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St. Joseph Public Library's Mission, Vision & Values:

Mission

The St. Joseph Public Library provides our community physical and virtual gathering spaces to access information, education, and recreation.

Vision

The St. Joseph Public Library offers our community a window to the past and a gateway to the future.

Values

The St. Joseph Public Library values:

ACCOUNTABILITY. We are dedicated to delivering on our commitments and the sound stewardship of our taxpayer dollars.

EXCELLENCE. We are courteous professionals who strive to create extraordinary experiences for our community.

EQUALITY. We are free and open to all people and ideas. We treat everyone with respect and compassion.

INNOVATION. We are always learning. We continually explore new ways of doing things better and doing better things.

PASSION. We love the library, we love St. Joseph, and we love what we do.

TEAMWORK. We build connections and celebrate the diversity of our experiences.

Visit us online at sjpl.lib.mo.us

Access the:

- Online Card Catalog
- Kids & Teen Pages
- Reference Page
- Calendar of Events
- Multiple Databases (*including business, legal forms, genealogy research, homework help, practice exams, language learning and more!*)
- Digital Archives
- Download Free eBooks, eMagazines, and eAudiobooks
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A Message from Your Library

The St. Joseph Public Library has lots of fun, engaging, and educational programs in store for you as we move into the late fall and winter season. The newsletter is chockful of information about all of the different programs and activities you can choose from for you and your family. To highlight just a few:

The Adult Winter Reading Program begins on December 1st and runs through January 31st. Adults, ages 18 and older are eligible to participate. Readers will track reading and fun activities. Everyone who reads four books earns a prize, either a free candle by Icarus Designs or a camp mug, while supplies last. There are also some pretty fantastic grand prizes on offer. Adult Winter Reading Program participants who complete the 4-book challenge will also be invited to an exclusive End of Winter Reading Party on January 31st.

The popular Free Family Photos program is returning this year on November 8th and 15th. Professional photographers will be taking pictures at the library branches. Thank you to Tara Duckworth Photography, Lens & Light Photography, DerikaS Photography, and Lanna Rae Photography for generously donating their time and talents to make this possible.

The East Hills Library is hosting a Land of Oz Escape Room December 20th through 22nd. This is an event that is best for ages six and over, with group sizes of four to six people. Our creative Escape Room programs are always popular and we're hoping to accommodate everyone who wants to participate by hosting it for three days this year. Mark your calendar for December 8th, when registration begins.

Keep reading this ShelfLife to find out about the other programs on offer through January.

As we come to the close of another year I would like to say thank you to our library patrons, volunteers, and supporters who have visited the library, checked out materials, used a computer or the free Wi-Fi, attended a program, or used a meeting room over the last year. All of us at the St. Joseph Public Library come to work knowing we are doing important work and appreciate the support and encouragement you provide.

Take care,

Mary Beth Revels

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November 11

**Closed for
Staff Day**

November 27

**Closed for
Thanksgiving**

November 28

**Closed for
Thanksgiving**

November 26 All branches closed by 6 p.m.

December 24

**Closed for
Christmas**

December 25

**Closed for
Christmas**

December 22 - 31 All branches closed by 6 p.m.

January 1

**Closed for
New Year's
Day**

January 19

**Closed for
MLK Jr.
Day**

Library Closings



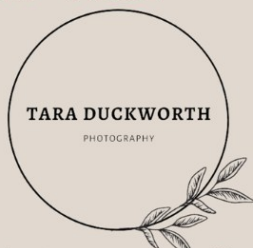
Family PHOTO



THESE PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE GENEROUSLY DONATING THEIR TIME AND TALENT TO BRING THIS PROGRAM TO SJPL, WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY!

EAST HILLS LIBRARY

Saturday, November 8
10 a.m. - Noon with



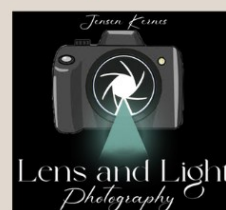
Remember to wear your holiday best!
Photos taken on a first come, first served basis.



Tara Duckworth is a St. Joseph, MO-based photographer specializing in portraits and fine art nature photography. With a style rooted in finding beauty in both everyday moments and life's milestones, she brings warmth and storytelling into every session.

