

Insider Guide

WINTER 2024





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Program Key

 In-Person  Virtual

Registration is required for programs unless otherwise noted.

Register at <https://newlenox.librarymarket.com/> or call (815) 485-2605. You will receive an email and link for live stream virtual programs.

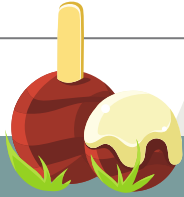
Not online? Call us to learn how you can listen to Zoom programs on your phone!

ADA Accommodations

Available for programs and Library visits. Please call (815) 485-2605 or email info@newlenoxlibrary.org.

Photo Policy

The New Lenox Public Library frequently engages in photographing and recording programs and events for its own publicity and promotional purposes. Patrons and visitors should notify a library staff member if they do not want to be photographed or recorded. Online programs are also subject to being recorded to archive on the Library's website at a later date.



Puzzle Racing

All Ages

February 1, 1 - 3 PM

Meeting Room AB

On your mark, get set, PUZZLE! Come with your team of up to four friends or family members to show off your puzzle-solving skills in this fun competition.

There will be two categories:
Family Teams & Adult/Teen Teams.

Registration starts Jan. 1

To learn more about this event and register, please scan the QR code.



Lincoln-Way Central Madrigal Singers

All Ages

December 3, 6:30 - 7:15 PM

Second Floor

Join us as the LWC Madrigal Singers ring in the holiday season with a selection of old and new music. Start your holiday season off with us!

The performance will take place on the second floor in the Magazine/AV area near the windows. **Limited seating available.**

Review to Win! Winter Challenge

for Adults &
Teens

January 4 - 31



Read, listen to or watch a book, audiobook, graphic novel, album, movie or TV show then submit a review to be entered into the prize drawing. Submit more reviews for more chances to win! There will be one prize basket for Teens (7th-12th Grade) and one prize basket for Adults (18 and up).

How to Enter:

Submit Reviews Online:

Share your review through your Beanstack account January 4 - January 31. All reviews posted during the timeframe are automatically entered.

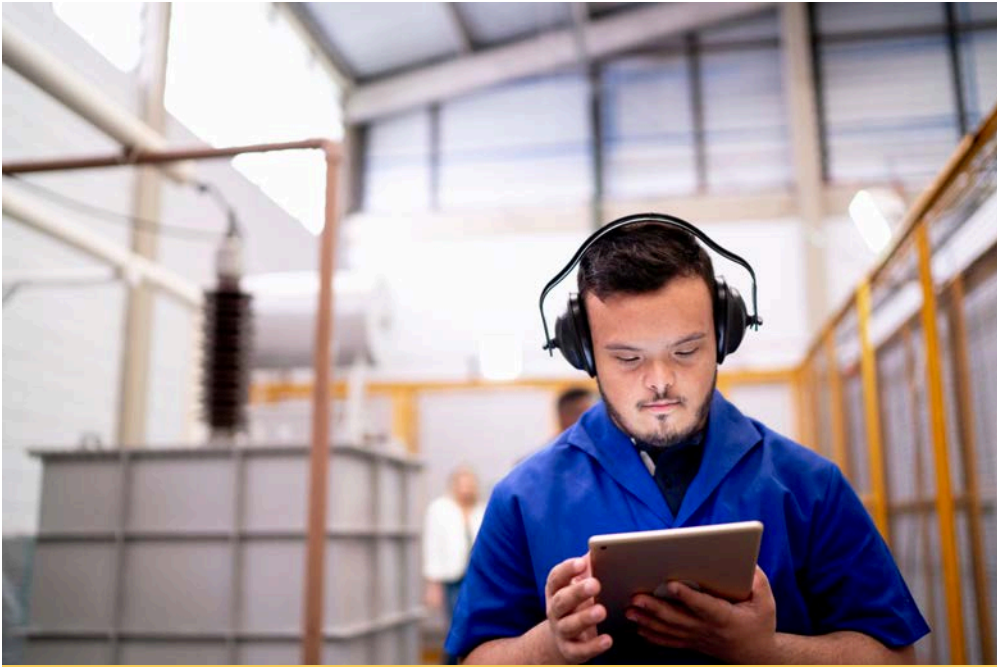
Don't use Beanstack? Visit newlenoxlibrary.org/reviewtowin to submit on online form instead.

Submit Reviews at the Library:

Drop by the Adult & Teen Services desk on the second floor and fill out a paper form.

Alternatively, download a "Review to Win" form from our website, complete it, and return it to the Adult & Teen Services desk.

Please feel free to explore our library collections and online databases for materials, though it's not required.



Reaching for the Stars Winter Challenge January 4 - 31



“Reaching for the Stars,” is a new winter challenge program at our library designed for adults with disabilities who love books and movies.

Read any book or watch any movie or TV show you like – whether it's new or old, for any age group, or any reading level! Just color in up to five stars to show how much you liked it.

Between January 4 and January 31, pick up a form to fill in at the Adult and Teen Service Desk. Support is available for any accessibility needs.

For every review you turn in, you'll be entered into our prize drawing. The more reviews you complete, the more chances you have to win exciting prizes!

You can check out materials from any department, including options such as large print materials, audiobooks, picture books, and assistive technologies to ensure everyone can join in.

Let your voice shine with "Reaching for the Stars"!



January 4 - 31

Can you read your way through a Candy Land of treats? Follow the path and color in one sweet space for every 15 minutes that you read. Once you reach the end (by reading for 4 hours), you will receive a prize bag and a virtual entry into our weekly drawing. Want to keep reading for extra entries? Complete a Bonus Log to keep the treats coming!

Register at the Library
or on  **beanstack**

newlenoxlibrary.beanstack.org



Life-size Candyland

January 4

Meeting Room AB

Come kick-off Winter Reading with a game of Life-Size Candyland! Can you make it to the end of the rainbow road to collect the candy surprise? Please register as a family; children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sweet Treats Scavenger Hunt

January 2-30

Youth Services Desk

Oh no! Someone has hidden all the sweets from Candyland in the Youth Services department! Find them all and receive a treat!



