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From My Side of the Desk

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Happy Holidays! It's hard to believe yet another year is coming to an end. A lot has happened in the last year at the library, and we're excited by all the changes! Here's a recap:

We expanded the Young Adult section by moving the magazines and newspapers. This allowed us to double the shelving in Young Adult section, a much needed expansion. Our wonderful Friends of the Library group gave the money which purchased the new tables and seating in the young adult area.

We got two new display shelves for fun book displays. They are prettier and work better for our needs than the past display shelves we had. One was purchased with money from a memorial bequest and the other was purchased with Hy-Vee receipt donation money. We're 2/3 of the way to our next check from Hy-Vee. Keep bringing in your receipts!

In October of 2017, through a donation from the Friends of the Library, we started a small board game collection. In 2018 we greatly expanded our board game collection through further donations from the Friends of the Library and from board game companies. We currently have 161 board games, and have established a monthly board game night.

Speaking of new collections, we have also added maker kits to the collection! These kits focus on STEAM concepts (science, technology, engineering, art,

and math) and include all-age kits that teach circuits and coding, crochet, hand-lettering, and other skills.

We applied to the Sewing Machine Project and received five refurbished Brother sewing machines in summer 2018. We have put on two Sewing 101 classes so far and will be continuing to offer more sewing classes into the New Year. Thank you to the Brookings Area Quilters Guild for helping us offer these classes through the donation of time and money!

This year was also the year of escape rooms for us! We offered 4 escape rooms this year. These have been fantastically well attended events. Didn't quite make it to an escape room program? Our fourth and last one for this year is December 10 through 13, and there will be more in 2019.

We also have some big plans for 2019! We have received a \$2000 grant from the South Dakota Community Foundation to purchase telescopes and add astronomy programming. We are exploring the possibility of adding a dedicated maker space, and a new website is planned for launch in 2019. After 20 years the carpet is looking more than a little worn, so we will be replacing our carpet sometime in 2019! Along with new carpet, we will also be getting a new circulation desk, thanks to a generous bequest of the Sandra Garnos Family!

Thank you for a wonderful 2018! I'm excited to see what will happen in 2019!



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Escape Room An escape room is a physical adventure in which players solve a series of puzzles and riddles using clues, hints, and strategy to complete the objectives in a limited amount of time. The Library has one more escape room up its sleeve this year! You've discovered that you've been put on the Santa's naughty list, and you're sneaking into Santa's shop to find the list and change it. Can you succeed in the 20 minutes before the elves return?

Time slots are available **the evenings of December 10- 13** for you to sign up your group of 6 or fewer people. Registration opens Monday, December 3, so contact the Library now to reserve your spot!

Want to complete the escape room with your co-workers as team building? Contact Nancy Swenson or Rae Brecht to inquire about daytime availability.



National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation & Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest

On **Tuesday, December 18 at 7 pm** everyone is invited to come watch the hilarious film, *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*. It is about the misadventures of the beleaguered Griswold family's Christmas vacation, where staying home for the holidays and being invaded by bickering relatives is a challenge unto itself. The movie stars Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Randy Quaid, Juliette Lewis, and Johnny Galecki.

Rated PG-13 97 Minutes

Everyone is invited to wear their ugly Christmas sweater this evening. The wearer of the ugliest holiday sweater will win a prize.

Adult Craft Days

Adult craft days are free and open to any adults who wish to participate. This month it is scheduled as follows:

Felt Reindeer

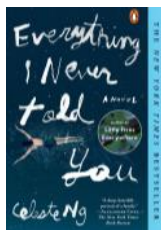
With felt, needle and thread, plus a bit of fiber fill these adorable reindeer come to life. We have two classes offered this month. Registration is required. Call or stop in to register.

Thursday, December 6 at 2:00 pm in Cooper Room A

Monday, December 10 at 6:30 pm in Cooper Room A



Library Book Club - Meets the second Tuesday of the month and is open to anyone interested in attending.



