

# Off the Shelf

EVENT CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2023

Events are open to the public but may require registration. | Adults must accompany children. | All materials provided unless otherwise indicated.



## Holidays with the Library

There are a lot of ways to use your library card as you travel, entertain guests, and have kids home for the holidays. Here are some tips for using your library card for a lot more than checking out physical books as you enjoy the holidays.

**Need holiday movies?** Stop by Lawson McGhee Library for Blu-ray and DVD rentals. If you want to watch digitally, access Kanopy for streaming movies and Hoopla for movie and TV show streaming. Plus, try Hoopla's collection of Hallmark movies this holiday season!

**Need tunes while traveling?** Check out audiobooks at any branch and CDs and vinyl records at Lawson McGhee Library. For streaming, Music Online has 82,000+ albums for you to listen to while on the way to grandma's house. You can also stream through Hoopla and check out the latest hits as you travel the road this holiday season. For digital audiobooks, Overdrive and Libby will let you check out a digital copy for you to enjoy during your holiday time.

**Want to learn something new?** Kanopy has educational kids video content to keep the little ones engaged while you're busy making spirits bright. If you're looking for help with professional skills or personal growth as the New Year's resolution season is approaching, try LinkedIn Learning to stream video courses.

**Want to entertain the kids?** Playaways are a great way for kids to engage in reading in a whole new way! Check out a Playaway Backpack to receive a dedicated audiobook player, along with 3-4 physical books to take home and enjoy. Check out a Playaway View to take home a tablet with preloaded videos that accompany fun and educational stories.

## STORYTIMES

### Lawson McGhee Library

Baby	Thurs.	10:30
Toddler	Wed.	10:00
Preschool	Wed.	11:00

### Bearden Branch Library

Baby	Fri.	10:30
Toddler	Wed.	10:15
Preschool	Tues.	10:15

### Burlington Branch Library

Preschool	Tues.	10:30
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### Carter Branch Library

Preschool	Tues.	1:30
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### Cedar Bluff Branch

Baby	Tues.	10:30
Baby	Tues.	11:15
Toddler	Wed.	10:30
Toddler	Wed.	11:15
Preschool	Thurs.	10:30

### Farragut Branch Library

Baby	Wed.	10:30
Toddler	Thurs.	10:30
Preschool	Mon.	10:30
Ready, set, K!	Tues.	10:30

### Fountain City Branch

Baby	Fri.	11:00
Preschool	Fri.	10:15

### Halls Branch Library

Baby	Fri.	10:30
Toddler	Wed.	10:30
Preschool	Wed.	11:00

### Howard Pinkston Branch

Preschool	Wed.	10:30
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### Karns Branch Library

Toddler	Wed.	10:30
Preschool	Wed.	11:00

### North Knoxville Branch

Preschool	Wed.	11:00
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### Norwood Branch Library

Baby	Wed.	10:00
Preschool	Wed.	11:00

### Powell Branch Library

Baby	Wed.	10:30
Preschool	Fri.	10:30
Pajama	Thurs.	6:30
<i>First Thurs. of each month</i>		

### Sequoyah Branch Library

Preschool	Thurs.	10:30
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### South Knoxville Branch

Preschool	Wed.	10:30
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## EXPLORER PASS



Use your library card to get free or discounted admission to some of Knoxville's most famous and exciting locations this holiday season! Below are some of the locations you can book this December. Check online for the full list of available attractions.

Clarence Brown Theatre
Historic Homes of Knoxville
Muse Knoxville
Museum of East Tennessee History
Sunsphere
Women's Basketball Hall of Fame
Zoo Knoxville

## SANTA PHOTOS



### Merry Merry @ the Library

Ho ho ho! Come down to the library for a special visit with Santa Claus. You'll have the opportunity to share your wish list with Santa and take pictures. Don't forget to bring your phone or camera!

