

CHAPTERS

LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

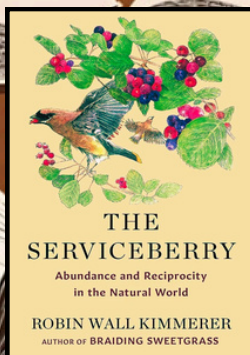
Holiday Hours

December 24: Closed

December 25: Closed

December 31: 9 am-1 pm

January 1: Closed



Books & Brew

December 16 @ 6 pm

The Serviceberry by
Robin Wall Kimmerer

Join us for our holiday party with trivia from the 2025 Books & Brew book list, the reveal of next years book list, and snacks (feel free to bring something to share)!

What the Tech?! Photo Sharing

December 3: Android

December 17: iPhone

Sign up at bit.ly/3uX9G4w or call 309-274-2719 and get ready to share photos with family and friends!



Winter Reading

December 1-January 31



Pick up a
bingo sheet
at the library!

Sponsored by:

Odie's

Gingerbread House Workshop

December 13

Sign up for a time
between 9:30-3:30
by December 5.

YOUTH PROGRAMS | Families are welcome at youth programs.

Scavenger Hunt

Find all the clues hiding around the children's area of the library to earn a prize! New scavenger hunts are posted every other week.

Letters to Santa

November 24-December 18

Write a letter to Santa and drop it off at our North Pole Express Post Office any time before December 18.

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

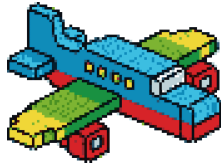
A place for little ones to explore music & movement as cornerstones of early literacy! Experiment together with songs, dances, and stories to develop foundational skills in music, motor skills, literacy, and communication. No storytime on 12/24 & 12/31.

Lego Club | Ages 4+

Thursdays @ 3-5 pm,

4th Sat. (12/27) @ 1-3 pm

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 Lego Club on 12/25 or 1/1.



Homeschool Library Hour

Mon., Dec 8 @ 1 pm | All ages

Join us to connect with other homeschoolers in the community and explore the resources the library has to offer to support your family's educational journey!

Sign & Sing Storytime

Tue., Dec 9 @ 10:30 am | Ages 0-5

Join our friends from Communication Junction for an ASL story time filled with stories, songs, movement, and bubbles!

Half-Day Hangout

Wed., Dec 10 & Fri., Dec 19 | Ages 8-18

Looking for somewhere to hang out when school gets out early? Come chill at the library! We will have coloring pages, board games, and snacks available.

TEEN PROGRAMS | Teens only

Read the Rainbow Book Club

Fri., Dec 12 @ 3 pm | Teens

A space for teens to read and discuss books from a wide range of perspectives. This month's book will be *This Winter* by Alice Oseman. Come ready to discuss and bring a friend!



Teen Tuesday

Tue., Dec 30 @ 3 pm | Teens

Come hang out at the library after school! Play some games or just chill and eat snacks with your friends.

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Winter Reading Challenge

December 1-January 31



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

Community Mural

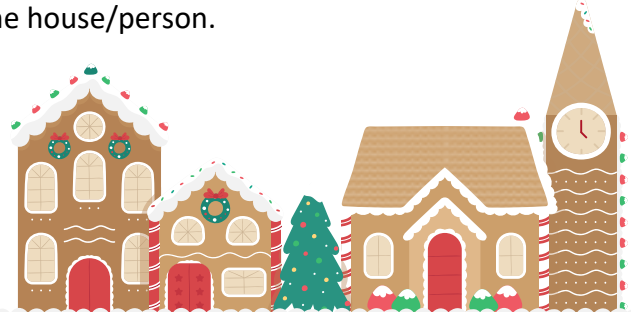
Starting December 1

Paint a tile for this project 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 any time, up to an hour before closing.

*Gingerbread House Workshop

Sat., Dec 13

Decorate a festive house made out of sweet treats. Call 309-274-2719 to register your family or friend group for a time slot between 9:30 am-3:30 pm. Individual adults are also welcome. Houses are preconstructed and all decorating materials provided. \$5/house, due by Dec. 5 to save your spot. Limit of one house/person.



*Registration Required

Scan the QR code, call 309-274-2719, or visit bit.ly/3uX9G4w to register, or join the wait list, unless other method of registration is listed.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Movies | Select Mondays @ 12 pm

Popcorn served; feel free to bring your own snack.

Dec 1—*Little Women*

(2019, PG, 2h 15m)

Four sisters learn about love, life, and loss as they grow through their young womanhood against the backdrop of post-Civil War America.



