## Books 'n Banter

**DECEMBER** 2025

McCord Memorial Library 32 W. Main St. North East PA (814) 725-4057 www.mccordlibrary.org



## The Art of Tea Blending December 13 @ 10:30

Join us for this hands-on workshop where you'll learn the basics of tea blends. Each participant will craft their own blend. A brief sampling will take place at the end of the workshop. Each participant will make and take home a custom tea blend. (Ages 17+)

Cost: \$5.00 | Pre-Registration Ends Dec. 11



## **Holiday Hours**

Wed, Dec 24 and Thurs, Dec 25:

Closed

Sat, Dec 27: Close @ 2:00

Wed, Dec 31 and Thurs, Jan 1- Closed

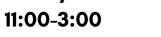


## Spice Club is Back!

Thank you for participating in our 2025 spice club! Our last spice for the year will be available the second full week of December. The last day to pick up your spice will be December 30.



## Sugar Plum Saturday Saturday Dec 6



Join us in making snowflakes and other holiday crafts!







Turn in your Read Across America bookmark trackers by December 30, to be entered to win a \$50 gift card. One winner will be announced for Adults and Young Adults. Winners will be announced in January.

Remember, all books that you read in 2025 that take place within the United States can be tracked.

Did you not receive a tracker bookmark and want to participate? Ask the front desk for one and turn it in by December 30.



## **Piglet Story Time January 31** 10:00-11:00

Join us for a story time with some real life pigs and a craft following the story!

> LIBRARY HOURS MONDAY-THURSDAY 9:30 - 7:00 **CLOSED FRIDAY SATURDAY 9:00 - 4:00**

## Programs for all ages that you won't want to miss!!

# Read and Create Wednesdays at 4:00

Grades K-5

Join us after school from 4-4:30 each Wednesday for an interactive program for kids in grades K-5! We'll enjoy a read-aloud followed by themed activities, games, or crafts based on the book.

The first meeting of each month features a
"Book vs. Movie" showdown where we read a
book, watch a short clip, and play a game to
test your knowledge! This month will be
"The Polar Express"

(No need to have watched the movie.)



# STEAM Club Mondays at 4:00



Ages 6+

Join us every first Monday of the month for STEAM Club. We will have activities available such as Beebots, Marble Runs, Legos, and more!

#### Teen "Crafternoon"

Sat., Dec 6 @ 11:00 - 3:00 Thurs. Dec 18 @ 4:00

Join us for one of our two sessions and learn how to make your own snowflakes and other holiday fun crafts!







# BABY-SITTERS CLUB

## GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB



## Tuesday, December 9 @ 4:00

Grades 5-8

Do you know what makes a book a graphic novel?

Calling all middle grade students to join us each month to learn more about what details make up a graphic novel, meet some new friends, and enjoy a fun activity!

Snacks provided!

## **Take and Make Kits**

Paper Quilling





Welcome to the new books list! These books may be placed on hold.

#### **Adult Non-Fiction**

- Burgess, Ann Wolbert: Expert witness: the weight of our testimony when justice hangs in the balance
- Butler-Gallie, Fergus: <u>Twelve churches: an unlikely history of the buildings that made Christianity</u>
- Fodor's essential Japan
- Goleniewski, Stanley: <u>Out of Auschwitz: the untold story</u>
- Hamby, Eleanor: Here we go: lessons for living fearlessly from two traveling nanas
- Pressman, Gene: <u>They all came to Barneys: a personal history of the world's greatest store</u>
- Richie, Lionel: <u>Truly</u>

### **Adult Fiction**



- Edwards, Mark: The wasp trap
- Gould, Leslie: <u>The shop down the lane</u>
- Katsu, Alma: Fiend
- Levithan, David: Songs for other people's weddings
- Lowell, Joanna: A rare find
- Osman, Richard: <u>The impossible fortune</u>
- Richter, Morgan: The understudy
- Saunders, Paula: Starting from here
- Trevelyan, Jennifer: A beautiful family
- Yates, Christopher J: The Rabbit Club

## **Adult Fiction Large Print**

- Bowen, Rhys: <u>Mrs. Endicott's splendid adventure</u>
- Byrne, Paula: <u>Six weeks by the sea</u>
- Cameron, Marc: Dead line
- Good, Rachel J.: <u>An Amish second chance romance</u>
- Jackson, Lisa: <u>It happened on the lake</u>
- White, Roseanna M: <u>The collector of burned books</u>



#### **Non-Print**

#### Playaway

McFadden, Freida: <u>The widow's husband's secret lie</u>

#### **DVDs**

Parks and recreation. seasons one-seven.

