

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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# Salem Public Library

### HOOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

THURSDAY 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

FRIDAY 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

SATURDAY 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SUNDAY CLOSED

### JANUARY AT A GLANCE

**1 CLOSED - New Year's Day**

8 Board Meeting

13 Preschool Program

14 Recollections

**19 CLOSED - Martin Luther King  
Jr. Day**

### BOARD MEETING

The Library Board of Directors will meet at 5:00 PM on Thursday, January 8th. The public is welcome to attend in the main level conference room. Those wishing to be included on the agenda should contact the Library Director, Kate McBride.

### HIBERNATION READING PROGRAM

Let's read some books this winter to help keep you warm and cozy!

You will receive tickets based on the amount you read. These tickets can then be placed towards the prize of your choice. The more you read the more tickets you earn!

Stop by the circulation desk and pick up a reading log to help you keep track of your winter reading. Please return your reading log by February 28<sup>th</sup> to participate in the drawing. Good luck and have fun!



# ACTIVITIES

## LINCOLN LOGS NEEDED!



If you have any Lincoln Logs that you would be willing to let us borrow for a fun program for all ages, please call us at 573-729-4331.

## FOREST CREATURES SCAVENGER HUNT



**JAN - FEB  
6TH - 28TH**

Help find all the forest animals spending the winter in the library! They can all be found in the Children's Section of the library. Turn in your paper for a chance to win a small prize.

## PRESCHOOL PROGRAM



*January 13th*

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

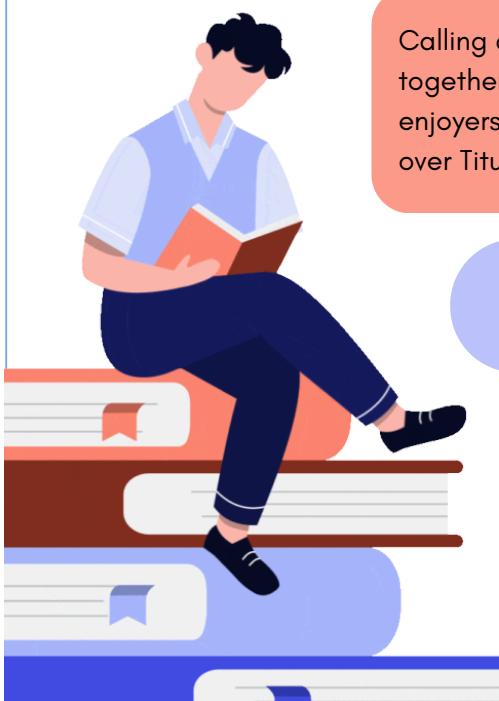
Located in the north basement meeting room.

Come join the fun!

\*Age ranges from birth to 5 years old\*

(No library card necessary.)

## BOOK CLUB



Calling all book lovers! Meet together with other literature enjoyers and have fun discussions over Titus Benton's new book, 65560!

No library card? No problem! Everyone is welcome to participate!

**JAN 21  
@1:00**

**CLOSED AT 5PM ON  
THURSDAY THIS  
MONTH!**



Salem Public Library's hours of operation will change slightly during the month of January. The library will be open Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM and Saturday from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

# INFORMATION

## LIBRARY CARDS

Many Patrons will agree that their library card is one of the most important in their wallet. Getting a card is easy. Simply present a photo I.D. and proof of address. People living within the Salem city limits pay for library privileges through real estate and personal property taxes. So, there is no charge to sign-up. Because folks living outside the city limits do not pay these taxes, they pay the library directly for the same privileges. The cost is \$25.00 for a six month membership or \$50.00 for an annual membership.

We also want to stress that anyone is allowed to use the library. The only reason you need a library card is to check out items. Even if you do not have a card, you are more than welcome to visit the library; find a place to read a book off the shelves; participate in programs; and so much more! There is also a paperback trade program where you can bring in pocket-sized paperbacks and exchange them for select pocket-sized paperbacks in our sale room. There is also always a 50¢ book sale. Discarded magazines are available and are free to take.

Please feel free to reach out to us at 573-729-4331 or visit us at the library. Library staff will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have!

### MISSOURI EVERGREEN



Salem Public Library is part of the Missouri Evergreen consortium. This means that we share resources with over 50 other libraries throughout the state. So, if there is something that you wish to read, watch, or listen to that is not part of Salem's collection, odds are that it can be borrowed from one of these other libraries. A request, or hold, may be placed for that item. It is then delivered to Salem Public Library via courier at no cost to you. You may be called, texted, or emailed when the item is available for circulation.



### Libby.

The Libby app is the easiest way to get started with digital books, audiobooks, and magazines from your public library!

- 1 Install the Libby app from the app store on your Android or IOS (iPhone/iPad/iPod touch) device. Or, visit [libbyapp.com](http://libbyapp.com) in your Chrome, Firefox, Safari, or Edge browser.
- 2 In Libby, follow the prompts to find your library and sign in with a valid card number.
- 3 Browse your library's collection and borrow a title.
- 4 Borrowed titles appear on your **Shelf** and download to the app automatically when you're on WI-FI, so you can read them when you're offline.
  - Tap **Read With...** to choose whether you'd like to open a book in Kindle or Libby.
  - Tap **Open In Libby**, **Open Magazine**, or **Open Audiobook** to start reading or listening in the app.
  - Tap **Manage Loan** to see options like **Renew** and **Return**.

