

NOVEMBER/
DECEMBER 2025
JANUARY 2026

HOLIDAY CRAFTS AND Books @ YOUR LIBRARY & Calendar of Events

Friends of the Library Book Sale November 7 – 9

Newington Senior and Disabled Center

Preview: Friday, November 7, 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.

\$10 Admission for everyone over age 14.

General Sale: Saturday, November 8

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Bag Sale: Noon – 3:00 p.m.

Buy a Friends green bag for \$12 and fill it with books for free! Refills are \$10. Stock up and save. 

Find Your Creative Fit: Teen Animation Workshop

with Tyrone "ZeroSnake" Motley

Wednesday, November 12, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

This hands-on workshop led by Tyrone "ZeroSnake" Motley, a Connecticut-based illustrator, animator, and educator, will introduce teens to the foundations of animation through character design, sequential drawing, and simple storyboarding. Each participant will leave with a completed flipbook they have animated themselves. *This program is made possible through the Connecticut State Department of Education's Regional School Choice Office (RSCO).* 

Friends Adult Craft Fair Fundraiser

Saturday, November 22, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Attention adult crafters and craft lovers of all ages! Mark your calendars for the first Friends of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library Craft Fair. Buyers of all ages are welcome. Stop by to view the creative talents of your Newington neighbors! The vendors will be offering a teacup auction. Stop by to reserve a table! Registration fee: \$30, cash or check please. 

George G. Hanel Fine Arts Series

Jukebox 45 – CT's Premier 50s and 60s Show Band

Friday, December 5, 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The George G. Hanel Fine Arts Series presents Jukebox 45 – CT's premier 50s and 60s show band. The band includes founder Jerry Fanfarelli, a Connecticut musician with 50+ years of experience. He is accompanied by Al Floyd on drums, Joe Carver playing bass, and Michael Buck on saxophone. This group of talented musicians is dedicated to recreating exceptional musical harmonies. Together they deliver an authentic and memorable musical experience, honoring the timeless sounds of a golden era. Join us for a wonderful evening of music! *This concert is made possible by a bequest from George G. Hanel to the Library Board of Trustees.*



Holiday Gift Wrapping by the Friends of the Library Fundraiser

Saturday, December 6, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 7, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Let our expert wrappers add a touch of magic with beautiful bows, festive papers, and creative flair, making your presents the talk of the holiday! Donations are appreciated. All proceeds support the library. 

First Sunday Opening

November 9, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Kids & Teens Winter Craft Fair

Saturday, December 13,

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Attention crafters between the ages of 8 – 18, and craft lovers of all ages: mark your calendars for our Kids and Teens Winter Craft Fair!

Please call to reserve a table to sell your non-food kid-made crafts beginning November 3. Buyers of all ages are welcome! Stop by to view the creative talents of Newington's kids and stock up for holiday gift giving!

Friends Winterfest

Preview Baskets

Themed baskets will be on display January 2 – 16, prior to the Winterfest event. Purchase tickets at the library for a chance to win! Winners will be notified January 16. 



Friday, January 16, 2026,

6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Snow date, Friday, January 23

Winterfest is back! Enjoy an evening of tasty beer and savory refreshments, plus great musical entertainment by The Boomers. Tickets are \$30 in advance. Place your orders for bottles of wine or beer you like at special prices offered only at the Winterfest event. Orders placed during the event are eligible for a special prize. After the tasting, participate in the teacup and silent auctions, and more!

Desserts will follow. Tickets will be available beginning Monday, December 1.

Sponsored by Saputo Dairy Inc. & Connecticut Beverage Mart. 

PROGRAM REMINDERS

Information on how to join a program can be found on our website.

Register online for programs and events.

Virtual programs are held on Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed prior to the event. Other programs that are recorded and do not require registration can be found on our YouTube channel on our website. Please contact the library for the most updated information.



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SAVE THE DATE

Winter Reading Yeti...Set...Read!