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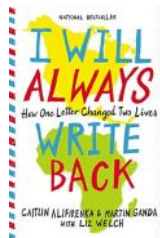
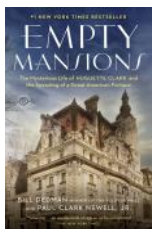
2019 Reads for the Library Book Club

February 12 *Beneath the Same Stars* by Phyllis Cole-Dai

March 12 *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng

April 9 *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah

Non-Fiction Book Club - Meets the fourth Monday of the month and welcomes everyone who is interested in attending.



Library book
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attend.

2019 Non-Fiction Book Club Schedule

January 14 *Empty Mansions* by Bill Dedman

February 25 *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers

March 25 *Duel in the Sun* by John Brant

April 23 *I Will Always Write Back* by Martin Ganda & Caitlin Alifirenka



Booked for Murder - Mystery Book Club discusses an author's body of work rather than a specific title. They meet at noon on the first Monday of the month.

December 3 - Planning 2019

Watch for the results of our meeting on posters in the library and book-marks at the front desk.

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Coming in 2019:

Fourteenth Annual Illustrate-A-Book Contest - Watch for details of this contest open to children that encourages their creativity and reading. The contest will be similar to past years where children create original illustrations for their favorite book. They are judged in age groups and prizes are given to the winners. Details will be available in the January newsletter, in the Children's Department, and at the front desk.



Sewing Classes - Last year we received 5 sewing machines and were able to fit in two sewing classes. Another beginning sewing class will be held January 22-23. This class teaches the basics of a sewing machine and sewing. After the second class you will have a finished project that you've sewn. Registration is required and limited. Sign up begins Monday, January 7.

Adult Reading Program - Each year we have a spring adult reading program. In 2019 we will be combining bingo with Scrabble. Small prizes and a couple large prizes are on the line. You will find details after the first of the year.

Escape Room - Next year will see more escape rooms. The first will be the week of January 28 with details of the theme and registration dates to be announced next month.

Expanded Adult Craft Classes - Due to overflowing classes, we are expanding the number of adult craft classes offered in a month. Starting in January there will be 4 classes offered - two on a new craft and two on a repeat craft. We will also be holding one or two of the classes during the daytime. Check our schedule and see what fits for you and then call or stop in to register.

Book Bags - With the help of the Friends of the Library we will be expanding our book bag collection to 150 bags. We hope this will allow us to expand some of the offerings to authors and genres you've requested.

Watch here for all the latest on what's happening at the library. You can pick up your copy of our **monthly newsletter** at the front desk or read it online at www.brookingslibrary.org.



Game Night: Friday December 14 at 6:30-9:30 pm

Ticket to Ride, Codenames, Smash Up, Catan – we've got a variety of games available for play! Join us for game night on Friday, December 14 from 6:30-9:30 pm in the Cooper room! We'll have games available to choose from, or feel free to bring your own to play with a group. Check out our event on Facebook to RSVP and let us know you're coming!

A Special Thanks

We are so thankful to be a part of a supportive and giving community! Many individuals and organizations contribute to the success of the Brookings Public Library during the year through fundraising, volunteering, book donations and financial donations, and we wanted to take a moment to thank you all for a wonderful 2018.

We also want to thank all of our patrons who continue to visit the Library to check out items, use our resources, and attend our programs! It is a pleasure to serve this community, and we are looking forward to a great 2019.

Save those Hy-Vee receipts!

The Friends of the Brookings Public Library are collecting Hy-Vee receipts for the Hy-Vee receipt program! For every \$150,000 in receipts we collect, Hy-Vee will donate \$1,000 to be used for library programming and collections.

We appreciate all those who've brought their receipts in and want to let you know that we're 2/3 of the way to a Hy-Vee donation. With everyone's help we'll reach our next Hy-Vee donation in no time.

Receipts can be dropped off at the library circulation desk.