WASHINGTON PARK LIBRARY

Saturday, November 8
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. with



Remember to wear your holiday best!
Photos taken on a first come, first served basis.



Jensen Kernes is the owner of Lens and Light Photography. A St. Joseph local, her photography started as a fun hobby for a class and has now transformed into something amazing!

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Saturday, November 15
10 a.m. - Noon with



Remember to wear your holiday best!
Photos taken on a first come, first served basis.



Derika Skidmore is a passionate photographer with a love for capturing candid, joyful moments. Accompanied by her two lovable dogs, she brings a playful yet professional approach to every session, turning everyday moments into lasting memories.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY

Saturday, November 15
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. with



Lanna Rae

Remember to wear your holiday best!
Photos taken on a first come, first served basis.



Lanna Trembath is a Kansas native and is a proud mom and grandma. Her interest in photography started when she went back to college and starting working towards an art degree.



East Hills Library

Saturday, Dec. 20 -
Monday, Dec. 22

Registration opens on
Monday, Dec. 8
at 9 a.m.

Scan for more
information and the
registration link



EAST HILLS LIBRARY NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31, 11 A.M.

FOR FAMILIES WITH KIDS OF ALL AGES
WITH A BALLOON DROP AT NOON!

All Ages Programs

Carnegie

Christmas Creatures Crafternoon

Join us as we do crafts of some not-so-scary Christmas creatures.

Carnegie Library Saturday,
December 13 1 p.m.

Under the Big Top Crafternoon

Join us under the big top to create circus themed crafts!

Carnegie Library Saturday,
January 24 1 p.m.

East Hills

Board Game Swap

Start off International Games Month with a Board Game Swap at the East Hills Library! Bring a game that you no longer need and trade with others. Games MUST have all pieces and be in good condition. The games will be sorted according to price range and you can trade for a game of equal or lesser value than the one you brought.

East Hills Library
Saturday, November 1 10 a.m.



Bird Friendly Community: Winter Birds **R**

Find out how you can help St. Joseph become a Bird-Friendly community! Kaylee Woelfel from the Missouri River Bird Observatory will share simple, practical ways to be bird-friendly in your home, neighborhood, and community. This program will touch on the 7 simple actions and how we can create safe spaces for our birds specifically during winter.

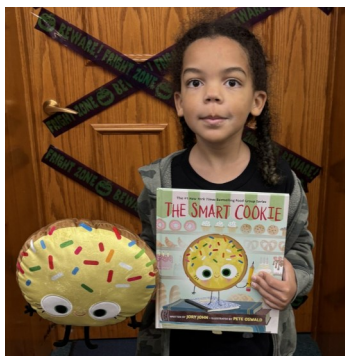
In addition to the presentation, we will create window clings to make your windows more bird friendly.

The presentation will be geared for adults, but all ages are welcome.

East Hills Library
Saturday, November 1 1 p.m.



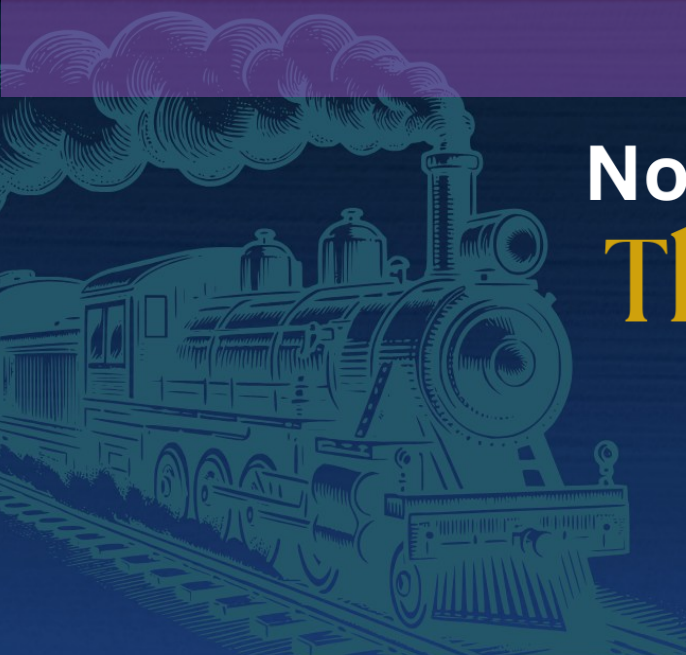
Below: Family Art Night at the East Hills Library.



