

What's Happening

Winter 2023-2024



ADAMS COUNTY
LIBRARY

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What people are saying about the library!



About SummerQuest

"I wanted to share how impressed I was with the children's library program this summer. The variety of events offered was fantastic and I was thrilled to be able to expose our son to several new experiences. Bennett said he enjoyed the bee pollination session and the weekly storytimes."

Youth Services Book Club

"You know, (first grade) book club is a lot more fun than I thought it would be!"

"These librarians are definitely better than Google"

"You already know this—but, just to confirm, -- what delightful, informed, supportive employees you have!"

WINTER READING CHALLENGE

January 1, 2024 - February 17, 2024

Pre-registration Opens on Beanstack on
December 28!

Open to all ages!



Be a Dear!



Will you be a dear?

Make a donation, pick the purpose of your donation, decorate your dear deer to be displayed in the library! Donations can be made at any circulation desk or online by scanning QR code or visiting www.adamslibrary.org

Pick the purpose of your donation:

- \$5___ to help provide quality programs for everyone
- \$20___ to support the library's most urgent needs
- \$35___ to expand access to Library by Mail for homebound residents
- \$50___ to add more ebooks and eaudio books to the collection
- \$100___ to support new & existing programs for all ages
- \$___ because I love my library: It's priceless!





CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Preschool Storytime

THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS 12/1- 2/29
10:30AM

Join us at the library for stories, songs, and a craft.

Barks and Books

DEC 12/ JAN 9/ FEB 13
6:00 PM

Come to the library to practice your reading skills and read to a therapy dog. A therapy dog with KPETS (Keystone Pet Enhanced Therapy Services) will be here at the library for you to read with.

Book Club

DECEMBER 6/ JANUARY 3/ FEBRUARY 7
4:30PM

3RD-4TH GRADE

Join us once a month to discuss a good book and share a snack.

Crafternoon

4:30 PM

Kindergarten- 5th grade
DECEMBER 14- Holiday craft
JANUARY 11- Winter craft
FEBRUARY 8 - Valentine's Day craft

Join us in the afternoon and make a seasonal craft.

Baby Da Vinci

DEC 11/ JAN 8/ FEB 12
11:00 AM

Calling all budding artists. This is a hands-on painting program for babies and toddlers. Please dress for a mess.

The LMNOP Club: Baby Storytime

WEDNESDAYS 12/6-2/28
9:30 AM

3RD-4TH GRADE

Join us at the library every week for some stories and songs.

Mother Goose on the Loose: Toddler Storytime

WEDNESDAYS 12/6-2/28
10:30 AM

Join us at the library every week for some stories and songs.

Holiday Movie & Hot Cocoa Bar

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
2:00PM

Join us for a holiday movie and make your own hot cocoa bar!
Registration Requested

Cardboard Gingerbread houses

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4
5:00 PM

Make a gingerbread house using cardboard and craft supplies and have a decoration that you can use all season long.

Paint an Ornament

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7
4:30PM

Start off the holiday season by painting an ornament. Pick either a wooden or ceramic ornament and decorate it with the paint supplies that will be provided. Open to all ages. Registration Requested.

Book Club

DECEMBER 6/ JANUARY 3/ FEBRUARY 7
4:30 PM

1ST-2ND GRADE

Join us once a month to discuss a good book and share a snack.

Book Club

DEC 13/ JAN 10/ FEB 14
4:30 PM

5TH-6TH GRADE

Join us once a month to discuss a good book and share a snack.

STEM Storytime

DECEMBER 4/ FEBRUARY 5
3:30 PM

For Pre-K and Kindergarteners. Join us for a story and some experimentation.

Pajama Storytime: The Polar Express

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
6:30 PM

All Aboard! This Pajama Storytime will feature the classic tale: The Polar Express. All ages are welcome to attend.

Let it Snow

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4
4:30 PM

Play with fake snow and do snow related crafts and STEM activities.

Winnie-the-Poohlooza

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Join us for a journey into the Hundred Acre Wood to celebrate everyone's favorite bear.

10:30 AM- Winnie the Pooh Storytime
1:00 PM - Join us for Winnie the Pooh themed crafts and one of the films.

Snacks will be provided please register online.

4:00 PM- Join us for Winnie the Pooh themed crafts and one of the films.

Snacks will be provided please register online.

Book Bingo

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17
6:30 PM

Feeling a little competitive lately? ACLS has you covered. Join us for an evening of bingo and compete for the best prizes: books!

Snowed in at the Library

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
2:00PM

Burr it's cold outside, come warm up at the library! We will have a variety of snow-themed activities for all.

Frozen Party

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18
2:00 PM

Greetings from Arendelle! Celebrate winter with your favorite sisters: Elsa and Anna. There will be activities and snacks. All are welcome! Registration is required. Please register online.

Leap Day with Frog and Toad

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29
4:30 PM

Leap into a celebration with your favorite Amphibians Frog and Toad. We will share some Frog and Toad stories and do activities as we explore this famous friendship.

TEENS & TWEENS

Teen Event

DEC 8/ JAN 12 / FEB 9
3:30 PM

The Teen advisory board will choose this program and all teens are welcome to attend.

Club 1399 Movie Afternoon

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18
4:00 PM

This program is for teens and adults with diverse abilities and other needs. We will be watching a holiday movie. Snacks will be provided.

Club 1399

MONDAY, JANUARY 15
4:00 PM

This program is for teens and adults with diverse abilities and other needs. There will be a craft and other activities to participate in.

Dungeons and Dragons

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24
5:30PM

Calling all adventurers! Join us for a Dungeons and Dragons adventure and help save the day. Please register online space is limited.

Make A Gift Day

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
2:00-4:00 PM

Sunday, December 3rd is National Make A Gift Day! People love opening homemade presents, so stop by between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm to create a rustic wooden ornament or festive felt wreath for someone special. Ages 8-14. Please register online or at the children's desk.

Teen Popcorn Bar

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
3:30 PM

Come decorate a holiday treat box and then add in your own custom popcorn mix by adding sprinkles and other fun treats. Registration is encouraged.

LEGO Challenge

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
2:00 PM

Sunday, January 28th is National LEGO Day. Join us for a fun LEGO competition! We'll provide LEGOs and a variety of challenges. Whoever completes the most challenges over the course of the hour wins a small prize. 2:00pm-3:00pm. Ages 8-14. Please register online or at the children's desk.

Galetine's Friendship bracelet

FEBRUARY 13
4:00 PM

Bring a friend and make friendship bracelets together. Materials will be provided.

ADULT EVENTS

Film Fridays: Keeping it Reel from Book to Movie

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1
1:00PM

Enjoy a good book and a movie? Come to Film Fridays; Watch the film and have a spirited discussion about how they interpreted the book. Read the book ahead of time and bring snacks to enjoy while we watch the film. During this session we will explore the book *Princess Bride* by William Goldman.

Registration Suggested for New Participants



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Cookie Exchange

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
2PM

Get out your baking mitts! It's time to make some cookies to share. Bring 3 dozen homemade cookies along with the recipe and a container to take home your selected exchange of cookies. You will leave with 2 1/2 dozen of a variety of cookies. What happens with the extra 6? Well those are for sharing and taste testing. Beverages will be provided. Registration Required. A minimum of six participants need to be registered for this event to be held.

Holiday Movie & Hot Cocoa Bar

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
2:00PM

Join us for a holiday movie and make your own hot cocoa bar!
Registration Requested

ACLS - All Writer Workshop!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5
5PM

Come join all of the Adams County Library Writer Workshop Groups for a gathering of the minds. Bring something you've written to share and discuss. Snacks will be provided. Registration Required.

Gettysburg Library Genealogy Club

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6
2PM

Interested in genealogy? Want to learn more about your ancestors? The Gettysburg Library Genealogy Club will meet to explore various techniques and sources to research family history. All levels welcome: beginners to experienced researchers. We will meet quarterly on the first Wednesday of the month at 2PM. Come join the fun!
Registration Suggested for New Participants.