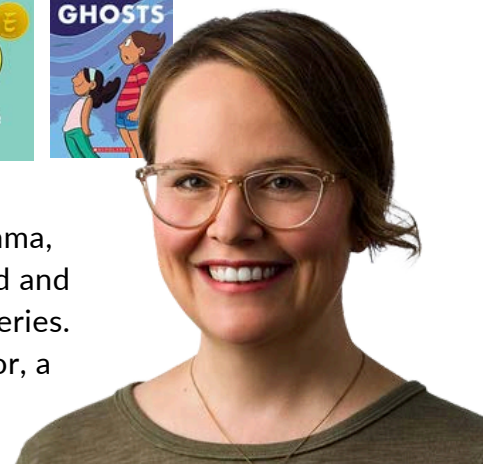
Illinois Libraries Present Premier Online Events

The Magic of Raina Telgemeier

Tuesday, December 10 at 7 PM



Raina Telgemeier is the author and illustrator of the graphic novels *Smile*, *Drama*, *Sisters*, *Ghosts*, and *Guts*, all #1 New York Times bestsellers. She also adapted and illustrated four graphic novel versions of Ann M. Martin's *Baby-Sitters Club* series. Raina's accolades include six Eisner Awards, a Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor, a Stonewall Honor, and many Best-of and Notables lists.



The Musical at Home: Little Women

December 20-22

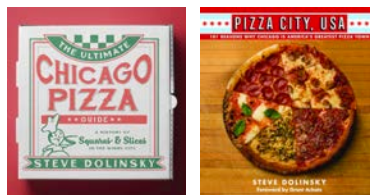
Louisa May Alcott's classic story of four sisters growing up in 19th-century Massachusetts made its London premiere in this acclaimed production at Park Theatre.

The recording can be viewed starting at 2pm, Friday, December 20 through 11:59, Sunday, December 22. Registrants will receive an email with a special link to the performance.



Chicago Pizza: Past, Present & Future Steve Dolinsky

Thursday, January 12 at 7 PM



Steve Dolinsky is the well known Food Guy reporter at NBC 5 (Chicago). He hosts the podcasts *The Feed Podcast* with Chicago chef/restaurateur Rick Bayless and *Pizza City*, wrote two books about pizza, and is the creator of *Pizza City Fest* in 4 cities.



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📺 Loves and Laughs with

Michelle Buteau

Thursday, January 23 at 7 PM

Born in New Jersey to Caribbean parents, comedian/ host/performer Michelle Buteau brings her unique perspective and big personality to stage and screen.

James McBride

Tuesday, February 4 at 7 PM

James McBride is an award-winning author, musician, and screenwriter. His landmark memoir, *The Color of Water*, published in 1996, has sold millions of copies and spent more than two years on the New York Times bestseller list. Considered an American classic, it is read in schools and universities across the United States.



Amy Tan

Wednesday, February 19 at 7 PM

Amy Ruth Tan is an American author best known for her novel *The Joy Luck Club*, which was adapted into a 1993 film. She is also known for other novels, short story collections, children's books, and a memoir.



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📍 Hearts & Crafts

Adults

4th Monday of the Month

6 - 7:30 PM

The Studio

Do you make items for charities? Bring your projects and meet like-minded makers! New Life for Old Bags, Ryan's Case for Smiles, Project Linus, Loose Ends, and other favorite ways to give back are welcome. Please note that the Library is hosting a social meeting, and is not a drop-off point for charity projects. Attendees are welcome to organize amongst themselves.

DATES

Jan. 27

Feb. 24

📍 Knit Happens!

Adults

1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month

6 - 7:30 PM

The Studio

And it's not just knitting! Bring your crochet, embroidery, sewing, weaving and other fiber arts projects. All skill levels are welcome! Registration Encouraged.

DATES

Dec. 5 Jan. 16

Dec. 19 Feb. 6

Jan. 2 Feb. 20

📍 The Cozy

Adults & Teens

Every 4th Sunday of the Month, 1 - 2 PM

The Studio

Introverts unite, quietly! Welcome to a low-key social group where talking isn't required and your presence is enough. We'll put on some calm music and can focus on our projects while still building community in our own way.

DATES

Dec. 22

Jan. 26

Feb. 23



The Studio

📍 Sewing with Rachael

Adults & Teens

3rd Monday of the Month,

5:30 - 7 PM

The Studio

Want to learn how to sew? Join Rachael as she teaches a different project each month, helping you gain a variety of sewing skills with a machine or by hand.

December 16: Candy Cane Mini Quilt*

January 20: Alterations & Repairs*

February 17: Hand Quilt with a Frame

**Sewing machine required. We recommend learning on your own sewing machine. If you don't have a machine, you can use one of ours.*

📍 Crafting with Cameo

Adults & Teens

February 12 at 6 PM

The Studio

Crafting with the Cameo classes and do-it-yourself kits use the Silhouette Cameo to make a paper, vinyl, or heat transfer project.

