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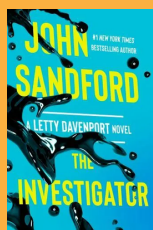
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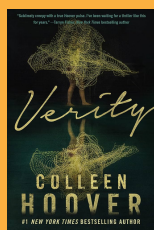
## NEW AND NOTABLE

We want your input! We are working with a consultant to see how we could remodel or rework the Library space. What do you want to see in the building? What do you value about the Library? What do or don't you like about the Library building? A public opinion open house will be held in February. Stay tuned for dates and come share your thoughts!

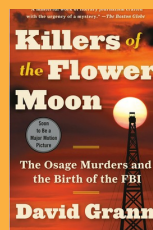
## Most Checked Out Books of 2023



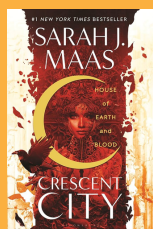
Mystery:  
The Investigator  
by John Sandford



Fiction:  
Verity  
by Colleen Hoover



Nonfiction:  
Killers of the  
Flower Moon  
by David Grann



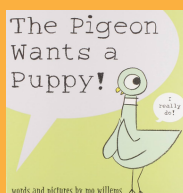
Sci Fi/Fantasy:  
House of Earth  
and Blood  
by Sarah J. Maas



Young Adult:  
The Summer I  
Turned Pretty  
by Jenny Han



Children's:  
Dog Man, A  
Tale of Two  
Kitties  
by Dav Pilkey



Picture Book:  
The Pigeon Wants a Puppy!  
by Mo Willems

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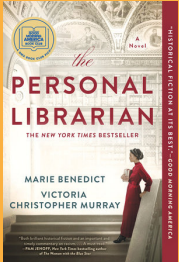
# ADULT ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

## Library Book Clubs

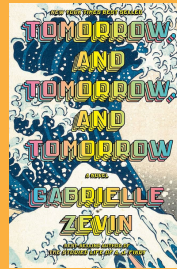
Read something new, then join in the discussion. Books will be available for checkout a month before the meeting date. All are welcome!

### Book Club

### Pop Reads Book Club



Next Meeting:  
Monday, February 26  
at 6:30pm  
The Personal Librarian by  
Marie Benedict and  
Victoria Christopher  
Murray



Next Meeting:  
Thursday, March 7  
at 6:30pm at Mosaic  
Wine Bar  
Tomorrow, and  
Tomorrow, and Tomorrow  
by Gabrielle Zevin

## Upcoming Craft Workshops and Classes

Registration is required for all classes and workshops. Please call the Library, send a Facebook message, or email [mneubauer@cityofbrookings-sd.gov](mailto:mneubauer@cityofbrookings-sd.gov) to register on the date listed. Please note that there may be a delay in registration if you message or email the Library.

### Cricut Certification Training (RR) Thursday, January 11 at 1pm OR 5:30pm

Learn how to navigate the Cricut Electronic Cutting Machine in the Library's Maker Lab. After this class, you will be able to make a reservation in the Maker Lab to use the Cricut on your own.

Registration opens January 4.



### Alcohol Ink State Workshop (RR) Thursday, January 25 at 1pm OR 5:30pm



Use alcohol ink to decorate an acrylic cutout of a state of your choice. Registration opens January 18.

### 2-Part Intro to Knitting in the Round Class (RR)

Saturday, January 27 AND Saturday, February 3 at 2:30pm

Learn to knit in the round by making a hat step-by-step! Week one will cover the stitches and basic techniques needed to make a small hat, then week two will cover how to start knitting your own project in the round.

All materials are provided, though you will need your library card to check them out! Registration opens January 22.



(RR) - registration required

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## Movie Night

Thursday, January 4 at 5:30pm



January's Movie:  
A Haunting in Venice  
(PG-13, 1 hour and 43 Minutes)  
Popcorn provided!

## Bring Your Own Craft Night

Monday, January 8 at 6pm

Bring a craft and work alongside other crafters! A small craft will be available for those who don't have their own project. No registration is required!



## Winter Reading Challenge

Runs from January 8-February 9

Pick up your tracking sheet at the Circulation Desk! Mark off one cozy item for every 30 minutes you read! For every 5 items you cross off, you will get one entry into the grand prize drawing for one of 3 prize packs. Bonus entry opportunities are available!



## AI: The Good, Bad, and Ugly

Thursday, January 11 at 6:30pm



In this introductory presentation, you will become familiarized with some helpful AI tools, learn tips to use them, and become aware of both the benefits and the drawbacks of this budding technology.

## VisABILITY Craft Class

Friday, January 12 at 1pm

Enjoy disability and neurodivergent friendly activities that are accessible, adaptable, and welcoming. This month we'll be learning about printmaking and making prints!



## Game Night at Wooden Legs

Friday, January 12 from 6-8pm

Join us for game night at Wooden Legs Brewing Company. We'll have games available to choose from or feel free to bring your own to play with a group.



## Spice Club: Aleppo Pepper (RR)



This month's spice is Aleppo Pepper and the kit will include a recipe for Muhammara (Roasted Red Pepper Dip). Call the Library starting January 22 to sign up. Pick-up starts January 29.

