December 2025

Flower Memorial Library Newsletter

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Photo of our Rotunda in the original library dedication brochure, circa November 1904.

Lights, Camera, Read with Roswell!

Winter Reading Program

December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026

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Early Literacy Information & Events

Toddler Story Time & Crafts

Designed for ages 3-5, but all are welcome
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Every Wednesday EXCEPT 12/24

Join us every Wednesday at 10:30am for Toddler Story Time & Crafts! We'll read fun stories, dance, sing, and wiggle around. Then, we'll end our story time with a craft relating to the books we read. Each week we do a different theme, so every story time is its own unique experience.

Baby Story Time

Designed for ages 0-2, but all are welcome
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Every Thursday EXCEPT 12/25

Join us every Thursday at 10:30am for some fun stories, nursery rhymes, and wiggles! Then, at the end of our story time, little ones are encouraged to explore our play room and craft area to play and interact with other littles. We'll have toys, Play-Doh, and coloring sheets available to play with. Each story time has a different theme so every week will be its own unique experience!

Toddler Painting

For ages 0-5
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 10:30am
Friday December 5



Join us in the Children's Room for some fun process painting! This month's process painting will involve using forks, paint, and paper templates to create a red-nosed reindeer - just in time for the holiday season!

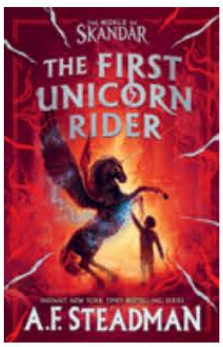
Music and Movement

For ages 0-5
Facilitated by: Jamie (with guest Sarah Wolfe)
Children's Room at 10:30am
Monday December 8

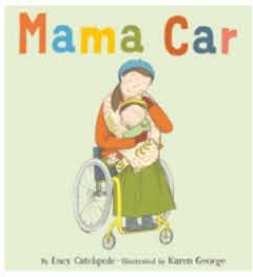
Does your child like to sing, dance, or just wiggle around? If so, come join guest Sarah Wolfe for a fun music and movement program! Music and Movement is a joyful and interactive music program that encourages little ones to get their bodies moving, their voices singing, and to make some beautiful noise. The session includes a sing-along with Sarah playing the ukulele.



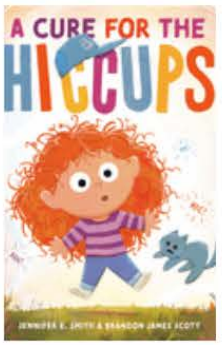
New in our Children's Room!











Events for Kids, Tweens, and Teens

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

Teen Take & Make Kit: Hot Chocolate Ornament



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space at 9am
Monday December 1

Grab a kit to create an ornament filled with hot chocolate! Can be given as a gift or kept for yourself. Ingredients list will be provided. Food allergies cannot be accommodated due to the design of this program.

Note: Limit of 1 kit per person, max of 2 if picking up for a friend. Available in the Teen Space while supplies last!

Tween Gaming



For ages 8-12
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room at 6pm
Monday December 1

Join us for a snack, games (Nintendo Switch, Wii, PC, and board games), and a good time! Betcha can't beat us at Mario Kart!

Note: Limited to 12 participants on a first come, first served basis. No reservations can be made.

Kids & Tween Art Club

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

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



Teen Open Gaming



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Teen Space from 4pm - 5pm
Every Friday EXCEPT 12/26

Stop by on Fridays for videogames, board games, and a snack!

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

Tween Crafternoon



For ages 8-12
Presented by: Ashley M.
Future Makerspace at 4pm
Thursday December 11

Join us each month for a different craft and snacks! This month: Slime

Note: *Limited to 15 participants on a first come, first served basis. No reservations can be made.*

Kids & Tween Take & Make Craft



For ages 3-12
Presented by: Jamie
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday December 13

On one Saturday of each month, grab a craft kit to make with your little ones!
This month: Beaded Christmas Bracelet

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

Pssst...turn to page 6 to find out when Santa and Mrs. Claus are coming to the library! All ages are welcome!



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

Cookie Decorating



For ages 8-17
Presented by: Ashley M.
Future Makerspace at 4:30pm
Monday December 15

Stop by after school for cookie decorating! Decorate a sugar cookie or two with icing and fun toppings! Make it holiday themed or just load it up with toppings before chowing down, the choice is yours!

Limited to 20 participants. First come, first served.

Note: Food allergies cannot be accommodated due to the design of this program.

Holiday Stocking Workshop



For ages 0-12
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room at 6pm
Tuesday December 16

Celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with a fun and festive craft! Paint and decorate your own holiday stocking to take home just in time for Santa's visit. All materials will be provided.

Stockings will be given out on a first come first served basis. No reservations can be made. Children must be present in order to receive a stocking.

