

# PRAIRIE READER

Ruth Culver Community Library News



## WATERCOLOR PAINTING FOR KIDS

We are bringing out the watercolor palettes, paper, and brushes for a creative activity **Monday, January 16 at 10:00am**. No techniques will be taught at this event. Children will be encouraged to explore how watercolors work on the page. Open to children age 12 and under. Ages 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

## DROP-IN MINDFULNESS

Join certified Mindfulness Meditation Teacher Diane Matzke for drop-in mindfulness sessions in the community room. January sessions will be held **Monday, January 9** and **Monday, January 23 at 9:15am**. No registration is required.

Mindfulness has many benefits. Those benefits can be summarized into three main categories: focused attention, emotional regulation and self-awareness. Many thanks to Diane Matzke for offering these sessions.

## STREAM MOVIES WITH KANOPY!

Starting in January, we're excited to offer a brand-new service called Kanopy to our patrons! This streaming service allows you to gain instant access to hundreds of movies on your computer or mobile device. Kanopy has a strong collection of independent, international, documentary, and early films from providers like Criterion, PBS and Kino Lorber. Patrons will have 6 credits available to them every month and you'll have 72 hours to finish your title once you've hit "play." If you have any questions about how to get started or have additional questions, please see library staff for assistance. (Must have home library set to Ruth Culver!)

## MAKE A MARBLE MAZE

Create your own unique marble maze at the library **Wednesday, January 11 at 4:00pm**. Various materials such as play-dough and tubes will be provided. For children in elementary grades.

## POKÉMON CLUB

Bring your Pokémon cards and/or your game devices to the community room **Wednesday, January 25 at 4:00pm** and meet with other Pokémon enthusiasts to battle, trade, and play. For Pokémon Go players, we will have a lure on one of our local Pokéstops.

## The Library will be CLOSED

Saturday, December 31 &  
Monday, January 2



## TEEN TUESDAYS

We're having a **Kit Kat Taste Tuesday, January 10 at 6:45pm!** Test different flavors and vote on your favorite! We also have a new game to try - Spyfall Time Travel.

**Drop-In DIYs** are back **Tuesday, January 24 at 6:45pm**. We'll have a variety of supplies to make key chains, zipper pulls, phone charms and more! Make what you want!

Teen Tuesdays are especially for grades 6-12. No registration is required unless you want to receive email reminders about an event.

January **Teen Take & Make bags** will be available beginning Wednesday, January 11, no registration required. Just ask for your bag at the desk (while supplies last).



Jazmin,  
Circulation Supervisor

**The Library's  
next LEGO CLUB  
is Wednesday,  
January 18 from  
4:00pm to  
5:00pm. Drop in  
and build!**



*The Mystery Book Club  
will meet **Thursday,**  
**January 12 at**  
**6:45pm.** This month's  
theme is *New Orleans  
Mysteries!**

## LIBRARY HOURS

**Mon-Thu: 9am - 8pm**  
**Fri: 9am - 6pm**  
**Sat: 9am - 4pm**

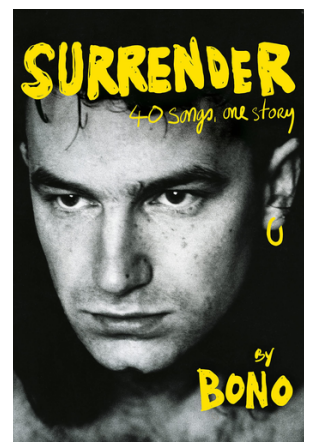
## WELCOME JAZMIN!

Please welcome Jazmin, our new Circulation Supervisor! Jazmin was born and raised in Jacksonville, Florida. She received her bachelor's degree in English language and literature with a minor in editing from Brigham Young University (BYU). During her time at BYU, she got a job as a Scholarly Communications Research Assistant at the university's library. This job sparked the idea to pursue her master's degree in library and information science, but after graduating in 2016, she decided to take a hiatus from academia and explored other fields. At the beginning of 2020, she got a part-time job as a clerk at the Jacksonville Public Library. It was during this time that she decided to finally pursue her MLIS degree. She began her program online through San Jose State University in August 2020. During this time, she gained a full-time job as a Library Services and Technology Guide in the Hillsborough County Library Cooperative system in Tampa, FL. She and her fiancé both completed their graduate programs in August 2022. Shortly after completing his program, he was offered a job in Madison that they couldn't turn down. They moved to the area in September. Before working at the Ruth Culver Community Library, Jazmin worked as a Teacher Assistant at La Petite Academy and as a Sales and Marketing Assistant at Montclair Fiber Optics. When she's not at the library, Jazmin enjoys reading, movie watching, hiking, trivia, board games, singing, and doing anything with her friends and family.

## JUNE'S BOOK REVIEW

### ***Surrender: 40 Songs, One Story* by Bono**

This is a biography/memoir by Paul Hewson, better known as Bono. Born in Dublin, Ireland in 1960, he lost his mother when he was 14. Bono of course witnessed the war for home rule known as the "Troubles." He always loved to sing. His father didn't really support the idea. This book is 500 pages long. It covers when he met his three other band members and his wife, Ali, when they 14 years old. The marriage and the band are still together for over 40 years. Bono is stubborn, religious and persistent. He and the band U-2 have raised millions for charities. All are passionate about fighting poverty and hunger worldwide. Bono says he learned from the U.S. civil rights movement you may have to work with people who are on the opposite side. I found this memoir thoughtfully written, funny and poignant.



## MOVE & GROOVE!

We are introducing a new winter program for ages 2-4! Move and Groove is a free opportunity for active play in the library's community room held on **Fridays at 10:00am**. Each session has an activity theme. Some of the sessions will be more free-play focused and some of the sessions will be more class-like. For more information, please contact Bethany.

**Jan. 13: Balloons and Balls.** We're filling up a bunch of balloons to bat around! We'll be playing games like Keepy Uppy and balloon tennis in addition to a few rolling games with the balls.

**Jan. 20: Musical Instrument Day.** Miss Bethany is bringing out the shaker eggs, bells, and drumsticks for musical exploration and movement. We might also do a parade around the room.

**Jan. 27: Indoor Playground Day.** All of our active toys will be out for this session. Come slide, jump, hop, and more!

## BOUNCING BABIES

A storytime geared for ages 0-2 focusing on songs, fingerplays, and short books to grow minds and motor skills, Bouncing Babies is held **Fridays at 8:30am**, before the library opens.

## STORYTIMES

Join Miss Bethany on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am** for movement, music, and stories in the library community room. Recommended for children ages 2+ but all are welcome.

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