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December News in November

Greetings!

We're sending our December newsletter early because we want to give you ample notice to participate in three great programs coming soon.

Monday, November 24th we have a Q&A program about Medicare. An agent from State Farm Insurance will be here to answer all your questions. This is not a sales program, but help in navigating options during open enrollment.

Our Gingerbread House contest is on again! Drop off your homemade creation no later than Saturday, December 13th at 1pm. Voting will be the following week. All patrons can vote each day, and will determine the People's Choice winner. The Library Trustees and the board of the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library will vote to determine the grand prize winner of a \$100 gift certificate to Little Village Toy & Book Shop! Many thanks to our Friends group for sponsoring this program each year.

Third, is our Cookie Swap, also on Saturday, December 13th. What a wonderful gift - make one type of cookie, and it instantly becomes a variety of sweet delights! Plus, you'll go home with the recipes too!

We hope that your holiday season is all that you want it to be. Thank you for all the good will toward the library this year, and we look forward to seeing you in 2026!

Happy Holidays,

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Holiday Closures
Thursday December 25th

Thursday January 1st

Holiday Time Changes

Wednesday December 24th & December 31st
Open 10am-4pm



Medicare Information Session

Monday, November 24th 1pm

Medicare's open enrollment period Dec. 7, 2025.

Have questions about Medicare, Open Enrollment, and Supplemental options? Join State Farm agents to learn about coverage that picks up where Medicare leaves off. This is a Q&A session only (no sales).



8th Annual Gingerbread House Contest

Submissions due Saturday, December 13th

Prizes:

\$100 gift certificate to Little Village Toy & Books
\$25 gift certificate to Legacy Books

[Click for details](#)

HAPPENING THIS MONTH

For Adults

Cookie Swap

Saturday, December 13th 11am-Noon

Bring your best batch of cookies, an empty container and your recipe. Go home with a variety sure to please all your holiday guests!



Readers Cafe Book Discussion

NEW DAY: Wednesday, December 17th 1:30pm
AND Saturday, December 20th 9am



December is Reading Round-Up! We'll discuss the 11 books we read this year, and pick a favorite! 2026 books will be announced.

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!



Adult Programs Every Week!

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

** On 12/2 program time is 11am-1pm**

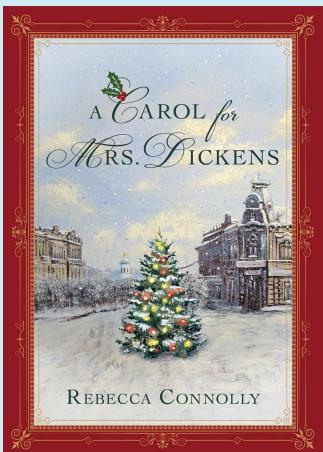


Fridays 10:15-11:30am **Let's Talk**

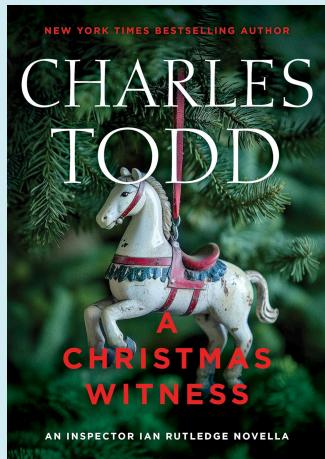
A weekly topical discussion. Join us for coffee and conversation in a safe and welcoming environment.

- 11/28 No program/closed
- 12/5 White Lies
- 12/12 Aliens
- 12/19 Optimism vs Pessimism vs Realism
- 12/26 TV Shows

Holiday Books for Adults



Catherine Dickens struggles with the burdens of Christmas despite her husband's success with *A Christmas Carol*. A magical sprig of holly leads her on three journeys into her past, rekindling her faith and holiday spirit. This heartwarming tale celebrates love, faith, and the simple joys of Christmas.



Inspector Ian Rutledge investigates a possible attempted murder in this seasonal mystery novella. In bed with a concussion, a man is convinced someone is trying to kill him after he claims he was struck by the hoof of a running horse whose rider never stopped to check on him.



Embrace the coziness of winter months with activities that promote peace, relaxation, and mindfulness, perfect for slowing down and enjoying the season. Includes 70 activities to help you make the most of the magical winter season.

For Kids



Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 6th 11am-1pm

Sponsored by Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library (FOBPL)

The annual party, featuring stories and songs by Mrs. Claus, crafts, and cookie decorating.

Part of Christmas in Bethlehem



Kids Programs Every Week!

Mondays 2:30pm **Lego Club** (for ages 5-12)

Every Other Tuesday 1:30pm **Preschool Story Time** (for ages 2-5)

- 12/2 Space w/a mini planetarium
- 12/16 Holidays (non-denominational)

Thursdays 2:30pm **Arts & Crafts** (for ages 5-12)

- 12/4 Space Crafts



- 12/11 Beading
- 12/18 Holiday Crafts

Every other Friday 2:30pm **Tabletop Gaming Club**

(for ages 10+)

This month: 12/5 and 12/19

Play new games, and old favorites! Bring your friends!

No programs during school vacation

A Sneek Peak at our Books from CLiF

(We received 100 new kids books thanks to the Rural Libraries' grant!!)



A new book by the author of *Artemis Fowl*.

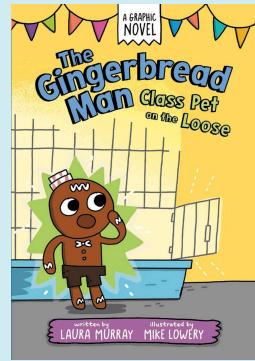
Eleven-year-old Juniper Lane is thrown into a Christmas adventure like no other when she seeks the help of a mysterious woodsman living in her local park, who she suspects is Santa himself, and accidentally gets exposed to North Pole magic.

It's an epic below-(and above)-the-ice battle as friends join in on the tug-of-war to see who will reign supreme! This unique board book opens from bottom to top, which enables your child to grasp the above-and-below aspect of this tension-filled tale -- including its topsy-turvy twist!



A graphic novel for our earliest readers!

The Gingerbread Man is as excited as his classmates about their new class pet. And today it's his turn to feed Squeaks. But—uh-oh!—her cage door is open and she's nowhere to be found. Where could she have gone?



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