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BARTLETT Public Library District

Winter Reading Challenge

Dec. 1, 2025 - Jan. 31, 2026



❄️ Join the Winter Reading Challenge ❄️

Warm up this season with our "Winter Reading Challenge" for all ages!
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Program Registration:

To register for upcoming programs, visit BartlettLibrary.org and click on the Events tab. You may also register by scanning the QR code for Adult & Teen and Youth programs. Please note: registration opens 30 days prior to each event.

A *Allergy Alert: Please note that some programs will utilize food items.



Sponsored By
Friends
of the Bartlett Library

Friends JIGSAW PUZZLE SALE

Sunday, Jan. 25
12:30-2:30 PM | Meeting Room

Come find your next challenge and support your library!

Wendy & DB Concert:
It Takes All Kinds of Friends

Saturday, Feb. 14 | 10:30-11:30 AM
Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join Wendy and DB for an immersive, fun, and educational concert full of music the whole family will love! Sing, dance, and celebrate friendship while sharing love, laughter, and maybe even making some new friends.

ALL DAY EVENT
Dine-in and
Carry-Out Only
No Coupons

DINE TO DONATE FUNDRAISER

Enjoy your favorite dishes at Pasta Mia, and a percentage of all dine-in and carry-out sales will be donated to support the Patti Perkins Women's Health Collection through the Bartlett Public Library Foundation.

A flyer must be turned in to your server at time of payment.

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- CARRIAGE RIDES
- HOLIDAY MUSIC
- MEET & GREET WITH CHARACTERS

- VISIT WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS
- LASER LIGHT SHOW
- HOT COCOA
- HOLIDAY STORYTIME

Village of Bartlett Holiday Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 6 | 4:30–7:30 PM

This year's Merry & Bright Tree Lighting Starts with a STROLL!

Join us for fun, festive, and free family activities in Bartlett Park, at the corner of Oak and North Avenue. For more information and a schedule of events, please scan the QR Code below .



Village of Bartlett Cocoa Crawl



Saturday, December 13 | 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Join a fun filled day of supporting local businesses and sampling cocoa beverages, some hot, some cold and even some for those 21 years and older. The Cocoa Crawl's first stop will be at the Bartlett Public Library District to pick up your Mug for those who registered. For more information on how to register and a list of participating businesses, please scan the QR Code below.

Please note: Mugs cannot be picked up before this time!



Join our Winter Reading Challenge!



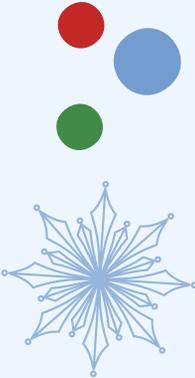
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To log your reading progress, you can scan the QR Code below to access our online logs or pick one up at the library.

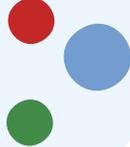
Birth—6th Grade



Join the Winter Reading Club by registering via our online platform or picking up a log in the Youth Services Department. After completing 8 hours of reading, children can bring home a completion prize. Babies & Toddlers will receive a sippy cup after completing emergent literacy activities.

Teen & Adult

Register via our online platform or pick up a log in the Adult Services Department. Complete 10 hours of reading and you will receive a completion prize and be entered into the grand prize drawing!

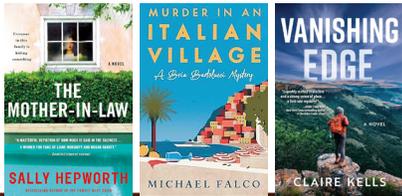


(Grand Prize: Adults: a Kindle Paperwhite and
Teens: LEGO Game Boy™ set)



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Book Discussions



Mystery Readers Book Discussion Thursdays | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

- Dec. 4 | *The Mother-in-Law* by Sally Hepworth
- Jan. 8 | *Murder in an Italian Village* by Michael Falco
- Feb. 5 | *Vanishing Edge* by Claire Kells



Non-Fiction Book Discussion Last Wednesdays | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

- Dec. 17 | *The Cat Who Came for Christmas* by Cleveland Amory
- Jan. 28 | *The Underworld: Journey to the Depths of the Ocean* by Susan Casey
- Feb. 25 | *Krakatoa: The Day the World Exploded: August 27, 1883* by Simon Winchester



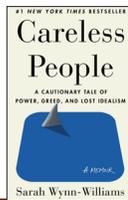
Booklite Third Thursdays | 7:00 PM | JC's Mexican Restaurant

- Dec. 18 | Book exchange. Please bring a wrapped book to trade.
- Jan. 15 | *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig
- Feb. 19 | *James* by Percival Everett



Thursday Morning Book Discussion Thursdays | 10:00 AM | Meeting Room

- Dec. 18 | *One by One* by Ruth Ware
- Jan. 29 | *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones
- Feb. 26 | *More Than You'll Ever Know* by Katie Gutierrez



20's and 30's Book Discussion Thursday | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

- A brand-new book discussion for anyone in their 20s and 30s!
- Jan. 22 | *Careless People* by Sarah Wynn-Williams



Adult Programs

Adult Book Bag Registration

Monday, Dec. 1 | 9:00 AM | Ongoing

Looking for your next great read? We're here to help! Register via our online calendar to access a reading preferences survey. We will select a book for you that we think you'll love! In addition, you will receive some goodies and a recommended reading list. Book Bag pickup dates will start Dec. 19, Jan. 16, and Feb. 20. Register once for the December–February series. Please email mroundtree@bartlettlibrary.org with any questions.

