

December 2024

# Chapters

Library News & Events



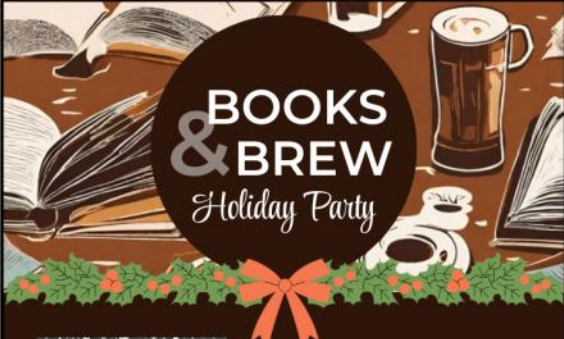
The library will be closed on December 24 & 25 as well as January 1, with limited hours of 9 am-1 pm on December 31.



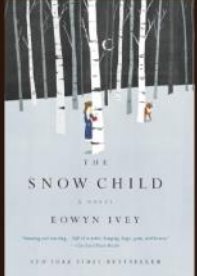
## Winter Reading Challenge

December-January

Pick up a bingo sheet and get started December 1!



**BOOKS & BREW**  
*Holiday Party*



December 18  
@ 6 pm  
*The Snow Child*  
by Eowyn Ivey



December 14th

**Gingerbread House Workshop**

Call 309-274-2719 to register!

\$5 per house



## Knots of Fun

FIRST WEDNESDAYS  
3 PM @ THE LIBRARY

EVERGREEN  
SENIOR LIVING

## Music & Movement Storytime

Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm  
Fridays @ 10 am



## YOUTH PROGRAMS | Families are welcome at all youth programs.

**Letters to Santa** | Write a letter to Santa and drop it in our North Pole Express Post Office box any time before December 19. Chilli Bear will deliver it to the North Pole! Stationary is provided with a spot to fill in your name and address so Santa can write back.

### Music & Movement Storytime

Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm; Fridays @ 10 am | **Ages 0-5**  
Explore music and movement as cornerstones of early literacy! Experiment with songs, dances, and stories to develop music, motor, literacy, and communication skills.

### Lego Club

Thursdays @ 3-5 pm | **Ages 4+**  
Bring your friends and your imagination—we'll provide the Legos! Stop by anytime during our open hours to build a creation to put on display in the library lobby. New members are always welcome—no registration needed. *Please note the expanded time!*

### Homeschool Library Hour

Mon., Dec 9 @ 1 pm | **All ages**

Connect with homeschoolers in the community & explore resources the library has to offer for your family's educational journey! No registration this month. December topic: Winter Music Jam Session

### Sign & Sing

Tue., Dec 10 @ 10:30 am | **Ages 0-5**

Join friends from Communication Junction for an ASL storytime with stories, songs, movement, and bubbles!



### Half-Day Hangout

Wed., Dec 11 & Fri., Dec 20 @ 10:45 am | **Ages 8+**

Hang out at the library after school gets out! Play games, color, or just chill and eat some snacks with your friends.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### IVC Jr. Madrigals

Tue., Dec 3 @ 5-6 pm  
Drop in for a cozy, festive evening at the library with the IVC Jr. Madrigals. The singers will provide background music while you browse, or sit and catch a moment of peace in the midst of holiday busyness. To make it even cozier, we're offering free hot drinks from our Chapters Café from 5-6 pm. Please consider bringing your own cup to help us reduce waste.

### Old-Time Folk & Country Jam

Tue., Dec 3 @ 6-7:30 pm | Dust off that guitar, fiddle, banjo, or other acoustic instrument and join us for a jam session on 1st Tuesdays. Music lovers of all ages are encouraged to come play, listen, and/or sing along.

### Knots of Fun

Wed., Dec 4 @ 3-4 pm  
Stitch, chat, and create with us! Whether you're a crochet pro, knitting newbie, or sewing enthusiast, all skill levels are welcome. Bring your project, share tips, and enjoy some creative camaraderie! Facilitated by Amy Thompson of Evergreen Senior Living.

### English Conversation Café

Thursdays @ 2:45 pm  
Practice your English skills in casual conversation with other learners. Speakers of all levels and any native language are welcome. *No meeting on Dec 26.*

### Spanish Conversation Café

Thursdays @ 3:45 pm  
Practice your Spanish skills in casual conversation with other learners and native speakers. Speakers of all levels are welcome. *No meeting on Dec 26.*

**Movies** | Popcorn served; feel free to bring your own snack or sack lunch.

### Mon., Dec 9 @ 12 pm: *The Holdovers* (2023, R, 2h 13 m)

In this dramedy, a disagreeable schoolteacher stays at a boarding school to supervise students who can't travel home for the holidays.