Adult Winter Reading Kickoff:

Wednesday, February 4

Teen and Children's:

February 2 – March 6

Library 5K Road Race:

Sunday, May 17

VIRTUAL Author Talks

Enjoy a range of talks from bestselling authors and thought-provoking leaders with this exciting virtual event series!
Brought to you in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium and the Friends of the Library.

Community, Power, and the Search for Indigenous Identity – with author and journalist Joseph Lee

Wednesday, November 5, 2:00 p.m.

The Search for Truth and the Persistence of Love Across Time – with novelist Amanda Peters

Thursday, November 13, 7:00 p.m.

Unlock the Secret Language of Connection – with supercommunicator Charles Duhigg

Tuesday, November 18, 2:00 p.m.

Scheming Wives and High-Stakes Hilarity – with author Sue Hincenbergs

Tuesday, December 2, 2:00 p.m.

The Legacy of Julia Child's Kitchen – with author and Smithsonian curator Paula J. Johnson, Tuesday, December 9, 2:00 p.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER *

Culinary Delights

November – Russet Potato Leek Soup

December – Sweet Edible Cookie Spoons

January – Little Italy Pizza Dough

Chef Rob Scott will share a video and recipe each month. The recipe, ingredients list, and video link will be on the library website.



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Paper Holiday Card Making Workshop

Monday, November 17, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Come to the library to handmake a holiday card using cardstock, stickers, glitter glue, ribbon and more! All

supplies provided. Feel free to bring any materials you would like to use to make your cards!

In-Person Coloring/

Puzzle Get-Togethers

Every first and third

Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.

November 4 & 18,

December 2 & 16,

January 6 & 20

Come to the library and socialize while coloring or working on puzzle packets. If unable to attend, coloring packets will be available at the Adult Reference Desk

beginning on these days!



Page Turners Book Discussions

Join us for lively book discussions facilitated by Karen and Jennifer on the first Thursday of the month @ 6:30 p.m.

The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

– Thursday, November 6

Someone Else's Shoes by JoJo Moyes

– Thursday, December 4

Title to Be Determined

– Thursday, January 8



Grab & Go Puzzle Packets

Every second and fourth Tuesday

November 11 & 25,

December 9 & 23,

January 13 & 27

We put together packets of fun just for you. Each packet will include puzzles, word games, and more! Stop by to pick up your packet on or after the dates listed above.



Brown Bag It with a Movie!

– F1: The Movie

Tuesday, November 11, noon

A Formula One driver comes out of retirement to mentor and team up with a younger driver. Starring Brad Pitt, Damson Idris, Javier Bardem. Join us for this entertaining film while enjoying your bagged lunch brought from home.



Nicole Kuhn – Fun Paint Night

Tuesday, November 11,

– repeated November 18, 6:00 p.m.

Artist Nicole Kuhn invites you to follow along and paint a fun fall picture. Nicole's art will be featured in the Community Room for the month of November.



Tarot 102

Thursday, November 13, 6:00 p.m.

Join Linda Poland, an experienced Tarot reader, as she teaches you the basics of Tarot! Feel free to bring your own deck of Tarot cards if you have one, and a notebook.



Brown Bag It with a Book Discussion

@ the Library: *Anxious People*

by Fredrik Backman

Thursday, November 13, noon

Join us for this lively discussion while enjoying your bagged lunch brought from home. ☕

Puzzle Party

- Thursday, November 20,
- Tuesday December 30,
- Thursday, January 22, 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a fun and relaxing morning! Unwind and have fun with fellow puzzle lovers. Enjoy relaxing music and snacks while working on a variety of community puzzles. ☕



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DECEMBER *

Upcycled Book Ornament

Monday, December 1, 2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Join us to create a custom upcycled book page ornament. All materials provided. ☕

Nontraditional Portraiture Photography

- Let's Talk

Wednesday, December 3, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Engage with Larry and Faith Bilansky of LJB Special Photography as they do a walkthrough of one of their works from camera file to a final work. They will discuss their background as artists with no formal training in art, their concept of photography as a fine art, and how they create their “Nontraditional Portraiture” and other works of art. ☕



George G. Hanel Fine Arts Series

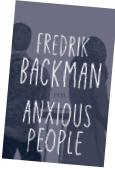
Jukebox 45 – CT's Premier 50s and 60s

Show Band (see cover)

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Brown Bag It with a Movie!