Cold Case Registration

Mondays | Dec. 1, Jan. 5 and Feb. 2 | 9:00 AM

Do you have what it takes to step into the shoes of a detective? Once registered, drop by the Adult Services desk to receive your confidential murder case file packed with clues, suspects, and evidence. Your mission? Solve the crime before the end of the month! Those who solve correctly will receive a prize! Space is limited. Virtual-only spots are also available!



Adult Programs

ADULT

Victorian Christmas Traditions

Tuesday, Dec. 9 | 7:00 PM

[Meeting Room](#) | [Registration Required](#)

Why do we send Christmas Cards? Who had the first modern Christmas tree? When did Santa get his iconic red suit? Historian Valerie Gugala will discuss how these and other holiday traditions have their roots in Victorian times.

Genealogy Group

Second Wednesdays | Dec. 10, Jan. 14 and Feb. 11

10:30 AM | [The Hub](#) | [Drop-In](#)

Building your family tree? Come learn from and share your knowledge with other genealogists in a relaxed, fun atmosphere. Beginner to experienced genealogists welcome.

Christmas Breads **A**

Thursday, Dec. 11 | 7:00 PM

[Meeting Room](#) | [Registration Required](#)

One dough, two festive breads! Join Chef Cherise Slattery to make a Pistachio & Strawberry Jam Star Bread and Pull-Apart Christmas Tree Buns with roasted red pepper and parmesan. Enjoy samples and take home the recipes and skills to recreate them.



Making the Most of Social Security

Monday, Jan. 12 | 7:00 PM

[Meeting Room](#) | [Registration Required](#)

Stacy Bromann of The Dala Group will provide details on the various filing strategies available to single individuals, married couples, divorced individuals, and widows. These strategies can often provide monthly lifetime Social Security benefits higher than the standard filing options that are typically selected. In addition, Stacy will be covering topics such as Social Security earned income limits and the taxation of Social Security benefits.

Taste of New Orleans

Wednesday, Jan. 14 | 7:00 PM

[Meeting Room](#) | [Registration Required](#)

Step into the French Quarter and explore the culinary history of the Big Easy with former NOLA resident and food history enthusiast, author Amy Gail Hansen, whose novel *The Butterfly Sister* is set in New Orleans. Be prepared to be transported to the iconic Café Du Monde and learn the compelling origins of the city's most celebrated gastronomic treasures—Café au lait & Beignets, Gumbo and King Cake.

Laura Ingalls Wilder: All I Have Told is True

Thursday, Jan. 15 | 6:30 PM

[Meeting Room](#) | [Registration Required](#)

In the summer of 1937, author of the Little House books, Laura Ingalls Wilder and her husband Almanzo moved from the Rock House on their property in Mansfield, Mo. back to the farmhouse they loved. Her fourth book, *On the Banks of Plum Creek*, is about to be published and Laura prepares for what will be her only national public speaking engagement. Listen as Laura reminisces about her childhood, her marriage, and the "truth" of her tales.

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

Saturday, Jan. 17 | 1:00 PM

[Meeting Room](#) | [Registration Required](#)

Think you've got what it takes to piece together victory? Join our Jigsaw Puzzle Competition for an afternoon of fun, teamwork, and friendly competition! Teams will race against the clock to complete the same 500-piece puzzle in under two hours — the fastest team wins! Please visit our calendar of events for full details.

Winter Folk Tales

Wednesday, Jan. 21 | 7:00 PM

[Meeting Room](#) | [Registration Required](#)

Come learn how cultural winter stories passed down primarily through oral tradition, from Russia, Germany, Denmark and beyond helped preserve the customs of everyday people. Terry Lynch of HFK Presents will regale you with timeless recognizable stories and new ones you're sure to fall in love with.

Evil on the Roof of the World

Wednesday, Feb. 11 | 7:00 PM

[Meeting Room](#) | [Registration Required](#)

Novelist and historian William Elliott Hazelgrove recounts the fate of American cyclists Lauren Geoghegan and Jay Austin, whose planned four-year bike trip around the globe ending in tragedy when they were slain by ISIS sympathizers in Tajikistan in 2018.

Make Ahead Pastries **A**

Wednesday, Feb. 18 | 7:00 PM

[Meeting Room](#) | [Registration Required](#)

Say goodbye to early mornings! Chef Cherise Slattery shares make-ahead secrets for scones, muffins, sweet rolls, and more—prepared days or even weeks in advance. Enjoy Luscious Lemon and Chocolate Chip Scones, plus recipes and tips for endless variations.

Registration opens 30 days prior to the event.

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Adult Programs

Jack the Ripper

Monday, Feb. 23 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join British ex-pat and former London Blue Badge tour guide John Gowing for a captivating program exploring the dark history and enduring mystery of Jack the Ripper. *Please note: This presentation may not be suitable for anyone who may be easily shocked and is not suitable for children.*

The Life of Bob Hope

Tuesday, Feb. 24 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Historical Presenter Jim Gibbons will take you into the life of comedian, actor, and vaudeville star, Bob Hope. Hope was known for his work on numerous television and radio shows as well as his dedication to USO Show Tours.