Crafts: Holiday Wreath

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6
6PM

Create a wreath for the holiday season! Space is limited.
Registration Required.

Paint an Ornament

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7
4:30PM

Start off the holiday season by painting an ornament. Pick either a wooden or ceramic ornament and decorate it with the paint supplies that will be provided. Open to all ages. Registration Requested.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas: American Christmas Traditions

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7
VIRTUAL EVENT VIA ZOOM - 6:30PM

The fascinating real-life story of The Night Before Christmas chimes to life as told by educational entertainer, Martina Mathisen, along with the stories of our American Christmas Traditions. Why do we kiss under mistletoe? Why do we decorate with poinsettias? Where did the jolly old man in the red suit come from anyway? And so many more traditions were explored!
Registration is Required.
Zoom Link will be emailed to registered patrons at noon on Thursday, December 7.

Tech Time!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8
1PM

Looking for an opportunity to learn how to use the Library and other resources on your personal tech devices? Bring your questions and your devices and we will help you to use your technology! Laughter and learning along the way. This group session will focus on using the Cloud Library and Digital Magazines. Other basic tech questions will be explored as well. Not available for the session? Set up a private session when you register.
Registration Required.

Writer Workshop

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12
5PM

Join us for an hour of writing and discussion about writing. Through prompts and independent writing we will explore the elements that help us communicate our thoughts and feelings into words. Personal sharing and discussion of individual writing will be encouraged during each session. Registration Suggested for New Participants.

Tuesday Trivia Trap

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12
6:30PM

Looking for a night to compete with others in a trivia contest? Look no further. An evening of eight trivia rounds. And a prize for the winning team participants! Come as a team or come and create a team with other participants. Get trapped with trivia!
Theme: Holiday Music Extravaganza
Registration Required - Register as a team or as an individual.
A Minimum of six participants need to be registered for this event to be held.

Historical Fiction Book Club

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13
1PM

Come join us on the second Wednesday of each month for a discussion on a selected historical fiction book. This month we will explore the book, *The Last Christmas in Paris* by Hazel Gaynor. Registration Suggested for New Participants.

Diamond Painting: Gnome Ornaments

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
10AM

Celebrate the Holiday season by creating a sparkly gnome ornament. Space is limited. Registration Required.

Science Fiction Book Club

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
6:30PM

Come join us on the second Thursday of each month for a discussion on a selected science fiction book. This month we will explore the book, *Miracle and Other Christmas Stories* by Connie Willis. Registration Suggested for New Participants.

Drop In Crafting: Ornaments

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
NOON - 4:00PM

Drop by the library to create an ornament or two. Come and destress with some craft making. Four different style ornaments available.
Registration Suggested.

Mindful Meditation: Sound

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20
2PM

Feeling overwhelmed and a little stressed? Take a break and explore mindful meditation through different types of sound. We will explore techniques to be mindful of the sensations that occur through sound in activities like chanting, bowl singing, and binaural beats. Bring a yoga mat or blanket as we will end the session with a guided meditation.
Registration Suggested for New Participants.

In Stitches

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21
6:30PM

Are you a yarn and thread enthusiast? Enjoy crochet, knitting, needle point or other fiber crafts? Then this is the group for you. Drop-in crafting time for people of all levels of experience. Don't know how? Bring materials and stop by to learn!

Projects, conversation and creativity are on the agenda! We will be "In Stitches" all evening!
Registration Suggested for New Participants.

Mystery Book Club

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28
1PM

Come join us on the fourth Thursday of each month for a discussion on a selected mystery book. This month we will explore the book, *The Christmas Thief* by Mary Higgins Clark. Registration Suggested for New Participants.

THE EMMY AWARDS Celebration

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4
6:30PM

Join us for an evening of celebrating the Television Academy's EMMY AWARDS! Clips of previous year's production numbers will be shown along with trivia. You will have the opportunity to vote on who you think will receive the coveted award in each category. After the awards on January 15, 2024, we will select the ballot that had the most correct choices for a prize! Light snacks will be provided. Registration Required.

Film Fridays:

Keeping it Reel from Book to Movie
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5
1PM

Enjoy a good book and a movie? Come to Film Fridays; Watch the film and have a spirited discussion about how they interpreted the book. Read the book ahead of time and bring snacks to enjoy while we watch the film. During this session we will explore the book, *Fight Club* by Chuck Palahniuk. Registration Suggested for New Participants

Writer Workshop

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9
5PM

Join us for an hour of writing and discussion about writing. Through prompts and independent writing we will explore the elements that help us communicate our thoughts and feelings into words. Personal sharing and discussion of individual writing will be encouraged during each session. Registration Suggested for New Participants



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Tuesday Trivia Trap

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9
6:30PM

Looking for a night to compete with others in a trivia contest? Look no further. An evening of eight trivia rounds. And a prize for the winning team participants! Come as a team or come and create a team with other participants. Get trapped with trivia! Theme: General Trivia
Registration Required - Register as a team or as an individual. A Minimum of six participants need to be registered for this event to be held.

Historical Fiction Book Club

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10
1PM

Come join us on the second Wednesday of each month for a discussion on a selected historical fiction book. This month we will explore the book, *Hour of the Witch* by Chris Bohjalian. Registration Suggested for New Participants.

Staying Healthy in the Winter

Wednesday, January 10
6PM

In Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), the Kidneys and the Bladder are associated with the season of winter. Learn how these two organs work together to perform many important energetic functions vital to your health. Renee Lehman, MS, PT, MAC, Licensed Acupuncturist and Physical Therapist, will present practical self-care practices (including lifestyle recommendations, Qigong movements, and eating for healing) to help you support your body's energy (Qi). Registration Required.

Science Fiction Book Club

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11
6:30PM

Come join us on the second Thursday of each month for a discussion on a selected science fiction book. This month we will explore the book, *All Systems Red* by Martha Wells. Registration Suggested for New Participants.

Tech Time!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12
1PM

Looking for an opportunity to learn how to use the Library and other resources on your personal tech devices? Bring your questions and your devices and we will help you to use your technology! Laughter and learning along the way. This group session will focus on using the Digital Resources at the Adams County Library System. Other basic tech questions will be explored as well. Not available for the session? Set up a private session when you register. Registration Required.

Gardening: Winter Sowing

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16
6PM

Do you dream of lush and beautiful gardens, but recoil at the price of perennials at nurseries in the spring? Would you like to try your hand at starting plants from seed, but lack the space and resources to set up a dedicated grow room in your home? Would you like to maximize the fiscal investment you make in gardening? Then Winter Sowing is for you! Winter Sowing is a method that harnesses the power of Mother Nature to start strong and hardy seedlings. You only need seeds and potting soil - you can even use recycled containers! While it is ideal for perennials which require cold stratification to germinate, you can winter sow annuals, herbs, and vegetables as well. The presenter happened upon a reference to Winter Sowing in a gardening blog a year ago. Come learn about the method, hear about her successes - and failures - and how you can get started with Winter Sowing now for beautiful seedlings come spring! Participants will start their first Winter Sown seeds in the class to take home.
Registration Required.

PA Link to Aging and Disability Resources

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17
2PM

Madisen Mohn will be presenting information on PA Link which assists seniors and disabled individuals get connected with resources in their community. PA 211 is for anyone who needs connected with resources from housing, utilities, childcare, and much more. CONTACT Helpline provides a confidential and judgment free listening line to individuals of all ages.
Registration Required.

Book Bingo

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17
6:30 PM

Feeling a little competitive lately? ACLS has you covered. Join us for an evening of bingo and compete for the best prizes: books! Registration Suggested.

In Stitches

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18
6:30PM

Are you a yarn and thread enthusiast? Enjoy crochet, knitting, needle point or other fiber crafts? Then this is the group for you. Drop-in crafting time for people of all levels of experience. Don't know how? Bring materials and stop by to learn! Projects, conversation and creativity are on the agenda! We will be "In Stitches" all evening! Registration Suggested for New Participants.

