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LOCATIONS & HOURS

LIBRARY SQUARE

100 Rock Street | Little Rock | 72201

MAIN LIBRARY

(501) 918-3000

Mon-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM

Boulevard Bread Co. | Mon-Sat | 8 AM-4 PM

BOBBY L. ROBERTS LIBRARY OF ARKANSAS HISTORY & ART

Butler Center for Arkansas Studies

Roberts Library Research Room | (501) 320-5700

Tue-Fri | 10 AM-5 PM | Sat | 12-4 PM | No Curbside

CALS BRANCHES

MILLIE M. BROOKS LIBRARY

13022 Highway 365 South

Wrightsville | 72183 | (501) 537-3186

Tue | 9:30 AM-7 PM | Wed - Thu | 9:30 AM-4:30 PM

DEE BROWN LIBRARY

6325 Baseline Road

Little Rock | 72209 | (501) 568-7494

Mon | 9 AM-8 PM | Tue-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Sun | 1-5 PM

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON CHILDREN'S LIBRARY & LEARNING CENTER

4800 West 10th Street

Little Rock | 72204 | (501) 978-3870

Mon-Wed/Fri-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Thu | 9 AM-8 PM

JOHN GOULD FLETCHER LIBRARY

823 North Buchanan Street

Little Rock | 72205 | (501) 663-5457

Mon/Wed | 9 AM-8 PM | Tue/Thu/Fri/Sat | 9 AM-6 PM

MAUMELLE LIBRARY

10 Lake Pointe Drive

Maumelle | 72113 | (501) 851-2551

Mon-Tue/Fri-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Wed-Thu | 9 AM-8 PM

SIDNEY S. MCMATH LIBRARY

2100 John Barrow Road

Little Rock | 72204 | (501) 225-0066

Mon | 9 AM-8 PM | Tue-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Sun | 1-5 PM

RON ROBINSON THEATER

Call for availability | (501) 320-5715

ROCK IT! LAB

(501) 320-5748

501 Makers & The Village | Mon-Fri | 9 AM-6 PM

The River Shop | Sat | 10 AM-4 PM

MAX MILAM LIBRARY

609 Aplin Avenue

Perryville | 72126 | (501) 889-2554

Mon/Wed-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Tue | 9 AM-8 PM

ESTHER DEWITT NIXON LIBRARY

703 West Main Street

Jacksonville | 72076 | (501) 457-5038

Mon/Wed-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Tue | 9 AM-8 PM

OLEY E. ROOKER LIBRARY

11 Otter Creek Court

Little Rock | 72210 | (501) 907-5991

Mon-Wed/Fri-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Thu | 9 AM-8 PM

AMY SANDERS LIBRARY

10200 Johnson Drive

Sherwood | 72120 | (501) 835-7756

Mon/Wed | 9 AM-8 PM | Tue/Thu-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Sun | 1-5 PM

ADOLPHINE FLETCHER TERRY LIBRARY

2015 Napa Valley Drive

Little Rock | 72212 | (501) 228-0129

Mon | 9 AM-8 PM | Tue-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Sun | 1-5 PM

ROOSEVELT THOMPSON LIBRARY

38 Rahling Circle

Little Rock | 72223 | (501) 821-3060

Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Tue/Thu | 9 AM-8 PM

SUE COWAN WILLIAMS LIBRARY

1800 Chester Street

Little Rock | 72206 | (501) 376-4282

Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Tue/Thu | 9 AM-8 PM

DIGITAL SERVICES



Use the CALS app to reserve books or mark them for later from your phone. Find out how the CALS app and apps from our digital content providers can enhance your library experience at cals.org/digital-library.



Browse digital versions of the latest issues of popular magazines.



Download up to five songs per week or stream unlimited music all day long.



Use this digital streaming service to access movies, TV shows, and graphic novels. CALS has a daily budget cap for hoopla borrows, meaning all patrons share a collective daily borrowing limit.



Stream thought-provoking films from desktop to TV to tablet.



Borrow eBooks and audiobooks.



Formerly Lynda.com, LinkedIn Learning offers over 16,000 video courses and tutorials taught by industry experts.