Olympic Peninsula Travelogue

Thursday, Feb. 26 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join Faye Levin-O'Leary for a travelogue tour around the Quinault Temperate Rainforest in Washington State, filled with photos from a backpacking trip.



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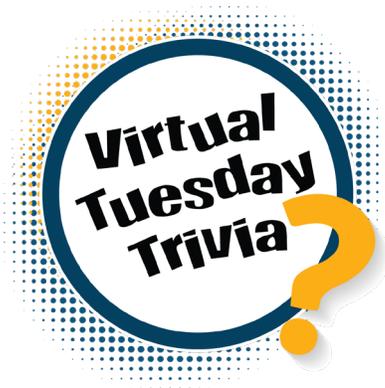
Online Programs

Virtual Tuesday Trivia

Virtual Live Game | 7:00 PM | Replay Link posted at 7:30 PM

Links to trivia games will be posted through the Library's Facebook and Instagram pages as well as the online calendar.

- Dec. 2 | Top 40 Radio
- Dec. 23 | Nobel Prizes
- Jan. 6 | Childhood Toys and Games
- Jan. 20 | Science and Math
- Feb. 3 | Harry Potter
- Feb. 24 | All Things Disney



Resume Review

Wednesdays | ZOOM | Registration Required

Dec. 10 | 6:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Jan. 21 | 6:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Feb. 4 | 6:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Participate in a 30-minute individual virtual resume review session with the People's Resource Center. Receive expert, personalized feedback and advice to enhance your resume and optimize your job search. *Available session times include two slots at 6:30 PM and two slots at 7:00 PM.*

The Art of Youthful Aging

Wednesday, Jan. 7 | 7:00 PM

ZOOM | Registration Required

Join Constance Hallinan Lagan as she discusses various lifestyle changes a person can make to ensure a graceful and peaceful aging while enhancing your emotional, mental and physical wellbeing. The webinar will be divided into two segments: lecture and a question-and-answer session.

The History of The Rolling Stones

Tuesday, Jan. 13 | 7:00 PM

ZOOM | Registration Required

The Rolling Stones pioneered a raw, blues-based sound with hits like "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction," "Honky Tonk Women," and "Gimme Shelter." Using performance and interview video clips, music historian Gary Wenstrup will dig deep into their longevity, rebellious image and musical evolution.

Bonds of War

Wednesday, Feb. 18 | 6:00 PM

ZOOM | Registration Required

Lake County Historian Diana Dretske joins us to discuss her book *The Bonds of War*, about the trials and tribulations experienced by a group of European immigrants serving in Company C of the 96th Illinois Infantry during the Civil War.



Creativity Begins Here

ADULT

Bartlett Creative Writers

Tuesdays | Dec. 2, Jan. 6 and Feb. 3 | 6:30 PM

Meeting Room | Drop-in

Meet with other aspiring writers to give constructive criticism on one another's work, support each other through the ups and downs of writing, and to share writing tips. This workshop is for writers of all levels age 18 and older.

Holiday Ornaments

Wednesday, Dec. 3 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Would you like to use those scraps of wood and wooden toy blocks to make holiday ornaments? We'll use wood, hooks, wire, embellishments, beads, paper, ribbon, and more to make up to four ornaments to decorate your holidays. Presented by Twisted Fiber Studio.



Intergenerational Milk Carton

Gingerbread House

Thursday, Dec. 4 | 4:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Use a milk carton and a variety of whimsical and festive decorations to create a fun "gingerbread" house. All supplies will be provided. Co-hosted by the Hanover Township Senior Center.

Book Page Bookmark

Saturday, Dec. 6 | 2:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Come upcycle some book pages by making some cool bookmarks. This is great for anyone who needs a new set of bookmarks.

Knit & Stitch

First and Third Sundays

Dec. 7 & 21, Jan. 4 & 18 and Feb. 1 & 15

1:00 PM | East Conference Room | Drop-In

Whether you knit, crochet, or embroider, the Knit & Stitch Club is for you. Bring your supplies and join a fun group to craft and chat together.



Gift Wrapping Party

Sunday, Dec. 14 | 1:30 PM

All Ages | Meeting Room | Drop-In

Wrap your holiday gifts at the library! You bring the presents; we'll provide the wrapping paper. **While supplies last*

Adult Coloring Club

Saturday, Dec. 27 | 1:00 PM

Meeting Room | Drop-In

Drop by and color in some fun designs. Coloring pages and colored pencils will be provided.

Journal and Planner Party

Sunday, Jan. 18 | 1:00 PM

West Conference Room | Drop-In

Bring your planners, journals, or calendars and get ready for the New Year. Markers, stencils, washi tape, pens, and stickers will be provided.

Needle Felting: Bookbird

Thursday, Jan. 22 | 4:30–5:30 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join Natasha Lehrer Lewis, of Esther's Place, as she teaches a fun class on needle felting! Make an adorable bird with the supplies provided.

Yarn Hearts

Thursday, Feb. 12 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Make some yarn hearts to warm up your home decor. We will be covering cardboard hearts with yarn to add some cheer.