Nov 30	Corryton	3:30 PM
Dec 4	Howard Pinkston	10:30 AM
Dec 4	Farragut	1:00 PM
Dec 5	Carter	1:30 PM
Dec 6	Powell	3:30 PM
Dec 7	Cedar Bluff	11:00 AM
Dec 12	Burlington	11:00 AM
Dec 12	North Knoxville	1:00 PM
Dec 13	Lawson McGhee	10:30 AM
Dec 14	Karns	10:30 AM
Dec 14	Halls	1:30 PM
Dec 18	Bearden	11:00 AM
Dec 18	Norwood	3:00 PM
Dec 20	Fountain City	11:00 AM
Dec 21	Sequoyah	10:30 AM
Dec 21	South Knoxville	4:00 PM

## BOOKS

### Library Book Clubs

Check out future dates online to read ahead!

<i>Farragut Book Club: "Mrs. Porter Calling"</i>		
Dec 4	Farragut	6:00 PM
<i>Halls Literary Social Hour</i>		
Dec 5	Halls	1:00 PM
<i>All Over the Page: "The Miniaturist"</i>		
Dec 11	Lawson McGhee	6:30 PM
<i>Cookbook Club</i>		
Dec 16	Norwood	11:00 AM
<i>Pop Culture Book Club</i>		
Dec 19	Bearden	6:00 PM
<i>Cedar Bluff Book Circle</i>		
Dec 21	Cedar Bluff	1:00 PM



### Friends of the Library Used Book Sale

Dec 1-2	Bearden	10-5 PM
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CALENDAR IS  
AVAILABLE ON  
OUR WEBSITE.



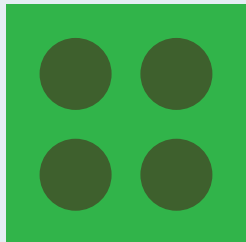
## CHILDREN & FAMILY



### Art Displays

The library can be a great place to display your artwork! Many library locations have galleries open to the public for submissions. Stop by your local library and ask about potential gallery space for you to brighten the hallways with!

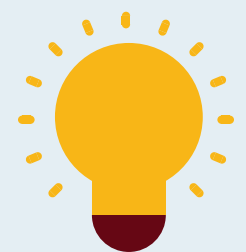
Gallery space only available at select locations. Submissions must be appropriate for all ages. Library staff are able to permit or deny art at their discretion.



### LEGO® Clubs

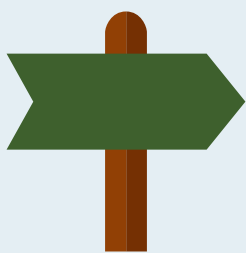
Look for building clubs at 5 library locations! (Bearden, Burlington, Howard Pinkston, Halls, and Karns). Search our online calendar for a time and location that suits your family.

LEGOs are provided by the library and cannot be taken home. LEGO and Mega Bloks do not sponsor, authorize or endorse these events.



### Brainfuse

Your library card can get you access to free live tutoring, ACT and GED test prep, skills classes, online collaboration meeting sessions, and much more! Just visit the Brainfuse HelpNow resource on our website.



### Storybook Trails

Visit our Storybook Trails at West View Park, Collier Preserve (next to Powell Branch Library), Ijams Nature Center, and Beverly Park. Stories will rotate seasonally.

### Directory

(865) area code

Lawson McGhee 215-8750  
 Bearden 588-8813  
 Burlington 525-5431  
 Carter 933-5438  
 Cedar Bluff 470-7033  
 Corryton 688-1501  
 Farragut 777-1750  
 Fountain City 689-2681  
 Halls 922-2552  
 Howard Pinkston 573-0436  
 Karns 470-8663  
 Mascot 933-2620  
 Murphy 521-7812  
 North Knoxville 525-7036  
 Norwood 688-2454  
 Powell 947-6210  
 Sequoyah 525-1541  
 South Knoxville 573-1772

**SAT DEC 2**  
**THURS DEC 21**  
**Making Music: Drums**  
 POWELL | 3:00 (12/2) | 6:30 (12/21)  
 Ages 6-12 | Learn how to make a drum! In this hands-on activity, we'll be working with both kids and caregivers. Each child will take their crafted drums home.

