

We're Breaking Ground for the New Nichols Branch

The Nichols Branch Library building project will soon be officially underway! Join us on Tuesday, December 4th, for a groundbreaking event at the site of the new facility, located next to the Nichols Elementary School (10665 Highway 44 West, West Point, KY). The ceremony will begin at 1:30 PM with opening remarks, followed by groundbreaking photos, community conversation, giveaways, and light refreshments.

The new library will be approximately 7,600 square feet and will provide much-needed service to the west end of Bullitt County.

"I cannot tell you how excited I am to see



Architectural sketch by Greg White (S&D Design) & Studio Kremer Architects

ground being broken for the Nichols branch of the Bullitt County Public Library," said BCPL Board of Trustees member and lifelong Nichols resident Bernice Davis. "I think it will be especially exciting for the students of Nichols Elementary School, and their teachers, since they only have the school

library at their disposal for a couple of hours each day. Teachers can take advantage of the new facility whenever needed, and all of the necessary technology will be made available to students as well as the general pub-

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Our Gift to You: Youth Materials Are Now FINE FREE!



Bullitt County Public Library is eliminating overdue fines on youth materials, including all print and audiobook formats in our children's, junior, and young adult collections. From children's board books to our YA books on CD, we want to ensure kids and teens have access to the tools they need to succeed in school and become lifelong learners and readers.

This policy change is in direct

response to two key goals of our new strategic plan: (1) to foster early literacy and kindergarten readiness skills and (2) to remove access barriers that keep people from using the library.

The public library is a partner to youth, parents, families, and caregivers from birth through high school. Exposing children early to a world rich with words, songs, and play helps them become readers and to succeed in

books, imaginative and engaging programs, online tools for research and learning, and caring staff who offer personal assistance.

But for many adolescents and their families, late fines are a real barrier that stops them from using and enjoying the library—and we don't want anything to prevent kids and teens from reading if we can help it!

Bullitt County Public Library has approximately 8,600 registered patrons between the ages of 0 and 17, and over 900 of them have fines of \$10.00 or more, making them ineligible to check out materials or use their cards for other services like online databases. The new policy aims to welcome these kids and their parents back to the library to take advantage of all the resources BCPL has to offer.

Here are two important guidelines to keep in mind:

- Patrons of all ages will still be responsible for returning library material for others to use within 45 days of the due date, or they will be charged the replacement value of that item.

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From the Director: *Let the Library help you through the holidays*



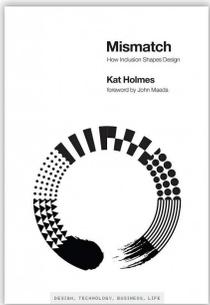
Director's Picks

I listened to...
Love the Holidays
by Old 97's



available on *Hoopla!*

I am excited to read...
Mismatch: How Inclusion Shapes Design by Kat Holmes



I'm looking forward to watching...
Sorry to Bother You



It happened again—December snuck up on us all and brought everything with it to make any free time you thought you had disappear. Don't get me wrong; I love gathering with family and friends, but forget one small thing and that lone restful evening you thought you had this month turns into a mad dash to buy a gift or prepare something for a party. Let Bullitt County Public Library make things a bit easier (and cheaper!) for you this year.

Obviously you are aware of the great things you can check out when you visit the library. I've said it before; you're reading this, so you get it. Grab a cookbook or two, a handful of movies, and maybe a Christmas CD, and you have a few events covered in one quick trip. What I'm talking about are the unplanned or forgotten events and obligations that catch you unprepared. That's where the Library's digital offerings can jump in and act like the Worst Case Scenario Holiday Disaster Recovery Kit.

Scenario 1: I want to do that. How do I do that?

You've decided that you want to

skip buying decorations and pre-packaged food and make everything you can by hand. Sounds great! Then you realize that you don't know where to start, and you get a little light headed, a bit panicky, and doubtful that anyone can actually make things at home. Fear not, though! You are just a few clicks away from using Flipster and taking advantage of all the helpful articles in the magazines the Library provides to your phone, tablet, or computer. So go ahead and make that gingerbread house, those cookies, that centerpiece, some ham, the edible terrarium, a quilt, a few ornaments, and finish up with some homemade hot cocoa mix. You're a pro, now, and you didn't even need to leave the house!

