

Sault Ste. Marie **Public Library** "One stop....endless possibilities"

JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023

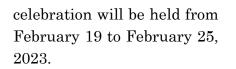


Matthew MacDonald, B.A., M.L.I.S. Chief Executive Officer

### A Letter from our CEO

#### Free to Read

Our intellectual freedom is guaranteed to us through the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. This includes freedom our to read whatever we want and to express our thoughts and ideas. Each year the Library celebrates Freedom to Read Week as a way to affirm our commitment to intellectual freedom. This year's



In Canada we are relatively lucky. Not every country guarantees its citizens the same intellectual freedoms that we enjoy. Also, when compared to other countries with these same freedoms, challenges to books and publications here are infrequent. However. challenges do exist and they come both from people with liberal values and from people with conservative values.

Take for example a very popular children's series about a famous boy wizard. The series has been challenged by some with far right views who argued the books glorify witchcraft and promote the occult. The has also been series challenged in part because of its author's anti-trans views. Despite this, it is one of the most popular children's book series ever

produced, has been adapted into numerous films, has had a spin-off stage play, and has had an amusement park built based on the series. What a disservice it would be to so many for those books to be censored and removed from library shelves.

We cannot take for granted our rights to intellectual freedom. So this February we invite you to read a little controversially.

For more information about Freedom to Read week visit freedomtoread.ca





# **Events**

### January/February/March 2023

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Help children discover the joy of reading through our Toddler Time and Storytime series as well as special programs expanding basic literacy.



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#### General

#### Programming

Fun, creative, social programming for all ages to enjoy.



Chess Club Workshops Game Night

#### Board of Directors 2019 - 2022

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#### **Adult Programming**

Dig deeper into books, crafts, continuing education, and community through adult programs such as author talks and book clubs at the library.



Book Clubs Chess Club Signature Events

#### **Boomers & Beyond**

Engaging programs and services designed to empower older adults, allowing them to keep up with the world and stay current.



Book Chats Workshops VLS Service



# Wednesday February 8, 2023

Join us for this year's first Signature Event, the Naughty Spelling Bee in partnership with the Sault Museum.

An entertaining 19+ fundraising event with tons of prizes to win as you work on small teams to crack the correct spelling of historical words that are innocent in nature but naughty in sound. Tickets \$10.00 Each

Tickets go on sale January 13th, 2023

Tickets available at the James L. McIntyre Centennial Library - 50 East St. North Branch - 232C Northern Ave. E.







# **Children's Programming**

### **Registered Programs**

#### Baby Time Ages Newborn to 12 Months

Designed for the youngest library users and their parents or caregivers, Baby Time is a great way to introduce young children to the library, to begin a love of books and to help children develop into lifelong learners.

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Mondays: April 17 to May 29, 2023 10:00 am - 10:30 am Program Room

Online registration begins Monday, March 27, 2023, 9:00 am at this link <u>https://ssmpl.ca/kids/kids-programming/</u>

This program is generously sponsored by

#### **W Kiwanis** of Sault Ste. Marie

#### **Toddler Time**



#### Ages 13 to 29 Months

Toddler Time is a fun 45-minute program designed for toddlers and their caregivers. This program encourages and supports learning through stories, songs, art, and play. Most of all, Toddler Time is a great way to spend time together and meet new friends! This 6-week program is for children ages 13-29 months (1 year to 2.5 years) and their caregivers.

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Tuesdays: February 7th to March 14, 2023

10:00 am to 10:45 am Program Room

<u>Online registration</u> opens Tuesday January 24, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Please visit the Children's programming page at https://ssmpl.ca/kids/kids-programming/



#### Baby Picasso Ages 6 to 12 Months

Baby Picasso is a 4-session program that introduces young children, 6-12 months old, to experiences that integrate music, art, literacy, and sensory stimulation. *Please bring a towel and a washcloth to each session.* 

#### **North Branch Library**

Thursdays: March 2 to March 23, 2023 10:30 to 11:30 am Program Room A

Online registration begins Thursday, February 9, 2023, 10:00 am at this link <u>https://ssmpl.ca/kids/kids-programming/</u>

Limited to 12 babies

Note: Each person can register for one child only (unless the person is registering twins, triplets, etc.)



