

MUSSER PUBLIC

LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026



Musser Public

Library

2025

YEAR IN REVIEW

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We welcomed new patrons, connected with returning users, and saw thousands of materials move through our shelves and into people's homes.



19,509

Patrons Served



859

Number of New Patrons Welcomed



135,034

Physical Items Checked Out



411

Programs Held



5,779

New Items Added

Discover Your Next Chapter!

New interests in the new year at Musser Public Library!

- Read a new genre
- Sign up for the Winter Reading Program
- Join Musser Book Club
- Try crafting at Creative Escape
- Attend a Trivia Night
- Check out our programs for kids and families



Then & Now Muscatine Calendars

PURCHASE AT THE MUSSER PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE DESK - \$10



2026



Now through February 28th
Bookish Bingo

All ages! Get a bingo, get a prize!

See a library staff member to sign up today!



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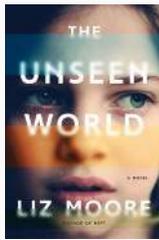
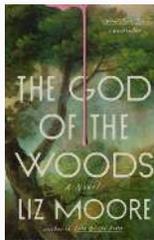
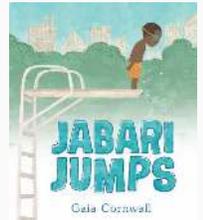
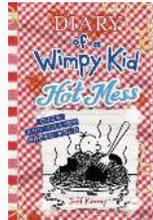
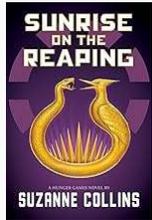
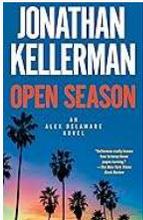
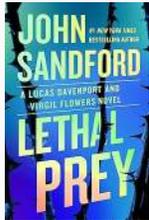


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Love these top-circulating titles from 2025? Try a read-alike in 2026!

- “Lethal Prey” by John Sandford -----> Try “Open Season” by Jonathan Kellerman
- “Sunrise on the Reaping” by Suzanne Collins -----> Try “Shadow & Bone” by Leigh Bardugo
- “Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hot Mess” by Jeff Kinney-----> Try “Dog Man: Big Jim Believes” by Dav Pilkey
- “The Pigeon HAS to Go to School” by Mo Willems -----> Try “Jabari Jumps” by Gaia Cornwall



Livestream Author Talk by Liz Moore

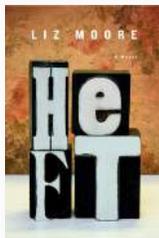
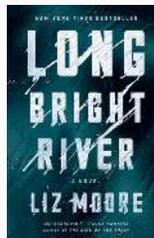
January 28 | 6pm | Room 104

Don't miss your chance to hear Liz Moore speak to an exclusive group of libraries to discuss her latest work, *The God of the Woods*, an instant New York Times bestseller and one of NPR's 2024 "Books We Love" highlights.

The talk will be livestreamed at the library and patrons have the chance to submit questions before the event (by registering in advance [HERE](#)), or during the event. You do not need to register to attend.



Join Musser Book Club Feb 2nd to discuss the book further at 7pm | Rm 017



Congratulations, Emma Stoffer!

Emma Stoffer, one of Musser Public Library's reference librarians, had an extra happy holiday in 2025! On Christmas Eve, Emma received official notification that she has successfully earned her Master's degree in Library and Information Sciences from Indiana University, Indianapolis! Way to go, Emma!



Love Streaming Movies? Use Kanopy for free!

Your Musser Public Library card allows you access to thousands of critically acclaimed movies, documentaries, and foreign films for streaming on your personal device or smartTV. Visit musserpubliclibrary.org to sign up for this free digital service today!

Thank you, Musser Library Volunteers!



