

# WHAT'S *in the* ON LIBRARY

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## MVPS of 2025

Drumroll for our most checked-out adult and young adult items of 2025!

- Fiction: The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhorn
- Non-fiction: The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls
- DVD: Twisters
- Young Adult: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes by Suzanne Collins
- YA Graphic Novel: Tin Man by Justin Madson
- Magazine: Real Simple
- Local History: Saratoga: Turning Point of America's Revolutionary War by Richard Ketchum

Turn over for our top children's books of 2025.

## EMBRACING analog

We've seen a lot of discourse around 2026 being the year that we collectively take a step away from digital and embrace analog once again. What does analog mean? It is a movement to intentionally choose physical media and activities over online ones. If you ask us, there is no better place to "go analog" than the library!

Physical copies of books, magazines, and newspapers can all be found here at BSPL. You can even connect with other patrons through our monthly book club.

Additional ways to live an analog lifestyle include hands-on hobbies such as woodworking, coloring, baking, and puzzling. If you are considering picking up a yarn craft, we have a monthly fiber arts gathering right here at the library. Playing cards and board games can also help us put down the devices. Get the kids in your life involved with one of the several children's games we have available to borrow with your library card.

## upcoming EVENTS

- Jan. 10:** Tech Talk with Kristen at 1pm  
**Jan. 17:** Fiber Arts Meet-Up at 1pm  
**Jan. 24:** Paws to Read with Georgie at 11:30am  
**Thursdays:** Storytime at 10:00am



## MVPS for kids

Our youngest patrons are some of our most active ones here at BSPL. Give it up for their most popular check-outs of 2025!

- Fiction: Diary of a Wimpy - Kid Wrecking Ball by Jeff Kinney
- Picture Book: The Crayons Give Thanks by Drew Daywalt
- Easy Reader: Pete the Cat - Pete at the Beach by James Dean
- Non-fiction: Peterson First Guide to Fishes of North America by Michael Filisky
- Graphic Novel: Dog Man. 13, Big Jim Begins by Dav Pikey
- Holiday Book: Llama Llama. Be My Valentine!

## BOOK returns

Don't forget to return the items that you checked out in 2025! You can return your books, magazines, dvds, and more to the circulation desk, in the exterior drop box, or at any other library in the SALS system.

## BOOK review

### Can't Spell Tea Without Treason by Rebecca Thorne

Reviewed by: Rachel E.

Reyna, a royal guard who is looking for something more exciting, meets Kianthe who is the most powerful mage in all the land. After an assassin takes Reyna hostage, she decides she wants to stop risking her life. They both develop plans to run away and build a tea/bookshop together. Trading danger and chaos with low stakes of fantasy and a sense of community.

Can they truly choose the life they dreamed of?



What falls in winter but never gets hurt?

Snow! 

## literary HOLIDAYS

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| <b>Jan. 9:</b>  | National Word Nerd Day       |
| <b>Jan. 18:</b> | Thesaurus Day                |
| <b>Jan. 19:</b> | Edgar Allan Poe born 1809    |
| <b>Jan. 28:</b> | National Library Shelfie Day |



## RAFFLE winners

Congratulations to our raffle basket winners Linda and Debbie! We appreciate everyone for contributing to our fundraiser.