Scenario 2: Are we watching that movie again?

You're at a family gathering and everyone is getting settled in to watch a movie. Well, they are trying to get settled, but nobody wants to watch the same movie and there are only so many options on hand. The situation is a heartbeat away from turning into a battle royal so you jump in with a solution: instead of watching A

Christmas Story again, why don't we watch *Road Trip for Ralphie* on Kanopy? Lots of people know the movie backwards and forwards, but how many know much about how it was made? Thanks to Bullitt County Public Library, you avoid a family meltdown and learn some new facts.

Scenario 3: Holiday Playlist Fatigue

You're hosting a party and have everything planned out. The ham is delicious, the centerpiece is looking better than any centerpiece that's ever been in a magazine photoshoot, and guests are starting to arrive. Sounds good, until you realize that you're so sick of listening to the same holiday playlist over and over again that you just can't handle it one more time. Don't worry! Hoopla has a huge catalog of albums for every style, so you can stream some brand new music that neither you nor your guests are tired of hearing!

This season, let the Library help you avoid holiday disasters. We have something for everyone!

Joe Schweiss, Director
Bullitt County Public Library

Our Gift to You... (continued from page 1)

• Fines are based on the material type, not the age of the borrower. An adult checking out an Elephant & Piggie book for their child would not be assessed overdue fines if the item is returned late. However, if a

James Patterson novel is checked out on a juvenile account and returned after the due date, late fines will be charged.

The new policy is effective imme-

diately for new checkouts. If your account has pre-existing overdue fines for youth materials, we encourage you to visit or call any BCPL location. Our staff will be happy to clear those charges from your account!

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

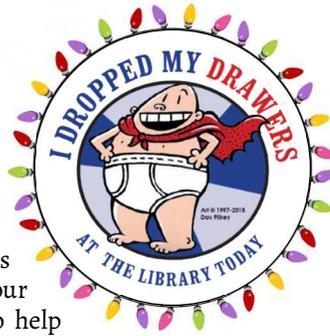
Ridgway Memorial (Main Library in Shepherdsville)
127 N. Walnut Street, 543-7675

Hillview 155 Terry Boulevard, 957-5759

Lebanon Junction 11382 S. Preston Highway, 833-4648

Mt. Washington 214 N. Bardstown Road, 538-7560

Library News



'Tis the Season to Drop Your Drawers @ the Library

In this season of giving, remember that our Drop Your Drawers campaign continues through December 30th! We still need your donations to help ensure that every child shows up to school and stays in school for the whole school day in clean underwear that fits.

So far, we have collected 1,400 pairs of underwear—and 31 pairs of socks! But we still have a long way to go to reach our goal of 5,000 pairs.

To help us achieve our goal (and to help local students!), simply stop in at any BCPL location this month and drop off a package of new children's underwear (preferably sizes 4–16). All donations will go to local public elementary schools to help replenish their supply of emergency underpants and to provide assistance to each school's Family Resource Center.

... New Nichols Branch *(continued from page 1)*

lic. By providing internet access, so many people in the community can be served who do not have or cannot afford access to the internet in their home.”

The location of the new branch was purposefully selected to be near the elementary school to make library resources readily available and to help facilitate future collaborations. Key features of the building plan include a meeting room, two study rooms, generous open seating, and a cozy sunroom where patrons can settle in with a book, magazine, or homework. In homage to an old-fashioned schoolhouse, the library will also feature a literacy bell, which

will be rung on special occasions to help encourage reading and participation in activities like BCPL's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program.

The floor plan is designed to be highly flexible to allow for purpose-based configurations to accommodate special events and different community needs as they evolve over time. Perhaps most notable and beneficial to the community, the new building will feature a 24-hour access vestibule that will allow the community to enjoy internet access and a selection of books and movies for checkout even when the main building is closed.

