



## Book Discussion Groups

### ★ Bellville Branch

**Tue. Dec. 1** 10 AM

*The Christmas Bus,*  
by Melody Carlson

**Tue. Jan. 5** 10 AM

*The Strange Files of Fremont Jones,*  
by Dianne Day

**Tue. Feb. 2** 10 AM

*The Maltese Falcon,*  
by Dashiell Hammett

### ★ Lexington- Bits of Books

**Wed. Dec. 9** 2:30 PM

**Wed. Jan. 13**

**Wed. Feb. 10**

Share your favorites!

### ★ Madison Branch

**Sat. Dec. 5** 10 AM

*Skeletons at the Feast,*  
by Chris Bohjalian

**Sat. Jan. 2** 10 AM

*Dancing on the Edge of the Roof,*  
by Sheila Williams

**Sat. Feb. 6** 10 AM

*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society,* by Mary Ann Shaffer

### Main Library

**Thu. Jan. 28** 6:30 PM

*By The Pricking of My Thumbs,*  
by Agatha Christie

**Thu. Feb. 25** 6:30 PM

*I Wish I Had A Red Dress,*  
by Pearl Cleage

### Ontario Branch

**Tue. Dec. 8** 1 PM

Bring your favorite holiday books!

**Tue. Jan. 12** 1 PM

*Skipping Christmas,*  
by John Grisham

**Tue. Feb. 9** 1 PM

*Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral,* by Kris Radish

### Writing this, I find myself in an unusual situation.

I don't know what to write about! This is the part of the newsletter I leave for the end, in order to give myself opportunity to add any bits I may have left out of the rest of the newsletter and give myself time to develop a theme, of sorts. This procedure usually works very well - until now. I came down with The Flu (just the regular sort, nothing exotic) the day before I intended to get this to the printer. I've been at home for the last week, trying to rest and drink plenty of fluids - and worrying about getting this last part of the newsletter finished so I'm not too far past my deadline. Needless to say, I'm more than a little out of touch. Typically, I'm intimately acquainted with the contents; I could probably quote you more than half of the 186 programs covered here. Not this time! I only know that number because Vicki, one of my staff, counted them a couple of weeks ago. The number astounded me and now that my mental faculties are returning, I can recall a few things. That number - 186 - is interesting because it's only 16 fewer than your Library staff hosted during the same quarter last year, despite the cuts in hours and staff we've experienced in the last few months.

The resiliency and commitment of the Library staff doesn't surprise me. **We're here, continuing to do the same things we've done** - providing good customer service, coming up with interesting programs for all ages, teaching computer classes, processing books, answering reference questions, finding DVDs and CDs, shelving books - and much, much more.

And **you are continuing to use your Library as you've always done.** You're checking out more books and DVDs, asking more reference questions, using computers, bringing your children to Story Times, attending programs. Although, that's been another interesting thing... We've realized that this newsletter was pretty well used by the people who asked to be on the mailing list. The attendance for some of the programs has been lower than we would have expected. We still have plenty of copies available in all of our locations, which tells me that at least some of the folks who had it mailed home may not have gotten used to having to pick it up at the Library. We'll work on that - and try to do a better job of letting you know that it's here for you.

I may not be as familiar with all of the programs as I should be, but I do know that **we have plenty here to interest anyone.** The holidays are coming; we have lots of things to supplement your festivities, for all ages. Winter is a great time to catch up on reading, or watch an old favorite or two. Going to your Library is a good reason to get out of the house, even if the weather is cold. And if you find yourself laid up with a seasonal illness, as I did, having a stack of books and a few movies to watch (so you're not at the mercy of daytime TV!) will help pass the time until you're back on your feet again. That remedy has seemed to work for me!

Looks like I managed to find plenty to write about, doesn't it? I guess it's just those **endless possibilities at your Library!**

*endless possibilities* -jmr

# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## DECEMBER

### Holiday Pottery Bowls

Tue. Dec. 8  Crestview Branch  
5 PM


Jayne Stahlke from the Pottery Shop will lead a workshop to create a special bowl for the holidays. Materials will be provided.

### Holiday Bow Making

Tue. Dec. 8  Madison Branch  
6 PM


Bring your ribbon and scissors to learn the tricks and techniques to making hand-tied bows. You will need to bring 3 1/2 yards of favorite ribbon either #9 or #40 (or both if you want to make two bows).