- The Naked Gun

Tuesday, December 9, noon

Only one man has the particular set of skills to lead the Police Squad and save the world. Starring Liam Neeson and Pamela Anderson. Join us for this entertaining film while enjoying your bagged lunch brought from home. Refreshments provided. ☕



Brown Bag It with a Book Discussion

@ the Library: The Library Book

by Susan Orlean

Thursday, December 11, noon

Join us for this lively discussion while enjoying your bagged lunch brought from home. ☕



Snowflake Diamond Art

Thursday, December 11, 6 p.m.

Make your winter shiny and bright by creating diamond art snowflakes! ☕

ReDefined READS

3-D Literary Holiday Stars

Saturday, December 13, 10:15 a.m. – noon

Learn how to make 3-D holiday stars from old book pages and music sheets. All supplies are provided. Supplies are limited. ☕



Books & Bites: Book Talks By Librarians

Thursday, December 18, noon

Looking for a cozy winter read? Warm up with some tasty bites and book recommendations. And if the weather outside is frightful, join us virtually on Zoom. ☕



Let's Talk Nature: Art with Leslie

Saturday, December 20,

10:00 a.m. – noon

Meet new friends and enhance your English. Join natural art teacher Leslie Mathew to talk about nature and create art! Leslie is a creative encourager, who enjoys helping others find joy. Sponsored by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving's Newington Greater Together Community Fund. ☕



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Brown Bag It with a Movie!

Downton Abbey: The Grande Finale

Tuesday, January 6, noon

When Mary finds herself in a public scandal and the family faces financial trouble, the household grapples with the threat of social disgrace. Starring Michelle Dockery, Elizabeth McGovern. Join us for this entertaining film while enjoying your bagged lunch brought from home. Refreshments provided. ☕



Newington-Wethersfield Plein Air Painters Reception

Wednesday, January 7, 5:30 p.m.

Meet the members of the Newington-Wethersfield Plein Air Painters for a brief presentation followed by an artist reception. Newington-Wethersfield Sponsored by the Plein Air Painters. ☕

Sound Bowl Healing

Friday, January 9, 7:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Join Daria for an immersive sound healing experience.



Relax with the vibrational frequencies of singing bowls and calming meditation. ☕

Refresh and Renew

Saturday, January 10,

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a restorative hands-on workshop for the mind and body. Create three products that will help to calm and refresh after the hectic holiday season. ☕

Brown Bag It with a Book Discussion @ the Library: The Guest List by Lucy Foley

Thursday, January 15, noon

Join us for this lively discussion while enjoying your bagged lunch brought from home. ☕



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Book Bedazzling

Monday, January 26, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Join us for this fun and relaxing activity! Bedazzle your favorite book cover with rhinestones. Participants are encouraged to bring a hardcover book from home, but the library will also have a few copies of books to choose from as well. Let's add some bling to your favorite book!



2026 Book Tastings

Thursday, January 29, noon
A new year means new books! Join our librarians as we highlight some of the most anticipated books of 2026. And if the weather outside is frightful, join us virtually on Zoom.



Bon appetit!

Wicked of Oz Trivia Night – Virtual

Friday, January 30, 7:00 p.m.
Defy gravity with your wicked wisdom! Join us in the Land of Oz with trivia from *Wicked* and the *Wizard of Oz*. All ages are welcome and small treats will be awarded. Register for the Zoom link.

Co-sponsored
by the Beekley
Community
Library.



TEEN PROGRAMS

Please check the Teen Events webpage for program info and access. All programs are for teens in grades 6 – 12.

NOVEMBER *

Teen Pokémon Trading Card Game Night

Wednesday, November 5, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Join us for a meetup of Pokémon fans and trading card lovers. Show off your collection, trade cards, or go head-to-head with other players. Whether you're a Pokémon master or brand new to the game there will be something for everyone.

