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PIERRE

RAWLINS MUNICIPAL LIBRARY



Dec. 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | Dec 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | 10a Toddler Time | Super Senior Day 1p Word Processing Class 2p Outreach Craft- ernoon Lincoln Apt. 6p Tuesday Night Book Club | 10a Toddler Time 6p Christmas Upcycled Book Craft | 3:30p Fun with Lego Club | 9a Stanley County Gold Youth Outreach | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| | 10a Toddler Time | 9:40a Outreach Storytime at Head Start 3:30p After School: Tween/Teen Diamond Art 5:30—7:30p Holiday Open House 6p Tuesday Night Book Club | 10a Toddler Time | 2p Rawlins at Parkwood Book Club 3:30p Fun with Lego Club | 10a Outreach Storytime at MOMents/Oahe YMCA | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| | 10a Toddler Time | 3:30p Gingerbread Houses Youth Program 6p Tuesday Night Book Club | 10a Toddler Time 6p Game Night: Learn how to play Bunco | 3:30p Fun with Lego Club | | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 12:30p For the Thrill of It Book Club | 10a Toddler Time | 6p Tuesday Night Book Club | Library Closing @ 12pm- Christmas Eve | Library Closed - Christmas Day | Library Closed - Christmas | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | Jan 1 | | |
| | 10a Toddler Time | 6p Tuesday Night Book Club | 10a Toddler Time Library Closing @ 5pm- New Year's Eve | Library Closed - New Year's Day | | |

Keep in touch with your library!

Visit us at 1000 E. Church St. in Pierre. Phone 605-773-7421.
 Visit us online at: rawlinslibrary.org * Like us on Facebook * Follow us on Instagram

Rawlins Library's Programs & Events December 2025

➔ DATE ➔ TIME AND DESCRIPTION

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| EVERY TUES. | 6pm - Tuesday Night Book Club |
| TUES., DEC 2 | Super Senior Day and Word Processing Class @ 1pm Free printing (up to 10 pages), free faxing (up to 5 pages) and refreshments for all seniors. |
| TUES., DEC 2 | 2pm - Crafternoon at Lincoln Apartments |
| WED., DEC 3 | 6pm - Christmas Upcycled Book Craft |
| TUES., DEC 9 | 5:30pm - Holiday Open House |
| THU., DEC 11 | 2pm - Rawlins at Parkwood Book Club |
| WED., DEC 17 | 6pm - Learn a New Skill: How to Play Bunco |
| SAT., DEC 21 | 12:30 pm - For the Thrill of It Pick up a copy of <i>First Lie Wins</i> by Ashley Elston at the front desk. Must sign up for book club to pick up a copy. |

WED., THU. AND FRI. Library Closing at 12pm on Wed. Dec 24
DEC 24, 25 & 26 Library Closed for Christmas on Thur. and Fri. Dec 25 & 26

WED., DEC 31 Library Closing at 5pm on Wed. Dec 31 for New Year's Eve





DECEMBER

Children's Events at Rawlins Municipal Library

**FRESH
BAKED
PIZZA?
YES, PLEASE!**



Holiday Reading Challenge for Kids of All Ages

Reading logs available starting Saturday, December 6!

Participants can earn a free Mini Murph Pizza Kit coupon* from Papa Murphy's of Pierre, SD, plus enter in the grand prize drawing, simply by returning their reading log. Reading logs can be returned any time during the library's open hours on the following dates: January 15, January 16, January 17, and January 18. Grand prize drawing to be held Tuesday, January 20. Reading logs are available starting December 6.

Pick up a reading log at the library or print one from our website: rawlinslibrary.org

*Free Mini Murph Pizza Kit coupons available while supplies last. Limit of 1 Mini Murph Pizza Kit coupon per participant.

Find the Elf on the Shelf: Library Edition

The fun begins Monday, December 1 through Friday, December 19. The "Library Elf" is visiting Rawlins Library beginning December 1 and continues through December 19. Our special guest will be hiding in a new area of the library each day. Stop by the circulation desk to let us know where you found the Library Elf and receive a prize.