### Holiday Gift Tags

Tue. Dec. 8  Ontario Branch  
6 PM

Join us for holiday fun making special gift tags for your presents. Materials will be provided.

### Holiday Pottery Plates

Thu. Dec. 10  Bellville Branch  
5 PM

Make a holiday keepsake for someone special. Jayne Stahlke of the Pottery Shop will lead this workshop. Bisque ware dessert plates will be provided for you to decorate.

### Carol Bernhardt Trio

Sun. Dec. 13  Main Library  
2:30 PM

Celebrate the holiday season with music performed by this musical trio consisting of Carol Bernhardt (oboe), Steve Domka (violin), and Ron Marenchin (cello).

## JANUARY

### Jeff Bell

Sun. Jan. 3  Main Library  
2 PM

Jeff Bell's original compositions on solo guitar and mandolin include finger-style, slide and other inventive techniques. Special guest Kate Westfall will perform her solo loop-based vocal compositions.

### Photography Contest for Adults

Mon. Jan. 4 - Fri. Jan. 22  
Prizes will be awarded for each of three categories: People, Places, and Things. Pick up an entry form with more details at any library location.

### Lone Raven

Sun. Jan. 10  Main Library  
2 PM


Lone Raven performs an eclectic blend of traditional music from various areas of the world and their own original compositions.

### Ohio Was Their Home

Sat. Jan. 16  Lucas Branch  
1 PM

Written by Mary Eileen Schuler Levison, *Ohio Was Their Home* recalls the dramatic struggle against formidable odds by a people desperate to hold onto their land. Original art work portraying these events and portraits of some of the prominent Indian leaders will be displayed.

### Jim Blackstone and the Cedar Creek Boys

Sun. Jan. 17  Main Library  
2 PM

When this bluegrass and country music group gets the musical juices flowing, your toes will be tapping and feet stomping to keep time with the music.

### Wii Cornhole

Wed. Jan. 20  Ontario Branch  
1 PM

Think summer – come to the Ontario Branch for a game or two of indoor cornhole, using the Wii gaming system. It isn't as easy as you might think!

### Mansfield Youth Symphony String Quartet

Sun. Jan. 24  Main Library  
2 PM

Four talented area youth from the Mansfield Youth Symphony will perform a classical repertoire on their string instruments.

### How To Avoid Heavy Lifting In Journalism

Mon. Jan. 25  Lexington Branch  
6 PM

"Write a column," is the advice of Ron Simon, Mansfield News Journal writer/reporter for 41 years. Simon will share his experiences in this entertaining and informative program.

### Staging Your Home to Sell

Tue. Jan. 26  Butler Branch  
6 PM

Homes that are staged sell faster and for more money. Wendy Anderson, owner of Artistic Impressions Home Staging LLC, will review some staging secrets, along with benefits of staging your home.

### Retirement Considerations

Tue. Jan. 26 Main Library  
6:30 PM

A speaker from H & R Block will share information on pension plan distributions, annuities, rollovers, Roth IRAs, and traditional IRAs.



# FEBRUARY

## Famous Couples through History Trivia Entire Month of February Crestview Branch

Test your famous couple knowledge the month of February at the Crestview Branch Library. Turn in a completed entry form with a chance to win a gift card.

## Louella Parsons Tue. Feb. 9 ☆ Madison Branch 6 PM

Women in History's Ruth Pangrace will portray Louella Parsons. Parsons was famous in her own right as a Hollywood gossip columnist in the 1940s and 1950s.

## Newspaper Research for Genealogists Tue. Feb. 9 ☆ Ontario Branch 6 PM

Learn how to locate old newspapers, how to use online and hardcopy indexes, how to employ different search techniques and how to use this information as a roadmap to further research.

## Ed's Soup Extravaganza Thu. Feb. 11 Main Library 6:30 PM

Tue. Feb. 16 ☆ Butler Branch  
5:30 PM

Ed Pickens, proprietor of Café on Main, will demonstrate how to make savory soups to keep us warm during the cold winter months. Samples and recipes will be provided. Sign up required.

## Faces Made for Radio Sun. Feb. 21 Main Library 2 PM

Faces Made for Radio is a North Central Ohio based bluegrass band. Faces is making its mark on the Bluegrass and Americana music performance circuit.

## Introduction to Aromatherapy Mon. Feb. 22 ☆ Lucas Branch 5:30 PM

Aromatherapy is the practice of using essential oils for physical and mental wellness. Kelley Kovacs from Comfrey Corner Natural Foods will explain aromatherapy, how the oils work, and discuss safety practices.

