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Hours of Operation  
Monday: 11:00 - 6:00  
Tuesday: 11:00 - 6:00  
Wednesday: 11:00 - 6:00  
Thursday: 10:00 - 8:00  
Friday: 11:00 - 5:00  
Saturday: 11:00 - 3:00

**December 2018**

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## Calendar of Events

**Sunday, December 2-** Sunday  
Crafternoon @ 1:00

**Monday, December 3-** Book Group @  
10:30

**Wednesday, December 5-** Early Out  
Wednesday @ 2:00

**Thursday, December 6-** Story Time @  
10:30  
Knitters @ 1:00  
Adult Coloring @ 5:30

**Saturday, December 8-** Author Visit:  
Linda McCann @ 1:00

**Wednesday, December 12-** Early Out  
Wednesday @ 2:00  
Library Board Meeting @ 6:30

**Thursday, December 13-** Story Time @  
10:30  
Knitters @ 1:00  
Sam LeKin in concert @ 6:00

**Saturday, December 15-** Family Movie  
Matinee @ 2:00

**Wednesday, December 19-** Early Out  
Wednesday @ 2:00

**Thursday, December 20-** Story Time @  
10:30  
Knitters @ 1:00

**Monday, December 24/Tuesday,  
December 25-** Library Closed

**Wednesday, December 26-** Friends of the  
Library: Movie and a Meal @ 11:30- 3:00

**Thursday, December 27-** Story Time @  
10:30  
Knitters @ 1:00

**Monday, December 31/ Tuesday,  
January 1-** Library Closed

## Author Visit

Author Linda McCann is back with another presentation on Iowa's fascinating history! Join us on Saturday, December 8 at 1 PM for a discussion about Linda's book Prisoners of War in Iowa. There were about 25,000 German, Italian, and Japanese prisoners of war in Iowa during WWII. Algona and Clarinda were the main camps, and there were about 17 branch camps throughout Iowa. At the branch camps, the prisoners helped farmers, worked in canning factories, and, somewhat, took the place of the young men fighting in the war from Iowa. Without the POWs, probably many people and soldiers would have starved. Linda has been able to speak with people who worked with the prisoners, had them work on their farms, or just got to know them. Many POWs brought their families to Iowa to see where they had been imprisoned and to meet the people who made the prisoners life better. Don't miss this chance to get an in depth look at a chapter of Iowa's history book!

## Tree Walk

It's that time of year again! Our 6th annual tree walk will light up our library! Come stroll through our indoor forest all through the month of December! Happy holidays!

## Mariah's Corner

This month, Mariah has reviewed Warriors by Erin Hunter:

*Cats. How well do you know yours, the mini lion that sleeps on your bed or couch? Take a peek into the cat Rusty's life as he starts a journey no man could ever follow. When I read the book series Warriors, it seems to teleport me into the warrior's world. From Rusty's house cat life, to his new adventures in the unpredictable wild. Warriors has never ending surprises and plot twists that will keep you on edge (literally)! This book is **really** exciting, and it's one of my favorites! I'm not just an advertiser you know! So check out the book Warriors by Erin Hunter!*  
-Mariah Smith

## Thank YOU!

As the year comes to a close, we want to take this time to thank all of our wonderful patrons for their generosity. We have held many drives and fundraisers this year, among them raising money for the Humane Society, and collecting items for our local veterans, our local food pantry, and our local women and family shelter. We were blown away by the support of our community. We also want to thank all of our volunteers! Whether you help once a week or once a month, you are appreciated! Lastly, thanks to anyone who made a donation to us or our Friends of the Library. Your contributions are so valued. We wouldn't be here without you!

## "Movie and A Meal"

The Friends of the Library are sponsoring another "Movie and A Meal" this December! This kiddie activity is bound to be cheery fun! The meal starts at 11:30 (adults need to be accompanied by a kid!) followed by an activity and closing out the day with a showing of a movie (To Be Determined). Walking tacos and hot dogs are on the menu, so be advised that allergens could be present. Please join us for this great program on Wednesday, December 26!

## Christmas Concert

"The best way to spread Christmas cheer, is singing loud for all to hear"- Buddy the Elf. Need some Christmas cheer? Samantha Lekin can help with that! Stop in on Thursday, December 13 to hear all of your favorite carols sung in front of our cozy fireplace! Show starts at 6 PM, come early for a good seat!

## Holiday/Weather Closings

This is just a note to remind you that we are closed for the following holidays:  
*Christmas Eve and Christmas Day*  
*New Year's Eve and New Year's Day*  
If any inclement weather should come our way we may need to open late, close early, or close for the day completely. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and on KCRG's cancellation pages for these alerts. Have a happy and safe holiday season! Here comes 2019!

A festive graphic for "Happy New Year!". The word "Happy" is written in colorful, rounded letters (H: blue, a: purple, p: green, p: red, y: yellow). "New" is written in a cursive, gold font with small stars around it. "Year!" is written in blue, rounded letters (Y: blue, e: orange, a: green, r: red, !: pink). There are also small stars scattered around the text.