Programs for All Ages

Book Discussions

“A Christmas Carol”

ZOOM into Storytime
CHILDREN

Around the World BINGO
Learn about world landmarks while playing BINGO!
BINGO cards available to registered patrons.
WED | Dec. 2 | 4:30 p.m. | Ages 5–11 | WRB Zoom

Yoga Storytime
Build young muscles and let go of extra energy by combining yoga with stories, games, songs and rhymes for an interactive storytime experience.
THU | Dec. 3 | 4 p.m. | FRB Zoom

Meet Mrs. Claus
Spend an evening singing songs, listening to stories and learning about the elves, reindeer and Santa Claus.
MON | Dec. 7 | 6 p.m. | Ages Birth-11 | FRB Zoom

Hour of Code
December 7-13 is Computer Science Education Week! Discover the world of coding.
TUE | Dec. 8 | 4 p.m. | Ages 5-11 | FRB Zoom

Kids Cooking
Join us as we read a couple of stories and make a no-bake treat featuring a seasonal theme.
TUE | Dec. 8 | 4:30 p.m. | Ages 5-11 | CPB Zoom

Kids Cooking: No-Bake Cornflake Cookies
Let’s make easy no-bake cookies with a crunchy twist.
WED | Dec. 9 | 4 p.m. | Ages 5-11 | TRB Zoom

Building Bridges for Kids: Poverty
In the end, Ebenezer Scrooge recognizes the needs of others and decides to help. In this “Building Bridges” program, we look at poverty in three ways through children’s books. Be a Scrooge, learn about poverty in our community.
WED | Dec. 9 | 6:30 p.m. | Families | WRB Zoom

STEAM Workshop: Winter Wonders
Work out your STEAM skills with challenges to get you imagining, building and problem-solving.
THU | Dec. 10 | 6 p.m. | Ages 5-11 | CPB Zoom

Preschool Edible Science
See what’s on the menu as we experiment with hands-on kitchen science.
FRI | Dec. 11 | 11 a.m. | Ages Birth-5 | CPB Zoom

Holiday Closings
Christmas Eve: Thu, Dec. 24 (all day)
Christmas Day: Fri, Dec. 25 (all day)
New Year’s Eve: Thu, Dec. 31 (5 p.m.)
TEENS

Maker Music
Get ready to make some noise! Make your own DIY instrument and then use it in a quick, easy music lesson. Kit available to registered patrons.
TUE | Dec. 15 | 6 p.m. | Ages 5-11 | CPB Zoom

Winter Solstice Celebration
Celebrate the upcoming winter solstice with books, crafts and science activities.
WED | Dec. 16 | 4:30 p.m. | Ages 5-11 | WRB Zoom

Cozy Up for Kwanzaa!
What is Kwanzaa? Join us to learn about this joyful holiday through stories and a craft!
WED | Dec. 16 | 6:30 p.m. | Ages 5-11 | TRB Zoom

Gingerbread House Construction
'Tis the season to build a gingerbread house! Gingerbread house kit available to registered patrons.
WED | Dec. 16 | 6:30 p.m. | Families | CPB Zoom

Homeschool Hangout
Zoom in to share some popular Winter Holiday stories and customs in America and around the world. Be ready to share your favorite story or book.
THU | Dec. 17 | 2 p.m. | Ages 5-11 | CPB Zoom

O' Christmas Tree! Light-Up Ornaments
Explore parallel circuits while creating a light-up Christmas tree ornament. Activity kit available to registered patrons.
THU | Dec. 17 | 4 p.m. | Ages 5-11 | FRB Zoom

Gingerbread Creations
Share your gingerbread house creation. Mrs. Claus will host this program designed to show off your creation.
THU | Dec. 17 | 6 p.m. | Families | FRB Zoom

Happy Noon Year!
Celebrate the new year a little early with all four JCPL branches! We'll have music, a game, crafts and a story.
THU | Dec. 31 | 11:15 a.m. | Families | Zoom

Zoom into Storytime
Enjoy books, songs, and rhymes!
Clark Pleasant Branch Hosts
TUE | Dec. 1, 8, 15 | 10:30 a.m.
Franklin Branch Hosts
WED | Dec. 2, 9 | 10:30 a.m.
SAT | Dec. 12 | 10:30 a.m.
Trafalgar Branch Hosts
THU | Dec. 3, 10, 17 | 10:30 a.m.
White River Branch Hosts
SAT | Dec. 5 | 10:30 a.m.
MON | Dec. 7, 14 | 10:30 a.m.

