

DECEMBER

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● Registration Required

All events are in the Storytime Room unless otherwise noted.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



<p>2 2 - 4 PM Sunday Fun Day: Snow Globe Fingerpaint</p>	<p>3 10:30 - 11 AM Toddler Storytime</p>	<p>4 10:30 - 11 AM Toddler Storytime</p>	<p>5 10:30 - 11 AM Hanukkah Storytime with Rabbi Esther</p>	<p>6 10:30 - 11 AM Preschool Storytime: The Sounds of the Holidays with Regina Orchestra <i>(Meeting Rm A)</i></p>	<p>7 10:30 - 11 AM 1:30 - 2 PM Book Babies 5:30 - 7 PM Friday Flick: Mulan</p>	<p>1 10:30 - 11 AM Family Storytime 2 - 4 PM Holiday Crafting Hoopla</p>
<p>9 2 - 4 PM Sunday Fun Day: CD Weaving</p>	<p>10 10:30 - 11 AM Toddler Storytime</p>	<p>11 10:30 - 11 AM Toddler Storytime</p>	<p>12 10:30 - 11 AM Preschool Storytime: Ukulele Holiday Sing-a-long</p>	<p>13 10:30 - 11:00 AM Preschool Storytime: Ukulele Holiday Sing-a-long 3:30 - 5 PM ● Tween Minecraft Time 6:30 - 8 PM ● Family Night: Gingerbread House Contest</p>	<p>14 STAFF INSERVICE DAY LIBRARY CLOSED</p>	<p>15 10:30 - 11 AM Family Storytime: Holiday Music with Preucil Flute Choir</p>
<p>16 2 - 4 PM Sunday Fun Day: Nutcracker Suite Sweets</p>	<p>17 10:30 - 11 AM Toddler Storytime  BEGINS!</p>	<p>18 10:30 - 11 AM Toddler Storytime</p>	<p>19 10:30 - 11:00 AM Preschool Storytime: The Snowman 3:30 - 4:30 PM ScienTweens</p>	<p>20 10:30 - 11:00 AM ★ Gingerbread Fun Storytime! <i>(Meeting Rm A)</i></p>	<p>21 10:30 - 11 AM 1:30 - 2 PM Book Babies 5:30 - 6:45 PM Friday Flick: 101 Dalmatians</p>	<p>22 10:30 - 11:30 AM Family Storytime: How the Grinch Stole Christmas</p>
<p>23 2 - 4 PM Sunday Fun Day: Coloring and Caroling with A Muppet Christmas Carol</p>	<p>24 CHRISTMAS EVE HOLIDAY LIBRARY & BOOKMOBILE CLOSED</p>	<p>25 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY LIBRARY & BOOKMOBILE CLOSED</p>	<p>26 10:30 - 11 AM Preschool Storytime 1 - 2 PM ● Totally Tweens: Green Screen Scene</p>	<p>27 10:30 - 11:30 AM ★ Dance Me a Story with Ballet Quad Cities 1 - 2 PM The Science Center of Iowa: Simply Electrifying</p>	<p>28 10:30 - 11 AM 1:30 - 2 PM Book Babies 1 - 3:30 PM Mary Poppins: an interactive viewing 4 - 5 PM ● Minecraft Jr.</p>	<p>29 10:30 - 11:00 AM Family Storytime 2 - 3 PM Totally Tweens: Meet the Author, Matt Laney</p>
<p>30 2 - 4 PM Sunday Fun Day: New Year's Eve Crafts</p>	<p>31 10:30 - 11 AM Toddler Storytime 11:30 - 12:30 PM Noon Year's Eve Party</p>		<p>2 - 4 PM Winter Break Lego Play & Crafts</p>	<p>3:30 - 5 PM ● Tween Minecraft Time</p>	<p>5:30 - 7 PM Friday Flick: Sleeping Beauty</p>	

Sunday Fun Day:

Sundays, 2:00pm - 4:00 pm, Storytime Room:

Snow Globe Fingerpaint - December 2

Let's make this cute fingerpaint snow globe craft for winter today! It's easy to make. You can make this snowman art project for Holiday cards or anything you want!

CD Weaving - December 9

Upcycle these old CDs into beautiful works of art by weaving yarn to make fun patterns!

Nutcracker Suite Sweets - December 16

We will watch George Balanchine's The Nutcracker as we create some crafts inspired by the story, including some straight from the Kingdom of Sweets!

Coloring and Caroling with A Muppet Christmas Carol - December 23

Stop by for a screening of A Muppet Christmas Carol! We will also have fun muppet holiday coloring pages to work on while you watch!

New Year's Eve Crafts - December 30

Get ready to ring in the New Year with some festive crafts! We'll make hats, noisemakers, and resolution booklets so you're ready to party and welcome 2019 in style.

More Special Programs:

Holiday Crafting Hoopla

Saturday, December 1, 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Storytime Room

Make a heap of holiday goodies to help you get in the holiday mood! Stop by to create winter crafts to decorate or give away as gifts. From Snowflakes to Stars of David, we've got you covered for your cute ornamental needs!

Hanukkah Storytime with Rabbi Esther

Wednesday, December 5, 10:30am - 11:00am, Storytime Room

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday that commemorates the dedicating of the second temple in Jerusalem. This morning we will learn about and celebrate Hanukkah with Rabbi Esther from the Agudas Achim Synagogue! Hanukkah Sameach!

