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December 2024

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Board of Trustees Meeting

The Campbell County Public Library's Board of Trustees meets at 5:30 pm on the third Wednesday each month. All board meetings are open to the public. Next meeting dates and locations are:

- Dec. 18 at Newport
- Jan. 15 at Carrico/Fort Thomas
- Feb 19 at Alexandria
- March 19 at Cold Spring

We Suggest

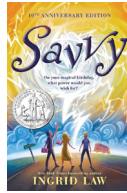
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Books We Liked Better on a Reread



Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens

I enjoyed *Oliver Twist* a lot more on a reread. The first time I tried to read it I was too young and I struggled with the language and style, but I tried to read it again when I was older. I then really understood what makes the book a classic.

— Isabel duBarry, children's services programmer



Savvy by Ingrid Law

This is a middle grades read about a family who each get a superpower ("savvy") on their 13th birthday. This first book in a trilogy follows Mibs on her 13th birthday when lots of things go wrong, and she ends up on an unconventional road trip to save her dad using her new powers. I first read this when I was in fifth grade and LOVED it, and I've since read it two more times for various book clubs. I think it only gets better as I get older!

— Danielle Heiert, adult/teen services programmer



Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë

I liked *Jane Eyre* better when I revisited it. I first tried to read it in high school, but it just didn't capture my attention. I didn't even make it past the first few chapters. I tried it again in college, and I found the unsettling atmosphere much more enticing. I recognized the complexities in the characters that I missed when I first picked it up.

— Katherine Sallee, adult/teen services librarian



We Have Always Lived in the Castle by Shirley Jackson

I liked this novel better on the reread because even though I knew what happened, it was still eerily spooky.

— Dakota Guilkey, information services assistant

Ancestry Library Edition

If you're tracing your family tree, let the library help. Ancestry.com is available to in-library users, whether on our public computers or via

Wi-Fi. Access Ancestry's databases to unlock the story of your family with sources like censuses, vital records, immigration records, family histories, photos, maps and more.

All information found can be downloaded onto a flash or external flash drive for you to keep at home. You can also send documents to your email.

For other genealogy resources, visit cc-pl.org/genealogy-local-history.





Your Guide to a Delightful December, *continued from the cover*

Picture this: It's a chilly December day when you walk into the library's warm space. You pick up a basket and browse our shelves. Wait! There's a program—and they're serving hot cocoa. You sit a spell and take in the ambiance: shuffling feet, scooting carts, rustling pages, families chattering, the quiet hum of the heater and a couple whispering about their favorite books.

We hope you visit any of our four branches this season. Read on for reasons that the library is the perfect place to hang out this winter.

Stay Warm

Our buildings are a resource in and of themselves. As the weather grows colder, libraries serve as warming centers. No matter the reason, the library is here for those who need a free place to stay warm. Come inside, get toasty and use our other resources while you're at it.

Attend a Program

Looking to get into the holiday spirit this month? All wintery, festive programs are marked by a snowflake in this newsletter!

One highlight is the Newport Branch's *Jolabokafloð*, which is inspired by the Icelandic tradition of gifting books with the intention of them being read on Christmas Eve. Held on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 11 am–2 pm, come pick out a book while enjoying music, a hot chocolate bar and a photo area.

There's also plenty of crafts this month. Decorate your home with handmade trinkets like yarn hat ornaments, ceramic ornaments, gingerbread people in disguise, cozy cards, tea light snowmen, wooden nutcracker paintings and more.

Oh, and if cookies are your favorite part of the holiday season, we've got you covered! Teens can make chocolate-covered reindeer cookies—complete with pretzel antlers—at 4:30 pm on Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Fort Thomas Branch. Also for teens, you can head to the Newport Branch on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 3 pm to decorate cookies and then watch a movie. Children can paint while snacking on Santa-approved cookies on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 5:30 pm at the Newport Branch.

We can't wait to see you this month!

Browse Our Displays

Looking for inspiration? Browse our displays for your next great read! If you're looking to hunker down at home this winter, each branch will have a "Hibernate with a Big Book" display this month. It's the perfect way to find a long read that will keep you entertained all December long.