Zoom into Family Storytime
A cozy holiday storytime for the whole family. Watch for a special holiday guest! Storytime kit, with hot chocolate and cookies, available.
MON | Dec. 14 | 6 p.m. | Families | TRB Zoom

Zoom into Family Storytime
Enjoy books, songs, rhymes and more during this fun evening Zoom storytime.
TUE | Dec. 15 | 6 p.m. | Families | FRB Zoom

Zoom into Storytime with Mrs. Claus
Enjoy books, songs, rhymes and more with Mrs. Claus herself. Watch for a surprise visit from Santa!
WED | Dec. 16 | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 0-5 | FRB Zoom

Zoom into Storytime
A cozy holiday storytime for the whole family. Watch for a special holiday guest! Storytime kit, with hot chocolate and cookies, available.
MON | Dec. 14 | 6 p.m. | Families | TRB Zoom

American Girl
December 1-31
Stop by our American Girl photobooth at the Trafalgar Branch

Anime Club
If you're a fan of anime, you'll want to join this club. We'll watch anime and discuss manga.
MON | Dec. 7 | 4 p.m. | Teens | WRB Zoom

Franklin Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Help plan teen programs and let us know what you'd like to see in teen services at the Franklin Branch.
TUE | Dec. 8 | 4:30 p.m. | Teens | FRB Zoom

Harry Potter Trivia for Teens
Test your knowledge. Themed prizes awarded!
MON | Dec. 14 | 4 p.m. | Teens (Grades 6-12) | CPB Zoom

Photo Boxes for Teens
Print out a photo then finish the craft via Zoom. Kit available to registered patrons.
WED | Dec. 16 | 4 p.m. | Teens | TRB Zoom

CPB=Clark Pleasant Branch | FRB=Franklin Branch | TRB=Trafalgar Branch | WRB=White River Branch | LSC=Library Services Center | ALC=Adult Learning Center
ADULTS

Understanding the Health Insurance Marketplace
An Outreach Specialist with Windrose Health Network will help you consider your options within the Health Insurance Marketplace.
TUE | Dec. 1 | 6:30 p.m. | Adults | FRB Zoom

Cozy Up with Christmas Films and Holiday Cheer
Hear about upcoming holiday movies, play some trivia, make an ornament and so much more!
Goodie bag provided to registered participants.
WED | Dec. 2 | 6 p.m. | Adults | CPB Zoom

Wood Slice Candle Holder
Let’s make a candle holder together.
Craft kit available to registered patrons. Hot glue gun, wood glue or something comparable, not provided.
WED | Dec. 2 | 6 p.m. | Adults | TRB Zoom

DNA & Genealogy Discussion Group
Join us for an informative discussion about using DNA testing in genealogy research, led by a member of the Central Indiana DNA Interest Group (CIDIG).
SAT | Dec. 5 | 10 a.m. | Adults | WRB Zoom

Read & Bleed @ Your Library
Give the gift of life and roll up your sleeves while you read. All blood types are urgently needed.
To schedule an appointment, please call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org.
TUE | Dec. 8 | 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. | Ages 17+ | WRB
TUE | Dec. 29 | 11 a.m.–3 p.m. | Ages 17+ | TRB

Hoosier Bigfoot
Join Bigfoot enthusiast, Courtney Block, as she discusses the mythos surrounding Bigfoot and possible sightings in and around Indiana. Share your run-ins with Bigfoot.
TUE | Dec. 8 | 6 p.m. | Adults | TRB Zoom

Your House History Conversation Group
Learn about the history of your house. Discuss your information or just listen in. Exchange stories and resources for researching the history of your home.
TUE | Dec. 8 | 7 p.m. | Adults | FRB Zoom

Craft Along: Washer Snowman Kit
We'll make a cool snowman craft.
Craft kit available to registered crafters.
WED | Dec. 9 | 7 p.m. | Adults | WRB Zoom

JCPL Cooks: Latkes
Whether you’re celebrating Chanukah or just want to make a tasty treat, join Liz and learn to cook latkes (potato pancakes).
THU | Dec. 10 | 6 p.m. | Adults | FRB Zoom

Hot Cocoa Cross Stitch
We’ll begin to cross-stitch a hot cocoa design. Beginner and experienced stitchers welcome.
Craft kit available to registered patrons.
TUE | Dec. 15 | 4 p.m. | Adults | LSC Zoom

Beginning Classic Rock Guitar
Do you want to learn a classic rock guitar riff? Then grab your guitar and attend this session to learn "Bring It on Home" by Led Zeppelin.
TUE | Dec. 15 | 6:30 p.m. | Adults | FRB Zoom

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Stout Stories
December’s theme is anything set in winter. We won’t all be reading the same book, so come ready to share!
MON | Dec. 7 | 6:30 p.m. | Adults | Zoom

Franklin Page Turners
If you love to read and chat about books, join us as we discuss Julia Johnson’s “Be Frank with Me.”
MON | Dec. 21 | 6:30 p.m. | Adults | FRB Zoom

Monday Night Book Group: "Year of Yes"
Discuss “Year of Yes” by Shonda Rhimes in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.
MON | Dec. 21 | 7 p.m. | Adults | WRB Zoom

Middle School Book Club
Join us from the comfort of your home as we discuss "Fablehaven" by Brandon Mull. Available on Hoopla.
MON | Dec. 28 | 7 p.m. | Teens | WRB Zoom

Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion
We’ll discuss “The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek” by Kim Michele Richardson.
WED | Dec. 30 | 1:30 p.m. | Adults | WRB Zoom