Writer Workshop

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23
5PM

Join us for an hour of writing and discussion about writing. Through prompts and independent writing we will explore the elements that help us communicate our thoughts and feelings into words. Personal sharing and discussion of individual writing will be encouraged during each session. Registration Suggested for New Participants

I Didn't Know That Was Covered!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23
6:30PM

Galen Krebs will be speaking about the lesser known covered claims in your homeowners policy. He has been a licensed Public Insurance Adjuster contracted to Metro Public Adjustment for over 12 years, fighting to get property owners what they should get when they have a damage claim on their property.
Registration Required.

Crafty Cards

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24
2PM

The presenter, Kathy Freeman, will help participants create four beautiful greeting cards with matching envelopes using cardstock, stamps and ink. All materials will be provided and no experience is necessary. Class samples will be available in December to preview. Registration Required and Limited to 10 Participants. Registration for this class begins January 3, 2024 - 9AM

Mystery Book Club

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
1PM

Come join us on the fourth Thursday of each month for a discussion on a selected mystery book. This month we will explore the book, *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone* by Benjamin Stevenson. Registration Suggested for New Participants.

Coloring Classics

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26
2PM

Wind down your week by watching a classic film and coloring. We'll be watching an episodic look at growing up in the innocence of America before the Vietnam war. A group of teens spend their time cruising and meeting at the drive-in. Rated PG. Runtime 110 minutes. Registration Requested.

PA Link to Aging and Disability Resources

Tuesday, January 30
6:30PM

Madisen Mohn will be presenting information on PA Link which assists seniors and disabled individuals get connected with resources in their community. PA 211 is for anyone who needs connected with resources from housing, utilities, childcare, and much more. CONTACT Helpline provides a confidential and judgment free listening line to individuals of all ages.
Registration Required.

Qigong for Breast Health

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1
6PM

Join certified Qigong for Breast Health leaders Joyce Ryman and Michelle Clowe for an evening of women's wellness. This class is a supportive, inclusive, and enjoyable mix of talking and doing. Everything is simple to learn and offers real benefits you can put into practice right away. You participate at your comfort level. Appropriate for all ability levels. No experience necessary. All women are welcome! Registration Required.





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Film Fridays:

Keeping it Reel from Book to Movie

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

1:00PM

Enjoy a good book and a movie? Come to Film Fridays; Watch the film and have a spirited discussion about how they interpreted the book. Read the book ahead of time and bring snacks to enjoy while we watch the film. During this session we will explore the book, *The Green Mile* by Stephen King. Registration Suggested for New Participants

My, My, My Generation

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:30PM

This lecture, presented by Tara Wenzel, will be a lighthearted look at the significant signposts that shape each generation. By understanding these distinguishing signposts, we have the opportunity to bridge the generational gaps that separate us and thereby ease tensions across society, among family members and in the workplace. Registration Required.

Healthy Relationships and Consent for Older Adults

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

10AM

Recent statistics suggest that 1 in 10 of adults who are 65 and older experience some type of abuse each year. Join prevention advocates from Adams County Sexual Assault Services and YWCA Hanover Safe Home as they present information on healthy relationships, consent, and how to access local free and confidential services. Registration Required.

Science Fiction Book Club

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

6:30PM

Come join us on the second Thursday of each month for a discussion on a selected science fiction book. This month we will explore the book, *Kindred* by Octavia Butler. Registration Suggested for New Participants.

Tech Time!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

1PM

Looking for an opportunity to learn how to use the Library and other resources on your personal tech devices? Bring your questions and your devices and we will help you to use your technology! Laughter and learning along the way. This group session will focus on using NewsBank. Other basic tech questions will be explored as well. Not available for the session? Set up a private session when you register. Registration Required.

Writer Workshop

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

5:00PM

Join us for an hour of writing and discussion about writing. Through prompts and independent writing we will explore the elements that help us communicate our thoughts and feelings into words. Personal sharing and discussion of individual writing will be encouraged during each session. Registration Suggested for New Participants.

Tuesday Trivia Trap

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:30PM

Looking for a night to compete with others in a trivia contest? Look no further. An evening of eight trivia rounds. And a prize for the winning team participants! Come as a team or come and create a team with other participants. Get trapped with trivia!

Theme: Black History

Registration Required - Register as a team or as an individual.

A Minimum of six participants need to be registered for this event to be held.

Historical Fiction Book Club

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

1PM

Come join us on the second Wednesday of each month for a discussion on a selected historical fiction book. This month we will explore the book, *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. Registration Suggested for New Participants.

Diamond Painting: Snowflakes

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

2PM

Create a sparkly diamond snowflake! Space is limited. Registration Required.

In Stitches

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6:30PM

Are you a yarn and thread enthusiast? Enjoy crochet, knitting, needle point or other fiber crafts? Then this is the group for you. Drop-in crafting time for people of all levels of experience. Don't know how? Bring materials and stop by to learn! Projects, conversation and creativity are on the agenda! We will be "In Stitches" all evening! Registration Suggested for New Participants.

Dementia Friends

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

6:30PM

DFA Education: A Dementia Friend is someone who, through attending a live interactive session, learns about what it's like to live with dementia and then turns that understanding into action. From telling friends about the Dementia Friends program to visiting someone who is living with dementia, every action counts! Join us for this 60 minute educational opportunity to become a dementia friend in your local community! Registration Required

Mystery Book Club

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

1PM

Come join us on the fourth Thursday of each month for a discussion on a selected mystery book. This month we will explore the book, *Razorblade Tears* by S. A. Cosby. Registration Suggested for New Participants.

Coloring Classics

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

2PM

Wind down your week by watching a classic film and coloring. We'll be watching a 1961 American comedy, fantasy film in which an ice-skating Snow White finds refuge from the Evil Queen with the Three Stooges. Runtime 108 minutes. Registration Requested.

Writer Workshop

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

5PM

Join us for an hour of writing and discussion about writing. Through prompts and independent writing we will explore the elements that help us communicate our thoughts and feelings into words. Personal sharing and discussion of individual writing will be encouraged during each session. Registration Suggested for New Participants.

Spay/Neuter Saves Lives

THURSDAY, FEB 29

6:30PM

Stray cats are cats who are currently living outside whether permanently or temporarily. They can be friendly, semi-feral or feral. Overpopulation can quickly become a problem if not monitored. We can all do our part to stop the overpopulation of cats in our communities. Come hear Stephanie of Forever Love Rescue discuss programs for Spay and Neutering in the Adams County Area. Registration Required.





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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Preschool Pals

TUESDAYS, DEC 5 - FEB 27

10:00AM

Story time for preschool children ages 3 - 5. Join Miss Crystal for stories, songs, playtime, and a craft.

Baby Bookworms

WEDNESDAYS, DEC 6 - FEB 28

10:00AM

Story time for children ages 0 - 3. Babies, toddlers, and their parent or caregiver will sing songs, do fingerplays, read books, and have playtime.

Barks and Books

MONDAYS, DEC 4 / JAN 8 / FEB 5

6:30PM

Reading to a therapy dog helps to build confidence in new or reluctant readers. Bring your child to the library to read to Danny, our favorite KPets pup!

Introduction to Diamond Painting

THURSDAYS, DEC 14 / JAN 11 / FEB 8

6:30PM

Interested in learning how to diamond paint? Come to one of our intro classes and make a sparkly snowflake project. Ages 7 and up. Registration required.

Christmas Bingo & Craft night

THURSDAY, DEC 21

6:30PM

Come to the library to make a Christmas craft and play a few rounds of Christmas bingo!

Ages 5-10. Registration required.

Slime Time!

MONDAY, JAN 15

6:30PM

Join the fun as we create slime! We provide the materials and colors, you create the ooey, gooey, stretchy, feel-good slime creation to take home.

Ages 5-10. Registration required.

Lego Challenge

THURSDAY, JAN 25

6:30PM

Bring your creative brain to the library to participate in our Lego building event. Compete in our optional challenge for a chance to win a prize!

Ages 5-10. Registration required.