If you're still looking for ideas, our staff is happy to offer recommendations. You can even find some by browsing our website at cc-pl.org or by following our social media @campbellkylib.

Access the Library from Home

If you don't want to venture into the cold, you can still access the library from the comfort of your home. Place holds using our CCPL App or download audiobooks and ebooks instantly on Libby, a free app accessible with your library card.

Libby features a built-in e-book reader and audiobook player. Books can also be set up to send automatically to your Kindle.



Cam Cares Continues

There's still a month to go for the library's annual giving season campaign, Cam Cares. All branches are collecting new pairs of socks and underwear in their original packaging for local schools' Family Resource Centers. Bras and undershirts are also accepted. Donations can be in any size.

The need is great. Family Resource Centers hand out 100 or more items each

month. Children and teens may need undergarments for reasons ranging from accidents at school to illness to inability to wash clothes regularly and other circumstances at home.

This campaign helps schools allocate funding to provide other valuable resources. Items will be distributed to public elementary, middle and high schools in Campbell County.

The campaign first launched in 2015 at CCPL. Our community has donated nearly 75,000 items throughout the campaign's run. In the years since, it was adopted by

library systems across the country. Bring in donations by the end of the month!

For more information, visit cc-pl.org/cam-cares.



Virtual Author Talks

Stay cozy at home with our Virtual Author Talks, which are made possible through a partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium.

The library has talks every month. Check libraryc.org/ccpl to see the full schedule! December features two speakers; first up on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 2 pm is Jeffery Post,

the emeritus curator of the Smithsonian's National Gem Collection. Learn about the scandals, mysteries and human stories behind the world's greatest gems as he discusses his book, *The Smithsonian National Gem Collection Unearthed: Surprising Stories Behind Jewels*.

On Friday, Dec. 11 at 2 pm, hear from bestselling author Laura Dave as she discusses her latest book, *The Night We Lost Him*. The mystery-thriller follows estranged siblings who discover that their dad has been harboring a secret for over 50 years.

Make sure to register! Both talks are free.



Library Express Units

In addition to four branches, the library has three express units. Visit a Library Express location to pick up and return materials in Silver Grove (5011 Four Mile Road), Melbourne (1402 Mary Ingles Highway) or West Newport (402 W. Sixth Street).

How does it work? All you have to do is request items through our website or app and select your preferred unit. Once you're notified that your hold is ready, head to the location to pick up your items! Upon arrival, follow the on-screen prompts on the express unit's touchscreen and retrieve your materials. When you're ready to return your items, take them to any unit or branch.



Write a Letter!

The library has two letter programs this month. Find materials at any branch and make a heartfelt card for a local older adult! Our Outreach Department will deliver the cards throughout the month. Materials will be out through Dec. 13.

You can also write a letter to Santa! Write a letter, drop it off at the library and receive a reply. You can make one at home or use the materials in our branches. Submit your letter by Dec. 13 so Santa has time to write back!

ALEXANDRIA

DECEMBER PROGRAMS



CERAMIC ORNAMENT PAINTING
2 & 4:30 PM MONDAY, DEC. 9

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Manga to Anime Club

4 pm Wednesday, Dec. 11

One Punch Man, Vol. 1 by One & Yusuke Murata. Ages 13 & up. No registration is required.

Cam's Kids Book Club

4:30 pm Tuesday, Dec. 17

Night Owl Night by Susan Edwards Richmond. Grades K-5. Register to get a free copy of the book to keep.

Books & Brunch Book Club

11:30 am Saturday, Dec. 21

The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict. No registration is required.

ADULTS

Adult Open Mic Night

4:30-6:30 pm Wednesday, Dec. 4

Hear from local poet and Northern Kentucky University professor Kelly Moffett. An open

mic will follow Kelly's reading for those who wish to share their own work (two pages double-spaced prose or three pages of poetry, max).

* Ceramic Ornament Painting

2 & 4:30 pm Monday, Dec. 9

Come paint beautiful ornaments provided by Morning Star Pottery! Supplies are limited. Register for only one event time.

