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From My Side of the Desk

It's hard to believe that it is already December and another year is coming to an end. 2019 was a pretty great year for the Library!

Here's a quick re-cap:

The programs this year were outstanding! We had four very successful escape rooms, and will continue to offer escape rooms about once a quarter. Numerous speakers and authors visited the Library throughout the year, including a visit from Kent Nerburn, author of "Neither Wolf Nor Dog," and Karen Land, a dogsled racer. Thanks to all who attended these events.

After almost 20 years of wear and tear, we had new carpet installed throughout the entire library in August. It was a stressful two weeks, but definitely worth the frustrations. At the same time, we received a wonderful memorial gift from the Sandra J. Garnos Family for a new circulation desk. We'll be continuing the care of the library with minor changes throughout 2020.

The Library extended our best wishes to a much-loved member of our staff, Rae Brecht, who retired after 33 years of service. We welcomed Mikaela Neubauer to replace Rae as the new Community Services Coordinator. Mikaela is doing a great job at continuing to provide high quality programming for the community.

We also added new items to the collection. Through a grant from the South Dakota Community Foundation and matching funds from *Science at the Pub*, we were able to purchase eight telescopes for patrons to check out. We

also added a small videogame collection with funds from The Friends of the Library through collecting Hy-Vee receipts. Our fall Friends of the Library book sale also raised a record amount of money, which will go to support programs and fund the purchase of even more items in 2020.

I am excited to see how the Library will continue to grow and change to meet the needs of the Brookings Community in 2020!

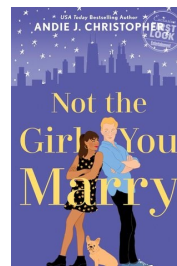
Ashia's Book Recommendation: *Not the Girl You Marry* by Andi J. Christopher

How To Lose a Guy in 10 Days gets a millennial makeover in this romantic comedy.

Jack Nolan is a gentleman, a journalist, and unlucky in love. Fed up with his fluffy articles and the app-based dating scene as well, he strikes a deal with his boss to write a final piece de resistance: *How to Lose a Girl*. Easier said than done when the girl he meets is Hannah Mayfield, and he's not sure he wants her to dump him.

Hannah is an extremely successful event planner who's focused on climbing the career ladder. But Hannah needs to show her boss that she has range, including planning dreaded, romantic weddings.

Before Jack and Hannah know it, their fake relationship starts to feel all too real—and neither of them can stand to lose each other. (description from [goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com))



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Movie Night



Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30 pm - Lion King

The 1994 Disney classic is back— in photorealistic live action. Simba, a young lion who must embrace his role as the rightful king of his native land following the murder of his father, Mufasa, at the hands of his uncle, Scar. With the help of his freewheeling friends, Timon and Pumba, along with encouragement from his pride, Simba may have what it takes to overthrow Scar and reclaim his spot as leader.

Rated PG

118 Minutes



Thursday, December 19th at 6:30 pm - It's a Wonderful Life

George Bailey has spent his whole life putting his family and his community first, ignoring his own ambitions. When the success of his friends, the dread of being stuck in a career he hates, and a financial crisis push Bailey over the edge on Christmas, it takes a guardian angel to show him just how meaningful his life truly is.

Rated PG

130 Minutes

Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

Let our Friends of the Library members and the Library staff wrap your presents while you browse for books! For a small price we will package your gifts in one convenient location. All proceeds go towards funding future Library materials and programs.

In front of the display wall

- Monday, December 9th 6-8:30 pm
- Tuesday, December 10th 6-8:30 pm
- Saturday, December 21st 10 am-Noon and 2-4pm

Adult Craft Classes

Adult craft classes are free and open to any adults (18+) who wish to participate. Registration is required. *At least 5 persons need to be registered to hold the class.* Please stop in or call 692-9407 to register.

