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**ADULTS**

**Who Picked this Book? Club: NPL at Lipscomb**Tuesday, Feb 63:30 PMThis event is at Beaman Library, One University Park Drive, Nashville, TN 37204. A partnership between Lipscomb University and Nashville Public Library, Who Picked This Book? Club meets on Lipscomb University campus. The book club is open to the general public. Copies of the book can be picked up at Beaman Library or Green Hills Branch Library. This month’s selection is The Bright Hour: A Memoir of Living and Dying, by Nina Riggs.

MAIN

CHILDREN

Kid Craft

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Dec 5, 6, 2017. Jan 2, 3, Feb 6, 7, 2018.

10:00 AM

Join us for fun crafts. For ages 3-5.

Homeschool Friends

Every 2nd Thursday

1:30 PM

Children ages 5-8 who are homeschooled are welcome to join us for themed activities.

Homeschool Tweens

Every 4th Thursday

1:30 PM

Homeschoolers ages 8-13 are welcome to join us in the Children's Department as we explore a new topic.

READing Paws

Every 1st Saturday

1:00 PM

Ages 5-12 are welcome to come read to a furry friend. Registration is required. Please call (615) 862-5785 to register.

Sailors and Maidens

Friday Dec 1 and Saturday, Dec 2

10:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Sailors and Maidens returns to our stage with their own pleasing brand of puppet storytelling and variety show. 30 min. Recommended for ages 5-12, but all are welcome.

A Child's Calendar

Fridays and Saturdays, Dec 8 - Dec 30

10:30 AM and 11:30 AM

John Updike's collection of poems for children is transformed into a delightful musical puppet show that takes us through the seasons month by month. Sarah Hart and Brian Hull score this special adaptation with original music. 30 min. Recommended for ages 2-8, but all are welcome.

Ellingtown

Fridays and Saturdays, Jan 12 - 20

10:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Join Duke Ellington, the great master of Jazz as he takes us on a musical journey with puppets of all sorts in this special presentation produced by the Nashville Jazz Workshop in cooperation with Wishing Chair Productions. 30 min. Recommended for ages 0-8, but all are welcome.

Tall Tale Circus

Fridays and Saturdays, Feb 16 - 24

10:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Come see Pecos Bill, Calamity Jane, John Henry and Johnny Appleseed – live and in person, in this musical extravaganza for the whole family! You may even see a big blue ox…if you’re lucky! 40 min. Recommended for ages 5-12, but all are welcome.

Hunger Awareness Story Time: Bear Wants More

Jan 2-3

9:30 AM, 10:30 AM, and 11:30 AM

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TEENS

Studio NPL Graphic Design and Photography

Every Monday

4:00 PM

Join Studio NPL mentors at our Main space to explore studio photography, lighting, and graphic design. Patrons will have the opportunity to use specialized professional level cameras, lighting, and software. All levels welcome. For teens age 12-18.

Music Production Audio Suite

Every Monday through Friday

3:00 PM

A mentor facilitates these times as a combination of focused music production workshops and open access to the Studio NPL audio suite. Reserve times at the Studio NPL desk. For grades 9-12.

Playmakers

Every Tuesday

3:30 PM

A program for playing and making. For teens in grades 7-12.

Film and Media Production

Every Tuesday

This Studio NPL workshop delves deeper into the various roles of those involved in the film and television industry, including storyboarding and script writing, voice over training, lighting, and camera operation. This class also builds on the real-world career skills needed in these fields and includes guest mentors from the film and television industry. Open to beginners and experts in middle and high school, ages 12-18.

Fiction Writing Workshop

Every Wednesday

3:30 PM

Teens work with mentors to create short stories and other forms of fiction. Workshops lead to the publishing of a final anthology. For ages 12-18. Hosted by Southern Word.

Fandom Club

Every Wednesday

3:30 PM

Fandoms, unite! Geek out as we explore the art of fandom through discussions and debates, DIY fan art, cosplay, viewing parties, and more! For teens in grades 7-12.

Come and Craft It

Every Thursday

Join us for a variety of fun crafts that would make great gifts too! For teens in grades 7-12.

The Power of the Pen

Every Thursday

4:00 PM

Teens work with mentors to learn the art of writing spoken word poetry and song verse. Writers of all genres are welcome. For ages 12-18. Hosted by Southern Word.

Cook and Craft

Every Thursday in Jan and Feb

3:30 PM

Don't miss creating fun and useful crafts and even more fun and tasty food creations. If you attend the first week of each craft, you are guaranteed a spot for the second.

Jan 4 and 11: Tumblers & Frappes

Jan 18 and 25: Soup Bowls & Soup Mix

Feb 1: No event

Feb 8 and 15: Tea Cups & Tea Bags

Feb. 22 and Mar 1: Salad Plates & Salad Mix

Live Music Jam

Every Friday

3:00 PM

A day to celebrate live music and performance, the Studio NPL music teacher brings out our collection of guitars, drums, keyboards, and more and offers instruction in basic music theory and performance. Special musical guests are invited throughout the series to jam with us. Bring your own instrument or jam with ours! Open to middle and high school students aged 12-18.

Adulting for Teens

Every Friday

3:30 PM

Teens, learn tips that will help make you successful adults. How to dress to impress, how to write the perfect resume, and how to handle that upcoming paycheck are examples of what you could learn. For teens in grades 7-12.

Studio NPL Open Lab

Every Saturday

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Teen patrons are welcome to drop by the Studio to start or finish Studio NPL projects, refresh skills on any technology, or just hang out and tinker. Rotating staff of mentors are available to assist in pop-up programming. For grades 7-12.

Flashback Friday with Metro Archives

Fridays, Dec 15, Jan 26, Feb 23

3:30 PM

There's more to the Library than books. Learn about the intriguing surprises Metro Archives has hiding in its stacks. This event takes place at the Main Library Teen Department.

Global Education presents Afro-Brazilian Dance Team

Thursday, Feb 1

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Global Education Center's Afro-Brazilian Dance Team shares cultural traditions, dancing, and drumming from the Latin American country of Brazil. For teens in grades 7-12.

ADULTS

Employment Assistance for Veterans Experiencing Homelessness

Every Monday

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Volunteers of America meets to help veterans experiencing homelessness with career counseling and mentoring, classroom training, financial assistance, life skills support services, job placement and follow-up activities, and job training and search assistance. No appointments necessary for this drop-in counseling held in the third-floor study rooms.

Lunchtime Yoga

Every Monday

1:00 PM

Come practice yoga with a Yoga Alliance certified instructor. All you need are comfy clothes and a yoga mat or towel. Beginners to intermediates welcome. Class held in the Children's Theatre (2nd floor).

Introduction to Computers

Every 1st and 2nd Monday

2:00 PM

A great beginners overview of computer concepts. Know nothing about computers? Afraid of computers? Fear no more, come to our introduction class on computers and see how fun and powerful computers can be.

Dec 11: Starting with Google

Jan 8: The Basics

Jan 16: Social Media Basics

Feb 5: The Basics

Feb 12: Googling Like a Pro

First Tuesday at the Metro Archives

Every 1st Tuesday

12:30 PM

Monthly presentations on the people, places, events, and traditions in Nashville history. Dec 5: Joyce Blaylock. Jan 2: TBA Feb 6: TBA

Job and Housing Help from Metro Social Services

Every Tuesday

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

City-employed social workers help Davidson County residents, 18 years and older, who are homeless or at imminent risk of losing their housing. They do not provide direct financial assistance to library patrons, but instead refer people to community organizations that can help them obtain or keep housing and employment.

Great Books Reading and Discussion Program

Every Tuesday

4:45 PM

Explore the classics.

Plato: Phaedrus.

Dec 5: To 241d (20 pages).

Dec 12: To 257b (20 pages).

Dec 19: To end (32 pages).

Jonathan Swift: Gulliver's Travels.

Jan 2: Part 1, Chapters 1-3.

Jan 9: Part 1, Chapters 4-8.

Jan 16: Part 2, Chapters 1-4.

Jan 23: Part 2, Chapters 5-8.

Jan 30: Part 3, Chapters 1-5.

Feb 6: Part 3, Chapters 6-11.

Feb 13: Part 4, Chapters 1-6.

Feb 20: Part 4, chapters 7-12.

Aeschylus: Prometheus Bound.

Feb 27: Complete (40 pages).

Job Lab

Every Tuesday and Thursday

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Drop into Job Lab for personal help creating a resume, searching for a job, and more. In the Computer Classroom, 3rd floor.

Affordable Care Act Open Enrollment

Every Wednesday through Dec 13, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Every Saturday through Dec 9, 10:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Friday, Dec 15, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Join a Certified Healthcare Navigator from Get Covered Tennessee for one-on-one assistance signing up for health insurance. No appointment required.

Panel Discussion: A Comics Book Club

Every 1st Wednesday

12:00 PM

Marvel vs. DC? Fantagraphics vs. Drawn & Quarterly? Join us for Panel Discussion, a comics book club for adults. Meets in The Commons, 3rd Floor.

Mental Health Cooperative Outreach

Every Wednesday

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Mental Health Cooperative outreach workers host drop-in visits in the third-floor study rooms. They can provide counseling and assist people experiencing homelessness in applying for benefits.

Operation Stand Down Veterans Outreach

Every Wednesday

3:00 PM

An outreach worker with Operation Stand Down Tennessee will assist any Veteran with questions on how to connect to the resources and benefits they've earned. Job search and placement, transitional and permanent supportive housing, 9-11 GI Bill Advice, and legal aid assistance are just a few of the services provided by OSDTN.

VA Drop-In

Every Wednesday, beginning Dec 20

3:00 PM

Get assistance creating and accessing your benifits through MyHealtheVet, a service for veterans and their families to access their health records, contact doctors, and more.

Killer Thrillers Book Club

Every 1st Thursday

12:00 PM

Join us for Killer Thrillers, a book club devoted to reading mysteries and thrillers, both classic and contemporary. Meets in The Commons, 3rd Floor.

Word Art Poetry Discussion Group

Every 2nd Thursday

12:00 PM

This monthly gathering of poetry enthusiasts explores selections from the American canon of poetry, with a few foreign exceptions. Schedule of readings and events available by email. Meets in The Commons, Main Library, 3rd Floor. Contact Paul Smethers at paul.smethers@nashville.gov or (615) 862-5816.

Shakespeare Allowed!

Every 1st Saturday

12:00 PM

Nashville Shakespeare Festival invites you to read every play Shakespeare wrote, out loud in a reading circle.

Dec 2: "Antony & Cleopatra".

Jan 6: "The Winter's Tale".

Feb 3: "The Tempest".

Cube Pushers Game Club

Every 3rd Saturday

2:00 PM

Are you a hobby gamer? Dice chucker? Euro for life? Come play at the library. Great lighting and super comfy chairs. See your game projected on a big screen. BYOG (bring-your-own-game) or play one of the library's games. Real life game librarians can teach you a new game. Cube Pushers is for grown-up gamers. Munchkins should be accompanied by adult gamers.

Holiday Concert featuring The Nashville Belles

Saturday, Dec 2, 2017 12:00 PM

The Nashville Belles, an all-female a cappella group under the direction of Christina Watson, will sing beautiful four-part arrangements of holiday songs. Courtyard Gallery (2nd Floor).

Lunchtime Meditation

Mondays, Dec 4, Jan 8, Feb 4

12:15 PM

Join us to de-stress during lunch. Meditation teacher Lisa Ernst, founder of One Dharma Nashville, demonstrates mindfulness techniques to help you reduce stress and increase overall well-being. All are welcome. No registration required. Meditation held in the Children's Theatre (2nd floor).

Introduction to eBooks

Saturday, Dec 16

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Learn the ins and outs of checking out eMaterials from the library.

Lunch and Learn: Interviewing Skills

Thursday, Jan 11

12:00 PM

Looking for a new job in the new year? Stop by to brush up on your interviewing skills and techniques so you rock that next interview.