Valentine's Day Bingo & Craft

THURSDAY, FEB 8

6:30PM

Come to the library to make a Valentine's Day craft and play a few rounds of Valentine's Day bingo!

Ages 5-10. Registration required.

Amazing Owls

THURSDAY, FEB 22

6:30PM

Come learn about the owls that live in our backyards. Find out about their adaptations and their important role in nature. We'll have a hoot'in good time!

Ages 5-10. Registration required.

TEENS & TWEENS

Teen Book Club

THURSDAYS, DEC 7 / JAN 4 / FEB 1

6:30PM

We invite you to join our new teen book club! Bring a snack to share.

December's selection - Splintered by A.G. Howard

January's selection - Will Grayson, Will Grayson by John Green and David Levithan

February's selection - The Graveyard Book graphic novel, vol. I & II
Ages 13-18.

Cat Lamps

MONDAY, DEC 18

6:30PM

Paint a purr-fect cat lamp to decorate your room or to give as a gift!

Ages 11-18. Registration required..

Design A Button

MONDAY, JAN 22

6:30PM

Use our button maker to turn your print or hand-drawn designs into wearable buttons! The buttons can then be pinned onto your t-shirt, backpack, jacket, and more.

Ages 11-18. Registration required.

Teen Sweet Treat Paint Night

THURSDAY, FEB 1

6:00PM

Play with captivating colors of paint to create your own art doughnut painting while enjoying a sweet treat with our resident artist, Rob Ross!

Ages 11-18. Registration required.

ADULT EVENTS

Diamond Painting Group

THURSDAYS, DEC 7 & 21 / JAN 4 & 18

/ FEB 1 & 15

2:00PM

Bring your diamond painting project and join other diamond painting enthusiasts for a fun crafty afternoon!

Adult Book Club

WEDNESDAYS, JAN 17 / FEB 21

2:00PM

Join us for some good company and conversation!

January's selection - The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Reid
February's selection - The Guest List by Lucy Foley

Yoga for Beginners

SATURDAY, DEC 9

1:30PM

Yoga has extensive health benefits. It is calming as well as strengthening, and can help you function better in every aspect of your life—physically, mentally, and emotionally. Learn how to strengthen feet & ankles, cultivate a healthy lumbar curve, create strong legs by transmitting force, and experience deep rest through breathing and meditative exercises.
Ages 16 and up. Registration required.

Paint Pour Holiday Ornaments

MONDAY, DEC 11

6:30PM

Just in time for Christmas! Mix and match paint colors to create the perfect marbled holiday ornament.

Ages 16 and up. Registration required.

Land Stewardship at Home

THURSDAY, JAN 4

6:30PM

Come to the library and learn how to be a good environmental steward of your property and neighborhood.

Computer Workshop

TUESDAY, JAN 16

4:00PM

By the end of this workshop, attendees will be able to identify the characteristics, components, and use of a computer system. Based on this knowledge, the attendee will be able to develop a "buy list" based on the components that make up a computer system.

Ages 16 and up. Registration required.

Potluck Dinner

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:30PM

Bring a covered dish and your appetite to the library for an evening of fun food sampling! We will be having a Valentine's Day theme.
Ages 16 and over.

Adult Paint Night

THURSDAY, FEB 15

6:00PM

Join our resident artist, Rob Ross, for a moonlit stroll on a snow-kissed evening with paint.

Ages 16 and over. Registration required





DECEMBER 2023 - FEBRUARY 2024

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Stories and More!

TUESDAYS, DECEMBER 5 - FEBRUARY 27
(except DECEMBER 26)
6:30PM

Join Miss Barbara for books, songs, and a craft. Geared towards children ages 2-5, but all ages are welcome!

Stories and More!

WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 6 -
FEBRUARY 28
10:30AM

Join Miss Karin for books, songs, and a craft. Geared towards children ages 2-5, but all ages are welcome!

LEGOpalooza!

WEDNESDAYS
DEC 13 / JAN 10 / FEB 14
4:30PM

Ages 4-12.
DECEMBER 13: Lots and lots of LEGO bricks. Free play with optional fun challenges!
JANUARY 10: Photographer Megan Mitchel will share her work and give tips and tricks for how to photograph your LEGO creations on your phone or camera. Free play is also available.
FEBRUARY 14: Lots and lots of LEGO bricks. Free play with optional fun challenges!

3rd-5th Grade Book Club

THURSDAYS, DECEMBER 14
/ JANUARY 11 / FEBRUARY 8
4:30PM

Let's talk books! We'll meet for monthly discussion, snacks, and an activity. Please register and pick up a copy of each book beginning one month before the discussion.

Homeschool - Full Steam Ahead (K-6th GRADE)

FRIDAYS, DECEMBER 15 / JANUARY 19 /
FEBRUARY 16
1:00PM

Join us for hands-on learning! We will focus on a different STEAM topic each month.

Baby Play and Learn Storytime

1st & 4th FRIDAYS, JAN 12 -FEB 23
10:15AM

Stories, songs and movement for babies and toddlers!

Explore Music and Rhythm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20
11:00AM

Up to age 8.
Miss Cindie leads a hands-on interactive music and rhythm experience for children up through age 8 and their grown-ups. Plenty of movement and music for all! Registration required.

Explore Music and Rhythm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
1:00PM

Up to age 8.
Miss Cindie leads a hands-on interactive music and rhythm experience for children up through age 8 and their grown-ups. Plenty of movement and music for all! Registration required.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
10:00AM

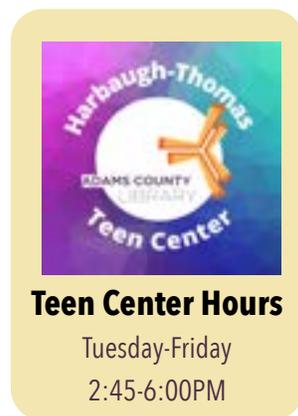
Your stuffed animal friend is invited to a special sleepover at the library! What will they do at the sleepover? What kind of fun will they have? Drop off is Thursday, February 22nd, and pick up is Saturday, February 24th at 10 a.m. Together we will have some breakfast snacks, view a slideshow of their antics and see just what they got up to!

Pot a Plant Storytime

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
6:30PM

Tired of winter? Add a little green into your life! Children will listen to stories about plants, and pot a baby spider plant to take home.

TEENS & TWEENS



Teen Subscription Boxes

DECEMBER - FEBRUARY
7th-12th Grade
Sign up to receive your own monthly subscription box, complete with a library book selected for you by staff as well as some surprise gifts inside! Boxes are to be picked up at the Harbaugh-Thomas Library during the first week of each month. Sign up at the front desk. Registration is required and spots are limited.

Monthly Crafts

DECEMBER - FEBRUARY
7th-12th Grade

The craft will be available as long as supplies last, so hurry in!
DECEMBER Hot Chocolate Ornaments
JANUARY Winter Rock Painting
FEBRUARY Card Making

Table Tennis

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS, DEC 1 - FEB 28
2:45-5:45PM

7th-12th Grade
Stop into the Teen Center for casual or competitive table tennis every Wednesday and Friday throughout the winter.

Gaming Club

TUESDAYS, DECEMBER 5 - FEBRUARY 27
5:00-6:00PM

7th-12th Grade
Join the Harbaugh-Thomas Gaming Club to explore new games, hone your aim, improve your Smash skills, and much more. Space is limited and registration is required.

Mario Party Tournament

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6
3:00-5:30PM

7th-12th Grade
Show off your gaming skills in the Teen Center by competing in the ultimate Mario Party tournament! Winners receive a candy prize! Space is limited and registration is required.

Sugar Cookie Decorating

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
2:45-5:30PM

7th-12th Grade
Satisfy your sweet tooth with sugar cookie decorating in the Teen Center! Drop-in to make your cookie creation a work of art!

Tween and Teen Sugar Cookie Decorating

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
1:30-3:30PM

4th-12th Grade
Satisfy your sweet tooth with sugar cookie decorating in the Teen Center! Drop-in to make your cookie creation a work of art!

