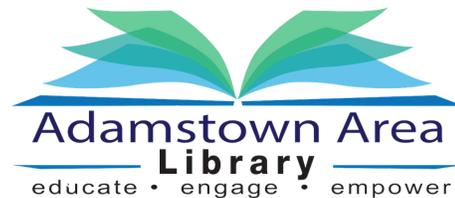


Monthly Newsletter

December



2025 Holiday Closures

- Wednesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)
- Thursday, December 25th (Christmas)
- Wednesday, December 31st (New Year's Eve)
- Thursday, January 1st (New Year's Day)



2026 New Hours

New hours, same great library! Begins 1/2/26

Monday	9 AM to 7 PM
Tuesday	9 AM to 7 PM
Wednesday	9 AM to 7 PM
Thursday	9 AM to 7 PM
Friday	11 AM to 4 PM
Saturday	9 AM to 4 PM
Sunday	Closed

Mitten & Accessory Tree: Through Dec. 6

Donations of NEW, unwrapped mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, etc. will be accepted and distributed to local families and children in need.



Marie Corps Reserve "TOYS FOR TOTS": Through Dec. 11



Donations of NEW, unwrapped gifts are being accepted in the box located near the circulation desk.

Children's Christmas Party: Saturday, Dec. 6

Drop in from 9:30-11 AM for lots of fun! Photo ops with Santa, Storytime by Mrs. Claus, Holiday Music by Phredd Ukulele One Man Band, Gifts from Member's 1st FCU, Holiday Movie, Raffle Prizes, and Cookies & Milk.



Holiday Craft & Multi-Author Extravaganza: Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 6 PM

Enjoy the season by listening to some local children's authors showcase their books, create a beautiful Pony Bead Ornament, & purchase an author-signed copy for someone special this holiday season. Authors include Eddie Hall, Ali M. Ehly, Kevin Hewitt, and Martha Glass. For all ages!

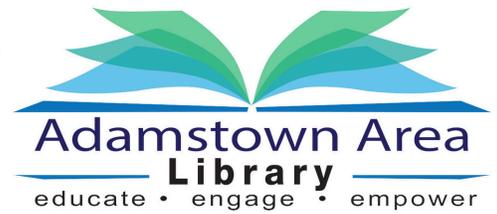
Friends Book Sale

No book sales in December. The book sale is paused for the holidays and will resume in mid-January.



December Events Schedule

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Monday, December 1

LEGO® Activity Bag Pickup

Every 1st Monday of the month there will be a new LEGO® packet for you to pick up, with instructions for a special project. One per family please while supplies last. For ages 5-12.

Mah-Jongg Group at 6PM

Experienced players as well as people wanting to learn are invited to drop in to play Mah-Jongg every 1st Monday of the month. For adults and teens..

Tuesday, December 2

Cheery Christmas Trivia at 6PM

Experience the magic of the holidays in every merry and bright question. Family teams will compete to deck the halls of their mind with festive facts and Yuletide trivia! For families.

Wednesday, December 3

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.

"Budding Bookworms" Preschool Storytime at 10AM and 11AM

See page 5 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.

Connect with a Social Worker at 11:30AM

Are you facing challenges or seeking support in your life? A licensed social worker from REAL Life Community Services is here to help! Regular hours are every other Wednesday from 11:30-2PM in the library's community room. To make an appointment, call Becca at 717-336-7797 or email her at becca@reallcs.org. REAL Life Community Services serves residents of Cocalico School District.

Thursday, December 4

"Twinkling Stars" Baby Storytime at 10AM

See page 5 for details.

"The Young and the Restless" Toddler Storytime at 11AM

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Sunday, December 7

Denver Borough Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 4PM

At the Municipal Building, 501 Main Street, Denver. Tree lighting at 5PM. Food, drinks, crafts, music, treat bags, story time at 4:45 by Mrs. Claus (aka Miss Maribeth), and of course, Santa Claus! Please bring a non-perishable can or boxed food item which will be donated to Peter's Porch Food Bank and redistributed to people in our community this holiday season. Come and enjoy the festivities with your family, friends, and neighbors as we begin a season of peace and joy in the Borough.

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Genealogy Group at 6:30PM

This group meets at the library on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for short talks from genealogy researcher Ken McCrea, along with lively discussions and research help. For older students and adults. Beginners and walk-ins are welcome.

