December 2024

Flower Memorial Library Newsletter



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Winter Reading with Roswell

I Spy a Good Book







December 21 - March 20

All ages welcome

Stop by the Main Desk for your reading log.

Visit the Children, Teen, and Adult pages of our website for more information.



We will be taking a short break from regularly scheduled library events, December 22-28. Events including Storytimes and Open Gaming will be paused that week.



The library will close at 5 pm on December 24 and will be closed all day December 25.

We will also close at 5 pm on December 31 and will be closed all day January 1.

Early Literacy Information

Please note that age limits are suggested for the following events on this page, but all ages and abilities are always welcome!

Toddler Storytime and Crafts

Suggested ages 3 to 5
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Every Wednesday (except 12/25)

Join us for some fun stories, dancing, singing, and wiggling. Then we'll end our storytime with a craft relating to the books we read. Each week we'll explore a different theme, so every storytime is its own unique experience.

Baby Storytime

Suggested ages 0 to 2
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Every Thursday (except 12/26)

Join us for some fun stories, songs, and dances! Then at the end of our storytime, we'll all play with sensory toys that are safe for our youngest patrons. Sensory toys include but are not limited to big building blocks, egg shakers, and beanie toys. Each storytime has a different theme so every week will be its own experience!

Toddler Paint

Suggested ages 0 to 5
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Friday December 13: Festive tree

Enjoy a process art project while getting messy at the library!

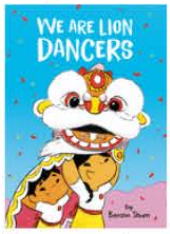
Music and Movement

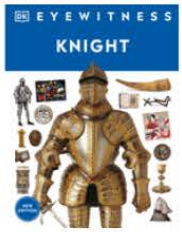
Suggested ages 0 to 5
Facilitated by: Jamie (with guest Sarah Wolfe)
Children's Room at 10:30am
Monday December 16

Experience a joyful and interactive music program that encourages little ones to get their bodies moving, voices singing, and to make some beautiful noise!

NEW IN OUR KID'S ROOM!









Events for Kids, Tweens, and Teens

Note: if you are 18 years old and still attend high school, you may attend teen events.

Tween & Teen Sew What

For ages 8 to 17
Presented by: Brittani
Circulation Desk
at 11 am - 12:30 pm OR 4 - 5:30 pm
Thursday December 5
- Machine sewn travel pillow

Let's learn to sew using sewing machines and needle and thread.

Note: registration required, contact Mrs. Brittani at 315-785-7714 or blajuett@ncls.org to sign up.

Kids & Tween Art Club

For all abilities that are ages 6 to 12
Facilitated by: Suzie
(with guest Shalaina Thompson)
Children's Room at 4pm - 5pm
Friday December 6

Get messy and explore the world of art! Projects will be announced at the start of each event.

Kids, Tweens, & Teens Elf Workshop



For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10 am
Saturday, December 7

Join us for crafts, snacks, and a visit from Santa. Families will even be able to take a free photo with Santa. We will happily take the picture for you, but you need to bring your own camera or phone. Library staff will not use their personal devices to take photos. Holiday attire and costumes are always encouraged.

At the start of the event, families will be able to come and take toys collected during our Toy Drive. Toys will be spread out in our South Reading Room, where families will be able to come and "shop" around for free. There is no limit as to how many toys a person can take, but we kindly ask to keep other families in mind when picking out toys.

Kids, Tween, and Teen Family Night

For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Brittani
Children's Room at 6 pm
Monday December 9

Stop in each month for a family friendly story and activity! This month we will read "Every Color" by Erin Kono and make a Kaleidoscope.

Tween League of Gamers

For all abilities that are ages 8 to 12
Presented by: Brittani
Future Maker Space
at 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Thursday December 12

Stop by the Future Maker Space for various board games, Nintendo Switch, and Wii games, as well as a snack.

Note: limited to 12 participants. First come, first served.

Kids & Tween Take & Make Crafts

For ages 3-12
Presented by: Jamie
Beginning at 9 am
Saturday December 14

On the first Saturday of each month during the fall, grab a craft kit to make with your little ones! This month: gingerbread bookmark.

Note: Limit 1 per child on a first come, first served basis. No reservation option.

