

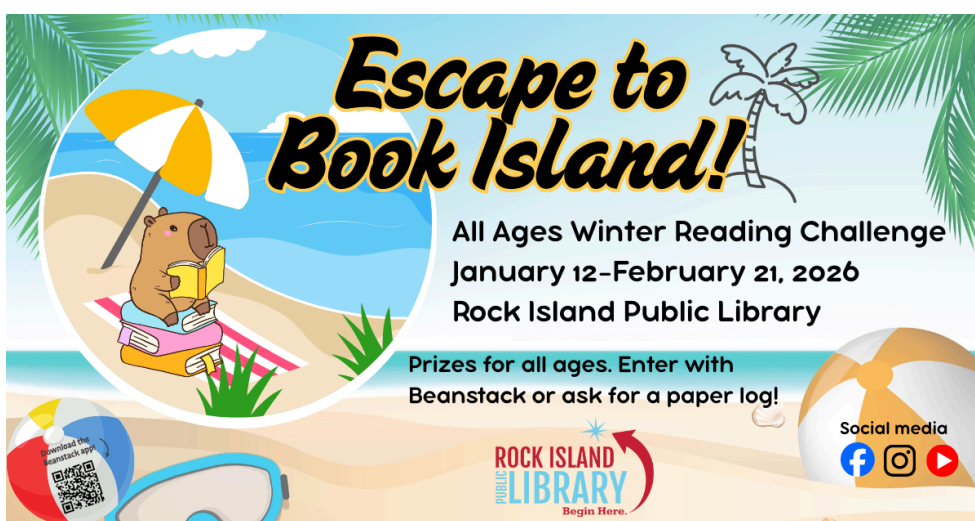


ROCK ISLAND LIBRARY LINES

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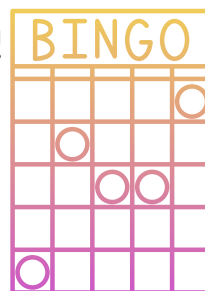
JANUARY 2026

Escape to Book Island with our Winter Reading Challenge, Jan. 12 to Feb. 21!



All ages! Read-to-me minutes count for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.

A simple bingo challenge with prizes for all ages! Log your reading minutes and library activities. Bingo in any line to complete. Keep going to complete the whole card and enter our extra bonus drawing,



Register and participate with Beanstack, or ask for a paper log. (Choose one or the other.) All reading formats count towards minutes read - print, comics, audiobooks, magazines, and ebooks!

Redeem your prizes at any Rock Island Library. Pick them up by February 28!



**2nd Saturday sewing
10:30-12:30 pm**

Downtown Library



Class may be full, but keep an eye on our calendar for last-minute cancellations. Supplies provided. If you want to bring your own machine, let us know.

Registration Required. Teens & Adults. Sign up online or call!

Save the Dates for:

- Feb. 14: Tote Bag project
- March 14: Bowl Cozy
- April 11: Quilted Coasters
- May 9: Foundation paper pierce



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Tuneful Tuesdays Are Back!

Free music, 1st Tuesdays
at Noon, January Dec. 2025–April 2026
Downtown Library

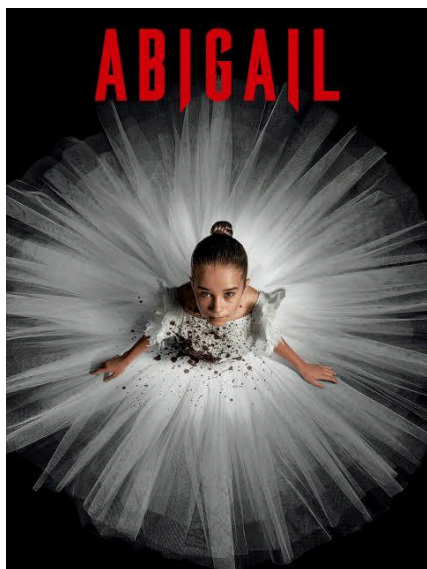
Jan. 6: Grace Notes Flutes
Noon to 1 pm

- **Feb. 3: QC Chordbusters**
- **March 3: Tony Hoepfner & Friends**
- **April 7: Cherry & Jerry Ragtime Music**



Tuneful Tuesdays are made possible through a generous sponsorship from Carol Horstman, and her husband, the late James Horstmann. Free, open to all.

