

Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Library
January 2026 Community Events Calendar

CLOSINGS

THURSDAY, January 1

Closed for New Year's Day

MONDAY, January 19

Closed for Martin Luther King Day

SPECIAL EVENTS

January 1 – 14

Submit to the Teen Zine!

Calling all creative teens, ages 13–19! We're collecting artwork, photos, short articles, playlists, song/movie/book recommendations, and more for our library's monthly Teen Zine. Zines are a fun, DIY way to share your voice and creativity with the community.

February's Theme: Anti-Valentine's Day

We're taking submissions for the February issue now! Just email Savannah at sortega@weldonpubliclibrary.org or submit via the Google form on our community events calendar online at weldonpubliclibrary.org.

- Submission window: January 1–14
- Pick up the Zine: Starting February 1 in the YA section.
- Content guidelines: As a general guideline, please do not submit anything with content or themes you would not find in a YA book.

You may publish under a pseudonym, but your name and library card number are required to submit. No AI-generated content.

MONDAY, January 5

Homeschool Hangout: 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! For more information, contact Savannah at sortega@weldonpubliclibrary.org or call the library and ask to speak to Savannah.

This month we'll learn more about geography--specifically the western United States. Today we'll learn about New Mexico and its traditions while making New Mexican hot chocolate and farolitos!

VolunTEEN: 4:00 PM

Looking to earn service hours, build your resume, and make a difference in your community? Join VolunTEEN—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.

New Year Traditions Around the World: 6:00 PM

Celebrate the new year with a lively tour of global traditions! Join UK Extension Agent Jordan Crain as she highlights how different cultures welcome a fresh start—eat twelve grapes like they do in Spain, smash a pomegranate as they do in Greece, sample king cake to see who gets the baby, and enjoy other foods and traditions. Sign up online or at the library.

TUESDAY, January 6

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.

Teen Craft Night: 6:00 PM

Every Tuesday there is an activity for teens at the library, featuring game nights, Teen Advisory Council meetings, trivia, crafts, and more. It's a great opportunity to relax, meet other teens, and enjoy a dedicated space just for you. This week we will be making punch cards to help track your New Year goals! For teens ages 13-19 only. Online registration is required.

THURSDAY, January 8

Chair Yoga: Noon

Join us at the library for a relaxing chair yoga series led by instructor Beshka Moore. This gentle, accessible class is perfect for beginners, those with mobility challenges, or anyone seeking a low-impact way to stay active. Space is limited, and the class fills up quickly—register at the library or online today!

Boredom Busters: 4:00 PM

Beat the boredom with Foil Fun--a mess free activity for ages 4-9 that encourages creativity and strengthens fine motor skills. Create masterpieces with foil sheets, googly eyes, foam stickers, and more. 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, January 9

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.

MONDAY, January 12

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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.

TUESDAY, January 13

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

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Teen Glow Night: 6:00 PM

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WEDNESDAY, January 14

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 candle painting. Register at the library or online.

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Color Me Calm: 1:30 PM

Unwind and get creative at our monthly adult coloring time. Join us each month 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.

Gogh with the Flow: 4:30 PM

Time flies when you're having fun and making art. Join us this month for a super-sized, imaginative project: creating a giant paper watch! Children ages 5-12 will use paper, cardboard, and a variety of art supplies to make their one of kind timepiece. Please register online.

FRIDAY, January 16

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.

TUESDAY, January 20

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

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LEGO @ The Library: 3:00 PM

Calling all creative builders! Each month at the library, students in grades K–12 are invited to take on a brand-new LEGO challenge. Whether you're a seasoned builder or just starting out, this program is all about imagination, hands-on fun, and a little friendly competition.

This month's theme is Decades! During the session, participants will spin a wheel to reveal their assigned decade, then have time to build a creation inspired by that era. Once complete, builds will be displayed in the library for the community to admire and vote on throughout the month. The builder with the most votes will win a fun prize!

Online registration is required, and all materials will be provided—just bring your best ideas and your enthusiasm. Join us each month to sharpen your creativity, explore new challenges, and show off your amazing LEGO talent!

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, January 21

Computer Class: Excel Formulas and Functions: 9:30 AM

Tired of looking for your calculator? Learn how Excel can help by automatically calculating totals, percentages, averages and ranges--and how you can manipulate these calculations--in this session. Sign up online or at the library.

THURSDAY, January 22

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SATURDAY, January 24

Saturday Matinee: *Superman (2025)*: 1:00 PM

Superman must reconcile his alien Kryptonian heritage with his human upbringing as reporter Clark Kent. As the embodiment of truth, justice, and the human way he soon finds himself in a world that views these as old-fashioned. Rated PG-13. Popcorn will be provided. Bring your own drink.

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This month we'll learn more about geography--specifically the western United States. Today we'll discover California's famous redwoods as we create redwood-inspired art using hammers, nails, string, and wood slices. *Parental supervision is required for this activity. An alternative activity will be available for younger children.*

Tween 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 tweens ages 9-12 only. Online registration required.

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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 *Oh My Gods!* by Stephanie Cooke. This is for tweens ages 9-12 only. In-person registration required to receive your free copy.

Teens Travel: 6:00 PM

Join us each month as we "travel" to a new destination and explore its culture through food and hands-on activities! Teens will get the chance to sample a traditional treat and create something inspired by the region we visit. This month, we're heading to New Mexico to make New Mexican hot chocolate and create glowing farolitos! For teens ages 13-19 only. Online registration is required.

THURSDAY, January 29

Page Turners Book Club: 10:00 AM

The book selection this month is *The Sisters of Glass Ferry*, by Kim Michele Richardson. Spanning several decades and written in an authentic voice both lyrical and wise, this is a haunting novel about small-town Southern secrets, loss and atonement, and the unbreakable bond between siblings. Pick up a copy of the book at the library, read, and join the group for discussion.

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Glasgow Green: 4:30 PM

Are you curious about the world around you? Join us for Glasgow Green, an exciting, hands-on nature program designed for kids and teens in kindergarten through the age of 18. Each session is packed with outdoor exploration, creative crafts, and fascinating facts about the environment. This month we're upcycling Play-Doh containers into succulent planters. Decorate your own planter, and plant a succulent to take home and care for. Please register online.

FRIDAY, January 30**Raising Readers: 10:00 AM**

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