December Toddler Time

Monday and Wednesday mornings in December
10:00am to 11:00am in the South Dakota Room

Infants, toddlers, preschoolers, pre-K, and their caregivers are invited to a special holiday-themed "Toddler Time" at Rawlins Library. The fun begins with festive stories and sing-alongs followed by free play with Duplo blocks, wood puzzles, learning games, and more. Monday mornings: December 1, December 8, December 15, December 22, and December 29. Wednesday mornings: December 3, December 10, December 17, and December 31. *No Toddler Time on December 24. Registration requested.*

December Fun with LEGO Club

Thursday afternoons from 3:30pm-4:30pm in the SD Room
Make a custom LEGO creation using Rawlins Library's large collection of bricks, minifigures and more. Free snack after the program. See you at LEGO Club on Thursday afternoons: December 4, December 11, and December 18. *No Fun with LEGO Club on December 25. Registration requested.*

After School Program for Tweens and Teens: Diamond Art Holiday Ornaments

Tuesday, December 9 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the SD Room
We'll be making sparkly diamond art holiday ornaments during this after school program designed for tweens and teens. Participants can select from a variety of Christmas-inspired designs. *Registration requested.*

After School Program: Create a Gingerbread House

Tuesday, December 16, 3:30pm-4:30pm in the SD Room
Create your own gingerbread house with sweet, assorted candies, graham crackers, frosting, sprinkles, and more. All gingerbread house-making supplies will be provided. *To help us better prepare for this program, registration is requested.*



◀ **It's easy to register for events!**

Simply scan the QR code to register for any event at Rawlins Library.



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HOURS: MON-THURS 9:00AM-8:00PM, FRI 9:00AM-5:00PM, SATURDAY 9:00AM-1:00PM, SUNDAY 12:00PM-4:00PM

Rawlins Municipal Library's Holiday Open House

Tuesday, December 9
5:30pm to 7:30pm

**Rawlins Library's
Holiday Open House
is a family-fun event
featuring:**

- Hot cocoa bar and cookies
- Make one/take one Christmas tree ornaments
(make one for a nursing home resident and one to take home)
- Take a photo with Santa, and more.

**This event is free
and everyone is welcome.**





RAWLINS LIBRARY

Holiday



OPEN HOUSE

JOIN US!

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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DECEMBER

MAKE A CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT FOR YOURSELF AND MAKE A SECOND CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT FOR A HOMEBOUND LIBRARY PATRON. FEATURING SANTA CLAUS, A HOT COCOA BAR, AND MORE! FREE EVENT AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Bring your camera to take pictures with Santa.



GAME NIGHT!

DECEMBER 17TH

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6:00 PM - CLOSE



COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF

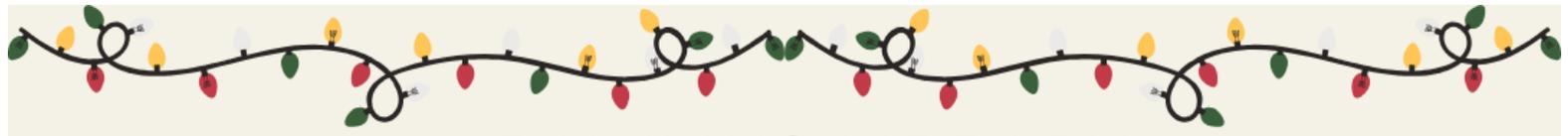
BUNGO

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ORNAMENT SWAP

STARTING DECEMBER 1ST, DROP OFF AN ORNAMENT YOU NO LONGER WANT AND WE'LL PUT IT IN THE CARD CATALOG. YOU'LL BE GIVEN A TICKET TO GET AN ORNAMENT FROM THE CARD CATALOG THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 14-DECEMBER 20.





