

**JANUARY  
2026  
LIBRARY  
PROGRAMS**

# January 2026 Library Programs

- **Saturday Opening:** January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 10am-2pm.
  - **CLOSED:** New Year's Day (1/1/26-1/2/26) & Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/19/26).
  - **Celebrates:** New Year's Day (1/1/26) & Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/19/26).
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## **Tiny Tots**

### Winter Storytime & Coloring Session

Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> @12:30pm | Ages 6 months – 2 years.

Welcome the (almost) new year with a cozy story and simple coloring fun!

### Storytime & Craft

Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> @12:30pm | Ages 6 months – 2 years.

Kick off the new year with a story and a simple hands-on craft perfect for little learners!

Join us for a fun, creative morning designed to build early literacy skills and spark imagination.

## **Little Bookworms**

### New Year's Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> @4pm | Ages 3-5.

Ring in the new year with a fun, hands-on scavenger hunt! Little ones can explore the library, search for hidden items, and enjoy a playful activity that encourages curiosity and early learning.

### LEGO Free Building

Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> @3-5pm | Ages 3-5.

Let your child's imagination shine! Join us for an open LEGO building session where young builders can create, explore, and have fun with fellow bookworms. All materials provided – just bring your creativity!

## **Young Explorers**

### Craft

Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> @4pm | Ages 6-10.

Kick off the new year with a hands-on craft adventure! Young explorers can create themed projects, try new materials, and have fun discovering their creative side.

### Winter Reading Challenge

Dates: 1/1/26-1/30/26 | Ages 6-10.

Bundle up with books this winter! Join our Young Explorers Winter Reading Challenge and track your reading to earn fun prizes. Discover new stories, unlock challenges, and celebrate your reading adventures all month long.

## **Tweens/Teens**

### Vision Board Workshop

Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> @3:30-5pm | Ages 11-17.

Start the new year with inspiration! Join us for a creative Vision Board Workshop where tweens and teens can set goals, explore dreams, and design a personalized vision board using provided craft supplies and magazines.

### Warm Up & Write Hour

Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> @4-5pm | Ages 11-17.

Get your creativity flowing! Join us for a relaxed hour of writing prompts, warm-up exercises, and guided practice. Share ideas, spark inspiration, and have fun putting pen to paper.

## **Adults**

### Book Club

Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> @4:30-6pm | Ages 18+.

Book: *The Battle of the Bookshops* by Poppy Alexander.

### Vision Board Workshop

Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> @3:30-5pm | Ages 18+.

Kick off the new year with intention! Join us for a hands-on workshop where adults can create personalized vision boards to set goals, spark creativity, and visualize 2026. All materials provided.

## Resolve to Read Challenge

Dates: 1/1/26-1/30/26 | Ages 18+.

Start 2026 with a reading goal! Adults are invited to read during January and participate in our fun, low-pressure reading challenge.

## **Everyone**

### Puzzle Time

Dates: 1/5/26-1/30/26 | During the library's operation hours.

Join us at the library for Puzzle Time – a fun, all-ages activity where everyone can help complete a community jigsaw puzzle throughout the month.

### New Year's Resolution Wall

Dates: 12/30/25-1/30/26 | During the library's operation hours.

Stop by the W.H. Walters Free Public Library this January and add your 2026 goals, hopes, or words of inspiration to our community Resolution Wall!

#### How to Participate:

- 1) Take a sticky note.
- 2) Write one goal for the new year.
- 3) Stick it on the wall & be inspired by others!

### Board Game Day

Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at 12-5pm.

Join us for an open-play Board Game Day at the library. Enjoy a wide selection of games – from quick card games to strategy favorites. Come solo or bring family and friends for a relaxed, social afternoon of fun.




