



DECEMBER 2024

# AT THE LIBRARY

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES



Due to the Holidays, please note the important closure info below:

All locations close Nov. 27 @ 5 PM

Nov. 28-All locations closed

Dec. 24 & 25-All locations closed

All locations close Dec. 31 @ 5 PM

Jan. 1-All locations closed

Our digital resources are available 24/7 with your library card or eCard at [mrcpl.org](http://mrcpl.org).

First Call 211 is available 24/7, 365 days a year. Just dial 2-1-1.

## ADULT BOOK GROUPS



### Bromfield Book Club

Mon. Dec. 2, 6 PM

Butler

*A Good Woman* by Louis Bromfield

### Bellville Book Club

Tue. Dec. 3, 10 AM

*Part of Your World* by Abby Jimenez

### Well Read

Tue. Dec. 3, 6:30 PM

Lexington

*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott

### No Alibis

Sat. Dec. 7, 11 AM

Madison

The holidays are murder! We'll have a selection of holiday-themed mysteries/thrillers to choose from.

### Bits of Books

Wed. Dec. 11, 2:30 PM

Lexington

Join us as we share what we've been reading and leave with a great book list.

## ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS



### Finish It Friday

Fri. Dec. 6, 20, & 27

Fri. Dec. 13

1-4 PM

Need incentive to finish that project you're working on? Bring it to the Library!

Butler  
Lexington

### Euchre Night

Thu. Dec. 12

Thu. Dec. 19

Mon. Dec. 23

5:30 PM

All skill levels are welcome for this ageless strategic card game!

Lucas  
Butler  
Bellville

### Yarn Creations

Mon. Dec. 16, 3 PM

Bellville

Meet up with other yarn crafters to share, talk, knit, and crochet. Bring your own supplies and enjoy!

### Game Night @ the Library

Thu. Dec. 19, 5:30-7:30 PM

Main

Head to the Library for an enjoyable night of games! Bring a friend or make new ones as we play *Pandemic* this month. A variety of other card and board games will also be available.

## ADULT ONLY PROGRAMS



### Holiday Craft Bag

Registration begins Nov. 18

Pick Up Begins Mon. Dec. 2

If you haven't already signed up, call your favorite MRCPL location and register to pick up a special holiday take home craft bag!

[mrcpl.org](http://mrcpl.org)

## LEARNING LAB TECH CLASSES



★ Register online at [mrcpl.org](http://mrcpl.org) or call 419.521.3146 to reserve your seat. All classes held at the Main Library and are available for adults and teens ages 13+.

### Intro to Windows Desktop Computing

**Tue. Dec. 3, 9:30-11 AM**

Learn basic use of a Windows-based desktop computer for work or pleasure. Previous use of a keyboard and mouse is helpful but not required.

### Word – The Basics

**Wed. Dec. 4, 9:30-11 AM**

Beginners will learn how to create, format, edit, and effectively manipulate text documents.

### Internet Basics

**Tue. Dec. 10, 9:30-11 AM**

In this class we'll explain the basics of searching and navigating the internet. Learn about browsers, search engines, and the Cloud. (Complete beginners should take our 'Intro to Windows Desktop Computing' class first.)

### Word – Beyond the Basics

**Wed. Dec. 11, 9:30-11 AM**

Learn how to configure the Quick Access Toolbar, use proofing and autocorrect, the ruler, tabs, and tables.

## TRIVIA TIME!



### Taproom Trivia at The Phoenix

**Tue. Dec. 17, 6:30 PM**

Adults 21+

Join us for our popular trivia night at The Phoenix Brewing Co. Test your memory or guessing skills as we work through a variety of categories. Teams of 5 or less.

## TEEN PROGRAMS



### Diamond Art: Ugly Xmas Sweater Edition

**Mon. Dec. 2, 3-5 PM**

**Crestview**

**Tue. Dec. 3, 3:30 PM**

**Bellville**

**Tue. Dec. 3, 5:30-7:30 PM**

**Main**

★ **Mon. Dec. 9, 6 PM**

**Lexington**

**Thu. Dec. 12, 3-5 PM**

**Plymouth**

★ **Thu. Dec. 12, 3:30 PM**

**Butler**

**Mon. Dec. 16, 1-6 PM**

**Lucas**

★ **Tue. Dec. 17, 4-7 PM**

**Madison**

**Thu. Dec. 19, 4 PM**

**Richland Mall**

Christmas is right around the corner; this sparkly masterpiece will be the perfect shimmery surprise for someone special or just the thing to bling up your space. In person only and usually takes a tad over an hour to finish. While supplies last. Call your location to register.