Important Dates

November 1st–December 30th Drop Your Drawers @ the Library

Drop unopened packages of children's underpants sizes 4–16 at any BCPL location. Donations will go to local public elementary schools.

Tuesday, December 18th Board of Trustees Meeting

Due to the holidays, we're hosting our monthly meeting a week early! The meeting will be held at Ridgway Memorial Library at 5:00 PM. Meetings are open to the public.

Monday, December 24th– Tuesday, December 25th CLOSED for Christmas

All BCPL locations will be closed for the holiday, but digital services will remain available 24/7. The Library will reopen Wednesday morning at 9:00 AM.

Monday, December 31st– Tuesday, January 1st CLOSED for New Year's

All BCPL locations will be closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The Library will reopen Wednesday morning at 9:00 AM.



Try Digital Magazines This Busy Holiday Season

It's that time of year again! Time for the hustle and bustle of shopping and traveling with barely a moment to spare for yourself. If you usually read a novel to pass the time, you might find that a digital magazine suits your needs a little better during the holidays.

Digital magazines offer an easy way to get in your reading fix without having to carry around a stack of books wherever you go. The shorter articles provide quick, no-commitment enter-

tainment perfect for short or divided attention spans. In line at the airport or waiting to buy a last-minute Christmas gift? No problem—just pull out your portable smart device and start swiping pages!

Between Kentucky Libraries Unbound and Flipster, BCPL now offers over 100 digital magazine titles for your reading pleasure! Flipster even allows you to download as many magazines to your phone or tablet as your heart desires. And if you

don't have time to sift through pages to find what you're looking for, use the hyperlinks on the front cover to one-click to your favorite articles and skip past advertisements.

So this holiday season, survive the travel and long lines by reading digital magazines your way—anytime, anywhere, at your convenience. To learn more about our digital magazines, visit www.bcplib.org and click *Download It*.

DID YOU KNOW...? BCPL now offers over 100 digital magazine titles.

Kids' & Family Events

Toddler Time Ages 0–2

@MT. WASHINGTON | Every Tuesday, 9:30–10:00 AM
@HILLVIEW | Every Wednesday, 9:30–10:00 AM
@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Every Thursday, 9:30–10:00 AM
@LEBANON JUNCTION | Every Friday, 9:30–10:00 AM

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

Storytime Ages 3–5

@MT. WASHINGTON | Every Tuesday, 10:30–11:15 AM & 2:30–3:15 PM
@HILLVIEW | Every Wednesday, 10:30–11:15 AM & 2:30–3:15 PM
@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Every Thursday, 10:30–11:15 AM & 2:30–3:15 PM
@LEBANON JUNCTION | Every Friday, 10:30–11:15 AM & 2:30–3:15 PM

 We use books, songs, and simple crafts to reinforce early literacy and social skills.

DIY Santa's Cookie Plate Children of All Ages

@MT. WASHINGTON | Monday, December 3rd 6:00–7:00 PM

 Join us for a fun afternoon of imagination and creativity while you make your very own plate for Santa's cookies. Cookies and milk will be served so we can enjoy Santa's favorite snack. *We're sorry, but guaranteed registration for this event is now closed.*

Family Movie Night: *Barbie in a Christmas Carol* All Ages

@HILLVIEW | Monday, December 3rd 6:00–7:20 PM
This month, join us for *Barbie in A Christmas Carol*, a heart-warming adaptation of the classic Dickens story—starring Barbie!

Cursive Course Ages 5–11

@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Wednesday, December 5th 6:00–7:00 PM

 Ever wish kids still learned cursive in school? Join BCPL and Amy Waite, a teacher at Shepherdsville Elementary School, for a workshop that will introduce children to reading and writing in cursive.

The Stories of Christmas with John Ward All Ages

@LEBANON JUNCTION | Thursday, December 6th 6:00–7:00 PM
Join local storyteller John Ward for an evening of beloved songs and stories about the holiday season. Enjoy cookies, pastries, a warm cup of hot chocolate, and the cheerful company of friends and neighbors. Plus, be ready for your close up with a holiday photo opportunity and take home a small stocking filled with a surprise.

