

**Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Library
December 2025 Community Events Calendar**

DECEMBER CLOSINGS

WEDNESDAY, December 24 & THURSDAY, December 25

Closed for Christmas

WEDNESDAY, December 31

Closing at 4:00 PM

DECEMBER EVENTS

November 1–December 1

A Magical Christmas Writing Contest

Write a short story using the prompt below. Stories should be no longer than 3,000 words and the author's work only. No AI generated stories, please. Pick up full guidelines at the library or send an email request to atollison@weldonpubliclibrary.org. The winner will receive a gift card prize. For ages 16 and up.

Prompt: On Christmas morning, you open the door of a shed that has been unused for years. The shed leads to a magical world where...

November 17–December 31

Hibrrrr-nate with Books

Bundle up and join us for **Hibrrrr-nate with Books**, a special winter reading event beginning on November 17. We invite all ages to take part in a community-wide scavenger hunt. Discover hidden clues around town and complete reading challenges to enter into our prize drawings. See our website at www.weldonpubliclibrary.org for more details.

December 1–December 31

LEGO @ the Library: Build a Winter Village

This month, drop by the library to help us build a winter village. Students in grades K–12 can stop in once any time during December to create a LEGO creation to add to our growing display. When you're ready to build, visit the Youth Desk to access the LEGO cart and get started. Turn in your completed creation at the Youth Desk to receive a free gift. All materials are provided—just bring your creativity and join the fun!

MONDAY, December 1

Homeschool Hangouts: Noon–1:00 PM

Homeschool Hangouts is a weekly homeschool enrichment program for students in grades 1–12. Each month, we'll explore a different subject through mini lessons, hands-on projects, and creative experiments. Join us in the Community Room on Mondays from 12:00 PM–1:00 PM to learn, connect, and discover together! This month we'll be learning more about math. Today's program is Pizza Fractions—we'll use pizza to explore fractions and real-life math connections. Students who have and have not used fractions before can build on this skill.

VolunTEENS: 4:00 PM

Looking to earn service hours, build your resume, and make a difference in your community? Join VolunTEENS—our teen volunteer crew! Teens will gain hands-on experience by helping with library programs, organizing materials, prepping crafts, and keeping things running smoothly behind the scenes. It's a great way to develop new skills, meet other teens, and give back in a fun, flexible environment. We'll provide training and track your hours—just bring your enthusiasm and willingness to help! For teens ages 13-19 only. Online registration is required.

TUESDAY, December 2

Toddler Tuesday: 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Toddler Tuesday is a 30-minute story time program designed for children ages 9 months to 2 years. Each week you can expect stories, songs, and free play. Please register online.

TWEEN Night: 4:00 PM

Tween Nights are here! Join us for games, crafts, and more, designed for tweens to hang out, get creative, and have fun with friends. This week we will be having fun with some colorful games. For tweens ages 9-12 only. Online registration required.

TEEN Night: 6:00 PM

Every Tuesday is a Teen Night at the library, featuring game nights, trivia battles, crafts, and other activities. It's a great opportunity to relax, meet other teens, and enjoy a dedicated space just for you. This week we will be having fun with some colorful games. For teens ages 13-19 only. Online registration required.

WEDNESDAY, December 3

Wood Slice Ornaments: 6:00 PM

Did you miss the class in November? Now's your chance to take it! Decoupage wood slices with holiday designs for beautiful, hand-crafted ornaments. Leah Williams is our instructor. The supply cost for this craft is \$5. Register and pay at the library.

THURSDAY, December 4

Gogh with the Flow: 4:30 PM

Each month, children ages 5-12 will explore new materials and techniques as they craft a unique masterpiece to take home. This month we're making art inspired by Lois Ehlert's book, *Snowballs*. We'll be using tempera paint, so please dress for mess! Please register online.

Red Ink Writers' Circle: 6:00 PM

Meet together with other local writers for manuscript critique and for support. Prepare a five-minute section of a manuscript to read, then receive comments from group members with the aim of strengthening your writing. Please bring copies of your selected pages for group members. Open to adult authors of all genres.

FRIDAY, December 5

Pre-K S.T.E.A.M.: 10:00 AM

Preschoolers will explore the world of S.T.E.A.M. through stories, songs, and hands on fun! This program blends learning and play and is perfect for growing minds, ages 3-5. Please register online.

