



Bethalto Public Library

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Library Events

December 2019

Library closing Dates:

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2019

Christmas Day, December 25, 2019

New Year's Eve, December 31, 2019 - closing at 5:00pm



Food For Fines

Food for Fines month demonstrates the Library's commitment to community by reaching out and providing service throughout the Bethalto Public Library District. Please help us restock our food pantries! During December, library patrons are encouraged to bring undamaged and unexpired boxed or canned non-perishable food items to help pay off fines. All food donations will be given to our local food pantries, Community Hope Center located in Cottage Hills and Our Lady Queen of Peace Food Pantry located in Bethalto. Each item that you bring in is worth \$1.00 in fines*.

We are running two specials again. For each meal in a box that you donate, (Hamburger Helper,

Tuna Helper, etc.) you receive \$2.00 off of your fines* and for each regular size or larger of peanut butter or jelly you receive \$5.00 off of your fines*.

*This offer is for overdue fines only. No replacement, processing, damage, etc. charges will be waived. Excess of food items will not be used to create fine credits.

Storytimes

Let's Read Storytime

Thursdays at 10:30am

Fridays at 12:00pm

Kids Space

These weekly storytimes build children's early literacy skills with stories, songs, movement, and crafts. The program lasts about 30 minutes followed by craft time.



Baby Time Christmas

December 14, 2019 - 10:30am

December 18, 2019 - 4:30pm

Kids Space

Bring your baby to make an adorable

keepsake Christmas ornament, sing interactive songs, and enjoy Christmas stories just for our tiniest patrons (0-12 months). This event lasts 20 minutes and is very casual so don't worry about fussy babies.

Library Events

Tree Trimming Party - Adults

December 3, 2019 - 6:00pm

Front Lobby

Help us decorate our lobby Christmas tree. Make two of the same ornament, one for our tree and one for you to take home. Enjoy holiday treats and music as we enjoy the calm before the storm. Limited spots available. Register by December 1, 2019.



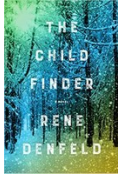
The Bethalto Public Library staff would like to wish our patrons and their families a Merry Christmas!

Library Events Cont'd

Book Club - Adults

December 3, 2019 - 7:00pm
Great Room

The Child Finder
by Rene Denfeld



An informal discussion group which meets the first Tuesday of every month. Copies of the selected book may be checked out at the Library beginning four weeks before the discussion date.



Snowstorm in a Jar - Kids

December 10, 2019 - 4:00pm
Great Room

Leave with your very own blizzard! Hopefully the only blizzard you will experience outside of Dairy Queen® this winter. Register by December 8, 2019.

Muppet Christmas Carol

December 14, 2019 - 6:00pm
Great Room

Our Christmas gift to you! Enjoy a Christmas favorite complete with interactive goody bags and a great snack buffet in theme with the movie. Bonus hot chocolate and popcorn bar. Limited seating. Register by December 12, 2019.



Grinch Party

December 17, 2019 - 4:00pm
Great Room

Watch the newest movie version, enjoy snacks, and make Grinch Slime to take home. Limited seating. Register by December 15, 2019.

Pooch Power Dog Hour

December 21, 2019 - 11:00am
Main Level

Did you know that certified Therapy Dogs visit the Library? These sweet canines have been trained in the art of offering comfort. Petting an animal relieves anxiety and depression. All ages from child to adult can enjoy the benefits of these furry visitors. And you can get these benefits without actually owning a dog! Please stop by and say hello and get a doggie cuddle.



Reindeer Workshop

December 22, 2019 - 3:00pm
Great Room Cost \$12

Come on in to make your very own reindeer! This program has a pre-paid cost of \$12 and includes the reindeer with a hat and scarf. Enjoy Christmas music and Christmas treats while stuffing your reindeer. 20 spots available. Registration open until filled.

After Hours Fun - 10 to Adult

December 27, 2019 - 5:00pm
Great Room



The Little Ones get their party on December 31st, so this event is for the older kids and adults! We will be playing *Splatoon 2*, *Sega Classics*, and *Hasbro Game Night* with a Nintendo Switch™ on the big screen, plus there will be board games and crafting throughout the evening! Be sure to come hungry for pizza, soda, and snacks. Bring your controllers if you've got 'em. Register by December 23, 2019.



Noon Year's Eve Party - Kids

December 31, 2019 - 11:30am
Great Room

Fun games, music, crafts, pizza for lunch and cartoons on the big screen. Plus, a balloon drop at 12:00pm sharp with noisemakers for everyone! Ring in the New Year while those little eyes can stay open.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Dec. 19th

7:00pm