Holiday Movie Afternoon

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21
3:00PM

7th-12th Grade
Chill out and relax during our holiday movie afternoon! Popcorn will be provided.

Teen Storytime and Book Reading

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9
3:00-6:00PM

7th-12th Grade
Need some peace and quiet after the holiday rush? Join us for storytime by the fireplace, followed by quiet reading and hot

chocolate. Bring your own book or choose one of ours for a relaxing afternoon.

Yarn Snowpeople and Snowflake Crafting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18
3:00-5:00PM

7th-12th Grade
Embrace the cold weather by creating your own snowpeople and snowflakes out of yarn! Drop-in to enjoy this winter craft!

LEGO Photography

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26
3:00-4:00PM

7th-12th Grade
Join photographer Megan Mitchel for an afternoon of creativity. Learn photography tips and tricks so you can capture the perfect shot of LEGO creations! You can bring your own camera or even use your phone. Megan's work will also be featured in a presentation to provide inspiration!

Mug Rug Making

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30
3:00-5:00PM

7th-12th Grade
Drop into the Teen Center to make your very own mug rug! Use it as a cozy coaster or a decoration for your room.

Valentine's Day Movie Afternoon

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2
3:00PM

7th-12th Grade
Need a little sweetness in your life? Check out our Valentine's Day movie afternoon in the Teen Center! Popcorn will be provided.

Blind Date with a Book

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
3:00-6:00PM

7th-12th Grade
Catch a blind date with a book! Book covers will be hidden, only revealing the genre and a short synopsis of the book. Take a chance and take it home, this mystery date could be your next favorite book! Hot chocolate will be provided on the opening day. Fill out a short book review after reading to receive a chocolate prize!

Plant Potting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
3:00-5:00PM

7th-12th Grade
Join us in the Teen Center to choose and pot your very own plant! Take it home, water it, and watch it grow!



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A Leap of Faith Blind Taste Test

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

3:00-5:00PM

7th-12th Grade

Enjoy the leap year by taking a leap of faith! Check out our blind taste test in the Teen Center. Can you guess the treats correctly without being able to see them? Give it a try!

ADULT EVENTS

Knitting Group

TUESDAYS, DECEMBER 5 - FEBRUARY 27

1:00-3:00PM

Join us for a drop-in knitting time for knitters of all levels. Don't know how to knit? Stop by and learn! Conversation and creativity abound.

Diamond Painting

THURSDAYS, DECEMBER 7 / DECEMBER

21 / JANUARY 4 / JANUARY 18 /

FEBRUARY 1 / FEBRUARY 15

1:00-3:00PM

Adults and teens

Drop in and try a sparkly diamond painting project. Bring your own, or a kit will be provided. Easy to learn and hard to stop. Join the addictive trend!

The Writing Nook

DECEMBER 5 - FEBRUARY 22

6:00PM

Award-winning poet and flash fictionist Alba Sarria holds an all-inclusive group for adults (beginners or pros) who want to create, discuss, edit, publish, and actively do more creative writing.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5: Share Your Work at the Gettysburg Library! This session only runs from 5pm - 7pm.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14: Stylized Writing Project Day: Colors, Shapes, & Black Outs

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11: Memoir Writing

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25: Stylized Writing Project Day: Book Spine Poetry

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8: Roller Coaster Ride Through Story Structure

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22: Stylized

Writing Project Day: Envelope Prompts & Story Swaps

Fused Glass Suncatchers

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

1:00PM

Teens and Adults

Join us to celebrate winter and the holiday season by creating a unique fused glass suncatcher. No experience necessary, participants will select from a variety of glass elements to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece. Suncatchers will be fired off site and available for pick up in about 2 weeks. Led by Cathy Cronauer. Registration required.

Crafting In The Afternoon

THURSDAYS, DECEMBER 14 /

DECEMBER 28 / JANUARY 11 / JANUARY 25 / FEBRUARY 8 / FEBRUARY 22

1:30-3:30PM

Teens and Adults

Bring whatever you love to do and spend a couple of hours crafting with friends. Whether you love fabric, yarn and fiber, drawing and coloring, card and paper crafts, scrapbooks and journals, diamonds and gems, or something else, everyone is welcome. Are you new to crafting? Bring along some supplies and learn with us.

Shelf Indulgence Book Club

THURSDAYS, DECEMBER 21 / JANUARY

18 / FEBRUARY 15

1:00PM

We hope to engage our readers by offering books with a variety of story lines, genres, pacing, characters, and moods. Mostly we read fiction, but usually include one or two nonfiction titles over the course of the year. You're welcome to drop in on one discussion or all of them. Copies of the book are available at the Harbaugh-Thomas Library and can be sent to any Adams County Library System branch for convenient pick up.

DECEMBER 21 *The Widows of Malabar Hill* by Sujata Massey

JANUARY 18 *Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting* by Clare Pooley

FEBRUARY 15 *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict

Creative Card Making

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

6:00-7:30PM

Create beautiful, unique handmade cards. All supplies provided. Session led by Cheryl Kauffman. Registration required.

Creative Card Making

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

1:00-2:30PM

Teens and Adults

Create beautiful, unique handmade cards. All supplies provided. Session led by Cheryl Kauffman. Registration required.

Jigsaw Puzzle Contest

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

1:00-3:00PM

Teens and Adults

Register your own team of 3-4 people, or join up with others at this Jigsaw Puzzle Contest. All teams will be provided with the same 500 piece puzzle. The first team to finish wins bragging rights and a small prize! If no puzzles are completed during the two hour contest, the team with the fewest unpuzzled pieces will win. Registration required.

Fairy House Fun

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

2:00-4:00PM

Teens and Adults

Even fairies need warm and snug homes for the winter! Drop in and decorate a fairy house. All supplies provided, with an option to bring any additional decorations you may want to use. Registration required.





CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Invitation to Play...dough

1st TUESDAY, DEC 5 / JAN 9 / FEB 6
10:30AM

This is your invitation to play... dough! Each month we'll have themed challenge stations where your little one can explore and create with play dough. For ages 2-5. Please note, in January we will be meeting on the 2nd Tuesday, January 9.

Preschool Story Time

WEDNESDAYS, DEC 6 - FEB 28
10:30AM

Join Miss Jess for preschool story time! We'll have fun and encourage early literacy through stories, songs, movement, and more! Each week's story time concludes with time for creative free play, a great time for social interaction for both children and adults! Please note, no story times Dec. 20, 27, and Jan. 3.

Toddler Time

THURSDAYS, DEC 7 - FEB 29
10:30AM

Join Miss Jess for toddler story time! We'll have fun and encourage early literacy through stories, songs, movement, and more! Each week's story time concludes with time for creative free play, a great time for social interaction for both children and adults! Please note, no story times Dec. 21, 28, and Jan. 4.

Babies and Books

FRIDAYS, DEC 1 - FEB 23
10:30AM

Join Miss Jess for our baby story time, filled with engaging activities to encourage early literacy! We'll have fun sharing stories, songs, bounces, rhymes, and more! Each week's story time concludes with time for creative free play, a great time for social interaction for both children and adults! Please note, no story times Dec. 22, 29, and Jan. 5.

Kids Holiday Art Market

Saturday, DEC 2
12:00-4:00PM

Stop by to make fun holiday crafts while practicing math skills! A variety of crafting supplies will be available for children to "purchase" with a set amount of play money they'll be given. Make whatever you can imagine while sticking to a "budget". For ages 6-12.

Barks & Books

3rd MONDAY, DEC 18 / JAN 15 / FEB 12
6:00-7:00PM

Dogs can help struggling readers build confidence by being patient and non-judgemental while kids are reading aloud. Stop by and read to our lovable and patient therapy dog, Danny!

Masterpiece Makers

TUESDAY, JAN 30
4:00PM

Learn about artist Vincent Van Gogh and create your own unique masterpiece based on his works. For ages 6-12. Registration required.

