

The Library Bulletin

Explore. Learn. Enjoy.

December 2016

Celebrate the Holidays with BCPL

his December, Bullitt County Public Library is delighted to present a variety of free programs we hope will entertain, elevate the holiday spirit, and, of course, excite the kiddos. Here's a preview of the seasonal events we have planned:

- Drop in for A Visit with St. Nicholas and get photos with Santa himself!
- Enjoy a holiday classic Bring the kids to get an

on the big screen at our Family Movie Nights, or attend our All Aboard event for an extramagical viewing of The Polar Express.

- Stop by to experience a crafting extravaganza at our Holiday Crafting Afternoons, or sign up for Holiday Origami or any of four Graham Cracker House Work**shop** opportunities.

early start to their New Year's celebration at our Noon Year's Eve Party.

• For some holiday-free winter fun, bring the kids by to enjoy our Winter Crafty Corner or sign them up for some Fleece Fun.

See the events pages of this newsletter for more details on all our upcoming events, or ask at any Library service desk.

Holiday Crafting Afternoons

Join us at your favorite BCPL location for a delightful afternoon of holiday spirit and crafting! See pages 4 to 6 for featured crafts at each location.

Thursday, Dec. 1st, 1:00–4:00 PM @Ridgway Memorial Library

Friday, Dec. 2nd, 1:00-4:00 PM @Mt. Washington Branch Library

Tuesday, Dec. 6th, 4:00–7:00 PM @Lebanon Junction Branch Library

Wednesday, Dec. 7th, 4:00–7:00 PM @Hillview Branch Library

BCPL in the Community

Outreach services provide programs & more beyond our buildings

n addition to presenting free, quality in-house programs tailored to a variety of interests, the Bullitt County Public Library Outreach & Programs Department is dedicated to BCPL's mission of providing library access to all Bullitt County residents. For this purpose, we offer Outreach services designed to bring the library to anyone who might otherwise be unable to use-or be unaware of—the library services and materials we offer.

By stepping away from the physical

library building to offer greater access to materials and services, we are able to build a stronger community and improve the quality of life for many individuals and families. For example, with our homebound delivery program, BCPL Outreach staff personally deliver books, audiobooks, movies, and other items to patrons who cannot visit the library due physical or mental disability, prolonged illness, or an inability to travel safely. These visits often provide an important touchpoint for patrons who are

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I think the Homebound Service is wonderful. Some days I have trouble walking. I tell you what I like and you bring me all kinds of books. I really love the program.

> -Homebound Service Patron, Lebanon Junction

You bring so much fun and entertainment for the kids. We appreciate your time and enthusiasm.

-Tammy Perdew **Lebanon Junction Elementary** Family Resource Coordinator

The residents look forward to Library day! They really enjoy the hands-on activities and being read to.

-Amber RA at Elmcroft Senior Living of Mt. Washington

Thank you for coming. You are so good at that!

-A 4-year-old, following a storytime session at Lilly Pad Day Care

Library Director Joe Schweiss lays out a holiday feast.

Director's Picks

I finally watched...



Keanu

I read...



Lovecraft Country by Matt Ruff

And next I'll start...



The Everything by Richard Kadrev

From the Director

December is a time for celebrations, parties, and shar-The same month also contains National Pie Day, National Brownie Day, and National Hamburger Day, so there is a real emphasis on delicious food. From cookie exchanges and potluck meals to holiday parties with families and friends, this is a great month for tasty dishes of all sorts. Bullitt County Public Library has plenty of resources to make your next meal one to remember, whether you can barely boil water or if you can make profiterole in your sleep.

For those with the time to stop into one of our library branches, our nonfiction section has a huge selection of titles that will help out for the holidays. Books like Martha Stewart's Cooking School and How to Break an Egg focus on some of the basic cooking techniques, while How to Cook Everything Fast and The Half-Hour Hostess offer tips on getting out of the kitchen faster than normal. And, if you believe that meals are always better with dessert, cookbooks like Better Homes & Gardens Very Merry Cookies and Kentucky Sweets: Bourbon Balls, Spoonbread and Mile High Pie can help you make that perfect sweet treat. On top of our traditional

cookbooks, we also offer cookbooks that run the range from

vegan to glutenfree.