The Any Book Book Club

Tuesdays, November 11 & January 13, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Let's talk about books! In this book club there is no assigned book to read; instead each meeting we gather to discuss which books we are currently loving (or not loving). Get inspired and find your next great read.



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K-Pop Party Hunters

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TECHNOLOGY

Tech Help @ Lucy

Make a 45-minute one-on-one tech appointment with a librarian! Services include using your phone, tablet, laptop etc. Please bring necessary passwords & chargers. Call to request an appointment.



Digital Holiday Card Making

Workshop in Canva!

Monday, November 3,
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Come to the library to digitally make a holiday card using Canva! Please have an account created before the program. Note in the registration if you need to borrow a laptop as availability is limited. Some Canva experience is recommended but not required.



Basic Video Editing in Canva!

Wednesday, January 21,
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Looking to create a simple video? Join us for a crash course on editing video clips in Canva. Bring or borrow a laptop to edit along. We will work from a sample template.

TEEN PROGRAMS

DECEMBER *

Tween Game Day

Tuesday, December 2, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. For children and teens in grades 4 – 8. It's time for a little friendly competition...time for a game day. We will be playing a variety of board games, card games, and video games. Don't miss out on the fun! Registration begins November 18.  

Teen DIY: Ornaments

Tuesday, December 9, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Join us for an evening of creating your own beautiful DIY ornaments! All materials will be provided.  



Teen Cookbook Club

Thursday, December 11, 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Let's get ready for the festive season by making a Ranger Cookie Mix recipe jar.  

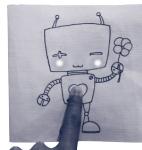


Kids & Teens Winter Craft Fair

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Teen DIY: Paper Circuit Art

Monday, December 29, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. Join us in using electricity to create a fun, creative work of art that lights up. Together we will learn about simple circuits and how to make them using LEDs and copper tape. Sponsored by the Triumph Charitable Foundation.



JANUARY *

Tween DIY Nail Art

Tuesday, January 6, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. For children and teens in grades 4 – 8. Give yourself a manicure, complete with nail decals, rhinestones



and more! Winter-inspired nail designs will be available. All supplies will be provided. Registration will begin on December 19.  

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HAPPY Holidays!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Please note that registration is required for all programs. You may register up to two weeks in advance for programs. Call 860-665-8720 or visit the Children's Events webpage to register.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

Storytime for Ones

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17 and January 5, 12, 26, 10:15 a.m.

(No class on January 19)

Stories and songs for children 9 – 24 months, siblings, and their caregivers.  



Play For All

Tuesdays, November 4, 11, 18, December 2, 19, 16 and January 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:15 – 11:00 a.m. Join us for this program geared for families with young children who have special needs. All are welcome! Partnered with Big Hearts ABA.  

Storytime for Twos

Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19 and January 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:15 a.m.

Stories, songs, and a craft for children 24 months and older, siblings, and their caregivers.  



Storytime for 3 to 5-year-olds

Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20 and January 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:15 a.m. Stories, songs, and a craft for children ages 3 – 5, without caregivers. Children must be 3 at the start of the session.  

Family Storytime

Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20 and January 15, 22, 29, 6:30 p.m. Stories and songs for the family. Materials are geared towards grade 2 and younger.  



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Tales to Tails

Saturdays, November 1, December 27, & January 24, 1:00–3:00 p.m. with Maple Bacon. Children who love dogs or need to boost their reading skills may sign up for a 15-minute session reading to a certified therapy dog. *Call to register two weeks before each date.*  



Donated by Amanda Collin. 

Little Yogi

Mondays, November 10 & December 8, 6:30 p.m.

For ages 2–5, with a caregiver. Have you ever wanted to move along with the characters in a book? Join us for literacy integration yoga with Heather from Nourished Mind Wellness. *Call to register two weeks before each date.*  

Baby Soft Play

Fridays, November 14, December 19, & January 30, 10:15–11:00 a.m.