Leap Day Party

THURSDAY, FEB 29
4:00-6:00PM

Join us for an afternoon of fun that only comes around once every four years; Leap Day! We'll have crafts, games, and light refreshments. Plus, you'll have the opportunity to write a letter to your future self that you'll open on Leap Day 2028! For ages 4-12.

TEENS & TWEENS

Operation Save Santa

FRIDAY, DEC 15
4:30PM

Join us for this family friendly interactive mystery event where everyone is a suspect! It's December 23rd and Santa Claus is missing! What's worse, he was the only one who knew the password for the master "Nice vs. Naughty" database. The North Pole is in an uproar, with Mrs. Claus, elves, reindeer, and various visitors milling about pointing fingers at each other. Take on a North Pole character and help uncover who kidnapped Santa! Of course, maybe YOU did it yourself... Registration required.

Winter Paint Pour

WEDNESDAY, JAN 10
4:00PM

Create your own masterpiece with the art of paint pouring. Space is limited; registration required.

Date with a Book

THURSDAY, JAN 25
4:00PM

Having trouble picking out your next read? Try speed dating with a book. Over the course of an hour, you'll have the opportunity to sample a variety of young adult books. Spend a few minutes with each title before it gets passed to the

next person, and a new one is handed to you. When the hour is up, you'll hopefully go home with a list of books you can't wait to read next. For ages 13-17. Registration required.

Heart Candle Craft

WEDNESDAY, FEB 7
4:00PM

Make some seasonal heart candles to take home and create warmth in the winter months. Registration required.

Tiny Art

SATURDAY, FEB 10

1:00PM, Virtual - Via YouTube
Enjoy a paint night from the comfort of your home! Registration opens the Sunday prior to video premiere. Register online and pick up an art kit from Littlestown Library (or have a kit sent to your local branch library) and watch the instructional video on demand. For adults and teens. Registration required.

ADULT EVENTS

Friends of Littlestown Library Meeting

1st WEDNESDAY, DEC 6 / JAN 3 / FEB 7
7:00PM

Are you interested in becoming more involved in your community and supporting the library? Join the Friends of Littlestown Library. Stop by or contact the library for more information.

Craft-Tea Afternoons

2nd FRIDAY, DEC 8 / JAN 12 / FEB 9
3:00PM

Join us for an afternoon of tea, relaxation, and crafting. Each month we'll be making a fun, simple, seasonal craft in a no-stress environment.

Delving Into Diversity

2nd THURSDAY
DEC 14 / JAN 11 / FEB 8
6:30PM, Virtual - Via Zoom

Join us for this virtual book club where we'll be reading and discussing books around the themes of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Experience engaging and insightful conversation each month at this virtual program. Registration required. After registration, a staff member will be in contact to send a copy of the book to your local branch library.
DEC 14: Before the Coffee Gets Cold by Toshikazu Kawaguchi
JAN 11: Tales of Two Americas: Stories of Inequality in a Divided Nation Edited by

John Freeman

FEB 8: March: Book One by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell

Littlestown Adult Book Club

3rd TUESDAY, DEC 19 / JAN 16 / FEB 20
12:00PM

Come discuss books with fellow Littlestown bibliophiles! Check with the library for copies of the current selection.
DEC 19: The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles
JAN 16: In True Blood by Truman Capote
FEB 20: The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Murder by Midnight - A Virtual Murder Mystery

FRIDAY, DEC 29

7:00PM, Virtual - Via Zoom

It's New Years Eve at the DeBubbles Champagne Vineyards and Distillery in Champagne, France. The DeBubbles mansion is always the place to be at the stroke of midnight - the champagne flows as easily as the conversation. That is, until patriarch of the DeBubbles family fortune, grandpa Delroy DeBubbles, winds up dead! Could the killer be you?!

"Murder by Midnight" is an interactive murder mystery where everyone is a suspect! It combines the excitement of Clue with the imagination of theatre. Registration required.

Cozy Reads

2nd WEDNESDAY, JAN 10 / FEB 14
6:30PM, Virtual - Via Zoom

If you love cozy mysteries or light-hearted mysteries featuring amateur sleuths, this virtual discussion is for you! Registration required. After registration, a staff member will be in contact to send a copy of the book to your local branch library.

JAN 10: Family Skeletons by Rett MacPherson
FEB 14: Crewel World by Monica Ferrised.

Explore the Past

FRIDAY, JAN 26
3:00PM

Discover the past through POWER Library, a collection of online databases that are free with your library card. We'll be doing hands-on exploration of some of these databases to discover photos and documents from the past. Registration required. Bring your own device if you have one.



Murder on Madison - A Murder Mystery Event

WEDNESDAY, JAN 31

6:00PM

Join us for this in-person murder mystery event!

In a shocking turn of events, Real Estate tycoon Richard Renthiker was discovered dead in his Park Avenue penthouse early this morning. The cause of death appears to be suffocation by pizza slice. Old man Renthiker was found with his mouth stuffed full of pepperoni with extra cheese. Somebody must have had a real bone to pick with Renthiker, as this gruesome strangulation is not for the faint of heart, nor the lactose intolerant. Richard Renthiker was well respected in this town, but he also had a lot of enemies. Somebody's lease on freedom is about to expire - could it have been you?!

"Murder on Madison" is an interactive murder mystery where everyone is a suspect! It combines the excitement of Clue with the imagination of theatre. Costumes are encouraged, and light snacks will be served. Registration required.

Valentine Murder Cruise - A Virtual Murder Mystery Event

FRIDAY, FEB 9

7:00PM, Virtual - Via Zoom

Everything is going wrong on the "Valentine in Venice" harbor cruise aboard the Love Bucket. First, the water is unusually choppy so people are feeling queasy. Second, the package deal, priced at \$9.99 per couple, went viral as "The Cheapest Date Ever," stirring up worldwide ridicule. Accordingly, most of the guests canceled their reservations and found other, less embarrassing dates, leaving the dining room more than half empty. And to top things off, a diner took a nosedive into his soup just after the first set of sappy Italian love songs. The dead man was Payton Bookem, the slick agent for tonight's dollar-store "operatic" entertainers. Who killed him? Was it you?!

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INTERGENERATIONAL

Fun with Chess!

MONDAYS, DEC 4 - FEB 26

6:00-7:45PM

Are you a beginner at chess and want to learn? Are you an experienced chess player and want to test your skills? Drop in weekly to watch and play with a local chess aficionado. All ages and all skill levels welcome.

Please note, there will be no chess on Dec.25, Jan. 1 and Feb. 19.

Craft Your Cocoa

SATURDAYS, DEC 9 / JAN 6 / FEB 3

10:00AM-4:00PM

Winter is the perfect time to craft your own designer drink! Drop in anytime and create your mix of hot chocolate from a selection of ingredients.



VIRTUAL

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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Barks & Books: Read to a Therapy Dog

FIRST THURSDAYS
DEC 7/JAN 4/FEB 1
6:30 - 7:30PM

Sign up or drop by for a 15-minute session with a sweet, furry friend! Practice reading to KPets Therapy dog, Danny. Consider registering by calling or visiting the library at 717-624-2182.

Tuesday Tales Story Time

TUESDAYS, DEC 5 - FEB 27
10:00AM

Join Miss Natasha for books, songs and fingerplays with other babies, toddlers and their grownups. Each week will have a theme that encourages early literacy. This storytime is best suited for ages 0-3 with a parent or caregiver, all are welcome! No story times on Tuesdays DEC 26 & JAN 2

Wee Readers Wednesdays

WEDNESDAYS, DEC 6 - FEB 28
10:00AM

Join Miss Natasha for this preschool story time featuring stories, songs and activities with a new theme each week that encourages early literacy! This story time is best suited for ages 3-5 with a parent or caregiver, all are welcome!

No story time on Wednesdays DEC 27 & JAN 3

Winter Slime

THURSDAY, DEC 21
3:30PM

It's the most wonderful slime of the year! What could be more exciting than learning about and creating a fluffy and fun Winter-themed slime? At this program you'll learn all about the chemical reaction that occurs when mixing the ingredients that make up slime and you'll get to practice your measuring skills too! Registration is required as space is limited. Ages 4-12.

