



Salem
Public Library

HOURS 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

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BOARD MEETING

The Library Board of Directors will meet at 5:00 PM on Thursday, December 14th. 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

The Salem Public Library's Hibernation Reading Challenge will begin December 28th. Here's how to participate:

Visit our website <https://salempubliclibrary.net/> to find the Beanstack link. Log into your current account or create one if you do not already have an existing account. Find the challenge that fits your grade or age range.

Log the time you spend reading on Beanstack. You will receive virtual 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! No library card is needed to participate. If you have any questions, just visit us at the library or give us a call at 729-4331.

ACTIVITIES

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM



Preschool Program
December 12th

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

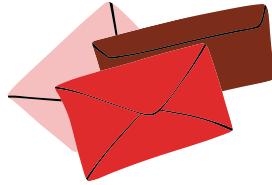
Located in the north basement meeting room.

Come join the fun!

(No library card necessary.)

Age ranges from birth to 5 years old

CRAFT-A-CARD



Make your own greeting card at the library! Stop in the conference room any time between 10:00 AM and 4:30 PM on December 27th. Supplies will be provided. Bring your creativity and a friend!

Free of charge.

(No library card necessary.)

This program is appropriate for all ages.

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

RAINY DAY STEM



Rain keeping you in? Well then visit the library for Rainy Day STEM building activities for kids. The library provides building supplies in the conference room for kids to explore their imagination.

**This activity is only available during rainy or snowy weather.*

*Appropriate for all ages.**

RECOLLECTIONS: "FAMILY CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS"



DECEMBER 13TH

"Recollections" is a revival of Salem Public Library's older adult program, an opportunity to gather and share memories on a central theme. While anyone is welcomed, content is designed for those who are at least 60 years of age. Programs will be held in the library's downstairs meeting room at 10:30 AM on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Please use the outside ramp or stairs on the north side of the building. Library membership is not required and there is no fee for participation.

GIVING TREE



The library is collecting warm winter accessories for area children in need. New hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks may be hung on the tree from November 27th through December 11th. All items will be given to a local school for distribution. Thank you for helping warm young hearts this winter!

ACTIVITIES

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!



DECEMBER WORD SEARCH

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CAROL
CHRISTMAS
COOKIES ELF
FIREPLACE
FROST
FRUITCAKE
GIFT
ICICLE
ORNAMENT
PRESENTS
REINDEER
SANTA
SLEDDING
SNOW
SNOWMAN
STOCKINGS
TREE WINTER
WREATH

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REVIEW

BOOK REVIEW: KRINGLE BY TOM ABBOTT

Christmas seems to arrive earlier every year. It's edging out all the various celebrations found over the fall as stores try to lure people into spending money. It influences books too.

So many authors seem to put out Christmas books. The majority seem to be mushy, bring-the-family-together tear jerkers. I went looking for something different and thought I found it with "Kringle" by Tom Abbott.

This juvenile book is the first on the shelf. It's definitely about Christmas as the cover has a flying reindeer on it. The synopsis sounded different, like an imagined look at the early years of Kris Kringle aka Santa Claus.

Reading the book, it definitely meets all of these. It is also a fantasy aimed at fans of Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, but for older children.

The pages are peopled with common people, elves, pirates and goblins. It is set in Britain as the Romans leave. They take peace and security with them. Pirates move in.

Most dangerous of all are the goblins. These ugly, smelly, green creatures are kidnapping children as well as murdering and stealing as they seek to spread their evil and darkness across the land.

Kringle is the chosen one who can defeat the goblins. His main allies are the elves with their magic rune stones.

The book would be good reading for the intended audience or Tolkien fans. It is a page turner. The goblin descriptions almost make the reader smell them. I did find the magic annoying as some new aspect of it seemed to occur every time Kringle got into trouble. It also is very religiously

Karen GoatKeeper is a local author with two books on the Missouri Shelf: "Exploring the Ozark Hills" of nature essays and photographs and "My Ozark Home" of nature photographs with haiku.