Introduction to Estate Planning Resources and Tools

4 pm Thursday, Dec. 19

Get an overview of common documents found in an estate plan in this lecture, which is supported through Senior Planet by AARP.

TEENS & TWEENS

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

* Teen Thursday: Holiday Party!

4:30-6 pm Thursday, Dec. 5

Enjoy an evening of festive fun. Dress in your coziest holiday attire or your ugliest sweater for a chance to win the "Best Dressed" prize. Snacks provided.

YOUNG ONES

Registration is NOT required for story times.

Preschool Story Time

11:15 am Tuesday, Dec. 3 & 10; Wednesday Dec. 4 & 11

Join us every week to help your child develop their pre-literacy, fine motor and gross motor skills with fun activities, crafts and books. Ages 3-5.

Baby Story Time

11:15 am Friday, Dec. 6 & 13

We will be singing, rhyming and reading board books geared toward babies. Story time will be followed by free play complete with sensory toys. Ages newborn-2.

Saturday Story Time

1 pm Saturday, Dec. 7

Saturday Story Time is a combined program for babies and preschoolers. The children will listen to age-appropriate books, sing songs and engage in guided play. Ages newborn-preschool.



COLD SPRING

DECEMBER PROGRAMS



GIANT PAPER SNOWFLAKES
6 PM MONDAY, DEC. 2

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Cup of Crime

7 pm Wednesday, Dec. 11

Kentucky Angel for Christmas by Maggie Gosney. No registration is required.

Tuesday Book Club

10 am Tuesday, Dec. 17

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott. No registration is required.

Homeschool Book to Movie Club

11:30 am Thursday, Dec. 19

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater. Register to get a free copy of the book to keep.

Not Another Book Club

7 pm Thursday, Dec. 19

Caste by Isabel Wilkerson. No registration is required.

ADULTS

Dungeons & Dragons

6-10 pm Friday, Dec. 6

New and experienced players alike are welcome to play D&D! If you don't know how to make a character, never fear; there will be pre-generated characters to use. We will make and level up characters from 6 to 7 pm.

TEENS & TWEENS

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

★ Giant Paper Snowflakes

6 pm Monday, Dec. 2

Learn how to make giant paper snowflakes.

Minecraft Club

5-7 pm Monday, Dec. 9

Return to the world of Minecraft using the library's server! Ages 8-14.

FAMILIES

Kids of all ages and their families.

Stargazers Club

6:30-8:45 pm Thursday, Dec. 5

Study the night sky looking for stars and the moon using the Orion SkyQuest XT6 Dobsonian Telescope. Test your knowledge about the night sky, NASA and space against other attendees to win a gift card.

Homeschool Hangout: Teddy Bear Tea Party

11 am Tuesday, Dec. 10

Bring a stuffed friend with you and enjoy a fun tea party. We will read a story and do a





COZY CARD MAKING
4 PM THURSDAY, DEC. 12

few teddy bear activities. Light snacks and drinks will be provided.

CHILDREN

Grades K-5.

*** Disguise a Gingerbread Person**

4 pm Thursday, Dec. 5

Can you create a convincing disguise to spare a gingerbread person from being enjoyed this holiday season? Use craft materials to do just that.

*** Cozy Card Making**

4 pm Thursday, Dec. 12

The weather outside may be frightful, but the coziness of the library is delightful. Join us for an afternoon of hot cocoa, card making and cozy music.

YOUNG ONES

Registration is NOT required for story times.

Tot Time

9:30 & 11:30 am Monday, Dec. 2 & 9

Build your child's development skills through engaging and interactive themed stories, songs, and gross motor play. Time is allowed at the end of the program for open play and interaction. Ages 2-3.

Toddler Time

10 & 11 am Wednesday, Dec. 4 & 11

Stories, songs, and bouncy rhymes that will exercise your little ones' busy bodies and busy minds. Followed by a craft to match the day's theme. Ages 2-3.

Baby Time

9:30 am Thursday, Dec. 5 & 12

Help build your baby's language skills through engaging and interactive songs, rhymes, simple movement games and books. Dec. 12's date will feature Melodies to Grow On. Ages newborn-2.

