Crystal Lake Public LIBRARY

December 2026/January 2027 Program Guide



CRYSTAL LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Winter Reading Program Starts December 1!

New This Winter: *Open to All Ages!*

Director's Desktop: Reading Opens New Worlds



Executive Director Becky Fyolek

This winter, let your next great adventure begin at the library! Our Winter Reading Program, Reading Opens New Worlds, invites readers of all ages to discover new stories, explore new places, and let their imaginations travel wherever books take them.

For the first time, our Winter Reading Program is open to all ages! Whether you're sharing picture books with a little one, diving into a fantasy series, discovering a new favorite author, or finally making time for that book on your nightstand, there's a place for you in our reading community.

Winter is the perfect season to curl up with a good book, but reading can take you far beyond your favorite cozy spot. Open a book and step into a magical kingdom, travel to a faraway land, uncover a mystery, or see the world through someone else's eyes. Every story is an invitation to discover something new.



Join us this December and January as we celebrate the adventures waiting between the pages. Stop by the library to learn more about the Winter Reading Program and how you can participate. Whatever your age or reading style, there's a new world waiting for you at your Crystal Lake Public Library!

Becky Fyolek

Registration for all programs opens at 9 am Wednesday, November 25

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We Have a New Printing Service!

Crystal Lake Public Library has a new remote printing service. The service allows you to easily send print documents, emails and web content from your laptop, tablet or smartphone to the library from anywhere, even from your home! Pay for and pick up your printouts at the Print Release Station in Adult Services during normal library hours. Cost is 10¢ per side for black and white prints, and 50¢ per side for color prints. Visit our printing services page for more information at: clpl.org/services/remote-printing

Take-and-Make Craft Kits December and January

Register at clpl.org for a take-and-make craft kit to bring home and assemble. We provide instructions. Pick up your kit starting Dec. 1 and Jan. 2 respectively, from the Youth and Adult Services desks. One kit per registration. CLPL cardholders only.



December

Youth: Winter Wreath
Adult/Teen: Snowy Owl Pinecone





January

Youth: Polar Bear
Adult/Teen: Magazine Coasters



Winter Reading Program is Now Open to Adults & Teens

You asked for it, and we've delivered! For the first time ever, the Winter Reading Program will be open to adults and teens, grades 9 and up.

Traditionally, the Winter Reading Program has only been open to children, ages birth to 8th grade. However, adult patrons have continually asked to join the fun so the Crystal Lake Public Library has expanded the program to meet that request.



"This is something people have been asking for so we've decided to give it a try," said Nancy Weber, Head of Adult Services. "It'll be different than the Summer Reading Program. We won't have a log for people to fill out. For this winter, we'll have a bingo card listing various reading selections." Adults and teens will earn a finishing prize when they complete the bingo card.

Participants can register for the Winter Reading Program at the Adult and Youth Services Desks. Adults and teens in grades 9 and up should register in Adult Services. Kids in 8th grade and below should visit the Youth Services Desk. Children who read 900 minutes will receive a free book and stuffie. (We'll have a Pre-K log for younger participants to track books read instead of minutes).

This year's Winter Reading Program theme is "Reading Opens New Worlds." The program runs Dec. 1-Jan. 31. It's open to CLPL cardholders and students (and their siblings) who attend a school in the city of Crystal Lake.

Drop Donations for Crystal Lake Food Pantry at the Library

Crystal Lake Public Library serves as a donation collection site for the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. The library's collection box is located in Adult Services across from the service desk. The food pantry collects the donated goods on a regular basis.

Now is the perfect time to donate to the food pantry, which is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The pantry hosts its annual Community Harvest Food Drive from October to December. This year, the pantry is aiming to collect 100,000 pounds of food and $400,000, according to its website, clfoodpantry.org/HarvestFoodDrive.