This month's schedule includes:

Folded Book Trees

Friday, December 13th @ 2:00 pm

Monday, December 16h @ 6:30 pm



Fishback Financial Grant Awarded

Thank you to the Fishback Financial Corporation Community Fund for awarding the Brookings Public Library with a grant for \$3,675 to be used to purchased more Launchpad tablets and to add Wonderbook book/audiobook read-alongs! We're so very thankful for the funding, and we're excited to get these devices in our patrons' hands! Keep an eye out in December and January for these new additions to show up on the shelves.

Fiction Book Club - Meets the second Tuesday of the month and always welcomes new members

December: No Meeting

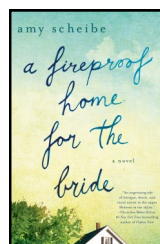
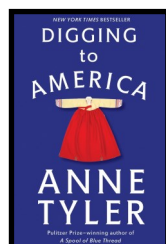
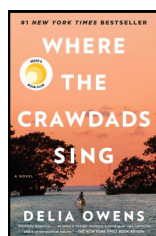
January: No Meeting

2020 Fiction Book Club Schedule

February 11th *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

March 10th *Digging to America* by Anne Tyler

April 14th *A Fireproof Home for the Bride* by Amy Scheibe



Library book discussion groups are open to anyone who wants to attend. New members are welcome!

Non-Fiction Book Club - Meets on the fourth Monday of the month and always welcomes new members.

December: No Meeting

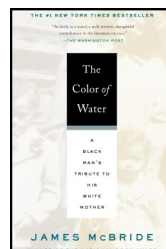
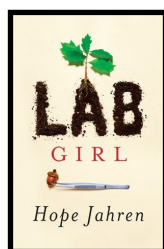
January: No Meeting

2020 Non-Fiction Book Club Schedule

February 24th *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren

March 23rd *I'll be Gone in the Dark* by Michelle McNamara

April 27th *The Color of Water* by James McBride



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 2nd - Planning 2020

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





Game Night at Wooden Legs

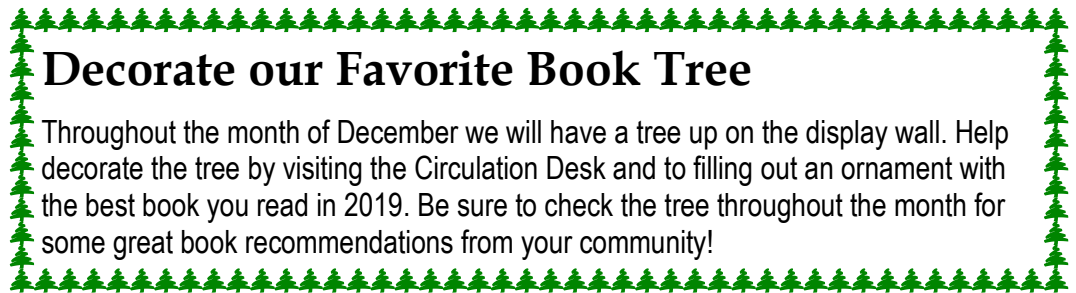
Join us for game night on Friday, December 13th from 6:30-9:30 pm at Wooden Legs Brewery, located at 309 5th Street #100 in downtown Brookings. We'll have games available to choose from, or feel free to bring your own to play with a group. Check out our event on Facebook to RSVP and let us know you're coming. Snacks are provided!



English at the Pub(lic Library)

There's a new way to attend English at the Pub lectures at Jim's Tap— by tuning in to a live stream from the comfort of the Library. Come to the Cooper Room on Thursday, December, 12th at 7pm to learn from and engage with a local literary lecture.

December's presenter: Dr. Nicole Flynn- "My Wife's Not My Wife She's My Daughter": Relocating A Bill of Divorcement from Stage to Screen"



Decorate our Favorite Book Tree

Throughout the month of December we will have a tree up on the display wall. Help decorate the tree by visiting the Circulation Desk and to filling out an ornament with the best book you read in 2019. Be sure to check the tree throughout the month for some great book recommendations from your community!