Above: One of our Library Card Sign-up Month winners!

Right: ¡Loteria! at the Downtown Library is fun for all ages!





Noche de Cine en Familia

The Polar Express

Saturday, Dec. 6 @ 6 p.m.

East Hills Library

Free popcorn and hot chocolate! Doors open at 6, movie will begin at 6:30.

Winter Storytime en Español

Tuesday, Dec. 9

@ 1:30 p.m.

Downtown Library

LOTERÍA

MEXICAN BINGO

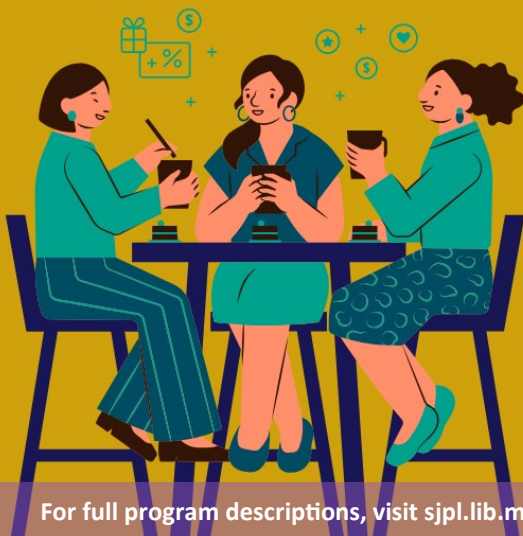
FOR ALL AGES

Downtown Library

PRIZES | SNACKS | FUN

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

6 PM



English Conversation Group

Join the conversation to practice or share your English skills. For ESL speakers of all backgrounds.

Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

November 19 - December 31

Downtown Library



FALL STORYTIMES



Mondays 10 a.m. Sept. 8 - Nov. 17 Storytime Washington Park Library	Tuesdays 10 a.m. Sept. 2 - Nov. 18 Preschool Storytime 3 - 6 year olds East Hills Library	Tuesdays 1:30 p.m. Sept. 9 - Nov. 18 Storytime en Español Downtown Library	Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. Sept. 3 - Nov. 19 Toddler Storytime 18 months - 3 year olds East Hills Library	Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. Sept. 3 - Nov. 26 Storytime Carnegie Library	Thursdays 10:30 a.m. Sept. 4 - Nov. 20 Storytime Downtown Library	Fridays 10 a.m. Sept. 5 - Nov. 21 Pre-K Play East Hills Library
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Winter Storytime

Washington Park Library

**Mondays,
December 1, 8, & 15
10 a.m.**

For ages 0 -6

Pre-K Play

East Hills Library

**Fridays,
January 9, 16, 23, 30
10 a.m.**

For ages 0 -6

TRICKY TUESDAYS

Washington Park Library

4 p.m.

For ages 6 -12

November 4 Fall Fun

December 2 Winter Weather

January 6 Snow

No Tricky Tuesday on November 11 December 9 Sensory Play

January 13 Insects

November 18 Turkeys

December 16 Grinch Day

January 20 Mo Willems

November 25 Thanksgiving

December 23 Holiday Party

January 27 Friends

December 30 Movie & Popcorn



Join us for a short storytime followed by a fun craft.



Downtown

DIY Spin Drum **R**

Honor Native American Heritage Month by making a crafty and fun spin drum.

Downtown Library

Friday, November 14 4 p.m.

Christmas Ornament **R**

Creating a popsicle Christmas tree ornament is a fun and simple project that adds a touch of handmade charm to your holiday decorations.

Downtown Library

Wednesday, November 26 10 a.m.

Below: Storytime at the Downtown Library.



Wrapping Party **R**

Let us help you wrap holiday gifts for your loved ones. Learn some fun and creative ways to wrap!

*Gifts are not provided. Please limit your items to wrap to 2-3.

Downtown Library

Friday, December 19 4 p.m.

Christmas Globe Candy Jar **R**

Come to the library and make a charming Christmas candy jar. Use it as a fun centerpiece, a thoughtful present, or just a place to stash your favorite treat. The possibilities are endless!

