

January



Newsletter

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New Year Hours

We will be closed Monday, January 1st for the New Year.



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The library will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

MVLC App Unavailable

Due to a conflict between the MVLC Mobile app's developer and our library software provider, our app became permanently defunct as of November 27, 2023.

The app's "my barcode" feature to show your card number still works and is accepted as valid ID for checkouts. However, most



features no longer function, or show outdated information. In the meantime, you can access your account on our catalog website, now with a mobile-friendly design.

This does not affect your Libby or Hoopla apps. This does not affect eBook borrowing at all.

Our consortium just announced a new contract with a different developer. Once we have more information, we will make an announcement.

A New Year's Message



Happy New Year! I just wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your support in 2023. The library has had many ups and downs this past year but through them all, the community has been there for us. Personally, 2023 was a great year where I was given the opportunity to work in this incredible community.

What can you expect from your library in 2024? More programs and materials tailored to your interests! We'll be seeing you out in the community more as well. From everyone here, happy new year! Let's make 2024 the best year yet!

-Haley Hart, Assistant Library Director

2023 in Review

To celebrate the end of 2023, we have put together some lists of the top checked out materials from this year. Full lists will be posted to social media, but for those of you signed up for the newsletter, you get a sneak peek!

Adult Fiction

1. *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles
2. *Vigil Harbor* by Julia Glass
3. *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver

Adult Non-Fiction

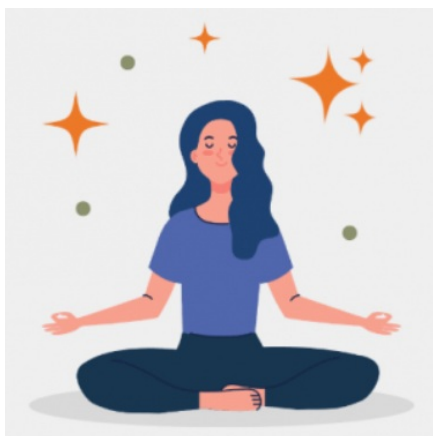
Best of 2023

1. *Rough Sleepers* by Tracey Kidder
2. *The Moosewood Restaurant Table* by the Moosewood Collective
3. *The Cook You Want to Be* by Andy Baraghani

Read on Libby

1. *The Vacation* by John Marrs
2. *Calling on the Matchmaker* by Jody Hedlund
3. *Small Mercies* by Dennis Lehane

Programs



Monthly Meditation

Saturday, January 13th
12-1pm

Join Jan Van Almkerk each month to mediate! Learn how to calm your body and mind and alleviate stress during these difficult times. Registration is recommended, but not required. Take a deep breath and get ready to RELAX. Namaste.

[Click here to register!](#)



Crafty Creators

Wednesday, January 17th
6-7:30pm

Join us each month to try new crafts. As adults, crafting and finding new hobbies can be time consuming and expensive, this group will help cut down on the costs and the time spent figuring out how to do something. We will have craft kits with instructions and all the materials you need available for a new craft each month. You can start working on it right then at the library, or take home a kit to try from home later! Registration is highly suggested, but

This month's craft is paper stars.

Learn to Cook with an Induction Cooktop

Join staff from the Center for Ecological Technology (CET) as they explain how induction cook top technology works and provide a demonstration of cooking with the portable induction cook top kit the library has available for anyone to checkout and take home. Incentives for converting your cook top to induction as well as many other incentives to make your home more energy efficient will be explained during this session.

Board Game Evening

Looking for a fun night of playing board games? Look no further! This is an ages 18+ evening of gaming. You can bring your favorite game, or borrow one from our extensive collection. We have games of all types available to play!

Click here to register!

Check out the Events calendar at ipswichlibrary.org or subscribe to the IPL Children's newsletter to see when Children's programs are happening throughout the month!



Children's Programming

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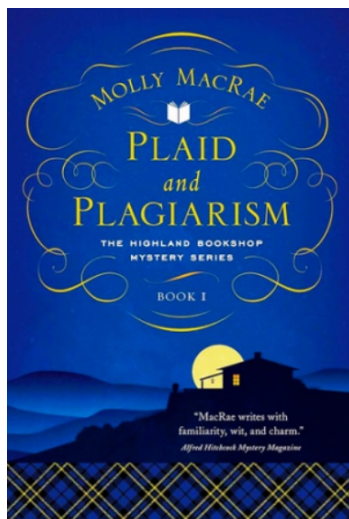
Library-Lead Book Clubs

IPL offers staff-hosted book clubs every month for adult readers who want to discuss selected titles with others in our Library community. Registration is required for all book clubs. Most book clubs have a hybrid option, so be sure to reach out to the staff contact listed for each book club if you're interested in attending a book club virtually!



Cookbook Club
Thursday, January 4th
@ 12:00pm

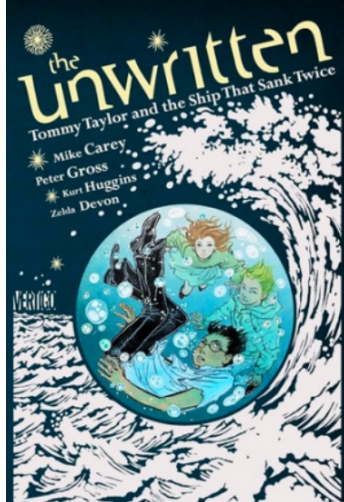
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Registration Process for the
Cookbook Club](#)



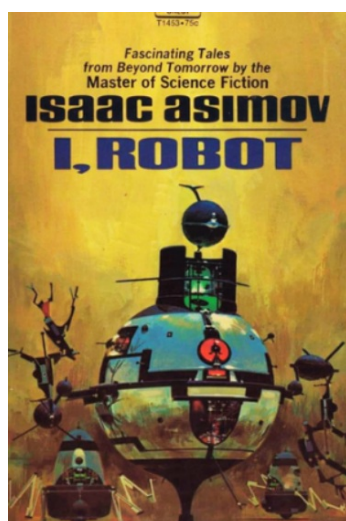
Mystery Book Club
Monday, January 8th
@ 6:30pm

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this Month's Title and Register](#)

Graphic Novel Book Club
Monday, January 22nd
@ 6:30pm

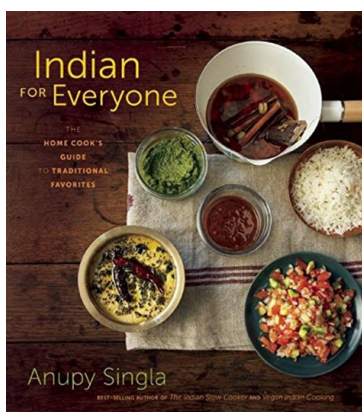


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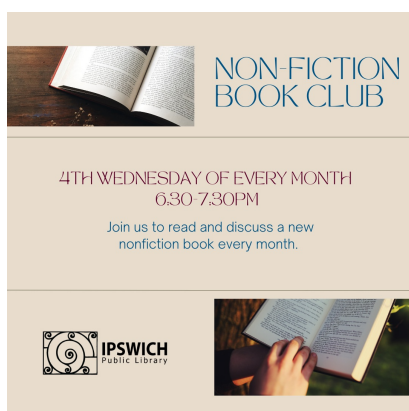
Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club
Monday, January 29th
@ 6:30pm

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Evening Cookbook Club
Tuesday, January 30th
@ 6pm

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Nonfiction Book Club
Wednesday, January 31st
@ 6:30pm

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