Craft: Custom Song Plaque



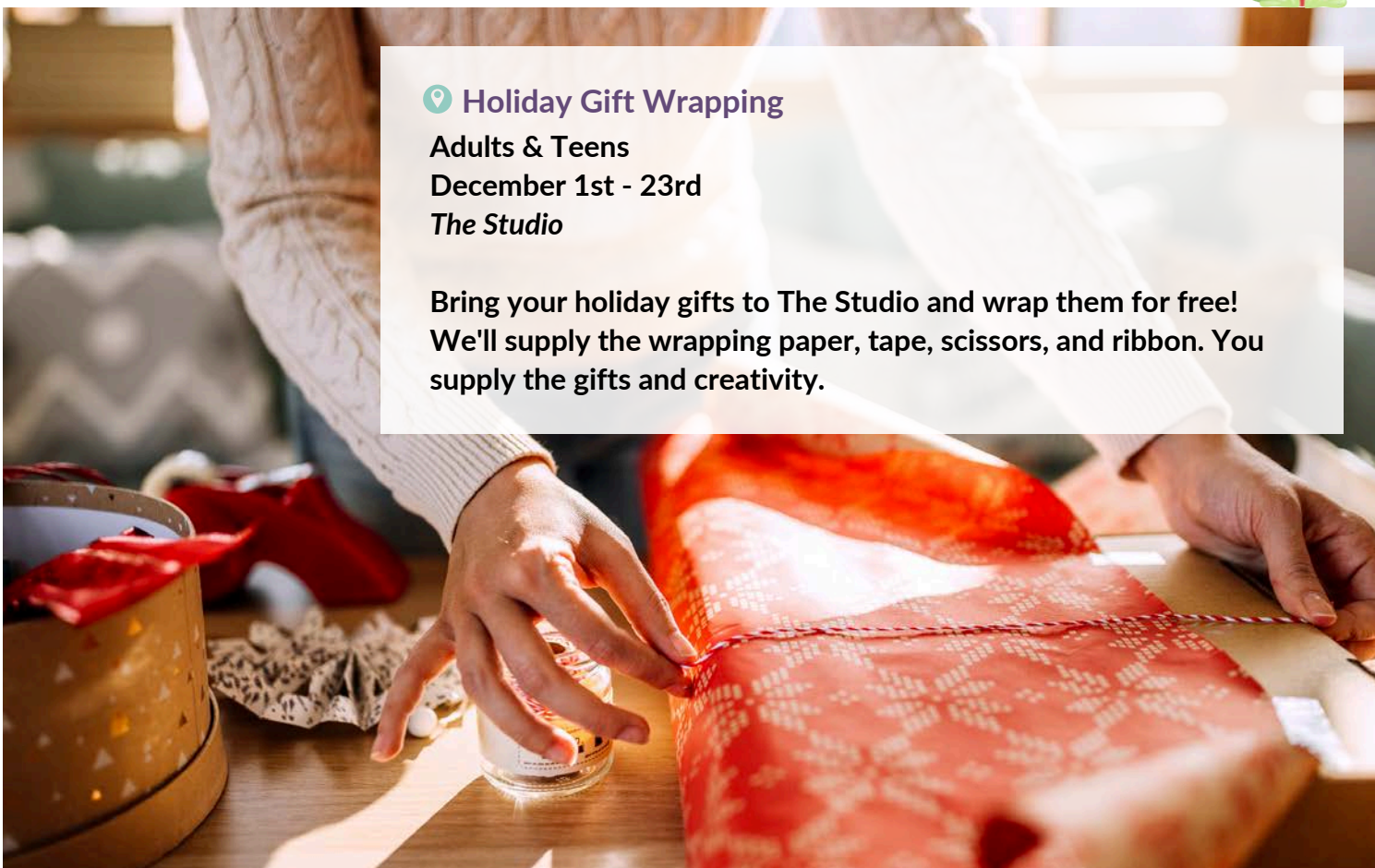
📍 Holiday Gift Wrapping

Adults & Teens

December 1st - 23rd

The Studio

Bring your holiday gifts to The Studio and wrap them for free! We'll supply the wrapping paper, tape, scissors, and ribbon. You supply the gifts and creativity.



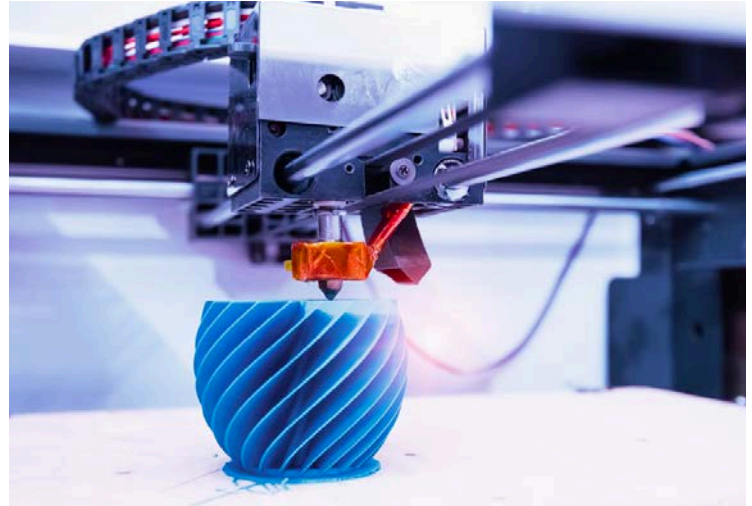
📍 Intro to 3D Printing & TinkerCAD

ALL AGES

January 15, 6 - 7 PM

The Studio

Learn the ins-and-outs of The Studio's 3D printing process: how to find something to print, submit it to us, and pick up a finished design. Want to design something yourself? Learn how to make your own keychain design in TinkerCAD!



For Kids

📍 STEAM Studio

1st - 6th grade

Mondays, 4:30 - 5:15 PM

The Studio

Are you interested in STEAM? Do you enjoy creating, tinkering, and building? Join us once a month in the new Studio for all things Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

Dec: The Great Cookie Dunk

Jan: Constellation Creations

Feb: Heart Towers

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Dec. 30	Dec. 9
Jan. 27	Jan. 13
Feb. 24	Feb. 10

📍 Kids Code Club

2nd-5th grade

Thursdays, 5 - 5:45 PM

The Studio

Join Mr. Eric for a fun introduction to block coding! Each month we will focus on a new challenge and provide step-by-step instructions for an exciting coding experience!

Dec: Space Invaders

Jan: Flappy Bird

Feb: 3D T-Rex Game

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Dec. 12	Nov. 28
Jan. 16	Jan. 2
Feb. 13	Jan. 30

📍 Tween Craft and Create

4th-8th grade

Thursdays, 4:30 - 5:15 PM

The Studio

Join Ms. Kyra in The Studio to craft and create using the Silhouette Cameo, sublimation printer, heat press, and more! All supplies will be provided.

Dec: Acrylic Keychains

Jan: Heat Transfer Sweaters

Feb: Sublimation Chipboard Puzzle

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Dec. 19	Dec. 5
Jan. 23	Jan. 9
Feb. 20	Feb. 6

Storytimes

All Storytimes meet in the Storytime Room

Mondays



Baby & Me Storytime

6 - 23 months with a caregiver

9:30 - 10 AM

This sweet storytime is filled with books, songs, rhymes, and bubbles! Siblings are welcome.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
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Dec. 2	Nov. 25
Dec. 9	Dec. 2
Feb. 3	Jan. 27
Feb. 10	Feb. 3
Feb. 24	Feb. 17

Tuesdays

On Our Own

Ages 4 - 6 years

10:30 - 11 AM

Sing along with songs, listen to fun stories, then wrap it all up with a hands-on art project. Caregivers may sign-in participants and stay within the youth department during the duration of the program.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
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Dec. 3	Nov. 26
Dec. 10	Dec. 3
Feb. 4	Jan. 28
Feb. 11	Feb. 4
Feb. 18	Feb. 11
Feb. 25	Feb. 18