Movies @ Main: The Black Stallion (1979)

Saturday, Jan 13

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Ten-year-old Alec and a magnificent wild horse are the only survivors of a tragic shipwreck off the northern coast of Africa. What happens to the pair after they are rescued proves to be a grand adventure all the way to the United States! Listen to our Legends of Film interview with The Black Stallion Director Carroll Ballard. G. 1979. 118 min.

Wolf Tickets and Pickled Peppers Poetry Writing Workshop

Saturdays, Jan 6, Jan 27, Feb 17, Mar 10, Mar 31, Apr 21

11:00 AM

This 6-week poetry writing workshop focuses on basics in poetry composition (rhythm, rhyme, meter), then launches into examinations of free verse, contemporary approaches, and a host of fun and interesting figures of speech. Each session presents new material and practice opportunities. Attendance is limited to fifteen, so call and reserve your place early. For adults and teens. For more information, contact Paul Smethers at paul.smethers@nashville.gov or (615) 862-5816.

BELLEVUE

CHILDREN

Mother Goose Moments

Every Monday

10:15 AM

Babies may join Ms. Donna for rhymes, songs, fingerplays, ABCs, 123s, stories, and more. For ages birth-24 months.

Family Fun Time

Every Monday

6:30 PM

Join Ms. Katie for stories, songs, fingerplays, and crafts. For ages 3-5.

Adventure Club

Every Tuesday

4:00 PM

School-age children can join us for crafts, activities, special guests, movies, and more! There's something new every week. For grades K-4.

Story Time

Every Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

10:15 AM

Singing, fingerplays, rhymes, ABCs, 123s, stories, and much more with Ms. Donna and Bear! For ages 3-5.

Crayon Kids

Every Thursday

10:15 AM

Join Ms. Katie at the library for some crafty fun! For ages 3-5.

Grow Baby

Every Friday

10:15 AM

An engaging program geared toward babies (0-24 months) and their caregivers. We'll have fun with stories, songs and rhymes, as well as creative play and sharing time!

READing Paws: Read with Snickers

Every 1st Saturday

1:30 PM

Visit with Snickers the Wonderdog, your canine friend who loves to listen while you read aloud. Bring your own book or choose one from the library. Call (615) 862-5854 to reserve your time with Snickers. For ages 5-12.

Storyland Saturdays

Every Saturday

10:15 AM

Join us at the library for some super stories, songs, and silliness! For ages 3-5.

LEGO Club

Every 3rd Sunday

3:00 PM

Imagine, think, and build something awesome with LEGO blocks! For ages 4 and up.

Cookie Decorating Party

Sunday, Dec 10

3:00 PM

Celebrate the season by decorating cookies! We will turn store bought cookies into yummy creations for sharing. Space is limited. Sign up at the Children’s Desk or call (615) 862-5854 to register. For ages 3-12.

Polar Express Day at the Library

Tuesday, Dec 12, 2017

5:30 PM - 7:45 PM

Celebrate the season with a special reading of the popular holiday picture book, The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg, followed by a screening of the full-length feature film. Reading starts at 5:30 p.m. with the film to follow. Feel free to wear your pajamas and bring blankets and pillows if you want to spread out on the floor! Rated G. 99 minutes. For ages 3-12, but all are welcome.

Hunger Awareness Story Time: Bear Wants More

Wednesday, Jan 10

11:15 AM

Did you know January is Hunger Awareness Month at the Library? Join us for a story time and craft based on Bear Wants More by Karma Wilson. When springtime comes, Bear wakes up very hungry and thin! Bear's friends help him to finally satisfy his HUGE hunger in a most surprising way. For ages 3-5.

Passport to Understanding presents People of Africa

Tuesday, Feb 27

4:00 PM

Global Education Center presents Passport to Understanding, an interactive journey through the music, toys, crafts, dance, and other traditions of West and East Africa. For grades K-4.

TEENS

Teen Studio

Every Monday through Thursday when school is in session

4:00 PM

Join us for different activities each week, including arts, crafts, simple circuits, 3D printing, and more! For grades 5-12.

Music Production

Every Thursday when school is in session

4:30 PM

Play instruments and learn to make beats and music tracks. For ages 12-18.

Teen Tech Lab

Every other Friday when school is in session.

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Teens work with a Studio NPL mentor on innovative technology projects including music, video, photography, design, textiles, and more. Projects vary each week. For ages 12-18.

Strangest Things: Tabletop Gaming

Saturdays, Dec 16, Jan 27, and Feb 24

12:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Play all your favorite tabletop games! BYOG (bring your own games) or play the games on demo from NPL. Any game from Settlers of Catan to Dungeons and Dragons: any card game, board game, role-playing game is accepted. We'll have snacks and sci-fi movies available all day. Show up anytime with your friends and family, or come and join a group! All are welcome at our table(s). For ages 12 and up.

Atari Club

Monday, Dec 11

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Come play various cartridge games on Atari consoles. Guest consoles - like Nintendo, Sega, and Sony -make appearances, too! For teens in grades 5-12 and adults. No registration is required.

Felt Food Craft

Thursday, Jan 4

4:00 PM

Come craft your favorite food out of felt and learn about Americans experiencing hunger. For grades 5-12.

Food Desert Craft

Monday, Jan 8

4:00 PM

What is a food desert? Make a punny craft and find out exactly what it means! For grades 5-12.

Tin Can Bank Craft

Thursday, Jan 18

4:00 PM

Create a bank out of a tin can. Take it home and use it to save money to donate to our neighbors experiencing hunger. For grades 5-12.

Create Your Own Mini Notebooks

Monday, Feb 5

4:00 PM

Do you need a place to record your innermost thoughts? Come create a mini notebook and learn about some famous African American authors. For grades 5-12.

Celebrate American Heart Month

Monday, Feb 26

4:00 PM

Did you know that February is American Heart Month? Help spread awareness about heart disease with this heart-related craft. For grades 5-12.

ADULTS

Gentle Yoga

Every Wednesday

4:30 PM

Stretch, strengthen, balance, breathe, laugh, and relax with certified yoga instructors. No experience necessary. You must be able to move from standing to the floor repeatedly without assistance. Bring your own mat/other yoga equipment. Mature children ages 11 and older may join in with a parent-signed waiver. If you are pregnant and new to yoga, we recommend you find a prenatal class instead.

Novel Conversations

Every 2nd Thursday

6:00 PM

Join us for lively book discussions.

Dec: American Heiress: The Wild Saga of the Kidnapping, Crimes and Trial of Patty Hearst, by Jeffrey Toobin

Jan: Dear Mr. M, by Herman Koch

Feb: The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit, by Michael Finkel

Scrabble Group

Every Thursday

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Play Scrabble the old-fashioned way - on a board! All skill levels are welcomed. Bring your board if you have one.

BellyTone Bone-Building Toning

Every Thursday

6:00 PM

BellyTone is a freshly unique method of toning the total core and the entire body with no stress to joints. The class includes extended floor work so participants must be able to move freely without assistance. Bring a mat and a set of very light hand weights. Mature children ages 11 and older are welcomed to participate with a parent-signed waiver.

Health Insurance Sign Ups

Every Friday through Dec 15

11:00 AM

Every Sunday through Dec 15

2:00 PM

A certified healthcare navigator will help you register for Health Insurance. Get free, personal assistance during the Marketplace open enrollment period, Nov 1 - Dec 15. The healthcare navigator will help you enroll in an insurance plan, answer your questions, or help you apply for TennCare. The navigator does not represent any insurance company and receives no commission. Make an appointment by calling (844) 644-5443 or going to www.getcoveredtenn.org Walk-ins also welcome.

Friends of the Bellevue Branch Library Meeting

Every 2nd Saturday

10:15 AM

Find out how you can get involved with fundraising and supporting the Bellevue Branch! New members are always welcome.

Songwriters Group

Every 3rd Saturday

11:00 AM

Are you a songwriter looking for an ear? Join our songwriters group! Bring your song, lyric sheets, and a device to play your song for the group. Works in progress or final demos are welcome. For more information about this group, contact ninapacent@bellsouth.net.

Books and Brews

Every last Saturday

11:00 AM

Join us for book discussions at Black Abbey Brewery. To join the e-mail list, contact andrew.palmer@nashville.gov.

Dec 30: The Strange Library by Haruki Murakami

Jan 27: Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi

Feb 24: A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Bellevue Chess Club

Every last Saturday

1:00 PM

Sharpen your chess skills or just learn how to play. All ages and skill levels welcomed.

Film as Art

Saturdays, Dec 2, Jan 13, and Feb 10

2:30 PM

Want to deepen your knowledge of film? Join us as we watch films through the lens of art. Refreshments will be served and a brief discussion will be held after the screening.

Dec 2: Moonrise Kingdom

Jan 13: Brick

Feb 10: The Untouchables

Juicing for the New Year

Tuesday, Jan 9

5:30 PM

Juicing is one of the fastest, most convenient ways to maximize your daily nutrient intake. Join Inner-G Juice at the Bellevue Library to learn recipes and tricks that make juicing easy on your time, your budget, and your body. Samples provided!

Understanding Sugar So You Can Kick the Habit

Saturday, Jan 13

10:30 AM

Have you ever noticed how you feel worse after a sugar crash, or experience problems like dull skin, headaches, elevated stress levels, poor sleep, or weight gain? Join wellness coach Amber Robertson for a workshop about how to manage your sugar cravings without giving up sweets. Rather than denying your sweet tooth, learn how to understand your cravings, discover what sugar is doing to your body, and find creative ways to appease your appetite with healthier sweet options.

Bellevue Swap Party

Saturday, Feb 10

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Was your New Year's resolution to clean out, organize, and streamline your home? Are you looking to update your wardrobe or home without spending money? Out with the old and in with the new-to-you.

Bring your clean, gently used clothing, small housewares, and children's toys to share with the community. Bring a tote bag for your new finds. All items will be free. Everything left at the end of the swap will be donated to Goodwill. Clothing must be clean and in good condition. All types and sizes are welcome. Housewares and toys must be clean and in working condition with all components.

BORDEAUX

CHILDREN

Twilight Story Time

Every Tuesday

6:00 PM

A fun family evening filled with stories and crafts. For families with children ages 5-10, but all are welcome.

Preschool Story Time

Every Tuesday

10:30 AM

Join us for stories, songs, and crafts. For ages 3-5.

After School Movies

Every 1st and 3rd Thursday

6:00 PM

Enjoy a family movie at the library. Movie snacks provided. For ages 5-12. Families welcome.

Holiday Party with Mrs. Claus and Santa

Saturday, Dec 9

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Make your holiday memories extra special this year. Come see Mrs. Claus entertain with balloon animals, face painting, games, and general silliness. Cookies and punch will be provided. Santa will visit with children and be available for pictures.

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10:30 AM

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Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter: An African Tale, with Michael Mclendon

Tuesday, Feb 13

10:30 AM

Hear the story of spiteful Manyara and considerate Nyasha as a professional storyteller performs this African tale that evokes the Cinderella story we all know and love. For ages 3-8.

Puppet Truck presents: Anansi the Spider

Monday, Feb 26

10:30 AM

This colorful marionette and hand-and-rod puppet play is based on African tales of a tricky spider who uses his cleverness to achieve his wishes. The Wood and Strings Puppet Company created the show's beautiful marionettes especially for the Library, while our very own Wishing Chair Productions created the hand-and-rod puppets and all other aspects of the show. For grades pre-K-5, but all are welcome.

TEENS

Mellow Mondays

Every Monday

3:00 PM

Hang Out, Mess Around, Geek Out and who knows, you might make something in the meantime. For grades 6th-12th.

Homework Help

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

5:00 PM

Academic exploration featuring Ms. Magda and Ms. Shelly, with special appearances by Studio NPL's Mr. and Ms. Megan. For teens in grades 6-12.

Twisty and Tangible Tuesdays

Every Tuesday

3:00 PM

Craft/build/make a thing and take it home. For teens in grades 6-12.