For babies 6 to 24 months, with a caregiver. A program where babies can play and self-explore in a soft play environment. *Call to register two weeks before each date.*  



Tales to Tails

Saturdays, November 15, December 20, & January 17, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Children who love dogs or need to boost their reading skills may sign up for a 15-minute session reading to a certified therapy dog.

Call to register two weeks before each date.

Sponsored by Cold Noses, Warm Hearts, Inc.



Storytime Yoga

Monday, November 17 &

Wednesday, January 7, 6:30 p.m.

For ages 5–9. Join us for literacy integration yoga with Heather from Nourished Mind Wellness.

Call to register two weeks before each date.  

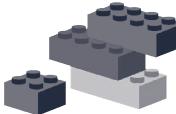


LEGO Builders

Tuesday, November 18 &

Thursday, January 8, 6:30 p.m.

Design, build, and play! Work on your own creation or do a LEGO challenge for kids in grades K–5. Due to safety concerns, infants and toddlers will not be allowed in the room. *Call to register two weeks before each date.*  



Pokémon Kids

Monday, November 24 &

Tuesday, January 27, 6:00 p.m.

For kids in grades 2–5. Play games, meet fellow fans of Pokémon, and trade cards! It doesn't matter if you're a Pokémon master or beginner! *Call to register two weeks before each date.*  



SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

NOVEMBER * * * * *

Nutcracker Wonder

Tuesday, November 11, 3:00 p.m.

Children will participate in an abbreviated creative movement dance class set to music from the original ballet by Tchaikovsky. Little Leaps Dance Adventures will have them march like tin soldiers, scurry like mice, turn like snowflakes, and shimmer like the Sugarplum Fairy! Kids ages 4–8 can register beginning October 28.  



Li'l Chefs

Wednesday, November 12, 6:15 p.m.

Love cooking with your kids? This is a program for preschoolers ages 3 & 4 with a caregiver. We will be making pumpkin pudding! Registration begins October 29.  



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SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

DECEMBER * * * * *

Storytime in Sign

Monday, December 1, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a storytime and craft with an American Sign Language–English interpreter. All are welcome! Families can register beginning November 17.

Donated by Language First Early Language Center.  



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Cookbook Club

Wednesday, December 3, 6:15 p.m.

Looking for a special gift? Come make s'mores mix in a jar to give to that special someone or keep for yourself! Registration for kids in grades 3–5 may register beginning November 19.  



Brie's Balloons:

A Winter Balloon Twisting Storytime

Thursday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.

This program includes stories read by Brie, a talented balloon artist, along with balloon twisting demonstrations, a themed balloon for each child, and an art activity. Kids ages 3–6 can register beginning November 20.  



Movers & Shakers: A Musical Storytime

Wednesday, December 10, 10:15 a.m.

Children ages 2–4 and a caregiver are invited to experience music in this high-energy program.

Come sing, explore instruments and rhythm patterns, dance, and more. Registration begins November 26.  



Junior Cookbook Club

Wednesday, December 10, 6:15 p.m.
Looking for a special gift? Come make sand art brownies in a jar to give to that special someone or keep for yourself! Registration for kids in kindergarten through grade 2 may register beginning November 26.  



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Winter Wonder Workshop

Monday, December 15, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Time for a night of family fun! Make beautiful winter-themed decorations to keep for your family or to give to a special person. This program is recommended for kids ages 4 and up. Registration begins December 1.  

Reindeer Goats Story Hour

Wednesday, December 17, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
“Reindeer” goats from Bradley Mountain Farm are coming to visit! Hear a goat story followed by some goat cuddles. Feed them tasty treats and take some adorable selfies! Registration will begin December 3.  

STEAM Fun!

Monday, December 29, 3:00 p.m.

Kids in grades 2 – 5 can have fun exploring and experimenting with STEAM-based activities and challenges.

Registration begins on December 15.  



Noon Year's Eve Celebration!

