

December 2021

JOHNSON  
COUNTY  
PUBLIC

# LIBRARY

GUIDE

*See the*  
**GINGERBREAD  
HOUSE CONTEST  
DISPLAY**

**AT THE TRAFALGAR BRANCH**

*Inside:*

**MERRY PRAIRIE**

**&**

**LIFE IN JOHNSON COUNTY  
PHOTO CONTEST**

*Jackie and  
grandson, Carter*



## Most Programs Require Registration

Programs are subject to change.  
Find details and updates: [PageAfterPage.org/events](https://PageAfterPage.org/events)

The CDC recommends that you wear a mask indoors in high transmission areas.

Be sure to check for updated mask requirements when attending programs.

### JCPL Will Be Closed

#### Christmas Eve

FRI | Dec 24

#### Christmas Day

SAT | Dec 25

#### New Year's Eve

FRI | Dec 31

#### New Year's Day

SAT | Jan 1

## CHILDREN

### DIY Christmas Countdown Craft

Make a countdown-to-Christmas craft.

*All materials provided.*

WED | Dec 1 | 3 p.m. | School-Age | TRB

### Wednesday Crafternoon

We'll craft and paint with tissue paper.

*All materials provided.*

WED | Dec 1 | 4:30 p.m. | School-Age | FRB

Make holiday ornaments. *All materials provided.*

WED | Dec 15 | 4:30 p.m. | School-Age | FRB

### Kids Cooking

We'll make a no-bake treat, then taste the results.

TUE | Dec 7 | 4:30 p.m. | School-Age | CPB

### H-Club

Enjoy activities with other homeschool students.

THU | Dec 2, 9, 16 | 10 a.m. | School-Age | TRB

### Improv Play Acting

Improvise scenes and learn acting games.

THU | Dec 2 | 4:30 p.m. | School-Age | FRB

THU | Dec 16 | 4:30 p.m. | School-Age | FRB

### Tot Art

Create tot-friendly art. Stay after for socialization and playtime. *Dress for a mess.*

FRI | Dec 3 | 10 a.m. | Babies & Toddlers | Preschoolers | FRB

FRI | Dec 10 | 10:30 a.m. | Babies & Toddlers | Preschoolers | WRB

### Homeschool Huddle

Enjoy a story and activity with homeschool families.

FRI | Dec 3 | 10 a.m. | School-Age | FRB

### Indianapolis Ballet Storytime

Jessica, from the Indianapolis Ballet, will read "The Nutcracker" and provide a short ballet lesson. Meet the Sugar Plum Fairy, too.

SAT | Dec 4 | 10:30 a.m. | Preschoolers | School-Age | CPB

### Pretend to be a Time Traveler!

For National Pretend to be a Time Traveler Day, we'll imagine what it would be like to travel in time.

WED | Dec 8 | 6:30 p.m. | School-Age | TRB

### Countries and Crafts

Learn about Ghana and then make a craft.

WED | Dec 8 | 6:30 p.m. | School-Age | CPB Zoom

### Hop and Bop

Dance and explore different kinds of music.

FRI | Dec 10 | 10 a.m. | Babies & Toddlers | Preschoolers | FRB

### Preschool Edible Science

Taste, learn and have fun as we experiment with hands-on kitchen science.

FRI | Dec 10 | 11 a.m. | Preschoolers | CPB

### Winter STEAM Exploration

Go to the North Pole with green screen magic, create a snowflake with a 3D pen and more.

TUE | Dec 14 | 4:30 p.m. | School-Age | WRB

### Tales for Tails

Improve your reading skills and enjoy time with a registered Alliance of Therapy Dogs canine friend.

*Sign up for a 15-minute session at the Information Desk or call 317-535-6206 (CPB) or (317) 738-2833 (FRB).*

MON | Dec 14 | 6:30 p.m. | School-Age | CPB

THU | Dec 16 | 6:30 p.m. | School-Age | FRB

### Little Scientists

Discover the wonders of science through books, simple experiments and interactive learning.

WED | Dec 15 | 10:30 a.m. | Preschoolers | WRB

FRI | Dec 17 | 10 a.m. | Preschoolers | FRB

### Homeschool Hangout

Jane Hughey, of the Johnson County Museum of History, shares fun facts about our county and Hoosiers.

THU | Dec 16 | 2 p.m. | School-Age | CPB



## Kids Sewing 101

Learn basic hand sewing to make an easy stuffed animal. No experience necessary.

*All materials provided.*

THU | Dec 16 | 6:30 p.m. | School-Age | CPB

## An (Online) American Girl Holiday

Make gingerbread houses, play dreidel and craft a holiday gift for your doll. Bring your doll on Zoom to take a photo with our background.