Preschool Storytime: The Sounds of the Holidays with Regina Orchestra

Thursday, December 6, 10:30am - 11:00am, Meeting Room A

Join us for a special holiday performance presented by the orchestra students of Regina High School. Stay for the whole performance or listen for a song or two, it's up to you!

Book Sale

Saturday, December 8, 10:00am - 3:00pm, Meeting Room D

The Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation is hosting a Book Sale! Please stop by and find something for all readers in your life this holiday season.

Crafting for Kids

Saturday, December 8, 11:30am - 1:00pm, Storytime Room

Stop by the Storytime Room before, during or after your family shops at the Craft Bazaar to make the perfect card to go with your newly purchased homemade gifts!

Preschool Storytime: Ukulele Holiday Sing-a-long

Wednesday, December 12 & 13, 10:30am - 11:00am, Storytime Room

Today at preschool storytime, Casey will be playing everyone's favorite holiday songs on the ukulele! Stop on by for Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph among other Wintery favorites and sing, dance, and jingle along!

Family Night: Gingerbread House Contest

Thursday, December 13, 6:30pm - 8:00pm, Storytime Room

We will provide the graham cracker house panels (gingerbread flavored if available) needed to build your house, plus all of the decorations you could want to customize your sweet home. A special prize will be given to the house with the best construction and the most creative design! One house provided per household. At least one adult must attend with children. (Registration required).

Family Storytime: Holiday Music with Preucil Flute Choir

Saturday, December 15, 10:30am - 11:00am, Meeting Room A

Today we will be hosting a holiday family storytime followed by a short holiday and winter concert from the Preucil Flute Choir.

Preschool Storytime: The Snowman

Wednesday, December 19, 10:30am - 11:00am, Meeting Room A

Today we will have a screening of a classic holiday favorite--Raymond Briggs's The Snowman.

Gingerbread Fun Storytime!

Thursday, December 20, 10:30am - 11:00am, Meeting Room A

Join us for a special gingerbread-themed storytime, and then stay for gingerbread making, holiday crafts, and winter stories on the big screen. All ages are welcome! We will provide gingerbread men to decorate and craft supplies for a fun wintry morning.

Family Storytime: How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Saturday, December 22, 10:30am - 11:30am, Storytime Room

Today we are getting ready for Christmas by reading and watching this classic Dr. Seuss tale. Come on by to read and see the original animated How the Grinch Stole Christmas. We will take breaks from the stories to sing and dance to some classic holiday tunes as well. After storytime we will have a craft available to do in house or take home.

Totally Tweens: Green Screen Scene

Wednesday, December 26, 1:00pm - 2:00pm, Digital Media Lab

Your imagination is the limit to where you can be with our green screen. Get creative with your setting then learn some photo manipulation basics to add even more fun to your scene. We'll print your final creation in color and send you the original in an email too.

Winter Break Lego Play & Crafts

Wednesday, December 26, 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Storytime Room

Whether you're a crafter or a builder, or both, we have you covered for all your Lego needs. Stop by to make a Lego themed craft or just build to heart's content!

Dance Me a Story with Ballet Quad Cities

Thursday, December 27, 10:30am - 11:30am, Meeting Room A

This is a storytime, a dance class, and dress-up fun all in one! Dance Me a Story ties together ballet performances and the literature that inspires the choreography. Ballet QC dancers will read a classic story and explore and teach the dance movement. Little dancers will also have the opportunity to see costumes, head pieces, props and pointe shoes—all important elements to bring the story to life.

The Science Center of Iowa: Simply Electrifying

Thursday, December 27, 1:00pm - 2:00pm, Meeting Room A

The Science Center of Iowa, sponsored by MidAmerican Electricity is here to make sure you learn something new, even if you're on a break from school! Explore the exciting world of electricity! Experience hair-raising fun with a Van de Graaff generator, become electrons and atoms, and see what happens when electricity meets pickle!

Mary Poppins: an interactive viewing

Friday, December 28, 1:00pm - 3:30pm, Meeting Room A

Join us for a Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious afternoon as we view the original Mary Poppins just in time for the theatrical release of the new one. Get ready to sing along, fly kites, sweep chimneys and of course enjoy spoonfuls of sugar. All ages are welcome.

Noon Year's Eve Party

Monday, December 31, 11:30am - 12:30pm, Meeting Room A

We're celebrating the end of 2018 early at a kid friendly, day time bash! Join us for crafts, games, and dancing. And at 11:59 we'll ring in the lunch hour with balloons, noise and fun! All ages welcome!

Totally Tweens:

Tween Minecraft Time

Thursday, December 13 & 27, 3:30pm - 5:00pm, Digital Media Lab

Do you play Minecraft and want to meet other Minecraft players? Come play at the library in our Digital Media Lab. Build peacefully in creative mode or fight to stay alive in survival mode. Game rotation and group play are encouraged. Players should have a Minecraft account to play in multiplayer mode. Players without an account may use a library account. (Registration required).

ScienTweens

Wednesday, December 19, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Storytime Room

Blast-off this month and join our search for life on other planets. We'll find out about our solar system and what evidence of life scientists have found already. Don't just learn science—DO science with the Iowa City Science Booster Club. This monthly hands-on program for tweens gives you a chance to use cool scientific equipment to discover and explore the world around you.

Green Screen Scene

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Meet the Author, Matt Laney

Saturday, December 29, 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Meeting Room A

Author Matt Laney will visit the library to do a reading from "The Spinner Prince," the first book in his popular middle-grade series Pride Wars. Join us as he talks about the story behind this award-winning fantasy and answers all your questions.