#### Kids Winter Reading Club 2023 Monster Mayhem!



#### January 3 to March 17, 2023

Sign up for our Kids Winter Reading Club at either library location and help build monsters by completing reading challenges. For each challenge you complete, you'll earn a monster part to add to one of our



big monster posters. We'll wrap up with a day of Monster Mayhem crafts and activities, and a prize draw on March 17th.

### We Have A Winner!



Our Elf @ the Library program was a huge success in December 2022. We hope everyone had fun! This little cutie was the lucky winner of a fun-packed holiday gift basket!

#### DOVE REAL BEAUTY WORKSOP FOR GIRLS!



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Tuesday March 21, 2023 6:00 - 7:30 pm Program Room

The Dove Real Beauty Workshop for Girls is a fun, educational, and interactive program for young girls ages 6-12 and their adult female mentors that encourages girls and women everywhere to embrace a more positive image of themselves, both inside and out.

#### Get involved to make a change!

<u>Online registration</u> begins Tuesday, February 28th, 2023 @ 9:00 am. Please visit the Children's Programming page <u>https://ssmpl.ca/kids/kids-programming/</u>

Space is limited. Call 705-759-5241 for more information.

# **Children's Programming**

### **Drop-in Programs**

Drag Story Time



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Saturday January 14, 2023 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

North Branch

Saturday March 11, 2023 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join us for a fun time of stories and a craft, featuring drag king Luke Gore-Shadow as our guest storyteller!

#### Greyhound Family Literacy Day



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Tuesday January 24, 2023 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Join us for stories, games, crafts, autographs and prizes, and spend time with the Greyhounds!



Family Literacy Week Special Event Storytime with Jennifer Barone

North Branch Thursday, January 26, 2023 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

For Family Literacy Week, the North Branch is hosting a special evening storytime with local children's author Jennifer Barone. Come listen to her read a couple of her great books, and then stay to make a craft together! This a drop-in, all ages event.

#### PD DAY FUN!

Hot Chocolate PA DAY DROP-IN FUN



James L McIntyre Centennial Library Friday February 3, 2023

Visit the James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Children's Department and enjoy some hot chocolate and fun crafts and activities! Check to see if the ice skating trail is open at Clergue Park, then stop by to warm up with a cup of hot chocolate in the Children's Department at the Centennial Library. See you then!

Storytime from 10:00 am - 10:30 am or Drop-In any time between 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

### LET IT SNOW!

PA DAY DROP-IN FUN

North Branch Friday February 3, 2023 10:00 am - 2:00 pm



Join us for some fun activities including games, Lego sets, puzzles, and more!

### Bon Soo Fun

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Saturday February 4, 2023 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Stop by the Children's Department and enjoy some winter-themed crafts & activities.



North Branch February 3-12, 2023

Bon Soo activities all week long at the North Branch!

Crafts, Mr. Bon Soo Search and Find, Colouring, and Activity sheets!



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Saturday February 18, 2023 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Drop in and enjoy board games, activities, and more with your family!

### March Break Monster Puppet Play



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Wednesday March 15, 2023 10:00 am

### Monster Mayhem

Wrap-Up Party



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Friday March 17, 2023 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Join us in the Children's department for monster crafts and activities. Storytime @ 10:00 am

#### **Storytime & Paint**

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Wednesdays: Starting January 11, 2023

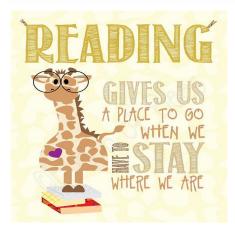
6:00 – 6:15 pm Storytime 6:15 - 7:00 pm Painting tables open

Join us for stories and rhymes in the story corner, followed by an art experience using water-based paints.