Christmas Trivia Night All Ages

@MT. WASHINGTON | Thursday, December 6th 6:00–7:00 PM

 Join us for a fun family night of Christmas trivia based on beloved holiday movies, books, and music. *We're sorry but guaranteed registration for this event is now closed.*

Saturday Storyhour Ages 3–5

@LEBANON JUNCTION | Saturday, December 8th
10:30–11:30 & 1:00–2:00 PM
@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Saturday, January 12th
10:30–11:30 & 1:00–2:00 PM

 Bring the kiddos for weekend adventures in early literacy through stories, songs, and a simple craft. Now rotating monthly at Ridgway Memorial and Lebanon Junction!

Christmas Slime Ages 5–11

@HILLVIEW | Saturday, December 8th 11:00 AM–12:00 PM

 Come make festive glitter slime just in time for Christmas. Then, turn your slime into an ornament!

Lava Lamp Ornament Ages 5–11

@HILLVIEW | Monday, December 10th 6:00–7:00 PM

 Tired of boring holiday ornaments that are all the same or simply looking for an awesomely fun project? Join us as we create a cool, lava-lamp inspired ornament that is sure to add flair to any Christmas tree.



Meet Santa @ the Library!

A Visit with St. Nicholas Children of All Ages

@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Saturday, December 1st 1:00–3:00 PM
Kick off your holiday season with a visit with jolly old St. Nick! Bring the kiddos in for photo opportunities and a quick chat with the big man himself.

Breakfast with Santa All Ages

@MT. WASHINGTON | Saturday, December 8th 10:00–11:00 AM

 Join us for a jolly-good breakfast with Santa! Enjoy tasty treats such as donuts, muffins, milk, and orange juice while listening to the classic holiday tale *'Twas The Night Before Christmas*. After we've filled our bellies, join us for a photo opportunity and meet and greet with the Big Man himself. *We're sorry, but guaranteed registration for this event is now closed.*

 This symbol indicates that registration is required for a limited number of reserved seats. Unless otherwise noted, all other events are drop-in events. Space will be available on a first-come, first served basis.

Winter Storytelling

 Celebrate the season and delight in a live, interactive storytelling event with beloved local author and storyteller Thomas Freese. Listen as Mr. Freese weaves a variety of winter-themed tales, with musical accompaniments that might include guitar, harmonica, or other instruments.

All Ages

- @LEBANON JUNCTION | Tuesday, December 11th 6:00–7:00 PM
- @RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Thursday, December 13th 6:00–7:00 PM
- @MT. WASHINGTON | Monday, December 17th 6:00–7:00 PM
- @HILLVIEW | Wednesday, December 19th 6:00–7:00 PM

Toddler Dance Ages 2–5

- @MT. WASHINGTON | Tuesday, December 11th 12:30–1:15 PM
- @HILLVIEW | Wednesday, December 12th 12:30–1:15 PM
- @RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Thursday, December 20th 12:30–1:15 PM

Your toddler will learn simple dance moves and build social skills in this 45-minute session with Dance Unlimited.

Lego Club Ages 5–11

- @RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Tuesday, December 11th 6:00–7:00 PM
- @MT. WASHINGTON | Thursday, December 13th 6:00–7:00 PM
- @LEBANON JUNCTION | Monday, December 17th 6:00–7:00 PM

Join other LEGO-building enthusiasts as we explore our creativity! All LEGOs will be provided—please do not bring yours from home.

Lacing Ornaments Ages 0–5

- @HILLVIEW | Tuesday, December 11th 6:30–7:30 PM

 Join us as we decorate pre-cut winter shapes perfect to hang from your tree, door knob, or anything that needs a little winter cheer! The kiddos will use yarn to lace the shapes, and markers and sticky gems will be provided so that they can get creative and add some extra embellishments. This ornament class is designed specifically for our younger crowd, but if your little one is too young to complete all of the decoration tasks themselves, grownups can help and still take home their child's first handmade ornament.