Downtown Library

Monday, December 22 10 a.m.

Sensory Snowman **R**

Join us for a reading of *Snowmen at Night* by Caralyn Buehner and create a sensory snowman to take home with you!

Downtown Library

Monday, January 5 10 a.m.

Minute to Win It **R**

Come and compete in a series of challenges against other kids to see who will be the fastest!

Downtown Library

Wednesday, January 14 4 p.m.

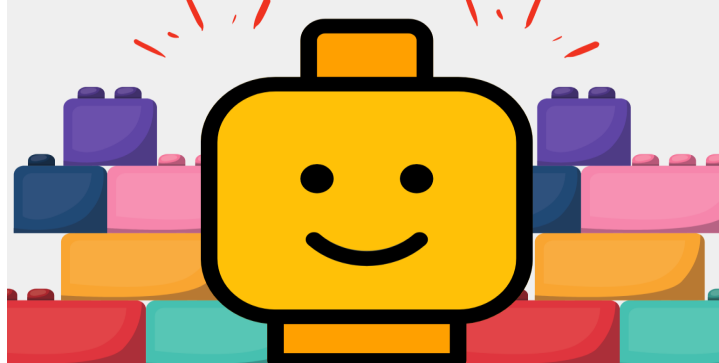
Right: Poké Party at the East Hills Library



Below: Parachute fun at the Washington Park Library



**EAST HILLS LIBRARY
LEGO CLUB
3RD THURSDAYS
FOR AGES 6 AND UP.
@ 6 p.m.**



Come meet with fellow LEGO enthusiasts each month for various LEGO challenges. Can you build it?

Teen Programs

Downtown

Knot Your Average Bracelet **R**

Join us to learn how to make bracelets using macrame techniques. All supplies will be provided, you just need to bring your creativity and patience. This is a great program for beginners and experienced macrame crafters alike.

Downtown Library

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Cooking Outside the Box: Mac & Cheese **R**

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Downtown Library

Wednesday, December 3 3:30 p.m.

Teen Cookie Cook Off **R**

Celebrate the season! Help make delicious holiday cookies, and then decorate them however you want.

Downtown Library

Tuesday, December 23 1 p.m.

East Hills

Teen After Hours: Friendsgiving **R**

Check the library out after hours and join us for a Friendsgiving meal. Come hungry!

East Hills Library

Sunday, November 9 4 p.m.

Kindness Rocks **R**

Celebrate World Kindness Day by painting rocks with uplifting messages to spread some kindness. This program is presented by our Teen Advisory Board.

East Hills Library

Thursday, November 13 4:45 p.m.

Teen Movie Night: Home Alone **R**

Join our Teen Advisory Board for a Christmas movie. We will be watching the 90's classic, *Home Alone* (1990), running time of 1 hour 41 minutes, rated PG. Popcorn and drinks provided!

East Hills Library

Thursday, December 18 6 p.m.



Washington Park

DIY Christmas Ornaments **R**

Get into the holiday spirit at the library as we craft whimsical felt-and-pinecone gnome ornaments, tealight snowmen, and festive beaded spirals to brighten your tree.

Washington Park Library

Thursday, December 18 5 p.m.

Winter Fairy Gardens **R**

Come create a fairy winter wonderland at Washington Park Library! All supplies provided but you are welcome to bring items to incorporate into your creation.

Washington Park Library

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Paint, Sip, Relax **R**

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Washington Park Library

Thursday, January 22 5 p.m.

Evening Bingo **R**

Join us for a fun-filled evening of Bingo at Washington Park Library! Try your luck, enjoy great company, and play for a chance to win exciting prizes—no library card required! Event dependent on at least 8 people participating, so bring a friend.

Washington Park Library

Thursday, January 29 5 p.m.