Folded Book Art Tutorial

Sunday, Feb. 22 | 2:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join us and learn how to create Folded Book Art. The 90-minute course will provide step-by-step instructions on how to create three unique Folded Book Art patterns. Books for the program will be provided by the Library, but attendees are welcome to bring books from home as well.



Registration opens 30 days prior to the event.



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Teen Programs

TEEN

Resin Dice

Monday, Dec. 1 | 5:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Use resin, glitter, and molds to create personalized gaming dice! Please note that molds need 24 hours to set and you will need to pick up the finished product the following day.

Dungeons & Dragons: Session Zero

Saturday, Dec. 13 | 1:00 PM

Grades 6–12 | Teen Space | Registration Required

Interested in playing Dungeons and Dragons but not sure where to start? Have you played before, and have an idea for a character you want to try? Join us for a starter session where we go over the basics, create a character, and more!

Gift-Wrapping Party

Sunday, Dec. 14 | 1:30–3:30 PM

All Ages | Meeting Room | Drop-In

Wrap your holiday gifts at the library! You bring the presents; we'll provide the wrapping paper.

**While supplies last*

Stranger Things Digital Escape Room

Monday, Dec. 15 | Virtual | Registration Required

Survive one last journey to the Upside Down before the Stranger Things series finale! Registrants will receive a link to the digital escape room on December 15. Those who successfully complete all the escape room's puzzles and challenges will be entered into a random drawing to win a \$25 gift card.

Hot Cocoa Bomb Take Home Kit

Thursday, Dec. 18 | All Day | Teen Space

Create a winter treat with these tasty take-home kits!
**While supplies last.*

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Saturdays | Jan. 3 & 24 and Feb. 14 | 1:00 PM

Grades 6–12 | Teen Space | Drop-In

Hear the call and join our cause as we campaign our way through the world of Dungeons and Dragons! Each quarter of the year is a new adventure. Attending Session Zero prior to the beginning of the campaign is encouraged but not required.

Teen Book Bag Registration

Monday, Jan. 12– Monday, Jan. 19

Online | Registration Required

Want to find your next great read? Sign up for our Teen Book Bag! After you register, you will receive an email with a reading preferences survey. Each Teen Book Bag will contain a book as well as other goodies! Please email bpldteen@bartletlibrary.org with any questions. *Space is limited. Pick-up begins Monday, Feb. 16.*

Rubber Duck Cosplay

Tuesday, Jan. 13 | 5:45 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Create a cosplay for a rubber duck! Use the materials provided to craft the perfect cosplay based on your fandom of choice, then vote for your favorite. Prizes will be awarded to the top winners!

Needle Felting: Bookbird

Thursday, Jan. 22 | 4:30–5:30 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join Natasha Lehrer Lewis, of Esther's Place, as she teaches a fun class on needle felting! Make an adorable bird with the supplies provided.

Teatime Take-Home Kit

Tuesday, Jan. 27 | All Day | Teen Space

Celebrate the end of National Hot Tea Month with this take-home kit! Kits include a variety of teas and supplies to decorate your own mug.

Mario Kart Tournament

Thursday, Jan. 29 | 3:45–4:45 PM

Grades 4–12 | Teen Space | Registration Required

Join us for a fun, local Mario Kart 8 Deluxe tournament using the Library's Nintendo Switch. Prizes will be awarded to top players.

Cookie Decorating

Tuesday, Feb. 10 | 6:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Stop in to make a sweet treat for a loved one (or for yourself!). We'll provide plain cookies, icing, and decorating supplies.

Read & Craft

Monday, Feb. 16 | 3:45–4:30 PM

Grades 4–8 | Teen Space | Registration Required

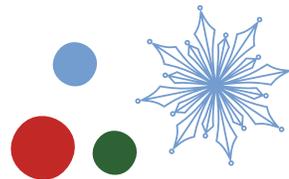
Come to the library to talk about a book, have a snack, and do some crafts! We will vote on which book we read next at the end of every session.

Soap-Making 101

Thursday, Feb. 19 | 5:30 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Learn how to make soap with Soapy Roads of Lombard. Perfect to give as a gift or keep for yourself!



Volunteer

VolunTEENS

Grades 7-12 | Application Required

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to apply to volunteer at the Bartlett Public Library District. Upon approval, teen volunteers will be eligible for in-person volunteering opportunities. Available volunteering opportunities will be posted on the BPLD event's calendar and will require volunteers to self-register.

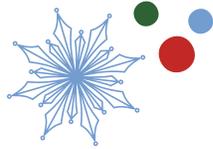
Applications can be found by visiting the Teen Page of the Library's website. Applicants will receive an email regarding their application status within a week of applying. *Space is very limited.*

VolunTEENS: Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Mondays | Dec. 8, Jan. 12 and Feb. 9

6:00 PM | Teen Space | Registration Required

Create your space and earn volunteer hours! At TAG meetings, you will develop ideas to improve teen services, spaces, and collections. You'll also help create teen programs and participate in charitable initiatives. Attendees must be accepted into the VolunTEENS program prior to registration.



