See the Gingerbread House Contest Display at the Trafalgar Branch

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Merry Prairie & Life in Johnson County Photo Contest

Jackie and grandson, Carter
**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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**Little Scientists**
Discover the wonders of science through books, simple experiments and interactive learning.  
**WED | Dec 15 | 10:30 a.m. | Preschoolers | WRB**

**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**

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**Most Programs Require Registration**
Programs are subject to change.  
Find details and updates: 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.
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 storyline with "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."
TUE | Dec 7 | 10 a.m. | Families | CPB
TUE | 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

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**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

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**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
**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.**

**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

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.

Entry deadline
January 21, 2022

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

Contest Awards
Grand Prize $500
Youth Prize $300
Honorable $50

Awards courtesy of
Johnson County Public Library Foundation

QUESTIONS?
317-346-1543
Jody Veldkamp
jveldkamp@jcplin.org
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

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

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

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
CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON AS WE LIGHT UP THE LIBRARY

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

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