Slay Crochet! club

Washington Park Library

Thursdays

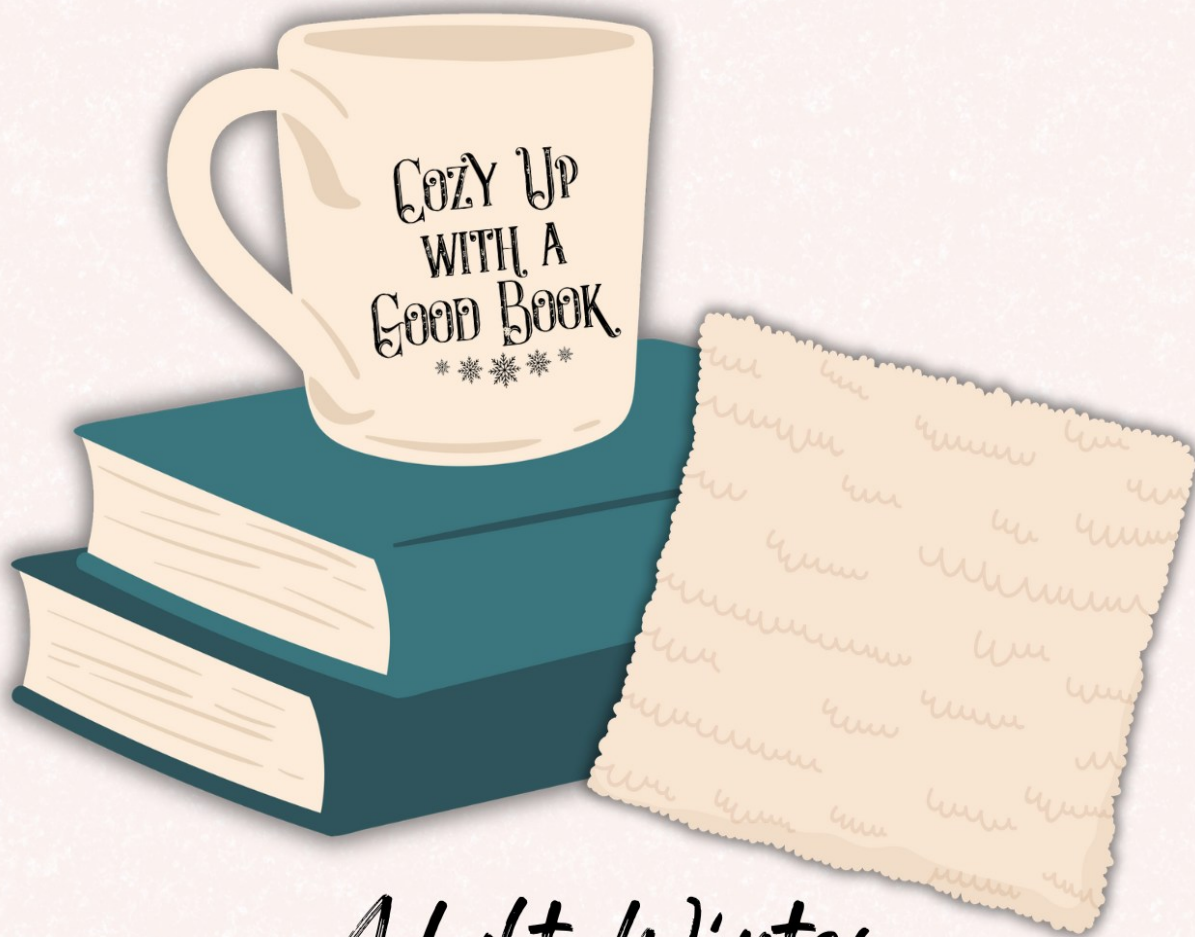
Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8

5 PM

Ages 12 and Up

All Supplies Provided

Complete newbies encouraged!



Adult Winter Reading Challenge

December 1 - January 31

Scan the code to register for the challenge or visit
sjplibrary.beanstack.org/reader365.

Participate in the Winter Reading Challenge to earn your choice of a candle by Icarus Designs or a camp mug, an exclusive invitation to our Winter Reading Wrap-Up Party, and a digital raffle ticket entry for grand prize bundles valued at \$125. See Beanstack for grand prize details.



Candles and mugs are available to patrons 18+ while supplies last.

Registration may not open until 30 days prior to event.

 **beanstack**

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BOOK CLUBS



Diana Grier

Washington Park Library BYOBook Club

Thursday,
Nov. 6
2 p.m.

Thursday,
Dec. 4
2 p.m.

Thursday,
Jan. 8
2 p.m.

BYOB: Bring your own books! This is a no pressure book club. If you like to talk about books you are reading, join us for an informal discussion about what you have been reading.



