

**Press Release: December 2021 Yorkville Public Library Youth Services  
Department**

Yorkville Public Library offers new regular operating hours. The library is open Monday – Thursday 9:00am- 7:00pm, Friday 9:00am- 5:00pm, and Saturday 9:00am- 4:00pm. Curbside service is available for those not wishing to enter the Library.

\*Face masks are required regardless of vaccinated status.

**Escape Room Adventure- Elf in a Box**

ESCAPE ROOM ADVENTURE!

This Escape Adventure will be available the entire month of December.

'Tis the season to be merry and mischievous... and those silly elves are at it again! The Library Elf has locked himself in a box. Please help him get out in time to help Santa.

Contact the Youth Service Department for an appointment time at 630-553-4354 ext 108.

**Window Art**

**Tuesday, November 30- Friday, December 3, by appointment at YPL**

Help us liven up the library with window art. Please contact the Youth Service Department for an appointment time at 630-553-4354 ext 108.

Space is limited.

**Tots and Toddlers**

**Thursday, December 2 and Monday, December 20 at 10:30**

Join us for songs, stories, and dancing. Your child will receive a take home craft to complete. Please register for this event on the YPL website under Calendar of Events. If you are unable to attend after registration, cancel so others can attend.

**DROP IN STORY TIME (at YPL)**

**Every Friday at 10:30**

Join us at YPL every Friday at 10:30 for Drop In Story Time. This story time is held in the Children's area of the library. A volunteer from The Friends of the Library is our special reader.

## **SANTA**

**Saturday, December 4 at 9:00-11:30**

### **HO HO HO!**

Santa is coming to the library. Stop in to visit with Santa at 9:00 - 11:30. Bring your cameras!

## **Polar Express**

**Saturday, December 4 at 9:30 or 11:00**

Join us for our annual Polar Express event. Children will enjoy milk and cookies while listening to the book, "The Polar Express" by Chris Van Allsburg. They can write a letter to Santa and deliver it to him.

Space is limited. Register at YPL website under Calendar of Events.

## **Facebook Spanish Story Time**

**Wednesday, December 8 and 22 at 10:00am on YPL Facebook Page**

Join Señora Katalina on the Yorkville Public Library Facebook page for Story Time in Spanish. This is recorded for your convenience.

## **BOOK CLUB- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

**Monday, December 6 and 20 at 4:30-5:00**

In this two session book club, the participants will receive the book on December 6 to read at home. Then it will be discussed at the following session on December 20. Please register for both days on the YPL website.

## **TAG- TEEN ADVISORY GROUP at the Yorkville Public Library**

**Tuesday, December 7 at 2:45-3:45**

This year our TAG members are focusing on “BE THE CHANGE” by giving back to the community. Teens in grades 8-12 get together to share ideas about the teen area in the library and how to provide for Yorkville. They help create and plan programs. This group also has opportunities to earn volunteer hours. Great chance to meet new people and have some fun and laughs. \* Face masks are required.

## **Preschool Zone**

**Wednesday, December 8 at 10:00 or 1:30**

Choose either time slot and join us for songs, rhymes, and, books. This program is geared toward our preschool kids however open to all young children. Please register for this event on the YPL website under Calendar of Events.

## **BOOK CLUB- 1<sup>ST</sup> and 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE**

**Thursday, December 9 and 16 at 4:30-5:00 at the Yorkville Public Library**

In this two session book club, we will read an easy chapter book. Please register for both days on the YPL website.

## **Literacy Centers**

**Tuesday, December 14 – Friday, December 17 at 9:00 am – 6:00 pm**

Ages 3-6

Stop by any time Tuesday – Friday to experience a parent guided opportunity for hands on literacy instruction. Literacy Centers are designed to give children ample opportunity to practice the very important skills of listening, reading, writing, and speaking.

## **Read with Paws**

**Saturday, December 18 at 11:30-12:30**

Please contact the library at 630-553-4354 ext. 108 for your 15 minute time slot.

Children can come to the library, select a book and read to a furry friend. All therapy dogs and handlers have been certified by an accredited organization. This program was designed originally because children feel less pressure to read to a dog than an adult; so it was meant to be a way to help struggling readers or even just encourage reading. It is open to all levels of readers and non-readers. Please register for your 15 minute time slot at the Youth Ref desk. Space is limited.

## **LEGOs are back at YPL**

**Monday, December 20 – Thursday, December 23** (in-house, any day/anytime)

Come by the Library anytime during the week and we will provide you a themed container of various LEGOs to use in the library. Using only the bricks provided and your creativity, make your build. Your creation will be added to the LEGO display at the library. Please register on the YPL website.

## **READ IN**

**Tuesday, December 21 or 28 (contact the library for an appointment time)**

**10:00-12:00 or 2:00-4:00**

Grades 6- 12

**SHARE THE GIFT OF READING WITH SOMEONE YOUNGER**

You will be partnered with a young reading buddy to read to or with in the library. Choose a 20 minute time slot between 10:00- 11:30 or 2:00-3:30 on Tuesday, December 21 or Tuesday, December 28. You will be matched with a reading buddy, choose some picture books, and read!

Contact the library for an appointment time. 630-553-4354 ext 108

Teens will receive volunteer hours for participating.

## **YA Teen Book Club**

**Tuesday, December 28 at 3:00**

Mackenzie will lead the group in a discussion about this month's book, " Girls Made of Snow and Glass" by Melissa Bashardoust. The book is available for pick up starting December 6 at the Youth Service desk. Registration is required.

## **New Years Eve Party**

**Thursday, December 30 at 11:15**

Celebrate the new year with us. We will have several activities before the count down to noon.

Please register for this program. Space is limited.

If you are unable to attend, PLEASE cancel your registration.

## **Harry Potter Book Club**

**Thursday, December 30 at 4:30- 5:30**

Hey Muggles!

Harry Potter Book Club has arrived. Join Mackenzie each month for a magical discussion on each book in the series. The third book, "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" can be picked up at the Youth Service Desk starting December 6.

There will be a Harry Potter Party after the completion of the final book. Please register, space is limited.