

# LIBRARY NEWS!

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## HEARTLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

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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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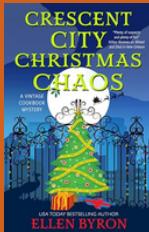
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### ADULT FICTION

**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 Josephine'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, Josephine 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?

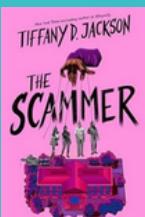


### YOUNG ADULT FICTION

**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.



# Resources

## Inclement Weather Closures

As winter weather approaches, the Heartland Regional Library System may need to adjust hours or close branches when conditions become unsafe.

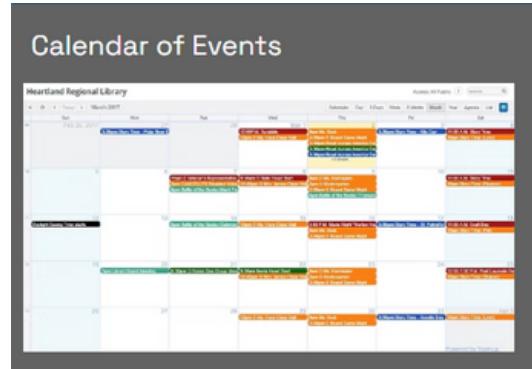
Our top priority is the safety of our patrons and staff. If road conditions are hazardous, if local schools close, or if travel advisories are issued, the library may delay opening, close early, or remain closed for the day.

Whenever a weather-related change occurs, we will post updates on our website, Facebook pages, calendars, and KRCG TV. We encourage patrons to check these sources before traveling to the library during winter storms. Thank you for your understanding as we work to keep everyone safe.

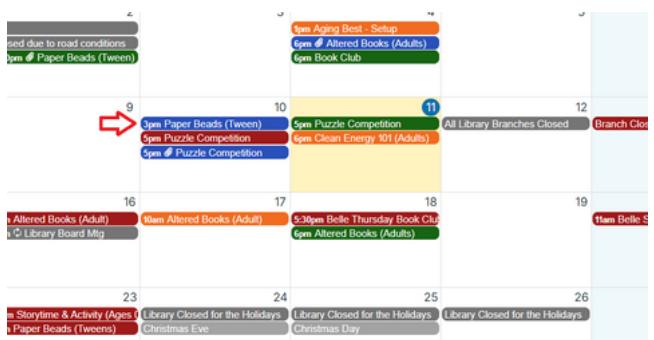


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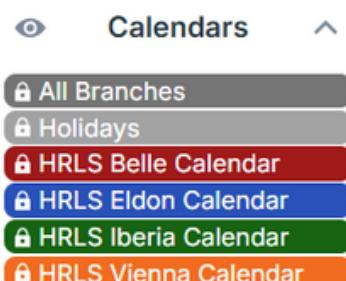


Our online Teamup calendar makes it easy to find exactly the programs and events you're looking for. When you visit the calendar, you'll see a list of calendars on the **left-hand side**. You can turn each calendar on or off with a simple click. This lets you view only the events you're interested in or see all upcoming library activities at once.



## HRLS Calendar

Staying connected with everything happening at the Heartland Regional Library is easy when you check our online calendar. New programs, storytimes, special events, closures, and updates are added regularly, so it's the best place to see what's coming up at each branch. Whether you're planning family activities, looking for adult programs, or just want to stay informed, our calendar gives you the most accurate, up-to-date information all in one place. Be sure to check it often so you never miss out on the great things happening at your library!



You can also click on any event to open a detailed view. This pop-up will show you the location, time, description, and any notes for that event. Many programs also include flyers or attachments, which you can open directly from the event window. This makes it easy to get the full details, save the flyer, or share it with friends and family.

Our Teamup calendar is updated daily, so check in often and explore the categories that matter most to you!

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