Jenna Sanders

Final Girl Book Club at Geneo's Pizza, 809 Francis St.



Theme: Horror on the High Seas
Tuesday, Nov. 18
6 p.m.

Scan the QR code for the month's book list.



Theme: Just You, Me, and a Nice Quiet Cabin
Tuesday, Dec. 9
6 p.m.

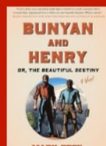


Theme: Fungus Among Us
Tuesday, Jan. 13
6 p.m.



Shirley Blakeney

East Hills Library Book Club



Bunyan and Henry
By Mark Cecil
Tuesday, Nov. 18
10 a.m.



The Christmas Guest
By Peter Swanson
Tuesday, Dec. 16
10 a.m.



The Spellshop
By Sarah Beth Durst
Tuesday, Jan. 20
10 a.m.

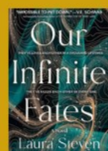


Jenny Ellis

Afternoon Tea Book Club at Alchemy Tea Co., 617 Felix St.



The Amalfi Curse
By Sarah Penner
Saturday, Nov. 15
4 p.m.



Our Infinite Fates
By Laura Steven
Saturday, Dec. 13
4 p.m.



The Crescent Moon Tearoom
By Stacy Sivinski
Saturday, Jan. 24
4 p.m.



Erika Martinez

Downtown Library Book Club



Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone
By Benjamin Stevenson
Monday, Nov. 24
5 p.m.



Skipping Christmas
By John Grisham
Monday, Dec. 22
5 p.m.

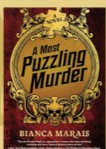


The Wedding People
By Alison Espach
Monday, Jan. 26
5 p.m.

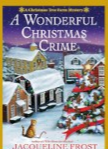


Jenny Ellis

Virtual Murder, She Read: Cozy Mystery Book Club Virtual on Zoom **R**



A Most Puzzling Murder
By Bianca Marais
Wednesday, Nov. 19
7 p.m.



A Wonderful Christmas Crime
By Jacqueline Frost
Wednesday, Dec. 17
7 p.m.



Too Old for This
By Samantha Downing
Wednesday, Jan. 28
7 p.m.

Discussion with Author

TECHNICALLY ADULTS CLUB

Saturdays @ 3 p.m.

November 8

December 13

January 10

Downtown Library

Join us as we navigate together what being an adult is all about. Intended for ages 19-30.



Creative Aging Art Club

East Hills Library
For Adults, age 55+

Thursdays
in November
10 - 11:30 a.m.
\$5 each week*

No program Nov. 27

Skills Classes
\$10 each*

Watercolor: Thursday, November 20

*Cash only. Limited financial assistance available.
For more information, please contact Elizabeth at
816-236-2136 or emurray@sjpl.lib.mo.us.



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code for more
info.



ONLINE SAFETY SERIES



EAST HILLS LIBRARY

PROTECTING
CHILDREN ONLINE

MONDAY
DECEMBER 1
6-7:30 P.M.

ONLINE
PREDATORS

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 10
6-7:30 P.M.



FOR ADULTS
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

ADULT COLORING NIGHT

The library will provide coloring pages
and drawing supplies, but you are also
welcome to bring your own!

East Hills Library
Mondays
Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12
5:30 p.m.

Adult Programs

Carnegie

#Booktok Craft: Book Bedazzling **R**

Bring your own book to create a bedazzled book. As seen on #booktok.

Carnegie Library

Saturday, January 10 1 p.m.

Downtown

Watercolor Landscape Painting **R**

Want to create a beautiful landscape using watercolors but don't feel confident enough to jump in without guidance? This session is perfect for you! This will be a gentle introduction to basic techniques with beautiful results. All supplies provided.

Downtown Library

Wednesday, November 12 10 a.m.
Monday, January 5 2 p.m.

Classically Speaking: Mail Order Madness

If you've ever shopped at Sears, or fondly remember having both Sears and Wards at the mall, this lecture is for you. Join Dr. Paula Hayward as she explores the role of mail order services at the turn of the twentieth century. Discover how Wards and Sears, among many others, crafted their marketing to rural consumers.

Downtown Library

Saturday, November 15 1 p.m.

Spanish Club for Adults

Practice Spanish in a judgment-free setting.