Homeschool Connect Children of All Ages

- @MT. WASHINGTON | Wednesday, December 12th 10:00 AM–12:00 PM
- @HILLVIEW | Friday, December 14th 10:00 AM–12:00 PM
- @RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Tuesday, December 18th 10:00 AM–12:00 PM
- @LEBANON JUNCTION | Wednesday, December 26th 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

 Connect with other members of the homeschool community at your favorite BCPL branch location! We'll have an optional activity at each session. *We're sorry, but guaranteed registration for this event at Mt. Washington is now closed.*

Family Movie Night: Arthur Christmas All Ages

- @LEBANON JUNCTION | Thursday, December 13th 6:00–7:40 PM

This month, join us for Arthur Christmas. When Santa's bumbling son Arthur discovers that one Christmas gift for a young girl was accidentally misplaced, he sets off on a mission with his retired grandsanta to make sure the present is delivered on time.

A Dickens Tale All Ages

- @MT. WASHINGTON | Saturday, December 15th 10:00–11:00 AM
- @HILLVIEW | Saturday, December 15th 3:00–4:00 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, the ghost of Jacob Marley, and more as we explore the true meaning of the season.

Family Movie Night: The Polar Express All Ages

- @MT. WASHINGTON | Thursday, December 20th 6:00–7:40 PM
- @RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Thursday, December 27th 6:00–7:40 PM

This month, join us for The Polar Express. On Christmas Eve, a young boy takes the Polar Express on a magical journey to the North Pole. During his adventure, the boy learns about friendship, bravery, and the spirit of Christmas.

Ho, Ho, Holiday Ornament Ages 5–11

- @HILLVIEW | Thursday, December 20th 6:30–7:30 PM

 Celebrate the season as we create ornaments inspired by the jolly ol' man himself. Join us as we create an ornament resembling Santa's beard out of tulle and other materials. Be sure to bring your ho-ho-holiday spirit!



SEE ALSO

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To register or for more information, visit www.bcplib.org/events or call the Outreach & Programs Department at 543-7675 ext. 5.

Events for Teens

Digital Tech Lab: Pi Christmas Trees

Middle & High School Ages

@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL
@HILLVIEW
@MT. WASHINGTON
@LEBANON JUNCTION

Tuesday, December 4th
4:00–7:00 PM

Do you like all things Christmas? Does the idea of learning how to code fascinate you? Come learn to use the Raspberry Pi and a little coding know-how to make your very own mini Christmas trees that light up!

Random Fandom Gaming Night

Middle & High School Ages

@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL
@HILLVIEW
@MT. WASHINGTON

Thursday, December 6th
4:00–7:00 PM

Tap in for a Magic the Gathering tournament at Ridgway Memorial! At Hillview and Mt. Washington, a wide variety of video games, tabletop games, and card games will be available—plus karaoke, BCPL laptop access, and more!

Ugly Sweater Party All Ages

@MT. WASHINGTON | Monday, December 10th 6:00–7:00 PM



Dig out those ugly Christmas sweaters and join us at the library for some holiday fun! Enjoy a variety of holiday-themed party games, capture memories in our photo booth (we'll have some fabulously ridiculous ugly-sweater props!), and go on a fun scavenger hunt around the library. Plus, enjoy a tasty treat when you decorate your very own ugly-sweater Christmas cookie.

Minecraft Meetup Ages 9–15

@ALL LOCATIONS | Tuesday, December 11th 4:00–6:00 PM

It's the most wonderful time of the year in the Minecraft world!

Come join us as we celebrate the holidays together on Minecraft, including a Secret Santa game. Plus, we'll have more Minecraft-themed games, crafts, free refreshments, and Roblox access!

Off the Shelf Teen Book Club Ages 13–17

@LEBANON JUNCTION | Tuesday, December 11th 4:00–6:00 PM



Join our teen book club to read and discuss a different amazing book every month. In December, we'll be reading

The Lightning Thief, the first installment of Rick Riordan's popular Percy Jackson series.