Wednesdays

Music Makers

Birth - 6 years with a caregiver

10:30 - 11 AM

Listen to stories and explore music while we dance around and sing songs.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
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Dec. 4	Nov. 27
Dec. 11	Dec. 4
Feb. 5	Jan. 29
Feb. 12	Feb. 5
Feb. 19	Feb. 12
Feb. 26	Feb. 19

Thursdays

Toddler Storytime

Ages 2 - 3 years with a caregiver
10 - 10:30 AM

This storytime for twos and threes will have your toddler singing and dancing while making new friends along the way. Siblings are welcome.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>REGISTRATION STARTS</u>
Dec. 5	Nov. 28
Dec. 12	Dec. 5
Feb. 6	Jan. 30
Feb. 13	Feb. 6
Feb. 20	Feb. 13
Feb. 27	Feb. 20

On Our Own

Ages 4 - 6 years
1 - 1:30 PM

Sing along with songs, listen to fun stories, then wrap it all up with a hands-on art project. Caregivers may sign-in participants and stay within the youth department during the duration of the program.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>REGISTRATION STARTS</u>
Dec. 5	Nov. 28
Dec. 12	Dec. 5
Feb. 6	Jan. 30
Feb. 13	Feb. 6
Feb. 20	Feb. 13
Feb. 27	Feb. 20



Benefits of Storytime

- Language Development
- Cultivates Life-Long Readers & Learners
- Listening Skills
- Imagination

📍 Sing-Along Favorites

All Ages

Sundays, 1-3 PM

Meeting Room AB

Join us for a delightful afternoon of singing along to a children's favorite movie musical. Families attending are welcome to bring their own picnic blankets and snacks.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.



December 15

Registration starts Dec. 1



January 19

Registration starts Jan. 5



February 16

Registration starts Feb. 2

📍🗣️ The Magic of Raina Telgemeier

Ages 7 - 13

December 10, 7 - 9 PM

Meeting Room A



Image source: The New York Times

View a special, live interview with the critically acclaimed graphic novel artist, Raina Telgemeier! Wear your coziest PJs and enjoy snacks and hot chocolate while learning about one of your favorite authors. Stay after the interview to discuss your favorite Raina Telgemeier books, play games and craft the night away! This event will run after hours. All guardians are required to stay in the building for the duration of the program.

Registration starts Nov. 26



📍🛏️ Stuffedie Sleepover

Ages 2 - 10

January 10, 2 - 4 PM

Youth Services Desk

Drop off your favorite stuffie for a night of adventure in the library! Stuffies will enjoy a tea party, storytime, dance party, and more! Each child will receive a photo souvenir of their stuffie's sleepover shenanigans! Stuffie pick-up is Saturday morning between 10am and 12pm.

Registration starts Dec. 27



Dungeons and Dragons Kids Club

3rd - 6th Grade

Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Meeting Room A

Make friends and get creative at this three week Dungeons and Dragons campaign perfect for beginner and experienced players alike. Registration is for a 3-week session and attendance is required for all 3 weeks.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
December 2, 9, 16	Nov. 18
January 6, 13, 20	Dec. 23

Pokémon Club

3rd - 6th Grade

Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:15 PM

Meeting Room A

Calling all Pokémon fanatics! Bring your card collection to the library for trading and camaraderie. You can show off your favorite cards, play the Pokémon Trading Card Game, and talk about all things Pokémon with fellow enthusiasts. Other fun activities offered each month, too!

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Dec. 4	Nov. 20
Jan. 8	Dec. 25
Feb. 5	Jan. 22

Kindness Club

Ages 7 - 12

Wednesdays, 5 - 5:30 PM

Storytime Room

Make the world a better place with fun projects and activities that will help spread kindness and leave smiles along the way.

Dec: Spreading Holiday Cheer

Jan: Warm Hearts, Warm Hats

Feb: Kindness Capsules

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Dec. 18	Dec. 4
Jan. 22	Jan. 8
Feb. 19	Feb. 5



Weird Wednesdays

Ages 8-13

Wednesdays, 5 - 5:45 PM

Meeting Room A

Join us for a discussion of everything weird, wacky, and wonderful! Each month will focus on a bizarre topic and include a themed activity.

January Theme: Weird But True Trivia

February Theme: The Oregon Trail

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Jan. 29	Jan. 15
Feb. 26	Feb. 12



LEGO Club

1st - 5th grade

Thursdays, 5 - 5:45 PM

Meeting Room A

We supply the bricks and you bring your imagination! A new challenge will be presented monthly to keep the creativity flowing.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
December 5	Nov. 21
January 9	Dec. 26
February 6	Jan. 23

Kinder Drawin'

Kindergarten

Thursdays, 5:30 - 6 PM

Storytime Room

Come read a story with Ms. Trisha & follow along to create a fun drawing in this program designed specifically for kindergarteners!

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Dec. 19	Dec. 5
Jan. 23	Jan. 9
Feb. 20	Feb. 6

Homeschool Hangout

Ages 5-13

Fridays, 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Meeting Room AB

Get to know some other homeschool families in the area while playing games, trying out hands-on activities, and more! Siblings are welcome to attend, but activities will be geared towards school-age children. Adult supervision is required.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Dec. 13	Nov. 28
Jan. 17	Jan. 3
Feb. 14	Jan. 31



Play-Doh Playtime

Ages 1-3

Fridays, 9:30 - 10 AM

Storytime Room

A fun, hands-on experience perfect for the littlest patrons, Play-Doh Playtime is sure to bring out your child's creativity and imagination. Leave the mess to us in this drop-in style program!

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Dec. 6	Nov. 29
Dec. 13	Dec. 6
Feb. 7	Jan. 31
Feb. 14	Feb. 7
Feb. 21	Feb. 14
Feb. 28	Feb. 21

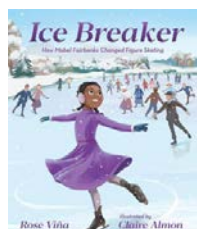
All Kids book clubs meet in the Storytime Room

📍 Biography Bunch

Ages 6 - 10 years

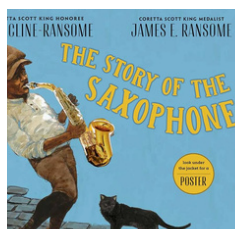
Tuesdays, 4:30 - 5:15 PM

Join us for a story and a fun activity as we embark on a journey of discovery to uncover the lives of some of the most fascinating people in history.