Wednesday, December 31, 11:15 a.m.
It's time to ring in the new year at the library! Kids ages 3 – 6 and a caregiver will join us for a New Year's Eve-themed party including crafts, games, stories, and more! There will also be a special surprise at noon to welcome 2026. Registration begins December 17.  

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

JANUARY *

Block Party

Tuesday, January 6, 2:00 p.m.
For grades K – 3. Join us for a free play session with Keva planks, Legos, and other fun building toys.
Registration begins December 23.  



Tween DIY Nail Art

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For children and teens in grades 4 – 8. Give yourself a manicure, complete with nail decals, rhinestones, and more! Winter-inspired nail designs will be available. All supplies will be provided.
Registration will begin on December 19.  



Doll Tea Party!

Saturday, January 10, 1:30 p.m.
You're invited to a Doll Tea Party! Bring your favorite doll and join us for a magical afternoon tea party. We'll sip tea (juice!), enjoy desserts, and make a special craft just for your doll to take home. There will be time to meet new friends, and even take a photo with your doll to remember the day! Kids in grades K – 3 can register beginning December 27.
Please note: we cannot guarantee that food served at this program has not come into contact with nuts, soy, or other allergens. 

Preschool Activity Night

Tuesday, January 13, 6:15 p.m.
Preschoolers ages 3 – 5 and a caregiver can enjoy an assortment of age-appropriate toys, games, and activities geared for school readiness.
Registration begins on December 30.  



Lil' Chefs

Wednesday, January 21, 6:15 p.m.
We will start with a story, then make edible stained-glass windows (contains marshmallow). Registration for preschoolers ages 3 & 4, with a caregiver, begins January 7.  

LIBRARY NOTES

Art Exhibits

November: Nicole Kuhn – Mixed Media

December: Larry and Faith Bilansky

Nontraditional Portraiture

Photography

January: Newington/ Wethersfield
Plein Air Painters – Plein Air

Library Meetings:

– Library Board

Monday, November 10, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 12, 7:00 p.m.

– Friends of the Library

Wednesday, November 12, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday January 14, 6:00 p.m.

Library Hours (subject to change)

Monday – Thursday

10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday beginning November 9

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Lucy-to-Go Curbside Pickup

is still available during regular library hours, Monday – Saturday.

Library Closings

Wednesday, November 26

– Thanksgiving Eve, closing at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 27

– Thanksgiving Day

Wednesday, December 24

– Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 25

– Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 31

– Closing at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 1 – New Year's Day

Monday, January 19

– Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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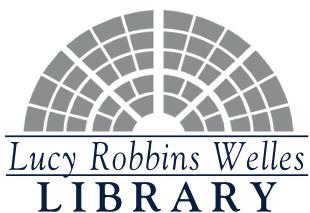
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From the Library Director – *Lisa Masten*

The library is gearing up for several special events as we head into the winter months. The Friends of the Library will be presenting several fundraisers during these months to benefit the library. The Friends will hold their Fall Book Sale at the Senior and Disabled Center November 7 – 9 with thousands of books, A/V, puzzles, and more for sale. On November 22, the Friends will host its first Arts & Craft Fair for adults. Come see and buy the many creative gems made by local vendors. A holiday gift wrapping fundraiser will be held by the Friends on December 6 and 7 – let our expert holiday wrappers add a special touch to your gift! And finally, the Friends Winterfest 2026 will be back on January 16, 2026, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 in advance and will go on sale at the library on December 1. Wine and beer tasting, light refreshments, teacup and silent auctions, music, and more will be offered at this fun evening fundraiser. This event traditionally sells out so be sure to buy your tickets early!

The Library Board of Trustees presents the George G. Hanel Fine Arts Series after-hours concert featuring Jukebox 45 on Friday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy an evening of 50s and 60s music and the musical harmonies of this talented band. This concert is made possible by a bequest from Mr. George G. Hanel to the Board.

Please look inside this newsletter to learn about the many programs being offered over the next three months as well as more about these upcoming special events. We look forward to seeing you!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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Ming Palace	Shake Shack	Veggie World
Mooyah Burger, Fries & Shakes	Steve's Place	Venus Nutrition
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