Drop-in, all ages welcome!

Note: Parents must stay at the library with children under 10 years of age.

# **Children's Programming**



Lego My Library



James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Thursdavs: 6:00 - 7:30 Starting January 5, 2023

Come join us as we explore our creativity with LEGO® at the Centennial Library! There will be LEGO® challenges and free building too!

This program is generously sponsored by Iwan **S AKTION CLUB OF LAKESHORE** CLUB OF LAKESHORE

Note: Parents must stay at the library with children under 10 years of age.

#### **Build Box Fun!**

Drop by the James L. McIntyre Centennial Library or the North Branch anytime during our regular hours and spend some time trying out one of our many Build Boxes. This is a great opportunity to try Magna Tiles,

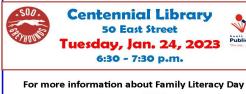


Cubelets, Code-a-pillar, Snap Circuits and Marble Run. Visit our website to see the build boxes available. https://ssmpl.ca/reading-entertainment/objectlibrary/



# **Family Literacy Day COME PLAY WITH** THE HOUNDS!

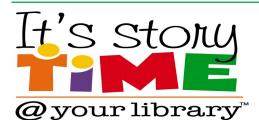
Join us for Stories, Games, Crafts, Autographs, Prizes And time with the Greyhounds.



Please visit - www.abclifeliteracy.ca www.soogreyhounds.com







Registration is not required for the following free programs. Storytimes include stories, rhymes and a craft.

\* Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Storytime Schedule					
Day	Location	Storytime	Time		
Tuesday	North Branch	Storytime	11:00 to 11:30 am		
Wednesday	Centennial	Storytime & Paint	6:00 to 7:00 pm		
Friday	Centennial	Storytime	10:00 to 10:30 am		

For more information about Storytimes please call the Children's Desk at 705-759-5241.



Ballots available at : James L. McIntyre Centennial Library and North Branch



# **Adult Programming**

# Winter Programs

The Knit & Crochet

**Crafters Group** 

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Wednesday Evenings 7:00 pm



All levels of knitters and crocheters are welcome to attend and enjoy the company of others who love the craft! This group of crafters is intended to be self-sustaining. Meet at the large table near the DVD collection at the Centennial Library. There may also be opportunity for those who would like to learn, depending on the attendance of those willing to teach!

Winter 2023 Book Clubs



Get together with friends as the James L. McIntyre Centennial Library hosts three books clubs running from January through March, 2023.

#### Mystery & Suspense Book Club

Held 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month: February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Registration available on-line starting Wednesday, January 11th at 10 am



#### The Tuesday Book Club

Held 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month: February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16 <u>Two sessions:</u>

Morning session 10:00 am – 11:30 am Afternoon session 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Registration available on-line starting Wednesday, January 11th at 10 am

Contact the Reference and Information Desk at 705-759-5236 for more information

#### Banned Book Reading Challenge

North Branch and James L. McIntyre Centennial Library February 1-28th, 2023

Pick up a reading sheet at the Centennial Library or North Branch. Return your completed reading sheet and receive ballots for each book read for your chance to win a prize basket. If you complete your entire sheet you will receive 3 additional ballots.



### BANNED BOOKS KAHOOT TRIVIA

February 19th - 25th, 2023

Watch the Library's social media for a link to the quiz February 19th at 9:00 am.



Wednesday February 8 2023 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Doors Open 6:30 pm

Sault Ste. Marie Museum 690 Queen Street E.

Join us for this year's first Signature Event, in partnership with the Sault Ste. Marie Museum.

An entertaining 19+ fundraising event with tons of prizes to win as you work on small teams to crack the correct spelling of historical words that are innocent in nature but naughty in sound.

