

# LIBRARY NEWS!

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## January

Welcome to 2025 at the Library!

As we ring in the New Year, we're excited to share all the fresh opportunities and programs we have in store for you!

January is a time for new beginnings, and what better way to start than by exploring all your library has to offer?

Whether you're setting new goals, picking up a hobby, or simply looking for a cozy place to read, we're here to support you every step of the way.

Don't forget to check out our upcoming events, new arrivals, and services to help you make 2025 your best year yet!

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## NEW ITEMS!

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### ADULT FICTION

#### The Author's Guide to Murder

by Beatriz Williams, Lauren Willig, & Karen White

There's been a sensational murder at historic Castle Kinloch, a gothic fantasy of grey granite on a remote island in the Highlands of Scotland. Literary superstar Brett Saffron Presley has been found dead—under bizarre circumstances—in the castle tower's book-lined study. Years ago, Presley purchased the castle as a showpiece for his brand and to lure paying guests with a taste for writerly glamour. Now it seems, the castle has done him in...or, possibly, one of the castle's guests has. Detective Chief Inspector Euan McIntosh, a local with no love for this literary American show-off (or Americans in general), finds himself with the unenviable task of extracting statements from three American lady novelists.



### YOUNG ADULT FICTION

#### Dead Girls Don't Dream by Nino Cipri

Everyone who wanders from the path in Voynich Woods is never seen again. The neighboring town, in decline after the demise of a once-thriving logging industry, is now known for its mysterious folklore and missing posters, because no one who gets lost comes back to tell the tale.

Except for Riley Walcott.

Riley knows better than to stray from the trail in the woods behind her uncle Toby's house. But her little sister Sam breaks the rules in pursuit of a local legend, so Riley chases after her and discovers a masked, knife-wielding figure and a waiting grave. Madelyn lives deep in the forest. Subject to her mother's strict rules, she's forbidden from leaving home or using her magic--but one night, she risks everything to help a stranger who's lost in the woods.



### JUVENILE NON-FICTION

#### Roald Dahl's Marvelously Revolting Recipes

Learn to cook like Willy Wonka with a new cookbook with recipes from classic Roald Dahl books! From Willy Wonka's scrumptious candy to Matilda's chocolate cake, Roald Dahl has been creating mouth-watering food in his books for decades. Now there is a brand-new cookbook featuring fifty recipes, all referenced in the beloved works of Dahl--from James and the Giant Peach to The Twits. Young chefs can make their Wormy Spaghetti (The Twits)-Dandyprats (James and the Giant Peach)-Bean's Cider (Fantastic Mr. Fox)-Hair Cream (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory)-And more creative recipes like Licorice Bootlaces or Jellied Gnats. Adults and children alike will delight in the silliness and deliciousness of these recipes, all while revisiting some of their favorite Roald Dahl tales!



# Resources

Start the New Year by building your digital confidence with Northstar Digital Literacy, a program that defines and assesses the basic skills needed to navigate computers and the internet effectively.



Northstar's online, self-guided modules cover essential skills in three key areas:


- Essential Computer Skills – Basic Computer Skills, Internet Basics, Using Email, Windows OS, Mac OS
- Essential Software Skills – Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Google Docs
- Using Technology in Daily Life – Social Media, Information Literacy, Career Search Skills, Accessing Telehealth Appointments, Supporting K-12 Distance Learning, Your Digital Footprint


Our library will soon offer individual classes focused on specific modules, allowing you to tailor your learning to your needs. Stay tuned for dates and times by checking our website, newsletter, local newspaper, and social media, or visit your local library branch for the latest updates. Let's make 2025 your year to master digital literacy!


## Warm Up with Libby This Winter!


When winter's chill keeps you indoors, let the Libby app bring the joy of reading to your fingertips! With just your library card, you can explore an entire world of books, audiobooks, and magazines—all from the comfort of your home.


Here's how Libby can make your winter cozy:

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 **Audiobooks:** Too cold to hold a book? Let a narrator whisk you away on your next literary adventure while you sip on hot cocoa or tackle that winter puzzle.

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