

#### **TOP NEWS**

- Take a look at our Annual Christmas Craft Fair!
- See a special Christmas greeting from your friends at ACPL!
- Check out our Holiday
   Extravaganza with live reindeer!



Don't miss the perfect opportunity to give

your loved ones a special handmade present this year! Perfect for kids, adults, and everyone in between, the Christmas Craft Fair provides the perfect gifts for all. Whether that be an adorable ornament to pass on for generations or a cute little knickknack that you can use year after year. What once was a children's specific event has grown to encompass the entire community, nothing should stop you from showing someone you love that you are thinking of them. With over ten different crafts to create, this is a great time with friends and family to make homemade gifts that won't break the bank this holiday

season. And all crafts will have a helper nearby to make sure that everything goes smoothly and no littles get confused while they are making the gifts!

If this all inclusive event sounds like a great time to make gifts or even just have some personal fun with the family then mark your calendars for the December 14th. This event runs from 10AM to 2PM and everything is as supplies last. So don't let this special holiday event pass you by. Presents for all. Gifts for every budget. And of course you can design your own gift bags to take everything with you!

Happy Holidays! We hope to see you there!





## THE BUZZ



### **BRE'S BULLETIN**

'Tis the season to read books, drink hot chocolate, give gifts, love your families, and to be jolly! Dashing through the library...! Silent Library, Welcoming Library, all was calm, until the new releases came out...! Well you get the point, plenty of good Christmas songs and plenty of books to read if you can find the time this holiday season. Make sure you grab your seasonal supply of books for all of the upcoming holidays because you don't want to run into the scary situation of not having a book and the library being closed!





### SANDIE'S SPOTLIGHT

I am always inspired by the "big" holiday season! I love the beautiful lights and decorations, amazing food and especially cocoa and a corny Christmas movie with my kids! The world just seems like a nicer place this time of year.

But I do know that this is not so for everyone. Please remember that we never know what anyone is going through. A smile and a kind word does not cost us anything and can go a long way for a person who is struggling during this time. Wishing all of you a happy holiday season!

### THE STAFF SCOOP



Welcome to our newest column: The Staff Scoop! In this section you will hear fun stories from our library staff, recommended reads, and special messages from your favorite Librarians! With Christmas coming up and so many holidays that are important to so many different cultures the Library Staff would like to say Happy Holidays!

If you are ever curious about where you can find your favorite holiday reads come talk to us at the front desk. We have an entire section dedicated to it in the Children's Section and so many books throughout the Adult. This is the season for love and caring about others and a great time to learn all about the holidays that make this time of year special. The Staff Scoop will officially begin next month but until then: Check out our Holiday Collections!



When we say Holiday Extravaganza, we mean it! We are hosting our Annual Cookies with Santa Claus but we wanted to go bigger this year: so we did! Renamed The Holiday Extravaganza, this fun event will have cookie decorating, Santa pictures, **LIVE** reindeer, and a hot cocoa bar! This special event wouldn't be possible without those who came together to help us create it! We would love to give a special shout out to the Friends of the Library for helping us get our reindeer friends and our good friends at Kafe Kingdom who will be running the cocoa bar for us. Join us for this super special event December 21st from 10AM to 12PM.



### **MUSIC TIME WITH KATE**

Nothing gets you into the holiday mood like carols and music. I think a big part of what makes these times so magical is the music of the season. Taking place during our Toddler Tuesday, Ms. Kate from Parents as Teachers will be coming to enjoy music, singing, and dancing with all of our Toddlers. This event is targeted towards toddlers but anyone is welcome to join our special Music Time with Kate.

Join us December 10th at 4PM to enjoy to music of the season and get out those holiday jitters by dancing and learning about music and experiencing the instruments that make it!

### **HOLIDAY NAIL ART**



I think we have all had the moment when we went to paint our nails and discovered we came down with a case of the Christmas Spirit. We want to do a beautiful tree or some cute snowflakes, even just a little snowman...but admittedly, it was harder than we thought. I know I have had that struggle! So your friends at Adair County Public Library are putting on a special event to teach you how to do some of those fun but pesky designs.

