

LIBRARY NEWS!

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January

Happy New Year! As we step into 2026, we're excited for another year of learning, connection, and community across all our Heartland Regional Library branches. January brings fresh beginnings, and we're kicking things off with new programs, great books to cozy up with, and opportunities for all ages to explore something new.

Whether your goal this year is to read more, learn a skill, attend more community events, or simply enjoy the welcoming spaces at your local branch, we're here to support you every step of the way.

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NEW ITEMS!

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ADULT FICTION

Crescent City Christmas Chaos by Ellen Byron

Have yourself a merry little ... murder? Ricki James-Diaz gets the best present ever when her parents arrive in New Orleans for the holidays. Not only is it a chance to catch up, it's also an opportunity to jog her mom Josepha's memory about Ricki's adoption. The details have always been shrouded in mystery. And Ricki understands why when she learns her mother was blackmailed for years, simply for not wanting to lose her precious daughter. But digging into the past soon lands the James-Diaz clan in water hotter than a big pot of gumbo!

When the woman who extorted Ricki's mom is found dead at her home, Josepha becomes the primary suspect. Now Ricki has another murder to solve, and tracking down a killer in Crescent City is going to take a miracle. Luckily, 'tis the season! And Ricki has all the staff at the Bon Vee Culinary House Museum on hand to help. Can she prove her mother's innocence and have the case wrapped up in time for Christmas?



YOUNG ADULT FICTION

The Scammer by Tiffany D. Jackson

Jordyn Monroe is finally free. Out from under her overprotective parents, Jordyn is ready to kill it in prelaw at a prestigious, historically Black university in Washington DC. Kappa parties and student government better watch their backs. And she's not the only one. When her roommate's brother is released from prison, the last thing Jordyn expects is to come home and find the ex-convict on their dorm room sofa. But Devonte

needs a place to stay while he gets back on his feet -- and how could she say no to one of her new best friends? Devonte is older, as charming as he is intelligent, pushing every student he meets to make better choices about their young lives. But Jordyn senses something sinister beneath his friendly advice and growing group of followers. When one of Jordyn's roommates goes missing, she must enlist the help of the university's lone white student to uncover the mystery -- or become trapped at the center of a web of lies more tangled than she can imagine.



JUVENILE FICTION

Firefox Moon by Eoin Colfer

Thirteen-year-old Juniper and her loyal reindeer protect the magic forest from powerful creatures seeking a legendary fox with the power to grant a wish under the Blood Moon.



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