Sons of Anarchy. The final season

The White Lotus. The complete third season

### **New-Adult Fiction**

#### **Graphic Novels**

• Dingess, Chris: Manifest destiny. vol 1-3



## Children's

#### Blue Dot- Picture Books

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- Brett, Jan: Jan Brett's the nutcracker
- Cutler, Marcus: <u>The crayon stub</u>
- Dewdney, Anna: Llama Llama learns to swim
- Gopal, Jyoti Rajan: One sweet song
- Marley, Ziggy: <u>Music is in everything</u>
- Webster, Christy: <u>Minecraft 5-minute stories</u>

#### Yellow Dot - 6th & 7th grade

• Fox, Paula: One-eyed cat

#### Children's Non-Fiction

- Bleiman, Andrew: ZooBorns! When I'm big
- Brown, Elizabeth: <u>The world entire: a true story of</u> <u>an extraordinary World War II rescue</u>
- Jenkins, Steve: <u>Toes, teeth, and tentacles: a curious counting book</u>
- Luciow, Chelsey: Build 10 bold bridges with STEM
- Stanley, Diane: <u>The high-flying, deep-diving</u> <u>adventures of Kathy Sullivan</u>

#### To place a book on hold

Call (814)725-4057 to request the item

- 1. Go to mccordlibrary.org
- 2. Click catalog
- 3. Log in to the catalog
- 4. Username is your library card barcode #
- 5. Password is last four digits of your phone #
- 6. Search for the book
- 7. Click Place request
- 8. Choose your pickup library
- 9. Click submit request



## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Ask for a bag and registration form at the main desk.

For each 100 books you read, receive a sticker and move your name along the tracker wall located downstairs by the elevator. Receive a free book when you reach 1,000 books!

After every 100 books parents or guardians can take a picture by the milestone posters.



## **Young Adult**

#### Fiction

• Vanbrakle, Khadijah: My perfect family

### **Graphic Novels**

• Nguyen, Trung Le: <u>Angelica and the Bear Prince</u>



## **Dial-A-Story**

New story every week!

#### **December Stories:**

12/07- <u>The Animals' Santa</u> 12/14- <u>Mr. Willoughby's Christmas Tree</u> 12/21- <u>Mr. Santa</u> 12/28- <u>Squirrel's New Years Resolution</u>

## What is Dial-A-Story?

Dial-a-Story is a library program that is available 24/7! Call 814-347-8318 to hear a story read to you. Stories are available in English and Spanish. English stories change weekly and the Spanish story changes monthly.

Call as many times as you want!

Memorials, Endowments, and
Tributes honor family members
and friends

\*\*If your employer makes matching
donations, be sure to note that on
the form.\*\*

Memorial brochures are available at the library or by calling: (814) 725-4057.







# Adult Bingo Winter Basket December 1 - January 31

Looking for something to do this winter?
Register for our Winter Reading BINGO.
To earn a BINGO, complete a row of challenges (diagonal, vertical, or horizontal). Each BINGO you complete will count as an entry in our prize drawing. The prize this year is a cozy book-themed blanket throw.

## <u>Memorials</u>

October/November Books purchased from donations in memory of:

#### **Barbara Brown**

By:

Allison and Justin Nodes

Simi, Sarah: <u>Sew your own nursery rhyme</u>

## **Book Club in a Bag**

Want to start a book club? Have a book club but can't find a book to read?

Then check out one of our Book Club in a Bag!

Each bag includes 10 copies of a title, perfect for book clubs.

The waiting list for these kits is long, so reserve a book early.