Teen Open Gaming

For all abilities that are ages 12 to 17
Presented by: Brittani
Teen Space from 4pm - 5pm
Every Monday (except 12/23)

Stop by Mondays for videogames, board games, or try to make your own videogame with our Bloxels subscription!

Note: limited to 12 participants. First come, first served.

Kids & Tween Ornament Overload

For ages 6-12
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 6 pm
Tuesday December 17

Let's make our own ornaments! Paint, color, and design your very own holiday ornament.

Note: Small pieces will be used to make the ornaments which can be a choking hazard.

Kids, Tween, & Teen Homeschool Hangout

For ages 3 to 17
Presented by: Brittani
Future Maker Space at 11:30 am
Friday December 20
This month the ages 3-10 group will be decorating gingerbread and the 10-17 group will be searching for stolen cookies.

Note: participants are divided into 2 groups by age and we ask that families respect the age limits imposed by staff. 10 year-olds have the opportunity to choose which group they would prefer to attend but all others must remain with their specified group.

Teen Book Display Brigade

For ages 12 to 17
Presented by: Brittani
Teen Space at 4pm - 5pm
Friday December 20

Channel your inner designer and help Mrs. Brittani make a book display! Participants gain volunteer time for attendance.

Teen Believe in Your Elf Party

For ages 12 to 17
Facilitated by: Brittani
(with the Watertown Youth Alliance)
Future Maker Space at 1pm - 4pm
Monday December 23

Join the Watertown Youth Alliance for a holiday celebration! Come decorate cookies, eat some pizza and ice cream, watch Elf, and learn a little bit about managing stress without vaping.

NEW IN OUR TEEN SPACE!







Information for Both Youth & Adults

Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

Facilitated by: Suzie
South Reading Room at 4pm
Tuesday December 10

The Board of Trustees monthly meeting is held in the library's South Reading Room. Meeting documents are listed on the library's website.

All Ages Back to December: Taylor's Version



For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Ashley & Jamie
Community Room & South Reading Room
at 6-7:30pm
Tuesday December 3

Let's par-tay at the library with Taylor Swift-themed crafts, activities, and obviously...music! We'll make friendship bracelets, have a dance party, and more.

All Ages LEGO Club

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie
(with guest builder Jack Falge)
South Reading Room
at 4pm - 5:30pm
Thursday December 19

Come build with us! Themed builds will be announced at each event.

All Ages Noon Year's Eve Party

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Amanda & Brittani
Community Room & Children's Room
at 11am - 12:30pm on Tuesday December 31

Do you want to celebrate the end of another year, but can't keep your eyes open 'til midnight? Join us for a NOON Year's Eve party. We'll count down to noon, make a few crafts, and enjoy a couple fun activities.

Information for Adults

Book Clubs

Original Book Club
For adults
Facilitated by: Amanda
No meeting in December

Friendly reminder, The Original Book Club will resume in **January** with discussion of *Last Bus to Wisdom* by Ivan Doig.

VIRTUAL Between the Covers: Romance Book Club
For adults
Facilitated by: Ashley
On Zoom at 6:30pm
Monday December 16

Join us to chat about all things books and romance! At this meeting we'll discuss *The Nightmare Before Kissmas* by Sara Raasch. Zoom info can be found on our website event calendar.

Spice Club - Cinnamon
For adults
Presented by: Ashley
Beginning at 9 am
Monday December 2

Explore the world of flavor. The packet will include a spice sample, recipe cards, history of the spice, and a list of cookbooks you can check out from the library.

If you miss the kits, you can still get a peek at the recipes by visiting the homepage of our website!

True Crime Time
For adults
Facilitated by: Ashley
Community Room at 12:15 pm
Thursday December 5 &12

Attention lovers of all things true crime and podcasts: it's your time to shine at the library! Join us for a book club gone rogue as we listen in together as a group to the long-running podcast, Small Town Murder. We will utilize both meetings during this month to cover all of the material from a single episode and take the opportunity to discuss our thoughts as we go along for the ride!

Medicare Education Class
For adults
Facilitated by: Ashley
(with guest Jennifer Schnabel)
South Reading Room at 10:30 am - 12 pm
Monday December 2

All Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug Plans are significantly changing in 2025! Join us for a Medicare Education Class at Flower Library with Jennifer Schnabel.