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find a helpful resource.

Perhaps y o u

would prefer to look at a magazine instead of a large cookbook, and maybe it would be even better if you could get a copy without leaving your house. If that's the case, take a look at what we offer via Flipster, our new online magazine resource. We have a great run of magazine titles that can aid in your holiday cooking needs, and some also have great decorating and gift ideas as well. Check out the current issues of Bon Appetit, Food & Wine, Cooking Light, Southern Living, and Good Housekeeping for a plethora of festive ideas and recipes.

Finally, if you want anything from a cooking e-book to access to episodes of great cooking shows, stop over at Hoopla anytime, day or night. The available cookbooks run the gamut from The French Laundry Cookbook to Good and Cheap: Eat Well on \$4/ Day. There are also titles that focus on using slow cookers and others that use pressure cookers, so whether you start dinner cooking in the morning or later in the day you will

In the digital video department, season 16 of my personal favorite cooking show on public television, America's Test Kitchen, offers 26 episodes of rigorously tested recipes and cooking techniques to make the best version of a dish possible, while The Everyday Gourmet: Baking Pastries and Desserts will help you become a better baker while you watch. To make it more convenient, these titles are available for simultaneous checkout, so there is no need to wait for someone else to return a copy before you can get yours.

With all of the titles that we have to offer, vou'll be sure to find something to inform, inspire, and instruct you to make something magical in the kitchen. So, if you are tasked with cooking anything this season, your library has the resources to help you make a dish that is merry and delightful!

Joe Schweiss, Director Bullitt County Public Library

Hours & Locations

Sunday 1:00–5:00 PM (Ridgway only) Mon.-Thu. 9:00 AM-8:00 PM Fri. & Sat. 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Ridgway Memorial (Main Library in Shepherdsville) 127 N. Walnut Street, 543-7675

Hillview 155 Terry Boulevard, 957-5759

Lebanon Junction 11382 S. Preston Highway, 833-4648 Mt. Washington 311 Snapp Street, 538-7560

Library News

Mt. Washington Construction Update



We're starting to get really excited about our Mt. Washington construction project! Concrete for the sidewalks was poured on November 21st and 22nd. Windows are in, most of the masonry and brickwork is completed, and partitioning and framing of the interior is underway.

Photos taken November 23, 2016.



Important Dates

Tuesday, December 13th

Board of Trustees Meeting

Our monthly board meeting will be held at Ridgway Memorial Library in Shepherdsville at 5:00 PM. Meetings are open to the public.

Saturday, December 24th– Monday, December 26th

CLOSED for the Christmas holiday All BCPL locations will be closed on December 24th, 25th, and 26th. The Library will reopen Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM.

Saturday, December 31st & Sunday, January 1st

CLOSED for New Year's

All BCPL locations will be closed ON New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. However, you can still access all of our online services while we're closed, including e-books, research databases, and streaming movies.

DID YOU KNOW...?

You can reserve a meeting room for private events and parties at Ridgway Memorial Library, Hillview Branch Library, and Lebanon Junction Branch Library. Individuals and organizations use our meeting rooms for small conferences, birthday parties and showers, and other special events.

To reserve a meeting room, call or visit the location where you would like to host your event to check availability. The space books up quickly, so be aware that public use is scheduled three months at a time. Beginning on December 1st, we will be scheduling bookings for the months of December, January, and February.

BCPL meeting space is free, but a refundable \$50 damage and cleaning deposit is required.



Congratulations to the Winners of Our Library Card Sign-Up Month Giveaway

In honor of National Library Card Sign-Up Month, the Library gave away four Asus ZenPad tablets! Patrons were automatically entered in the drawing just for using their library cards during the month of September. Two pre-existing cardholders and two new cardholders were randomly selected.

Thanks to everyone who participated and everyone who knows that a library card is the smartest card!