*Craft kit available to registered patrons.*

SAT | Dec 18 | 1 p.m. | School-Age | TRB Zoom

## SuperCrafters: Winter Wonderland

Create masterpieces around sci-fi, fantasy or fandom worlds. *Craft kit available to registered patrons.*

TUE | Dec 21 | 6 p.m. | School-Age | CPB Zoom

## Perler Party

Create a melted masterpiece with Perler beads.

*All materials provided.*

WED | Dec 22 | 2:30 p.m. | School-Age | WRB

## Zumba Kids With Sheri

Learn a fun way to exercise with Sheri Lloyd.

WED | Dec 29 | 4:30 p.m. | School-Age | FRB

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

### Franklin Page Turners

"Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows" by Balli Kaur Jaswa.

MON | Dec 20 | 6:30 p.m. | Adults | FRB

### Monday Night Book Group

"Light on Snow" by Anita Shreve.

MON | Dec 20 | 7 p.m. | Adults | WRB

### Books & Beans Book Club

"Olive Kitteridge" by Elizabeth Strout.

MON | Dec 27 | 9 a.m. | Adults | Strange Brew Coffee, Greenwood

### Middle School Book Club

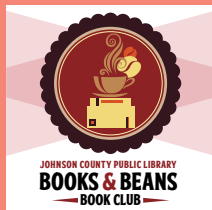
"The Giver" by Lois Lowry.

MON | Dec 27 | 7 p.m. | Teens | WRB Zoom

### Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion

"Dutch House" by Ann Patchett.

WED | Dec 29 | 1:30 p.m. | Adults | Teens | WRB



# SILLY SAFARIS REINDEER RESERVE

Meet one of Santa's elves  
and a live reindeer!

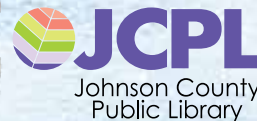
TUE | Dec 7 | 5 p.m. | WRB

TUE | Dec 7 | 6:30 p.m. | FRB

FRI | Dec 10 | 5 p.m. | CPB

*Also at Merry Prairie:*

FRI | Dec 10 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | TRB



# FAMILIES & ALL AGES

## Make and Play Dreidel

Paint a dreidel, then play a Hanukkah game with chocolate coins.

THU | Dec 2 | 6 p.m. | Families | FRB

## Toy Swap

Looking for new kids toys but already have so many? Bring gently used toys and swap them out for something different.

SAT | Dec 4 | 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Families | TRB

## Mrs. Claus Storytime

Meet Mrs. Claus and hear some winter stories!

SAT | Dec 4 | 2:30 p.m. | Families | LSC

## "Frozen" Princess Meet & Greet

Meet princesses, Anna and Elsa! If you'd like, wear your favorite princess costume.

SAT | Dec 4 | 5 p.m. | Families | LSC

## Meet the Grinch!

Enjoy a visit from the Grinch and storytime with "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

TUE | Dec 7 | 10 a.m. | Families | CPB

WED | Dec 8 | 10 a.m. | Families | FRB

THU | Dec 9 | 10 a.m. | Families | WRB

## Silly Safaris Reindeer Reserve

Join us for Silly Safaris Reindeer Reserve. Meet one of Santa's elves and a live reindeer from the North Pole!

TUE | Dec 7 | 5 p.m. | All Ages | WRB

TUE | Dec 7 | 6:30 p.m. | All Ages | FRB

FRI | Dec 10 | 5 p.m. | All Ages | CPB

FRI | Dec 10 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. | All Ages | TRB



## Merry Prairie

There's a chill in the air and a twinkle in the eye; the holiday season is nearly here! Celebrate the spirit of the season with friends, family and neighbors as we light up the library.

FRI | Dec 10 | 6 p.m. | Families | TRB

## Pokémon Go Craft & Catch

Join us outside the library for Raid Hour! Battle at our gym in Pokémon GO, then create some Pokémon swag to show off around town.

WED | Dec 15 | 6 p.m. | All Ages | CPB Outdoors

## Building Bridges for Kids: Friendship Problems

This month, we'll discuss friendship and problems that might arise between friends. We'll share books, discuss ways to resolve conflict and talk about issues children may face with classmates.

WED | Dec 15 | 6:30 p.m. | Families | WRB

## Creative Crafts

Bring your creativity. *All materials provided.*

MON | Dec 27 | 10 a.m. | Families | All Ages | WRB

## Happy Noon Year

Celebrate the new year early with stories, music, games and crafts.

THU | Dec 30 | 11:30 a.m. | Families | CPB | FRB



# TEENS

## DIY Photo Blocks for Teens

Decorate photo blocks.

*Craft kit available to registered patrons.*

MON | Dec 6 | 7 p.m. | Teens | WRB Zoom

## Improv Play Acting

Improvise scenes and learn acting games.