1200 HOURS DONATED IN 2025

VOLUNTEERS HELPED

- Keep Musser Library clean and organized
- Pulled holds
- Found missing materials
- Supported programming



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January Programs—Things you need to know

Adults:



Valentine's Trivia

Friday, January 30
Doors open at 5:30PM
Trivia starts at 6:00PM

Muscatine: Then & Now
Calendars

\$10

All proceeds benefit the library.

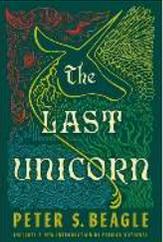


Next Meeting:
Wednesday, January 7
12-1pm

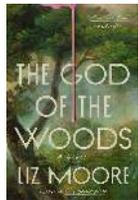
Join the Friends and support your library today!

Musser Book Club
Mon, January 5 at 6:30pm Rm 017

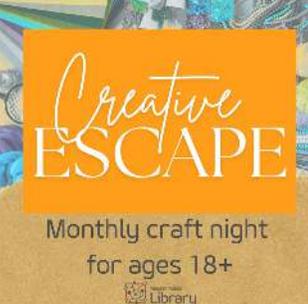
"The Last Unicorn"
By Peter S. Beagle



February Book



February 2 | 7pm
Book: "God of the Woods" by Liz Moore



Monday
January 12
6:00PM
Room 301



Friendship Bracelet Workshop with Good Karma Creations
limited space: REGISTER IN ADVANCE
Call the library, visit the Children's Department desk, or email
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Teens / Children:

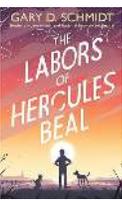


Jan 29
3:30-5
Room #017

Origami
Animals



Pages For All Ages
For children 8 and older and their adult caretaker, family member, or friend.



NEXT MEETING:
February 1st | 2 PM
in the Children's Department

Discussing The Labors of Hercules Beal by Gary Schmidt



(Ages 9-12) Sea Creature Dissection
Tuesday, January 27th | 6:30pm



Curious Child
(Ages 4-8)
"Cozy Critters" How Animals Stay Warm
Thurs, January 8 | 6pm

Adventure Story Hike (Ages 3+)



Fuller Park
Saturday January 31st | 9am



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p>Children</p> <p>Teen</p> <p>Adult</p>	 <p>Musser Public Library</p>			 <p>1:2026 LIBRARY CLOSED New Years Day</p>		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<p>9:30 Yoga For Littles</p> <p>10:30 Pre School Story Time</p> <p>7:00 Musser Book Club</p>	<p>10:15 Homeschool Brain Games</p>	<p>10:30 Baby Lapsit Story Time</p> <p>12-1 Friends of the Library Meeting</p>	<p>6-7 Curious Child Club</p>		<p>10:30 Baby Lapsit Story Time</p>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<p>9:30 Baby Lapsit Story Time</p> <p>10:30 Preschool Story Time</p> <p>6-8 Creative Escape</p>	<p>10:15 Homeschool Brain Games</p>	<p>10:30 Baby Lapsit Story Time</p>			<p>10:30 Baby Lapsit Story Time</p>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<p>9:30 Baby Lapsit Story Time</p> <p>10:30 Preschool Story Time</p>	<p>10:15 Homeschool Brain Games</p>	<p>10:30 Baby Lapsit Story Time</p>			<p>10:30 AM Baby Lapsit Story Time</p>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	<p>9:30 Baby Lapsit Story Time</p> <p>10:30 Preschool Story Time</p>	<p>10:15 Homeschool Brain Games</p> <p>6:30 Discovery Lab</p>	<p>10:30 Baby Lapsit Story Time</p> <p>6:00 Author Talk (Livestream): Liz Moore</p>	<p>3:30-5 Makers Studio</p>	<p>5:30-7:30 Valentines Trivia Trivia starts at 6PM</p>	<p>9:00 Adventure Story Hike-Fuller Park</p> <p>10:30 AM Baby Lapsit Story Time</p>

Check out our musserpubliclibrary.org events calendar for event locations and other details