## Monthly Programs Finish It Friday @ Butler

☆ Butler Branch 1-4 PM  
Fri. Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12

Finish It Friday  
☆ Lexington Branch 1-4 PM  
Fri. Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5

Chess Night  
Ontario Branch 5:30 PM  
Thu. Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18

Winter Wii Bowling League  
☆ Lucas Branch 1-3 PM  
Thu. Dec. 10; Jan. 14, 28;  
Feb. 11, 25  
☆ Ontario Branch 10 AM  
Mon. Dec. 14, 28; Jan. 11, 25;  
Feb. 8, 22

 All music programs are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

# Computer Classes

The following Classes are offered at the Main Library Computer Lab. Call 419.521.3146.

☆ Sign up is required for all.

## Introduction to Word Processing Thu. Dec. 17 6-8 PM

Learn the basic skills needed to format a letter, create a resumé, and use clipart with Microsoft Word 2000.

## Introduction to Microsoft Windows Fri. Jan 8 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Thu. Feb. 4 6-8 PM

This class for new computer users will teach the fundamentals of the Windows operating system.

## Introduction to the Internet Thu. Jan. 14 6-8 PM Wed. Feb. 10 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

Students attending this class will learn the essential functions of a web browser and the basics of using email.

## Introduction to Spreadsheets Wed. Jan. 20 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

This is a beginner's workshop on Microsoft Excel.

## Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint Thu. Feb. 18 6-8 PM

Learn how to create a presentation using text and pictures. Students should have basic Windows skills, and be familiar with word processing.

**Individual Computer Assistance**  
One-on-one computer assistance is offered at all locations. Please call your local library to schedule your session; availability may be limited

# PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

## DECEMBER

### Wii Sports Game Night

Tue. Dec. 1 ☆ Plymouth Branch  
5 PM All ages

Come to the Library and play Wii sports. You may want to wear comfy clothes and bring some water.

### Gingerbread Houses

Families Create your own Gingerbread House using precut cardboard. All materials provided. Space is limited, sign up required.

Wed. Dec. 2 ☆ Butler 6 PM

Thu. Dec. 3 ☆ Lucas 5:30 PM

Sat. Dec. 5 ☆ Lexington  
11 AM & 2 PM

Tue. Dec. 8 ☆ Bellville 6 PM

Thu. Dec. 10 ☆ Ontario 5:30 PM

Sat. Dec. 12 ☆ Madison  
10:30 AM & 2 PM

☆ Main Library 11 AM

Tue. Dec. 15 ☆ Plymouth 5 PM

Thu. Dec. 17 ☆ Crestview 5 PM

### Marvelous Mondays

Mondays in Dec. ☆ Main Library  
6:30 PM Age 5 and older

A different hands-on adventure each week featuring non-fiction books.

Dec. 7 – Dinosaur Dig

Dec. 14 – In the Time of  
the Pharaohs

Dec. 21 – Native American Tombs

Dec. 28 – Ancient Asian Artifacts

### Holiday Scavenger Hunt

Mon. Dec. 7 – Sat. Dec. 12

Plymouth Branch

All ages

Crestview Branch

Come to the Library any time during library hours and hunt for winter holiday items. Find them all and win a small prize.

### Make a Christmas Ornament

Thu. Dec. 10 Lexington Branch  
2:30-6:30 PM Families

Come to the Library anytime between 2:30 and 6:30 PM to make a holiday ornament. All supplies will be provided.

### Christmas in the Cabin

Thu. Dec. 10, Fri. Dec. 11

☆ Pugh Cabin, Malabar Farm  
6 PM Families

Join us for a traditional story time at Pugh Cabin at Malabar Farm. Space is limited. Registration begins Nov. 1 - call 419.521.3130 to sign up.

### Magic Monday

Mon. Dec. 14 ☆ Ontario Branch  
6 PM Families

Travel to a new destination each month and listen to stories, learn some fun facts and make a craft. This month we'll "travel" to Alaska.

### Holiday Ornament

#### Make-It, Take-It

Tue. Dec. 15 Main Library  
4-5:30 PM All ages

Design your own holiday ornament – one to take home and one to help decorate our tree in the Children's Department. All materials will be provided.

### 'Tis the Season to Be Jolly

Thu. Dec. 17 ☆ Madison Branch  
6 PM All ages

Join us for holiday stories and fun.