This program will be presented by a self taught nail artist who has done some truly amazing designs. Having learned herself, Anam knows what the struggle is like. So come to this beginner friendly event that takes place December 21st at 2PM. This is a special event that you don't want to miss!



# BEHIND THE SHELVES

### THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

September through April The Friends of the Library choose a book each month to discuss. Due to the Christmas season being so overwhelmingly busy, The Friends do not host a December Book Discussion. However that doesn't mean they aren't starting right back up in January! Look forward to January's Friends of the Library Book Discussion which will be *Murder Mystery Book Club By Danielle Collins*.

Curious about the Friends of the Library? Look forward to social media posts, and their very own newsletter coming out soon!

### STORYWALK AT THOUSAND HILLS

Adair County Public Library partnered with Thousand Hills State Park to bring our community a StoryWalk. Our StoryWalk is featured at Forest Lake Trail and runs about half a mile. Make sure you check back monthly! The stories change every month and feature a beautiful story about nature and appreciating what is around us.

December's StoryWalk Book is What If Night by Paul Bogard. "With the night sky over most cities now nearly 100 times brighter than in the last century, children are missing out on the experience of the natural darkness. This charming story, along with stunning watercolors of night sky and wildlife, presents the thrill and wonder of a child exploring darkness without fear. This is a perfect read-aloud story for bedtime or any time." -Amazon

#### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Merry Christmas from your friends at Adair County Public Library. This is a friendly reminder that we have some closures coming up so that our staff can spend time with their families. The Adair County Public Library will be closed December 24th, 25th, and 26th. We will be open the Monday and Friday of the week of Christmas. We will also be closed January 1st and closed early on December 31st at 6PM so that staff may ring in the New Year with their families.

Plan your trips to the library accordingly because with us being closed it might be harder during the holiday rush to get your books. The only thing that can squish that holiday spirit is running out of reading material. So, don't let that happen to you and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

# A LOOK BACK AT OUR MONTH



Librarians Sandie and Bre enjoy Family Photo Day!





Truman brought their best reptiles to show the kids at ACPL!



Our Christmas Painting Event was a ton of fun!



Look at what one of our patrons made during Lego Day!



Who is this little cutie? Our Reptile Day with Truman State University introduced to us this wonderful tortoise!

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2 UKULELE @ 4:30PM-5:45PM	3 BINGO @ 10AM BABY CRAFT @ 4PM	4 STORYTIME AT SB40 @ 1PM POKEMON TRADING CARD DAY @ 4PM	5	6 STORYTIME @ 10AM	7 BOOK SALE @ 10AM-12PM
8	9 UKULELE @ 4:30PM-5:45PM	10 BINGO @ 10AM TODDLER TUESDAY @ 4PM	AREA SCENE AT KIRX @ 9AM STORYTIME AT SB40 @ 1PM MAKERSPACE @ 4PM HOMEBOUND DELIVERY	12	13 STORYTIME @ 10AM	14 CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR 10AM- 2PM CROCHET WITH BECCA AND BAILLIE @ 12PM MAGIC THE GATHERING 2PM- 4PM
15	16	17 BINGO @ 10AM TEEN TUESDAY @ 4PM	18 STORYTIME AT SB40 @ 1PM LEGO DAY @ 4PM	19	20 STORYTIME @ 10AM	21 HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA 10AM-12PM HOLIDAY NAIL ART @ 2PM
22	23 UKULELE @ 4:30PM-5:45PM	24 CHRISTMAS EVE: LIBRARY CLOSED	25 CHRISTMAS: LIBRARY CLOSED  MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 LIBRARY CLOSED	27 NO STORYTIME	28 MAGIC THE GATHERING @ 2PM-4PM
29	30	31 NO BINGO NEW YEAR'S EVE: LIBRARY CLOSES @ 6PM	NEW YEAR'S DAY: LIBRARY CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR!			