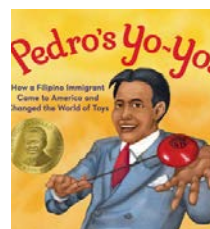
December 3: Ice Breaker: How Mabel Fairbanks Changed Figure Skating by Rose Viña

Registration starts
Nov 19



January 14: The Story of the Saxophone by Lesa Cline-Ransome

Registration starts
Dec 31



February 11: Pedro's Yo-Yos by Roberto Peñas

Registration starts
Jan 28

📍 Geek Out! Graphic Novel Club

4th - 8th Grade

Tuesdays, 4:30 - 5:15 PM

Come chat about this month's graphic novel selection while creating a unique craft. Pick up books at the Patron Services desk.



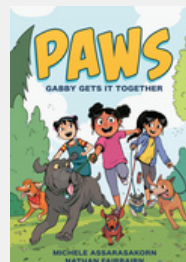
December 17: Picture Day by Sarah Sax

Registration starts
Dec 3



January 21: Gamerville by Johnnie Christmas

Registration starts
Jan 7



February 18: PAWS: Gaby Gets it Together by Nathan Fairbairn

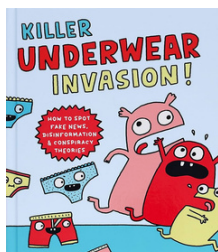
Registration starts
Feb 4

📍 Bluestem Readers Group

3rd - 5th Grade

Thursdays, 5:30 - 6:20 PM

The Bluestem Award is an Illinois Readers' Choice Award program. Discuss, enjoy a snack, and complete fun activities related to the book. Pick up books at the Patron Services desk.



December 26: Killer Underwear Invasion! by Elise Gravel

Registration starts
Dec 12



January 30: Weird Kid by Greg Van Eekhout

Registration starts
Jan 16



February 27: Invisible by Christina Diaz Gonzalez & Gabriela Epstein

Registration starts
Feb 13

📍 Build a Snowman Scavenger Hunt

All Ages

December 1-30

Youth Services Desk

Registration not required.

Help our snowman friend, Chilly, find all his missing pieces! Put him back together to win a cool prize!

📍 Winter Family Fun Guide

All ages

December 1-31

Youth Services Desk

Registration not required.

Chase the winter blues away with our all-new Winter Family Fun Guide! This amazing resource is packed with exciting activities, awesome book recommendations, and delicious recipes for the whole family to enjoy!

📍 Merry Grinchmas

Ages 2-12 with a caregiver

December 20, 1-3:30 PM

Meeting Room AB

Don't be a Grinch! Throw on your favorite holiday jammies, grab a snack, and cuddle up with a cozy blanket while watching "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"! Stick around after the movie for sugar cookie decorating! Adult supervision is required.

Registration starts Dec. 6



📍 Family Gingerbread House Craft

Ages 3-12 with a caregiver

December 23, 6-7 PM

Meeting Room AB

'Tis the season for Gingerbread Houses! Children and their families are invited to join us for an evening of Gingerbread House crafting, milk and cookies, and letters to Santa.

Registration starts Dec. 9





📺 Art Club

1st- 4th Grade

Mondays

Video posted at 4:30 PM on YouTube

Create some awesome art with a step-by-step video to help you create a masterpiece.

December 16: Optical Illusion Art

Registration starts Dec. 2

January 20: Styrofoam Printing

Registration starts Jan. 6

February 17: Galaxy Chalk Art

Registration starts Feb. 3



📺 Cooking with Kyra

Ages 4-10

Thursdays

Video posted at 4:30 on YouTube

Hear a story and follow along with Ms. Kyra's video to make a simple snack.

December 26: Hot Chocolate Cups

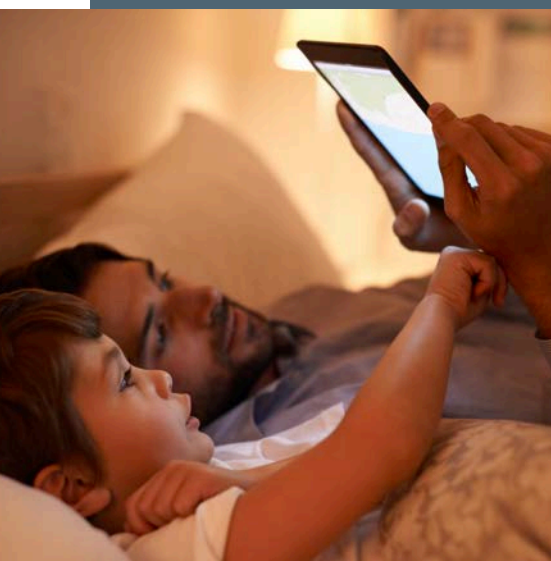
Registration starts Dec. 12

January 30: Chewy Homemade Granola Bars

Registration starts Jan. 16

February 27: Mini Rainbow Sprinkle Muffins

Registration starts Feb. 13



📺 Bedtime Stories

Ages 2 - 7 years

7 - 7:30 PM

Virtual YouTube Storytime

Throw on your jammies for a family slumber party! Grab your favorite stuffed animal and cuddle up for bedtime stories.

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Dec. 3	Nov. 26	Feb. 11	Feb. 4
Dec. 10	Dec. 3	Feb. 18	Feb. 11
Feb. 4	Jan. 28	Feb. 25	Feb. 18

📍 Chess for Teens: Learn & Play

7th - 12th grade

January 25, 1 - 3 PM

Meeting Room AB



Are you an avid chess-player, brand new to chess, eager to learn new strategies, or looking to meet other chess-players? This program is for you! Arjun Vishnuvardhan, instructor at Glenview Chess, will be here to teach you the game and share his passion for chess! There will be opportunities for both learning and playing!

📍 Holiday Decorating with TAG

7th - 12th grade

December 5, 5 - 6:30 PM

Teen Scene



Join the Library's Teen Advisory Group for a special holiday decorating session. Help us deck the Teen Scene with holiday cheer! We will be putting up the tree and making ornaments and decorations. Cookies will be available. This is a great opportunity to chat with our current TAG members about our group. Service hours will be awarded to participants.