Crystal Lake Food Pantry distributes food to about 325 families each week, and gives more than two million pounds of food to neighboring McHenry County food pantries, area food trucks, Community High School District 155 schools and local homeless programs.



Recommended donations include: canned tuna, ham and chicken; peanut butter; canned dried beans; canned fruit and vegetables; fresh produce; boxed meals and hearty soups; rice, pasta and cooking basics like flour, sugar and oil. Specialty dietary foods are also needed such as gluten-free, low-sugar and low-sodium food. The pantry also needs nonfood items such as personal care products: including shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, diapers, toilet paper and feminine hygiene products.

Cash donations allow the pantry to purchase items like meat, milk and dairy products. For the past five years, the pantry has spent 99 percent of every dollar donated on food, according to its website.

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All Ages

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Preschool Fair

Kids Welcome!
Saturday, Jan. 9
9:30 am-Noon
Ames Room and Program Room
Which Preschool is the best fit for your family? Do you have questions about hours, location, price or programs offered? Let us simplify your search. Our annual Preschool Fair includes representatives from area schools who can answer your questions and provide information about their schools' offerings. Children are invited to attend with their caregiver. No registration needed.

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Game & Puzzle Exchange 2027

All Ages
Saturday, Jan. 23
10 am - Noon
Ames Room
Trade in your gently used games or puzzles for something new to you. Items may be brought to the Youth or Adult Services desks from Jan. 16 to 22 and exchanged for a voucher to redeem on the day of the event. Please verify all pieces are included prior to dropping off your item, and consider placing loose pieces in Ziploc-style bags if the boxes are flimsy. This event is great for families to swap outgrown items or grandparents to collect a few surprises for visiting grandchildren. Everyone wins with new games and puzzles to stay busy during the cold winter months.



New StoryWalk® Book Displayed at Three Oaks Recreation Area

All Ages
5517 Northwest Hwy.
Crystal Lake
Library staff have added a new book to the StoryWalk® trail at Three Oaks Recreation Area. The new book is *The Monster in the Lake* by author and illustrator Leo Timmers. The book follows the tale of four ducks who leave their small pond for a big lake. The StoryWalk® is located along the new Lake Loop Trail (from the parking lot, follow the trail to the right). Visitors can walk along the trail and read the story page by page together. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson and developed with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Vermont.

Libby

Libby now requires you to enter both a PIN and library card number to access your Libby account. Your PIN is the same as your password used to log into your library account.

If you don't know your PIN, try inputting the last four digits of your phone number on file with the library. If that does not work, please call the library for help resetting your PIN at 815.459.1687, ext. 4

Adult Programs

For more information about Adult Services programs, visit clpl.org and click on Calendar or Programs, or call 815.459.1687, ext. 7.

'Reading Opens New Worlds' Winter Reading Program

Adult and Teen (Grade 9 and Older)
December 1-January 31
Adult Services

Bingo! Join Crystal Lake Public Library's first adult and teen Winter Reading Program! Participants who achieve at least one bingo will receive a prize and entry into the final drawing. Those who fill the entire sheet will also be entered into the "Bingo Blackout" grand prize drawing. Stop by the Adult Services Desk to register and pick up your bingo sheet.



Sew Your Own Hand Warmers

Tuesday, Dec. 1
1:30-3:30 pm
Ames Room

Machine or hand-sew your own hand warmers or heat packs. Great as stocking stuffers! All supplies provided. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Crafter Dark Social Hour

Wednesdays, Dec. 2 and Jan. 6
7-8:30 pm
Adult Services DIY Area

Knitters and crafters, pack up your current projects and head to the library for a casual program where you can socialize with other makers while you work. Registration encouraged.

Handmade Ornament Class

Saturday, Dec. 5
11 am-Noon
Ames Room



Join us as Joni Hockett teaches how to create handmade ornaments as gifts or sentimental keepsakes. All supplies included. Registration required.

