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Catch the Holiday Magic of "The Polar Express" at the Rock Island Public Library on Dec. 9 and 11

Create a new holiday tradition for your family, as you and your children experience the simple magic of the original "The Polar Express" with special programs at the Rock Island Public Library. Children's Department librarians will read the popular holiday favorite on Dec. 9 at the Main Library and on Dec. 11 at the Southwest Branch.

The first "train" arrives at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9 at the Main Library's Community Room, 401 19th Street, with a second reading scheduled for 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Southwest Branch Library Community Room, 9010 Ridgewood Road, Rock Island. Roundtrip passage includes the story, with cookies and hot chocolate served on board.

Written and illustrated by Chris Van Allsburg, the story features a magical train ride on Christmas Eve that takes a boy to the North Pole to receive a special gift from Santa. *The Polar Express* won the 1986 Caldecott Medal, an annual award for the illustrator of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

Both readings are free, but reservations are requested. To obtain a boarding pass for either reading, please call the Children's Department at (309) 732-7360. Tickets will be mailed. Don't let the train leave without you!