Wednesday, December 10

"Budding Bookworms" Preschool Storytime at 10AM and 11AM

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Saturday, December 13

STEAM Saturday Drop-in 10AM-11AM

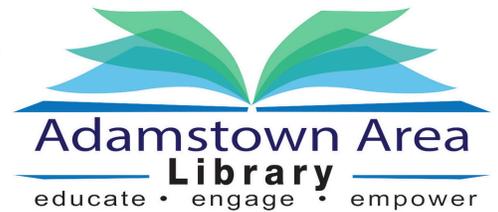
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Key to Events:

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

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Monday, December 15

“Beaver” Discovery Drop-in 10AM-4PM

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

Two Cousins Fundraiser

Present the “Food for a Cause Flyer” to the cashier at Two Cousins Stevens on Dec. 15 and 15% of your bill will be donated to the Adamstown Area Library. Cash sales only. Dine-in or take-out. Must pick up a physical copy of flyer at library to take along or show the flyer posted to our FB page on your phone.

Book Club 6PM-7PM

Join us at Adamstown Area Library for our new monthly book club! This December, we’re taking a break from our usual assigned reading for a holiday book chat. Come share the books you’ve loved this year, swap reading recommendations, and enjoy some festive conversation with fellow book lovers. Please register.

Tuesday, December 16

“Beaver” Discovery Drop-in 10AM-4PM

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Almost Perfect Crimes at 6:30PM

Join Miss Jess as we discover together “Whodunit!” Upon registration, you will receive the Zoom link and the Mini Murder Mystery Story. Additional clues and evidence will be revealed during our meeting to solve the crime together. For ages teens and adults due to some graphic content.

Wednesday, December 17

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Wildlife Wednesdays 6PM- 7PM

Every month, the Lancaster County Parks & Rec Dept. will teach us about different wildlife and environmental topics. We will be covering a wide range of topics, so be sure to check out our upcoming events! December: Holiday Nature Crafts. All ages.

Thursday, December 18

“Twinkling Stars” Baby Storytime at 10AM

See page 5 for details.

“The Young and the Restless” Toddler Storytime at 11AM

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Monday, December 22

Teen Spice of the Month

Every 4th Monday of the month. Young adults that like to cook and bake can pick up a packet at the desk that includes this month’s spice, recipes, and more. Library staff would love to taste your culinary adventure! December’s spice is Ancho Chili Powder. One packet per teen family while supplies last.

Wednesday, December 24

Library Closed

The Adamstown Area Library is closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Castañeda's Library Fundraiser

On the last Wednesday of each month, 10% of all proceeds at Castañeda's Mexican Restaurant in Denver will go to the Adamstown Area Library (excludes alcohol). Dine-in or take-out that day to enjoy great food while supporting the library! 323 Main Street, Denver.

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General Programming



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Kids' Corner

Adamstown Area Library December Programming

Early Childhood Storytimes

"Budding Bookworms" Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, Dec. 3, 10, & 17.

10:00 AM-10:45 AM or 11:00 AM-11:45 AM

Enjoy stories and an easy craft for ages 3-6 with adult.

"Twinkling Stars" Baby Storytime

Thursdays, Dec. 4, 11, & 18.

10:00 AM-10:30 AM

Simple stories, rhymes, puppets, songs, and fingerplays. For babies with an adult.

"The Young and the Restless" Toddler Time

Thursdays, Dec. 4, 11, & 18.

11:00 AM-11:30 AM

Stories, songs and fingerplays, followed by an easy craft and free play. For toddlers with an adult.

Cheery Christmas Trivia



Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 6 PM. Experience the magic of the holidays in every merry and bright question. Family teams will compete to deck the halls of their mind with festive facts and Yuletide trivia! For families.

Steam Saturday Drop-in

Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10-11 AM. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math through games, activities, and projects with Miss Maribeth. For ages 5-12.

December: LEGO® STEAM—Create a sled or Christmas presents. Technology—Paper Circuit card and light and shadow activities.

We Adopted a Cow!



For the next 4 months, our patrons will watch Baby "Fluff" grow up at Kurtland Farm in Elverson, PA. We will follow her journey of growth, care, and milk production. Stop in the children's room often to see updated pictures and information. For all ages.

Elf on the Shelf

Dec. 1-18. Elf on the Shelf is hiding in the library! Tell the librarian where you saw "Cocoa" (the Elf) and receive a raffle ticket to win a prize. He'll move every day, so stop in often to claim more raffle tickets.



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"Nursery Rhyme" Play & Learn Center

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Teen Scene

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Teen Question Board

All winter. We invite teens to stop in the Young Adult Section to vote for "Winter...Would You Rather?" Add a sticker dot to select your favorite. Results will be posted on our Facebook page.

Teen Candy Cane Hunt

All month. Check out a young adult book that has a paper candy cane. Bring to the circulation desk to receive a piece of candy. One per day please.