Registration encouraged, but not required.

📍 LEGO Club: Teen Edition

6th - 12th grade

Meeting Room A

January 23 & February 27, 6 - 7 PM

Calling all teens! Join us for our monthly LEGO Club! New to LEGOs or in a LEGO slump? We will have new inspiration at each session to get you started! Brought to you by TAG.

Registration encouraged, but not required.



📍 Teen Takeover After Hours

7th - 12th grade

February 28, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Do not miss this opportunity to take over the library - after hours! Enjoy an evening where the impossible - laser tag, capture the flag, hide 'n seek - INSIDE THE LIBRARY - becomes possible! Pizza and ice cream will be served.

Registration and permission slip are required.



📍 Countdown to the Holidays

7th - 12th grade

December 1 - 23

Adult and Teen Services Desk



Each day in December, a lucky teen will have the opportunity to earn a treat from our Countdown to the Holidays Tree! We will choose a winner randomly each day, so the more you come to the Library, the more chances you have to win the daily prize! Tree created courtesy of Teen Advisory Group members. **No registration required.**



📍 Teen Advisory Group

7th - 12th grade

January 16 & February 20

5 - 6 PM

Meeting Room B

Join us for our monthly Teen Advisory Group meeting. We will discuss programming ideas, your favorite reads, videogaming, and more. TAG is a great way to earn service hours and make a difference in your Library community! New members always welcome!

Registration encouraged, but not required. Please contact our Teen Services Specialist at mleggero@newlenoxlibrary.org for more information and/or to sign up.

📍 Winter Finals Study Blitz

9th - 12th grade

December 17 & 18, 3 - 8 PM

Meeting Room AB

Knock out your finals prep at the Library! Drop by Meeting Room A for snacks and then hang out in Meeting Room B for group or independent studying; no registration necessary. Don't forget to pick up your care package (while supplies last!). Additional tables and study carrels will be available upstairs in Adult and Teen Services. Some sweet canine visitors from Love on a Leash will be visiting the Library in The Studio between 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM on both days!

No registration required.

Adults & Teens



📍 Spice Club

Adults & Teens

December 2 & February 3
Adult and Teen Service Desk

Variety is the spice of life, so let's try out a variety of spices! Every other month we will feature a different spice. Each kit will include a sample tin of that month's spice with a packet including recipes, cookbook recommendations, as well as some history and cultural context. Print packets will be available at the library, interactive digital versions will be available to view on the library website.

December's spice: Juniper

February's spice: Bay Leaf

All take & make kits are available at Adult & Teen Services Desk starting at 4pm while supplies last. Limit one per person present.

📍 Trivia Night

9th grade - Adult

January 9, 6 - 8 PM
Offsite: *Beggars Pizza*
650 Maple St., New Lenox, IL

Looking for something to do on a Thursday night? Look no more! Join us for a brain-busting evening at *Beggars Pizza* in New Lenox. Enjoy pizza and drinks and answer questions on a multitude of topics. Form a powerhouse team or play by yourself for prizes!

Please help us get an accurate headcount by registering your team in advance. One representative from each team must register to reserve your table. Tables can accommodate teams of 4 to 6 players. Groups larger than 6 must reserve two tables and should be prepared to split. Registration closed two days before the program.

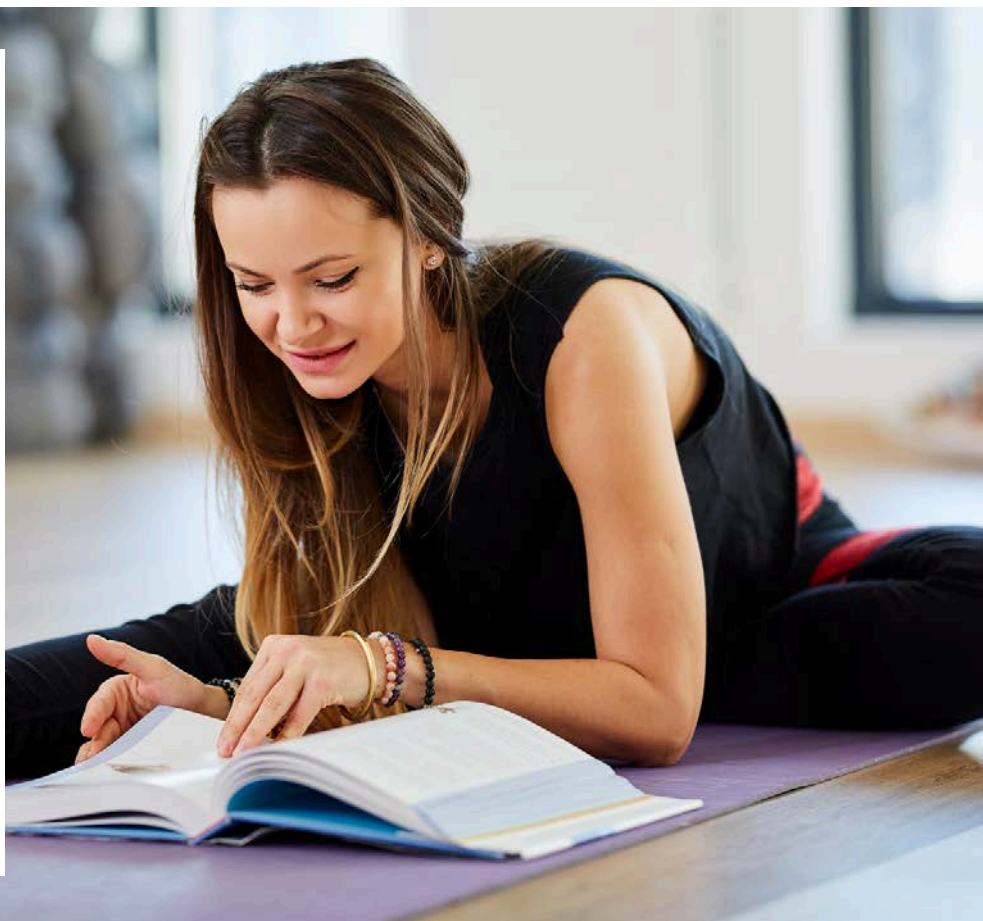
📍 Reading Deeply: Bring a Book Yoga

Adults & Teens

February 6, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Meeting Room AB

If your resolution this year was to read more, move more, or be more mindful, we've got you covered! Reading Deeply is a Yin Yoga class designed for bookworms. Bobbi Pehle, aka the Half Moon Yogi, will lead students through carefully sequenced held poses for several minutes giving you uninterrupted time to read. Bring your own yoga mat & book!

