



# S.T.A.M.P.S

StoryTimes And More Program Schedule

**December 2025**

## Land of Oz Escape Room

Follow the Yellow Brick Road to the Land of Oz to solve the puzzles and escape the room. Gather your brains, heart, and courage to see if you can escape in 30 minutes or less!

We will have multiple days and times to choose from to participate. Registration will open on Monday, December 8th at 9 a.m. Have one member of your group join the queue [here](#) and a library staff member will call to assign a time slot. This event is best for ages 6 and up and for groups of 4-6 people.

Saturday, 12/20: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 12/21: 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Monday, 12/22: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

This event is free to attend, but a donation box will be available if you would like to donate to the Friends of the Library.

## Library Closings

All branches closing  
at 6 p.m.

**December 22, 23, 29  
30, 31**

All branches closed

**December 24, 25**

**January 1**

## All Ages

### Programs

- December 6 @ 10:30 a.m., **Book Buddies Reading Dogs** at the East Hills Library.
- December 6 @ 6:30 p.m., **Noche de Cine en Familia (Family Movie Night): El Expreso Polar** featuring the 2004 film *Polar Express* [G] at the East Hills Library.
- December 12 @ 6 p.m., **¡Lotería en la Biblioteca!** at the Downtown Library.
- December 13 @ 1 p.m., **Christmas Creatures Crafternoon** at the Carnegie Library.
- December 31 @ 11 a.m., **Noon Year's Eve Party** at the East Hills Library.

# Pre-Kindergarten

## Programs

- December 1 @ 10 a.m., **Winter Storytime - Snowmen** at the Washington Park Library.
- December 8 @ 10 a.m., **Winter Storytime - Penguins** at the Washington Park Library.
- December 9 @ 1:30 p.m., **Storytime en Español** at the Downtown Library.
- December 15 @ 10 a.m., **Winter Storytime - Snowy Trees** at the Washington Park Library.

# Kindergarten-8th Grade

## Programs

- December 2 @ 4 p.m., **Tricky Tuesday! - Winter Weather** at the Washington Park Library.
- December 9 @ 4 p.m., **Tricky Tuesday! - Sensory Play** at the Washington Park Library.
- December 16 @ 4 p.m., **Tricky Tuesday! - Grinch Day** at the Washington Park Library.
- December 18 @ 6 p.m., **LEGO Club** at the East Hills Library.
- December 19 @ 4 p.m., **Wrapping Party** at the Downtown Library. **Sign-up required.**
- December 22 @ 10 a.m., **Christmas Globe Candy Jar** at the Downtown Library. **Sign-up required.**
- December 23 @ 4 p.m., **Tricky Tuesday! - Holiday Party** at the Washington Park Library.
- December 30 @ 4 p.m., **Tricky Tuesday! - Movie & Popcorn** featuring the 2024 film *The Wild Robot* [PG] at the Washington Park Library.

# 7th-12th Grade

## Programs

- December 3 @ 3:30 p.m., **Cooking Outside the Box - Mac & Cheese** at the Downtown Library. For teens and adults. **Sign-up required.**
- December 11 @ 5 p.m., **Slay Crochet! - Crochet Club** at the Washington Park Library.
- December 18 @ 5 p.m., **DIY Christmas Ornaments** at the Washington Park Library. For teens and adults. **Sign-up required.**
- December 18 @ 6 p.m., **Teen Movie Night: Home Alone** featuring the 1990 film, *Home Alone* [PG] at the East Hills Library. **Sign-up required.**
- December 23 @ 1 p.m., **Teen Cookie Cook-Off** at the Downtown Library. **Sign-up required.**

The SJPL Foundation is selling 2026 Calendars for \$15. Each month features a historic St. Joseph building. Contact Mary Beth Revels 816-232-4038 or [mreveles@sjpl.lib.mo.us](mailto:mreveles@sjpl.lib.mo.us) if you are interested in purchasing one.



# 18 and up

## Programs

- December 1 @ 6 p.m., **Online Safety Series: Protecting Children Online** at the East Hills Library. **Sign-up required.**
- December 2 @ 6:30 p.m., **Friends Tuesday Night Movies** featuring the 1983 film *Trading Places* [R] at the East Hills Library. Hosted by movie critic Bob Shultz.
- December 3 @ 1 p.m., **English Conversation Group** at the Downtown Library.
- December 3 @ 3:30 p.m., **Cooking Outside the Box - Mac & Cheese** at the Downtown Library. **Sign-up required.**
- December 4 @ 2 p.m., **BYOBook Club** at the Washington Park Library.
- December 6 @ 2 p.m., **Needle Felted Ornament** at the East Hills Library. **Sign-up required.**
- December 8 @ 5:30 p.m., **Adult Coloring Night** at the East Hills Library.
- December 9 @ 6 p.m., **Final Girl Book Club** at Geneo's Pizza, 809 Francis St. This month's theme is "Just You, Me, and a Nice Quiet Cabin."
- December 10 @ 11 a.m., **English Conversation Group** at the Downtown Library.
- December 10 @ 2 p.m., **Stamping Tea Towels** at the Downtown Library. **Sign-up required.**
- December 10 @ 6 p.m., **Online Safety Series: Online Predators** at the East Hills Library. **Sign-up required.**
- December 11 @ 5 p.m., **Slay Crochet! - Crochet Club** at the Washington Park Library.
- December 11 @ 6 p.m., **Casual Commander Club** at the East Hills Library.
- December 13 @ 3 p.m., **Technically Adults Club** at the Downtown Library.
- December 13 @ 4 p.m., **Afternoon Tea Book Club** at Alchemy Tea Co, 617 Felix St. This month's book is *Our Infinite Fates* by Laura Steven.
- December 15 @ 6 p.m., **Bingo Night** at the East Hills Library.
- December 16 @ 10 a.m., **East Hills Book Club** at the East Hills Library. This month's book is *The Christmas Guest* by Peter Swanson.
- December 17 @ 1 p.m., **English Conversation Group** at the Downtown Library.
- December 17 @ 7 p.m., **Virtual Murder, She Read: Cozy Mystery Book Discussion with Author**. This month's book is *A Wonderful Christmas Crime* by Jacqueline Frost. **Virtual on Zoom, sign-up required.**
- December 18 @ 5 p.m., **DIY Christmas Ornaments** at the Washington Park Library. **Sign-up required.**
- December 22 @ 5 p.m., **Friends Book Club Downtown** at the Downtown Library. This month's book is *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham.
- December 31 @ 1 p.m., **English Conversation Group** at the Downtown Library.

The 2026 Adult Winter Reading Challenge runs from December 1 - January 31. Adults, ages 18 and up, can complete the challenge by reading four books, then stop by any library branch to pick up your free candle by Icarus Designs, or camp mug\* and exclusive invitation to the wrap-up party. [Click here for details.](#)



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For more information or for any required registration, please contact the corresponding library or visit our web calendar at [sjpl.librarymarket.com](https://sjpl.librarymarket.com)

**Carnegie Library** - 316 Massachusetts St., St. Joseph, MO 64504, 816-238-0526.

**Downtown Library** - 927 Felix St., St. Joseph, MO 64501, 816-232-7729 (Adult Circulation),  
816-232-3812 (Children's Department) & 816-232-8151 (Reference)

**East Hills Library** - 502 N. Woodbine Rd., St. Joseph, MO 64506, 816-236-2136 (Adult Circulation),  
816-236-1424 (Children's Department)

**Washington Park Library** - 1821 N. 3rd St., St. Joseph, MO 64505, 816-232-2052.

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### Outreach Department

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