

# Your Monthly Guide to the Adamstown Area Library

January 2025

## QUICK READS

### 2025 HOURS

MONDAY ..... 9:30 AM TO 8 PM  
TUESDAY ..... 9:30 AM TO 8 PM  
WEDNESDAY ..... 9:30 AM TO 8 PM  
THURSDAY ..... 9:30 AM TO 8 PM  
FRIDAY ..... 9:30 AM TO 4:30 PM  
SATURDAY ..... 9:30 AM TO 2:30 PM  
SUNDAY ..... CLOSED

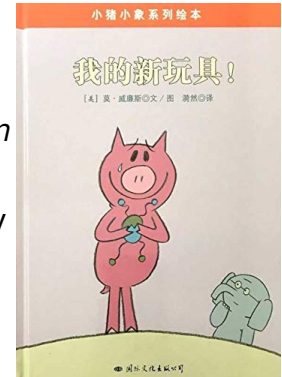
### Special Holiday Hours

The library will be closed January 1.  
The library will be open from 1pm-5pm  
on Monday, January 20.

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Wednesday, January 29 at 4pm

To celebrate Chinese New Year, we will have a special reading by local Linlin Witman of the Chinese edition of "I Love My New Toy" by Mo Willems. Storytime & Snacks. (All Ages)



### "Coyote" Wildlife Discovery Drop-In

Monday, Jan. 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2-4 p.m.

Every month we will use our senses to explore a different Pennsylvania Game Commission Kit of pelts, puppets, skulls, claws, books, activities, crafts, and other manipulatives.



### Mystery of the Stolen Ruby

Wednesday, January 22  
at 3:30pm



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### "Murder at Bedford Manor" Puzzle Mystery

Wednesday, January 15 at 3pm

Join us for an exciting and challenging experience as we piece together the jigsaw, read the mystery story, and try to solve the murder. Ages 13+



### Drop-In MLK Game Day

Monday, January  
20 from 2-4pm



Invite your family and friends to enjoy a relaxing afternoon playing tabletop games by the fireplace. Choose from a selection of library games or bring your own favorites (we need suggestions for new games to add to our collection)!

## Thursday, January 2

### Drop-In Block Party at 10am

Did you know that a young Albert Einstein spent a lot of time playing with blocks which helped develop his scientific mind? Playing with building blocks helps kids learn about shape, size, location, distance, and direction. This event replaces Lapsit & Toddler Time for January 2nd



## Friday, January 3

### Connect with a Social Worker at 9:30am

Are you facing challenges or seeking support in your life? A licensed social worker from REAL Life Community Services is here to help! To make an appointment, call Emelia at 717-336-7797 option 1 or email her at [Emelia@realcs.org](mailto:Emelia@realcs.org). Appointments available at the library every Friday morning from 9:30 am to noon.

### Technology Help at 1pm

Could you use some help with your mobile devices? Or maybe you want to learn Word or apply for a job online? Come to the library! Library staff will provide free one-on-one technology training, assistance with online job applications, or help with your electronic device. By appointment only.

## Saturday, January 4

### CPR Training at 10am

See page 4 for more details.

## Monday, January 6

### LEGO® Activity Bag Pickup

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### Mah-Jongg Group at 6pm

Experienced players as well as people wanting to learn are invited to drop in to play Mah-Jongg.

## Tuesday, January 7

### Friends Book Sale

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## Wednesday, January 8

### Budding Bookworms Preschool Storytime at 10am and 11am

See page 6 for details.

### Doggie Downtime at 10:45am

Do you need some tail-wagging tranquility in your life? Gaze into “Twinkle’s” big, beautiful, calming eyes to help wash your troubles away! Drop-in event for all ages. Parents, please plan to attend and be engaged with your child for this program. Drop-offs will not be permitted.

## Thursday, January 9

### Twinkling Stars Baby Storytime at 10am

See page 6 for details.

### The Young and the Restless Toddler Storytime at 11am

See page 6 for details.

## Friday, January 10

### Tween Book Club in a Bag

Pick up your Tween Book Club in a Bag at the library while supplies last. This month's book is Survival Tails World War II. Bag includes book, craft, activities, bookmark, snacks, and a laminated poster.

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### Genealogy Group at 6:30pm

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## Wednesday, January 15

### Young at Heart at 9am

REAL Life Community Services invites you to Young at Heart, with free events for anyone age 60 and up. Join us at the library for coffee, chatting, games, crafts, and more on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month. For more information, call 717-336-7797 or visit [REALLCS.org](https://www.REALLCS.org)

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## **Mah-Jongg Group at 1pm**

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**Thursday, January 16**

## **Twinkling Stars Baby Storytime at 10am**

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## **Second Chance Gift Swap at 6pm**

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**Friday, January 17**

## **Technology Help at 1pm**

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**Saturday, January 18**

## **STEAM Saturday at 10am**

Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math through games, activities, and projects with Miss Maribeth. This month's activities include Lego Winter Scene/Habitat Building and Creating Toilet Paper Roll Snowmen. Ages 5-12.

**Monday, January 20**

## **Take and Make Packet Pickup**

Get creative with our ready-to-go kits on the third Monday of each month. Supplies are limited, so stop by to claim your bag today! January's kit is a Snowflake Suncatcher.

## **MLK Game Afternoon at 2pm**

Invite your family and friends to enjoy a relaxing afternoon playing tabletop games by the fireplace. Choose from a selection of library games or bring your own favorites (we need suggestions for new games to add to our collection)! All ages.