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TEEN Dungeons & Dragons: 4:00 PM

Do you have an itch for a fun and exciting fantasy adventure chock full of twists and turns? Come scratch that itch with a Dungeons and Dragons (version 5.5e) campaign guaranteed to challenge and delight. This campaign was created and will be run by long time player and game master, Chris Jones. Be prepared for a treasure chest full of laughs, as our heroes are recruited by the secretive Order of Arcane Findings (O.A.F.). The purpose of the order is to locate and obtain items that have magical powers and keep them out of hands that have no business possessing them. Can the party find these items and return them for safe keeping? Maybe more importantly, can the party not blow themselves up in the process? Only you can tell the story! For TEENS ages 13-19 only. Online registration required.

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Teen Advisory Council: 6:00 PM

Teen Advisory Council (TAC) is designed for teens ages 13-19 to have a say in the programs at Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Library and the resources their local library provides. The goal of the TAC is to make the MWWML a creative and welcoming space for teens!

WEDNESDAY, December 10

Craft & Chat: 10:00 AM

Participate in a craft the library will provide, or bring a project you are working on from home. The group will craft and enjoy each other's company. This month's craft is wooden bead wreath ornaments. Sign up at the library or online.

THURSDAY, December 11

Friends of the Library: 10:00 AM

Drop by and learn how you can become a member of the Friends of Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Library during their December meeting. They'll discuss past business and make plans for 2026—including their Chocolate Around the World event coming up on February 7, 2026. Our Friends make helping our library community fun!

Fresh Start: Declutter for the New Year: 6:00 PM

Start the new year with less stress and more space! Join us for a down-to-earth workshop on simple ways to declutter your home—and your mind—before January begins. We'll share easy organizing strategies, quick "10-minute tidy"

ideas, and tips for letting go of what no longer serves you. Leave feeling refreshed, motivated, and ready for a lighter new year!

FRIDAY, December 12

Raising Readers: 10:00 AM

This story time program is perfect for children ages 3-5. Each week will highlight a different letter, accompanied by engaging stories, songs, and a related activity. Please register online.

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Jane Austen Tea: 4:00 PM

Celebrate 250 years of Jane Austen with an afternoon of high tea, Regency-inspired crafts, and charming activities inspired by her timeless stories. For teens and adults. Register online to save your seat!

WEDNESDAY, December 17

Manipulation Stations: 10:00 AM–11:30 AM

Drop in anytime between 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM for a morning of hands-on fun! Little ones can play together and build fine motor skills through a variety of activity stations. This month's theme: Winter Wonderland! Please register online.

THURSDAY, December 18

Page Turners Book Club: 10:00 AM

The book selection this month is *Pride & Prejudice*, by Jane Austen. Continuing the celebration of Jane Austen's 250th birthday, we will dive into this beloved classic. Enjoy the slow-burn romance of Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy and eccentric characters like Mrs. Bennet, Mr. Collins, and Lady Catherine de Bourgh. Pick up a copy of the book at the library, read, and join the group for discussion.

Color Me Calm: 1:30 PM

Do you need an oasis of calm in the holiday chaos? Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring, conversation, and calm. We'll provide coloring pages and supplies, or feel free to bring your own. No experience needed—just drop in and enjoy a little peaceful, screen-free fun.

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MONDAY, December 29

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TUESDAY, December 30

Panels & Pizza: 4:00 PM

Graphic novel lovers—this one's for you! Join us each month for Panels & Pizza, a tween graphic novel club where we talk comics, share favorites, and eat pizza. From superheroes to slice-of-life stories, there's always something new to enjoy. All reading levels welcome!

This month we are reading *Dungeons & Dragons: Dungeon Club: Roll Call* by Lee Knox Ostertag. To sign up and receive your free copy, stop by the library. For tweens ages 9-12 only. In-person registration required.

TEEN Book Club: 6:00 PM

Discover your next favorite read at Teen Book Club! Join us each month to discuss a different young adult title, share your thoughts, and connect with fellow book lovers in a fun, relaxed setting. No pressure—just reading and great conversation. Snacks provide; bring your own drink!

This month we are reading *Winterwood*, by Shea Ernshaw. To sign up and receive your free copy, stop by the library. For teens ages 13-19 only. In-person registration required.