All participants must sign a waiver before class.





📍 BYOB: Bring Your Own Book Club

Adults

December 18 & February 19, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Offsite: 3 Corners Tap & Grill, 901 E Lincoln Hwy, New Lenox, IL 60451

Join us every other month for the BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) Book Club for adults: a stress-free book discussion with no required reading! We will talk about books we've recently read or listened to, share ideas for new reads, and enjoy great food and drinks at 3 Corners Grill & Tap.

📍 Tranquil Tuesdays

Adults

January 14, 6 - 7:30 PM

Meeting Room AB

Take some time for yourself at the library! Each Tranquil Tuesday will feature a variety of mindfulness and relaxation activities. Come and go as you please during the drop-in window for our adult coloring station, craft station and meditation station. There will be a variety of materials for coloring and zentangles or bring your own supplies. Enjoy pleasant conversation or bring your headphones and zone out!

Craft Station: *Decorate a Jar & DIY Hot Cocoa Mix*

📍 Pal-entine's Day Party

Adults - 20s & 30s

February 11, 6 - 7:30 PM

Meeting Room B

Treat yo' self for Valentine's Day at the library for adults in their 20s & 30s. Come on your own or bring along your pals for this low-to-no romance celebration. We will have games, snacks, music, and a waffle placemat craft that would make Leslie Knope proud. During the party we will also be making cards to donate to Creative Kindness.



📍 "Sweets for my Sweet" Candy Jar Take & Make

Adults & Teens

January 20, 4 PM

Are you ready to make a Valentine craft for our first Take & Make in 2025? Stop by the Adult & Teen Services desk to pick up your "SWEET" Valentine inspired craft.

Each kit includes all the supplies you'll need, along with clear, step-by-step instructions. This month we are making a Heart Candy Jar that will truly delight your "sweetie!"



All take & make kits are available at Adult & Teen Services Desk starting at 4pm while supplies last. Limit one per person present.

Adults

📍 Resume Building Workshop*

Adults

January 13, 2 - 3 PM

Meeting Room B

Whether you're entering the job market for the first time, re-entering after a break, or looking to advance in your career, this class will provide you with invaluable insights to craft a standout resume and help you succeed. Our speaker will guide you through the essential elements of a resume, including formatting, tailoring your content to specific job descriptions, and highlighting your unique skills and experiences.

📍 Phone Basics with Tech Tutors

Adults & Seniors

January 20, 3:30 - 5 PM

Conference Room

Learn to better navigate your smartphones and apps. Please register for a 30-minute time slot in advance to receive one-on-one assistance.

📍 LinkedIn Lab*

Adults

January 27, 2 - 3 PM

Meeting Room B

In this interactive session, you'll learn how to elevate your LinkedIn presence, connect with industry leaders, and enhance your job search strategy. This workshop is perfect for job seekers, students, professionals looking to advance their careers, and anyone interested in enhancing their online professional presence. Whether you are new to LinkedIn or an experienced user you will gain some new tricks from this course!



LinkedIn LEARNING

Whether you're focused on hard skills like coding or project management, soft skills like leading remote teams, or even how to support your kids' learning from home, LinkedIn Learning can help!

Equip yourself with the right skills for paving your path forward. All you need is your library card!

Scan the QR code to get started with this database!



**The Resume Building and LinkedIn Lab workshops are brought to you in collaboration with Joliet Junior College Workforce Development and Workforce Center of Will County. Equipment used during these courses will be provided by the New Lenox Library.*



📍 Creating a Coffee-Table Style Family History Book *Genealogy Club*

Adults

December 10, 6 - 7:15 PM

Meeting Room B

Learn how to put together a beautifully formatted book of your family history, using the print-on-demand services. Michelle Wilson has created three print-on-demand family history books and she will teach you the steps to making one of your own.

📍 Leisurely Librarian

Adults

Available Starting January 2

Senior Information Table

Grab the next edition of our quarterly large-print activity book designed just for adults. Features puzzles, reading recommendations, recipes, games, and more. Pick up your print copy at the library from the Adult Programs Display or Senior Information Table. Digital versions of current and past editions are available to view on the library website through the event calendar.

📍 Senior Coffee Break

Seniors

January 2, 10:30 AM - 12PM

Meeting Room AB

Take your mid-morning break at the library with discussion, socializing, and, of course, plenty of coffee! Each coffee break will have a presentation or activity at 11 AM. Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy some conversation before and after the program. Stay a while and get to know one another! This month's presentation will be on learning how to downsize or "rightsize" your home and belongings.

📍 Estate Planning Explained

Adults

February 25, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Meeting Room B

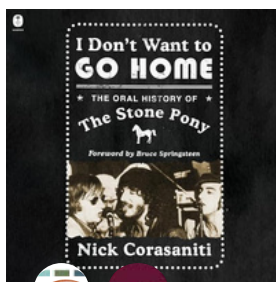
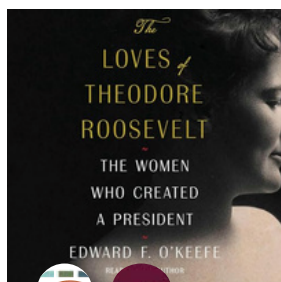
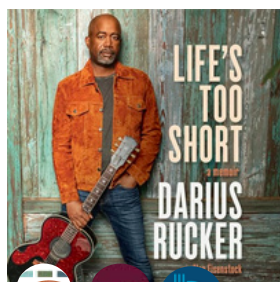
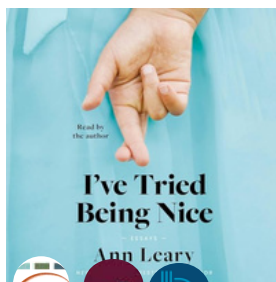
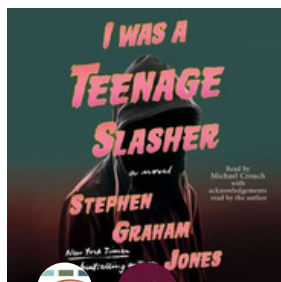
Learn about the estate planning process from beginning to end. We'll look closely at the need to plan, the most common planning techniques, the documents used in the planning process, and the difference between a will and a trust. You'll gain an understanding of probate, wills vs. trusts, Power of Attorney for healthcare and financial matters, and guardianship appointments. At the end of this program, attendees will have a thorough understanding of what steps they need to take to protect their spouse and heirs. Presented by Dr. Lydia Manning of Bentron Financial Group.