Mary Perkins Existing Cardholder



Sarah Ekhardt New Cardholder



Caitlyn Corum New Cardholder

All winners have been contacted, but the last prize has not yet been claimed by the winner.

Events by Location

Don't Miss...

Ridgway Memorial

(Main Library in Shepherdsville)

*TODDLER STORYTIME (Ages Birth–2)

Every Thursday 9:30–10:00 AM

Join the fun as we sing, read stories, and play games while teaching early literacy and social skills.

*STORYHOUR (Ages 3–5)

Every Thursday 10:30-11:30 AM

We use books, songs, and simple crafts to develop early literacy skills and encourage socialization.



(All Ages)

Thursday, December 1st 1:00–4:00 PM | Drop-in Event

Join us as we create the following holiday crafts: bobber snowmen, lace wreath craft, paint-chip Christmas trees, and washcloth reindeer. Free refreshments will be served.

ANIME GAMING NIGHT (Middle & High School Ages)

Thursday, December 1st 4:00–7:00 PM | Drop-in Event Drop in at our monthly social night for teens and tweens to enjoy favorite anime, viral videos, karaoke, classic card and board games, free refreshments, fun giveaways, and Minecraft!

A VISIT WITH ST. NICHOLAS (All Ages)

Saturday, December 3rd 1:00–3:00 PM | Drop-in Event Kick off the holidays with festive activities and a chat with Santa himself! Take home a keepsake photo and free gifts from St. Nicholas.

*HOLIDAY ORIGAMI (Ages 13 & Up)

Thursday, December 8th 6:00-7:30 PM

Learn to make up to three fun projects including an origami dove, a box, and a star/color wheel with local origami enthusiast Shelley Davis. These crafts can be used as ornaments or to embellish a gift. All materials are provided.

SCI-FI GAMING NIGHT (Middle & High School Ages)

Tuesday, December 20th 4:00–7:00 PM | Drop-in Event Calling all tweens and teens who are into sci-fi, fantasy, fandoms, retro gaming, web gaming, and making new friends! Join us for our newest gaming night, held the third Tuesday of each month. We're seeking out young nerds and geeks to boldly go where no

one has gone before...at the library. May the force be with us! **December's film feature will be** *Star Trek Beyond* (Rated PG-13).

***TODDLERS ON THE MOVE** (Ages Birth–4 Years)

Thursday, December 15th 12:30-1:15 PM

Toddlers will enjoy a continuous, action-packed fitness class with a focus on motor skills, coordination, and endurance with Stretch N' Grow's trained and certified Youth Fitness Specialists.

*GRAHAM CRACKER HOUSE WORKSHOP

(Middle School Ages & Up)

Saturday, December 17th 2:00–3:30 PM

Make a festive, edible graham cracker house using an assortment of candies. All (delicious) materials provided.



*THE LITERARY SOCIETY TEEN BOOK CLUB

(Middle & High School Ages)

Wednesday, December 21st 5:00–6:00 PM Tweens and teens are invited to discuss The Last Olympian by Rick Riordan. Free refreshments will be provided. A limited number of copies are reserved each month for registered book club members.

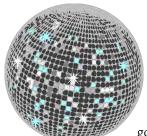
STAY TUNED!

Our teen book club is getting a makeover in the New Year!

*FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: A CHRISTMAS STORY (All Ages, Rated PG)

Thursday, December 22nd 6:00–7:45 PM

Join us to see Ralphie attempt to convince his parents, his teacher, and even Santa himself that a Red Ryder air rifle is the most perfect Christmas present. Enjoy free snacks and fun, interactive activities during the show!



*NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY

(Ages Birth-12)

Thursday, December 29th 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Ring in 2017 without missing your bedtime! Join us to celebrate the coming new year with a dance party, festive goodies, and free refreshments. You can

also enjoy our special Noon Year's Eve playlist on Spotify!

* Asterisks indicate that registration is required for a limited number of reserved seats. Additional space will be available on the day of the event on a first-come, first-served basis.