Senior Planet: Streaming & Smart TVs
For adults
Facilitated by: Ashley
South Reading Room at 12:15 - 1:30 pm
Wednesday December 4

Every day, more and more people are "cutting the cord" and canceling their cable subscriptions. Instead, they're using free or low-cost streaming services like YouTube, Netflix, and Hulu to watch their favorite shows and movies online. This presentation will introduce streaming: what it is, how to use it, and the variety of content available. You'll also learn how to watch live TV without cable and how smart TVs and streaming devices can let you watch videos from the Internet on your television.

Wrapping Paper Swap

For adults
Presented by: Amanda
Future Maker Space at 6:15pm
Wednesday December 4

Do you have a roll of wrapping paper you'll never use again? Maybe your stash of gift bags is getting too big? Or ribbon and bows needing new homes?

Please bring your donations of unused wrapping paper, gently used gift bags/boxes and other similar supplies covering all occasions to the library. Visit again December 4th to shop the swap!

Gingerbread House Kit

For adults
Presented by: Amanda
Circulation Desk at 9 am
Saturday December 7

Each kit will contain one of six different wood house styles (max size is 3.15″ wide by 4.7″ tall), instructions, and inspiration photos. Additional supplies will be needed and noted in kit instructions

Note: Limit 1 kit per person, max of 2 if picking up for a friend. While supplies last.

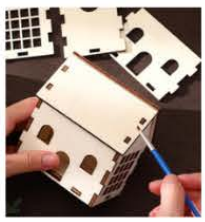


Image of 1 house type included in the kits.

Holiday Extras

For adults
Presented by: Amanda
Future Maker Space at 6:15pm
Wednesday December 11

Whether you are wanting to add to your decor or add a special touch to a gift, a variety of crafts will be available along with lots of inspiration.

Note: Limit 16 participants. No registration option. A lottery will be used to determine participants if necessary.

Blood Drive

SCAN ME

For adults
Facilitated by: Ashley
(with guest American Red Cross)
Rotunda at 9 am - 2 pm
Wednesday December 18

You are invited to give back and give blood: a blood drive hosted at the Flower Memorial Library! Online registration is highly encouraged. Follow the QR code to register today!

Talking Threads

For adults
Facilitated by: Amanda
Future Maker Space at 6pm
Wednesday December 18

Are you a fiber artist looking to connect with other artists in our area? Bring your current project to the library to be creative and social.

Note: this is an informal gathering for those who enjoy fiber arts. There will not be guided instruction - the library will not be supplying tools or materials for use.

Hunt a Killer Board Game

For adults
Facilitated by: Ashley
South Reading Room at 10 am - 11:30 am
Saturday December 21

Feel like you're solving a real-life murder mystery! Join us to play the board game, Death at the Dive Bar, together in our historic South Reading Room. It's like an escape room in a box – but right at your fingertips. Decode ciphers, piece together clues, consider all evidence and SOLVE THE CRIME!

Immigration Clinic

For adults
Facilitated by: Ashley
(with guest Hiscock Legal Aid Society)
South Reading Room at 1 - 4 pm
Monday December 16

Need immigration advice? Hiscock Legal Aid Society Immigration Program may be able to help. See our full event flyer for a list of areas they can help with.

There are plenty of ways to help your community this month!



ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

November - March



Share the warmth this season at our annual coat drive!

Items collected are available anytime the library is open. You're welcome to donate your extras or take what you need.

DONATIONS NEEDED:



winter coats
snow pants
boots
hats
scarves
gloves or mittens



Giving Tree

Looking for a way to do something thoughtful for your community this year? Consider using our 'Giving Tree.'

If you find an item on a tag that catches your eye, simply remove the tag, purchase the item requested, and bring it to the Circulation Desk during your next visit. The 'Giving Tree' will be available on the main floor at the end of November.

Any help you can give is tremendously appreciated! By choosing an item to purchase from our tree, you're helping supply future library events.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Ashley at 315-785-7714 or apickett@ncls.org

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8	9 All Ages Family Night @ 6 pm	10 Board Meeting @ 4pm	11	12 Ages 8 to 12 League of Gamers @ 4:30pm	13 Ages 0 to 5 Toddler Paint @ 10:30am	14 Ages 3-12 Take & Make Kit @ 9 am
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