Tickets \$10.00 each Cash Bar



Tickets available starting January 13, 2023 at James L. McIntyre Centennial Library and North Branch

Call 705-759-5243 for information

### How to Grow Your Own Fruit

North Branch February 15, 2023 6:30 pm



Join Jeff Marshall, lead hand at the Sault Ste. Marie Bellevue Park green house and local farmer, for a presentation on how to grow fruits in Algoma Region.

Registration begins January 11, 2023

https://www.eventbrite.ca/ cc/adult-programming-1076969.



# **Youth Programming**

### **CBC** MUSIC JAM SQUAD



CBC Music's Jam Squad is coming to the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library March 18 & 19! In a 60-minute workshop, the Jam Squad will help you create music in GarageBand.

#### North Branch

Saturday March 18, 2023 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Sunday March 19, 2023 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Register at <u>https://form.jotform.com/</u> jamsquad/registration. Tablets will be pro-

vided, all you need is your creativity! This workshop is brought to you by CBC Music.

\* One parent or guardian must accompany each participant.



# **General Programming**

#### Game Night - All Ages

#### **North Branch**

Wednesday: January 25, February 22, March 29, 2023 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Drop in and enjoy a variety of games! Have a game you enjoy at home? Bring it and enjoy it with some great company. Everyone is welcome.

#### PFLAG Coffee Night



#### North Branch

2nd Wednesday of every month January 11, February 8, March 8, 2023 6:30 - 7:30 pm

LGBTQ2S+ drop-in support group. Everyone is welcome from parents to youth and allies!

#### Spanish Club



For those who are interested in improving their Spanish in a relaxed way! We introduce the fundamental elements of the Spanish language within a cultural context. Emphasis is on the development of basic listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills.

#### **North Branch**

Tuesdays starting February 28 to May 2nd, 2023 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Registration Required Contact NOLHA at <u>nolhacan@gmail.com</u>

"With languages, you are at home anywhere." Edmund De Waal

#### Portuguese Classes



#### North Branch

Thursdays starting March 2nd to May 4th, 2023 6:00 - 7:30 pm Registration Required Contact NOLHA at <u>nolhacan@gmail.com</u>

#### **Chess Club**



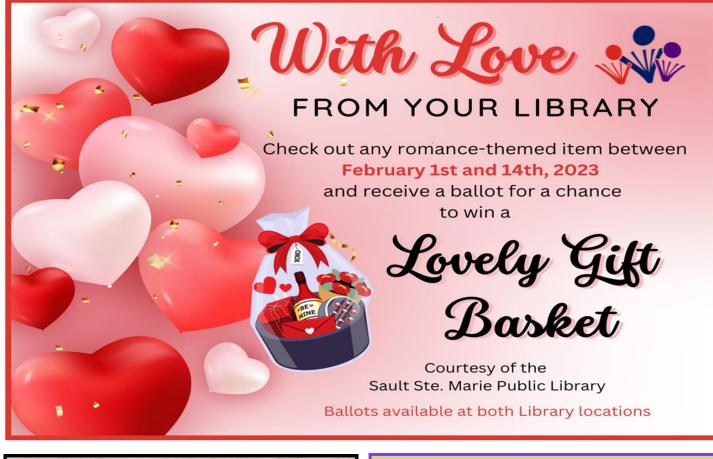
Join the Library, as we bring back drop-in Chess Night!

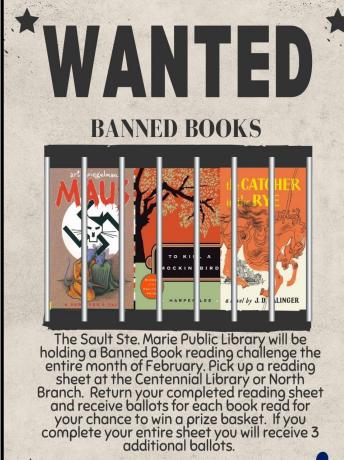
All ages and abilities welcomed.

#### **North Branch**

Tuesdays: January 10 - March 28, 2023 5:00 - 7:30 pm

No registration required.