Teen Crafts

Teen Take & Makes

Stop by the Teen Space and pick up one of our Teen Take & Makes. **While supplies last*

- Pick up on Dec. 5 | Winter Concertina Trees
- Pick up on Jan. 9 | Paper Lanterns
- Pick up on Feb. 6 | Heart String Art



REV'd up

TEEN READING CHALLENGE

Grades 7 - 12



April 2025 - February 2026

Get involved in the Illinois State book awards process in this yearlong teen reading challenge! The goal is to read three of the current Illinois State book award nominees from your grade level by the challenge deadline. If completed, you will receive a small prize bundle as well as be entered in a gift card drawing. Cast your official vote to help determine the next winner!

How it Works: Register on our digital platform, ReadSquared or pickup a booklet in the library to track your completed books and become eligible for completion prizes!

Voting begins February 2026 for Caudill & Lincoln!

Family Programs

(All Ages)

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Birth–1st Day of Kindergarten

Reading starts long before kindergarten! This program encourages families to read together from birth to the first day of kindergarten, helping children build essential pre-literacy skills. Kids earn prizes for every 100 books read, with a special book and photo on the “Wall of Fame” at the end. Pick up a log at the Library or visit bartlettlibrary.readsquared.com.



Book Button Club

Kindergarten–Grade 8

Looking for a fun way to motivate your kids to read? Join our Book Button Club for students in grades K–8! Choose from 20 book categories and collect custom-designed buttons—earn one or all twenty! Stop by the Youth Services Desk to register and pick up your reading log



Take & Make Crafts

Visit the Youth Services Department to pick up a small craft you can make at home. Crafts will be available on the 1st of each month. **While supplies last*

- Dec. | Paper Plate Santa
- Jan. | Paper Snake (available on Jan. 2)
- Feb. | Penguin craft

LEGO Tower

Monday, Dec. 1–Tuesday, Dec. 30 | All Day

For every book you check out, you get to contribute one LEGO piece to the set! See how big everyone can make it!

Disguise a Gingerbread-Man Contest

Monday, Dec. 1–Monday, Dec. 22 | Ages 3–12

The Gingerbread Man doesn't want to be eaten! Help him escape with a clever disguise. Pick up a template from the Youth Services Department, transform him into a favorite book character, and return it by 8:00 PM on Monday, Dec. 22 for a chance to win a sweet prize!

Harmony Hangout

Monday, Dec. 1, Jan. 12 and Feb. 2 & 9

10:30–11:00 AM | All Ages | Story Room | Drop-In

Enjoy some live music while you work on a craft project, read a book, play some quiet board games, or just sit and relax while you listen.

Youth Trivia Challenge

Friday, Dec. 5 & 26, Jan. 16, Feb. 6 | 3:45–4:45 PM

Ages 6 and up | Meeting Room | Drop-In

Show what you know and test your knowledge at this week's trivia session! Compete on your own or bring family and friends to work as a team (teams cannot exceed 6 people).

Celebrate Gingerbread House Day!

Friday, Dec. 12 | 4:00–5:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

All ages with caregiver

Join us for a sweet celebration filled with crafts, games, and all things gingerbread! Build and decorate your own creations, play fun gingerbread-themed games, and enjoy a cozy afternoon of holiday cheer.

Gift-Wrapping Party

Sunday, Dec. 14 | 1:30–3:30 PM

All Ages | Meeting Room | Drop-In

Wrap your holiday gifts at the library! You bring the presents; we'll provide the wrapping paper.

**While supplies last*

Family Art Night

Tuesday, Dec. 16, Jan. 20 and Feb. 17

6:30–7:30 PM | All ages with caregiver

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join Mrs. Michelle for an evening of collaborative art. Families will create a different art project together each month. Please register one time as a family and add children's ages to "Special Notes."

■ Dec. 16 | Glue Gun Watercolor Art

■ Jan. 20 | Mosaic Art

■ Feb. 17 | Process Art

9 Days of Crafts

Saturday, Dec. 20–Tuesday, Dec. 23 &

Friday, Dec. 26–Tuesday, Dec. 30

Youth Services Department | Drop-In

Stop by the Art Room in the Youth Services Department during Winter Break to create a fun winter-themed craft! There will be a new craft every day. **While supplies last.*

Jam Around the World!

Monday, Dec. 22 | 10:00–10:45 AM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join us for this family multicultural music program as we learn songs, dances, and games from around the world.

Drop-In Family LEGO Night

Tuesday, Dec. 23, Jan. 27 and Feb. 24 | 7:00–8:00 PM

Youth Services Department | Drop-In

Stop by and create a LEGO masterpiece! We will have plenty of LEGO building blocks set out for you to enjoy.

New Year's Reading Café!

Tuesday, Dec. 30 | 11:00 AM–12:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Ages 2–8 with caregiver

Ring in the New Year and enjoy a tasty morsel and sweet beverage while selecting a "delicious" holiday book to share with your young reader. Conclude your visit by savouring a "dessert" at our coloring table!

YOUTH





Family Programs

(All Ages)

Preschool & Child Care Fair

Saturday, Jan. 3 | 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Meeting Room | Drop-In

This is a great opportunity for families to meet local preschool and daycare providers. Representatives from various facilities in the area will be available with information, and to answer questions.

It's Grand Fun!