A Visit with St. Nicholas

Bring the whole family for some holiday fun and a chance to a chat and get photos with Santa himself!

Hillview

*TODDLER STORYTIME (Ages Birth-2)

Every Wednesday 9:30-10:00 AM

Join the fun as we sing, read stories, and play games while teaching early literacy and social skills.

*STORYHOUR (Ages 3–5)

Every Wednesday 10:30-11:30 AM

We use books, songs, and simple crafts to develop early literacy skills and encourage socialization.

HOLIDAY CRAFTING AFTERNOON (All Ages)

Wednesday, December 7th 4:00–7:00 PM | Drop-in Event Join us as we create the following holiday crafts: lace wreath craft, origami gift box, and paint-chip Christmas trees. Free refreshments will be served.

*MINECRAFT MEETUP (Ages 9–15)

Saturday, December 10th 1:00-3:00 PM

Join other Minecrafters for an afternoon inside River Cloud, BCPL's own Minecraft virtual world where build challenges, redstone tricks, and new adventures await. We will be playing in survival mode for the first hour and in creative mode during the second hour. Space is limited.

*GRAHAM CRACKER HOUSE WORKSHOP

(Middle School Ages & Up)

Thursday, December 15th 6:00–7:30 PM Make a festive, edible graham cracker house using an assortment of candies. All (delicious) materials provided.

*A DICKENS TALE (All Ages)

Tuesday, December 20th 6:00–7:30 PM

Gather 'round for Bright Star
Touring Theatre's heartwarming
retelling of *A Christmas Carol*.
You'll be transported to Victorian
England with Old Scrooge, bumbling Bob Cratchit, one hilarious
beggar woman, and all the delightful ghostly visitors from the Dickens
holiday classic!



To register, visit the PROGRAMS page at www.bcplib.org or call the Outreach & Programs Department at 543-7675 ext. 5. All programs are free unless otherwise noted.



Lebanon Junction

*TODDLER STORYTIME (Ages Birth-2)

Every Tuesday 9:30–10:00 AM

Join the fun as we sing, read stories, and play games while teaching early literacy and social skills.

*STORYHOUR (Ages 3–5)

Every Tuesday 10:30–11:30 AM

We use books, songs, and simple crafts to develop early literacy skills and encourage socialization.

Wii BOWLING (Ages 18 & Up)

Every Thursday 10:00–11:30 AM | Drop-In Event Join the fun in the meeting room as we chat and laugh while bowling on the Wii game console. Coffee and tea are provided.

HOLIDAY CRAFTING AFTERNOON (All Ages)

Tuesday, December 6th 4:00–7:00 PM | Drop-in Event Join us as we create the following holiday crafts: bobber snowmen, bottle cap snowmen, lace wreath craft, origami gift box, paint-chip Christmas trees, and washcloth reindeer. Free refreshments will be served.

*BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB (Ages 18 & Up)

Thursday, December 8th 12:00–1:30 PM

Bring your lunch and discuss *The Christmas Quilt* by Jennifer Chiaverini. Tea and coffee will be provided. A limited number of copies are reserved each month for registered book club members.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- A parent or guardian must remain on library premises with youth ages 15 and under.
- If Bullitt County Public Schools are closed, Toddler Storytime and Storyhour will be canceled.
- Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/bcplib for the earliest possible notification of weather closings or event cancellations

Events by Location

Lebanon Junction (Continued)

*FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: A CHRISTMAS STORY (All Ages, Rated PG)

Thursday, December 8th 6:00-7:45 PM

Join us to see Ralphie attempt to convince his parents, his teacher, and even Santa himself that a Red Ryder air rifle is the most perfect Christmas present. Enjoy free snacks and fun, interactive activities during the show!



*GRAHAM CRACKER HOUSE WORKSHOP (Middle School Ages & Up)

Tuesday, December 13th 6:00–7:30 PM Make a festive, edible graham cracker house using an assortment of candies. All (delicious) materials provided.

