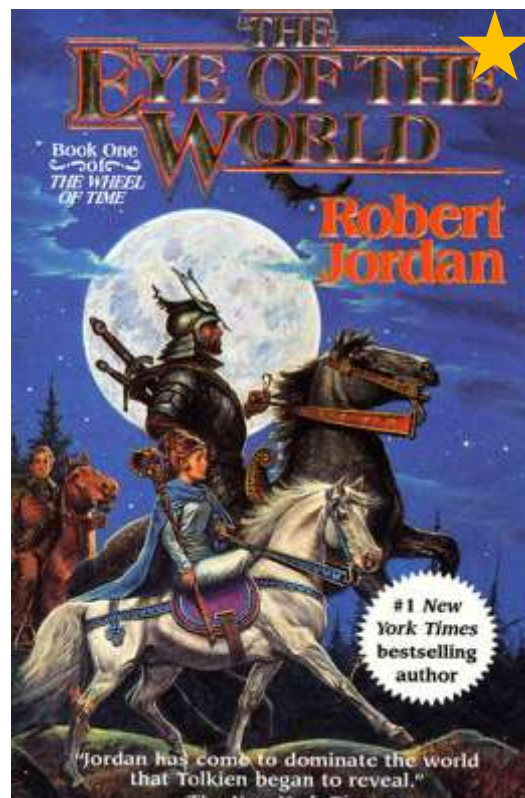
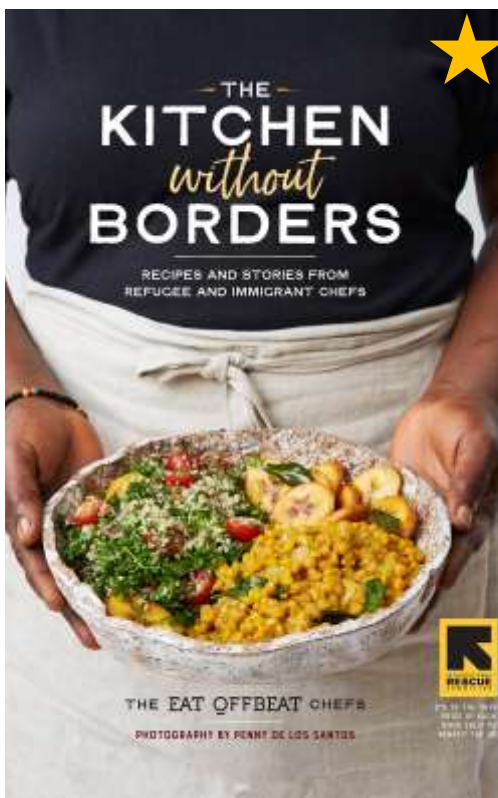
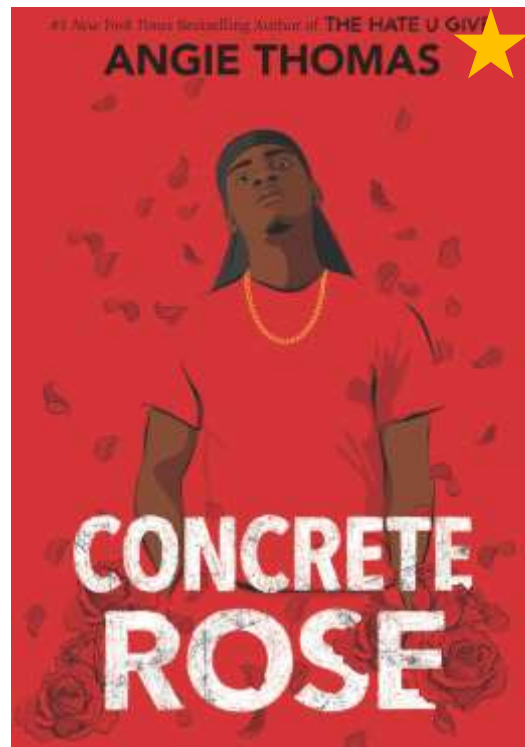
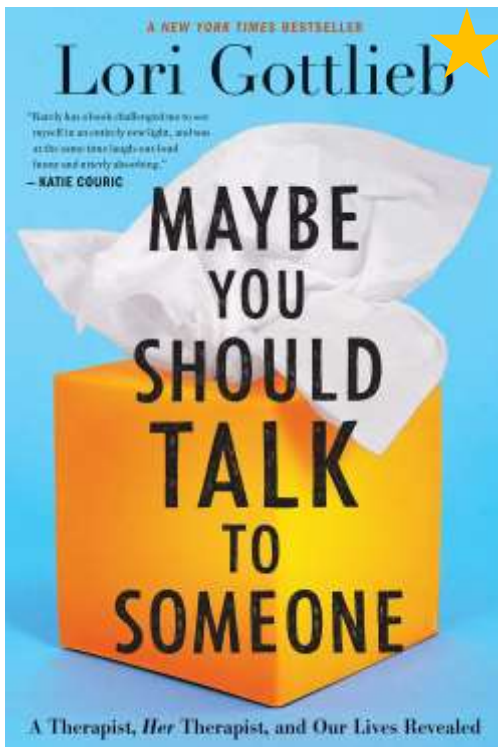
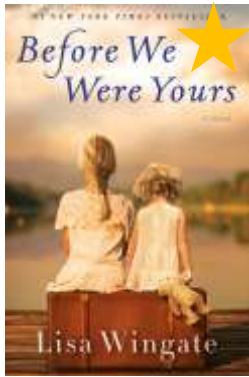
**Friday 10:00 – 11:00 AM**

December 3, 17



# Staff Picks

Here are just a few recommendations by MCPLS staff members!  
For more recommendations, feel free to ask staff what they suggest.