CrafterNoon

Thursdays, Dec. 10 and Jan. 14
Noon-1:30 pm
Adult Services DIY Area

Calling all crafters! Pack up your current projects and head over to the library for a casual program where you can socialize with other makers while you work. Registration encouraged.

Device Drop-In

Fridays, Dec. 11 and Jan. 8
10 am-Noon
Adult Services DIY Area

Need help with your smartphone, tablet, laptop or e-reader? Bring your device and your questions to us. CLPL staff will help you navigate your device and the library's digital resources.

Gift Wrapping



Adult and Teen
Saturday, Dec. 12
2-4 pm
Ames Room

You bring the presents, we've got the wrapping! Dive into our supply of wrapping paper, bows and ribbon to decorate the gifts you are going to give this season. This is a drop-in program. No registration needed.

CLPL Writers' Group

Age 16 and older
Tuesdays, Dec. 22 and Jan. 26
6-8:30 pm
Adult Services

Writers of all experience levels are invited to our monthly writers group. Bring your current work in progress or drafts to work or receive feedback on, or just connect with fellow local writers in a casual, loose environment. Registration encouraged.

Learn to Play Mah Jongg

Mondays, Jan. 11, 18 and 25
12:30-3 pm
Ames Room



Learn to play the American version of the Mah Jongg game using the National Mah Jongg League card. The class will consist of three 2.5 hour sessions with attendees expected to attend all three. You will learn to identify the tiles, understand the Mah Jongg card, and learn basic rules and game play. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Explore Microsoft Excel 365

Tuesday, Jan. 12
6:30-8:30 pm
Computer Lab

Curious about Microsoft Excel 365? Learn the basics, pick up a few "next step" skills and gain a further understanding about this powerful spreadsheet program. Keyboard and mouse skills required. Registration required.



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Book Clubs

Bookies Book Discussion

Registration required.



Wednesday, Dec. 16
9:30-11:30 am
Ames Room/In person and Zoom
***How to Age Disgracefully* by Clare Pooley.** Get copies at the Circulation Desk, and on Libby and The Palace Project.



Wednesday, Jan. 20
9:30-11:30 am
Ames Room: In person and via Zoom
***Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury.** Get copies at the Circulation Desk, and on Libby, hoopla and The Palace Project.

Night Owls Book Club

Registration required. A book club for readers who do their best after dark!



Monday, Dec. 21
7-8:30 pm
Ames Room/In person or in Zoom
***The Writing Retreat* by Julia Bartz.** Get copies at the Circulation Desk, on Libby and The Palace Project.



Monday, Jan. 18
7-8:30 pm
Ames Room
***Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury.** Get copies at the Circulation Desk, on hoopla, Libby and The Palace Project.

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Reel Life Movies: Little Women

Wednesday, Jan. 13
6-8:30 pm
Ames Room
A screening and discussion of 2019's "Little Women" (135 min. PG). This program is co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women-Crystal Lake Branch. Registration encouraged.

SCORE Land of Lincoln

Tuesday, Jan. 19
6:30-8 pm
SCORE Zoom Channel
The next quarterly SCORE Land of Lincoln virtual roundtable is fast approaching. Check the library's calendar for additional information, and to register. SCORE Land of Lincoln offers free business advice, small business workshops, and numerous templates and tools to help you start or grow a business. Registration required.

Typing/Mecanografía

Thursday, Jan. 21
Jueves, 21 de Enero
6-7 pm
Computer Lab



This class will introduce students to the concept of typing using the "home row keys method." We will share different websites and resources you can use to practice, build speed and work on accuracy. Registration required.

Conceptos Básicos de Computación: Mecanografía

Esta clase presentará a los estudiantes el concepto de mecanografía utilizando el "método de las teclas de la fila base." Compartiremos diferentes sitios web y recursos que pueden utilizar para practicar, aumentar la velocidad y trabajar en la precisión. Se requiere inscripción.