Book Display Brigade



For ages 12-17
Presented by: Ashley M
Teen Space at 4pm
Thursday December 18

Channel your inner designer and help make a book display for the Teen Space. Participants gain volunteer time for attendance.

Homeschool Hangout



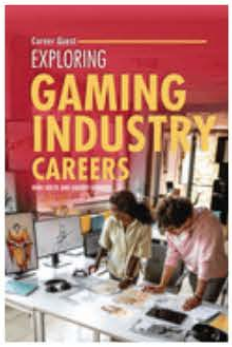
For ages 3-17
Presented by: Jamie & Ashley M.
Future Makerspace at 10:30m
Friday December 19

It's time for our Homeschool Hangout! Join us once a month at the library to meet other local homeschool families, do an activity together, and eat some yummy snacks. Not in the mood to participate in the activity? That's okay! You are welcome to come just hang out, chat, and play a board game.

This month, we will be having a "Holiday Bash," because we couldn't pick just one activity! We'll have a mix of crafts and activities including DIY ornaments, a snowman toss game, letters to Santa, and more.

New in our Teen Space!











Information & Events for Both Youth & Adults

We close at 5pm on December 24 & December 31 for Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve.
We are closed on December 25 for Christmas.

Elf Workshop



For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Jamie
Children's Room & Community Room at 10am
Saturday December 6

Get ready to sleigh the day with festive fun at the library! Make tree-mendous holiday crafts, play merry games, and a claus for celebration...Meet Santa himself! Our staff and volunteers will be happy to help snap photos with Santa – just bring your own devices! Holiday attire and accessories are encouraged.

Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie
Future Makerspace at 4pm
Tuesday December 9

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



There are no library programs from December 22-27, with the exception of the "Christmas with Christine the History Queen" event. This includes our weekly Story Times and Open Gaming.

Family Movie & Craft Afternoon

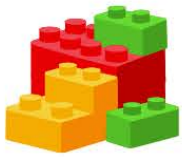


For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Suzie
South Reading Room at 2pm
Saturday December 13

Join us in the South Reading Room for a family friendly movie, a simple craft, and a tasty treat! This month's movie: The Muppets Christmas Carol (1992, rated G).

LEGO Club

For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Suzie (with guest Jack Falge)
South Reading Room at 4pm
Thursday December 18



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

Cocoa and Coding



For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Ashley P.
Community Room at 4:30pm
Friday December 19

Curious about the world of STEAM but not sure where to begin? Dive in with us for a hands-on adventure exploring science, technology, engineering, art, and math through three exciting library tech kits! Build, code, and create as we experiment with Bloxels, Cubelets, and the Code-a-pillar. It's the perfect way to spark your curiosity and see just how fun STEAM can be!

Christmas with Christine the History Queen



For all ages and abilities
Facilitated by: Jamie
South Reading Room
Friday December 20 at 10am
Monday December 22 at 6pm

Yule love this festive treat! Get into the holiday spirit with Christine Darrow as she presents Christine the History Queen's brand new Christmas episode and shares a live reading from her debut novel, *'Twas the Christmas That Changed the World*! Both the episode and the book discuss the story behind how Constable Hall inspired the beloved children's book, *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, and the iconic imagery of Santa.

Note: There are two different dates for this program; both events will contain the same content. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at both events.

Noon Year's Eve Party

For all ages and abilities
Presented by: Ashley M. & Jamie
Children's Room & Community Room at 11:30am
Wednesday December 31

Come join the fun at our Noon Year's Eve Party! We will have crafts, games, and a fun count down to noon with a balloon drop. Make New Year's Eve special without staying up until midnight!





GIVING TREE



Looking to spread a little cheer this holiday season?

Visit our Giving Tree on the Main Floor and pick an ornament with an item our library could use for upcoming programs. Simply choose an ornament, purchase the specified item, and return it to the Circulation Desk.

Every donation helps us offer creative and engaging programs for all ages. We greatly appreciate your generosity!

Have questions?
Contact Jamie: 315-785-7709 or jlaplaca@ncls.org

Winter Reading 2025-2026

Lights, Camera, Read with Roswell!

December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026

Winter Reading is here again, and we're shaking things up! All age groups now have the option to submit their hours online or in person!

1 hour of reading = 1 prize entry

To redeem in person, pick up a paper tracker and bring it to the Circulation Desk. To log your hours online, visit our website at flowermemoriallibrary.org. Be sure to complete all sections of your tracker, ticket, or online form to qualify. You can redeem hours as often as you'd like - no need to wait until the end! Each hour read can only be claimed once; either online or on paper.

Participants can choose which prizes they want their hours entered into. And every participant, regardless of age, will automatically receive one entry into our grand prize drawing: an Empire Pass for the 2026 season!