Downtown Library

Monday, November 17 5 p.m.

Knot Your Average Bracelet **R**

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Downtown Library

Wednesday, November 19 4 p.m.

Thanksgiving Dinner for Under \$50 **R**

Learn how to make a whole Thanksgiving meal for under \$50.

Downtown Library

Thursday, November 20 12 p.m.

Cooking Outside the Box: Mac & Cheese **R**

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Downtown Library

Wednesday, December 3 3:30 p.m.

Stamping Tea Towels **R**

Scrambling for last minute gift ideas? Everyone needs tea towels and you can learn to make beautiful, personalized ones to give to people you love or to keep for yourself!

Downtown Library

Wednesday, December 10 2 p.m.

Refried Beans from Scratch **R**

Soak 'em, boil 'em, mash 'em in a pot...really not much more to it. Refried beans are so easy to make and such a yummy snack. Join us to learn how and to enjoy the product of your efforts.

Downtown Library

Tuesday, January 13 2 p.m.



Above: Adult Coloring Night at East Hills Library.

Below: Jeopardy winners and hosts at the Downtown Library.



Above: The Washington Park Library celebrated its 115th birthday this year!

East Hills

Adult Craft Night: DIY Playing Card Holder **R**

International Game Month is underway, so let's craft a playing card holder out of fabric scraps, an old CD, and buttons. A basic sewing stitch is required to complete this project.

East Hills Library

Monday, November 3 5:30 p.m.

Casual Commander Club

This is a club for all those who love Magic the Gathering. Bring your own Magic the Gathering commander format* deck to battle and destroy your friends and strangers. In this casual, multiplayer format, you choose a legendary creature to serve as your commander and build the rest of your deck around their color identity and unique abilities.

*The deck must have 100 cards, including your commander, and power level 8 and under decks recommended. Time to destroy your enemies!

East Hills Library

Thursdays 6 - 8 p.m.
Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 29

Bingo Night

Join us for a fun-filled night of Bingo! Will you get the lucky numbers and win a prize?

East Hills Library

Mondays 6 p.m.
Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan. 26

True Crime Time: Clarence & Juanita Spargur **R**

The 1930s were a lawless and violent era in the U.S.; legendary criminals such as Bonnie and Clyde still loom

large in the American psyche. St. Joseph had its own version of the outlaw couple: Clarence and Juanita Spargur. Violent and rapacious, their exploits were splashed across the front pages of the region in the mid-1930s. Presented by Dr. Kim Schutte.

East Hills Library

Thursday, November 20 6 p.m.

Needle Felted Ornament **R**

Craft a lovely needle felted heart holiday ornament with us. Fiber arts specialist, Sandra, will lead us to create our own unique handmade ornaments using wool roving and a felting needle. Participants should bring an old towel or piece of foam to use as a felting mat; all other supplies will be provided.

East Hills Library

Saturday, December 6 2 p.m.

Cold-Frame Gardening **R**

Learn how to extend your gardening season using a cold frame, complete with construction information. Presented by horticulturalist Dr. Todd Higgins.

East Hills Library

Thursday, January 8 2 p.m.

Washington Park

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Washington Park Library

Thursday, December 18 5 p.m.

Puzzle Swap **R**

Come swap out your puzzles for some that are new-to-you!

-Puzzles of all sizes and piece counts are welcome.

-If a puzzle has missing pieces, please note the number on the box.

Washington Park Library

Saturday, January 3 1 p.m.

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Washington Park Library

Thursday, January 29 5 p.m.

Slay Crochet on page 10!

FRIENDS FRONT ROW

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EAST HILLS LIBRARY
TUESDAYS @ 6 P.M.

November



Nov. 4
Fletch
1985 PG
1 hr 38 min



Nov. 18
**You Can't
Take It
with You**
1938 G
2 hrs 6 min



Nov. 25
**Planes,
Trains, &
Automobiles**
1987 R
1 hr 33 min

December



Dec. 2
**Trading
Places**
1983 R
1 hr 58 min



Dec. 9
**The Best
Christmas
Pageant
Ever**
2024 PG
1 hr 39 min



Dec. 16
**The Polar
Express**
2004 G
1 hr 40 min

No Tuesday Night Movies on November 11, December 23,
and December 30.