Teen Planning Committee

Middle and High School Ages

@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL
@HILLVIEW
@MT. WASHINGTON

Thursday, December 13th
4:00–6:00 PM

Join forces with other cool teens and our awesome Teen Services team to help plan big events, suggest new teen programs, and recommend books and movies for our collection. Plus, you can learn about library careers and even earn volunteer hours for school!



FACE YOUR FEARS IN VIRTUAL REALITY

Ages 13+

@MT. WASHINGTON |
Saturday, December 15th
1:00–4:00 PM

@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Monday, December 17th 4:00–7:00 PM



Prepare to be amazed by a virtual adventure with BCPL's Oculus Go VR headsets! Using our headsets and the Face Your Fears virtual reality experiences, you can take on your fear of heights, spiders, snakes, birds, flying, and more. If you'd rather not face your fears, other less frightening VR experiences will also be available.

Digital Tech Lab Middle and High School Ages

@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL
@HILLVIEW
@MT. WASHINGTON

Thursday, December 20th
4:00–7:00 PM

Come explore cool tech tools and techniques you can use to pursue your digital passions. A new topic—and sometimes an awesome guest speaker!—will be featured each month. We'll also have drinks and snacks if you just want to chill and hang with your friends.

SEE ALSO

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MAKERSPACE

Middle & High School Ages
Tuesday, December 18th 4:00–7:00 PM

Cubelets @MT. WASHINGTON

Come experiment with our Cubelets modular robotics kit and learn to make your own awesome robot creations that light up, move, make noise, and more! Beep boop!

3D Printers @LEBANON JUNCTION

Do you have a great idea for a toy, ornament, or some crazy invention but need help making it real? Learn how to bring your ideas into reality with our 3D printers!

Bad Art Night @HILLVIEW

Sometimes the ugliest art is the best! For Bad Art Night, we challenge you to make the ugliest art possible from the supplies we'll provide.

LEGOs @RIDGWAY MEMORIAL

Who says LEGOs are just for kids? Join fellow tweens and teens to build a GIANT LEGO creation together—or if you're feeling anti-social, you're welcome to build on your own or in a smaller group. The sky is the limit!

Events for Adults

SEE ALSO

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On Page 6: *Ugly Sweater Party, Face Your Fears in Virtual Reality*

GED Prep Ages 18+

@HILLVIEW | Every Tuesday: GED Math, 4:30–7:00 PM
Every Thursday: GED Reading & Language Arts, 4:00–7:00 PM

@LEBANON JUNCTION | Every Tuesday & Thursday:
GED Math 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

An experienced instructor Kentucky Adult Education's SkillsU will be available on a first-come, first-served basis during scheduled drop-in hours; you may also call 502-213-7979 to book an appointment.

KentuckianaWorks @ BCPL Ages 18+

@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Every Wednesday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
Every Friday, 1:30–4:00 PM

@MT. WASHINGTON | Every Wednesday, 1:30–4:00 PM

@HILLVIEW | Every Friday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

A KentuckianaWorks advisor will be onsite offering free career services, including job interview skills and training opportunities. Walk-ins are welcome, or to schedule an appointment call 502-791-6467 or e-mail stephanie.nelson@kentuckianaworks.org.

Wii Bowling and More Ages 18+

@LEBANON JUNCTION | Every Thursday, 10:00–11:30 AM

Join other adults (18+) as we enjoy a variety of games, featuring Wii bowling! Not a bowler? No problem! You can still chat and enjoy the company of other adults as you play your choice of tabletop and card games. Options include chess or checkers, poker or rummy, Connect Four, dice games, and more!

Holiday Survival 101 Ages 13+

@MT. WASHINGTON | Saturday, December 1st 1:00–2:00 PM

@HILLVIEW | Monday, December 10th 6:00–7:00 PM

If this time of year fills you with anything less than holiday cheer, join us for a soothing hot beverage and an informational presentation from a counselor with Hosparus Health. Whether the holidays simply stress you out or personal losses are making this year especially hard, you'll learn coping measures and tactics to help you survive this overwhelming time we call the "Holiday Season."