### Holiday Scavenger Hunt

Mon. Dec. 21 – Sat. Dec. 26  
Ontario Branch All ages

Mon. Dec. 21 – Sat. Jan. 2  
Lexington Branch Ages 5 and up

Stop by anytime the Library is open to take part in a Holiday Scavenger Hunt. Kids will receive a small prize for participating.

### Wii Game Day

Tue. Dec. 29 ☆ Bellville Branch  
2-4 PM Grades 3-6

Join us at the Library for some Wii sports games and meet new friends.

### Countdown to New Year's Eve

Thu. Dec. 31  
☆ Ontario Branch 11 AM  
☆ Main Library 11 AM

Families Join us for a pre-New Year's Celebration with stories, songs, music, games and a count down, ending at 12 Noon.

## JANUARY

### Marvelous Mondays

Mondays in Jan. ☆ Main Library  
6:30 PM Age 5 and older

A different hands-on adventure each week featuring non-fiction books.

Jan. 4 – Eric Carle Collage

Jan. 11 – Stand-out Sculptures

Jan. 18 – Play with Paint

Jan. 25 – Introduction to Weaving

### Fractured Fairy Tales

Thu. Jan. 7 ☆ Crestview Branch

Tue. Jan. 12 ☆ Plymouth Branch  
5:30 PM Families

Do you like fairy tales? Silly stories? Come to the Library for an hour of fairy tales with a twist.

### Magic Monday

Mon. Jan. 11 ☆ Ontario Branch  
6 PM Families

This month we'll explore India.

### Take a Trip Through Time-the Ways of the Samurai

Wed. Jan. 13 ☆ Madison Branch  
4 PM Grades 2-6

Travel to Japan and learn what it was like to live like a Samurai Warrior.

### Tweets-n-Treats

Thu. Jan. 14 ☆ Ontario Branch  
Mon. Jan. 25 ☆ Butler Branch

Thu. Jan. 28 ☆ Lucas Branch  
6 PM All Ages

Listen to stories about birds, find out which birds stay around all winter long and make them a special treat.

### Snowy Days

Sat. Jan. 16 ☆ Main Library  
1 PM Families

We'll read snowman stories, sing songs and make a special snowman.

### Celebrate MLK Day: Afternoon at the Movies


Mon. Jan. 18 Main Library  
1 PM Families

Movie time at the Library! We'll be featuring several short films based on children's multi-cultural books.




More programs for children on the next page 



### Winter Friends

**Thu. Jan. 21**  **Madison**  
**6 PM** **All ages**  
Snowy adventures you will hear as we share stories about wintertime.


### Pajama Time

**Mon. Jan. 25**  **Ontario Branch**  
**6 PM** **Families**  
Come dressed in your cozy pajamas as we share some stories, songs and a craft about wintertime!


### Big Whopper Program

**Tue. Jan. 26**  **Plymouth** **6 PM**  
**Thu. Jan. 28**  **Crestview** **5:30 PM**  
Age 7-12 Come to the Library to hear some big whoppers and make up some of your own! Prizes will be awarded.

### Got Groundhog?


**Thu. Jan. 28**  **Bellville Branch**  
**6 PM** **Age 3-6**  
We will read stories, play games and create a groundhog craft.

### Those Groundhogs!


**Thu. Jan. 28**  **Lexington Branch**  
**4:30 PM** **Families**  
Learn about the legend and the real animal, hear a story and vote about winter's end.

## FEBRUARY


### Marvelous Mondays

**Mondays in Feb.**  **Main Library**  
**6:30 PM** **Age 5 and older**  
A different hands-on adventure each week featuring non-fiction books.  
**Feb. 1 – 50s Sock Hop**  
**Feb. 8 – Roughin' It Pioneer Style**  
**Feb. 15 – Medieval Times**  
**Feb. 22 – Ancient Greek Olympics**

### It's Backward Day!

**Thu. Feb. 4**  **Main Library**  
**6:30 PM** **Families**  
Celebrate the fun of doing things backward. We'll start by saying goodbye, and end with hello!

### Magic Monday

**Mon. Feb. 8**  **Ontario Branch**  
**6 PM** **Families**  
Washington, D.C. is our destination this month.


### Valentine Puzzle

**Mon. Feb. 8 – Sat. Feb. 13**  
**Plymouth Branch**  
**Crestview Branch**  
**All ages**  
Come to the Library anytime the Library is open and do a valentine day puzzle. Figure it out, win a prize.