### Leveled Up Ramen– Program in a Bag

**Pick Up Begins Mon. Dec. 2**

Tired of the same old plain cup of ramen noodles? Why not level it up with some leftover chicken, frozen vegetables, a fried egg, and/or some hot sauce? Pick up a program bag filled with ideas and your own cup of noodles at these library locations: Butler, Crestview, Lexington, Lucas, Madison, Main, Richland Mall, and Plymouth. While supplies last.

### ★ Mario Kart Tournament

**Sat. Dec. 14, 2-4 PM**

**Main**

*Grades 6-12*

Hey speed racers! How good are your driving skills? Test them (and your luck at getting blue-shells) in our Mario Kart Tournament!

### Gotta Go Fast Marble Run

**Dec. 21-Jan. 3**

**Lucas**

*Grades 4-12*

Stop in anytime to play with our huge marble run set!

## No-Sew Snow Person

**Mon. Dec. 23, 2-5 PM** **Richland Mall**

Need a last minute gift idea? We'll have all you need to make a cute snow person to keep or give away this holiday season!

## Nerfin' in the New Year!

**Tue. Dec. 31**

**Main**

**Drop in 1-4 PM**

*Grades 6-12*

Back by popular demand – join us for an afternoon of “nerf”ing. We will provide everything. This is a drop-in program so pop in when you can! Participants **must** have a waiver, signed by a parent or guardian, **before** joining the fun. Waivers can be downloaded from the website and emailed to [teen\\_librarians@mrcpl.org](mailto:teen_librarians@mrcpl.org), brought to the event, or filled out on the spot. Bring a friend or two and nerf in the New Year!

## Evergreen Bookshop December Book Sale

**Huge Discounts and  
New Winter Hours!**

**Members Only Pre-sale**

**Thu. Dec. 5 12-4 PM**

**Public Sale**

**Fri. Dec. 6 12-4 PM**

**Sat. Dec. 7 9 AM-1 PM**

## NEED HELP?

**but don't know where to turn?**

**FIRST CALL**

**2-1-1**

We are a free, confidential, community service assisting you in finding the help you need for you and your household.

Dial 2-1-1, 365 days a year, 24/7

## TEEN MONTHLY PROGRAMS



### Anime Club

**Thu. Dec. 5, 5 PM**

**Main**

*Grades 6-12*

\*Some anime may be Rated TV-14 or M for mature teen audiences.

Do you love anime? Proudly consider yourself to be an otaku? Then you are going to love our Anime Club! Each month we will be showing the first 2 episodes of different themed anime and snack on imported Japanese treats. Dec. theme: Being fearless. “There’s no other way to go but forward.” - Sabito, from Demon Slayer.

### Manic Monday

**Mon. Dec. 16, 3 PM**

**Main**

Life as a teenager can be hard, and that is why, on the 3rd Monday of each month, you can count on us for a relaxing activity with free snacks. We will provide activities designed to help you find your chill. And also, **free food!**

### Teens Booked Up

**Wed. Dec. 18, 3 PM**

**Madison**

*Grades 6-12*

We pick the theme; you pick the book. We'll discuss what we've read, and leave with new titles for your TBR list. Dec. theme: Read any manga, graphic novel, or comic style book.

### Teen Book Club

**Thu. Dec. 19, 3 PM**

*Grades 6-12*

Join us at **3rd Cup Tea** in downtown Mansfield to discuss and check out new books! Dec. theme: Fairytale retellings.

### Literature & Lattes

**Thu. Dec. 19, 4:30 PM**

*Grades 6-12*

We pick the theme; you pick the book. Join us at **Nickel & Bean** to discuss what we've read and you'll leave with a TBR list! Dec. theme: Read a graphic novel.

# Family-Friendly Holiday

## ★Photos with Santa

Bring your camera and the family for a visit with the jolly ol' elf himself! Registration required; **call** the location to register. **Call** 419.522.2780 for the Bookmobile location.

**Mon. Dec. 2, 11 AM-1 PM** Main

**Thu. Dec. 5, 11 AM** Lucas

**Tue. Dec. 10, 1-3 PM** Main

**Thu. Dec. 12, 5-7 PM** Lexington

**Sat. Dec. 14, 1-4 PM** Main

**Tue. Dec. 17, 4:30-5 PM**

**Bookmobile at South Park**

**Wed. Dec. 18, 5-7 PM** Main

## Light Up Lex!

**Mon. Dec. 2, 5-8 PM**

**Lexington**

*Families*

Swing by the Library during Light Up Lex to check out a holiday book or movie and participate in our festive activities!