Sunday, Jan. 11 | 2:00–2:45 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

All ages with caregiver

Grab your grandparent or another favorite grown-up and join us for a fun craft and a lively game of bingo!

Once Upon a Winter Ball

Friday, Jan. 23 | 3:30–5:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

All ages with a caregiver

Step into a winter wonderland at the library! Enjoy an enchanted afternoon of crafts, games, and snowy fun. The highlight of the day will be a magical visit from the Snow Queen herself. Dress up in your winter best and get ready for a sparkling celebration!

Wendy & DB Concert: It Takes All Kinds of Friends

Saturday, Feb. 14 | 10:30–11:30 AM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

In this immersive, fun and educational concert Wendy and DB will share music that the whole family will enjoy while dancing, singing and expressing love with old and new friends. Come explore the many kinds of friendships and leave with a heart full of music, love and and maybe even some new friends!

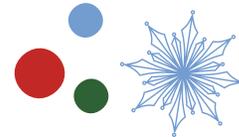


National Pokémon Day Craft

Friday, Feb. 27 | 11:00 AM–5:00 PM

Youth Services Department | Drop-In

Stop by the Art Room in the Youth Services Department on National Pokémon Day to make a special craft. **While supplies last.*



Baby and Toddler Programs

Babies & Tots

Newborns through 35 months of age with a caregiver

Join Mrs. Phyllis for Babies & Tots, which includes an introduction to emergent literacy skills, music, exercise and movement.

■ Mondays | 6:30 PM | Story Room
Dec. 8, Jan. 12 and Feb. 9

■ Wednesdays | 9:30 AM | Meeting Room
Dec. 3 & 10 and Jan. 7–Feb. 18

■ Tuesdays | 9:30 AM | Meeting Room
Dec. 2 & 9 and Jan. 6–Feb. 17

■ Saturdays | 10:00 AM | Story Room
Dec. 13 & Jan. 24



Preschool Programs

It's Storytime

Tuesdays | 10:00 AM | Story Room | Drop-In

Dec. 2 & 9 and Jan. 6–Feb. 17

Wednesdays | 10:00 AM | Story Room | Drop-In

Dec. 3 & 10 and Jan. 7–Feb. 18

Ages 3–6 on their own

Join Mrs. Rose and enjoy 30 minutes of stories, music, and a visit from Little Mouse. Older siblings are welcome. Space is limited to the first 20 people to arrive.

Sensory Storytime

Wednesdays | Dec. 3–10 and Jan. 7–Feb. 18

10:45–11:30 AM | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Ages 2–6 with caregiver

Join Mrs. Michelle for a quieter, inclusive storytime with stories, games, fingerplays, and time to play and socialize.

Little Learners

Thursdays | Dec. 4 & 11 and Jan. 8–Feb. 19

10:00–10:45 AM | Story Room | Drop-In

Ages 3–5 with caregiver

Join Mrs. Michelle and listen to stories, move to music, and end with a variety of fun activities that focus on emergent literacy skills.

Bedtime with Buster Family Storytime

Thursday, Dec. 4 & 18, Jan. 8 & 22 and Feb. 5 & 19

6:30–7:00 PM | Story Room | Drop-In

Ages 2–6 with caregiver

Shhh...it's bedtime. Put on your PJ's and enjoy soothing stories and nursery rhymes perfect before going to sleep. There will also be a visit from Little Mouse!

Preschool Programs

Bartlett's Little Bookworms Book Club

Fridays | Dec. 19, Jan. 23 and Feb. 27

10:00–10:45 AM | Story Room | Registration Required
Ages 3–6 with caregiver

Join the Bartlett Public Library District's book club, designed just for preschoolers! Each session focuses on a different picture book, character, or author.

■ Dec. 19 | *The Missing Mitten Mystery* by Steven Kellogg

■ Jan. 23 | *Sneezing the Snowman* by Maureen Wright

■ Feb. 27 | *Corduroy* by Don Freeman

Tales & Tunes

Thursdays | Dec. 11, Jan. 8–Feb. 12 | 3:00–3:30 PM

Preschool–Grade 2 with caregiver | Meeting Room | Drop-In

Get ready to sing, dance, and play during this upbeat musical storytime!

Read to the Rhythm Storytime

Saturdays | Dec. 27, Jan. 17 and Feb. 28

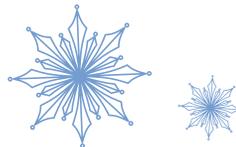
10:00–10:30 AM | Story Room | Registration Required
Ages 2–6 with caregiver

Singing is a fun and easy way for young children to learn about language and musicality. Join Mrs. Rose to hear New Year's stories, sing, and march to the rhythm!

■ Dec. 27 | Happy New Year!

■ Jan. 17 | Celebrate Popcorn Day

■ Feb. 28 | Celebrate Chinese New Year!



Elementary Programs

General

Beginner Chess

Tuesday Dec. 2 | 3:30–4:15 PM

Grades 2–6 | Hub | Registration Required

Want to learn how to play chess? Come to Beginner Chess to learn the very basics of the game!

Chess Club

Thursdays | Dec. 4 & 18, Jan. 8 & 22 and Feb. 5 & 19

Grades 2–6 | 4:00–5:00 PM | The Hub | Drop-In

Everyone is invited to play chess with us! Participants should know how the pieces move and the basics of the game.