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FOOD FOR FEES DEC. 1-DEC. 31

Do you have an outstanding fee on your library account for a lost or damaged item? Did your dog eat your library book and you need to pay for it? Rawlins Library is doing a Food for Fees drive during the month of December. Simply bring in five non-perishable food items and Rawlins Library will remove the fees on your account. All food items donated will be placed under the library tree and food items will be donated to Pierre Area Referral Service (PARS). If you don't have a fee on your account but would like to donate to the food drive, you're more than welcome to drop items off at the library.





Holiday traditions are as numerous as showings of the classic movie “It’s a Wonderful Life.” Let the databases at Rawlins Library be your guide in finding the origins of traditions. Search Rawlins Library’s home page at rawlinslibrary.org and go to the drop-down menu on the left-hand side. Click on Databases/Electronic Resources.

“Merry Christmas” Greetings

The first known instance of “Merry Christmas” can be traced to a 16th century letter from a bishop to England’s chief minister, in which the religious leader hoped God would bless the politician with a “Merry Christmas.” Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol” popularized the phrase when the book was published in 1843. Scrooge’s nephew exclaims “A Merry Christmas, uncle! God save you!”

–Source: Why We Say “Merry Christmas” The Surprising Origins of 5 Christmas Traditions, EBSCO MegaFILE

Christmas Wreath

The idea of a wreath came from ancient Rome. People wished each other “good health” by exchanging branches of leafy trees. These were then bent into a circle and hung on their doors.

– Source: Christmas FAQs

Snow Globes

The snow globe was originally developed as a way to light surgical operating rooms in the era before widespread electricity. In 1900, Erwin Perzy, who made surgical instruments in Vienna, Austria, tried placing a water-filled glass globe in front of candlelight to see if it would amplify the light, and put crushed glass and white semolina powder inside, hoping they would serve as reflectors. It didn’t work, but Perzy was asked by a merchant to make globes with a mini version of a church to sell, and the Perzy family snow globe manufacturing business was born.

– Source: Why We Say “Merry Christmas” The Surprising Origins of 5 Christmas Traditions, EBSCO MegaFILE

NORAD's Santa Tracker

In 1955 a child was trying to reach Santa from a phone number listed in a Sears Roebuck ad. Due to a misprint, the child reached the red phone at the Continental Air Defense Command (CONAD) Operations Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. The phone was only supposed to ring if there was bad news. An Air Force Colonel picked up the phone and pretended to be Santa. He later assigned an officer to answer calls and relay Santa's location to any child who called. The operation continued with the agency's successor, the North American Aerospace Defense Command.

-- Source: Why We Say "Merry Christmas" The Surprising Origins of 5 Christmas Traditions, EBSCO MegaFILE

Boxing Day

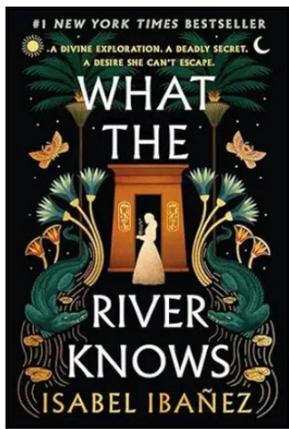
Celebrated in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom, Boxing Day is usually celebrated on Dec. 26. The tradition includes giving money and other gifts to charities, people in need and people in service jobs. The tradition may have begun with priests, who opened the church's charity boxes on the day after Christmas and distributed the contents to the poor. Or it may have begun with the lords and ladies of England, who presented Christmas gifts in boxes to their servants on Dec.26.

-- Source: World Book Discover

Stockings

The custom of hanging up stockings is a centuries-old European ritual linked to Saint Nicholas, the patron saint of children. It is widely believed that he lived during the third century in southern Europe. He was renowned for kindness and generosity. The anniversary of his death, December 6, became known as Saint Nicolas's Day and was when youngsters would receive their gifts.

--Source: 'Tis the Season, Explora Data Base



Book Chat: What Are You Reading?

