

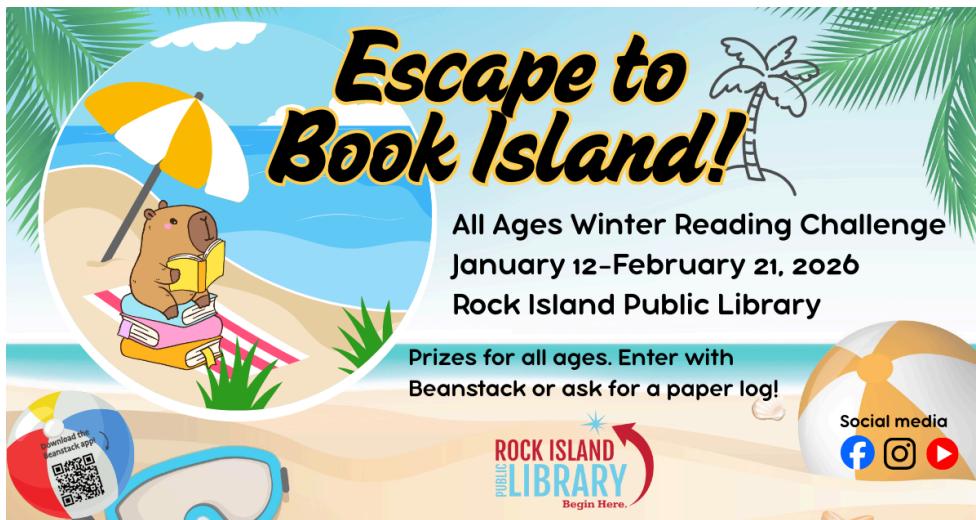


# ROCK ISLAND LIBRARY LINES

DOWNTOWN, SOUTHWEST, WATTS-MIDTOWN, LIBRARY2GO, & ONLINE

JANUARY 2026

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

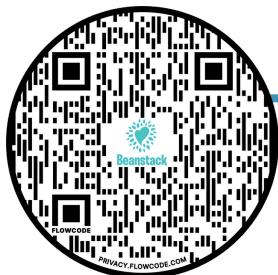
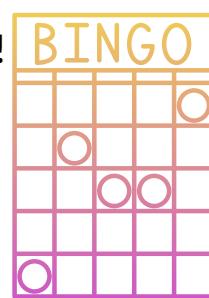


**All ages! Read-to-me minutes count for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.**

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!**



**SEW  
Much  
Fun!**

2nd Saturday sewing  
10:30-12:30 pm  
Downtown Library

 **Saturday, January 10  
Beginner Sewing Class**

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



**309-732-READ**  
[www.rockislandlibrary.org](http://www.rockislandlibrary.org)

# Tuneful Tuesdays Are Back!

Free music, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays  
at Noon, January Dec. 2025-April 2026  
Downtown Library

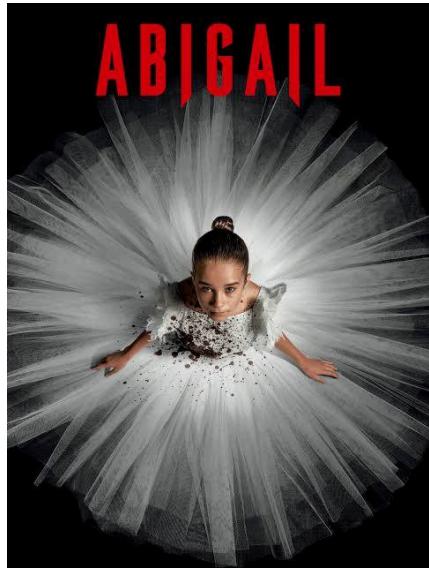
Jan. 6: Grace Notes Flutes  
Noon to 1 pm

- Feb. 3: QC Chordbusters
- March 3: Tony Hoeppner & 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



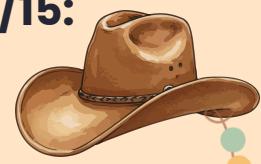
3:30-4:30 pm

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



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 BE REAL to 7 pm, Watts-Midtown**



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

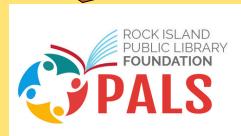


## Library PALS Book Sale

**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

### 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](http://www.rockislandlibrary.org)

Starting Jan. 8, 2026!

## TODDLER PLAYGROUP

Ages 5 & under with caregiver.



**Thursdays, 10am-Noon**

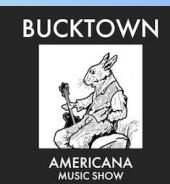
**Downtown Library Children's Room**  
401 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island

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

### Bucktown Review at Watts-Midtown Branch:

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

Tickets: [bucktownamericana.com](http://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

### Teens After Hours

**Friday, Jan. 16**

**7 to 9 pm**

**Watts-Midtown**



**Pizza & retro gaming for teens in the evening, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month .**

**For ages 12-18.**



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

**309-732-READ**



# 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**  
[www.rockislandlibrary.org](http://www.rockislandlibrary.org)

**Presented by:**



Merrill Harris Memorial, Rock  
Island Public Library Foundation



### 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.**

**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.

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