Willy-Nilly Wednesdays

Every Wednesday

3:00 PM

Stay late and explore the world of STEAM. Yes, it can apply to life out of school! For teens in grades 6-12.

Beats and Music Production

Every 1st Thursday

4:15 PM

Teen producers of all levels, including songwriters, singers, and rappers who are interested in producing their own music, learn how to make beats and music tracks using Logic Pro. For teens in grades 6-12.

Television and Tabletop Thursdays

Every Thursday

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Whether it's playing the Xbox or pulling out all of the board games, bring your friends to geek out over your particular passion. For teens in grades 6-12.

Tasty Treats and Tall Tales

Saturday, Dec 2

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Enjoy a snack and hear a short story meant for the ears of an older audience. For teens in grades 6-12.

Stress Reduction Exercise

Tuesdays, Dec 4, Jan 30, Feb 6

4:30 PM

Learn how to listen to your body's signs of stress, so you can take control of your reactions. For grades 6-12.

Turnip Green presents: Press the Button

Tuesday, Dec 5

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Where: Bordeaux

Make a button masterpiece with holiday flair to celebrate National Button Day. For teens in grades 6-12.

Holiday Movie Night: Elf (2003)

Monday, Dec 11

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Will Ferrell stars as Buddy, a regular-sized man who was raised as an elf by Santa Claus. When the news is finally broken to Buddy that he's not a real elf, he decides to head back to his place of birth, New York City, in search of his biological family. 2003. PG. 95 min. For grades 6-12.

Hunger Awareness Month Movie Night: The 11th Hour (2007)

Monday, Jan 8

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Leonardo DiCaprio explores the indelible footprint that humans have left on this planet, and the catastrophic effects of environmental neglect and abuse, and calls for restorative action through a reshaping of human activity. 2007. PG. 132 min. For grades 6-12.

Keep MLK's Dream Alive with Your Own Danny Lyon Style World-Changing Art

Tuesday, Jan 9

4:30 PM

Photographer and Civil Rights activist Lyon wrote, in 1974: “We dream of works of art and social realism that have the power to change men and transform society.” Brainstorm real solutions how to transform society and make a multi-media piece to inspire others toward progress. For grades 6-12.

Sci-Fi Smoothies

Tuesday, Jan 16

4:00 PM

Customize your own smoothie with healthy and delicious ingredients. Learn about upcoming Fandom Fest and help name the smoothie that will be featured at that event in March! For grades 6-12.

Turnip Green presents Hunger Awareness Month's Make Your Own Snack Bag

Monday, Jan 22

4:30 PM

Tired of juggling all those plastic bags at the store? Make your own recycled t-shirt bag to fetch your after school snacks. For grades 6-12.

AVP (Alternatives to Violence Project) presents Active Listening

Tuesday, Jan 23

4:30 PM

Explore this tool for improving communication. Learn how words, especially put-downs, can affect us on all levels with active Light and Livelies that will hopefully get students moving and laughing. For grades 6-12.

Hunger Awareness Month presents Mac and Cheese Makeover: A Healthier-Comfort Food

Monday, Jan 29

4:30 PM

Join Health Coach Amber Robertson for a different way to create your favorite snack. For ages 11-18+.

Show and Tell: Metro Archives presents Technology Zoo

Tuesday, Feb 6

4:30 PM

Explore STEAM from days of yore. What did our forebears use to build a better world? From a 1920s iPod to 200 year old texts, how did we share with one another way back when? Come and find out. For grades 6-12.

African-American History Month Movie Night: Malcolm X (1992)

Monday, Feb 12

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Born Malcolm Little, his minister father was killed by the Ku Klux Klan. He became a gangster, and while in jail discovered the Nation of Islam writings of Elijah Muhammad. After getting out of jail, he preached the teachings, but later went on a pilgrimage to the city of Mecca, where he become a Sunni Muslim. He changed his name to El-Hajj Malik Al-Shabazz and stoped his anti-white teachings. During a 1965 speech, Malcolm X was shot and killed, reportedly by Nation of Islam members. 1992. PG-13. 201 min. For grades 6-12.

St. Valentine's Day, STEAM Style

Wednesday, Feb 14

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Studio NPL Mentors share their love, Mad Scientist Style. For grades 6-12.

Be a Guerrilla Artist Social Justice Warrior

Tuesday, Feb 20

4:30 PM

Celebrate our country's diverse holidays: Chinese New Year (Feb 16), Presidents' Day (Feb 19), World Day of Social Justice (Feb 20), and African-American History Month. Make a multi-media collage in the spirit of activist-artists Alma Woodsey Thomas, Albert V. Chong, and Swati Khurana. For grades 6-12.

Spoons Playing: From Nothing to Something

Wednesday, Feb 21

4:00 PM

Hear the "Spoons Man" play! Explore the history, development, and use of spoons playing across musical genres. Start creating your own music with spoons! Presented by the National Museum of African American Music. For ages 10-17.

Casual Cooking Club

Monday, Feb 26

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Join Ms. Shelly in experimenting with simple recipes that will fill your belly and help you Be Well at NPL. For teens in grades 6 – 12.

ADULTS

Crock Pot Luck

Mondays, Jan 29, Feb 26

5:30 PM

Come enjoy and learn how to make delicious meals that can be prepped in 30 minutes or less using a crockpot.

Gentle Yoga

Every Tuesday

10:15 AM

Join Small World Yoga for a gentle yoga class tailored to seniors. You may borrow one of our mats or bring your own. Adults of all abilities welcome.

Just Right Smoothies

Every Tuesday

11:00 AM

Enjoy delicious smoothies and learn how to make smoothies of your own.

Community Yoga

Every Tuesday.

5:15 PM

Breathe and stretch with Small World Yoga in this beginner-friendly class. Borrow one of our mats or bring your own. All ages and abilities welcome.

Yoga for the Culture

Every Wednesday

6:15 PM

Deidra Alexander leads a more advanced yoga class. Come flow and grow in love as we open our hearts and minds to spread love throughout the community.

Adult Coloring Night

Every Thursday

6:00 PM

Cozy up in the library and join us for an evening of tea and coloring. Learn about the mental health benefits of this simple art form.

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CHILDREN

Little Movers Story Time

Every Monday

10:30 AM

Join Ms. Alicia for a 30-minute story time of fun and interactive stories and songs. A 30-minute play and social time will immediately follow story time. Geared toward ages 1-2; all little ones are welcome.

Preschool Power Story Time (Sensory Friendly)

Every Wednesday, except for 3rd Wednesdays

1:00 PM

Learn preschool concepts with Ms. Alicia while participating in fun and interactive stories, songs, and art. The program is structured for children with autism. For ages 3-6, but all are welcome.

Chat 'n' Chew for Tweens

Thursdays, Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8

4:30 PM

Join us for a laid back discussion of a different book each month. Snacks will be provided. Call (615) 862-5859 for the titles of books to be discussed. For ages 10-13.

Storytime with Snowbird

Saturday, Jan 6

2:00 PM

Join us as our favorite penguin, Snowbird, entertains us with books and laughter. For ages 3-10.

Family, Fun, and Literacy: How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Saturday, Dec 16

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Come for a read aloud of How the Grinch Stole Christmas, followed by Grinch-related activities. For families of children ages 5-10.

Hunger Awareness Story Time: Bear Wants More

Monday, Jan 8

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Nashville Zoo: Winter Animals

Saturday, Jan 13

2:00 PM

Learn all about winter animals such as the barn owl, the giant Flemish rabbit, and the Virginia Opossum. For ages 5-9, but all are welcome.

Music of Africa at The Hermitage

Thursday, Feb 1

4:30 PM

Look at the artistic and cultural lives of the slaves Andrew Jackson owned at The Hermitage. Use the archaeological record from these 150 slaves to recreate musical instruments like djembes, shekeres, and washboards. For ages 6-12.

TEENS

Chat 'n' Chew for Teens

Thursdays, Dec 14, 28, Jan 11, 25, Feb 8

4:30 PM

Join us for a laid back discussion of a different book each month. Snacks will be provided. For ages 13-18.

EAST

CHILDREN

Preschool Story Time

Every Monday

10:15 AM

Join us for stories, songs, and fun. For ages 2-4.

LEGO at the Library

Every 4th Saturday

10:30 AM

Come build with LEGO: bring your imagination and we provide the materials. For ages 3-12.

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Tales of Bre'r Rabbit

Wednesday, Feb 7

10:30 AM

Storyteller Michael Diallo McLendon presents “Tales of Bre'er Rabbit,” the story of a trickster who succeeds because of his wits and not because of his brawn and who provokes authority figures and bends social mores as he sees fit. For ages 2-12, but all are welcome.

TEENS

Gaming Monday

Every Monday

3:00 PM

Compete against your friends on the Xbox and Wii. For ages 12-17.

Maker Tuesday

Every Tuesday

3:00 PM

Unleash your imagination in our Maker Space. For ages 12-17.

Cypher

Every Wednesday

3:00 PM

Emcees, poets, DJs, rappers, spoken word artists, and producers develop their work, share pieces, and collaborate on projects. For ages 12-17.

Tech Thursday

Every Thursday

3:00 PM

Come explore cutting-edge technology with Studio NPL. For ages 12-17.

Teen Theater

Every Thursday

3:00 PM

Join us for an after school movie. For ages 12-17.

Dec 7: Elf

Dec 14: A Madea Christmas

Jan 4: Clueless

Jan 11: Mean Girls

Jan 18: Selma

Jan 25: La La Land

Feb 1: The Pursuit of Happyness

Feb 8: Loving

Feb 15: The Color Purple

Feb 22: Fences

Creative Constructions

Tuesday, Jan 9

3:00 PM

Channel your inner builder in this imagination-driven program. The sky is the limit when you believe in yourself! For ages 12-17.

Digital Discovery

Tuesday, Jan 23

3:00 PM

Come explore the many uses of technology in art, music, and beyond. For ages 12-17.

Make Your Own Rainbow Loom Bracelets

Tuesday, Feb 6

3:00 PM

Create a festive rubber band bracelets using design looms and instructional videos. For ages 12-17.

Design Valentine's Day Cards

Tuesday, Feb 13

3:00 PM

Let that special someone know how you feel by hand-crafting a beautiful message of affection. For ages 12-17.

Build with a 3Doodler

Tuesday, Feb 20

3:00 PM

Draw your imagination in three dimensions using a gravity defying 3D pen. For ages 12-17.

Make Your Own African-American Hero Button

Tuesday, Feb 27

3:00 PM

In honor of African American History Month, emblazon the visage of an African-American hero on a button to display proudly, inspiring discourse. For ages 12-17.

ADULTS

Yoga

Every Tuesday

6:30 PM

Practice the art of yoga with us. Beginners are welcome. Please bring your own mat or towel.

Community Reiki Share

Thursdays, Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Reiki is a Japanese technique for stress reduction and relaxation. Led by local Reiki practitioners, join us to learn, experience and share.

EDMONDSON PIKE

CHILDREN

Family Night Story TimeEvery Monday6:30 PMBring the family and join us for stories and other fun activities. For ages 0-5.Bilingual Story TimeEvery 1st Tuesday 6:00 PMJoin us for a bilingual story time, with books read in English and Spanish. Each month has a new theme. For ages 4-7. **READing Paws and NPL present: A Pawsitive Experience**Every 4th Tuesday4:30 PMSchool age children: cuddle up with a canine friend who will listen while you read a good book to him. Sign up for your spot to read to Zarth, a READing Paws German Shepherd. Limited space; registration is required for a specific 15-minute time period. Call (615) 880-3957, ext. 73780 to register. For ages 4 and older.

Preschool Story TimeEvery Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.10:00 AMJoin us for stories, rhymes, songs, and a lot of early literacy fun. For ages 0-5.**LEGO Junior Builders Club**Every 2nd Saturday 10:30 AMCome and build with LEGO - we provide the materials. Registration is required. Please call (615) 880-3957, ext. 73780 to register. For ages 4 and older. **Hunger Awareness Story Time: Bear Wants More**Wednesday, Jan 2410:00 AM and 11:00 AMDid you know January is Hunger Awareness Month at the Library? Join us for a story time and craft based on Bear Wants More by Karma Wilson. When springtime comes, Bear wakes up very hungry and thin! Bear's friends help him to finally satisfy his HUGE hunger in a most surprising way. For ages 0-5.