Edible Bacteria

TUESDAY, JAN 23
3:30PM

Gross, realistic, edible science fun using Jello, candy and petri dishes. This is the perfect way for kids to learn about bacteria by recreating real bacteria shapes. Registration is required as space is limited. Ages 6-12.

National Puzzle Day

MONDAY, JAN 29
4:00PM - 7:00PM

Drop by the New Oxford Library with your family for an evening filled with puzzles of all sorts! We will celebrate this day by

solving challenges that vary from super simple to extremely difficult. Some of the puzzles may involve words, numbers or pictures. Be prepared to piece it all together!

Marshmallow Snowflakes

THURSDAY, FEB 8
3:30PM

Do you know the science behind how snowflakes are formed? Come learn with us at the library! You will use math and engineering skills to create your own snowflakes out of toothpicks and marshmallows. Registration is required as space is limited. Ages 4-12.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover & Saturday Morning Storytime

SATURDAY, FEB 24
9:30AM

Children of all ages: What happens when your stuffed animals are left in the library overnight? Drop off your cuddly best friend at the New Oxford Library any time on Friday, Feb 23rd to find out! The next morning we will have a special storytime with light breakfast treats where we will review the antics of the night before. Tip for parents: Please don't bring the stuffed animal your child cannot sleep without! Registration is required as space is limited.

TEENS & TWEENS

Winter Chill

THIRD TUESDAYS
DEC 19/JAN 16/FEB 20
2:30 - 4:00PM

Come to the library after school to unwind and chill with your friends. There may be games/crafts, snacks and music. Ages 12-18.

DIY Bath Bombs

TUESDAY, DEC 5
3:30PM

Learn how you can make your own bath bombs with other teens at the New Oxford Library. You'll have fun making these fizzy bath bombs with easy to follow directions! When you're done, you'll have a batch of homemade gifts you can use yourself or give away for the holidays. Registration is required as space is limited. Ages 11-18.

YA Book Bingo

THURSDAY, JAN 11
3:00PM

Who doesn't love a good old-fashioned game of bingo? Throw in popular titles of Young Adult books, and some friendly teenage competition and we're sure to have a good time! Perhaps you'll even learn about a book or series you've yet to explore. Ages 12-18.

Anti-Valentine's Day Party

TUESDAY, FEB 13
3:30PM

Do you hate hearts and flowers? Are you tired of red and pink everywhere you go this time of year? If you don't fall for this over-commercialized holiday, then you're in luck! Join us to make somber valentine's cards and non-traditional duct-tape roses. There will be light refreshments and even a chance to win a prize. Don't forget to dress in your most un-festive clothes, black of course! Ages 13-18.

ADULT EVENTS

Spanish Conversation Club

SECOND & FOURTH WEDNESDAYS
DEC 13, JAN 10, JAN 24, FEB 14, FEB 28
3:00 - 4:00PM

Have you been interested in learning conversational Spanish or brushing up on the Spanish language? Join our club and practice speaking Spanish in a friendly atmosphere led by New Oxford High School ESL teacher, Minerva Medina. The purpose of this club is to practice beginner Spanish and is open to teens and adults. Registration is required.

No meeting on Wednesday DEC 27

Reader's Forum

SECOND THURSDAYS
DEC 14 / JAN 11 / FEB 8
10:00AM

Each month this group reads a different genre and the discussions focus on literary critique, gaining new perspectives, and being able to chat with other readers! Below are the selections for the next three meetings, place a copy on hold today:

DEC 14: The Undocumented Americans by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio

JAN 11 : Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

FEB 8: The Nature of the Beast by Louise Penny

Saturday Matinee

THIRD SATURDAYS
DEC 16/ JAN 20/ FEB 17
1:30PM

Join us at the New Oxford Library for a monthly Saturday afternoon screening of a classic film. Stop in for a list of titles!

Tea Towel Stamping & Stenciling

TUESDAY, DEC 12
2:00PM

Come create your very own holiday-inspired tea towel! All materials will be provided. Have your own favorite stamp? You are welcome to bring it along. With

the holidays coming up, you may want to give this as a gift or use it in your own kitchen! Registration is required for this program.

Adult Coloring Club

TUESDAY, JAN 9
2:30PM

Sitting down to color a picture can be as effective as meditation in reducing stress. Drop by the New Oxford Library during our adult coloring sessions to see for yourself. All supplies provided. Sessions may include music and refreshments.

Appreciating and Attracting Backyard Birds

FRIDAY, FEB 2
2:00PM

Do you feed birds in your yard? Are you interested in attracting more birds? Would you like to be able to identify the birds? Local Audubon member, Linette Mansberger, will share tips for attracting birds to your yard and will teach easy steps to use to begin identifying the birds that visit. Through photographs, taken in her nearby New Oxford yard, you will learn feeding and habitat ideas and identification techniques for about 30 backyard birds that are common to southcentral Pennsylvania

INTERGENERATIONAL

Disguise a Gingerbread Man Contest

FRIDAY DEC 1 - DEC 16

Help the Gingerbread Man escape by disguising a Gingerbread Man, using any craft supplies that you want, as a character from a book and enter it for a chance to win a prize! Pick up a Gingerbread Man template at the New Oxford Library. Return completed entry by December 16. Be sure to label with your name and contact information on the back. Patrons of the library will be able to vote on their favorite Gingerbread Man December 18 - 30, 2023. There will be a prize given to the person with the most votes! This contest is open to all ages.

VIRTUAL

Knot Another Stitch: Knit & Needle Crafts

MONDAYS DEC 4 - FEB 26
6:30PM, Via Zoom

All needle crafters are welcome to join. Don't know how to knit, crochet, or cross-stitch? Sign-up on our website or by calling the library. No meetings on Mondays DEC 25, JAN 1 & FEB 19



CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Stories and Sensory Play

MONDAYS - JAN 8 - FEB 26
10:30AM

Miss Dana will share stories with children including sensory play each week.

Afterschool Snacks and Stories

TUESDAYS - JAN 9 - FEB 27
4:30PM

Children elementary age, join us for a snack and story.

It was a Book First

TUESDAYS - JAN 9 - FEB 27
6:30PM

Ages 8-10 Join this book group to discuss Movies that started as books

Stories & Something to make

WEDNESDAYS - JAN 10 - FEB 28
10:30AM

Children ages 3-5 may join us for lively stories and songs.

Movers and Shakers Storytime

WEDNESDAYS - JAN 10 - FEB 28
11:15AM

Children from birth to 2 years old may join us with their parent/caregiver for a few short stories and lots of singing and moving.

Drop in Thursdays!

THURSDAYS - JAN 11 - FEB 29

Families with children of all ages stop in anytime Thursday and enjoy activities such as library scavenger hunt, Kindness activity, Storywalk or a Mini Library Adventure

Barks and Books

THURSDAYS - DEC 14, JAN 11, FEB 8
6:30PM - 7:30PM

Sign up for a 15 minute time slot to practice reading to a Therapy dog. This program is for children just learning to read or children who love dogs and just need a little practice reading. The dogs love hearing our stories.

Bounces & Rhymes, Babies Storytime

FRIDAYS - JAN 12 - FEB 23
9:30AM

Children from birth to 2 years old may join us with their parent/caregiver for a few short stories and lots of singing and moving. .

Preschool Pals

FRIDAYS - JAN 12 - FEB 23
10:30AM

This is a storytime that will prepare children for kindergarten by learning about the calendar and weather. Each week we will focus on a different letter of the alphabet. We will learn about numbers and practice fine motor skills.

Homeschool afternoon

FRIDAYS - DEC 8, JAN 12, FEB 9
1:00PM

Homeschool children from Kindergarten thru 6th grade are able to join us on these afternoons for interactive fun and learning.
DEC 8 - Gingerbread man Storytime and cookie decorating
JAN 12 - Winter STEAM
FEB 9 - Heart Arts

Second Saturday Fun!

