

January 2025

Calendar of Events

Director's Note-

I can't believe a new year is already upon us-happy 2025! I've been reflecting on our library goals for 2024, and it's been a nice reminder of all we have accomplished in order to create the best library experience for our community. Here are a few of the goals we met this year:

- 1. Collection and Room signs mounted throughout the library in order to make the library easier for patrons to navigate.
- 2. Additional seating and charging stations added throughout the library.
- 3. Our entire building has been upgraded to LED lighting.
- 4. We have made upgrades to our HVAC system; although on extremely hot or cold days, we are reminded that it's almost impossible to regulate temperature in a historic building! We have learned to dress in layers & I have learned way more about HVAC than I ever wanted to know!
- 5. We continue to offer a variety of programs and events for our community; as well as grow the EXCEL Adult High School program.
- 6. Community resources and partnerships posted throughout the library.
- 7. A stronger social media presence with targeted information for our audience.
- 8. We upgraded all of the public computer monitors.
- 9. A variety of community engagement events throughout the year.
- 10. We continue to strengthen our collection by offering a wide variety of books, audiobooks, STEM kits, and more!
- 11. We work hard to keep the collection organized, accurate, and easy to use by weeding annually-these discarded books then get sold to our community at a great price.

Of course, all of these goals are in addition to providing the very best library services to our patrons. I'm a little biased, but I think we have an amazing staff that goes above and beyond to meet the needs of our community. We make sure that everyone who comes into the library feels seen, heard, and respected. We love our library patrons.

We have some wonderful events this month! Check out the additional Monday night events in Children's Department. I love that we can offer some evening events for families that work during the day or for kids that attend school. On the adult services side, I am especially excited about the Budgeting Workshop (below)-I cannot wait to learn more. I hope to see you at the library this month.

Peace & Good Books in 2025, Jamie Sparks Director Sedalia Public Library

BUDGETING WORKSHOP

Start the year with a solid budget!



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- Understanding Zero-Based Budget
- Creating a Zero-Based Budget
- Practical Budgeting Tips
- Common Budgeting Mistakes
- · Tools and Resources



311 W 3RD ST QUEEN CITY ROOM

Questions?
Contact Kaylee Daniel: kdaniel@sedalialibrary.com

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Do you prefer a larger font when reading?

Check out our Large Print collection! We have a wide variety, including new releases. You can find the Large Print books on the main floor in the public computer room, west of the circulation desk.

New Programs starting in January-Children's Department

Monday Night Programs: LEGO CLUB-

Every 1st and 3rd Monday

4:30-6:30pm
Test your creativity with a
Lego Challenge!
Open to all ages
Queen City Room

Bookworms-

2nd Monday

5:45pm Books, crafts, games, and fun geared towards upper elementary kids Children's Department

Evening Preschool Storytime-

4th Monday

5:45pm
Can't make it to the morning storytime? Join us in the evening for stories, songs, crafts, and fun!
Intended for kids not yet in school and their grown up Children's Department

Preschool Storytime Returns Jan. 2 Every Thursday at 10am

Children's Department-NEW Books

Adult New Books

Chess Club is January 18 from 10am-noon in the Reference Room. All skill levels welcome.



ALL AGES

SEDALIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

THE GREAT PUZZLE RACE

JANUARY 18th

10 AM - 12 PM

QUEEN CITY ROOM



REGISTRATION IS NOW

OPEN

CHECK OUR EVENT
CALENDAR FOR THE LINK
OR SCAN THIS CODE



LEISURE PUZZLES WILL BE AVAILABLE!

FORM A GROUP OF 4 TO 6 PEOPLE AND RACE TO BE THE FIRST TEAM TO COMPLETE A 300 PIECE PUZZLE.

AT LEAST ONE ADULT REQUIRED PER TEAM.

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January Book Club for Adults-The Children's Blizzard, by Melanie Benjamin

Monday, Jan. 13 at 5:30pm or Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 2pm Pick up a copy at the circulation desk and join us!

Stop by and check out our January book displays-

Goodreads Readers' Favorite Books of 2024

&

Mental Wellness Month



The library is Closed on January 1 & 20.

In the event of inclement weather, please check our Facebook page or call the library to make sure we are open.



Sedalia Public Library

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Open 7 days a week: Monday 9-7pm Tuesday thru Thursday 9-6pm Friday 9-5pm Saturday 9-1pm Sunday 1-5pm

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