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To a New Year!

Greetings!

The holidays and the overindulgence are coming to an end. Cookies, parties, and holiday movies are wonderful, but I am always glad when January comes around, and things quiet down. Maybe not a "long winter's nap" but at least some time by the fire with a good book! My New Year's Day always includes looking at the new calendar, filling in important dates like birthdays and to-do reminders. I also take the turning of the calendar to think about what I'd like to do in the new year. Maybe you do too? Maybe you want to come to a library program that sounds interesting. Maybe you now have more time to read, but need suggestions. Take a look at the programs we have for this month, including some new ones! Need a new author? We are here for you. Stop in; we're happy to help!

The staff and I wish you the happiest of new years, and we hope to see you soon!

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Programs at a Glance

JANUARY 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Library Closed	2 Let's Talk 10:15am Gaming Club 2:30pm	3 Not your Grandma's Book Club 11am
4	5 Lego Club 2:30pm	6 Preschool Storytime 1:30pm Mah Jongg 12:30pm	7	8 Arts & Crafts Club 2:30pm	9 Let's Talk 10:15am	10
11	12 Lego Club 2:30pm Library Trustees 7pm	13 Mah Jongg 12:30pm	14 Readers Cafe Book Discussion 1:30pm	15 Arts & Crafts Club 2:30pm	16 Let's Talk 10:15am Gaming Club 2:30pm	17 Readers Cafe Book Discussion 9am
18	19 Library Closed	20 Preschool Storytime 1:30pm Mah Jongg 12:30pm	21	22 Arts & Crafts Club 2:30pm	23 Let's Talk 10:15am Death Cafe 11:30am	24 Winter Fest 11am
25	26 Lego Club 2:30pm	27 Mah Jongg 12:30pm	28 AARP Scams 2pm Trivia Night 6pm	29 Arts & Crafts Club 2:30pm	30 Let's Talk 10:15am Gaming Club 2:30pm	31 Dungeons & Dragons 12:30pm

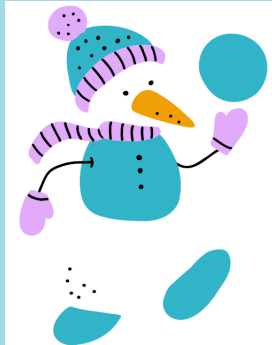
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Holiday Closures Reminder:

Monday, January 1st

Monday, January 19th



Special Event: Winter Fun Fest

Outdoor and indoor winter play fun! Join us for a variety of snow-related activities, no matter what the weather! Cocoa and cookies too!
Best for ages 10 and under and their adults.

Saturday January 24th 11am-12:30pm



Special Event: Dungeons & Dragons

Join us for a game of Dungeons and Dragons (D&D)! Game Master, Alena Lane, will lead us on an adventure which she has designed for beginners – so all experience levels are welcome. Even if you've never played before, this is a great way to give it a try! Spots are limited, so please contact us to sign up. You can email Rebecca at rgoldstein@bethlehemnhlibrary.gov, give us a call at 603-869-2409, or register in person. This program is for adults and teenagers (age 14 and up). A fun afternoon of collaborative storytelling!

Saturday January 31st 12:30-3:30pm

JANUARY PROGRAMS For Adults



Making an Emergency Binder

Friday, January 9th 11:30am

Could you access what you need, in a matter of minutes, if need be? Learn what you need to be prepared for the unexpected.

Part of our Simple Living program series.



Death Cafe

**Friday, January 23rd
11:30am**

A respectful and confidential place to discuss death, with no agenda, objective or theme. Refreshments will be served.



AARP's Scam Landscape

**Wednesday, January 28th
2pm**

Learn the latest data on fraud trends and provide tips and resources to protect yourself and your family. Zoom is available for this program.

****AARP requests sign up for this program. Contact the library to reserve your seat.****

More Programs

Tuesdays 12:30-2:30pm **Mah Jongg** All abilities welcome!

Fridays 10:15-11:30am **Let's Talk Discussion Group**

- 1/2 New Years resolutions
- 1/9 Have you met anyone famous?
- 1/16 Self Esteem
- 1/23 Superstitions
- 1/30 Can people change?

Wednesday January 28th 6pm **Trivia Night: It's Back!!**

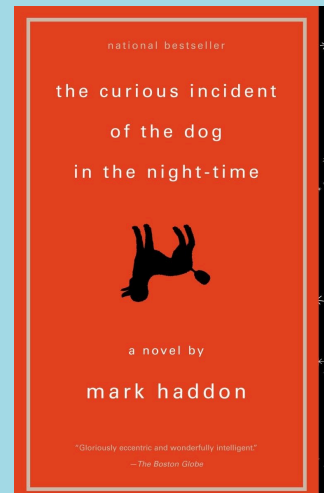


For Readers



Not Your Grandma's Book Club Saturday, January 3rd 11am

Want to talk about books, but short on time? Join our newest book club! No required reading! Come as you are, and talk about what you've been reading! Come away with awesome book recommendations! We have coffee!



Reader's Cafe Book Club Wednesday, January 14th 1:30pm AND Saturday, January 17th 9am Same Book - Two Convenient Times!

January's book is *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon. A modern classic—both poignant and funny—about a boy with autism who sets out to solve the murder of a neighbor's dog and discovers unexpected truths about himself and the world.

For Kids



Lego Club

Mondays 2:30-3:30pm

Best for ages 5-12



Preschool Story Time

Every other Tuesday 1:30-2pm

For ages 2-6 and their caregivers

- 1/6 Polar Bears and Collage craft
- 1/20 Snowman and Salt Magic craft



Arts & Crafts Club

Thursdays 2:30-3:30pm

Best for ages 5-12

- 1/8: Painting the northern lights
- 1/15: Orbees & oobleck
- 1/22: Snowflakes and salt magic
- 1/29: Pinecone owls



Gaming Club

Every other Friday 2:30-4pm

For ages 10 and up

January 2nd, 16th, and 30th

Play new games, and old favorites!

Bring your friends!

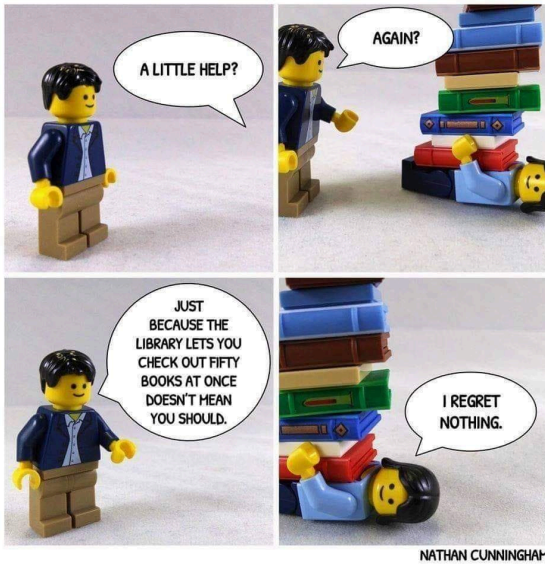
Newsletter Sign Up

Don't miss out! Did someone forward this to you? You can sign up to receive our newsletters: this monthly general newsletter, and/or our new quarterly newsletter with information geared toward ages 2-5.

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P.S. An Extra Program for You!

Thanks for reading to the end!



Book Talk

Join us at the Gallery at WREN to learn about great popular and newly released books. Then you'll be among the first to check them out!

Monday, January 26th 1pm at WREN



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