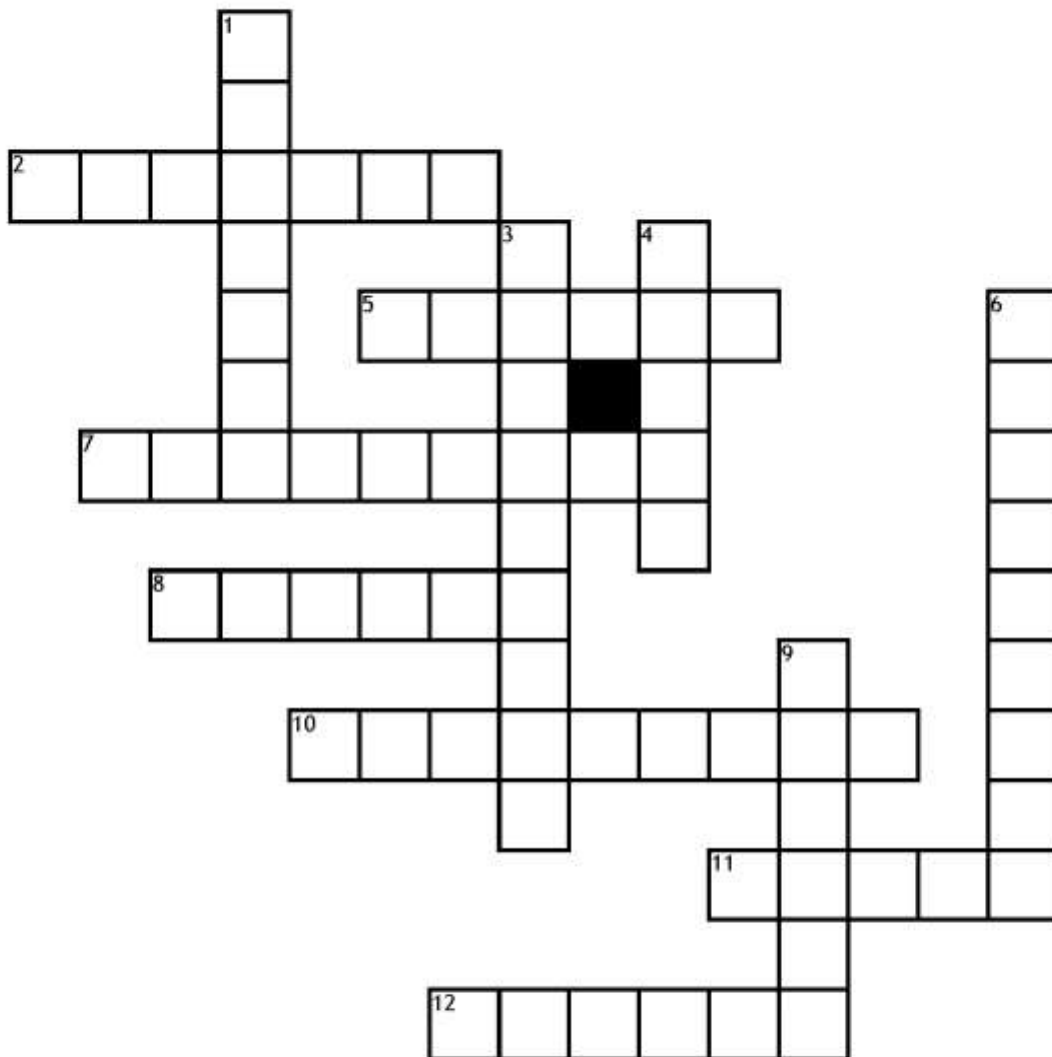


★ also available on Hoopla or Libby as e-book and/or e-audiobook, as well as our physical collection





# HOLIDAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## Across

2. THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

5. SONGS SUNG AT CHRISTMAS

7. RED AND WHITE STRIPED CHRISTMAS CANDY

8. POPULAR SONG: \_\_\_\_\_ BELLS

10. WHERE SANTA LIVES

11. PLACED UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE

12. Stole Christmas

## Down

1. FROSTY THE \_\_\_\_\_

3. HUNG ON A CHRISTMAS TREE

4. THEY WORK IN SANTA'S WORKSHOP

6. HUNG OVER THE CHIMNEY

9. REINDEER PULL SANTA'S \_\_\_\_\_

Color Code:  
Fairview  
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# DECEMBER 2021



| MORNING   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY                            | SATURDAY   |
|---|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| 29<br>4:00pm MCPLE Young Writers Guild Write-In Fairmont<br>4:30pm Discover Sewing MugCozy (Fairmont); Fairmont<br>5:00pm Adorable Winter Candle Holder; Fairmont | 30<br>4:30pm STEAM: Circuit Scribe; Fairmont             | Dec 1<br>5:00pm Tabletop Gaming; Fairmont<br>5:00pm Tabletop Gaming; Dungeons and Dragons Group; Fairmont<br>3:45pm Teen Anime Club (Fairmont); Fairmont | 2<br>2:00pm 1-on-1 Tech Help; Mannington   | 3                                 | 4<br>11:00am Holiday Whoohoo! with the Grinch; Mannington  |
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Check out our online calendar to register for events and get the most up-to-date information! Follow the QR code, or visit: <http://bit.ly/2uyvdBH>