**TUES DEC 5**  
**Full STEAM Ahead: The Gingerbread Man**  
 HALLS | 11:00 AM  
 Ages 3-5 | Activities and opportunities to explore STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) principles.



**Holiday Crafts**  
 It's the holiday season, and hand-made crafts are the best present that a little one can give! Stop by these events to create a fun craft for the holidays.

**Clay Christmas Tree Ornaments**  
 Dec. 5 Howard Pinkston 6:00 PM

**DIY Acrylic Paint Ornaments**  
 Dec. 7 Halls 5:00 PM

**Create Your Own Christmas Card Day**  
 Dec. 9 Fountain City 11:00 AM

**Cardboard Gingerbread Houses**  
 Dec. 12 Howard Pinkston 6:00 PM

**Make a Holiday Garland**  
 Dec. 14 Burlington 5:30 PM

**Paper Loop Christmas Trees**  
 Dec. 19 Halls 6:00 PM

**Make a Cut Out Snowflake Day**  
 Dec. 27 Fountain City 10:00 AM

**TUES DEC 5**  
**THUR DEC 14**  
**STEAM: Kinetic and Potential Energies**  
 POWELL | 6:00 PM  
 Grades K-8 | Create a Christmas card that demonstrates how kinetic and potential energies work.

**THUR DEC 7**  
**Family Game Night**  
 BURLINGTON | 5:30 PM  
 Bring the family and come join us for a fun-filled board and video game night.

**Special Storytimes**  
 Join us for these unique storytime events. Look for weekly storytimes on the front page or online.  
 Dec. 8 Farragut Once Upon A... 10:30 AM  
 Dec. 14 Burlington The Polar Express 4:00 PM  
 Dec. 18 Farragut After School Stories 5:30 PM  
 Dec. 21 Karns Celebration of Lights 3:30 PM  
 Dec. 22 Norwood The Gift of the Magi 3:00 PM

## ADULTS

**MON DEC 4**  
**Mason Jar Lid Christmas Ornament Craft**  
 CEDAR BLUFF | 6:00 PM  
 Create DIY Christmas ornaments using mason jar lids just in time for the holidays.



**THUR DEC 7**  
**Scrabble and Snacks**  
 FARRAGUT | 6:00 PM  
 Spell your way into a triple-word score with other word lovers and enjoy a new snack mix!

**MON DEC 11**  
**You CAN Craft: Easy Crafts for Adults**  
 NORWOOD | 6:00 PM  
 Participate in approachable, easy crafts geared toward adults that want to express their artistic side.

**TUES DEC 12**  
**Mastering Medicare: Turning 65**  
 CEDAR BLUFF | 1:00 PM  
 Gain in-depth knowledge of Medicare options including when to enroll, the differences between Medicare supplement and Medicare advantage plans, prescription drug coverage, & more.

**FRI DEC 8**  
**Meet the Artist: Gulya Elhan**  
 BEARDEN | 4:00 PM  
 Meet Gulya Elhan see her beautiful artwork in the meeting room, and enjoy Turkish baklava.

**Crafternoons**  
 Ages 3+ | A safe place for kids to gather, work on social and motor skills, and just have fun.  
 Dec. 8 Halls 4:00 PM  
 Dec. 15 Cedar Bluff 3:30 PM



**MON DEC 11**  
**Holiday Book Nook Contest**  
 SOUTH KNOXVILLE | 12:00 AM  
 Drop off your holiday themed book nook or diorama using characters or places from any story. Voting ends the 20th. Categories: Ages 0-6, Ages 7-12, and Teen Rules: One entry per person/group, all entries should be inspired by a story of any kind, & all entries must be appropriate for all ages.