**The Legend of John Henry**Monday, Feb 56:30 PMHear storyteller Michael Diallo McLendon tell “The Legend of John Henry,” a “steel driving man” whose prowess was measured in a race against a steam-powered hammer. For ages 0-5.**Puppet Truck presents: Anansi the Spider**Saturday, Feb 2410:30 AMThis colorful marionette and hand-and-rod puppet play is based on African tales of a tricky spider who uses his cleverness to achieve his wishes. The Wood and Strings Puppet Company created the show’s beautiful marionettes especially for the Library, while our very own Wishing Chair Productions created the hand-and-rod puppets and all other aspects of the show. For ages 3-7, but all are welcome.

TEENS

**Teen Time**Every Monday through Thursday while school is in session5:30 PMJoin us for arts, crafts, gaming, movies, and more! You can get homework help, study, or just hang out as well. For teens, ages 12-18 in grades 7-12.**Adulting 101: Financial Literacy**Tuesday, Dec 55:30 PMLearn the basics of finances, the functionality of checking and savings account, credit cards, and general banking.**Adulting 101: Introduction to Home Ownership Presented by THDA**Thursday, Jan 255:30 PMLearn about the benefits of homeownership, the THDA down payment assistance programs, and the importance of attending a homebuyers education course.

**Adulting 101: Caring For Your Clothes**Thursday, Feb 85:30 PMMake sure you always look sharp by caring for your clothes properly. Learn how to iron, wash your clothes so they do not fade or get ruined, and sew a button or tear.

ADULTS

**Hollywood Holiday Classic FilmsE**very Monday and Wednesday

10:30 AM – 12:30 PMJoin us for holiday classic movies. Dec 4: Miracle on 34th Street. Dec 6: Imitation of Life. Dec 11: A Christmas Carol. Dec 13: It's a Wonderful Life. Dec 18: White Christmas. Dec 20: Holiday Inn. Dec 27: New Year's Eve.

**Classic Movie MondaysEvery** Monday, beginning Jan 810:30 AM – 12:30 PMShowcasing Hollywood's best classic films.

**Gadget Lab**Every Monday 1:00 PMBring your personal computer, tablet, or smart device and learn to use library digital services. No registration required.

**Yoga Tuesdays**Every Tuesday6:00 PMStretch, strengthen, balance, breathe, laugh, and relax with certified yoga instructors from Small World Yoga. Wear comfortable clothes that you can exercise in and you may borrow one of our mats or bring your own. All ages and abilities welcome.

**Body Beat**Every Wednesday in Jan6:00 PMJoin us for a high intensity workout to upbeat music. Registration is not required. The class is free and open to everyone.

**Fiction Writers Group**Every Wednesday6:30 PMAll genres of fiction and writing levels are welcome. Come chat with other writers, get feedback on your work, or use the space to work on your own projects independently. If bringing work for critique, please limit to 5 pages per meeting.**Gentle YogaEvery Thursday** 10:15 AMJoin Small World Yoga every Thursday morning for a gentle yoga class. You may borrow one of our mats or bring your own. All ages and abilities welcome.**1st Thursday Book ClubEvery 1st Thursday**

10:15 AMEvery 1st Thursday Join us every month for informal book discussions, alternating fiction and non-fiction titles.

**ZumbaEvery** Thursday in Jan 6:00 PMEvery class feels like a party with Solimar Johnson! Come join and see what I mean. You don't even have to know how to dance. Just move your body and follow her lead. It's easy! Cada clase es una fiesta con Solimar Johnson! Ven y comparte conmigo y veras lo que quiero decir. Tu no tienes ni que saber bailar. Solo mueve tu cuerpo y sigueme. Es facil!

**Hip Hop DanceEvery** Thursday in Feb6:00 PMJoin us for a fun, family workout where you move to the beat with local dancer Kyle Reed for a weekly dance class infused with hip hop, jazz, ballet and tumbling. No previous dance experience required to join the fun.

**BellyTone**Saturdays, Dec 9, Jan 13, and every Saturday in Feb10:30 AMJoin us for a safe, freshly unique method of toning the total core and the entire body with no stress to joints, which directly affects the stabilizer muscles, digestive and genitourinary system. No registration is required. **3rd Thursday Book Club**Every 3rd Thursday6:00 PMJoin the 3rd Thursday Book Club as we discuss contemporary fiction and non-fiction titles with other book fans.

**Craft Saturdays**Saturdays, Dec 2 and Jan 62:00 PMIf you consider yourself a crafty person or would like to learn cool new crafts, be sure to join us on the 1st Saturday of every month. You will learn something new, it's free, and you might make some new friends! Materials are limited. Registrations is required. Please call (615) 880-3957 to register.

**Senior Medical University 101**Mondays, Dec 4 and Feb 511:30 AMJoin us for a monthly health-related program for seniors made possible through a partnership between the library and other community agencies. Lunch is provided. Registration is required. Please call (615) 880-3957 to register.

**Internet Basics**Tuesdays, Dec 5, Jan 9, and Feb 611:00 AMThis class introduces you to the Internet. We explain web addresses, search engines, web pages and browsers. Seating is limited. Registration is required. Please call (615) 880-3957 to register.

**Intro to Excel**Fridays, Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 911:00 AMLearn the basics of Microsoft Excel. Seating is limited. Registration is required. Please call (615) 880-3957 to register.

**Email Basics**Tuesdays, Dec 12, Jan 16, Feb 1311:00 AMLearn how to sign up for a free email account. Learn how to receive and send emails, as well as send attachments. Bring a USB flash drive with you. Seating is limited. Registration is required. Please call (615) 880-3957 to register.**Edmondson Pike's Holiday Event**Saturday, Dec 1612:00 PMWe love the holidays and want to share the holiday spirit with you! There will be karaoke, games, trivia, and more to celebrate the holiday season.

**Word Basics**Tuesdays, Dec 19, Jan 23, Feb 2011:00 AMLearn how to create and edit a Word document. Use basic formatting tools, plus save and retrieve documents. Seating is limited. Registration is required. Please call (615) 880-3957 to register.

**Intro to Microsoft PowerPoint**Fridays, Dec 22, Jan 26, Feb 2311:00 AMCome learn the basics of Microsoft PowerPoint. Seating is limited. Registration is required. Please call (615) 880-3952 to register.**Computer Basics**Tuesdays, Jan 2, Jan 30, Feb 2711:00 AMWant to begin using a computer? Need practice using a mouse and keyboard? This class introduces first-time and novice computer users to common computer terms and features. Seating is limited. Registration is required. Please call (615)880-3957 to register.**Crockpot Cooking Demo**Saturday, Jan 611:00 AMInterested in quick meal options? If so, come enjoy and learn how to make delicious meals that can be cooked in 30 minutes or less using a crockpot. Registration required. Please call 615-880-3957 to register.**Stretching Your Food Dollar**Monday, Jan 86:00 PMLearn techniques to create and maintain your food budget and save money by understanding grocery store pricing. No registration required.**Spring Garden Prep and Cold-Tolerant Crops**Saturday, Jan 131:00 PMLearn how to get your garden ready for early Spring and know which crops are cold-tolerant with Dan Harrell of the UT/Agriculture Extension.**Documentary: King, Man of Peace in a Time of War**Saturday, Jan 132:00 PMCelebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King by watching this documentary. **Weigh Less, Live More: A Non-Diet Approach to Weight Loss**Saturday, Jan 2011:00 AMIf you've tried diet after diet with little success or if you've ever put your life on hold until you could drop the weight, you are not alone. In this wellness presentation, you'll learn techniques to approach weight loss from a non-diet perspective, discover some of the biggest contributing factors to weight gain in our society, and rather than counting every calorie and exercising until you're exhausted, you will learn how to shift your focus so that weight loss actually becomes secondary to a pleasurable life.**Winter Indoor Herb Garden**Monday, Jan 225:30 PMLearn how you can enjoy fresh herbs all winter long. No registration required.**10 Habits for a Better Life**Saturday, Jan 2711:00 AMLearn daily routines and techniques that will increase the quality of your life by being intentional about how you use your time and energy. No registration required.**30 Minute Meals**Monday, Jan 296:00 PMJoin us to learn how to make one-dish meals that includes starches, vegetables, and traditional meat. Registration is required. Please call 615-880-3957 to register.**Alma Thomas: Capturing Color/Painting Abstractions with Turnip Green**Saturday, Feb 31:00 PMTake a look at African-American artist Alma Thomas's watercolor paintings, inspired by the constantly changing colors in her garden. Then create your own watercolor paints from dried-up markers, and take home extra recycled paper so you can paint what you see through your own window!**Danny Lyon: Civil Rights Movement, Polaroid Panel with Turnip Green**Monday, Feb 55:30 PMInvestigate Danny Lyon's photographs to learn about the Civil Rights Movement. Brainstorm solutions to improve today's world. Then make a Polaroid panel triptych to represent your ideas. Turnip Green will share a collaborative photo of the artworks on their social media channels!**Retelling History with Historic Photographs**Wednesday, Feb 75:30 PMPeer into the past with the Library’s collection of photo archives. Interpret them for yourself; then, get the true story from our expert librarians.**African American Beauty Refuel**Saturday, Feb 101:00 PMJoin Talisha Huddleston, founder of Dream Hair Makeovers, to learn tips and tricks for hair and skin care. Find out what toxic ingredients might be in your products at home, and how to make some natural ones from scratch!**Basics of Organic Gardening**Monday, Feb 124:30 PMLearn the basics of organic gardening including which fertilizers and pesticides are natural and safe to use.**The Harmonica: From Nothing to Something**Monday, Feb 125:30 PMExplore the history and sound of the harmonica, from its development in Europe in the early 1800s through today. Presented by the National Museum of African American Music.**The Wash Tub Bass: From Nothing to Something**Wednesday, Feb 145:30 PMExplore the history of the Wash Tub Bass. When Africans arrived in America, they used everyday items to replicate this instrument, which was originally made in Africa. Presented by the National Museum of African American Music.**Soul Food Makeover**Saturday, Feb 1712:00 PMLearn how to make your favorite soulful recipes healthy but maintain their delicious flavors with Chef Gregory Newson of Sultry Soul. This is a cooking demonstration and tasting. Registration is required. Please call (615) 880-3957 to register.**Jacob Lawrence: Great Migration/Stories and Series with Turnip Green**Wednesday, Feb 215:30 PMLearn about Jacob Lawrence's Migration Series, which depicts the movement of African-Americans during the 1930s. Work together with your family to tell a story through artworks made from reuse materials.**Lyrics and Spoken Word: From Nothing to Something**Saturday, Feb 243:00 PMExplore the history of lyrics and spoken word. Spoken word began with Africans and included stories, songs, and proverbs. People revealed their values, daily lives, traditions, and history. Presented by the National Museum of African American History.**Cigar Box Guitars: From Nothing to Something**Monday, Feb 265:30 PMDelve into the history and sound of the Cigar Box Guitar. These instruments have been around since the Civil War and have been used in Blues, Country, Bluegrass, Ragtime, and Jazz music.**Fresh Freedom: Freedom Song Analysis**Wednesday, Feb 285:30 PMListen to songs about freedom from the Library’s Civil Rights Collection. Use contemporary lyrics to create and sing your own freedom song using the traditional call-and-response method.

GOODLETTSVILLE

CHILDREN

Toddler Time

Every Monday

10:30 AM

15 minutes of stories and songs and 15 minutes of socialization through play time. For ages 18 months-3 years.

Baby Ball

Every Wednesday

10:00 AM

This lapsit story time includes songs, rhymes, stories, and play time. Events geared to jumpstart baby's brain development and early literacy skills. For ages 0-17 months.