WED | Dec 8 | 4:30 p.m. | Teens | FRB

WED | Dec 22 | 4:30 p.m. | Teens | FRB

TUE | Dec 28 | 4:30 p.m. | School-Age | Teens | FRB

## Franklin Teen Advisory Board

Plan teen programs at the Franklin Branch.

WED | Dec 8 | 4:45 p.m. | Teens | FRB Zoom

## Candy Crafting for Teens

Use holiday candies to make crafts.

*All materials provided.*

THU | Dec 9 | 4 p.m. | Teens | CPB

## It's Not So Puzzling...

Are finals stressing you out? Relax with puzzles, coloring and hot cocoa.

MON | Dec 13 | 6 p.m. | Teens | TRB

## Holiday Trivia for Teens

Test out your trivia knowledge on your favorite holiday movies, songs and folklore! Prizes will be awarded. Cocoa and treats will be available.

TUE | Dec 21 | 4 p.m. | Teens | CPB



# ADULTS

## Make Your Own Bows

Give your gifts a personal touch. Learn how to make bows for your holiday gifts. *All materials provided.*

WED | Dec 1 | 6:30 p.m. | Adults | FRB

## Holiday Card Making

It's not too late to send some joy! Drop in and create a holiday card. *All materials provided.*

THU | Dec 2 | 6 – 7:30 p.m. | Adults | Teens | WRB

## 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.

SAT | Dec 4 | 10 a.m. – Noon | Adults | Teens | WRB Zoom

## Wellness Tips for the Holiday Season

Hope, from Upstream Prevention, will discuss the Eight Dimensions of Wellness and will provide tools to help you emotionally tackle the holidays.

TUE | Dec 7 | 6 p.m. | Adults | WRB

## Learn a Special Minor Scale on Guitar

Learn the Harmonic Minor scale. No prior knowledge of music theory needed.

TUE | Dec 7 | 6:30 p.m. | Adults | Teens | FRB Zoom

## DIY Holiday Jewelry

Make pieces that will spice up your wardrobe this holiday season. *All materials provided.*

WED | Dec 8 | 10 a.m. | Adults | CPB

## Make a Swedish Star

Make Swedish star decorations for the holidays.

*All materials provided.*

WED | Dec 8 | 6 p.m. | Adults | Teens | TRB

## Building Bridges Book & Movie Discussion

"The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot.

WED | Dec 8 | 6:30 p.m. | Adults | FRB



## QPR Gatekeeper Training

Learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade and refer someone to get help.

THU | Dec 9 | 6 p.m. | Adults | Teens | FRB

## Holiday Unwind with Yoga Nidra

Relax and unwind with yoga nidra guided by a Studio YOU Yoga instructor.

MON | Dec 13 | 6:30 p.m. | Adults | Teens | WRB

## When You Can't Even: Managing Toxic Stress

Vanessa Convard-Brinkley will discuss the effects of trauma and chronic stress. Learn to mentor others and manage symptoms.

TUE | Dec 14 | 6 p.m. | Adults | TRB Zoom

## Beginning Photography

Want to learn some basic photography skills? Erin Davis will teach you about lighting, framing and simple apps to use for editing. Bring your camera with you!

WED | Dec 15 | 5:30 p.m. | Adults | Teens | FRB

## Wrap Up and Wind Down

Wrap presents, listen to holiday music and drink hot cocoa. You bring the gifts; we'll provide the rest!

*All materials provided.*

MON | Dec 20 | 6 p.m. | Adults | Teens | TRB

## Read & Bleed @ Your Library

Roll up your sleeves while you read.

*To schedule: 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).*

TUE | Dec 21 | 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | 17+ | WRB

MON | Dec 27 | 2 – 6 p.m. | 17+ | FRB

TUE | Dec 28 | Noon – 4 p.m. | 17+ | TRB

## Paper Snowflakes

These three-dimensional paper snowflakes are a lovely addition to any winter or holiday decor.

*All materials provided.*

TUE | Dec 21 | 6 p.m. | Adults | TRB

## Christmas Movie Night

Watch what is considered one of the weirdest Christmas movies ever, "Santa Claus Conquers the Martians" (NR).

WED | Dec 22 | 6 p.m. | Adults | Teens | CPB

## INDIANAPOLIS BALLET STORYTIME



A ballerina will read a story and teach a short ballet lesson. Meet the Sugar Plum Fairy.

SAT | Dec 4 | 10:30 a.m.  
Preschoolers | School-Age | CPB



# PHOTO *Contest*



**Entry deadline**  
**January 21, 2022**

## LIFE IN JOHNSON COUNTY

Celebrate the inspirational and diverse lives of local residents. We invite you to capture "Life in Johnson County" through photography. All ages and skills are welcome. Winning photos will be displayed in the new Clark Pleasant Library Branch.