Staff Picks

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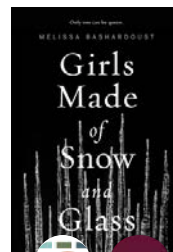
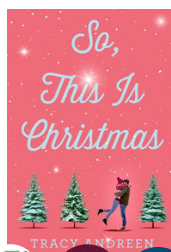


Audiobooks with Annette



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-  Find it in Libby/Overdrive
-  Find it in Boundless
-  Find it in Hoopla

Young Adult with TAG



The Briar Club by Kate Quinn
Capturing the paranoia of the McCarthy era and evoking the changing roles for women in postwar America, *The Briar Club* is an intimate and thrilling novel of secrets and loyalty put to the test.

I Was a Teenage Slasher by Stephan Graham Jones
Find yourself rooting for a killer in this summer teen movie of a novel gone full blood-curdling tragic.

I've Tried Being Nice by Ann Leary
Prepare to laugh, cry, cringe and revel in the comically relatable chaos of Ann Leary's life as revealed in this delightful collection of essays.

Life's Too Short by Darius Rucker
Set against the soundtrack of his life, Darius recounts his childhood as the son of a single mother in Charleston, South Carolina. He traces the unlikely ascent of his band and shares wild tales of life on the road—but he also faces his missteps, defeats, and demons.

The Loves of Theodore Roosevelt by Edward F. O'Keefe
A family love story, revealing how an icon of rugged American masculinity was profoundly shaped by the women in his life, especially his mother, sisters, and wives.

I Don't Want to Go Home by Nick Corasaniti
A captivating oral history of the iconic music venue the Stone Pony and of the rise, fall, and rebirth of Asbury Park, New Jersey.

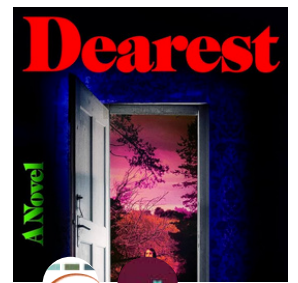
So this is Christmas by Tracy Andreen
When Finley Brown returned to her hometown of Christmas, Oklahoma, she expected to find it just as she left it. Instead, everything has changed. But this is Finley's Christmas. It's about home and family and friends and finding her place, and along the way she also finds the best Christmas present of all: love.

Girls Made of Snow and Glass by Melissa Bashardoust
Based on *Snow White*, *Girls Made of Snow and Glass* traces the relationship of two young women doomed to be rivals from the start. Only one can win all, while the other must lose everything—unless both can find a way to reshape themselves and their story.

The Words We Keep by Erin Stewart
A beautifully realistic, relatable story about mental health—*anxiety, perfectionism, depression*—and the healing powers of art.

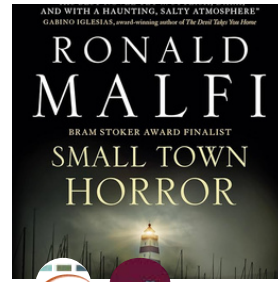
Fiction with Juliana

Little Children by Tom Perrotta Several unstable marriages and a convicted pedophile's presence in a quiet suburban community ignite a complex, fast-moving plot.



The Most by Jessica Anthony A 1950s American housewife who goes for a swim in her apartment complex's swimming pool one morning...and won't come out.

Dearest by Jacquie Walters A new mom in need of help opens her door to her long-estranged mother—only to invite something much darker inside—in this “fast-paced and frightening debut.

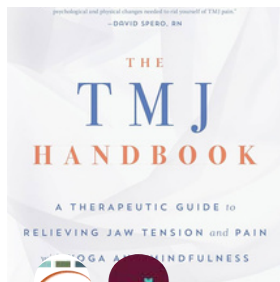


Entitlement by Rumann Alam A riveting tale for our new gilded age, a story that confidently considers questions about need and worth, race and privilege.

Small Town Horror by Ronald Malfi A spooky tale about a haunting with a tragic beginning and a story about a group of friends reunited after many years in their hometown.

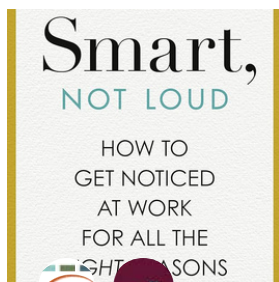
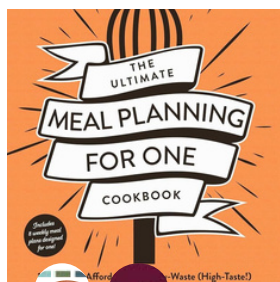
Pocket Full of Teeth by Amiee Hardy A young girl returns home after her own mother's death to find her house haunted.

Non-Fiction with Monica



Meal Planning for One by Kelly Jagers Over 100 delicious, one-to-two-serving recipes for every meal from breakfast to dinner and everything in between.

Smart, Not Loud by Jessica Chen A step-by-step guide that's anchored in communication skills so you get noticed for all the right reasons.



Sharks Don't Sink by Jasmin Graham The uplifting story of a young Black scientist's challenging journey to flourish outside the traditional confines of academia.

Scotland Yard by Simon Read A riveting true-crime history of London's first modern police force as told through its most notorious murder cases.

The TMJ Handbook by Cator Shachoy A powerful, integrative mind-body program that draws on yoga, mindfulness, and craniosacral bodywork.

Rethinking Rescue by Carol Mithers The fascinating story of the woman working to address the “problem pet population” in Los Angeles.

How many sweets did you see throughout the Guide?

Hint: The YS Sweet Reads logo on page 6 does not count!

a. 28

b. 10

c. 4

Answer: b. 10



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Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

Dec. 25 Christmas Day

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

Jan. 1 New Year's Day

Feb. 19 Presidents' Day