## Family Trivia Night

**Thu. Dec. 5, 6 PM**

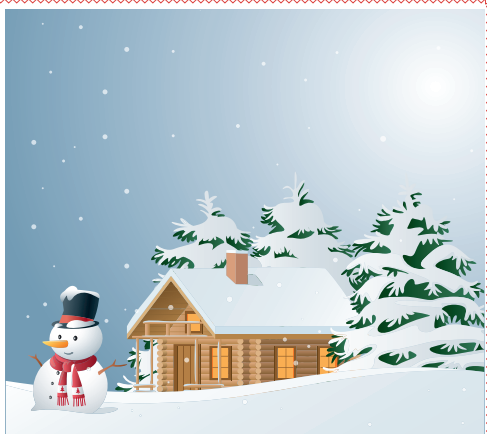
Join us for this **family-friendly** trivia night at the Wishmaker House in Bellville! Test your knowledge with an evening of questions. Teams of 5 or less.

## ★Christmas at the Cabin!

**Fri. Dec. 6 & Fri. Dec. 13, 6 PM**

Join us at the historic Pugh Cabin at Malabar Farm! Bring the family for a holly-jolly good time! We will be spreading Christmas cheer for all to hear with a cozy fire, stories, songs, and a craft. There may be a special guest joining us! Light refreshments will be provided.

Registration is required; **call** the Lucas branch at 419.892.2576 to reserve your spot!





# Programs with the Library!



## Story Time with Santa!

Tue. Dec. 3, 10:30 AM

Thu. Dec. 5, 10:30 AM

Mon. Dec. 9, 10:30 AM

Tue. Dec. 10, 10:30 AM

Wed. Dec. 11, 10:30 AM

Thu. Dec. 12, 11 AM

Mon. Dec. 16, 10:30 AM

Main  
Lucas  
Crestview  
Madison  
Bellville  
Plymouth  
Butler

Join us as we welcome our friend from the North Pole for a story and bring a camera for a photo opportunity. Treats will be provided!



## Holiday Photo Backdrop

**Nov. 15-Dec. 28**

Bring your camera and festive outfits! MRCPL has created a beautiful backdrop for your family holiday photographs. Our holiday backdrop will be available in the 2nd-floor lobby at the Main Library during regular business hours.

Take your phone or camera to the Learning Lab to receive your **free** 4x6 photo from this holiday display!

[mrcpl.org](http://mrcpl.org)

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



## Disguise a Gingerbread Friend

**Dec. 2-7**

**Plymouth**

Run, run, as fast as you can...to the Library to pick up your gingerbread friend. Use your creativity to make a clever disguise for them, then bring them back to the Library. Entries will be judged in three age groups: Pre-K, grades K-3, and grades 4-6.

## ★Gingerbread Houses

**Thu. Dec. 5, 4 & 6 PM**

**Butler**

**Sat. Dec. 7, 10 AM**

**Main**

**Mon. Dec. 9, 6 PM**

**Madison**

**Mon. Dec. 9, 4 & 6 PM**

**Crestview**

**Tue. Dec. 10, 4 & 6 PM**

**Plymouth**

**Thu. Dec. 12, 3:30 & 6 PM**

**Bellville**

**Thu. Dec. 12, 10:30 AM & 3:30 PM**

**Lucas**

**Sat. Dec. 14, 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM**

**Lexington**

**Sat. Dec. 14, 10:30 AM**

**Madison**

**Sat. Dec. 14, 11 AM & 3 PM**

**Richland Mall**

**Sat. Dec. 14, 12-2 PM**

**Bookmobile @ Planktown Market**

Join us to create your own gingerbread house! All materials provided. Call your location to register, and please sign up for only **one** program. To register for the Bookmobile program, call 419.522.2780.

## LibraryLand Scavenger Hunt

**Dec. 6 & 7, All day**

**Plymouth**

Where are King Kandy, Queen Frostine, and the rest of the Candyland characters? Take an interactive, self-guided tour through the Library to find them.

## Winter Holidays Around the World

**Wed. Dec. 11, 1-4 PM**

**Main**

Earn stamps on your passport by traveling the globe (all within the children's department)! We will learn how others celebrate their special holidays through crafts, activities, and games.

## Holiday Scavenger Hunt

**Dec. 16-31, All day**

**All locations**

Stop by anytime the Library is open to take part in a Holiday Scavenger Hunt. Find all the pictures and get a prize!

## Let's Decorate a Snowflake

**Mon. Dec. 16, 2-7 PM**

**Main**

Join us for a warm way to enjoy snow! We will decorate wooden snowflakes with glitter and gems.

## Snowmen at Night

**Mon. Dec. 16, 5:30 PM**

**Richland Mall**

Do you know what snowmen do at night? They visit the Library! Enjoy snowman stories, songs, and crafts.

## Elves on our Shelves!

**Tue. Dec. 17, 10:30 AM**

**Richland Mall**

What would the holidays be without elves? Join us for fun elf stories, activities, and crafts!