## JANUARY BOOK REVIEW

BY KAREN GOATKEEPER

A new year, the 250 th anniversary of the United States is beginning. There are fifty states, all different, plus Washington, D.C. So, let's visit some of them over this year. I began with the Capitol, Washington, D.C. with the book "First Ladies: An Intimate Group Portrait of White House Wives" by Margaret Truman. This is not the usual biographical look at the first ladies. It is a look at how each of these women with different personalities, backgrounds and passions approached this unelected, yet so important position. It has a unique perspective because Margaret Truman was the daughter of President Truman and knew many of these women as well as helping in the White House herself during her father's presidency. It is available through Evergreen, although you may have to ask for help locating it.

If you like a lighter look at our nation's capitol, try the murder mysteries by Margaret Truman or Elliott Roosevelt (His mother Eleanor is the detective.).

For the younger set there are picture book biographies of several presidents. I enjoyed one book "The White House" with its diagrams and historical photographs.

**Karen GoatKeeper is a local author with several books on library shelves including "Hopes, Dreams and Reality" which looks at the divide between rural and urban living.**

*All opinions, views, and ideas expressed are solely those of the reviewer.*

# RESOURCES & EVENTS

## GIVING TREE UPDATE!



Mrs. Jessen, Ms. Warden, Wyatt, and Kassadie cheerfully accepted the fruits of the library's Giving Tree on behalf of **Oak Hill R-1 School District** this morning.

The Giving Tree was very full this year thanks to the kindness and generosity of many. What a wonderful community we all have!

### DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

“YOU CAN NEVER GET ENOUGH  
**BOOKS**  
INTO THE HANDS  
OF ENOUGH  
**CHILDREN**”

*Dolly*



For more information please use the QR code located to the bottom right or use the following information below.

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### MOBILITY AIDS



Thanks to a generous donation from a local family we now have mobility aids. We have one adult pair of crutches and one youth pair. We also have a folding walker. The crutches are both adjustable and so is the walker. You may check these out from the library. You must have an active library card.

# NEW BOOKS

## Adult Fiction

For Duck's Sake (Andrews)  
End Game (Archer)  
Nash Falls Series: (Baldacci)  
    Bk. 1 Nash Falls  
The Last Death Of The Year (Christie)  
The Lighthouse at the Cove (Clipston)  
Golden State Treasure: (Connealy)  
    Bk. 2 Legends of Gold  
The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny (Desai)  
Circle Of Days (Follett)  
Heartwood (Gaige)  
Unshaken (Gray)  
The Perfect Hosts (Gudenkauf)  
Coyote Hills (Kellerman)  
The Christmas House (Lewis)  
Christmas at Rainbow Falls (Markinson)  
The Impossible Fortune (Osman)  
Return Of The Spider (Patterson)  
Merry Christmas You Filthy Animal (Quinn)  
Framed In Death (Robb)  
Tales Of Tevarra: (Terry)  
    Bk. 1 The Hunt  
The Coven (Woods)

## Adult Non-Fiction

The American Patriot's Almanac (Bennett)  
Operation Underworld How The Mafia And US Government Teamed Up to Win World War II (Black)  
Heart Life Music (Chesney)  
Navigating Life with ADHD (Cheyette)  
Garden Club Quilts (Etherington)  
Tabletop Quilts (Fons & Porter)  
Rainbow Quilts (Gauthier)  
Autism, Sensory & Behavior (Grandin)  
The Vintage Farmhouse Garden (Kaiser) In Memory of Connie Joan Riggens  
Family Of Spies (Kuehn)  
Declaring Independence Why 1776 Matters (Larson)  
The Wingmen The Unlikely, Unusual, Unbreakable Friendship Between John Glenn and Ted Williams (Lazarus)  
Tame Your Thoughts (Lucado)  
Potter's Mill (Miller)  
Told You So (Neeley)  
Last Rites (Osbourne)  
Invisible ADHD (Pearson)  
Legends & Lies The Patriots (O'reilly)  
An American Journey Lewis & Clark (Thorp)  
A Practical Guide To Autism (Volkmar)  
The American Revolution (Ward)

## Large Print Fiction

Queen Esther's Court: (Afshar)  
    Bk. 2 The Royal Artisan  
Nash Falls (Baldacci)  
A Deputy Marshal Bass Reeves Western: (Black)  
    Bk. 1 Retribution Trail  
A Tom Reece Thriller: (Carr)  
    Bk. 1 Cry Havoc  
Exit Strategy (Child)  
Dead Broke Colorado: (Johnstone)  
    Bk. 1 Dead Broke Colorado  
Savage Land: (Legg)  
    Bk. 4 To Face A Savage Time  
False Witness (Margolin)  
The Erin Delaney Mysteries: (Mehl)  
    Bk. 2 Dark Design  
Return Of The Spider (Patterson)  
Home to Green Creek: (Snelling)  
    Bk. 2 At Morning's Light  
Long Ride To Buffalo (Vaughan)

## Juvenile Fiction

Dragonborn (Murray)  
I Survived The Dust Bowl, 1935 (Tarshis)

## Juvenile Non-Fiction

Freedom Walkers The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott (Freedman)  
Because They Marched (Freedman)  
We've Got a Job (Levinson)  
Dog Man Big Jim Believes (Pilkey)  
The Civil Rights Movement (Rhuday-Perkovich)  
Promises To Keep (Robinson)  
Another Phoebe and Her Unicorn Adventure: (Simpson)  
    Bk. 20 Unicorn Time Machine  
City Of Dragons: (Yogis)  
    Bk. 3 Quest For The True Dragon

## Easy Fiction

A Gallery Of Cats (Brown)  
The Mitten Tree (Christiansen)  
Ducks Love Hats (GoatKeeper)  
The Year without a Santa Claus (McGinley)  
Searching For Mr. Johnson's Song (Vanece)

## STEM Kits

Early Start Kit 1 Year + Shapes & Sorting  
Early Start Kit 18 Months + Early Engineer  
Early Start Kit 2 Years + Build & Stack