Preschool Time

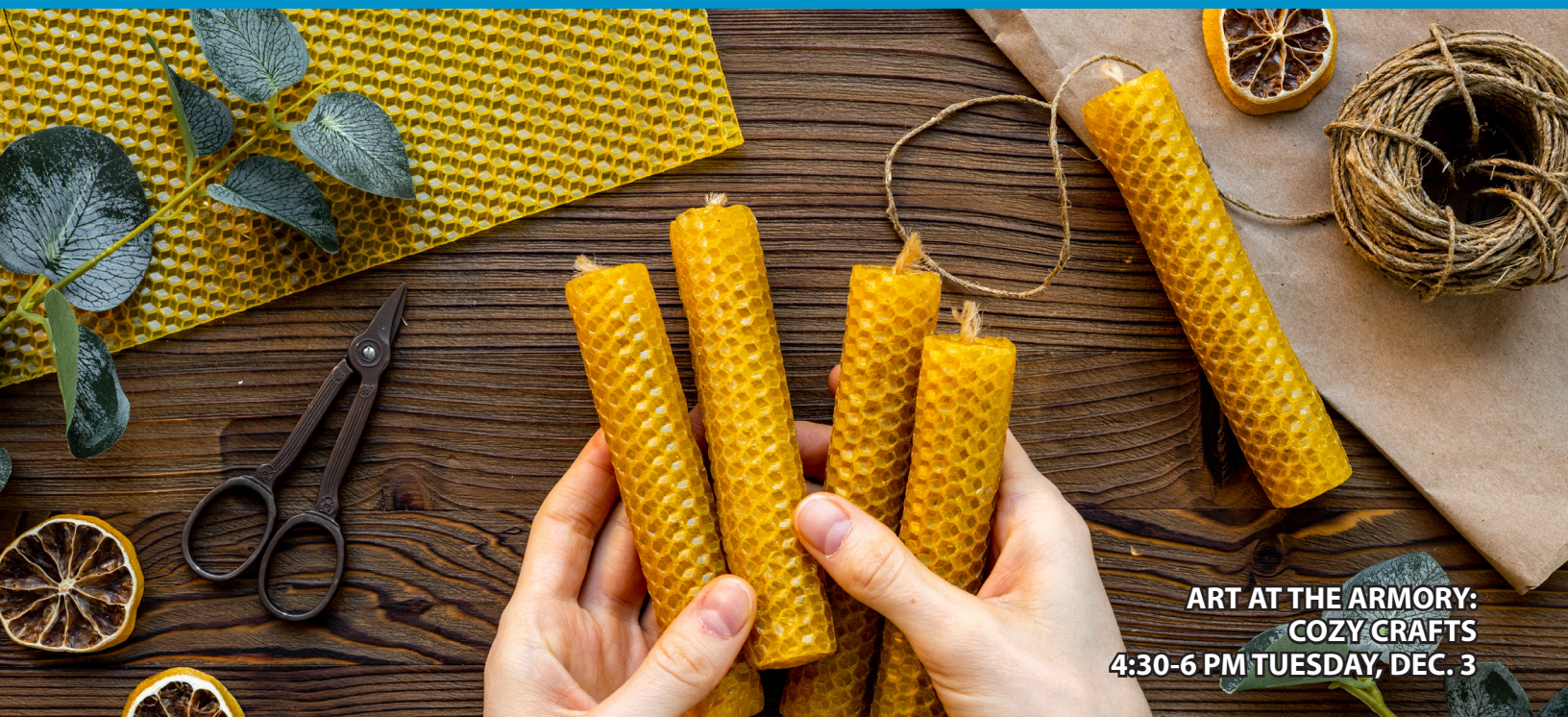
10:30 am Thursday, Dec. 5 & 12

Join us every week to help your child develop their pre-literacy and motor skills with themed stories, gross motor play and crafts. Ages 3-5.



