

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

2024

Ligonier Public Library

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Children's Programs

Merry Grinchmas

December 5 at 4:30

We heard a certain grouchy person who lives in the mountains outside Whoville will be visiting the library. Come enjoy the story, crafts, and an appearance from the Grinch.



Reindeer Day!

December 19 at 4:30

Get ready for Santa's Reindeer with this fun program, games, crafts, and a special snack to make for your favorite reindeer.



Noon Year's Eve! Kids Program

December 30 at 11:00

Bring your little ones to a Noon Year's Eve Party on December 30 at 11:00. We will be reading a book, making fun glasses and celebrating with noise blowers. Then at noon we will have a count down!!!



Boxing Day

December 26 at 4:30

Yes, we know what Boxing Day is, but this time we are taking it literally for a fun day to explore the sport of boxing. Come make a trophy and enter into our

Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robot boxing competition.



Jack's Christmas December 12 @ 4:30

Come make some Christmas décor that would

make the people of Halloween Town very happy. Based on many people's favorite holiday movie, there will be lots of fun crafts to get you in the holiday spirit. Please sign up to attend.

Storytime Fridays!

Friday mornings at 11:00 will be full of fun books, dancing, and art for preschoolers. No sign up required.

Special Santa Storytime on December 20 at 11:00! Come meet Santa!



Hannah Gaerte just completed the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program! Great job, Hannah! Want to learn how to get your child involved? Ask at the Children's Desk.

Hours & Closings

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday	10:00-6:00
Tuesday & Thursday	10:00-6:30
Saturday	9:00-1:00
Sunday	Closed
Dec 23-26 and Dec 31-Jan 1	Closed

Special points of interest:

- Board Meeting December 10 at 6:30

Meet Santa's Reindeer!

Come visit with one of Santa's reindeer on the Ligonier Public Library's lawn on December 7 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Patrons are invited to pet the reindeer and have your picture taken with it. You are welcome to bring your own camera or library staff will be on hand to take pictures as well. Children who stop in the

library can get a free Christmas activity and will receive a free book. Grey Readers will be in the community room with their festively dressed greyhounds from 9:00-11:00. This



is a free event. The Fire Station will also have Santa from 9:00-11:00 sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and a freewill donation pancake and sausage breakfast.

Annual Book Sale starts January 2!

Make a donation and pick up some excellent winter reading and viewing materials. Tons of



books, DVDs and other materials available.



Teen Café : DIY Baby Sock Snowman.

December 16 at 4:30
Make an adorable little friend that will be perfect for making any spot perfectly cozy, all while enjoying a hot drink!

Twisted Stitches

December 11 at 2:00

Bring your knitting or crochet project to work on and socialize with fellow crafters. Share tips and tricks or just enjoy a bit of time to work. We will have coffee or tea available to enjoy. The group will meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Open Book Homeschool Group

December 30 at 2:00

As the end of the year draws near, we are going to look towards the new calendar year. Learn a little history about calendars and make a handy little calendar to track the year.

Crafty Crew Cookie Swap is Back!

Join us December 17 for a Christmas cookie swap! Bring 3 dozen of the same cookies and its recipe on December 17 at 5:30.



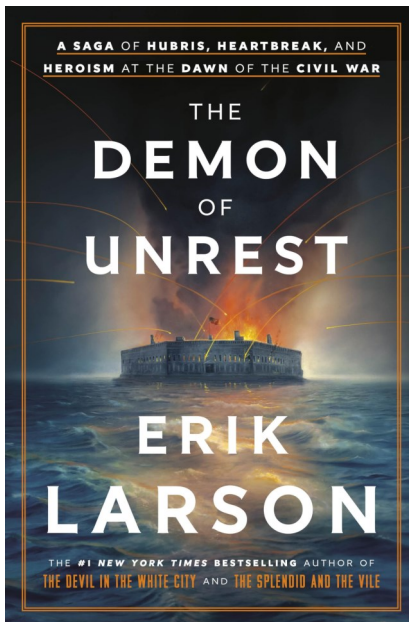
Everyone gets to go home with a selection of cookies for the holidays! Cookies must be home-made and have the recipe to participate.



December and January Book of the Month Novel Points Book Group: Demons of Unrest

Join us January 27 at 5:00 for discussion on *The Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War*. Copies are available at the adult circulation desk. There is no book club for the month of December.

On November 6, 1860, Abraham Lincoln became the fluky victor in a tight race for president. The country was bitterly at odds; Southern extremists were moving ever closer to destroying the Union, with one state after another seceding and Lincoln powerless to stop them. Slavery fueled the conflict, but somehow the passions of North



and South came to focus on a lonely federal fortress in Charleston Harbor: Fort Sumter.

Master storyteller Erik Larson offers a gripping account of the chaotic months between Lincoln's election and the Confederacy's shelling of Sumter—a period marked by tragic errors and miscommunications, enflamed egos and craven ambitions, personal tragedies and betrayals. Lin-

coln himself wrote that the trials of these five months were "so great that, could I have anticipated them, I would not have believed it

possible to survive them."

At the heart of this suspense-filled narrative are Major Robert Anderson, Sumter's commander and a former slave owner sympathetic to the South but loyal to the Union; Edmund Ruffin, a vain and bloodthirsty radical who stirs secessionist ardor at every opportunity; and Mary Boykin Chesnut, wife of a prominent planter, conflicted over both marriage and slavery and seeing parallels between them. In the middle of it all is the overwhelmed Lincoln, battling with his duplicitous secretary of state, William Seward, as he tries desperately to avert a war that he fears is inevitable—one that will eventually kill 750,000 Americans.

Bored? Try streaming movies and series on the Kanopy app. It's free! All you need is a library card!