## Last-Minute Gift Wrapping!

**Thu. Dec. 19**

**Lucas**

You bring the gifts, and we will provide everything you need to wrap it! While supplies last.

## Shrinky Dink Ornaments

**Thu. Dec. 19, 5-7 PM**

**Main**

Choose from our designs or come up with your own. We will shrink it down, then you can take it home!

## Snip, Snip, Snow!

**Dec. 23-28**

**Richland Mall**

Stop in anytime this week to snip a snowflake or two!

## Table-Top Board Games

**Dec. 27, 28, & 30, All day**

**Madison**

Take a little break from the holiday rush. Drop in throughout the day to play board games and help us with our jigsaw puzzles.

**Countdown to NOON Year's Eve**  
**Tue. Dec. 31, 11 AM** ★Butler,

★Lexington, ★Madison, & Main

Ring in the New Year with us at the Library. We will celebrate with crafts, games, music, and of course, a New Year's countdown! **Call** the location to register. Registration is not required for Main Library program only.

## CHILDREN'S MONTHLY PROGRAMS



**Crafty Kids**  
**Month of December**  
**Madison & Richland Mall**

Stop in anytime to make a holiday craft!

**Mini Makers**

**Tue. Dec. 3, All day**

**Thu. Dec. 5, All day**

**Tue. Dec. 10, 3-5 PM**

**Thu. Dec. 19, 3-7 PM**

Do you like crafts? Join us at the Library for a new craft each month!

**Plymouth**  
**Crestview**  
**Butler**  
**Bellville**

**Story Time at BIM**

**Wed. Dec. 4, 1 PM**

Join our children's staff the first Wed. of each month for a fun story time at the Buckeye Imagination Museum. (Museum admission is required.)

**Kindergarten Club**

**Fri. Dec. 6, 10:30 AM-1:30 PM**

*Ages 4 & 5*

Calling all preschoolers! Drop by the Library for skill building activities focused on kindergarten readiness.

**Madison**

**Family Game Night**

**Sat. Dec. 7, 10 AM-12 PM** **Crestview**

**Wed. Dec. 18, 5-7 PM** **Main**

Join us each month for Family Game Night at the Library! We will have new family-friendly games to play and plenty of the classics, too.

**Story Time at Relax**

**Mon. Dec. 9, 10:30 AM**

Join us for a fun story time at Relax, It's Just Coffee in downtown Mansfield. Relax while we entertain your little ones with fun stories, songs, and crafts!

★**Stepping Stones**

**Fri. Dec. 13, 10:30 AM** **Lexington**

*Children ages 4 & 5*

Read stories, sing, and do activities that focus on the body, senses, and other Kindergarten readiness skills.

**Brick Builders LEGO® Club**

**Mon. Dec. 16, All day**

**Tue. Dec. 17, 3-5 PM**

**Wed. Dec. 18, All day**

Join the Library LEGO® club! Spend your afternoon exercising your mad building skills with friends.

**Crestview**  
**Butler**  
**Plymouth**

**Move & Groove**

**Sat. Dec. 21, 10 AM**

Come join us as we move our bodies to a story or two and groove to some really great tunes!

**Main**

**STEAM Night**

**Mon. Dec. 30, 5-7 PM**

If you like science, technology, engineering, art, or math, this program is for you! Drop in for some STEAM-themed fun!

**Main**

## FALL STORY TIMES



**Weekly Nov. 4-Dec. 14**

For full details about our baby, toddler, and family story times, ask a staff member for a Fall Story Time brochure or visit [mrcpl.org/story-time](http://mrcpl.org/story-time).

★ **Registration required.**

**For children's programs only, please call the Library location directly to register. Registration begins Nov. 18.**

# COMING SOON!

# WINTER

## Reading Program

Join the 2025 Winter Reading Program!

Jan. 6 – Feb. 1

Read (or listen) to books,  
get tickets,  
win prizes!



## LIBRARY HOURS



Main Library	419.521.3100
Mon.-Thu.	9 AM-8 PM
Fri. & Sat.	9 AM-5 PM
Sun.	1-5 PM
Richland Mall	419.529.4912
Mon., Tue., & Thu.	9 AM-7 PM
Wed., Fri., & Sat.	9 AM-5 PM
Sun.	1-5 PM

Bellville Branch	419.886.3811
Lexington Branch	419.884.2500
Madison Branch	419.589.7050
Mon., Tue., & Thu.	9 AM-8 PM
Wed., Fri., & Sat.	9 AM-5 PM

Butler Branch	419.883.2220
Crestview Branch	419.895.0010
Lucas Branch	419.892.2576
Plymouth Branch	419.687.5655
Mon., Tue., & Thu.	9 AM-8 PM
Wed. & Fri.	9 AM-5 PM
Sat.	9AM-1 PM

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