### Tue., Dec 17 @ 3 pm: *Stardust* (2007, PG-13, 2h 7m)

In this stylish and whimsical fantasy, a young man retrieves a fallen star whose magic is coveted by a witch. *Co-hosted by the IVC High School Book Club.*

### \*Cooking around the World: German Springerle

Thur., Dec 12 @ 6 pm | Expand your horizons—and your palate—as you sample German springerle and learn how to make them! Visit [cpldcooking.weebly.com](http://cpldcooking.weebly.com) for recipes and photos from past programs.

### Remember When...

Fri., Dec 13 @ 1:30 pm | **at Evergreen Senior Living**  
Talk a stroll down memory lane and reminisce about different topics each month. In December, we'll talk about winter holidays.

### \*Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Tue., Dec 17 @ 5 pm | This support group, led by a volunteer trained with the Alzheimer's Association, offers a chance for caregivers to develop support, learn about dementia, and build problem-solving skills. Monthly on 3rd Tuesdays, and open to caregivers and others who have loved ones with dementia. Registration requested: (800) 272-3900 or visit [bit.ly/3MtEUcp](http://bit.ly/3MtEUcp).

## ADULT PROGRAMS CONTINUED

### Books & Brew | Tue., Dec 17 @ 6 pm

Join us to discuss books while enjoying the company of other readers and your favorite brew (we provide tea, coffee, and assorted adult bev's). Reading this month: *The Snow Child*, by Eowyn Ivey. We'll be starting early at 6:00 pm this month for our holiday party! Feel free to bring a treat to share.

### Volunteer Opportunity: Root Cemetery and Nature Preserve | Wed., Dec 18 @ 9 am-12 pm

Help restore historic Root Cemetery and Nature Preserve! The work is moderately difficult and volunteers should dress in long pants and sturdy shoes. Water, tools, and work gloves provided. Meet at Root Cemetery, a mile northwest of Chillicothe on Ratcliffe Rd. For more information contact Dave Pittman at 309-573-2354 or [dvdgpittman@gmail.com](mailto:dvdgpittman@gmail.com).

### Bingo!

Wed., Dec 18 @ 1 pm

Join us for some rousing rounds of Bingo, plus prizes and snacks. Registration requested but not required.

### \*Little Women: The Musical—An At Home Experience (in collaboration with BroadwayHD)

Available online: Dec 20 @ 2 pm-Dec 22 @ 11:59 pm

Spots are limited: register at [bit.ly/ILP\\_LittleWomen](https://bit.ly/ILP_LittleWomen)

Enjoy this pre-recorded, virtual showing of Louisa May Alcott's classic story. This Broadway musical premiered in London in this acclaimed production at Park Theatre in 2022. Registrants will receive an email with a link to the performance. *Made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.*

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

### Winter Reading

December-January

All ages, kids & adults, are invited to complete the winter reading challenge and earn cozy prizes! Pick up a bingo sheet at the library any time, and start reading December 1. *Sponsored by Odie's and Green View.*

### Community Mural

All month

Paint a tile and be part of something big! You don't have to be an "artist"—we'd love for you to add your unique touch and help reveal a little more of the final picture. Stop by the library during open hours.

### The Magic of Raina Telgemeier

Tue., Dec 10 @ 7 pm

Online event: register at [bit.ly/ILP\\_RainaTelgemeier](https://bit.ly/ILP_RainaTelgemeier)  
Join libraries across Illinois for a night with critically acclaimed comic artist, Raina Telgemeier! Raina is the author and illustrator of the graphic novels *Smile*, *Drama*, *Sisters*, *Ghosts*, and *Guts*, all #1 New York Times bestsellers. Unable to attend live? A recording will be available for 30 days, only to those who register. Illinois Libraries Present (ILP) is a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.

### \*Gingerbread House Workshop | Sat., Dec 14

Decorate a festive house made out of sweet treats. Call 309-274-2719 to register your self, family, or friend group for a time slot. Houses are preconstructed and all decorating materials provided. \$5/house, due by Dec. 6 to save your spot (limit of two houses/group). One hour sessions are offered at 9:30 am, 10:45 am, 12 pm, 1:15 pm, and 2:30 pm.