Book Donation Dos and Don'ts

Donations help the Library in a couple of ways, either by adding to our collections or by going into our bi-annual Friends of the Library book sale. Proceeds from the book sale go directly to the Library and are then used to enhance our programs and collections.

Donations can be dropped off at the Circulation Desk during open hours.

However, there are some items that we cannot use. Here's a handy guide to what you should and should not bring to the Library as a donation.

Accepted:	Not Accepted:
Gently used, clean books	Dirty or torn books
Music CDs	Vinyl records
DVDs	Cassettes
Legos	VHS tapes
Magazines	Textbooks
Board and card games	Encyclopedias
Video games	"Vintage" or "Antique" books

Coming in 2020

- **New Newsletter**– Our newsletter is getting a makeover for 2020. Stay tuned for a new design, still filled with all of the Library info you need.
- **Adult Reading Program** - Each year we have a spring adult reading program. For this reading program, we are challenging participants to beat their cabin fever by accomplishing various reading tasks! Pick up a tracking sheet starting January 13th.
- **Escape Room** - Next year will see more escape rooms. The first will be the week of January 27th with details of the theme and registration dates to be announced next month.
- **Suggestion Box**– We want to hear from you! The Library is installing a Questions and Suggestions box by the circulation desk so that we can better understand what patrons want to see and answer what patrons want to know. Feel free to submit a slip and we will address it as time and ability allows.
- **Cookbook Club**– Book Club just got tastier! Each month, the cookbook club will focus on a single cuisine theme. The Library will provide a few cookbooks relating to that theme for reference at the Circulation Desk. Participants can come browse the month's cookbooks and photocopy or take pictures of the recipe(s) they want to try. At the end of the month members will bring their themed dishes and recipes to share with the group over dinner. After the potluck, we'll discuss tips, tricks, and even the occasional recipe flop. This club will be held at 6pm every 4th Thursday of the month.

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.

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 2019.
- 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 2020.

Amazon Smile

Are you shopping on Amazon? If so, please consider using AmazonSmile to donate a portion of your purchases to the Friends of the Brookings Public Library! Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-3813544> to use AmazonSmile with the Friends of the Brookings Public Library selected.



Kids' Corner



Scholastic Book Fair

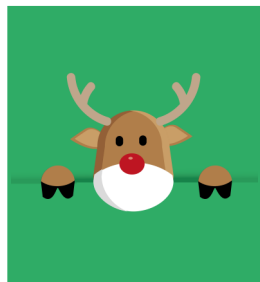
The Scholastic Book Fair is back! Visit the Children's Department from Monday, December 2nd to Sunday, December 8th to get your hands on some of the most popular books for kids! You can also shop online at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/bplibrary> and have the books delivered to your home!

Book Fair Hours

Monday, December 2nd- Thursday, December 5th 9:30am-8:30pm
 Friday, December 6th- Saturday, December 7th 9:30am-5:00pm
 Sunday, December 8th 1:00-4:30pm

Sixteenth Annual Illustrate-A-Book Contest

Here is a great way to show off your artistic talents and share them with the community. The idea is simple: create an original drawing based on a book. You can choose almost any book and use it as inspiration for your picture. Try depicting a favorite scene or character using your own personal style — just have a great time and let your imagination go wild. Entries due March 1, 2020. For more information come by the Brookings Public Library or contact Katherine Eberline at 692-9407.



Puppet Show

Thursday, December 5th @ 7pm

"Santa's Reindeer"

Join us to find out how the reindeer got its job!

Holiday Crafts

Stop by the library with the whole family on Monday, December 23rd from 1-3 for an opportunity to make a variety of holiday crafts! This is a come and go event, so join when you can.

Watch for these returning programs in January 2020!

Activities start January 13th with registration beginning December 13th

Storytime

Features traditional books, songs, and crafts paired with apps, video clips, and more. Mondays at 11am.

Baby Bounce Storytime

Songs, finger plays, and books for infants and toddlers up to 24 months. Mondays at 10 am. Registration is required.