### Heart Hunt

**Mon. Feb. 8 – Sat. Feb. 13**  
**Ontario Branch** **All ages**  
Roses are red, violets are blue; find all the hearts is what you must do!


### Valentine Beaded Bracelets

**Wed. Feb. 10**  **Madison Branch**  
**4 PM** **Grades 2-6**  
Design your own simple beaded bracelet. All materials will be provided.

### Valentine Make-It Take-It

**Thu. Feb. 11** **Main Library**  
**4-5:30 PM** **All ages**  
Come make a valentine for someone you love.


### Silly Tales of True Love

**Thu. Feb. 11**  **Lexington Branch**  
**6 PM** **Families**  
Be entertained at this valentine's program featuring some very silly stories.



### Movie Day

**Mon. Feb. 15** **Plymouth Branch**  
**11:30 AM** **All ages**  
Enjoy your day off school, come to the Library for a lunchtime movie. Bring a sack lunch and drink, we'll provide the movie.




### Mardi Gras!

**Tue. Feb. 16**  **Bellville Branch**  
**6 PM** **Ages 4-6**  
Celebrate Fat Tuesday! We'll learn about the customs, play games and make masks to wear.

### Robots!

**Tue. Feb. 16**  **Plymouth Branch**  
**Thu. Feb. 25**  **Crestview Branch**  
**5:30 PM** **All ages**  
Come hear some robot stories, make your very own recycled robot and even learn the Robot Dance.


### Pajama Time

**Mon. Feb. 22**  **Butler** **6 PM**  
**Tue. Feb. 23**  **Main** **6:30 PM**  
**Thu. Feb. 25**  **Lucas** **6 PM**  
**Families** Wear your favorite pjs and come to the Library for an evening of stories, songs and crafts.

### A Monkey Among Us

**Thu. Feb. 25**  **Madison Branch**  
**6 PM** **All ages**  
Fun monkey stories will be the focus of this gathering.





### Love My Library

**Thu. Feb. 25**  **Ontario Branch**  
**5:30 PM** **Families**  
February is Library Lover's Month! Join us for an evening dedicated to libraries.



### Movies @ the Library

Several locations will be showing family – G or PG – movies. Call or drop into your local library to find out what's playing,

 **Butler Branch** **4 PM**  
Mon. Dec. 7, Jan. 11, Feb. 8  
**Lexington Branch** **1 PM**  
Sat. Jan. 16, Feb. 6  
 **Lucas Branch** **4 PM**  
Thu. Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11  
 **Madison Branch** **2 PM**  
Sat. Jan. 16, Feb. 13  
 **Main Library** **2 PM**  
Mon. Dec. 28, Feb. 15  
**Plymouth Branch** **11:30 AM**  
Mon. Feb. 15

 indicates sign up is required for this program.

# More Children's Programs

## Winter Story Times Begin January 11

Register at your local library!

## Monthly Programs

### Sit, Stay & Read

Tue. Dec. 1, 15 Bellville Branch

Tue. Jan. 12, 26

Tue. Feb. 9, 23

4-5 PM

Grades 1-6

Kids can improve their reading skills by reading aloud to therapy dog Rupy. Sign up for a 15-minute session.

### Tales for Tots

Saturdays

10:30 AM

Main Library

Little ones to age 5

siblings welcome

Sat. Dec. 12

Snowflake Stories

*Millions of Snowflakes*, by Mary Mckenna Siddals

Sat. Jan. 9 What Are You Wearing?

*Button Up!: Wrinkled Rhymes*, by children's poet Alice Schertle

Sat. Feb. 13

Animal Friends

*Owen & Mzee: A Day Together*, by Isabella Hatkoff

### Third Thursdays

Thursdays

4:30 PM

Main Library

Age 7 and older

Thu. Dec. 17

Glowing Glass Window

Thu. Jan. 21

Funky Junk

Thu. Feb. 18

Tricked Out Trinket Box

4:30 PM

Age 7 and older

Special craft programs utilizing recycled materials. All materials provided.

### Wii Wednesdays

Ontario Branch

Wed. Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3

4-5:30 PM

Grades 3-6

Main Library

Wed. Dec. 9, Jan. 6, Feb. 10

4-5 PM

Age 7-12

Join us on Wednesdays to play video games. "Wii" will have fun

**6** - bring your friends!



## The Maltese Falcon

by Dashiell Hammett

### Coming in March!

Start reading now, look for more information and a complete schedule of events in January 2010.