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

NEW BOOKS

Adult Fiction

Bright Lights, Big Christmas (Andrews)
The Edge (Baldacci)
Bound by Suggestion (Bartlett)
Room at the Inn (Bartlett)
Shattered Spirits (Bartlett)
Dead in Red (Bartlett)
A Jeff Resnick Six Pack (Bartlett)
The Ballad of Laurel Springs (Beard)
Resurrection Walk (Connelly)
Bulletproof Barista (Coyle)
The Corsican Shadow (Cussler)
Dirty Thirty (Evanovich)
The Spy Coast (Gerritsen)
Just Once (Kingsbury)
Jack Frost (Macomber)
The Happiness Plan (Mallery)
The Housemaid's Secret (McFadden)

Adult Non-Fiction

Remember the Ramrods (Bellavia)
The Rise and Fall of an American Fortune-Astor (Cooper)
Early Doctors and Hospitals of the Ozarks (Duff)
Blood Memory the Tragic Decline and Improbable
Resurrection of the American Buffalo (Duncan)
Hot and Bothered What No One Tells You About
Menopause (Dunn)
Building a Carpenter's Notes on Life & the Art of Good
Work (Ellison)
French St. Louis (Gitlin)
Personal History (Graham)
Class (Land)
Zero Fail (Leonnig)
Dreamland (Lesy)
Democracy Awakening (Richardson)
Can We Talk About Israel? (Sokatch)
My Name is Barbara (Streisand)
The Science of Murder-The Forensics of Agatha Christie
(Valentine)

Audiobooks

The Secret (Child)
Wyoming Sunrise: (Connealy)
 Bk. 1 Forged In Love
The Exchange (Grisham)
Judgment Prey (Sandford)

Large Print

The First Ladies (Benedict)
The Secret (Child)
A Lincoln Lawyer Novel: (Connelly)
 Bk. 7 Resurrection Walk
Under the Cover of Mercy (Connolly)
Death by Food Truck (Copeland)
Trini! Come! (Farmer)
The House on Firefly Beach (Hale)
The Summer of Songbirds (Harvey)
The Invisible Hour (Hoffman)
A Buck Trammel Western: (Johnstone)
 Bk. 5 This Man Must Die
A Forever Texas Novel: (Johnstone)
 Bk. 2 Lone Star Legacy
The Mustangers (Lewis)
The Last Exchange (Martin)
Judgment Prey (Sanford)
Pictures Of The Heart: (Peterson)
 Bk. 2 Finding Us
 Bk. 3 Knowing You
The Legacy of Longdale Manor (Turansky)
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (Twain)
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (Twain)

DVDs

Call Me Mrs. Miracle
Hitch
Hop
Horrible Bosses
My Little Pony-Equestria Girls
My Little Pony-Friendship is Magic
Robots
San Andreas
Scooby-Doo! Monsters
The Mule
Zootopia

Young Adult Fiction

The Truth About Happily Ever After (Cozzo)
How to Break a Boy (Devore)
Count All Her Bones (Henry)

Young Adult Non-Fiction

Coding Careers in Manufacturing (Duling)
Robots, Jobs, and You (Porterfield)

NEW BOOKS

Juvenile Fiction

Pug Pals (Ahn)

The Last Kids On Earth: (Brallier)

Bk. 9 Last Kids on Earth and the Monster Dimension

Dirt (Orenstein)

A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans

(Yep)

Easy Fiction

The Nativity (Barder)

Lila Greer, Teacher of the Year (Beaty)

Five Little Dinosaurs (Courtney)

Rough & Tough Emergency (Horne)

When The Elephant Walks (Kasza)

When Pigs Fly (Roots)

Juvenile Non-Fiction

Outsmarting Worry (Huebner)

Tales from Shakespeare (Lamb)

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