MCPL’s Winter Reading Challenge Takes a Mysterious Turn

Library Investigates ‘Shelf of Suspects’ During Annual Adult Reading Challenge

Greater Kansas City, MO – Dust off your magnifying glass and don your sleuthing cap because Mid-Continent Public Library’s Winter Reading Challenge for adults is back, and this year’s theme is “Shelf of Suspects,” an investigation into the captivating and diverse mystery genre. From January 15 to March 15, Challenge participants who read any five books (mystery or otherwise) will earn a limited edition Winter Reading Challenge coffee mug and the chance to win exclusive donated prizes from Breakout KC (including a grand prize experience for eight!).

“Winter is the perfect time to curl up with a good book; and with an exciting and wide-ranging theme like mysteries—from cozy whodunits and historical thrillers to paranormal mysteries and golden-age detective stories—this year’s Challenge is sure to be a criminally captivating experience!” said Amy Fisher, MCPL Information and Reader Services Manager.

In addition to delving into MCPL’s “Shelf of Suspects,” Winter Reading Challenge participants (who must be 18 or older) can enjoy a variety of free programs and virtual events to connect with fellow armchair detectives, including a kick-off scavenger hunt on Day Two of the Challenge:

**Winter Reading Challenge Kick-Off: Scavenger Hunt**
Lee’s Summit Branch
Tuesday, January 16, at 9:00 a.m.
Explore the great mystery authors and titles that Mid-Continent Public Library has to offer at a two-hour genre review with branch experts. Then take advantage of the all-day opportunity to complete a scavenger hunt that will test your puzzle-solving abilities, give you a chance to enter the prize drawing, and leave you ready to embark on this year’s mystery reading challenge.

Other in-branch programs include Blind Date with a Book at MCPL’s Colbern Road Branch on February 12 and Classic Mystery Trivia Night at the Kearney Branch on February 26. For those who’d prefer to remain in the comfort of their homes, the Library’s Winter Reading Challenge Facebook page (facebook.com/groups/WRC2018) offers readers the ability to chat with other participants online and engage in numerous virtual events including...
Mystery Trivia on February 20. Group book discussions will also be held at more than 15 different MCPL branches throughout the Challenge for those seeking more in-depth conversation.

**Learn more about the 2018 Winter Reading Challenge—including how to sign up, participate, and find reading suggestions—at [mymcpl.org/WinterReading](http://mymcpl.org/WinterReading).**

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