Memory Café

Thursday, Jan. 28
10-11:30 am
Ames Room
Join an informal social gathering where persons with memory challenges and their care partners can participate in a craft and connect with others. Light refreshments served. New members welcome! Registration encouraged.

Readers' Social Club

18 and older
Thursday, Jan. 28
6-7:30 pm
Summer Moon Coffee
625 Cog Circle Unit D
Crystal Lake
This isn't your typical book club! There's no assigned reading, no discussion to prepare for. Just bring whatever you happen to be reading and join us at Summer Moon Coffee in Crystal Lake for an evening of reading and meeting fellow book lovers. Registration required.

Illinois Libraries Present: Funny on Purpose with Sasheer Zamata

Tuesday, Jan. 19
7-8 pm
Ames Room (in-person viewing) or Zoom From Home
Sasheer Zamata is known for her four seasons on Saturday Night Live. She has built a career defined by sharp humor, thoughtful storytelling and memorable performances across television, film and stand-up comedy. Zamata will discuss her creative journey, the evolving landscape of comedy and how humor can create space for connection and conversation. Registration required.

This program is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present (ILP), a collaboration of public libraries offering premier events, partially funded by the Illinois State Library.

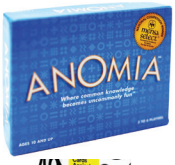
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We've Got Games for Winter Fun!

Visit Our 'Library of Things' to check out board games & entertainment equipment.







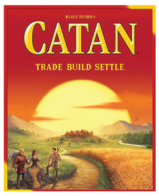












Here is just a sampling of the board games and entertainment equipment offered in CLPL's Library of Things. All you need to check them out is your library card!

- Anomia
- ¡Basta!
- Cards Against Humanity Family Edition
- Catan
- Catan Expansion Explorers & Pirates
- Catan Extension
- Deluxe Lotería & Serpientes y Escaleras
- Family Bingo
- Game Show Buzzers
- Giant Tumble Tower Blocks
- Horse Race
- Jenga
- Karaoke Machine
- Lil' Lotería
- Mahjong
- Mexican Train Dominoes
- Race to Madrid Spanish Language Game
- Savor Bilingual Card Game
- Spanish Stacking Tower











Holiday Books & Movies!

Visit Adult Services to check out holiday books and movies. We've got cookbooks and seasonal fiction; many are available in large type format. We also have your favorite holiday classic movies.



Movies

Tuesday Night Movie

The Sheep Detectives



Tuesday, Dec. 15
6-8 pm
Ames Room
2026, PG, 109 minutes.
Registration required.

The History of Concrete



Tuesday, Jan. 26
6-8 pm
Ames Room
2026, NR, 102 minutes.
Registration required.

CLPL Cinema Club

It's a Wonderful Life



Age 17 and older
Monday, Dec. 7
6-8:30 pm
Ames Room
1946, PG, 129 minutes.
Calling all cinephiles! Join CLPL's cinema appreciation club to view and discuss a variety of classic and new films. Registration encouraged.



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Tweens & Teens

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DIY Nano Tape Squishies

Grades 6-8
Tuesday, Dec. 1
6:30-7:30 pm
Program Room
Come craft cute squishies using nano tape, air dry clay and your creativity! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Teen Crafts: Tiny Books

Grades 9-12
Wednesday, Dec. 9
6-7 pm
Ames Room
Start a tiny library by making tiny versions of some popular Young Adult books. We'll have an assortment of covers available; or, if you have a favorite book you want to make tiny, email Kate at ktripp@clpl.org and she'll try to have that ready for you. Registration required.

Finals Study Café

Grades 9-12
Sunday, Dec. 13
5:30-9 pm
Adult Services
Study at the library while it is closed to the public. Teens can enjoy pizza and drinks while prepping for final exams. The computer lab will be closed, so bring your own devices as needed. This is lock-in style. Once you leave the library, you won't be permitted back in. Registration required.