Cozy Quilters

Tuesdays | Dec 9 & 23, Jan. 13 & 27 and Feb. 10 & 24

3:45–4:45 PM | Art Room | Registration Required

Recommended for ages 8 and up

Enjoy some a cozy ambiance while sewing a community quilt. Crafters of all ages and skill levels are welcome; family members and caregivers are encouraged to participate! All materials will be provided.

Read to Rover

Saturday, Jan. 10 | 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Grades 1–6 | Story Room | Registration Required

Reserve a unique "one-on-one" 15 minute appointment to read to a certified therapy dog. Space is limited. Please register for only one time slot.

Getting Excited About Science with Steve Belliveau

Monday, Jan. 19 | 10:30–11:15 AM

Grades 3–6 | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Using dramatic demonstration, easy to see equipment, humor, music and audience participation, Steve Belliveau brings down to earth basic ideas about air/water pressure, magnetism & electricity, friction, chemistry, simple machines, conservation of energy, sound and color.

Miniature Mini Golf

Monday, Feb. 23 | 3:45–4:45 PM

Ages 8 and up | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Create your own handheld miniature golf course and try out each other's creations!



K–Grade 3

Mini Makers

Tuesdays | Dec. 2, Jan. 6 and Feb. 3 | 3:45 – 4:15 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Preschool–K with caregiver

Discover the joy of creativity in this hands-on art program designed for young children. Little artists in preschool and kindergarten will explore colors, shapes, and textures as they create their own masterpieces.

■ Dec. 2 | Snowman Wreath

■ Jan. 6 | Lacy Paper Snowflakes

■ Feb. 3 | Handprint Bouquet



Super STEM

Wednesdays | Dec. 3, Jan. 7 and Feb. 4

3:30–4:15 PM | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Grades 1–3 with caregiver

Join Mrs. Jessica as we explore STEM concepts through stories, crafts, games, and activities that encourage the development of logic, problem solving, and creative thinking.

■ Dec. 3 | Reindeer Games

■ Jan. 7 | Blizzard Builders

■ Feb. 4 | Love Code



Stretch Into Stories

Saturdays | Dec. 6 and Jan. 17

11:00 – 11:30 AM | Meeting Room | Drop-In

Grades K–2 with caregiver

Join Mrs. Jessica for a peaceful indoor yoga session filled with movement, mindfulness, and imagination! Cozy up with calming stories that spark creativity and help us relax and breathe as the seasons change.



Elementary Programs

Legend Explorers

Sunday, Dec. 7, Jan. 18 | 2:00–2:45 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Grades K–3 with caregiver

Step into the magical realm of fairy and folk tales from around the world. Explore the wonders of fairy and folktales through engaging crafts, games, and activities that bring these timeless tales to life.

Candy Cane Science

Tuesday, Dec. 9 | 3:30–4:15 PM

Grades 2–3 | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Get into the holiday spirit with hands-on candy cane experiments! Watch what happens when these sweet treats bend, fizz, and transform while exploring a little holiday science fun.

Jr. Secret Book Society

Wednesdays | *Dec. 10, Jan. 14 and Feb. 11

3:30–4:15 PM | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Grades K–3 with caregiver

Calling all junior agents! Step into our secret book society where stories come to life! Each session, we'll uncover a few of the exciting Monarch Book Award nominees through fun read-alouds, creative crafts, and top-secret activities. Help us solve the mystery of which book is the best — and cast your official vote in February! *Dec. 10 will be in the Hub.

Operation: Elf Capture

Tuesday, Dec. 16 | 3:30–4:15 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Grades 1–3 with caregiver

Those tricky elves are up to holiday mischief, and it's time to catch them! Build your own clever elf traps and see if you can outsmart the sneakiest helpers at the North Pole.

Amazing Art!

Wednesdays | Dec. 17, Jan. 21 and Feb. 18

3:30–4:15 PM | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Grades 1–3 with caregiver

Come and create amazing process art! Process art is art that is self-directed, choice driven, and celebrates the experience of discovery.

■ Dec. 17 | Snowy Cardinals

■ Jan. 21 | Snow Globes

■ Feb. 18 | Rose Period

Kids Painting Class

Friday, Dec. 19, Jan. 30, Feb. 13 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Grades 2–3 | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Get creative and have fun with paint! Follow step-by-step instructions from Mrs. Jessica to create your very own colorful acrylic painting to take home the same day. No experience needed—just bring your imagination!

The Great Frost Escape

Friday, Jan. 9 | 3:30–4:30 PM

Grades 2–3 | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Can you outsmart Jack Frost? Kids will work together to solve frosty puzzles, crack icy codes, and unlock clues before Jack Frost freezes everything in sight!

Silly Snowman Pots

Tuesday, Jan. 13 | 3:30–4:15 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Grades K–3 with caregiver

Bring a little winter cheer indoors with this adorable snowman craft! Kids will decorate their own snowy flowerpot and create a smiling snowman using spoons, felt, and cotton balls.



Adventure Club **A**

Wednesdays | Jan. 28 and Feb. 25 | 3:30–4:15 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Grades 1–3 with caregiver

Every month, we'll dive into the culture and traditions of a new country with stories, crafts, games, and activities.