SATURDAY, JAN 13 & FEB 10
9:30AM

I want to learn about THAT! a non-fiction storytime for all ages
1:00pm Pages and Party storytime for all ages

TEENS & TWEENS

Homeschool Afternoon

FRIDAYS - DEC 8, JAN 12, FEB 9
1:00PM

Homeschool teens 7th to 12th grade are able to join us on these afternoons for interactive fun and learning.
Registration required.

DEC 8 - Architecture and gingerbread houses

JAN 12 - History of Pennsylvania

FEB 9 - Marine Life

Diamond Painting Evening

THURSDAYS - DEC 7, JAN 4, FEB 8
6:00PM

Teens 12-18 can come in for an evening of making their own diamond painting coasters! Snacks and supplies will be provided. Registration required.

Teen Time

THURSDAYS - DEC 14, JAN 25, FEB 15
6:30PM

DEC- Surprise Christmas Craft & Hot Chocolate

JAN- Tiny Canvas Painting

FEB- Nebula Jars

A time for teens to hang out at the library and create different crafts.

Snacks provided. Registration required.

Teen Book Club

TUESDAYS/THURSDAY
DEC 28, JAN 9, FEB 6

6:00PM

Dec- Murder/True Crime

Jan- Fantasy

Feb- Dystopian

Teens are invited to come in and bring their favorite book for a lively discussion based on that month's genre! Snacks provided. Registration required.

Murder Mystery Night

THURSDAY, DEC 21

6:00PM

Confident in your detective skills?

Bring your detective hats and put your theories to the test for this 10,000ft high murder! Whoever manages to catch the killer wins a prize! For teens aged 13-18. Registration required.

Jewelry Making Night

THURSDAY, JAN 18

6:00PM

For teens aged 12-18. Come in to make your own bracelets and necklaces! Snacks and supplies will be provided. Registration required.

Paint Your own Tote Bag

THURSDAY, FEB 22

6:00PM

Teens 12-18 are welcome to come in and paint their very own tote bag! Snacks and supplies will be provided. Registration required.

INTERGENERATIONAL

A Christmas Carol Readers Theater (Rehearsal)

TUESDAY, DEC 5

6:00 pm-8:00PM

Come join us for a sit-down, script-in-hand Reader's Theater adaptation of the classic Christmas story, A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens! Participants of ages teen to adult will join Library Assistant Josiah in reading aloud through a reader's theater script together in their chosen roles. No prior experience is required. Feel free to cut loose with your most animated voices! Also, no need to worry about a stage, an audience, memorizing lines, or costumes. That's the beauty of this type of reader's theater! Although, you are most welcome to wear a Victorian outfit like Josiah will be doing. Participants are welcome to then return next week to perform the reader's theater for the East Berlin community. Participants

will be asked to confirm if they can participate in this event before leaving our first reading. Registration required.

A Christmas Carol Readers Theater (Performance)

TUESDAY, DEC 12

6:00PM-8:00PM

The East Berlin community is invited to attend a Reader's Theater adaptation of the classic Christmas story, A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens. Participants from last week's reading of the script will join Library Assistant Josiah in reading through the story for the attendants. All ages are welcome to attend! Attendants are welcome to dress in Victorian period outfits like Josiah will be doing. Come have some fun for the whole family and enjoy hearing this beloved Christmas classic! Registration required.

Sign Time

WEDNESDAYS - JAN 24, FEB 28

4:30-6PM

Join branch assistant Lexi for Sign Time. This is a monthly program in which Lexi will teach you American Sign Language (ASL). All ages and skill levels are welcome to come and learn some ASL. January's theme is: Alphabet and Introducing Yourself. Registration required.

New Year's Vision Board Making

WEDNESDAY - JAN 10

4-5:30PM

Ring in the New Year by creating a vision board of what you hope your year will look like. All ages are welcome to join branch assistant Lexi in creating a vision board. This is also the perfect place where you can organize your planner and start your bullet journal for the year. Registration required

Jigsaw Puzzle Contest

TUESDAY, JAN 30

6:00PM

Think you've got what it takes to be the master puzzler? Bring a group of 3-4 and compete against other groups to see who can finish their puzzle the fastest! The winning group will receive a prize. Registration required.



ADULT EVENTS

One-on-One Basic Tech Help

By appointment

We are here to help with basic computer and device questions, from creating an email address to library apps and programs. Please contact the library to set up an appointment with a library team member.

Sit and Sew

THURSDAYS - DEC 7 & 21, JAN 4 & 18, FEB 1 & 15

12:30PM

On the first and third Thursdays of each month, bring your machine and current project. This group gets together to work on charity quilts as well as personal projects. Beginners welcome.

Chicks with Sticks

TUESDAYS DEC 12, JAN 9, FEB 13

12:30PM - 2:30PM

This is a knitting and crocheting group. Please bring your current project or join us in making items to donate!

Twisted Sisters Spinning Group

FRIDAYS - DEC 15, JAN 19, FEB 16

10:00AM - 12:00PM

To share our love of fiber arts by hand spinning. We meet monthly, the third Friday from 10-12, and welcome anyone interested in learning about spinning and spinning wheels.

Friends of the Trone Memorial Library Board Meeting

TUESDAYS - JAN 16, FEB 20

5:30PM

The Friends of the Trone Memorial Library Board meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm in the Mary Cash Room. All Trone Library supporters and Friends members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Writer's Group

TUESDAYS - DEC 19, JAN 16, FEB 20

6:30PM

Writers of any level and any genre (fiction, poetry, nonfiction, etc) are invited to this group! We'll be honing our craft together with some prompts and also have space for critique and discussion of projects at any stage. Please bring along a few pages of your work if you'd like feedback on it during this time. For ages 16 and up. Please register online.

Crafty Cards Class

WEDNESDAYS - JAN 17, FEB 21

2:00PM - 4:00PM

Join us for card making classes on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month with Kathy Freeman. Limited seats available - please register online or by calling the library! Please note, there will be no class in December.

Community Book Discussion

TUESDAYS - JAN 23, FEB 27

This book discussion meets the fourth Tuesday of the month. Virtual discussion begins at 4:00PM and the in-person starts at 6:30PM. Please note, there will be no meeting in December. Email or call to reserve a copy!

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VIRTUAL ADULT EVENTS

Cozy Reads: A Virtual Book Discussion

WEDNESDAYS - JAN 10, FEB 14

6:30PM

If you love cozy mysteries or light-hearted mysteries featuring amateur sleuths, this virtual discussion may be for you! Cozy Reads meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30PM via Zoom.

Registration is required.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 10: Family Skeletons by Rett MacPherson

WEDNESDAY, FEB 14: Crevel World by Monica Ferris

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Hours

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Tues./Wed./Thurs.- 11:00am - 5:00pm
Sat.- 10:00am - 4:00pm

Gettysburg Library

140 Baltimore Street
Gettysburg, PA 17325
(717) 334-5716
Fax (717) 334-7992

Hours

Mon. - Thurs.- 9:00am - 8:30pm
Fri. & Sat.- 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sun.- 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Harbaugh-Thomas Library

59 W. York Street
Biglerville, PA 17307
(717) 677-6257
Fax (717) 677-6357

Hours

Mon.- 12:00pm - 6:00pm
Tues.- 12:00pm - 8:00pm
Wed.- 10:00am - 6:00pm
Thurs.- 12:00pm - 8:00pm
Fri.- 10:00am - 6:00pm
Sat.- 9:00am - 5:00pm

Littlestown Library

232 North Queen Street
Littlestown, PA 17340
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Hours

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Sat: 10:00AM-4:00PM

New Oxford Library

122 N Peters St.
New Oxford, PA 17350
(717) 624-2182
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Hours

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Sat.- 9:00am - 4:00pm



MISSION & VALUES

It is the vision of the Adams County Library System to see every life fulfilled. To work toward fulfillment of that vision, we have adopted the following:

- **Mission:** Open Gateways for Exploration
- **Purpose:** Connecting people to opportunities that enrich their lives
- **Core Values:** Excellence, Trustworthiness, Stewardship