Dec 15—*A Street Cat Named Bob*

(2016, NR, 1h 42m) and

A Gift from Bob (2020, TV-PG, 1h 32m)

Based on the best-selling book about the true story of a drug-addicted street musician whose life takes a surprising turn after a ginger tabby turns up in his kitchen. Back-to-back showing with its sequel. Come for one, or stay for both!

Old-Time Folk & Country Jam

Tue., Dec 2 @ 6 pm

Dust off that guitar, fiddle, banjo, or other acoustic instrument and bring it to the library for a jam session on 1st Tuesdays. Music lovers of all ages are encouraged to come play, listen, and/or sing along.

Clerking on the Move

Wed., Dec 3 @ 10 am-1 pm

The Peoria County Clerk's Mobile Unit comes to the library! Obtain certified copies of marriage, birth, and death certificates without the hassle of a trip down to the Courthouse. No appointments or registration required.

***What the Tech?!**

Select Wednesdays @ 11 am

Dec 3—Photo Sharing: Android Phones

Learn how to share photos via text message or email on an Android phone.

Dec 17—Photo Sharing: iPhones

Learn how to share photos via text message or email on an Apple iPhone.

Knots of Fun

Wed., Dec 3 & 17 @ 3 - 5 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.

Spanish Conversation Café

Wednesdays @ 3:45 pm

Practice your Spanish skills in casual conversation. Speakers of all levels are welcome.

***Adult Craft: Woven Reindeer Ornament**

Thu., Dec 4 @ 6 pm

Learn basket-weaving techniques to make a woven reindeer for a holiday tree ornament or other decoration. Makes a great gift!

Bingo!

Wed., Dec 10 @ 1 pm

Join us for some rousing rounds of Bingo, plus prizes and snacks.

***Cooking around the World: Sourdough Crackers**

Thu., Dec 11 @ 6 pm

Expand your horizons—and your palate—as you learn about world culture and cuisine and sample some recipes! This month, learn how to use your sourdough starter discard to make crackers that will take your holiday charcuterie board to new heights. Recipes from past programs at cpldcooking.weebly.com.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Tue., Dec 16 @ 5 pm

This monthly support group, led by an Alzheimer's Association-trained volunteer, offers a chance for caregivers to develop support, learn about dementia, and build problem-solving skills. Open to caregivers and others who have loved ones with dementia. Call (800) 272-3900 or visit bit.ly/3MtEUcp to register.

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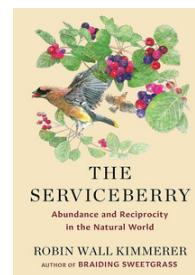
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Join us to discuss books while enjoying the company of other readers and your favorite brew (we'll provide tea, coffee, and assorted adult bev's). We'll be starting early, at 6 pm, for our holiday party! Feel free to bring a treat to share.

***The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World*,**

by Robin Wall Kimmerer

A bold and inspiring vision for how to orient our lives around gratitude, reciprocity, and community, based on the lessons of the natural world.



Volunteer Opportunity: Root Cemetery

Wed., Dec 17 @ 9 am - 12 pm

Help restore historic Root Cemetery and Nature Preserve! Dress for the weather and wear long pants and sturdy shoes. Water, tools, work gloves, and good conversation provided. Meet at Root Cemetery, a mile NW of Chillicothe on Ratcliffe Rd. Contact Dave Pittman at 309-573-2354 or dvdgpittman@gmail.com.

Remember When...

Fri., Dec 19 @ 1:30 pm | at Evergreen Senior Living

Take a stroll down memory lane and reminisce about different topics each month.

VISION: Read. Learn. Share. Grow.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Eagles & Life on the Illinois River 2026 Photo & Art Contest

January 2-31 | Teens & Adults

Contest submissions accepted January 2-31. Visit bit.ly/CPLDeagle for details and important dates, or pick up a brochure at the library.

What the Tech?! eLibrary

Wed., Jan 7 @ 11 am | Adults

Learn how to use the library's eBook, eAudio, and video streaming platforms, including the new Palace Project app.

Read the Rainbow Book Club

Fri., Jan 9 @ 3 pm | Teens

A space for teens to read and discuss books from a wide range of perspectives. This month's book will be *Check, Please! Book 1* by Ngozi Ukazu. Come ready to discuss and bring a friend!

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Hours

M, F: 9 am-5 pm

T, W, Th: 9 am-8 pm

Sat: 9 am-4 pm

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by calling 309-274-2719

or visit chillipld.org.

Keep up with us on social media!



Introducing...



The Palace Project

The eRead Illinois collection, previously housed on the Boundless platform, has moved to The Palace Project!

Starting December 2, you can use your library card to read eBooks and eAudiobooks via the Palace Project app, available for Android and iOS.

Scan to download



Visit our
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Consider donating to the library!

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