Preschool Power

Every Wednesday

10:30 AM

Are you ready to sing songs, read awesome books, and create cool crafts? For ages 3-5.

Create and Craft

Saturdays, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10

10:30 AM

Get creative with a family friendly arts and crafts time! For ages 4 and up, but all are welcome.

Come meet Santa

Thursday, Dec 14

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Santa and Mrs. Clause appear at the library to meet all the good boys and girls who want to share their wish list with them. We read a story or two, and have free refreshments.

Potterpalooza

Saturday, Jan 6

10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Come celebrate all things Harry Potter!

We play weird and wonderful games, enjoy sweet treats and much more. We encourage everyone to dress up as their favorite Harry Potter character. The Care of Magical Creatures Class begins promptly at 10:30 AM. We have activities for kids age 5 and up, for teens, and for adults.

Hunger Awareness Story Time

Wednesday, Jan 10

10:30 AM

Join us as we read stories about different types of food and do a food related craft. Handouts given out at the end of the program on how to help our community. For ages 3-7.

LEGO and Laughs

Wednesday, Jan 24 and Feb 21

3:30 PM

Let your imagination loose with LEGO bricks, puppets, and all kinds of toys! For ages 4 and up, but all are welcome.

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TEENS

BeTween Together

Every Tuesday

4:00 PM

Join us for snacks, games, movies, crafts and more! For ages 8-12.

Teen Time

Every Tuesday and Wednesday

4:30 PM

Every Tuesday and Wednesday Time for teens to gather and enjoy a variety of activities including crafts, games, snacks, video games, and more! For ages 12-18.

Studio NPL Learning Lab

Every Thursday

2:30 PM

Join our Studio NPL mentors for 3D printing, photography, video, coding, circuits, STEAM crafts, and more. For ages 12-18.

ADULTS

Needle Arts Club

Every 1st Thursday

6:30 PM

Do you have an interest in crocheting, knitting, sewing, or other needle arts? Bring your own project and get new ideas.

Senior Movie Day

Every 3rd Thursday

12:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Monthly movie viewings chosen for seniors by seniors.

Strange Adventures Comic Book Club

Wednesdays, Jan 10 and Feb 14

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Join us on strange and wonderful adventures through all the spectacular worlds of comics. All levels welcome. Ages 18+

Jan 10: Watchmen by Alan Moore

Feb 14: Sandman: Preludes and Nocturnes by Neil Gaiman

Page Turners Book Club

Tuesdays, Jan 30, Feb 27

6:30 PM

Join us for lively book discussions the last Tuesday of every month.

No Meeting in December.

Jan30: All the Ugly and Wonderful Things by Bryn Greenwood

Feb 27: Second Hand Time: The Last of the Soviets by Svetlana Alexievich

GREEN HILLS

CHILDREN

**Toddler TalesEvery** Monday10:30 AMToddler Tales is full of stories and songs for 1 and 2 year olds.**Nightlight Story TimeEvery 2nd and last** Monday

6:00 PMKids sing and dance and Miss Lana shares stories and crafts. For children ages 3-7. **Sounds of Storytelling**Every Tuesday except Dec 12, 19, and Jan 210:30 AMExperience an exciting blend of music, storytelling, and movement for children at this story time featuring violinist, Suzanne Potter and storyteller, Audrey Campbell. For ages birth-4.**Play and Learn**Every Wednesday at 3:00 PM

Every Sunday at 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM, when school is in session.Did you know young children do the majority of their learning through play? There are many other benefits as well! Drop in and play carefully selected games with your children. They'll be learning as they have fun in a relaxed environment! For children 2-6 years old.

**Little Learners**Every Wednesday except Dec 2710:30 AMMiss Lana presents stories and talks about colors, numbers, shapes, and letters. Stay after Story Time to do a variety of crafts. For ages 3-5.**Wee Wigglers: Baby Book Club**Every Thursday10:30 AMWe'll sing, read, and rhyme with plenty of time set aside for play! This program is tailored to babies' developmental needs. For infants 1-12 months and their grown-up.

**Big Kids ClubEvery** Thursday except Dec 284:00 PMJoin our Big Kids Club for a variety of activities from crafts and stories to games and science experiments. A snack is provided. For ages 5-9.**LEGO Building Fun**Every 1st Saturday10:30 AMThe LEGO League is designed for families - parents are encouraged to stay and build with their children. LEGO, Duplo, and Mega Blok bricks are provided.**Yoga for Kids**Every 3rd Sunday3:00 PMA fun experience for your child to move, breathe, play, and connect with their body. Kids will learn yoga poses, and play yoga and mindfulness games. They'll leave feeling more relaxed, focused, and connected to themselves and their fellow yogis. Yoga is a beautiful way for kids to build focus, create freedom in their movements, and tap into their inner light. For ages 3 and up.**Hunger Awareness Story Time: Bear Wants More**Wednesday, Jan 2410:30 AMDid you know January is Hunger Awareness Month at the Library? Join us for a story time and craft based on Bear Wants More by Karma Wilson. When springtime comes, Bear wakes up very hungry and thin! Bear's friends help him to finally satisfy his HUGE hunger in a most surprising way. For ages 3-5.**Hunger Awareness Story Time: Maddi's Fridge**Thursday, Jan 254:00 PMDid you know January is Hunger Awareness Month at the Library? Join us for a story time and craft based on Maddi’s Fridge by Louis Brandt, the story of two best friends who go to the same school, play at the same park, and live in the same neighborhood - but who have one really big difference: Sofia has a refrigerator full of food; Maddi doesn’t. For ages 5-9.**Toddler Tales: African American History**Monday, Feb 1210:30 AMJoin Miss Kristi for stories featuring African American children in celebration of African American History Month. For ages 1-2.

**TEENS**

**Teen TimeEvery** Monday-Friday when school is in session2:00 PM – 5:00 PMHang out, do homework, or join us for arts, crafts, gaming, movies, and more! For teens ages 12-18, in grades 7-12.**Studio NPL: Digital Programs**Mondays and Thursdays when school is in session

2:00 PM – 5:00 PMJoin us in the Teen Center and use innovative technology tools to produce 3D printed designs, vinyl stickers, electronics, robotics, videos, graphic design, and more. For teens ages 12-18 in grades 7-12.**Studio NPL: Music Production WorkshopsEvery** Tuesday when school is in session3:00 PMTeen producers of all levels--including songwriters, singers, and rappers--learn how to make beats and music tracks using Logic Pro. Hosted by Southern Word. For teens age 12-18, in grades 7-12.**African American History Month: Paintings of Alma Thomas**Wednesday, Feb 212:00 PMJoin us to learn about the life and art of Alma Thomas, and create paintings in a similar style. For teens age 12-18, in grades 7-12.**ADULTS**

**Current Events Discussion GroupEvery 1st and 3rd** Tuesday10:15 AMJoin this lively, informal group for a discussion of current events.**Learn QigongEvery 1st** Tuesday6:30 PMLearn the basics of Qigong, a Chinese healing art that integrates physical postures, breathing techniques, and focused intentions with certified Qigong instructor Kerry Miller.**Adult Coloring**Wednesdays, Dec 6, Jan 3, 31, Feb 28 at 3:00 PM; Thursdays, Dec 14, Jan 18, Feb 15 at 6:00 PM A proven stress-reducer for many people, adult coloring has seen a recent rise in popularity. Drop by and enjoy the relaxation of coloring! Materials are provided.**Travel Chats**Thursdays, Dec 7 and Jan 116:00 PMDec 7: Lee McFadden Presents African Animals in Tanzania (2016): Join us to watch and discuss Lee McFadden's amazing video about Tanzania.Jan 11: Anne Leonard Presents San Francisco's Poet Travelers: Anne Leonard lived for decades in San Francisco where she met some of San Francisco's best-known and well-traveled poets. Join us to chat and read some of their work. Snacks included.

**Carnegie Writers GroupEvery 2nd and 4th** Saturday, except Dec 233:00 PMThe Carnegie Writers Group is a community peer-to-peer writing group for diverse writers in all stages and genres of writing.**Holiday Book Sale**Do your holiday gift buying at this special sale of carefully selected fiction, nonfiction, and children’ books in excellent condition as well as a variety of gift items and hand crocheted scarves. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Green Hills Branch Library.

Sunday, Dec 10: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Monday, Dec 11 - Thursday, Dec 14: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Friday, Dec 15: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday, Dec 16: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**League of Women Voters of Nashville: Hot TopicsEvery 2nd** Wednesday6:00 PMJoin the League of Women Voters of Nashville for an informative, non-partisan presentation on current local and state public policy issues and legislative actions.**DIY Together**Every 3rd Tuesday6:30 PMDo it yourself... together! DIY Together is a community for crafters, DIYers, makers, hobbyists, and learners of all types to discover new skills together. Come learn a new skill and teach others a hobby you enjoy.**Microsoft Word for Beginners**Tuesdays, Jan 9 and Feb 2010:30 AMLearn the basics of Microsoft Word. Registration is required. Please call (615) 862-5863, ext. 3 to register.**Basic Computers for Beginners**Wednesday, Jan 1010:30 AMLearn about the various parts of the computer and how to use the mouse. We will also explore the Internet using web browsers and search engines. Registration is required. Please call (615) 862-5863, ext. 3 to register.**Classical Guitar Concert: Grant Ferris**Sunday, Jan 142:30 PMGrant Ferris, Nashville-based guitarist, composer, and songwriter, performs a selection of classical guitar works, including original pieces. Mr. Ferris holds a Masters of Music in Classical Guitar Performance from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. He has studied under virtuoso guitarists David Tanenbaum, Ricardo Iznaola, Masakazu Ito, and Jonathan Leathwood.**Microsoft Excel for Beginners**Tuesdays, Jan 16 and Feb 2710:30 AMLearn the basics of Microsoft Excel. Registration is required. Please call (615) 862-5863, ext. 3 to register.**Getting Started in Social Media**Wednesdays, Jan 17 and Feb 2110:30 AMAre you curious about Facebook? Heard about Twitter, but don’t know what it is? Has someone asked you to look at their Pinterest boards? Join others just like you to learn about social networking and why it is what’s happening today on the Internet. We look at the many versions of social networking and how you can find something that interests you. Basic computer experience is needed, but this class is designed for people new to social networking. Registration is required. Please call (615) 862-5863, ext. 3 to register.**BellyTone Bone-Building Toning**Tuesdays, Jan 23, Feb 13, Feb 276:30 PMBellyTone is a unique method of toning the total core and the entire body with no stress to joints. The class includes extended floor work so participants must be able to move freely without assistance. Bring a mat and a set of very light hand weights.**Getting Started with OverDrive: eBooks and More**Wednesday, Jan 2410:30 AMLearn all about how to download ebooks and audiobooks to your mobile device from one of the library's eContent providers, OverDrive. Bring your library card information and your mobile device to this class. Registration is required. Please call (615) 862-5863, ext. 3 to register.**Microsoft PowerPoint for Beginners**Tuesday, Jan 3010:30 AMLearn the basics of Microsoft PowerPoint. Registration is required. Please call (615) 862-5863, ext. 3 to register.**Getting Started with Hoopla: Free Movies, Music, and More**Wednesday, Jan 3110:30 AMFind out how to access all that Hoopla has to offer: music, audiobooks, movies, TV shows, and comics! Bring your library card information and a mobile device if you have one. Registration is required. Please call (615) 862-5863, ext. 3 to register.**Juices and Smoothies: Drink Your Nutrients**Wednesday, Jan 316:30 PMTo juice or not to juice? Is blending better? In this workshop, learn the difference between juices and smoothies, the kinds of equipment you need to make them, and the nutritional benefits of incorporating both juices and smoothies into your life. Join Integrative Nutrition Health Coach Amber Robertson, of Bliss Holistic, for an interactive discussion and cooking demo that will have you juicing and blending in no time.**Getting Started with Zinio: Free Digital Magazines**Wednesday, Feb 710:30 AMLearn about the digital magazine content available for your mobile device through Zinio. Your mobile device is required for this class, so please bring it with you, along with your library card information. Registration is required. Please call (615) 862-5863, ext. 3 to register.**Alma Thomas: Capturing Color/Painting Abstractions with Turnip Green**Thursday, Feb 86:00 PMTake a look at African-American artist Alma Thomas's watercolor paintings, inspired by the constantly changing colors in her garden. Then create your own watercolor paints from dried-up markers, and take home extra recycled paper so you can paint what you see through your own window!**Getting Started with Freegal: Free Digital Music**Wednesday, Feb 1410:30 AMFree music that is yours to keep is available from the library through Freegal, one of the library's eContent providers. Find out how to access this content in an introductory class. Bring your library card information and a mobile device if you have one. Registration is required. Please call (615) 862-5863, ext. 3 to register.**Global Education presents Afro-Brazilian Dance Team**Saturday, Feb 1710:30 AMGlobal Education Center's Afro-Brazilian Dance Team shares cultural traditions, dancing, and drumming from the Latin American country of Brazil. For adults, but all are welcome.