A joint venture with The Renaissance Theater, OSU-Mansfield, Main Street

Books, and other community organizations.



The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.

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## Library Hours

### Main Library 419.521.3100

43 W. Third Street, Mansfield, 44902

Sunday 1-5 PM

Monday-Thursday 10 AM-8 PM

Friday & Saturday 10 AM-5 PM

### Bellville Branch 419.886.3811

97 Bell Street, Bellville, 44813

Monday-Thursday 10 AM-7 PM

Friday & Saturday 10 AM-5 PM

### Butler Branch 419.883.2220

21 Elm Street, Butler, 44822

Monday-Thursday 11 AM-7 PM

Friday 11 AM-5 PM

Saturday 9 AM-3 PM

### Crestview Branch 419.895.0010

Crestview Local Schools

1575 SR 96E, Ashland, 44805

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

11 AM-7 PM

Wednesday & Friday 11 AM-5 PM

Saturday 9 AM-3 PM

### Lexington Branch 419.884.2500

25 Lutz Avenue, Lexington, 44904

Monday-Thursday 10 AM-7 PM

Friday & Saturday 10 AM-5 PM

### Lucas Branch 419.892.2576

34 West Main Street, Lucas, 44843

Monday-Thursday 11 AM-7 PM

Friday 11 AM-5 PM

Saturday 9 AM-3 PM

### Madison Branch 419.589.7050

1395 Grace Street, Mansfield, 44905

Monday-Thursday 10 AM-7 PM

Friday & Saturday 10 AM-5 PM

### Ontario Branch 419.529.4912

2221 Village Mall Drive, Ontario 44906

Monday-Thursday 10 AM-7 PM

Friday & Saturday 10 AM-5 PM

### Plymouth Branch 419.687.5655

29 West Broadway, Plymouth, 44865

Monday-Thursday 11 AM-7 PM

Friday 11 AM-5 PM

Saturday 9 AM-3 PM

# PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

## DECEMBER

### The Great Scavenger Hunt Contest

**December, January, and February**  
**Grades 6-12** – Are you a trivia nut? Do you love free prizes? Then join The Great Scavenger Hunt Contest. Get the details at your local Library.

### Can You Name That Tune?

**Entire Month of December**  
**Grades 6-12** – See if you really can name that holiday tune. Turn in a completed entry form during December, get a chance to win gift certificates to Cinemark.

### Game Night @ the Library

**Tue. Dec 1; Jan. 5, 19; Feb. 23**  
★ **Lucas Branch**  
**5-7 PM** **Grades 6-12**

We're gaming at Lucas Branch! Join us and show off your skills or maybe try your hand at a new game. Be prepared for something different every time.

### Holiday Ornaments Workshop

**Tue. Dec. 1** ★ **Madison Branch**  
**4 PM** **Grades 6-12**

Bring your holiday spirit and your creativity and take home some festive ornaments. All materials provided. Sign up is required.

### Snow Globes

**Sat. Dec. 5** ★ **Bellville Branch**  
**2 PM**

**Thu. Dec. 10** ★ **Butler Branch**  
**6 PM**

**Sat. Dec. 12** ★ **Crestview Branch**  
**1:30 PM** **Grades 6-12**

Recycle an ordinary glass jar into a glittery winter wonderland. All supplies will be provided.

### Origami Wreath Ornaments

**Sat. Dec. 12** ★ **Lucas Branch**  
**1 PM** **Grades 6-12**

Learn how to fold a beautiful wreath ornament to express your holiday spirit. All instructions and supplies will be provided.

## JANUARY

### Take Your Best Shot! Photo Contest

**Who: Anyone in Grades 6-12**  
**What: Photos**  
**When: Mon., Jan. 4 – Fri. Jan. 22**  
**Where: Photos may be dropped off at any M/RCPL location**  
**Categories: People, Places, Pets**  
Get the details at any library location.

### Exploding Box

**Thu. Jan. 14** ★ **Butler Branch**  
**6 PM** **Grades 6-12**

Get in on the one-of-a-kind, designed-by-you, Exploding Box. Instructions and supplies will be provided. Sign up is required.

### Let's Rock ...

**Mon. Jan. 18** **Madison Branch**  
**1-4 PM** **Grades 6-12**

... at the Library with Rock Band. Come solo or with a group to show us your talent. Simon Cowell will not be judging.