Super Smash Bros. Tourney

Grades 6-8
Tuesday, Dec. 15
6:30-8:30 pm
Program Room
Bring your gaming skills to battle your opponents while we play Super Smash Bros. There will be snacks! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

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Outreach at The Break

Ages 13-18
Wednesdays, Dec. 16 and Jan. 27
5-6 pm
The Break Crystal Lake Teen Center
6292 Northwest Highway
Join us at The Break Teen Center for our drop-in craft. We'll make paper stars in December, and woven coasters in January. No registration required.

MTG Beginner's Club

Grades 6-8
Monday, Dec. 28
4-5:30 pm
Program Room
Magic the Gathering (MTG) has arrived at the library! Learn the rules to this trading card game and play against each other. All supplies have been generously donated by MagiKids, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Paint & Pop!



Grades 5-8
Tuesday, Jan. 5
6:30-8:30 pm
Program Room
Paint your own mini masterpiece while you enjoy a sparkling water. Materials and flavored water will be provided. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Diamond Painting Dragon Bookmarks

Grades 9-12
Thursday, Jan. 14
6-8:30 pm
Ames Room
Try diamond painting on a smaller "scale" with some dragon bookmarks. Just in time for National Appreciate a Dragon Day. We'll have an assortment of patterns. Registration required.

Let's Travel to Narnia



Grades 6-8
Tuesday, Jan. 19
6:30-7:30 pm
Program Room
Do you enjoy an epic fantasy? Step into the world of Narnia and read *The Magician's Nephew* before the movie comes out next month. Pick up the book at the Circulation Desk and read it before we meet. We'll talk about the book and make a forest-themed snack. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

The Creative Drop

Grades 9-12
Monday, Jan. 25
6:30-8 pm
Ames Room
Did you miss CLPL's fun craft at your school library, or simply can't get enough? This drop-in session is the perfect opportunity, so stop by to make paper stars and woven coasters. No registration required.

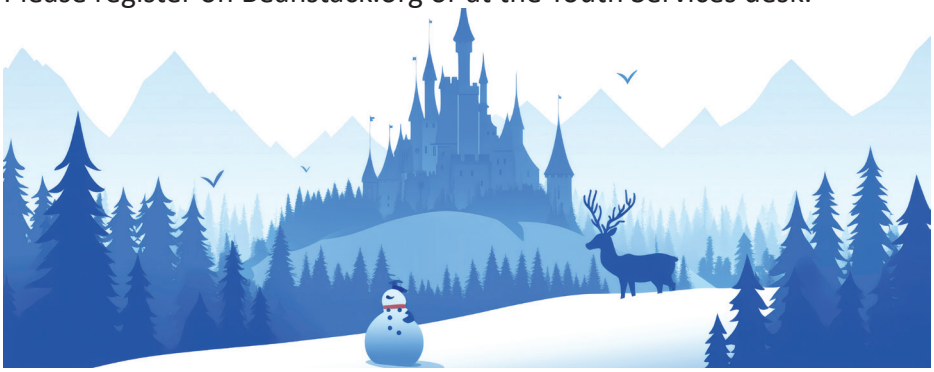


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'Reading Opens New Worlds' Winter Reading Program

Birth-8th Grade
Youth Services
Join our Winter Reading Program. Children who read 900 minutes will receive a free book and stuffie. We'll have a Pre-K log for younger participants to track books read to them instead of minutes. The program is open to Crystal Lake Public Library cardholders and students (and their siblings) who attend a school in the city of Crystal Lake. Please register on Beanstack.org or at the Youth Services desk.



Girl Empowerment Presented by Turning Point

Grades 5-7

Thursday, Dec. 3
6:30-8 pm
Program Room
During our Girl Empowerment presentation, we focus on the role that social media plays when it comes to body image and body positivity as well as self-care tactics that can help foster a positive self-image and improve self-confidence. This presentation encourages group discussion and creates a safe, open environment where girls can support one another and ask any questions they may have. Registration required.