### Some available books include:

Addario, Lynsey: <u>It's what I do: a photographer's life of love</u>

and war

Bryson, Bill: <u>A Walk in the Woods</u>

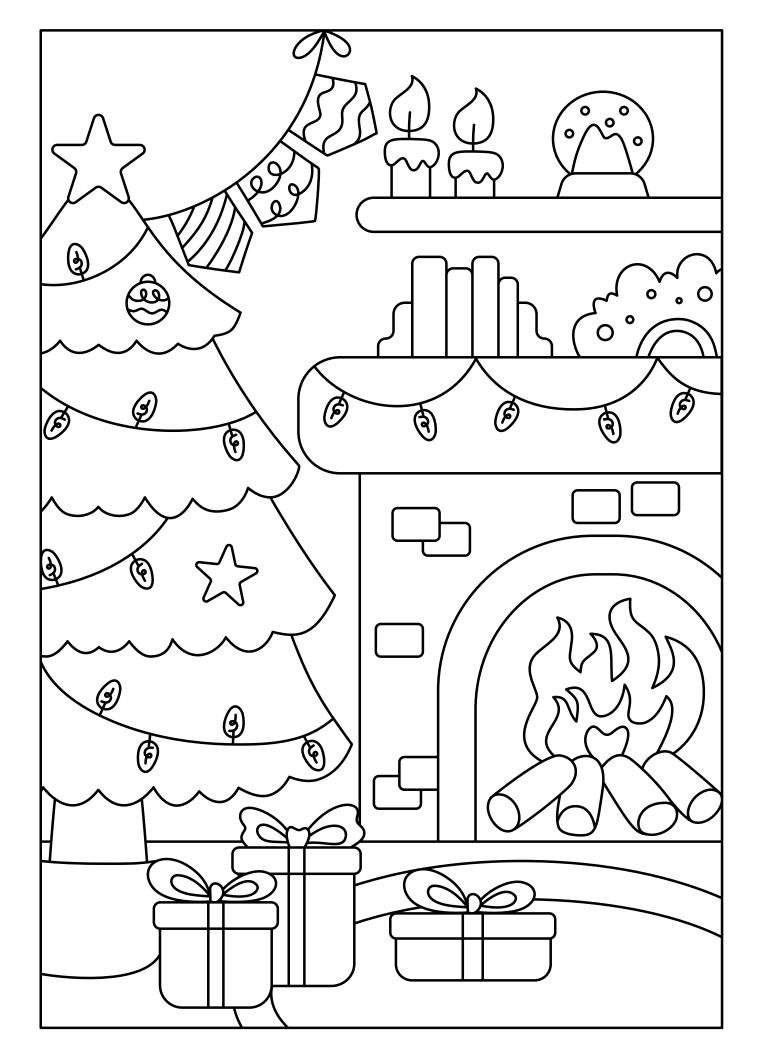
Davis, Fiona: <u>The lions of Fifth Avenue</u>

Hoang, Helen: The kiss quotient

Kingsolver, Barbara: <u>The poisonwood Bible</u>
Klune, TJ: <u>The house in the cerulean sea</u>
Osman, Richard: <u>The Thursday murder club</u>
Quế Mai, Nguyễn Phan: <u>The Mountains Sing</u>

Ward, Catriona: The last house on Needless Street

More titles can be found on our website: mccordlibrary.org!



## **DECEMBER 2025 EVENTS & ACTIVITES**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	STEAM Club: <b>4:00-4:30</b>	Preschool: <b>11:00-11:30</b>	Preschool: 11:00-11:30 Read & Create: 4:00-4:30	Toddler: <b>11:00-11:30</b>		
	1 4:00 STEAM Club Ages 6+	2 11:00 Dream Snow	3 11:00 If you take a mouse to the movies 4:00 Book vs Movie The Polar Express FOL: 3:00	4 11:00 Santa's Suit	5	6 11:00-3:00 Sugar Plum Saturday Holiday Crafts
7	8 4:00 STEAM Club Ages 6+	9 11:00 Who will help Santa this year? 4:00 Graphic Novel Club	10 11:00 Pete the Cat Saves Christmas 4:00 Christmas Farm	11:00 That's not my Santa	12 CLOSED	2:00 All Ages Children's Crafts
14	4:00 STEAM Club Ages 6+ Spice Club pick-up	11:00 Gingerbread Baby	11:00 Gingerbread Friends  4:00 Tough Cookie  BOD: 3:00	11:00  Jingle Bells  3:30  Teen  "Crafternoon" Holiday Crafts	19 CLOSED	20
21	4:00 STEAM Club Ages 6+	23  11:00  10 Trim the  Tree'ers	24 CLOSED CLOSED  Merry Christmas		26 closed	27 CLOSE @ 2:00
28	4:00 STEAM Club Ages 6+	30 11:00 NO STORY TIME	31 CLOSED Year's Eve	Story time: Includes a story & activity or craft. Free to attend, no preregistration required. Adult must stay with child		