ENTER OUR DRAW BY GUESSING HOW MANY

MARBLES ARE IN THE JAR!

THE CLOSEST GUESS WINS & FUN

**GIFT BASKET!** 

DRAW STARTS MARCH 1, 2023 DRAW DATE: MARCH 31, 2023

Ballots available at both library locations

# **Boomers & Beyond**

# Savvy Seniors Book Chats



Winter 2023

Join us at the Senior's Drop in Centre for an informal gathering where we share the books and movies that we've been reading and watching. All seniors welcome! Held the last Tuesday of each month from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

#### Free - No registration required

Dates: January 30, February 27, March 28, 2023

Senior's Drop-In Centre, 619 Bay Street

Facilitated by the Library

"When I got my library card, that was when my life began."



# VISITING LIBRARY SERVICE (VLS)

The Sault Ste. Marie Public Library provides services to eligible residents of the City of Sault Ste. Marie who, for reasons of restricted vision or mobility, or long-term injury or illness, are unable to use regular library facilities.

For more information about the Visiting Library Service please call 705-759-5236

# Gadget Corner

Do you have an electronic device or gadget that has you stumped? Are you ready to throw it in the corner and give up on it?

Perhaps we can help you!

James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Tuesday, January 10 11:00 am -

Thursday, February 9

Tuesday, March 7

- 11:00 am 12:00 pm 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
- 2:00 pm 3:00 pm



<u>North Branch</u> Friday, January 20 Thursday, February 16 Wednesday, March 22

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm 11:00 am - 12:00 pm 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

# The Library is more than just Books!!!

This winter season, use your library card to check out:

- Snowshoes
- Walking Poles
- Radon Kit
- Thermal Camera

Or any of the other items available in our Object Library!

**Call our Reference and Information Desk for more details! 705-759-5236** 







From the archives of the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library:

Winter comes and winter goes but by the spring of 1923, it had broken records.

At the time, the Algoma region could be expected to receive 70 inches of snow over the course of an average winter.

But by April of 1923, the total snowfall amount had been officially measured at 105 inches or nearly nine feet, according to an article in the Sault Star from the time.

There was 30 inches of snow still on the level ground, although snowdrifts in the city were eight feet high, with some even reaching to 10 feet high.

On April 9, 1923, the temperature was said to be "five below zero", but keep in mind at that time Canada was still using the Imperial system. So, although -5 degrees Celsius falls within normal temperature ranges for early spring, five below zero Fahrenheit measures close to -21 C.

If the temperature wasn't cold enough to halt trains, the amount of snowfall that spring was.

The snow storm of April 7 and 8 of that year stopped freight trains for three days, and passenger trains were cancelled or delayed due to large amounts of snow covering the track. Some drifts had been measured at more than 10 feet in depth.

Trapper Tony Swartz tells a story of a large moose which strayed into his yard at Mile 60,



and collapsed due to starvation and exhaustion. The snow reached over the moose's shoulders. It had been reported too that both deer and moose were being preyed upon by wolves after having no more energy to flee or fight them off.

The moose and deer were not the only ones feeling penned in. The roads were also in poor condition for traveling into the Sault. Farmers from surrounding townships told the Sault Star at the time, that they had "never seen a winter like this."

Fences were buried under the snow, and chicken-coops had nearly disappeared. Mail boxes which stood five feet above ground had to be dug out to access them.

Worse yet, it had been reported that some families in the rural areas had not been outdoors all winter long. In town, Great Northern Road from MacDonald to Bruce Street was closed on Monday April 9, 1923, by order of City Engineer Brown.

At that time there was a large ravine which was completely covered in snow. In some spots the snow was 18 feet deep, making it impossible for vehicles and pedestrians to get through the area. Men were busy each day keeping the ditches clear to prevent the city from flooding when the weather finally warmed up.