Monster Movie Monday: *Abigail*



January 5, 2026
5:30 to 7:30 pm
Watts-Midtown Branch
Vampires! Rated R,
violence/gore

Cricut Heat Press DIY

Jan. 12, 5 pm to 7pm,
Southwest Branch.
Teens and adults,
make a t-shirt.
Bring a t-shirt or
other small fabric
item. You can bring
a design or use one of ours.
Registration required, Free!



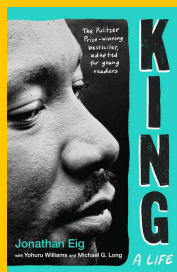
Online Presentation
Bringing History
to Life with
Jonathan Eig



Tuesday,
Jan. 13 at 7 pm

Register online or
call 309-732-7341

Recording open for
30 days for registered
RIPL patrons



Storytimes & More

Tuesdays & Fridays at
10:30 am,
Watts-Midtown
Wednesdays
at 11 am,
Southwest.



Petite Picassos - messy art
for littles,
Wednesday, Jan. 14
11 am, Southwest Branch

Elementary After School Activity



3:30–4:30 pm
Tuesdays: Watts-Midtown
Thursdays: Southwest

January 13/15:

Hat Day

Jan. 20/22:

Penguin Day

Jan. 27/29:

Pony Bead Crafts

Drop in! For grades K-6.



MagiKids!

Weds, Jan. 28
3 pm–4:30 pm,
Watts-
Midtown

Sign up to play.
Take home FREE cards!



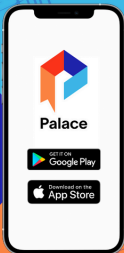
Graphic Novel Book
Club starts Feb. 3

Dial-A-Story Line: 309-732-7002

eRead Illinois

Enjoy exclusive
content
available only in
the Palace app!

Download today!



The Palace Project, eBooks in a New Way

**Jan. 14 at 2 pm
Downtown Library**

The Palace Project is the NEW app for our eRead Illinois collection. If you previously used Boundless, it's time to download Palace!

Come learn what's new with this app, what's available (including some Audible and Amazon content,) and how you can use it to get MORE eBooks and audiobooks at no additional cost thanks to your library card! Tip: You can sometimes find available copies of titles that are on hold in Libby!

Body Confident Kids: Education Workshop

Thursday, Jan. 15, 6 pm to 7 pm, Watts-Midtown

BE REAL



BE REAL about the importance of positive body image for kids. Body image distress can be tied to eating disorders, anxiety, and more. Gain tools for parents and caregivers from the BE REAL project.



Mental Health Spotlight: Seasonal Depression

**Thursday, Jan. 29,
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Watts-Midtown Branch**

Ever had the "winter blues?" You're not alone. Join us as a Vera French Mental Health certified therapist shines a light on seasonal affective disorder (SAD.)



Teens - Dissection Lab!

**Tuesday, January 20,
5 pm to 6 pm, Downtown Library**

Learn about animal biology with a hands-on lab with Andrea Martinez. Dissect dogfish shark specimens. **Free, for ages 12 to 18.** Register starting January 1.