CARRICO/FORT THOMAS

DECEMBER PROGRAMS



**ART AT THE ARMORY:
COZY CRAFTS**
4:30-6 PM TUESDAY, DEC. 3

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Registration is required, unless noted.

* Must Read Romance

7 pm Thursday, Dec. 5

Members choose books based on the monthly theme. December's theme: **Holiday Romance—Cowboy Christmas**. Register to pick out a free romance book!

Coffee & Conversation

2 pm Wednesday, Dec. 11

The Art Thief by Michael Finkel.

No registration is required.

ADULTS

Registration is required, unless noted.

Yoga Class

6:30 pm Friday, Dec. 6

Come to the library for a mindful evening with yoga instructor Phoenix Wilson.

Talking Tech Troubles: Online Safety & Privacy

2 pm Tuesday, Dec. 10

We will learn together in this judgment-free

informal group. Each meeting will include a short presentation along with answering any questions you may have or casual conversation about technology concerns. This Meeting's Topic: **Online Safety and Privacy**.

* Wooden Nutcracker Painting

6-7:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 12

Revel in the whimsy of the season by painting your own decorative nutcracker! Give life to the wooden soldier with festive colors.

TEENS & TWEENS

Ages 11-19, unless noted. Registration is required, unless noted.

* Chocolate Covered Reindeer Cookies

4:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 5

Make tasty reindeer cookies out of cream filled cookies, chocolate coating, pretzel antlers, candy eyes and a bright red nose!

Sonic the Hedgehog Party

4:30 pm Tuesday, Dec. 10

If you love all things *Sonic the Hedgehog*,

then you've gotta go fast to get to this library program! Test your knowledge of the franchise with trivia, do a quick craft inspired by the series or play one of the games with your friends on the library's Nintendo Switch.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens

4:30-7 pm Friday, Dec. 13

Join us at the library to play Dungeons & Dragons 5e! Pre-generated characters will be available as well as other basic supplies. Small snacks and water will be provided.

FAMILIES

Kids of all ages and their families.

Registration is required, unless noted.

* Art at the Armory: Cozy Crafts

4:30-6 pm Tuesday, Dec. 3

Create handmade candles and holiday cards. Stop by at any time during the program hours to participate, while supplies last. The Armory is located at 950 S. Fort Thomas Ave. Enter the building on the park side.



JINGLE BABIES
10 AM SATURDAY, DEC. 14

Legos at the Library

2 pm Saturday, Dec. 14
Play Lego games, build creations using the library's collection and make themed crafts.

CHILDREN

Grades K-5. Registration is NOT required.

*Stitching Sweets

4 pm Monday, Dec. 2
Create your own adorable felt cookies that look good enough to eat! Both seasoned sewists and complete beginners will find this workshop as satisfying as a warm cookie fresh from the oven.

Chess Club

4-6 pm Wednesday, Dec. 11
Both budding grandmasters and complete beginners will find a welcoming environment to learn and play.

YOUNG ONES

Registration is NOT required for story times, unless noted.

Movers & Shakers

10 am Monday, Dec. 2 & 9
Shake, move and sing in this active, musical story time. Time is allowed at the end of the program for open play and interaction. Ages 2-3.

Together Time Tales

10 am Tuesday, Dec. 3 & 10
Spend some quality time together while reading, playing and learning. Time is allowed at the end of the program for open play and interaction. Ages 3-5.

Cozy Time for Babies

10 am Wednesday, Dec. 4 & 11
Designed for the youngest babies, this story time is filled with songs, rhymes and gentle movement games to encourage your baby's language, motor and social development.

Open play and socializing at the end. Ages newborn-2, especially for pre-walkers. Register.

Baby Wigglers

10 am Thursday, Dec. 5 & 12
Designed for babies who are walking and are on the move, this story time is filled with fun, engaging songs, rhymes and energetic movement games to encourage your baby's language, motor and social development. Open play and socializing at the end. Ages newborn-2, especially for walkers. Register.

*Jingle Babies

10 am Saturday, Dec. 14
Time to get jolly as we read books, sing and jingle along with everybody's favorite holiday songs. We'll even play a few reindeer games! A footprint craft will be included.