The Engineering Department urged citizens to keep the ditches clear in front of their homes. It was felt that the west end of the city would be affected the most, as it had been reported that the snow drifts there had reached some second floor windows and snow plow drivers said they were "able to look into the upstairs windows of the houses" while plowing the streets.



Horses work to clear Queen Street of snow in the aftermath of a massive winter storm in April, 1923. Sault Ste. Marie Public Library archive photo





# The Friendly Bookworm

Newsletter of the Friends of the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library



The Friends of the Library had the pleasure of welcoming two Sault College Aviation students for a community volunteer placement. Joe Bernier and Meghan Mackenzie proudly display the totally renewed and reorganize Children's section.

Starting in October, they have been coming twice a week to our used bookstore. Megan and Joe were tasked with revamping the entire children's section. I gave them a general layout plan and the end result is very attractive, logically laid out, and fully alphabetized.

All bookstore profits go to the Library to purchase materials and support programming. One of the main goals of the Friends is to support literacy in the community. We offer great books in good condition for a dollar or two, children's books go for three for a dollar.

# Update from the President Sue Hall

The Friends support literacy in our community in many ways. In 2022 they:

- Stocked Little Free Libraries around the city
- Donated books to Christmas Cheer
- Donated books to create a small library at the Canadian Bushplane Museum's Children's Centre
- Created a cat library at Thyne's Bakery and Cat Café

The Friends now sell antique and collectible books in the bookstore. Follow us on Facebook to see featured items.

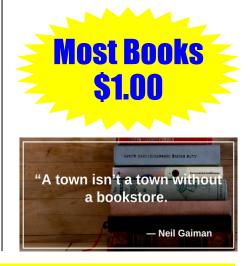


Annual General Meeting Monday, February 6, 2023 7:00 p.m. James L. McIntyre Centennial Library Monica is our lead hand in the huge task of sorting the many bags and boxes of books that are donate to the library each week.

We also sell books online through Amazon!



Browse through our eclectic selection!



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM ~ SATURDAY 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

# HOW O G Your ovn Fruit

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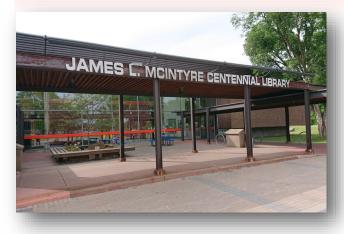
Location: North Branch Date Wednesday February 15, 2023 Time: 6:30 pm





# **About Your Library...**





#### JAMES L. MCINTYRE CENTENNIAL LIBRARY 50 EAST STREET, SAULT STE. MARIE, ON P6A 3C3

HOURS OF OPERATION:	
MON THURS.	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
FRIDAY	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
SATURDAY	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SUNDAY	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM



#### Library Closures 2023

New Year's Day	Sunday, January 1, 2023	
	Monday, January 2, 2023	
Family Day	Monday, February 20, 2023	
Good Friday	Friday, April 7, 2023	
Easter Sunday	Sunday, April 9, 2023	
Easter Monday	Monday, April 10, 2023	
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22, 2023	
Canada Day	Saturday, July 1, 2023	
	Monday, July 3, 2023	

### NORTH BRANCH LIBRARY

#### 232C NORTHERN AVE, SAULT STE. MARIE, ON P6B 4H6

HOURS OF OPERATION:	
MONDAY	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
TUES-THURS	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
FRIDAY	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SATURDAY	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED

Sir William Hearst Day	Monday,
Labour Day	Monday,
Thanksgiving	Monday,
Remembrance Day	Saturday
	Monday,
Staff Development Day	Monday,
Christmas Eve	Sunday,
Christmas Day	Monday,
Boxing Day	Tuesday

Monday, August 7, 2023 Monday, September 4, 2023 Monday, October 9, 2023 Saturday, November 11, 2023 Monday, November 13, 2023 Monday, November 20, 2023 Sunday, December 24, 2023 Monday, December 25, 2023 Tuesday, December 26, 2023

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