*FLEECE FUN! (Ages 6–13)

Thursday, December 22nd 6:00–7:00 PM Winter has begun! Let's wrap up in some Fleece Fun! Join us to create your very own fleece scarf to jazz up your winter wardrobe. All materials will be provided.



Mt. Washington

*TODDLER STORYTIME (Ages Birth-2)

Every Friday 9:30-10:00 AM

Join the fun as we sing, read stories, and play games while teaching early literacy and social skills. *We're sorry, but guaranteed registration for this program is now closed.*

*STORYHOUR (Ages 3–5)

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HOLIDAY CRAFTING AFTERNOON (All Ages)

Friday, December 2nd 1:00–4:00 PM | Drop-in Event Join us as we create the following holiday crafts: bobber snowmen, bottle cap snowmen, lace wreath craft, origami gift box, paint-chip Christmas trees, and washcloth reindeer. Free refreshments will be served.

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*GRAHAM CRACKER HOUSE WORKSHOP

(Middle School Ages & Up)

Wednesday, December 14th 6:00–7:30 PM

Make a festive, edible graham cracker house using an assortment of candies. All (delicious) materials provided.



December 1st-30th Children of All Ages!*

Drop in at any location to collect your craft kit from the Circulation Desk. All materials will be provided to create a beautiful winter craft to take home. Limit 1 kit per child per visit.

Technology

Attention Teens: Connect with BCPL!





Join our Teens @ BCPL group on Facebook to get reminders of upcoming teen programs, to view photos of recent teen gatherings at the library, or to stay in touch with BCPL and other library-minded teens in the area.

Teens @ BCPL is a safe place for you to express your ideas and let us know how we can make the library a better place for teens and for YOU! Visit us at facebook.com/groups/bcplteens to get connected today.

We Offer a Variety of Document Services

Like most libraries, BCPL offers copying, printing, and faxing services. But did you know we also do lamination and document scanning?

LAMINATING

Laminators are available at the Circulation Desk at each BCPL location. Desk clerks can laminate items for patrons in two sizes: standard letter or ID card. Costs are \$1.00/

page for letter-sized documents and 50¢/page for ID card sizes.

SCANNING

The self-serve copy machines at each BCPL location are also enabled to scan to a flash drive or scan to email. Scanning services are free of charge. If you require assistance,



The Xerox copier at each BCPL location also serves as a printer and scanner. You can print items directly from a USB file, or scan a document to a flash drive or to an e-mail.

please inquire at a library service desk.

OTHER SERVICES

Faxes are 50¢/page to send or to receive. Photocopies and computer printouts are 10¢/page for black and white and 50¢/page for color. Double-sided copies count as two pages.

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unable to leave their homes.

ADULT DAY CENTERS & RETIREMENT HOMES

The BCPL Outreach team also makes regular visits to a number of retirement homes and to four adult day centers. Visits usually include activities like group readings or seasonal crafts as well as the delivery of learning kits, books, DVDs, and music CDs for the use of the centers and their participants.

SCHOOLS & DAYCARES

Members of the Outreach team visit daycares and preschools to help prepare Bullitt County's youngest citizens for school. On average, we present mobile storytimes at nine facilities each month, featuring stories, songs, and rhymes designed to build early literacy skills.

BCPL Outreach The team is also in constant contact with public school representatives. Library staff participate on Family Resource Center and 21st Century School councils, and staff make Outreach frequent visits schools. During our visits, we offer on-the-spot library card sign-ups for students and school staff, promote literacy to students, and lead programs like computer coding, science experiments, and book talks.

BUSINESSES & COMMUNITY GROUPS

Local businesses, community groups, and interest-based organizations can also schedule visits from BCPL's Outreach team. The Library has visited women's groups, churches, self-help and support organizations, quilting groups, fishing clubs, employers, and recreational outlets to discuss library card accounts, free programs, and reference services.

OTHER OUTREACH

In addition to bringing materials and programs to patrons and organizations by request, we also attend community festivals and events, giving unfamiliar attendees with BCPL an opportunity to discover what we have to offer. Our library newsletter, The Library Bulletin, is also available at over 60 businesses and organizations who have signed up for regular deliveries.