HADLEY PARK

**CHILDREN**

**Story TimeEvery** Monday11:00 AMJoin us as each book takes us on a different adventure every week. For ages 1-7.**Craft CornerEvery** Wednesday10:30 AMAre you an aspiring Picasso? Or Michelangelo, maybe? Showcase your talents at Craft Corner by creating something for the week's theme, or just by drawing something of your own choosing. Your work may be selected for display to earn artist of the week! For ages 7 and under.**Hunger Awareness Story Time: Maddi's Fridge**Tuesday, Jan 1610:30 AMDid you know January is Hunger Awareness Month at the Library? Join us for a story time and craft based on Maddi’s Fridge by Louis Brandt, the story of two best friends who go to the same school, play at the same park, and live in the same neighborhood - but who have one really big difference: Sofia has a refrigerator full of food; Maddi doesn’t. For grades K-4.**Global Education presents Afro-Cuban Dance Team**Saturday, Feb 31:00 PMGlobal Education Center's Afro-Cuban Dance Team shares cultural traditions, dancing, and drumming from the Latin American country of Cuba. For ages 9-12, but all are welcome.**Puppet Truck presents: Anansi the Spider**Monday, Feb 510:30 AMThis colorful marionette and hand-and-rod puppet play is based on African tales of a tricky spider who uses his cleverness to achieve his wishes. The Wood and Strings Puppet Company created the show’s beautiful marionettes especially for the Library, while our very own Wishing Chair Productions created the hand-and-rod puppets and all other aspects of the show. For ages 5-9, but all are welcome.**Jesse Owens: Outstanding Achievements with Turnip Green**Wednesday, Feb 710:30 AMJesse Owens won a record four gold medals in track at the 1936 Olympics, despite Hitler's plans to prove the superiority of the German Aryan people. Look at African-American artist Jacob Lawrence's tribute to Owens, and create a trophy/medal/badge to honor one of your role models. For ages 5-9.**Tales of Bre'r Rabbit**Thursday, Feb 810:30 AMStoryteller Michael Diallo McLendon presents Tales of Bre’r Rabbit; the story of a trickster who succeeds because of his wits and not because of his brawn and who provokes authority figures and bends social mores as he sees fit. For ages 5-9.**The Legend of John Henry**Tuesday, Feb 2710:30 AMHear storyteller Michael Diallo McLendon tell “The Legend of John Henry,” a “steel driving man” whose prowess was measured in a race against a steam-powered hammer. For ages 5-9.

**TEENS**

**Homework StudioEvery** Monday4:00 PMCome on over and have a nice quiet place to do homework and study for that upcoming big test. If your homework is already done, come take advantage of the quiet and pick a book from our selection. For ages 13 and up.**Anime Club**Every Saturday3:30 PMEvery Saturday Join our club that caters to, lives, and breathes anime. All kinds of otakus welcome. Watch your favorite animes, cosplay, and go head-to-head as your favorite character in video games. Got some manga drawings you want to show off? They are wanted here. Got a favorite ship? Tell us all about it every week. For ages 8-17. **ADULTS**

**Community YogaEvery** Saturday10:15 AMBreathe and stretch with Small World Yoga in this beginner-friendly class. Borrow one of our mats or bring your own. All ages and abilities welcome.**Hadley ReadsEvery 3rd** Saturday2:00 PMJoin us as we host our first-ever book club. We will be touching on books that inspire the mind and give us great discussion material. Books will be available for pickup at Hadley Park branch. In the event, that the book is not available, we will be happy to find an alternative method to get a copy to you. See you there!**HERMITAGE**

CHILDREN

Baby and Me Story Time

Every Tuesday

10:30 AM and 1:00 PM

Stories and activities for caregiver and baby to do together. Each session lasts 25-30 minutes. For babies 0-24 months.

Preschool Story Time

Every Wednesday, 10:00 and 11:00 AM

Parents are welcome to bring their children to enjoy 30 minutes of stories, finger plays, and activities. For children up to age 6.

Thursday Night Dance Party

Every Thursday

6:30 PM

Kids can loosen up, get silly, learn some new songs, and get a fun workout! Parents are welcome, too. For ages 1-12

Lee, Juega, Aprende (Read, Play, Grow)

Every Friday

10:30 AM

Por favor acompáñenos a disfrutar de un programa divertido con actividades que le ayudaran a sus niños prepararse para leer. Para niños de 2-5 años.

Books to Movies

Sundays, Dec 10, Jan 21, Feb 15

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Let's read a book, then watch the movie - and then compare and contrast! Copies of the books will be on hold for you at the Hermitage Branch Library. Movie snacks will be served! For ages 8-12.

Dec 10: Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg

Jan 21: Freaky Friday by Mary Rodgers

Feb 18: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Starlight Story Time

Mondays, Dec 11, Jan 8, 22, Feb 26

6:30 PM

Join us for stories and crafts. All supplies are provided and you get to take home your crafts. For ages 5-10

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10:00 AM and 11:00 AM

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TEENS

Teen Tuesday Hangout

Every Tuesday

4:30 PM

Join us in the NPL studio for varying activities including gaming, arts, crafts, and more. Refreshments provided. For ages 12-18

Delicious but Healthy

Tuesday, Jan 16

4:30 PM

Learn how to make a healthy sandwich, salad, or wrap using fresh ingredients. All ingredients will be provided. For teens age 13 and up.

Banjo: From Nothing to Something

Sunday, Feb 11

2:30 PM

Explore the history and progressive sound of the banjo, which Africans brought to the Americas. See different styles of banjos and learn about their influence on American music. Presented by the National Museum of African American Music. For ages 12-18, but all are welcome.

Black History Trivia

Tuesday, Feb 20

4:30 PM

Match your wits with those of others at this fun and friendly trivia session and you could win one of three gift cards. For ages 12-18.

ADULTS

Resume Help

Every Monday

6:00 PM

Join Senior Business Consultant Saundra Robinson every Monday night for resume help. Please bring your resume saved on a flash drive and she will give you individualized assistance to brush it up. Space is limited, and to sign up, please call (615) 880-3951 ext. 73878.

The Vinyl Spinners Club

Every 2nd Tuesday

6:30 PM

The Vinyl Spinners meet to listen to an assortment of albums and discuss music. Remember to bring your vinyl.

3rd Tuesday Book Club: Killers of the Flower Moon

Every 3rd Tuesday

6:30 PM

We always welcome new members. Call (615) 880-3951 for more information and the latest book titles.

December 19: Lady Cop Makes Trouble by Amy Stewart

January 16: The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls

February 20: Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann

Be Here For Bingo

Every 4th Wednesday

2:00 PM

Enjoy a few rounds of Bingo for prizes, while meeting other community members. And bingo's what we play, O!

Small World Yoga

Every Wednesday

5:30 PM

Breathe and stretch with Small World Yoga in this beginner-friendly class. Borrow one of our mats or bring your own. All ages and abilities welcome.

Coffee and Classic Movies

Every 1st Thursday

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Dec 7: Christmas in Connecticut (1945)

Jan 6: The Apartment (1960)

Feb 1: From Here to Eternity (1953)

Not Your Average Movie Night

Every 3rd Thursday

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Dec 21: Dragnet (1987)

Jan 18: Witness for the Prosecution (1957)

Feb 15: Clash of the Titans (1981)

Board Game Blowout

Every 1st Saturday

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Come to the library and enjoy playing various board games, including chess, checkers, and even Monopoly! All ages welcome.

The Loopty Throughs

Every 3rd Saturday

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Join other knitters, crocheters, and needleworkers for a time of fun as well as learning, while working on your own project. Remember to bring your supplies.

Hermitage House of Cards

Every 4th Saturday

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Like to play cards? Want to learn new card games? Join this fun group of card game enthusiasts for various friendly card games.

Vision Board Party

Sunday, Jan 7

2:00 PM

Vision boards are powerful visualization tools that can help you attract the people and things into your life—that YOU want! Use recycled magazines while having fun mapping out your future, remain true to yourself, and define your goals with a vision board!

Coupon Swap

Every day in January

For Hunger Awareness Month, we are holding a coupon swap. Bring some, take some.

Recipe Contest

Every day in January

Bring in your favorite recipes, and at the end of the month, voters will choose their favorites. The library will then create a pamphlet filled with the winning recipes.

El Anatsui: From Trash to Treasure with Turnip Green

Saturday, Feb 3

2:00 PM

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INGLEWOOD

CHILDREN

**Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus Visit the Library**Saturday, Dec 910:30 AMSanta and Mrs. Claus invite you to come to the library to hear a story, share your last-minute wishes, and enjoy a surprise. For ages 0-10.

**Decorate a Holiday Cookie**Saturday, Dec 2310:30 AMCookie decorating is a fun holiday activity. Sugar cookies will be provided to decorate with colored icing and assorted sprinkles and candies. For ages 6-12, but all ages are welcome. Registration is required. Please call (615) 862-5827 or stop by to register.

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The Wash Tub Bass: From Nothing to Something

Saturday, Feb 3

2:00 PM

Explore the history of the Wash Tub Bass. When Africans arrived in America, they used everyday items to replicate this instrument, which was originally made in Africa. Presented by the National Museum of African American Music. For ages 6-12.

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TEENS

DIY Closet Fresheners

Saturday, Feb 17

2:00 PM

Add a bit of aromatherapy to your closets with these air-dry clay closet fresheners. Participants will make the base in class, then complete the project at home after the item dries. Instructions and supplies for completion will be distributed. Space is limited: registration is required. Please call (615) 862-5866 to register. For teens, age 13-17 and adults.

ADULTS

**Create Recycled Items Christmas Jewelry**

Saturday, Dec 22:00 PMUsing recycled materials, create interesting Christmas jewelry to wear or give as gifts. Space is limited: registration is required. Please call (615) 862-5866 or visit the library to register.

**Create Clay Holiday Tree Lights**

Saturday, Dec 92:00 PMUsing air-dry clay, create a festive cone-shaped tree accented with stars to add to your holiday decor to give as a gift. Finishing instructions will be sent home with each crafter as the clay takes time to dry. Registration is required. Please call (615) 862-5866 or stop by to register. For teens age 13-17 and adults. **Make Your Own Sugar Scrub**Saturday, Dec 162:00 PMFor that last minute holiday gift or a little indulgence for yourself, learn how to make DIY sugar scrubs with three ingredients you already have at home. Supplies are provided. Space is limited: registration is required. Please call (615) 862-5866 to register. For teens, age 13-17 and adults.

Prepping the Garden for Early Spring Planting

Saturday, Jan 20

10:30 AM

Dan Harrell, Community/School Garden Coordinator at the UT Agriculture Extension in Davidson County will present an informational session on how to get your garden ready for early spring crops.

Create your own Winter Herb Garden

Saturday, Jan 27

2:00 PM

Fresh herbs are an easy and healthful way to flavor your soups and stews during the winter months and they are simple to grow in an indoor garden. Create your own windowsill herb garden to take home. Registration is required. Please call (615) 862-5866 or stop by to register.

