

# LIBRARY NEWS!

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## December

Welcome to our December newsletter! As we wrap up the year, our library is bustling with festive events and activities for all ages. Whether you're seeking the perfect holiday read, joining a cozy craft workshop, or exploring new digital resources, there's something here to brighten your season.

Don't forget, a library card makes a great gift, offering a world of knowledge, entertainment, and community all year long!

We look forward to sharing these last magical moments of 2024 with you and your family!

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## NEW ITEMS!

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### ADULT FICTION

#### Everyone This Christmas Has a Secret by Benjamin Stevenson

My name's Ernest Cunningham. I used to be a fan of reading Golden Age murder mysteries, until I found myself with a haphazard career getting stuck in the middle of real-life ones. I'd hoped, this Christmas, that any self-respecting murderer would kick their feet up and take it easy over the holidays. I was wrong. So here I am, backstage at the show of world-famous magician Rylan Blaze, whose benefactor has just been murdered.

My suspects are all professional tricksters: masters of the art of misdirection. The magician. The assistant. The executive. The hypnotist. The identical twin. The counsellor. The tech. My clues are even more abstract: A suspect covered in blood, without a memory of how it got there. A murder committed without setting foot inside the room where it happens. And an advent calendar. Because, you know, it's Christmas. If I can see through the illusions, I know I can solve it. After all, a good murder is just like a magic trick, isn't it?



### YOUNG ADULT FICTION

#### Find Her by Ginger Reno

Five years, three months, and twelve days. That's how long Wren's mother has been missing. In dreams, Wren can see her again: her eyes, her hair, her smile. She can even hear her laugh. Her mother, one of hundreds of Native Americans considered missing or murdered in Oklahoma. Sometimes it seems like Wren and her grandmother are the only people still looking. Even more frustrating, Wren's

overprotective father won't talk about it. Wren refuses to give up, though. And an opportunity to find lost pets seems like a real way to hone her detective skills. But everything changes when one of the missing pets is found badly hurt. Soon, there are others. With help from an unlikely friend, Wren vows to unmask whoever is behind the animal abuse. If she can do this, maybe she can do the same for her mother's case. (for more visit our online catalog)



### JUVENILE NON-FICTION

#### The Secret Library by Kekla Magoon

Since Grandpa died, Dally's days are dull and restricted. She's eleven and a half years old, and her exacting single mother is already preparing her to take over the family business. Starved for adventure and release, Dally rescues a mysterious envelope from her mother's clutches, an envelope Grandpa had earmarked for her. The map she finds inside leads straight to an ancient vault, a library of secrets where each book is a portal to a precise moment in time. As Dally "checks out" adventure after adventure--including an exhilarating outing with pirates--she begins to dive deep into her family's hidden history. (for more, visit our online catalog).



# Resources

## Ancestry



Unlock your family's story with the library's Ancestry online resource! This powerful tool gives patrons free access to one of the world's largest collections of genealogical records, including census data, birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, immigration records, military service files, and more. With just a few clicks, you can explore generations of family history, uncover your ancestors' journeys, and learn fascinating details about your heritage. Whether you're just beginning your family research or are a seasoned genealogist, Ancestry offers a wealth of information to guide and deepen your exploration. [www.heartland.lib.mo.us/copy-of-genealogy](http://www.heartland.lib.mo.us/copy-of-genealogy)

Discover the stories that shaped your family history with HeritageQuest, available online through the library! This resource is ideal for those interested in tracing their genealogy, offering free access to essential historical documents, including federal census records, family histories, local narratives, military records, and more. HeritageQuest combines U.S. Census records from 1790 to 1940 with other unique content like city directories, Native American records, and revolutionary and Civil War pensions. It's a fantastic resource for uncovering details about ancestors, local communities, and family connections that span generations. [www.heartland.lib.mo.us/copy-of-genealogy](http://www.heartland.lib.mo.us/copy-of-genealogy)

## Heritage Quest



## Newspapers



Explore history through the eyes of those who lived it with Newspapers.com, a valuable online resource offered through the library! With access to thousands of digitized newspapers from across the United States and beyond, Newspapers.com is a treasure trove of information for family historians, students, researchers, or anyone curious about the past. This resource lets you browse historical news stories, obituaries, marriage announcements, birth notices, and local events, allowing you to gain insight into the daily lives and notable events that shaped your ancestors' communities. [www.heartland.lib.mo.us/copy-of-genealogy](http://www.heartland.lib.mo.us/copy-of-genealogy)

## Holiday Closings

As the holiday season approaches, please take note of our upcoming library closures so you can plan your visits and materials returns. We recommend checking our website or calling ahead for any special holiday hours. Be sure to stock up on books, movies, and other resources ahead of time, and remember that our online resources, are always available 24/7. Thanks for understanding as we allow our staff time to celebrate with family and friends. We wish you a joyful and safe holiday season!

- Nov. 28th - Thanksgiving Day
- Dec. 13th - Staff Meeting
- Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25th - Christmas Day
- Dec. 31st - New Year's Eve
- Jan. 1st - New Year's Day