**Tuesday, January 21**

## **Friends Book Sale**

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## **Almost Perfect Crimes at 6:30pm**

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**Wednesday, January 29**

## **Budding Bookworms Preschool Storytime at 10am and 11am**

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## **Chinese Piggie & Gerald**

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**Thursday, January 30**

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### Key to Events:

- Adult Program
- Children Program
- Teen Program
- Everyone Program



## SECOND CHANCE GIFT SWAP

**Thursday, January 16  
at 6pm**

Did you receive gifts this holiday season that you just don't love and wonder what to do with them? The library is hosting a post-holiday swap party where everyone brings an unwanted gift and swaps it for another guest's present.

How it works: You bring your unwanted, unused, and unwrapped item(s) to the library and take a number as you come in. One at a time, everyone chooses a gift to take home. After everyone gets one thing, it's a free-for-all. Anything left over at the end is donated to charity. Clean out your house, prevent waste, and get those gifts to someone who will actually use them while you meet people and have some fun! Snacks will be provided.

Details: No price requirements - it could be a \$5 gift or a \$50 gift. You may bring more than one item, but you only get one number. Leftover items will be donated to Welcome Home Thrift.

Please register. This helps in two ways: so we know how many snacks to buy and so we can notify you in case of inclement weather. Snow date Thurs, Jan. 30.



## Chills & Thrills

Check out these chilly weather stories that might just give you a thrill.

One by One - Ruth Ware  
Snow Child - Eowyn Ivey  
Murder on the Orient Express - Agatha Christie  
The Frozen River - Ariel Lawhon  
In the Midst of Winter - Isabel Allende  
The Shining - Stephen King  
The Sanatorium - Sarah Pearse  
The Silent Corner - Dean Koontz  
The Hunting Party - Lucy Foley

## Winter Reading Bingo

January 2nd through February 28th



Pick up a Bingo card at the library, cozy up with books this winter, and claim your prize. For readers 16 and older.



# Teen Scene

Grades 7-12

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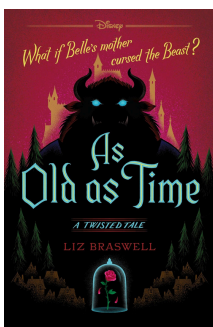
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## Fandom Freak Out!

Freak out with us over these fabulous fandoms!



As Old as Time by Liz Braswell

Stranger Things: The Bully by Greg Pak

Batman: Year One by Frank Miller

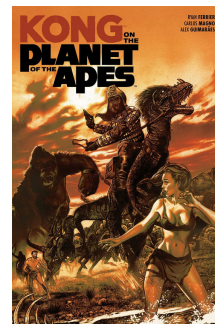
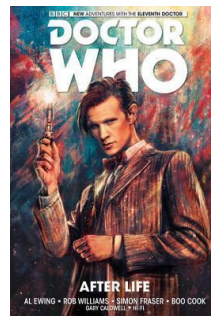
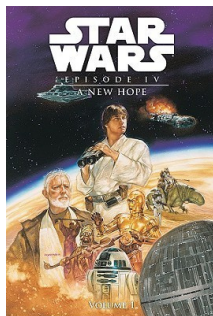
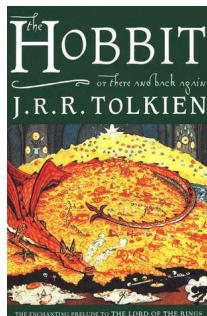
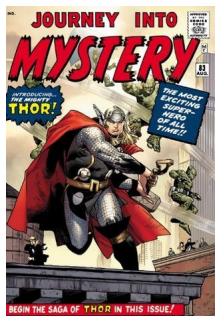
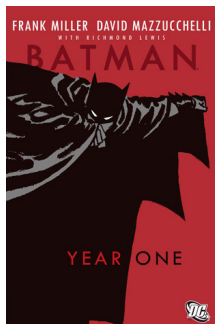
The Mighty Thor Omnibus, Vol. 1 by Stan Lee

The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien

Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope by Bruce Jones

Doctor Who: After Life by Al Ewing

Kong on the Planet of the Apes by Ryan Ferrier



Most events do not require registration. Due to high demand, we recommend that you arrive at least 5 minutes before the event. For the most up-to-date program information please visit us at [adamstownarealibrary.org/events](http://adamstownarealibrary.org/events)

## Event Policy

### EARLY CHILDHOOD

**“Budding Bookworms” Preschool Storytime**  
Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, and 29  
from 10:00am to 10:45am or 11:00am to 11:45am

Join Miss Maribeth at the storytime corner for stories, songs, and an easy craft. *This program is designed for ages 3-6 with an accompanying adult.*

**“Twinkling Stars” Baby Storytime**  
Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, and 30  
from 10:00am to 10:30am

Meet Miss Jess at the storytime corner for simple stories, rhymes, puppets, songs, and fingerplays.

**“The Young and the Restless” Toddler Time**

Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, and 30  
from 11:00am to 11:30am

Join Miss Jess in the storytime corner for stories, song, fingerplays, followed by a craft and free play. Ages 2-3.

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### Block Party!

Drop-In from  
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### FIRST THROUGH SIXTH GRADE

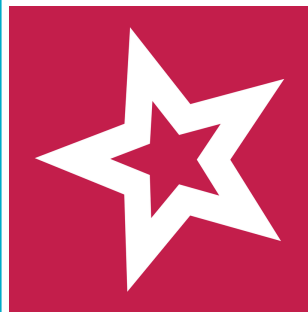
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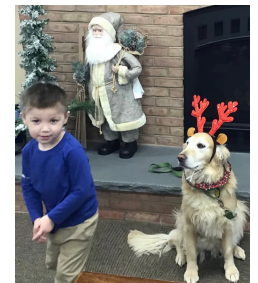
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