Music of Africa at The Hermitage

Tuesday, Feb 6

6:30 PM

Look at the artistic and cultural lives of the slaves Andrew Jackson owned at The Hermitage. Use the archaeological record from these 150 slaves to recreate musical instruments like djembes, shekeres, and washboards.

Learn Candle Making

Saturday, Feb 10

2:00 PM

Learn how to make soy candles with a variety of scents and colors. Supplies will be provided. Registration is required. Please call (615) 862-5866 or stop by to register.

**LOOBY**

CHILDREN

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NORTH

CHILDREN

Preschool Story Time

Every Wednesday

10:00 AM

Miss Cloreace shares stories with a different theme. For ages 3-8.

Kids Craft

Every Wednesday after Story Time

10:45 AM

After Story Time, Miss Cloreace presents a selection of coloring sheets with captions, or a craft based on the Story Time theme, accompanied by music. For Ages 3-8.

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TEENS

Holiday Craft

Every Saturday in Dec

2:00 PM

After the movie ends stick around for a fun holiday-inspired ornament or craft project with Mr. Jake. For ages 5 and up.

Holiday Home Alone Movie Series

Every Saturday in Dec

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Join us each Saturday in December for a selection from the Home Alone series of movies. Ages 12 to 17 or accompanied by a guardian.

Dec 2: Home Alone (1990)

Dec 9: Home Alone (1992)

Dec 16: Home Alone 3 (1997)

Dec 23: The Holiday Heist (2012)

Dec 30: Cat in the Hat (2014)

ADULTS

Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, Civil Rights Leader

Saturday, Jan 13

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Join us as we honor the legacy of Civil Rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., co-sponsored by the Ida Mae Brown Foundation. For ages 12-Adult, but all are welcome.

African-American Health and Wellness

Saturday, Jan 20

11:00 AM

Nancy Mason will present a program on African-American wellness topics, including fitness, root causes of disease, and nutrition with a “whole body” focus.

Nutrition Education with Second Harvest

Tuesday, Jan 23

3:00 PM

Instructor Caroline Pullen addresses these topics: Stretching Your Food Dollar, Reading Nutrition Labels, and the Sodium Shakedown. For adults, all ages welcome.

Writing Workshop

Saturday, Jan 27

2:00 PM

This is a workshop for homeless, transitional or recently housed adult writers interested in sharing their story. Express thoughts and experiences in writing, through collaboration and revision. Encouraging multiple genres, including fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. For Adults, all ages welcome.

OLD HICKORY

**CHILDREN**

**Family Story HourEvery** Monday10:30 AMJoin us for stories, crafts, and fun as children learn the joy of reading. For children ages 0-6 and their families.**Slavery at The Hermitage**Saturday, Feb 102:00 PMWhat was life like for the 150 slaves who lived at The Hermitage, once the home of Andrew Jackson? How did widespread slavery happen in a country built on freedom? We'll talk about these questions and do some hands-on learning activities. For grades 4-12, but all are welcome.**Alma Thomas: Capturing Color/Painting Abstractions with Turnip Green**Tuesday, Feb 136:00 PMTake a look at African-American artist Alma Thomas's watercolor paintings, inspired by the constantly changing colors in her garden. Then create your own watercolor paints from dried-up markers, and take home extra recycled paper so you can paint what you see through your own window! For grades 1-6, but all are welcome.**ADULTS**

**Beading With Betsy**Tuesdays, Dec 5 and Feb 66:30 PMWe will use beads from all around the world to create one-of-a-kind bracelets. Participants will take home their creations. Class size is limited to 10, sign-up preferred.**Old Hickory Chess ClubEvery 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 PM, Every 3rd Saturday at 2:00 PM** Come join us at the Old Hickory Branch for chess in a relaxed atmosphere. We'll help you learn and improve your game. Get some competition. Adults and teens of all skill levels welcome.**Old Hickory Book ClubEvery 3rd** Tuesday6:30 PMJoin us for friendly and informal monthly discussions of literary works.**Art Journal Swap Meet**Tuesday, Jan 26:30 PMShare techniques and materials with others who create art journals. This informal workshop encourages exploration and connection in a friendly environment. Bring your art journal and extra supplies for this fun swap meet!

PRUITT

CHILDREN

Sock Snowman

Tuesday, Dec 5

4:00 PM

Make your own adorable little sock snowman! He's super easy to make and super cute! No sewing skills required! For ages 8-13.

Make a Polar Bear Mask

Tuesday, Dec 12

4:00 PM

Transform yourself into an unbearably cute polar bear with this fun and east craft! For ages 8-13.

Blow Skiing Game

Tuesday, Dec 19

2:00 PM

Join us for this fun Winter-time game! For ages 8-13.

Make Apple Smiles Snacks

Tuesday, Jan 9

4:00 PM

Apple smiles are a fun and tasty treat that are sure to keep you grinning! For ages 8-13.

Make a Marshmallow Snowman

Tuesday, Jan 23

4:00 PM

Glue mini marshmallows together to create your perfect snowman! Practice counting and learning about shapes as well with this craft. Eat few marshmallows while you're at it! For ages 8-13.

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The Harmonica: From Nothing to Something

Tuesday, Feb 6

4:00 PM

Explore the history and sound of the harmonica, from its development in Europe in the early 1800s through today. Presented by the National Museum of African American Music. For ages 8-12.

Shoe Rubbing Craft

Wednesday, Feb 7

4:00 PM

African-American inventor Jan Matzeliger invented the shoe lasting machine. Join us as we learn about him and make a cool craft using our shoes! For ages 8-13.

Abe Lincoln Penny Craft

Monday, Feb 12

4:00 PM

Make a silhouette of America's 16th President using the coins that bear his likeness. Learn facts about Lincoln, and see who has the oldest penny! For ages 8-13.

Valentine's Day Craft

Wednesday, Feb 14

4:00 PM

Show someone how much you care with fun and easy Valentine's Day craft! For ages 8-13.

Make an Egyptian Sistrum

Tuesday, Feb 20

4:00 PM

A sistrum is a hand-held percussion instrument that dates back to Ancient Egypt. Make your own with everyday household items. For ages 8-13.

TEENS

Teens Cook

Tuesday, Jan 16

4:00 PM

Teens can practice their culinary skills while learning a fun and easy recipe! No cooking experience required. For ages 8-13.

RICHLAND PARK

**CHILDREN**

**Kids Movie MatineeEvery 1st and 3rd** Friday10:30 AMJoin us for a family friendly kids movie. Dec 1: Cars 2. Dec 15: Polar Express. Jan 5: Frozen. Jan 19: Cars 3. Feb 2: Charlotte’s Web. Feb 16: Finding Nemo.**Preschool Story TimeEvery** Monday10:30 AMJoin Ms. Lou Anne for stories, songs, and crafts. For ages 2-6.**Baby and Me Story Time**Every Wednesday at 10:30 AM.; Every Thursday at 11:30 AM

Join Ms. Lou Anne for stories and activities for caregiver and baby to do together. For babies 24 months or younger. **Polar Express Photo Booth**Saturday, Dec 21:00 PMThe Friends of the Richland Park Library present a holiday photo opportunity celebrating the classic children's book, The Polar Express, by Chris Van Allsburg. Bring along your camera and take photos of the whole family in front of the Polar Express themed backdrop. Perfect for this year's holiday card or letter. Enjoy a children's holiday craft as well. For kids of all ages. This is a fundraiser event for the Friends of the Richland Park Library that is free to the public. Donations are welcome, but not required.**Kids Yoga**Saturdays, Dec 9, Jan 6, Feb 310:30 AMThis yoga class, tailored just for kids, gives your child the opportunity to move, play, breathe, and wind down from your busy day. Parents, feel free to join in with your child, too! Yoga mats are provided. Class provided by Habitat Yoga. For ages 3 and up.**Sensory Friendly Kids Matinee: Cars 2 (2011)**Saturday, Dec 91:00 PMThis event is designed for children on the autism spectrum and their families. We’ll keep the lights dimmed, the volume lower, and audience members are welcome to move around, talk, and enjoy the movie as they see fit! Snacks and bottled water provided. Participants may bring their own snacks as well. For more information regarding this sensory friendly program, please email annie.herlocker@nashville.gov or call (615) 862-5870. Lightning McQueen competes in the World Grand Prix, while Mater accidentally becomes involved in international espionage. G. 2011. 112 min.**Christmas at Kids Time**Thursday, Dec 144:30 PMJoin us as we celebrate the season by making 3-D snowflakes and creating holiday cards for those less fortunate. All supplies provided. For ages 6-17.**Special Preschool Story Time: Christmas Party!**Monday, Dec 1810:30 AMChristmas is right around the corner and today we will enjoy a Christmas party with special songs, crafts, and snacks! Join us for FUN! For ages 2-6**Hunger Awareness Story Time: Bear Wants More**Monday, Jan 810:30 AMDid you know January is Hunger Awareness Month at the Library? Join us for a story time and craft based on Bear Wants More by Karma Wilson. When springtime comes, Bear wakes up very hungry and thin! Bear's friends help him finally satisfy his HUGE hunger in a most surprising way. For ages 1-2.**Kids Time: Hunger Awareness**Thursday, Jan 114:30 PMSchool age? Come on in! Can you believe there are hungry people around the world? We'll learn more and have games, crafts, and snacks along with a lot of FUN! For ages 5-12.**Maker Family Workshops** Saturdays, Dec 23, Jan 27, Feb 2410:30 AM“Maker” encompasses everything from hands-on crafts to simple circuits. This event is geared toward ages 5-12, but all ages are welcome. Parents/guardians are encouraged to participate. January is Hunger Awareness month. Learn how to make an earth-friendly, up-cycled, reusable grocery bag using an old t-shirt. You'll make 2 bags, one to keep and one to donate to The Little Pantry That Could. Bring a canned good donation(s) to put in the bag (not required). All supplies will be supplied. Join us for other workshops: Dec 23: DIY Paper Circuits Jan 27: T-Shirt Bag Feb 24: Spoons Playing **Spoons Playing: From Nothing to Something**Thursday, Feb 84:30 PMHear the “Spoons Man” play! Explore the history, development, and use of spoons playing across musical genres. Start creating your own music with spoons! Presented by the National Museum of African American Music. For ages 5-12.**Maker Family Workshop: El Anatsui, From Trash to Treasure**Saturday, Feb 2410:30 AMContemporary artist El Anatsui is inspired by “huge piles of detritus from consumption,” like bottle tops and tin cans, seen in West Africa due to limited recycling technology. Explore his work, then use materials diverted from American landfills to make your own artwork. For ages 5-12, but all are welcome.**ADULTS**

**One-on-One Job Help**Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, by appointment Need help with your resumé or applying for jobs online? Make an appointment for one-on-one help. Sessions are by appointment only and are limited to one hour. ¡Hablamos español! We offer appointments in Spanish. To make an appointment, stop by, call (615) 862-5870, or email timothy.allman@nashville.gov.**One-on-One Tech Help**Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, by appointment

Do you need help with email, Microsoft Office, or just to get started with computers? Do you need help learning how to use your smartphone? Would you like to use NPL's free online music, movies, eBooks, magazines, and audiobooks? We can help! Set up an appointment for one-on-one technology assistance. Sessions are by appointment only and are limited to one hour. ¡Hablamos español! We offer appointments in Spanish. To make an appointment, stop by, call (615) 862-5870, or email kevin.mcmahon@nashville.gov. **Writers NightEvery Monday, D**ec 4-Jan 8; Every Wednesday, Jan 24-Feb 286:00 PMDrop in to chat with other writers, or use the space to work on your own projects independently. If you're bringing something for the group to critique, show up early and ask staff to make copies for you. Writers of all levels are welcome! For more information, email kevin.mcmahon@nashville.gov or call (615) 862-5870.**BalancED YogaEvery** Thursday6:15 PMEvery Thursday Join BalancED for Renewed's free community yoga program. Classes are offered throughout the year and the focus of each class is body positivity. You're invited to join at any point to explore mindfulness and self-acceptance through the practices of yoga and meditation. All levels are welcome. You must bring your own yoga mat and must register online prior to your first class at http://renewedsupport.org/balanced-registration/. If you have questions about registration, call us at (615) 862-5870.**Friends of Richland Park Branch MeetingEvery 2nd** Tuesday6:00 PMFind out how you can get involved at the Richland Park Branch. New members are always welcome. **Richland Park Book ClubEvery 4th** Saturday, except Dec 231:00 PMJoin us for a lively book discussion. Open to newcomers. For more information or to find out how to get a copy of the book, call (615) 862-5870 or email [annie.herlocker@nashville.gov](mailto:annie.herlocker@nashville.gov). Jan 27: Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly. Feb 24: Anything is Possible by Elizabeth Strout.Polar Express Photo Booth