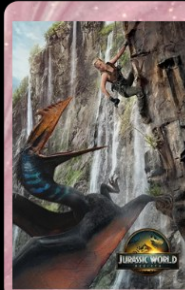
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Jan. 6
Superman
2025 PG-13
2 hrs 9 min



Jan. 13
**Across the
Universe**
2007 PG-13
2 hrs 13 min



Jan. 20
**Jurassic
World:
Rebirth**
2025 PG-13
2 hrs 13 min



Jan. 27
**Back to
the
Future**
1985 PG
1 hr 56 min

Hosted by professional movie critic

BOB SHULTZ

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Carnegie

All Ages

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Children & Parents

Storytime Page 8
 Wednesdays, November 5 - November 26 | 10:30 a.m.

Adults

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Above: The 2025 Summer Reading Kick-off at the Washington Park Library.

Downtown

All Ages

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Children & Parents

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Downtown

Children & Parents

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Teens

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Adults

English Conversation Group Page 7
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1/5	2 p.m.	Watercolor Landscape Painting	14
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East Hills

All Ages

Land of Oz Escape Room Page 5
Saturday, December 20 - Monday, December 22 | 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Date	Time	Title	Page
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11/1	10:30 a.m.	Book Buddies Reading Dogs	6
11/1	1 p.m.	Bird Friendly Community: Winter Birds	6
11/8	10 a.m.	Free Family Mini Photo Sessions	4
12/6	10:30 a.m.	Book Buddies Reading Dogs	6
12/6	6:30 p.m.	Noche de Cine en Familia: El Espresso Polar	7
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Children & Parents

Preschool Storytime Page 8
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Toddler Time Page 8
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Pre-K Play Page 8
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Teens

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Adults

Friends Front Row Tuesday Night Film Series Page 16
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Creative Aging Art Club Page 13
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Adults

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12/16	10 a.m.	East Hills Book Club	12
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1/26	6 p.m.	Bingo Night	15
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School



Right: The
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Teen
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Washington Park

All Ages

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Children & Parents

Storytime Page 8

Mondays, November 3 - November 17 | 10 a.m.

Winter Storytime Page 8

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12/2	4 p.m.	Tricky Tuesday! - Weather	8
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Teens

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1/8	5 p.m.	Slay Crochet! Crochet Club	10
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1/22	5 p.m.	Paint, Sip, Relax	10
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Adults

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12/4	2 p.m.	Book Club: BYOBook	12
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1/15	5 p.m.	Winter Fairy Gardens	15
1/22	5 p.m.	Paint, Sip, Relax	15
1/29	5 p.m.	Evening Bingo	15

Virtual & In the Community

Adults

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11/18	6 p.m.	Final Girl Book Club	12
		-Geneo's Pizza: 809 Francis St.	
11/19	7 p.m.	Virtual Murder, She Read Book Club - Zoom	12
12/9	6 p.m.	Final Girl Book Club	12
		-Geneo's Pizza: 809 Francis St.	
12/13	4 p.m.	Afternoon Tea Book Club	12
		-Alchemy Tea Co.: 617 Felix St.	
12/17	7 p.m.	Virtual Murder, She Read Book Club - Zoom	12
1/13	6 p.m.	Final Girl Book Club	12
		-Geneo's Pizza: 809 Francis St.	
1/24	4 p.m.	Afternoon Tea Book Club	12
		-Alchemy Tea Co.: 617 Felix St.	
1/28	7 p.m.	Virtual Murder, She Read Book Club - Zoom	12

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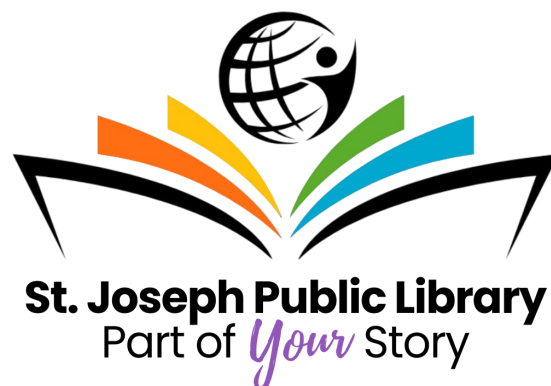
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