Drop-In Building

Grades K-5

Mondays, Dec. 7; Jan. 4 and 25
3:45-5 pm
Program Room
Grab some friends and head to Youth Services for some building fun after school. No registration required.

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Maker Academy

Grades 3-8 w/caregiver

Tuesdays, Dec. 8 and Jan. 12
6:30-8 pm
Program Room
Grab your grown-up and come to learn new fiber art skills. Take home a finished project that you make together. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

LEGO® Builders' Club

Grades 3-5

Wednesdays, Dec. 9 and Jan. 6
4-5 pm
Program Room
Join other LEGO®-loving kids for an hour of brick-building fun. Try a building challenge or create your own. Use the library's LEGO® collection for this program. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Jingle Bell Rock 'n' Read

Birth-5 Years w/caregiver
Friday, December 11
9:30-10 am & 11-11:30 am
and
Saturday, December 12
10-10:30 am
Ames Room

Dance, sing and ring in the fun as we celebrate the holiday season!



CLPL cardholders only. Registration required. Please call 815.459.1687 ext. 6, or visit the Youth Services Desk to register.

Kids Page

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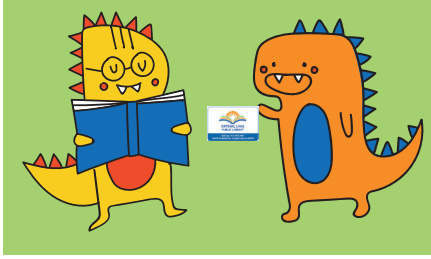
WHAT CAN I DO WITH A LIBRARY CARD?

BORROW BOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS, EBOOKS, MUSIC, VIDEO GAMES & HOTSPOTS

ATTEND PROGRAMS, LEARN A CRAFT, ENJOY ENTERTAINMENT

USE OUR DATABASE RESOURCES FOR RESEARCH & EDUCATION

BORROW TOOLS, EQUIPMENT & ITEMS FROM OUR LIBRARY OF THINGS



Drop-In Crafts
Grades K-5
Mondays, Dec. 14 and Jan. 11
3:45-5 pm
Program Room
Join us in Youth Services after school to create a fun craft! No registration required.

The Emperor's New Groove Interactive Drive-In Movie
Grades K-3 w/caregiver
Tuesday, Dec. 22
1-2:30 pm
Ames Room
Hop in your cardboard car and take an adventure with Pacha and Emperor Kuzco in "The Emperor's New Groove"! We will bring the movie to life using a script and props supplied by the library. Snacks will be provided. Rated G (2000). CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Noon Year's Eve Party
Ages 2-5 w/caregiver

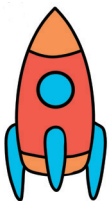


Wednesday, Dec. 30
11 am-Noon
Program Room
Count down to noon with us during this special story time! We will sing, dance and make a craft. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Baby Play
Birth-17 mo. w/caregiver
Monday, Jan. 25
9:30-10:30 am
Program Room
Enjoy free play with your baby while visiting with other caregivers. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Toddler Art Studio
18-35 months w/caregiver
Tuesday, Jan. 26
9:30-10 am
Program Room
Process-based art designed specifically for toddlers. Dress for a mess! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Family Evening Story Time
Birth-5 years w/caregiver
Tuesday, Jan. 26
6:30-7 pm
Program Room
Bring the family and enjoy a story time together. Prepare to dance, sing and, of course, listen to a story! Registration required.



Science Explorers
Grades K-2 w/caregiver
Wednesday, Jan. 27
3-3:45 pm
Program Room
Explore with us! We will be using STEM-based activities to learn about the world around us. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

National Puzzle Day
All Ages - Families
Friday, Jan. 29
9:30 am-4:30 pm
Youth Services



Celebrate puzzles at the library. Stop by and have fun making different types of puzzles. Drop-in. No registration required.