### Grinchmas Party

Fri., Dec 20 @ 6-8 pm | at Shore Acres Clubhouse  
Join the Chillicothe Parks Foundation & Chillicothe Public Library for a Grinchmas Party! The clubhouse will be decorated with the holiday charm of Whoville. Take selfies with some resident Whos and put a little snark in your holiday spirit by meeting the big green guy himself! Enjoy holiday music, food, family activities, and plenty of Grinchy surprises. Whether your heart is two sizes too small or full of holiday cheer, there's something for everyone! Admission \$25 (benefits the Chillicothe Parks Foundation). Tickets at [givebutter.com/grinchmasparty24](https://givebutter.com/grinchmasparty24).



### \*Registration Required

Scan the QR code, call 309-274-2719, or visit [bit.ly/3uX9G4w](https://bit.ly/3uX9G4w), to register.

## Call for artwork— Eagles & Life on the Illinois River: 2025 Photo & Art Contest

Submissions accepted January 2-31.  
Details at [bit.ly/CPLDeagle](https://bit.ly/CPLDeagle)

**VISION:** Read. Learn. Share. Grow.

**MISSION:** The library enriches lives, builds community and encourages success by bringing people, information, and ideas together.

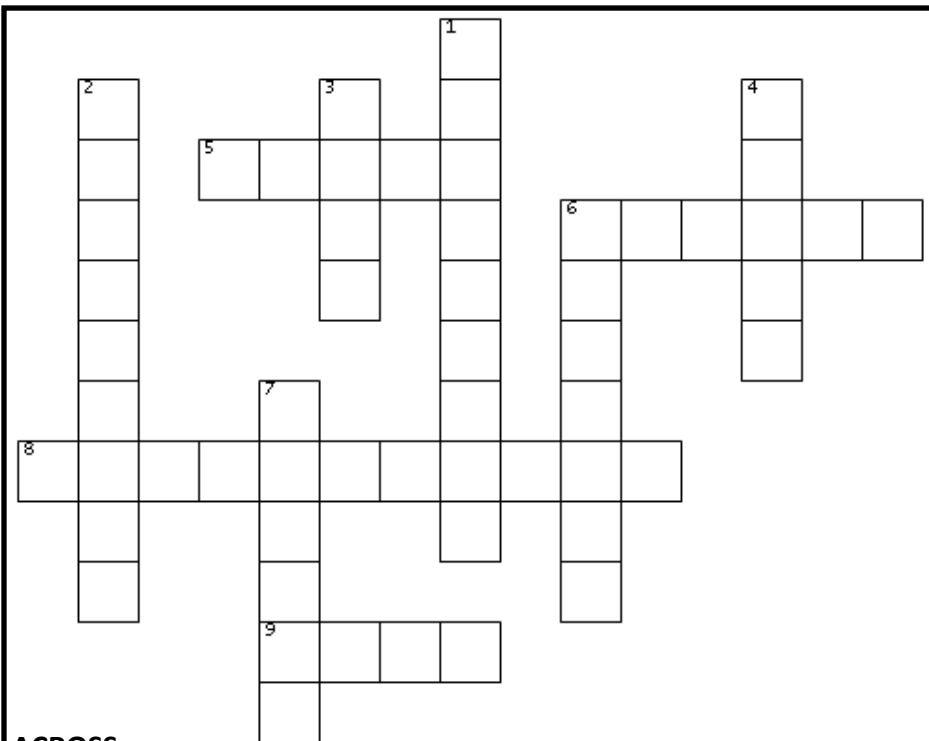
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**ACROSS**

- 5. Paint a tile to unveil the bigger picture in this Community \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Purchase a ticket to hang out with this famous green guy at the Shore Acres Clubhouse on December 20
- 8. Decorate a house made of this on December 14
- 9. This creative club meets every Thursday from 3-5 pm

**DOWN**

- 1. Watch this movie with us on December 9 at noon
- 2. Read this book with us for Books & Brew on December 17
- 3. The Giving \_\_\_\_\_ in our lobby gives you the opportunity to donate a gift to a family in need
- 4. Drop off a letter for this famous toymaker before December 19, and receive a response by mail!
- 6. The featured country at December's Cooking around the World
- 7. During Winter Reading, the Scavenger Hunt will be updated \_\_\_\_\_

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**Hours**

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T, W, Th: 9 am-8 pm  
Sat: 9 am-4 pm

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Keep up with us on social media!



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**\*Registration required.  
 See program description  
 for registration details.**