Green Thumb Club

Saturday, Feb. 21 | 10:00–10:45 AM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Grades K–4 with caregiver

Join the Green Thumb Club for a special Smokey the Bear themed program. After learning about Smokey the Bear, we will let our creative juices flow to design posters that can be entered into the 2026 Smokey the Bear poster competition.

Grade 4–6

Pokémon Club

Wednesdays | Dec. 3, Jan. 7 and Feb. 4 | 3:30–4:30 PM

Grades 4–6 | The Hub | Registration Required

Come celebrate Pokémon through activities including learning how to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game! Decks will be provided. Trading cards will not be allowed during the program.

Young Authors

Wednesdays | Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11

3:30–4:30 PM | Grades 4–6

West Conference Room | Registration Required

Interested in having an opportunity to create and share stories? Young Authors will help you put your ideas on paper! There will be different prompts in every session.

Elementary Programs

After School STEAM

Thursdays | Dec. 11, Jan. 15 and Feb. 12 | 4:15–5:15 PM
Grades 4–6 | Meeting Room | Registration Required
Come join us in the library for some STEAM activities after school is over! Activities will be different every month.

- Dec. 11 | Marble Run
- Jan. 15 | Paper Airplane Challenge
- Feb. 12 | Car Ramp Race

LEGO Build-a-Thon

Mondays | Dec. 15, Jan. 5 and Feb. 9 | 3:15–4:15 PM
Grades 4–6 | The Hub | Registration Required
Make your own LEGO around a different theme every month! Prizes will be awarded to those who are voted as the best in their categories.

- Dec. 15 | Building/shelter
- Jan. 5 | Tallest Tower
- Feb. 9 | Space

Dungeons & Dragons: Session Zero

Saturday, Dec. 13 | 1:00 PM
Grades 6–12 | Teen Space | Registration Required
Interested in playing Dungeons and Dragons but not sure where to start? Have you played before, and have an idea for a character you want to try? Join us for a starter session where we go over the basics, create a character, and more!

Crafty Kids

Wednesdays | Dec. 17, Jan. 21 and Feb. 25
3:30–4:30 PM | Grades 4–6
The Hub | Registration Required
Put your hands to work with arts and crafts projects you can take home after the program! There will be a different project every month.

- Dec. 17 | Ornaments
- Jan. 21 | Yarn Dolls
- Feb. 25 | Chinese New Year Drums



Mario Kart Club

Saturday, Dec. 20 and Feb. 21 | 2:00–3:15 PM
Grades 4–6 | Meeting Room | Registration Required
Join us for fun games of Mario Kart 8 Deluxe using the library's Nintendo Switch! Participants will be expected to rotate after every race.

Monopoly Hour

Wednesday, Dec. 29 | 10:30–11:30 AM | Grades 4–6
West Conference Room | Registration Required
Come to the library to play a game of Monopoly and see who will avoid bankruptcy!

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Saturdays | Jan. 3 & 24 and Feb. 14 | 1:00 PM
Grades 6–12 | Teen Space | Drop-In
Hear the call and join our cause as we campaign our way through the world of Dungeons and Dragons! Each quarter of the year is a new adventure. Attending Session Zero prior to the beginning of the campaign is encouraged but not required.



Super Smash Bros Club

Saturday, Jan. 10 | 2:00–3:15 PM | Grades 4–6
Meeting Room | Registration Required
Join us for fun games of Super Smash Bros Ultimate using the library's Nintendo Switch! Participants will be expected to rotate after every round.

Comic Drawing

Tuesday, Jan. 20 | 3:30–4:30 PM | Grades 4–6
West Conference Room | Registration Required
Create your own comic and share it with others!

Mario Kart Tournament

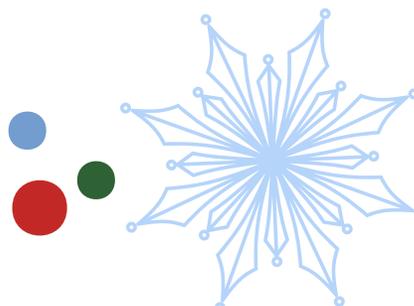
Thursday, Jan. 29 | 3:45–4:45 PM | Grades 4–12
Teen Space | Registration Required
Join us for a fun, local Mario Kart 8 Deluxe tournament using the Library's Nintendo Switch. Prizes will be awarded to top players.

Read & Craft A

Monday, Feb. 16 | 3:45–4:30 PM
Grades 4–8 | Teen Space | Registration Required
Come to the library to talk about a book, have a snack, and do some crafts! The book selected for this session is the *Wild Robot* by Peter Brown. We will vote on which book we read next at the end of every session.

After School Bingo

Tuesday Feb. 24 | 3:30–4:15 PM
Grades 4–6 | Meeting Room | Drop-In
Join us for a game of Bingo at the library after school!





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December 24 & 25,
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January 11 | 7:00 PM
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All are welcome!

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December 15, January 19
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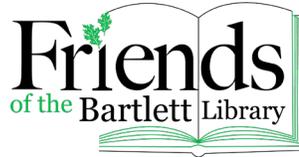
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