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Library Card Basics

2-Hour: Laptops, Chromebooks, DVD players (to be used only inside CALS buildings)

7-Day: New release (high demand) DVDs, tools, weekend bags

14-Day: New adult books, DVDs (including Binge Boxes), birdwatching kits, circulating magazines, engravers, fishing poles, hotspots, Kill-A-Watt meters, oral history toolkits, telescopes, toys

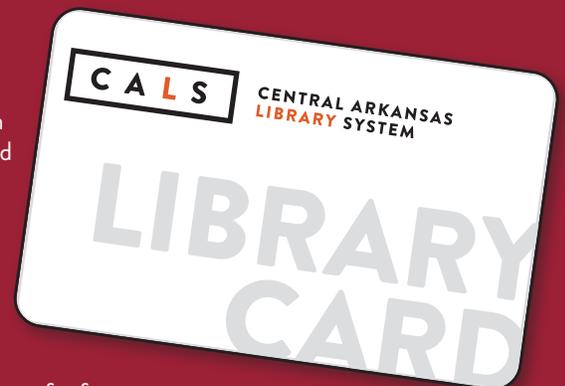
Now at Main: Blu-rays are here! Take home up to 5 and enjoy movie night your way.

28-Day: All other items

Extended (vacation) Loans: Items with holds cannot be extended. Extended loan periods, or vacation loans, may be granted at the discretion of a branch manager or department head. To be taken into consideration are the number of items the patron asks to check out; length of extension requested; popularity/demand for items requested.

Non-circulating (Reference): Special loans of reference materials may be made with the permission of the Head of Reference or Branch Managers.

MOBIUS and Interlibrary Loan Materials: The due date for ILL and MOBIUS materials is the later of 14 days from checkout or the date due written on the paper band.



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DECEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

FOOD FOR FINES



*Fines accrued for billed items or replacement fees are not eligible under the program.

BE MIGHTY
Eat. Play. Learn. LITTLE ROCK.

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Food for Fines | December 1-19

Clear fines and support your community! Bring unopened, nonperishable food items or essentials—such as canned goods, hygiene products, diapers, formula, and school supplies—and receive \$2 credit per item, up to \$30. Even if you don't have fines, you can still donate and pay it forward. Collected items will be used to restock Be Mighty's Little Free Pantries at CALS branches.

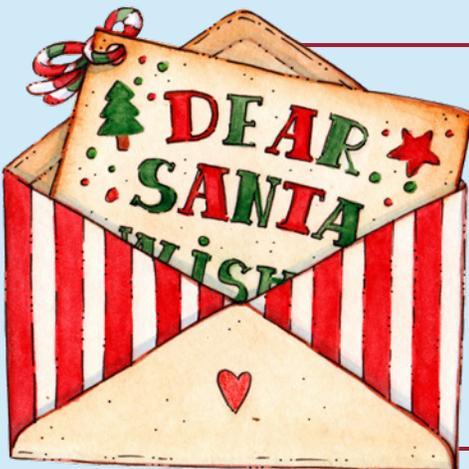


GRINCHMAS CRAFT CAFÉ

McMath Library

Friday, December 12 | 11 AM -1 PM | Adults

Let's Whobilate together! Create a Grinch-themed ornament, enjoy cozy drinks and holiday treats, and dive into a crafty escape filled with festive fun (and a little mischief). All materials provided while supplies last. Space is limited—please register to reserve your spot.



Letters to Santa

Send letters by December 19 | Main Library Youth Services

Bring the magic of the holidays to life by writing a letter to Santa Claus! Kids can drop their letters in the Santa Express Mailbox at the Main Library, mail them in, or submit them online. Every child will receive a personalized reply from Santa before Christmas.

Gift Wrapping Stations at CALS

Get holiday-ready at one of our free drop-in gift wrapping stations! We'll provide wrapping paper, bags, ribbons, tape, and plenty of space—just bring your gifts.

Fletcher Library

Wednesday, December 17 | 12–2 PM (Adults)

Monday, December 22 | 1-2:30 PM (Adults)

Terry Library

Saturday, December 20 | 10AM–12PM (all ages)

All materials are provided while supplies last. No registration required.



MUG Decorating



Friday, December 19 | 4-6 PM | Adults
Main Library | Makerspace (Room 235)

Create your own festive mug for the holiday season using the Cricut and mug heat press in the Main Library Makerspace. Registration is preferred, as materials are limited. For questions or cancellations, email makerspace@cals.org.