# January

W.H. WALTERS FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

2026

- Everyone: New Year's Resolution Wall: 12/30/25-1/30/26.
- Everyone: Puzzle Time: 1/5/26-1/30/26.
- Young Explorers: Winter Reading Challenge: 1/1/26-1/30/26.
- Adults: Resolve to Read Challenge: 1/1/26-1/30/26.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CLOSED	Adults: Book Club @4:30-6pm	Tiny Tots: Storytime & Coloring @12:30pm	CLOSED	CLOSED  New Year's Day 	CLOSED	CLOSED
CLOSED	<b>Fall into Winter Reading Challenge log sheets due by 6pm.</b>	Little Bookworms: New Year's Scavenger Hunt @4pm	CLOSED	Tweens/Teens: Vision Board Workshop @3:30-5pm	Adults: Vision Board Workshop @3:30-5pm	OPEN 10AM- 2PM
CLOSED	Library Board Reorganization Meeting followed by Regular Meeting at 7pm.	Tiny Tots & Little Bookworms: Storytime & Craft @12:30pm	CLOSED	Young Explorers: Craft @4pm		CLOSED
CLOSED	CLOSED  Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Little Bookworms: LEGO Free Building @3-5pm	CLOSED	Everyone: Board Game Day @12-5pm		CLOSED
CLOSED	Adults: Book Club @4:30-6pm	Tweens/Teens: Warm Up & Write Hour @4- 5pm	CLOSED			CLOSED

**Please Note:** All activity & craft programs require at least **5 participants registered** in advance to take place. Planning crafts takes time and resources, and your early registration helps us prepare accordingly. Thank you for your continued support!

# BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

## JANUARY 2026 BOOK:

*The Battle of the Bookshops* by Poppy Alexander





# NEW YEAR, NEW GOALS!

**Add your resolution to the wall!**

How to Participate:

- 1) Take a sticky note.
- 2) Write one goal for the new year.
- 3) Stick it on the wall and be inspired by others!



Ideas to get you started:

- Read more books
- Try a new hobby
- Be kind to myself
- Spend more time with family or friends



# WINTER READING CHALLENGE



*W.H. Walters Free Public Library – For Kids Ages 6–10.*

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## Reading Activities

*(Check off each activity as you complete it!)*

**Read...**

- ☐ A book with snow on the cover
  - ☐ A book about friendship
  - ☐ A book recommended by a librarian
  - ☐ A book with animals in winter
  - ☐ A book that makes you laugh
  - ☐ A picture book you've never read before
  - ☐ A book with a blue cover
  - ☐ A nonfiction book
  - ☐ A book someone in your family chooses for you
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## Winter-Themed Fun

- ☐ Read under a blanket
  - ☐ Read with a family member
  - ☐ Read for 20 minutes without stopping
  - ☐ Read by a window and look for signs of winter
  - ☐ Draw a picture of your favorite book character
  - ☐ Listen to an audiobook
  - ☐ Visit the library and check out a book
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## Bonus Challenges

*(Complete any you like!)*



- ☐ Write a short review of a book you loved
- ☐ Read a book from a new section in the library
- ☐ Teach someone a fact you learned from a book

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## My Favorite Winter Book

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Why I liked it:

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## Reader Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Instructions for Caregivers

Help your reader choose books, set up cozy reading time, and celebrate their progress.1  
When finished, bring this sheet back to the library for a small prize!



# Resolve to Read: January 2026 Reading Challenge

*W.H. Walters Free Public Library — Adult Edition (Ages 18+).*

Start the new year with a reading intention! Complete as many prompts as you'd like during January.



## January Reading Goals

This month, I want to read:

\_\_\_\_\_ books

My reading intention for 2026:



## January Reading Prompts

*(Complete 5 for a small prize!)*

- ☐ Read a book you've been meaning to start for months
- ☐ Read a book under 300 pages
- ☐ Read a book by an author you've never heard of
- ☐ Read a book published in the last two years
- ☐ Read a book recommended by a librarian
- ☐ Read a winter-themed book (snow, cold, cozy setting, winter setting)
- ☐ Read a nonfiction book about personal growth or wellness
- ☐ Read a book that is the first in a series
- ☐ Read a book from the library's New Arrivals shelf
- ☐ Read a book by an author from a different cultural background
- ☐ Read a book in a genre you rarely choose
- ☐ Read for 20 minutes three days in a row



## January Progress Tracker

Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Finished on: \_\_\_\_\_

Rating (1–5): ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

(Repeat this section as needed.)



## Reflection for the Month

The best book I read this month:

One thing I learned from my January reading:

A quote that stayed with me:



## Completion

Return this form to the library by **January 30, 2026** to earn a small prize!