Saturday, Dec 2

1:00 PM

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**Getting Started with Digital Books**Wednesday, Jan 106:00 PMGot a new tablet or Kindle? Learn how to use your library card to check out eBooks and eAudiobooks to read on your smartphone, tablet, Kindle, or computer. iPads will be provided, but feel free to bring your own personal device. Registration is required. To register email kevin.mcmahon@nashville.gov or call (615) 862-5870.**Creative Writing Workshop for Immigrants and RefugeesEvery** Monday, beginning Jan 226:00 PMThis free eight-week workshop explores writing creatively from life experiences and the imagination. We discuss short pieces of fiction, memoir, and poetry as a class, then write our own. Our class environment is diverse and welcoming, with supportive feedback from the instructor and other students. We welcome English learners with all levels of experience with creative writing (including none!). For more information, visit porchtn.org/outreach. To sign up or ask questions, email Anna Silverstein at anna@porchtn.org.**WNBA Book Club**Saturday, Feb 1710:15 AMBook club hosted by the Women's National Book Club. Newcomers welcome. Group meets every other month. For more information, visit http://wnbanashville.org/book-group-discussions.

**SOUTHEAST**

CHILDREN

Read, Play, Grow: Preschool

Every Tuesday in Dec

10:30 AM

Please join us for fun activities that develop and promote early literacy skills in your child. For ages 3-5.

STEAM Stations

Every Tuesday in Dec

4:30 PM

Join us for fun STEAM-related activities that develop and promote literacy skills in your child. For children in grades K-2.

Little Bookworms Story Time

Every Tuesday, beginning in January

10:30 AM

Parents, bring your children for a fun-filled program with stories, songs, rhymes and a special craft! For ages 3-5.

Lee, Juega, Aprende (Read, Play, Grow)

Todos los miércoles en diciembre

10:30 AM

Por favor acompáñenos a disfrutar de un programa divertido con actividades que le ayudaran a sus niños prepararse para leer. Para niños de 2-5 años.

Hora de Cuentos

Todos los miércoles, comenzado en enero

10:30 AM

Bienvenidos a nuestra Hora de Cuentos! Acompáñenos a leer, cantar y jugar en un programa que será muy divertido para toda la familia.

The AweSTEAM Club

Every Tuesday, beginning in January

4:30 PM

Go on an after-school adventure to explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math. A snack is provided. Children in grades K-2 are welcome; space is limited. Pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk when you arrive to reserve your spot.

The Wonder Corp.

Every Wednesday, beginning Jan 22

4:30 PM

Come explore a variety of activities ranging from games to art to book clubs. Wonder what we are doing this week? Stop by and find out! For ages 8-12.

Read, Play, Grow: Babies and Toddlers

Every Thursday in Dec

10:30 AM

Please join us for fun activities that develop and promote early literacy skills in your child. Ages 0-2.

Babies and Books

Every Thursday, beginning in January

10:30 AM

Babies and their caregivers are welcome to join us for tickle rhymes and wiggle songs. We will share the best practices to promote early literacy skills. For ages 0-2.

Rockstar Readers: Reading Tutoring at Your Libary

Every Thursday

4:30 PM

Children in grades 2-4 can receive free reading tutoring. Participation is limited; registration is required. Please call (615) 862-5871 or visit the Children's Desk to register.

LEGO Mania

Every Friday, beginning Jan 3

2:00 PM

Join us for LEGO Mania and bring your creativity! Bring your imagination, and we'll provide the LEGO bricks! Children can create masterpieces of their very own. A snack is also provided. For ages 5-12.

Read, Play, Grow: All Ages

Every Saturday in Dec

10:30 AM

Join us for fun activities that develop and promote literacy skills in your child. For ages 3-7, but all ages are welcome.

Saturday Story Time

Every Saturday, beginning in January

10:30 AM

Join us for a fun time with stories, eBooks, songs, and rhymes. For ages 3-7, but all ages are welcome.

Hunger Awareness Story Time: Bear Wants More

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Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter: An African Tale, with Michael Mclendon

Saturday, Feb 17

10:30 AM

Hear the story of spiteful Manyara and considerate Nyasha as a professional storyteller performs this African tale that evokes the Cinderella story we all know and love. For ages 3-9, but all are welcome.

TEENS

Gaming Daze

Every Monday

2:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Every week, teen gamers are invited for an afternoon of gaming. Explore our selection of Xbox, Wii and board games, or bring one from home for a group gaming session. For grades 7-12.

Art and Tech

Every Tuesday

2:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Join us every Tuesday in the Studio for a special Art and Tech project. Activities will include painting, vinyl stickers, 3D pens and prints, perler beads, rainbow looms, soldering, Little Bits and more! For grades 7-12.

ACT Prep

Every Tuesday, Feb 6 - Mar 27

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Do you need help preparing for the ACT? Learn study tips, test structure, and more. For ages 14-18. Registration is required. Please call (615) 862-5871 to register.

Cypher

Every Wednesday

4:00 PM

Teen poets, emcees, DJs, spoken word artists, and producers meet to develop their work, share pieces, and collaborate on projects. Hosted by Southern Word. For teens in grades 7-12.

Music Studio

Every Thursday, except Dec 28, Jan 4

2:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Teens can learn instruments, explore beat-making and venture into new musical avenues! We teach guitar, keyboard, drums, bass and more in the Studio. For grades 7-12.

ADULTS

History Round Table

Every 4th Monday

6:00 PM

This History Round Table discusses events leading up to and events during the French Revolution. Come join us for civil and fun discussions/lessons on key figures and events during the French Revolution.

Citizenship Class with Nashville Adult Literacy Council

Every Monday and Wednesday, 10:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Every Tuesday and Thursday, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Study for the citizenship test at your local library. Review the 100 questions, improve your English, reading and writing skills, and learn about the interview process. Students who complete the class will also get free filing of the N-400. Classes offered in partnership with Nashville Adult Literacy Council. Registration is required. Call (615) 298-8060 to register.

Yoga

Every Monday

6:30 PM

Come practice yoga for free at the library! All you need are comfy clothes and a yoga mat. Beginners to intermediates welcome. Start your week off right with free yoga. For ages 18 and up only.

WIC Mobile Lab

Mondays, Dec 4, Jan 8, Feb 26

Tuesdays, Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 20

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Families new to WIC benefits may attend the new WIC Mobile Clinic to pick up vouchers instead of going to their WIC clinic location. WIC Mobile pick-up sites are designed to be closer and more convenient for families, often within walking distance of participants' homes.

Meditation 101

Every 4th Thursday

6:30 PM

Practice meditation for free at the library! This class will include time for meditating, reading, and discussion on various topics, such as happiness and inner peace.

Adult Education High School Equivalency Classes

Every Friday in Feb

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Earn your high school equivalency diploma. Free HiSET classes are offered in partnership with the YWCA Family Literacy Center. Start writing the story of your family's success today! Call (615) 269-9922 for more information.

African American History Month @ Southeast Cinema

Every Saturday

2:00 PM

For ages 13 and up.

February 3: Dream Girls

February 10: A Raisin in the Sun

February 17: The Pursuit of Happyness

February 24: Mahogany

Southeast Branch Writers Group

1st and 3rd Saturdays, Nov 4 - Jan 20

10:00 AM

Calling all adult and teen writers! We're hosting a writers group for adults and teens to share their work and gain feedback from fellow writers.

Fierce Finance

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

A monthly gathering focused on embracing a serious attitude and behavior to improve your financial future. Each month will cover a different topic. Each session stands alone. For more information, contact JoAnn Scaife at joascaife@gmail.com.

Online Marketing Workshop

Saturday, Jan 20

10:30 AM

Start the New Year off right and improve (or begin) online marketing for your business! Learn how to successfully market your business online at this free workshop.

Southeast Branch Library Book Sale

Choose from an assortment of books, movies, and music! Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library and make our programs possible. Cash or credit only.

Friday, Jan 26: 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan 27: 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan 28: 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

THOMPSON LANE

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**Spice It Up: Seasonings to Support Your Health**Monday, Jan 810:30 AMLearn how to spice up your healthy foods with a cooking demonstration by Health Coach Amber Robertson.**Gentle Chair Yoga**Monday, Feb 510:30 AMRegistered yoga instructor Barbara Clinton leads a 45-minute class.**Jacob Lawrence: Picturing Community with Turnip Green**Monday, Feb 1210:30 AMLearn about the artist Jacob Lawrence, who celebrated his African-American community in his paintings and used simplified shapes to create bustling neighborhood scenes. Create artwork about your own neighborhood using shapes cut from fabric and paper.

WATKINS PARK

**CHILDREN**

**Winter Celebrations Story TIme**Tuesday, Dec 191:30 PMCome and enjoy a half hour of stories, songs and activities. For ages 5-8.**Celebrate Kwanzaa**Thursday, Dec 281:30 PMKwanzaa is observed Dec 26-Jan 1. Learn more about this jubilant celebration through lecture, songs and activities. For ages 9-11.**It's A New Year Story TIme**Thursday, Jan 44:30 PMCome and enjoy a half hour of stories, songs and activities. For ages 5-8.**Hunger Awareness Story Time: Maddi's Fridge**Wednesday, Jan 244:30 PMDid you know January is Hunger Awareness Month at the Library? Join us for a story time and craft based on Maddi’s Fridge by Louis Brandt, the story of two best friends who go to the same school, play at the same park, and live in the same neighborhood - but who have one really big difference: Sofia has a refrigerator full of food; Maddi doesn’t. For ages 5-9.**Valentine's Day Story Time and Craft**Wednesday, Feb 144:30 PMListen to stories about this fun filled day and make a special card to give to a parent or loved one. For ages 5-10.**The Legend of John Henry**Thursday, Feb 154:30 PMHear storyteller Michael Diallo McLendon tell “The Legend of John Henry,” a “steel driving man” whose prowess was measured in a race against a steam-powered hammer. For ages 6-17, but all ages are welcome.**Stamp on History**Thursday, Feb 224:30 PMGuest speaker Roderick Townsend highlights significant African-American historical figures honored by the United States Postal Service on stamps in the Black Heritage Series. For ages 6-17.**Spoons Playing: From Nothing to Something**Wednesday, Feb 284:30 PMHear the “Spoons Man” play! Explore the history, development, and use of spoons playing across musical genres. Start creating your own music with spoons! Presented by the National Museum of African American Music. For ages 6-17, but all ages are welcome.**TEENS**

**12 Days of Christmas**Wednesday, Dec 201:30 PMDo you know the lyrics to the 12 Days of Christmas? Join us as we sing and celebrate the Christmas holiday. For ages 12-17.**Game On**Thursday, Jan 183:30 PMEnjoy playing video games with your friends. For ages 12-17.**Global Education presents Nyama Drum Ensemble**Tuesday, Feb 204:30 PMNyama Drum Ensemble, directed by Shannon Holland, shares popular and traditional rhythms emanating out of The Great Mali Empire of West Africa, and original creations. For ages For ages 6-17, but all ages are welcome.**ADULTS**

**Let's Decorate for the Holiday**Monday, Dec 1111:00 AMIt's Almost Christmas! Share and receive decorating ideas and tips to help make your home look fun and festive.