December is full of holiday cheer at CALS! Across our branches, families can enjoy hands-on crafts like ornament-making, cookie decorating, holiday card workshops, and more. There will be plenty of festive fun for kids, teens, and adults—from DIY gifts to edible art. Join creative programs, open houses, and even a Children's Business Fair: Holiday Market. And don't miss one of our favorite traditions: Noon Year's Eve complete with crafts, snacks, and a countdown balloon drop at noon. There's something joyful for everyone this season! **See the full list of events at CALS.org.**

DECEMBER NEW RELEASES



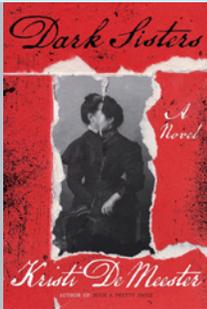
FICTION

Sparks Fly
by Zakiya N. Jamal (12/2/25)



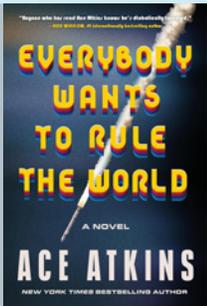
FICTION

The Forgotten Book Club
by Kate Storey (12/2/25)



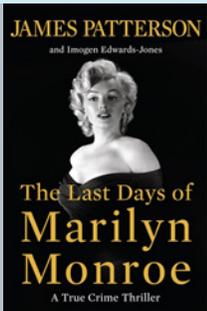
FICTION

Dark Sisters
by Kristi DeMeester (12/9/25)



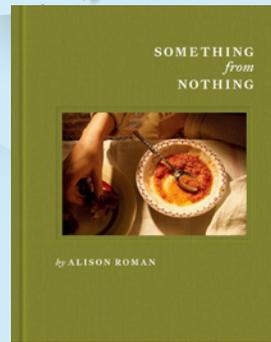
FICTION

Everybody Wants to Rule the World
by Ace Atkins (12/2/25)



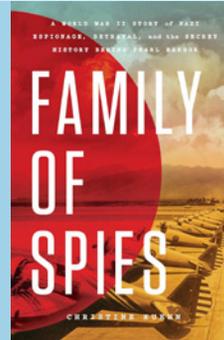
FICTION

The Last Days of Marilyn Monroe: A True Crime Thriller
by James Patterson (12/1/25)



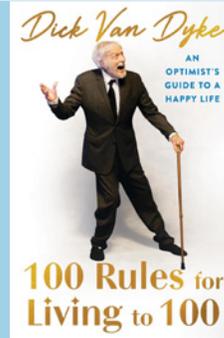
NON-FICTION

Something from Nothing: A Cookbook
by Alison Roman



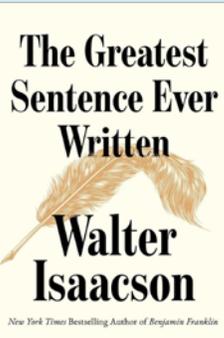
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Family of Spies: A World War II Story of Nazi Espionage, Betrayal, and the Secret History Behind Pearl Harbor
by Christine Kuehn



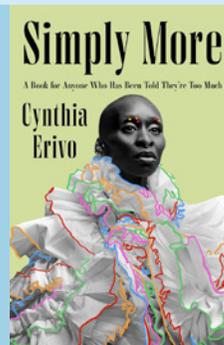
NON-FICTION

100 Rules for Living to 100: An Optimist's Guide to a Happy Life
by Dick Van Dyke



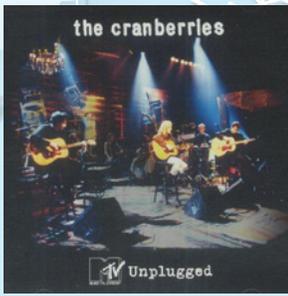
NON-FICTION

The Greatest Sentence Ever Written
by Walter Isaacson



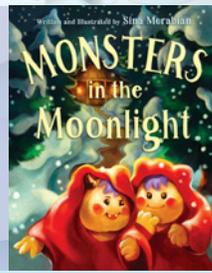
NON-FICTION

Simply More: A Book for Anyone Who Has Been Told They're Too Much
by Cynthia Erivo