**MON DEC 11**  
**Decorate Our Christmas Tree**  
 FOUNTAIN CITY | 10:00 AM  
 Our paper tree is "pining" for adornment. Help "spruce" up our Christmas tree until the 22nd. Stop by and color an ornament to add to the tree "fir" all to see.

**MON DEC 11**  
**Museum Mondays - Wonderful Weather**  
 HALLS | 3:00 PM  
 The Muse will be presenting the program, Wonderful Weather, where kids will identify patterns in weather conditions, the water cycle, and climate.

**THUR DEC 14**  
**Music Explorers Club**  
 BEARDEN | 4:00 PM  
 Join a music story hour with stories, games, music, and crafts.



**SAT DEC 16**  
**Holly Dolly Day**  
 LAWSON MCGHEE | 10:00 AM  
 Drop by the Children's Room at Lawson McGhee Library for cozy refreshments, crafts, and Dolly music.



**TUES DEC 12**  
**Craft Hard: Illusion Christmas Ornaments**  
 KARNs | 6:00 PM  
 Inspired by the quintessential Christmas (or is it?) film *Die Hard*, we will craft an illusion ornament and enjoy Christmas cookies. Appropriate for older teens and adults. Call the branch with any questions.

**THUR DEC 14**  
**Beginner's Cross Stitch**  
 NORWOOD | 6:00 PM  
 This program is aimed for beginners to learn cross-stitch basics. Each month we will stitch a different design.

**TUES DEC 19**  
**Brush Hour: Cozy Winter Paint Along**  
 KARNs | 6:00 PM  
 The no skills necessary painting class. This month we will have a happy little paint along with Bob Ross.

**THUR DEC 21**  
**Beaded Jewelry Making**  
 BURLINGTON | 5:30 PM  
 Ages 14+ | Learn new techniques of making beaded bracelets or necklaces that you can wear home!

**MON DEC 18**  
**Bird Watching For Book Lovers: Winter Birding**  
 KARNs | 3:00 PM  
 A park ranger from Seven Islands State Birding Park will present about bird migration and keeping birds happy during cold months.



**TUES DEC 19**  
**Slime Science - Sparkly Snow Slime**  
 HALLS | 3:00 PM  
 Ages 5-12 | We'll be making sparkly snow slime that you can take home!

**WED DEC 20**  
**Early Release Day Fun: Narnia**  
 LAWSON MCGHEE | 2:00 PM  
 Looking for something fun to do on Knox County Schools' Early Release Days? Go through the wardrobe for a magical time in the land of Narnia.



**THUR DEC 21**  
**National Crossword Puzzle Day**  
 FOUNTAIN CITY | 10:00 AM  
 Come select from a wide variety of skill levels and styles, and stretch those brain cells. Solve them here, or take them home and enjoy. All ages welcome!

**THUR DEC 21**  
**Holiday Party**  
 SOUTH KNOXVILLE | 4:00 PM  
 Let's celebrate the winter holidays with stories, crafts, games, and an ugly sweater contest!

**THUR DEC 28**  
**Watercolor Kids**  
 BEARDEN | 3:30 PM  
 Ages 6-12 | Young artists explore a new watercolor technique.

**THUR DEC 28**  
**The Puzzle Hour**  
 BURLINGTON | 5:00 PM  
 Join our puzzle club! Whether you are 3 or 103, we have a variety of puzzles for every age and skill level.

## TEENS



**MON DEC 13**  
**Spooky Teen Book Club**  
 HALLS | 5:00 PM  
 Come join us for an hour of talking about your favorite spooky reads.



**SAT DEC 16**  
**Beary Christmas: A Party for Teens**  
 BEARDEN | 1:00 PM  
 Teens are invited to a holiday party to make washcloth bears, write sweet holiday cards, and play games to win books! Cards will be given to residents at Shannondale Assisted Living.