## Contest **INFORMATION**

- Open to Johnson County residents of all ages and skill levels.
- Capture people in vibrant moments that express life in our county!
- Submit up to five photos taken in Johnson County, IN.
- Find all the details at [PageAfterPage.org/Photos](https://PageAfterPage.org/Photos)



## Contest **Awards**

**Grand Prize** \$500

**Youth Prize** \$300

**Honorable** \$50  
*Up to 13 winning photos*

Awards courtesy of  
Johnson County Public Library Foundation

## QUESTIONS?

**317-346-1543**  
Jody Veldkamp  
[jveldkamp@jcplin.org](mailto:jveldkamp@jcplin.org)





# STORYTIMES

Enjoy stories, crafts, songs and more!

## Preschool Storytime

WED | Dec 1, 15 | 10 a.m. | Preschoolers | FRB  
 THU | Dec 2, 16 | 10 a.m. | Preschoolers | WRB  
 TUE | Dec 7, 14 | 10 a.m. | Preschoolers | FRB  
 TUE | Dec 14 | 10 a.m. | Preschoolers | CPB

## Family Storytime

THU | Dec 2, 9, 16 | 10 a.m. | Families | TRB  
 MON | Dec 6, 13, 20, 27 | 6 p.m. | Families | FRB  
 TUE | Dec 7, 14 | 10 a.m. | Families | TRB  
 MON | Dec 27 | 6 p.m. | Families | WRB

## Toddler Storytime

THU | Dec 2, 9, 16 | 10 a.m. | Toddlers | FRB  
 THU | Dec 2, 9, 16 | 10 a.m. | Toddlers | CPB  
 MON | Dec 6, 13 | 10 a.m. | Toddlers | WRB  
 TUE | Dec 7, 14 | 10 a.m. | Toddlers | WRB

## Saturday Morning Storytime

SAT | Dec 4 | 10 a.m. | Families | WRB  
 SAT | Dec 11 | 10 a.m. | Families | TRB  
 SAT | Dec 18 | 10 a.m. | Families | FRB







# TRAFALGAR BRANCH

## FRI | Dec 10 | 6-8 p.m.

[PageAfterPage.org/  
MerryPrairie](http://PageAfterPage.org/MerryPrairie)



**6 p.m.**

**Santa & Mrs. Claus Light Up the Prairie**

**6-8 p.m.**

**Meet The Grinch**

**Visit with Santa**

**Vote for Your Favorite Gingerbread House**

**6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**See Silly Safaris Reindeer Reserve**



**CRAFTS, GAMES  
HOT CHOCOLATE  
& MORE!**



**HOLIDAY PIES & COFFEE**  
*Courtesy of McDonalds, Trafalgar*  
**POPCORN**  
*Courtesy of the Artcraft Theatre*



**COMMUNITY  
READING OF  
"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"**



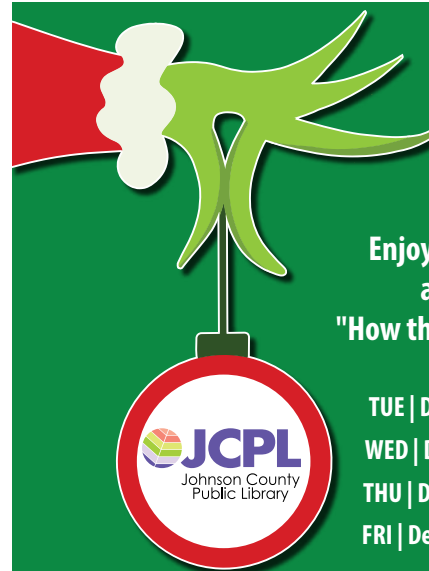
**CAROLING BY THE  
MERRY CAROLERS  
+ HOLIDAY MUSIC**

**JOIN US AT THE LIBRARY SERVICES CENTER  
during Franklin's Holiday Lighting**



- 2:30-3 p.m.**  
Storytime with Mrs. Claus
- 3:30-4:30 p.m.**  
Holiday Crafts and Games
- 5-6 p.m.**  
"Frozen" Princess Meet & Greet

Library Services Center \* 49 E. Monroe St., Franklin \* [PageAfterPage.org](http://PageAfterPage.org)



## Meet the Grinch

**Enjoy a Visit from the Grinch  
and Storytime with  
"How the Grinch Stole Christmas."**

**TUE | Dec 7 | 10 a.m. | Families | CPB**  
**WED | Dec 8 | 10 a.m. | Families | FRB**  
**THU | Dec 9 | 10 a.m. | Families | WRB**  
**FRI | Dec 10 | 6-8 p.m. | Families | TRB**