Mommy and Me (and Daddy Too) Music Makers

For children 5 and under. This 9-week session is offered Mondays at 6:15 pm & Tuesdays at 10 & 11 am. Registration is required.

Tail Waggin' Tutors

Kids can practice their reading skills by sharing a book with a dog. Wednesdays at 2:40, 3:00, 3:20, and 3:40pm. Registration is required.

Beat the cold with these activities!

Anime Club

WATCH anime. TALK about manga and anime with friends. WIN great prizes! Meetings will resume in January 2020.

Pizza and Pages Book Club

A monthly book discussion group for teens. Participants will be provided with a copy of the book when you register. Registration required.

Thursday, December 12th @ 7pm

Puppetry Club

Join the Puppetry Club and perform puppet shows for kids of all ages! For teens in 5th-12th grade. Tuesday, December 3rd @ 6pm.

Fortnite Tournament

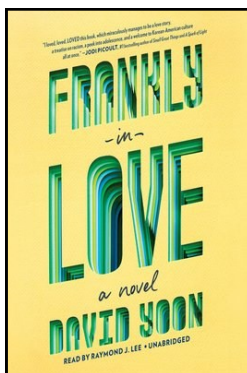
Gamers gather for a friendly and fun Fortnite Tournament on the Nintendo Switch. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Check back in 2020 for more dates!

BookMatch

Fill out a short form (online at www.brookingslibrary.org or in the Library) and our teen librarian will create a personalized reading list of titles for you. bit.ly/teenbookmatch

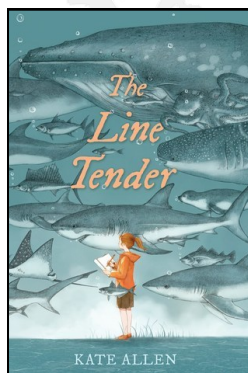
Teen Scene

Hot reads for chilly days



Frankly in Love by David Yoon

Frank Li takes a risk to date a girl his immigrant parents would never approve of, but will his plans leave him wondering if he ever really understood love—or himself—at all.



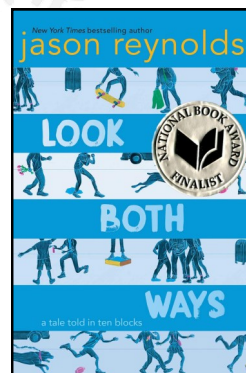
The Line Tender by Kate Allen

A tragedy leads Lucy to pick up her late marine biologist mother's research and discover why great whites are returning to Cape Cod.



Skyward by Brandon Sanderson

After her father is shot down for being a deserter, Spensa will do all she can to become a pilot and prove her bravery fighting the alien Krell.



Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds

A lot can happen after the dismissal bell rings. These ten stories all take place on the way home from school.



Demon Slayer by Koyoharu Gotouge

In Taisho era Japan, Tanjiro lives with his mother and five siblings. One day he travels down the mountain only to return home and find his entire family has been slaughtered by a demon. Now he must avenge his family.

December 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Scholastic Book Fair					
	12pm Booked For Murder	6pm Puppet Club	6:30pm Movie Night ALL AGES	7pm Puppet Show		
8 Book Fair	9	10	11	12	13	14
	6-8:30pm Gift Wrapping Fundraiser	6-8:30pm Gift Wrapping Fundraiser		12pm Library Board Meeting ** 7pm Pizza and Pages 7pm English at the Pub(lic Library)	2pm Adult Craft 6:30pm Game Night at Wooden Legs	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	6:30pm Adult Craft			6:30pm Movie Night ALL AGES		10am-noon & 2-4pm Gift Wrapping Fundraiser
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	1-3pm Holiday Crafts	CLOSING AT 5PM FOR CHRISTMAS EVE	CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS			
29	30	31	January 1			
		CLOSING AT 5PM FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE	CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY			

** Board Meetings are open to the public.

Programming Key:

Red - Kids
Green - Teens
Black - Adult

RR—Registration Required



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