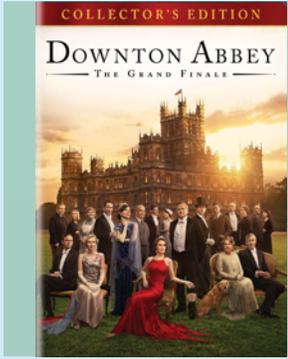
MUSIC

**The Cranberries /
MTV Unplugged**



YOUTH

Monsters in the Moonlight
by Sina Merabian (12/2/25)



ADULT DVD

**Downton Abbey:
The Grand Finale**



YOUTH

**Raquel Reyes Saves
the Wedding**
by Angela Cervantes



YOUTH DVD

**Gabby's Dollhouse:
The Movie**



YOUTH

The Last Ember
by Lily Berlin Dodd



TELE- VISION

The Morning Show



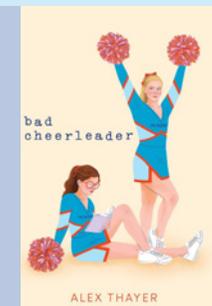
YOUTH

**There's Always
Next Year**
by Leah Johnson (12/2/25)



GRAPHIC NOVEL

**Absolute Martian
Manhunter Vol 1:
Martian Vision**
by Deniz Camp & Javier Rodriguez



YOUTH

Bad Cheerleader
by Alex Thayer



YOUTH

Christmas Sweater
by Jan Brett

PROGRAM INFORMATION

CALS offers innovative programs that promote lifelong learning, connect patrons to technology, and advance knowledge. From storytimes to author talks, CALS has a full schedule with something suited for any age. See the full program calendar at cals.org/events.

Be Mighty This citywide campaign connects kids and teens 18 and under to free meals. bemightylittlerock.org

Count Up This free after-school math tutoring program matches K-12 students with experienced tutors for one-on-one assistance. Spots are full. Sign up for the waitlist at cals.org/countup

Digital Literacy Whether you're a technology beginner or looking to expand your skills, there's a class for you. Digital Literacy Guides offer friendly, free, one-on-one assistance. cals.org/digital-literacy

Encyclopedia of Arkansas The mission of this free online encyclopedia is to collect and disseminate information on all aspects of the state's history and culture and to provide a comprehensive reference work for historians, teachers, students, and others seeking to understand and appreciate Arkansas's heritage. EncyclopediaOfArkansas.net

Rock It! Lab A partnership of CALS and Advancing Black Entrepreneurship (ABE), the Rock It! Lab provides resources and services, including technical assistance, mentorship, marketing and promotion, networking opportunities, business education, one-on-one instruction, and more to assist entrepreneurs in creating successful businesses. cals.org/rock-it-lab

Writing Circle Get tips and learn techniques for writing from professionals and your peers. Whether it's your memoir, a journal, short story, or novel, the CALS Writing Circle is a community that wants to see you succeed. cals.org

CALS RON ROBINSON THEATER



Miracle on 34th Street (1947, G)
Tuesday | December 2 | 7PM



National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989, PG-13)
Thursday | December 4 | 7PM



Die Hard (1988, R)
Friday | December 5 | 7PM



Home Alone – 35th Anniversary (1990, PG)
Saturday | December 6 | 12:30PM



Exhibition on Screen: *Girl with a Pearl Earring*
Saturday | December 6 | 4PM | \$10



The Rocky Horror Picture Show
50th Anniversary (1975, R)
Saturday | December 6 | 8PM | \$8



Love Actually (2003, R)
Tuesday | December 9 | 7PM

Elf (2003, PG)
Thursday | December 18 | 7PM

BingoFlix: Gremlins (1984, PG)
Friday | December 19 | 7PM

The Thirteenth Night Before Christmas
with Swing Band Reunion & Friends
Friday | December 12 | 7PM | \$20

Emmet Otter's Jug-Band Christmas (1977, NR)
Saturday | December 20 | 12:30PM | Free

The Sound of Music – 60th Anniversary (1965, G)
Saturday | December 20 | 2:30PM

White Christmas (1954, NR)
Tuesday | December 16 | 7PM

It's a Wonderful Life (1946, PG)
Saturday | December 20 | 7PM



*Films are \$5 unless otherwise noted | Get tickets at RonRobinsonTheater.org.