### Game Day

**Tue. Jan. 19** ★ **Crestview Branch**  
**4:30 PM** **Grades 6-12**

Join us at the Crestview Branch to play some of your favorite video games and board games.

### Duct Tape Roses

**Tue. Jan. 26** ★ **Ontario Branch**  
**6 PM** **Grades 6-12**

Yet another use for multi-purpose duct tape. All supplies will be provided. Thorns not included!

## FEBRUARY

### Book Couples Match-Up

**Entire Month of February**  
**Grades 6-12**

See if you can reunite the lovers with their correct matches. Turn in a completed entry form during February, get a chance to win gift certificates to Cinemark.

★ indicates sign up is required for this program.

### Duct Tape Roses

**Tue. Feb. 2** ★ **Main Library**  
**6:30 PM**

**Thu. Feb. 11** ★ **Butler Branch**  
**6 PM** **Grades 6-12**

Yet another use for multi-purpose duct tape. All supplies will be provided. Thorns not included!

### Valentine Card Making

**Tue. Feb 9** ★ **Crestview Branch**  
**4:30 PM** **Grades 6-12**

Stop by the Crestview Branch and create special cards for your valentine. Materials will be provided.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual After-Hours Rockin' Lock-in

**Fri. Feb. 12** ★ **Lucas Branch**  
**5:30-8 PM** **Grades 6-12**

It's that time again! We're closing the Library to everyone but teens for a fun after-hours party. Come for games, surprises and, back by popular demand, the Guitar Hero Tournament.

### Jigsaw Puzzle Party

**Mon. Feb. 15** ★ **Ontario Branch**  
**1-4 PM** **Grades 6-12**

Bring your own or try one of our puzzles.

### ACT/SAT Strategy Session

**Tue. Feb 16** ★ **Ontario Branch**  
**6 PM**

Cheryl Welch, Ph.D. from the Sylvan Learning Center will present an overview of how to raise ACT/SAT test scores. Parents are encouraged to attend with their student.

### Teen Book Lovers ...

**Tue. Feb. 23** ★ **Madison Branch**  
**4 PM** **Grades 6-12**

Let's talk about the book, *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld. Stop by and join in the conversation.

## Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library are a dedicated group of volunteers who come together to support the Library. They are an important part of Library operations.

Becoming a Friend of the Library – FOL – is easy. Come to a book sale, or ask at any Library location.

## Winter Book Sales Evergreen Book Shop 33 N. Walnut Street

### December

#### Members' Pre-sale

Thu. Dec. 3 3–7 PM

#### Public sale

Fri. Dec. 4 10 AM–2 PM

Sat. Dec. 5 10 AM–3 PM

### January

#### Members' Pre-sale

Thu. Jan. 7 3–7 PM

#### Public sale

Fri. Jan. 8 10 AM–2 PM

Sat. Jan. 9 10 AM–3 PM

### February

#### Members' Pre-sale

Thu. Feb. 4 3–7 PM

#### Public sale

Fri. Feb. 5 10 AM–2 PM

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## Final Friday International Films

First-run independent/foreign films

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### Mansfield Art Center

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Films shown at the  
Mansfield Art Center.

Doors open 7:30 PM,  
Movie starts at 8 PM

### Friday, January 29

*Somers Town*  
(United Kingdom)

directed by Shane Meadows

Two teenagers, both newcomers to London, forge an unlikely friendship over the course of a hot summer. When Marke, a Polish immigrant, agrees to let homeless Tomo, a runaway from Nottingham, move into his room without his father's knowledge, the pair forms a strong bond as they work odd jobs and compete for the attention of a young French waitress.

### Friday, February 26

*The Drummer* (Hong Kong)  
directed by Kenneth Bi

In the East, the drum is the king of musical instruments. The powerful vibration of the drum can change a man's soul. Sid, the son of a controlling and savage triad boss in Hong Kong, has to flee Taiwan. Hiding out in the mountains, Sid encounters a group of Zen drummers whose mesmerizing art, rigorous physical training and austere way of life pique his interest. His newfound focus is challenged when a twist of fate forces him to choose between family loyalty and his faith in himself.

# Black History Celebration

## Sat. February 6

### 11 AM - 3 PM Main Library Entertainment, Displays, Food & Fun!

The Marketplace, located on the  
Second Floor of the Main Library.

