



The Word on the Shelves



Your Monthly Dose of
Books
News
and
Library Happenings

What's New on the Shelves?

Jingle all the way... to the library! The air is crisp, snow has arrived, twinkling lights are everywhere, and the holidays are just around the corner. There's no better time to get lost in a good book! This December, our library shelves are brimming with stories to delight, inspire, and transport you—whether you're searching for holiday cheer, thrilling adventures, or a quiet moment of reflection.

In this edition, we're excited to share the newest arrivals from November and give you a sneak peek at some highly anticipated titles coming in December. Cozy up, explore, and let the season's stories carry you into a joyful holiday and a bright New Year!

On the shelves now:

Exit Strategy

by Lee Child

Jack Reacher is drawn into a deadly conspiracy when a mysterious note lands in his pocket.

Prowl

by Colleen Coble

A small-town vet teams up to uncover who's sabotaging a wildlife sanctuary.

Honeymoon Phase

by Amy Daws

A fake marriage between best friends leads to real love and unexpected twists.

The Christmas Stranger

by Richard Paul Evans

A mysterious visitor brings hope, love, and holiday magic to a grieving man's life.

The King's Ransom

by Janet Evanovich

Gabriela Rose races to recover stolen masterpieces and save her family from ruin.

Coming in December:

'Stuart Woods' Blown Away

by Brett Battles

Teddy Fay must untangle a deadly conspiracy after a glamorous night turns fatal.

The Hitchhikers

by Chevy Stevens

A healing road trip becomes a nightmare when two strangers with dangerous secrets accept a ride.

Quantum Tempest

by Mike Maden

The crew of the Oregon must race to stop a cartel's AI-powered weapon as enemies close in.

Watch Us Fall

by Christina Kovac

A missing ex triggers a spiraling web of suspicion, betrayal, and dangerous secrets.

Otherwise Engaged

by Susan Mallery

A long-hidden secret upends a wedding and forces two families to face life-changing truths.

November Library Highlights



Holiday Open House

Our Holiday Open House and Gazebo Ribbon Cutting was a wonderful celebration of community! Visitors enjoyed festive treats, warm conversation, and the excitement of officially opening the new gazebo. We extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the celebration so memorable.



Holiday Fundraiser

Our annual raffle fundraiser is in full swing! Tickets will be available through December 13th, and winners will be drawn on December 15th.

All proceeds help support upcoming library programs—thank you for your continued generosity!



Book Binding Class

Our November Book Binding Class with Mary Morgan was a creative highlight of the month.

Participants learned the basics of hand-binding techniques, experimented with stitching, folding, and assembling pages, and even created their own personalized books to take home.

Mary shared fascinating insights into the art and history of bookmaking, making it both a relaxing and inspiring evening for everyone involved.



Special Guests

November brought two special guests to our after-school program: Laura from the ISU Extension Office, who led hands-on learning activities, and Danielle from the Ida County Conservation Center, who shared local wildlife facts and fun nature engagement. The kids loved every minute of these interactive sessions!



Storytime Fun

Our preschool storytimes were full of holiday excitement throughout November. Little ones listened to festive seasonal stories and enjoyed themed crafts that brought the books to life. Laughter, learning, and creativity made each session a joyful part of the month.



Did You Know...You Can Visit the Library Without Leaving Home?

Winter weather can be unpredictable, and icy roads don't have to keep you from enjoying everything the library has to offer!

With Hoopla, Libby, and Kanopy, you can stream movies, TV shows, music, eBooks, audiobooks, and more—all from the comfort of your own home. Whether you're curled up under a cozy blanket with a hot drink, keeping the kids entertained on a chilly afternoon, or just taking a quiet moment for yourself, your next great read, film, or learning adventure is just a click away.

And it doesn't stop there!

You can also access your library card account online to renew items, place holds, and check due

dates, making it easier than ever to stay on top of your library materials, plan your reading, and reserve the items you're excited about—even if the roads aren't safe for travel.

Don't let snow, ice, or busy schedules stop your library adventures! Explore something new, dive into a favorite story, or watch a thought-provoking film—all from your home. And remember, if you have questions or need a little help getting started, give us a call or stop by the library when you're in town.

We're always happy to help you make the most of your library card—and these fantastic digital resources.

December Programs

This month, we're bringing you a mix of programs for all ages! Check out what's coming up:

Preschool Storytime

Date: December 5 | Time: 10:30 AM
Bring the kids for a fun-filled morning of stories and fun holiday crafts!

After School Adventures

Date: December 10 | Time: 1:30 PM
Swing by after school for a make and take with special holiday crafts.

Preschool Storytime

Date: December 19 | Time: 10:30 AM
Bring the kids for another fun filled morning story time.

Good to Know

Stay connected! Please follow us on social media to keep up to date on library hours, closures, and special announcements—especially during these unpredictable winter weather.

Library Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Sunday: Closed

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We hope to see you soon—exploring new books, joining a program, or simply soaking up the library's cozy atmosphere. Wishing you warmth, joy, and happy reading throughout the holidays!