Children's Prizes (Ages 0-11)

4 tickets to Old McDonald's Farm
2 tickets to Water Safari
Regal Cinemas gift card



Teen Prizes (Ages 12-17)

Walmart gift card
Chrissy Beanz gift card
Regal Cinemas gift card



Adult Prizes (Ages 18+)

Watertown Garden Center gift card
Shower speaker & steamers gift set
Regal Cinemas gift card



Events for Adults

Adult Book Clubs

Original Library Book Club
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
Online via Zoom at 6:30pm
Monday January 12

There is no book club in December!

Join us in January as we discuss Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen. Copies of the book are available for check out on a first come, first served basis at the Circulation Desk.

VIRTUAL Between the Covers: Romance Book Club
For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
Online via Zoom at 6:30pm
Wednesday December 17

Join us to chat about all things books and romance! At this meeting we'll discuss Good Spirits by B.K. Borison. Zoom info can be found on our website event calendar.

Spice Club - Cinnamon


For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley P.
Main Floor at 9am
Monday December 1

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!

DIY Felt Ornament Kit


For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley M.
Circulation Desk at 9am
Saturday December 6

The holidays are here! Take a break from the madness and make your own felt ornaments.

Instructions, felt, sewing needle, thread, and buttons will be provided.

Note: 1 kit per person, max of 2 if picking up for a friend! Available at the Circulation Desk while supplies last.

Wrapping Paper Swap
For ages 18+
Presented by: Ashley M.
Community Room Room at 6pm
Tuesday December 9

We collected wrapping paper, bows, ribbons, gift bags, and other wrapping essentials throughout the month of November. Now, it's time to "shop the shop"! Starting at 6pm on December 9th, adults ages 18+ are welcome to come and pick out any wrapping materials they need on a first come, first served basis.

There is no limit as to how many wrapping items you can take, but we kindly ask that you keep others in mind while making your selections.



Toy Drive Distribution Event



For ages 18+
Presented by: Jamie & Suzie
South Reading Room at 6pm
Tuesday December 9

We collected new and used toys throughout the month of November. Now, it's time to "shop" the collection!

Participants will receive two tickets, redeemable for two toys of their choice on a first come, first served basis. Any remaining toys after December 9th will be up for grabs on our Main Floor.

Senior Planet: Introduction to Smartphone Photography



Presented by: Ashley P.
Future Makerspace at 6pm
Wednesday December 10

Interested in learning more about your smartphone camera? In this lecture, we'll discuss common camera icons on Android and iPhone devices, simple editing tools, managing and sharing your photos, and editing date and location details on your phone. We'll also go over how to check your camera settings so that it can scan QR codes. This session is perfectly timed for the upcoming holiday get-togethers – tune up your skills for the sparkly holiday photos!

Although the curriculum is designed for ages 55+, all ages are welcome to attend.

In need of some warm outerwear? Stop by our Coat Drive rack on the Main Floor and pick up a coat, hat, or other winter essentials. All items from our Coat Drive are free.





Have clean outerwear you no longer use? We'll gladly take it! Any size or quantity is appreciated. Our Coat Drive runs through March.



Blood Drive with the American Red Cross

For ages 18+
Facilitated by: Ashley P.
South Reading Room at 9am-2pm
Wednesday December 17



You're invited to give back and give blood at a blood drive hosted at the Flower Memorial Library.

Registration is strongly encouraged. Walk-ins may be accepted depending on availability.

Register here!

SCAN ME

LUNCH AND A MOVIE at the library



Join us for a dose of nostalgia with a showing of **Freakier Friday** and enjoy a pizza lunch on us!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH @ 12PM

Flower Library

Ages 18+ welcome.
Rating: PG
Run time: 1 hour, 50 minutes

Questions? Contact Ashley at 315-785-7714.



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Youth Services

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Ages 12-17 Take & Make Kits @ 9 am Ages 8-12 Tween Gaming @ 6 pm	2	3	4	5 Ages 0-5 Toddler Paint @ 10:30 am Ages 6 to 12 Art Club @ 4 pm	6 All Ages Elf Workshop @ 10-11:30 am
7	8 Ages 0-5 Music & Movement @ 10:30 am	9 All Ages Library Board Meeting @ 4 pm	10	11 Ages 8-12 Tween Crafternoon @ 4 pm	12	13 Ages 3-12 Take & Make Kits @ 9 am All Ages Movie & Craft Afternoon @ 2 pm
14	15 Ages 8-17 Cookie Decorating @ 4:30 pm	16 Ages 0-12 Holiday Stocking Workshop @ 6 pm	17	18 Ages 12-17 Book Display Brigade @ 4 pm All Ages LEGO Club @ 4 pm	19 Ages 3-17 Homeschool Hangout @ 10:30 am All Ages Cocoa & Coding @ 4:30 pm	20 All Ages Christmas with Christine the History Queen @ 10 am
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Every Thursday EXCEPT 12/25 @ 10:30 am - Ages 0-2 Story Time
Every Friday EXCEPT 12/26 @ 4 pm - Ages 12-17 Open Gaming
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Adult Services

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