## Cooking with Pheasant Class

Thursday, January 18 at 6pm

Learn how to prepare pheasant, taste-test some dishes, and go home with a few new recipes! Co-Sponsored by SDSU's Pheasants Forever chapter.



## Small Bites Literary Group at Kool Beans

Saturday, January 27 at 2:30pm

Come with a short story, poem, excerpt, or article to read aloud to the group, which we'll then discuss together. Your literary piece should take no longer than 5 minutes to read. Regular coffee or tea will be provided.



## Murder Mystery Game (RR)

January 29-31

This interactive "Clue"-like game will lead you around the Library's upper level in search of evidence to help you solve the case! Reserve a 45-minute evening time slot for your group of 6 or fewer starting January 22. Ages 13+



# TEEN EVENTS

Teen programs requiring registration open one week prior to the event. Visit the Teen page of the Library's website for registration links.

## Teen Bullet Journaling (RR)

Tuesday, January 9  
at 6pm

Learn how to start your own bullet journal so you can stay creative and organized! Registration opens January 2.



## Anime Club: Gr. 6-12

Wednesdays at 3pm  
No Anime on 1/31

Watch Anime, talk about Manga & Anime with friends, and win great prizes!



## Middle School (RR)

### Graphic Novel Club

Thursday, January 18 at  
Mickelson Middle School  
at 10th Period SI



This month we're reading: Break Out by Zach Kaplan. See Mrs. Folkerts in the MMS Library to sign up & pick up your book!

## Teen Hang Zone

Tuesday, January 23  
at 6pm

Come hang! Activities include Nintendo Switch games, Oculus, crafts, and more. Snacks and pop provided!



## Murder Mystery Game

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This interactive "Clue"-like game will lead you around the Library's upper level in search of evidence to help you solve the case!

Reserve a 45-minute evening time slot for your group of 6 or fewer starting January 22. Ages 13+



## Book Nook Craft

Tuesday, February 6 (RR)  
at 6pm

Create your own wintery book nook to go on your shelf! Registration opens January 30.





# KID'S CORNER

## Story Time

Every Monday at 10:30am

Starts in February

This program features traditional books, songs, and crafts paired with apps, video clips, and more.



## Music Makers (RR)

Every Monday at 9:45am or 11am

Starts in February

Registration opens January 3

Join the fun as caregivers and their kids dance and sing in this rhythm and movement class geared to ages 5 and under. Registration required.

## Spy School

First class on January 8 at 5:30pm

Over the course of several sessions, we will learn "What does it take to be a good spy?" In the first class, we will learn to look for clues and use our observational skills to solve mysteries

For children in grades 3rd-5th

## 'Tween the Pages Book Club (RR)

Wednesday, January 10 at 3pm OR

Wednesday, January 17 at 3pm

This monthly book club is for kids in 4th or 5th grade. Join us as we discuss our book and have some snacks. After you register, you will get a copy of the book to keep. Registration is now open.



January's book is  
"The Great Texas  
Dragon Race"  
by Kacy Ritter

Please note that there are 2 sessions for this month's book club. Please register for only one of the sessions.

## Winter Dance Party

Tuesday, January 16 from 10-11am

Come to the Library to move and groove. Dance away the winter blues with musical fun for kids and their caregivers!



Follow "Brookings  
Public Library-  
Children's  
Department" on  
Facebook to stay  
up to date!



# January 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY	<b>2</b> Teen Bullet Journaling Registration Opens	<b>3</b> 3pm Anime Club  Music Maker Registration Opens	<b>4</b> 5:30pm Movie Night  Cricut Certification Registration Opens	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 5:30pm Spy School 6pm Bring Your Own Craft Class  Adult Winter Reading Challenge Begins	<b>9</b> 6pm Teen Bullet Journaling (RR)	<b>10</b>  3pm Tween the Pages Book Club Group 1 (RR) 3pm Anime Club	<b>11</b> 12pm Library Board Meeting 1pm OR 5:30pm Cricut Certification Training (RR) 6:30pm AI Presentation	<b>12</b> 1pm VisABILITY Craft Class 6-8pm Game Night at Wooden Legs	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	<b>16</b>  10-11am Winter Dance Party	<b>17</b>  3pm Tween the Pages Book Club Group 2 (RR) 3pm Anime Club	<b>18</b> 2:30pm Middle School Graphic Novel Club (at MMS) 6pm Cooking with Pheasant Class  Alcohol Ink State Workshop Registration Opens	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Mystery Game, Spice Club, and Intro to Knitting Registration Opens	<b>23</b>  6pm Teen Hang Zone	<b>24</b>  3pm Anime Club	<b>25</b>  1pm OR 5:30pm Alcohol Ink State Workshop (RR)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 2:30pm Intro to Knitting Class Pt. 1 (RR) 2:30pm Small Bites Literary Group at Kool Beans
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>Murder Mystery Game (RR)</b>	<b>30</b> Teen Book Nook Craft Registration Opens	<b>31</b>			

Red- Kids Activities

Green-Teen Activities

Blue-Adult Activities

Orange- All Ages Activities

(RR)-Registration Required

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meetings are open to the public

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