NEWPORT

DECEMBER PROGRAMS



**JOLABOKAFLOD:
A HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**
11 AM-2 PM SATURDAY, DEC. 7

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Registration is required, unless noted.

Newport Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, Dec. 3

The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

No registration is required.

Tween Book Club

4 pm Friday, Dec. 13

Katie the Catsitter by Colleen A.F. Venable.

Register for a free copy of the book.

Challenging Reads

7 pm Tuesday, Dec. 17

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by

Rebecca Skloot. No registration is required.

ADULTS

Registration is required, unless noted.

✳ Blocked Snow Decorations

6-8 pm Monday, Dec. 2

Come make a snow-themed craft just in time for winter.

✳ Yarn Hat Ornaments

6-8 pm Monday, Dec. 9

Come craft little winter hats, which are sure to brighten up your Christmas tree!

TEENS & TWEENS

Ages 11-19, unless noted. Registration is NOT required, unless noted.

Impromptu

3-4:45 pm Thursdays

Eat snacks, draw, play games or just hang out at this weekly after-school hangout.

Anime Club

3-5 pm Tuesday, Dec. 3, 10 & 17

Come watch anime and eat snacks.

✳ Snow Globe Necklaces

3-5 pm Wednesday, Dec. 4

Make a snow globe you can take with you anywhere.

✳ Cookie Decorating

3-5 pm Wednesday, Dec. 11

Decorate cookies and then watch a holiday movie.

FAMILIES

Kids of all ages and their families.

Registration is NOT required, unless noted.

✳ Jolabokaflod: A Holiday Open House

11 am-2 pm Saturday, Dec. 7

Crafts and a hot chocolate bar are just the





COOKIES AND CANVAS
5:30-7 PM THURSDAY, DEC. 12

tip of the iceberg. We will also have music, a photo area and the return of the Jolabokaflokkur, an Icelandic tradition during World War 2 where books would be gifted with the intention of reading them on Christmas Eve. Our hope is that you will find the perfect gift for a special someone in your life.

CHILDREN

Grades K-5. Registration is NOT required, unless noted.

***Tea Light Snowmen**

5:30-7 pm Thursday, Dec. 7

Create a snowman using LED tea lights, construction paper and other festive materials.

***Cookies and Canvas**

5:30-7 pm Thursday, Dec. 12

Learn how to make a festive painting while enjoying Santa-approved cookies.

YOUNG ONES

Registration is NOT required for story times.

Ready for K Through Play

10 am Monday, Dec. 2 & 9

Books, music and play are the focus in this story time that gets your child ready for kindergarten! Each week highlights a different activity to encourage skill development. Ages 3-5.

Movers & Shakers

10 am Tuesday, Dec. 3 & 10

Shake, move and sing in this active, musical story time. Time is allowed at the end of the program for open play and interaction.

Ages 2-3.

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

10 am Wednesday, Dec. 4 & 11

Reading with your little one from an early age is a great way to start developing their literacy skills. Bounce around in this story time for literacy activities for babies, as well as reading and singing time. Ages newborn-2.





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Hours

Cold Spring, Carrico/Fort Thomas and Newport Branches

Monday-Thursday 9 am – 9 pm
Friday 9 am – 7 pm
Saturday 9 am – 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm

Alexandria Branch

Monday-Friday 11 am – 7 pm
Saturday 11 am – 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm

ALL BRANCHES ARE CLOSED DEC. 24 & 25 FOR HOLIDAY. LIBRARY CLOSES EARLY AT 5 PM ON DEC. 31 FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Services

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<https://kyunbound.overdrive.com>

Download the library app:

cc-pl.org/app

Visit us online @ cc-pl.org



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LOOKING AHEAD

Winter Reading Challenge

Kick off your January with our Winter Reading Challenge. Adults, teens and children can participate from Jan. 1-31. Find prompts like “read a book that takes place in winter” or “read a book with a green cover” in Beanstack, a free reading tracker app. Earn an entry in a Beanstack drawing for each completed prompt. Winners will be awarded a \$50 gift card and library swag, per age group.



ADA Compliance Statement

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