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Story Times!



The following story times require registration with a CLPL card (except for Family Story Time on Tuesdays). To register, visit the calendar on clpl.org; call the library at 815.459.1687, ext. 6; or register in person at the Youth Services desk.

Mondays

Baby Time
Birth-17 months w/caregiver
Mondays, Jan. 4, 11, 18
9:30-10 am
Program Room
Special story time for babies. We'll have stories, songs and lap-sit games.

Family Story Time
Birth-5 years w/caregiver
Mondays, Jan. 4, 11, 18
10:30-11 am
Program Room
Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing.

Tuesdays

Toddler Time
18-35 months w/caregiver
Tuesdays, Jan. 5, 12, 19
9:30-10 am
Program Room
Songs, rhymes, dancing and stories for exuberant toddlers.

Family Story Time
Birth-5 years w/caregiver
Tuesdays, Jan. 5, 12, 19
10:30-11 am
Youth Services
Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing.
(*No registration needed for this program*)

Wednesdays

Preschool Story Time
3-5 years
Wednesdays, Jan. 6, 13, 20
9:30-10 am
Program Room
Stories and songs for preschool-aged children. (Adults encouraged to leave room to build kids' independence.)

Family Story Time
Birth-5 years w/caregiver
Wednesdays, Jan. 6, 13, 20
10:30-11 am
Program Room
Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing.

Thursdays

Bilingual Story Time/ Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe
Birth-5 years w/caregiver
Thursdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21
10:30-11 am
Program Room
Get ready to have fun with music, books and rhymes in this special bilingual story time.

Prepárate para divertirte con música, libros y rimas en esta hora especial de cuentos bilingües. Solo para usuarios con tarjeta de la Biblioteca Pública de Crystal Lake. Se requiere inscripción.

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Read With Me
Grades 1-5
Saturday, Jan. 16
10-11 am
(Sign up for a 15-minute session)
Program Room



Would your child like to practice reading with a trained therapy dog? SOUL Harbour Ranch brings their Pet Partners registered therapy dogs to the library for a cozy, one-on-one reading time (pictured right: the therapy dogs arrive for a recent Read With Me session). CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Mission Statement
Crystal Lake Public Library:

We help people, of all ages and backgrounds, learn, enjoy and better their lives.

The Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 pm Dec. 16 and Jan. 20. Visit clpl.org for more information.

Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday	9 am-9 pm
Friday & Saturday	9 am-5 pm
Sunday	1 pm-5 pm

Due to staff training: the library will open at noon Friday, Dec. 4.

Library closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1 for the holidays.

Photos: Library staffers regularly take photos to use in library publications and promotional fliers. Written consent will be obtained from those named in a photo.

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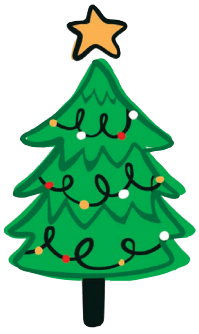
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Our Consortium Has Grown Again!

We've added two more libraries to our Cooperative Computer Services (CCS) consortium, a shared public library computer and catalog network connecting 34 public libraries across the northwest suburbs of Illinois. More libraries means more materials available for you to borrow. In October, the collections from Wauconda Area Public Library and Rolling Meadows Library were added to CCS.

Donate to the Home of the Sparrow's Giving Tree at the Library!



Mid-November-December 30

The Giving Tree will be in the library lobby starting in mid-November. The tree is filled with tags listing gift suggestions. Grab a tag, buy the gift and return it unwrapped to the Circulation Desk by Dec. 30. The American Association of University Women-Crystal Lake Area Branch coordinates the Giving Tree program and forwards donations to the Home of the Sparrow, a nonprofit that serves women and children who are homeless in McHenry County.

PRESCHOOL FAIR

Saturday, January 9
9:30 am-Noon
Ames Room & Program Rooms
Kids Welcome!



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