JANUARY Ongoing Events

- **Coffee & Conversations**, 10 am to noon, Thursday, Jan. 8 and Jan. 22, Southwest Branch.
- **Downtown Movie**, 1 pm to 3:30 pm, Thursday, Jan. 15, *The Naked Gun*, with Liam Neeson
- **Late Night at Watts-Midtown**: Friday, Jan. 16, open, 6 pm to 9 pm.
- **Living with Loss**, 11 am to 1 pm, Saturday, Jan. 17 Watts-Midtown
- **No January Adult Knitting Circle** due to holiday. It returns February 16.
- **Computer/Job Search Help, Mondays at 3 pm** (new day and time!), Downtown
- **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**, Friday, Jan. 16 at 4 pm, Watts-Midtown Branch

K-POP Demon Hunters Cat Craft

**Tuesday, Jan. 27
5 pm to 6 pm
Downtown Library**



**Sign up
online or
call. Limited
registration!**

Your second chance to make Derpy the tiger from the Netflix series. **School Ages, Teens, Adults.**

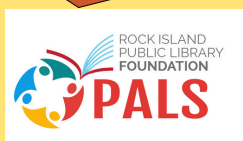
January/February



Library PALS Book Sale

10 am to 1 pm, Friday AND Saturday, Jan. 23 and 24, Downtown Library

Bag up some bargains at our pay-what-you-want book sale. Unless marked, sales are by donation. Cash, credit/debit, check welcomed. Proceeds benefit library projects.



**Save the dates for more sales:
April 24/25, July 24/25, Oct. 23/24.**

Save February Dates!

- Kids Graphic Novel Book Club, Feb. 3
- Meet Mr. Lincoln, Feb. 4
- Community Comforts Drive, all February



BOOK CLUBS

See website

Alpha Book Club: meets in February

Midtown Readers: Jan. 20, 6:30 pm, *The Glassmaker* by Tracey Chevalier, Watts-Midtown

Bucktown Review at Watts-Midtown Branch:

**Friday,
January 16
7-9 pm**

Tickets: bucktownamericana.com



Silent Book Club: 5:30 to 6:30 pm, Jan. 21, Watts-Midtown. Bring your own book and read!

Freedom to Read 'Em Club:
Jan. 27 at 2 pm, *Go Ask Alice*, Anonymous

LOCATIONS

Downtown Library: 401 19th Street

Southwest Branch: 9010 Ridgewood Rd

Watts-Midtown Branch: 2715 30th St.

Library2Go (see website for routes)

Online: www.rockislandlibrary.org

RIPL



**Rock Island Libraries Closed
Martin Luther King Day,
Monday,
January 19.**
Online services open!

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**Starting
Jan. 8,
2026!**



TODDLER PLAYGROUP

Ages 5 & under with caregiver.



Thursdays, 10am-Noon

**Downtown Library Children's Room
401 19th Street, Rock Island**

**Winter Toddler Playgroup dates:
Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, and 26.**

Teens After Hours

Friday, Jan. 16

7 to 9 pm

Watts-Midtown

**Pizza & retro gaming
for teens in the
evening, 3rd Friday of
each month .
For ages 12-18.**



Extra, Extra - More Events!

Hug-A-Book Play!

Obstacle course fun

Saturday, Jan. 17
10 am to noon
Downtown Library



*Free book & bag
for each child*

Free! Ages 2-5

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**February
Community
Comforts Drive**

February 1 to 28, 2026

All RIPL locations

Donate comfort supplies - hygiene items, cleaning, personal care, and paper products - for neighbors in need this February. Look for the pink boxes! Need ideas? See our wish list online and at library sites.

We'll deliver your donations to community pantries for free distribution to those who need them.



An Afternoon with President Abraham Lincoln Wednesday, February 4

2 pm to 3 pm, Rock Island Watts-Midtown Branch

Meet 16th President of the United States and Illinois's favorite son, Abraham Lincoln! Mr. Lincoln will speak about his life and the impact he made on our country. Be sure to wish him a happy birthday. All ages welcome. Lincoln is played by expert Lincoln performer Randy Duncan.



KIDS GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

1st

Tuesday!

Starts Tuesday, February 3

**5 pm to 6 pm, Watts-Midtown
Branch Conference Room**

Pick up a bookmark with all the titles!
For Grades K-6.