Bingo! All Ages

@LEBANON JUNCTION | Monday, December 3rd 6:00–7:00 PM
Monday January 14th 6:00–7:00 PM

 Round up the kids for a family-friendly outing, or bring a group of friends for a super-casual night out. We'll be playing simple, regular bingo. No surprises or fancy gimmicks—but we'll have a whole lotta fun! Prizes will include a selection of books and movies. Light refreshments will be provided.

Cookie Decorating All Ages

@HILLVIEW | Friday, December 7th 5:00–6:00 PM

 Heart Jaytee Cookies is returning to the library to spread a little Christmas cheer. Join us as Stephanie Jessie of Heart Jaytee Cookies teaches us to create something cute and tasty! We're sorry, but guaranteed registration for this event is now closed.

Coffee, Tea & Poetry Ages 18+

@LEBANON JUNCTION | Saturday, December 8th
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

@HILLVIEW | Saturday, January 12th 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Saturday, February 9th
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

@MT. WASHINGTON | Saturday, March 2nd 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

 Explore the beauty of language and writing in a no-pressure poetry workshop with local author Lana Deam Helm. No experience required! Simply settle in with a hot beverage and let your creativity loose under the direction of our in-house poetry advisor. Each session will include instruction, brainstorming, guided writing exercises, and helpful feedback.

The Great Holiday Wrap-Up All Ages

@LEBANON JUNCTION | Monday, December 10th 4:00–7:00 PM

@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Wednesday, December 19th
4:00–7:00 PM

Check another task off your holiday to-do list while enjoying the cheerful company of friends and neighbors! Stop in at the library to wrap up a few last-minute presents with supplies we'll provide. Plus, enjoy classic holiday films, light refreshments, and conversation to liven up the occasion. *Please note, each participant will be provided with supplies for wrapping a maximum of four gifts.*

Brown Bag Book Club Ages 18+

@MT. WASHINGTON | Tuesday December 11th, 12:00–1:30 PM

@LEBANON JUNCTION | Thursday December 13th, 12:00–1:30 PM

Drop in to Lebanon Junction and bring your lunch to discuss what you've read. This month at Mt. Washington, we're discussing *The Last Noel* by Heather Graham.

Juvenile Diabetes Support Group Ages 18+

@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Tuesday, December 11th 1:00–2:00 PM

Tuesday, January 8th 1:00–2:00 PM

Tuesday, February 12th 1:00–2:00 PM

Join others who have been affected by juvenile diabetes to receive information, support, and guidance from a trained health educator. Stacy Zeis, a diabetes educator from Bullitt County Health Department, will offer a 3-part series with helpful and healthful information. Participants will also be introduced to one another and encouraged to exchange stories and helpful hints for extra support.

History of Tats Ages 18+

@HILLVIEW | Monday, December 17th 6:00–7:00 PM

If you're fascinated by tattoos, join us for an evening of all things inked! Kevin DeVore from Hillview's Art & Soul Tattoo Parlor will explore this ancient art form from past to present, including an overview of the dos and don'ts of getting a tattoo. *Psst... A \$50 gift certificate will be up for grabs at this event!*

Books & Movies

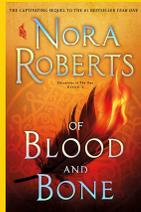
NEW & COMING SOON

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

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December 4th

- Game Changers* by Dave Asprey
- The Dakota Winters* by Tom Barbash
- Eggs on Ice* by Laura Childs
- The Future of Capitalism: Facing the New Anxieties* by Paul Collier
- Llama Llama, Be My Valentine* by Anna Dewdney
- All That Heaven Allows: A Biography of Rock Hudson* by Mark Griffin
- The Sun Dog* by Stephen King
- My Favorite Half-Night Stand* by Christina Lauren
- Before We Were Strangers* by Brenda Novak
- Once Upon a River* by Diane Setterfield
- You Are a Badass Every Day: How to Keep Your Motivation Strong, Your Vibe High, and Your Quest for Transformation Unstoppable* by Jen Sincero
- Little Owl's Snow* by Divya Srinivasan