From organizing home-bound delivery services to scheduling a newsletter delivery at your business or organization, BCPL strives to find new ways to make the library accessible to everyone in the community. If you would like to request BCPL Outreach services, contact Allison White at awhite@bcplib.org or call 502-543-7675 ext. 5.

www.bcplib.org/outreach

Books & Movies

NEW & COMING SOON

Listed by publisher release dates; library availability dates may vary.







December 6th

The Feud: Vladimir Nabokov, Edmund Wilson, and the End of a Beautiful Friendship by Alex Beam

In Sunlight or in Shadow: Stories Inspired by **the Paintings of Edward Hopper** by Lawrence

The Undoing Project: A Friendship That **Changed Our Minds** by Michael Lewis

Out of Bounds by Val McDermid

The Glass Universe: How the Ladies of the Harvard Observatory Took the Measure of the **Stars** by Dava Sobel

December 12th

Word of Mouse by James Patterson & Chris Grabenstein

December 13th

Buried in the Country by Carola Dunn **Crystal Storm** by Morgan Rhodes The Seventh Plague by James Rollins

December 27th

Curtain of Death by W. E. B. Griffin & William E. Butterworth IV

Lord of the Privateers by Stephanie Laurens

Arizona Heat by Linda Lael Miller

Wyoming Brave by Diana Palmer

Dog Man Unleashed by Dav Pilkey

BEST BOOKS



We will begin announcing our picks for the best books of the year in late December. But in the meantime, we want to hear about your favorites! You can let us know on Facebook, or fill out one of the voting slips now available at all BCPL locations.

From Our Shelves: What's Hot Right Now

TOP ADULT BOOKS

Winter Storms by Elin Hilderbrand The Whistler by John Grisham Two by Two by Nicholas Sparks Kill or Be Killed: Thrillers by James Patterson The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins A Baxter Family Christmas by Karen Kingsbury Sex, Lies & Serious Money by Stuart Woods





TOP YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

The Last Star by Richard Yancey Death Note by Tsugumi Ohba The Leaving by Tara Altebrando Crooked Kingdom by Leigh Bardugo The Passion of Dolssa by Julie Berry Escape from Asylum by Madeleine Roux





TOP JUNIOR BOOKS

Harry Potter & the Cursed Child by J.K. Rowling Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School by Jeff Kinney Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down by Jeff Kinney Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days by Jeff Kinney Star Wars: In the Shadow of Yavin by Brian Wood Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheelby Jeff Kinney





TOP CHILDREN'S BOOKS

My First Batman Book by David Bar Katz (BB) Pete the Cat: Snow Daze by James Dean (BR) Even Super Heroes Sleep by David Katz and Morris Katz (BB) My First Zoo: Let's Meet the Animals by DK (BB) Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems (CP) Pete the Cat and the Bad Banana by James Dean (BR) Jump Into Fall! by Gareth Llewhellin (BB) Best Reading Buddies by Jane O'Connor (BR)



BB=Board Book BR=Beginning Reader CB=Chapter Book CN=Children's Nonfiction CP=Children's Picture Book

TOP E-BOOKS

This Is Where It Ends by Marieke Nijkamp Harry Potter and the Cursed Child by J.K. Rowling The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman The Fifth Wave by Richard Yancey Home by Harlan Coben





TOP E-AUDIOBOOKS

Behind Closed Doors by B.A. Paris The Longest Ride by Nicholas Sparks Blonde Hair, Blue Eyes by Karin Slaughter See Me by Nicholas Sparks My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante





TOP DVDs & BLU-RAYS

Independence Day: Resurgence Alice Through the Looking X-Men: Apocalypse The Jungle Book (2016) Captain America: Civil War The Legend of Tarzan Ghostbusters: Answer the Call

Glass

The Purge: Election Year Ice Age: Collision Course Neighbors 2

The Huntsman: Winter's War