Teen Scene

PIZZA & PAGES

A book discussion group for teens. For teens in grades 6th-12th.
Registration is limited.

PUPPETRY CLUB - For teens in 6th - 12th grade.

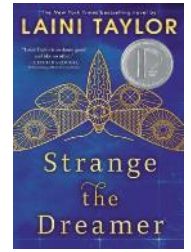
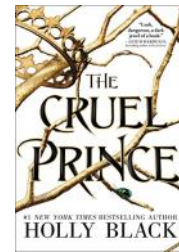
Practice Tuesday, December 4 at 6:00 pm

Perform Thursday, December 6 at 6:00 pm (show at 7:00 pm)

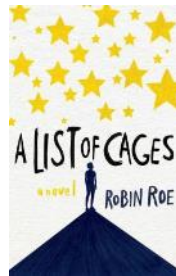
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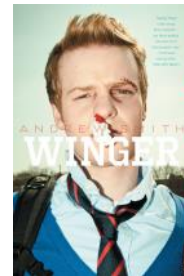
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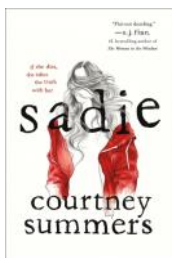
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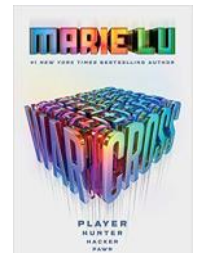
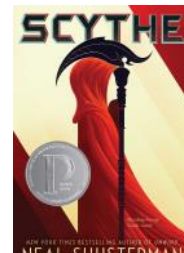
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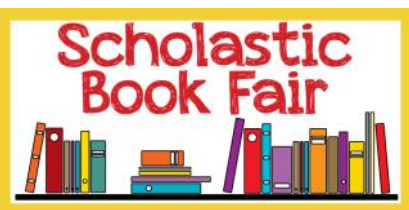


Romance



SCIENCE FICTION





**Don't miss out on the final dates of the
Scholastic Book Fair**

Sat., December 1—Sun., December 2

9:30 am - 5 pm

1 pm - 4:30 pm

Kids' Corner



Watch for these returning programs in January 2019

Starting January 14 with registration beginning December 10

Baby Bounce Storytime on **Mondays at 10 am.** Registration is required.

Storytime on **Mondays at 11 am.**

Mommy & Me (and Daddy, too) Music Makers on **Mondays at 6:15 pm**
and **Tuesdays at 10 & 11 am.** Registration is required.

Family Science Night on the last **Tuesday** of each month, will be held on
Tue., January 29 from **6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Monthly Puppet Shows

Monthly puppet shows are held at the library on a **Thursday night @ 7 pm.**

Upcoming puppet show dates include **December 6.**

2019 Dates - January 17, February 14, March 14, April 4

Tail Waggin' Tutors



Registration is now open for our Tail Waggin' Tutors program! Limited spaces are available on Wednesday afternoons from 2:40 - 3:40 for children to read to our tutor, Champ. This is a great way for kids to build confidence in reading by sharing a book with Champ. Call the Library at 692-9407 or stop in to register your child for this great program!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

This free nationwide program challenges families and caregivers to share 1,000 books with their children before entering kindergarten. Ask in the Children's Department or at the circulation desk for your first 100 book tracking sheet.

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					Scholastic Book Fair	
2 Last Day of Book Fair	3 Noon Booked for Murder	4 6 Puppet Club Practice	5	6 2:00 Adult Craft Class 5:30 pm Board Meeting 7 pm Puppet Show	7	8
9	10 6:30 pm Adult Craft Night	11	12	13 7 pm Pizza & Pages	14 6:30 pm Game Night	15
	Christmas Escape Room					
16	17	18 6:30 pm Movie Night	19	20	21	22
23	24 Library Closed	25 Library Closed for Christmas	26	27	28	29

** Board Meetings are open to the public.



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Programming

Key

In Red - Kids

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In Black - Adult

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Registration