December 11th

- Pandemic* by Robin Cook
- Southern Living 2018 Annual Recipes: An Entire Year of Cooking* by The Editors of Southern Living
- The Enemy of My Enemy* by W. E. B. Griffin & William E. Butterworth IV
- The Curse of Oak Island: The Story of the World's Longest Treasure Hunt* by Randall Sullivan
- Paper Girls, Volume 5* by Brian K. Vaughan
- The Day the Sun Died* by Yan Lianke

December 18th

- The Disasters* by M. K. England
- The Cursed Sea* by Lauren DeStefano

December 24th

- Ten Kisses to Scandal* by Vivienne Lorret
- Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild* by Dav Pilkey
- Who Loves Boo?* by Salina Yoon

December 26th

- The Bad Guys in Superbad* by Aaron Blabey
- Watching You* by Lisa Jewell
- The Hive Queen* by Tui T. Sutherland

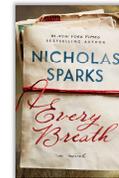
December 31st

- The Boy* by Tami Hoag
- The Fork, the Witch, and the Worm: Tales from Alagaesia (Volume 1: Eragon)* by Christopher Paolini
- Verses for the Dead* by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child
- In a House of Lies* by Ian Rankin
- The Gown: A Novel of the Royal Wedding* by Jennifer Robson

From Our Shelves: What's Hot Right Now

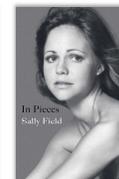
TOP ADULT FICTION

- Juror #3* by James Patterson & Nancy Allen
- Every Breath* by Nicholas Sparks
- Ambush* by James Patterson & James O. Born
- The Reckoning* by John Grisham
- Alaskan Holiday* by Debbie Macomber



TOP ADULT NONFICTION

- Girl, Wash Your Face* by Rachel Hollis
- Fear: Trump in the White House* by Bob Woodward
- Guinness World Records 2019*
- In Pieces* by Sally Field
- Liars, Leakers, and Liberals* by Judge Jeanine Pirro



TOP YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

- Akame ga KILL! Vol. 1* by Takahiro
- City of Bones* by Cassandra Clare
- Everything, Everything* by Nicola Yoon
- The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
- Kingdom of Ash* by Sarah J. Maas



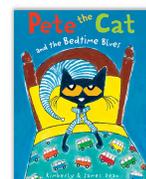
TOP JUNIOR BOOKS

- Dog Man: Lord of the Fleas* by Dav Pilkey
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever* by Jeff Kinney
- Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties* by Dav Pilkey
- Captain Underpants and the Revolting Revenge of the Radioactive Robo-Boxers* by Dav Pilkey



TOP CHILDREN'S BOOKS

- Pirates Love Underpants* by Claire Freedman
- 5-minute Pete the Cat Stories* by James Dean
- In the Middle of Fall* by Kevin Henkes
- Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes* by Kimberly & James Dean
- Pete the Cat and the Bedtime Blues* by Kimberly & James Dean



TOP E-BOOKS

- Girl, Wash Your Face* by Rachel Hollis
- The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah
- Scaredy Squirrel* by Mélanie Watt
- The Giver* by Lois Lowry
- The Darkest Minds* by Alexandra Bracken
- The Obesity Code* by Dr. Jason Fung



TOP AUDIOBOOKS (all formats)

- Girl, Wash Your Face* by Rachel Hollis
- The Good Daughter* by Karin Slaughter
- Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery
- The Angel Experiment* by James Patterson
- The Outsider* by Stephen King



TOP DVDs & BLU-RAYS

- Solo: A Star Wars Story*
- Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom*
- Skyscraper*
- Ant-Man and the Wasp*
- Ocean's 8*
- Avengers: Infinity War*
- Tag*
- Adrift*
- Life of the Party*
- Teen Titans GO! To the Movies*
- The Darkest Minds*
- Ready Player One*

