A Christmas Storywalk

Follow this month's storybook page by page through uptown and read about Fitz and The Best Parts of

Christmas by Bethanie Murguia. Best Parts of CHRISTMAS Fritz knows that the best parts of Christmas happen around the tree. This year, Fritz gets to pick out the perfect tree. When Christmas is over and the tree begins to drop

needles, Mom and Dad say it's time to say good-bye. How can Fritz keep his Christmas tree—and the happiness gathered around it—with him all year? To start your walk, stop at the front desk and pick up a Coded Tales sheet. As you walk from business to business, be sure to write down the code letter located at each stop. When you finish the story, you should have spelled out a special message that you can bring back to the library's front desk to receive a prize!

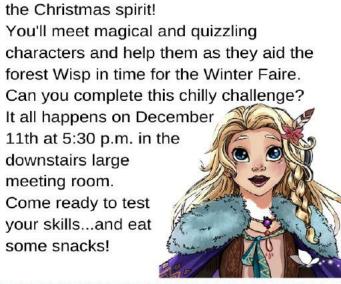
A Cool Mystery

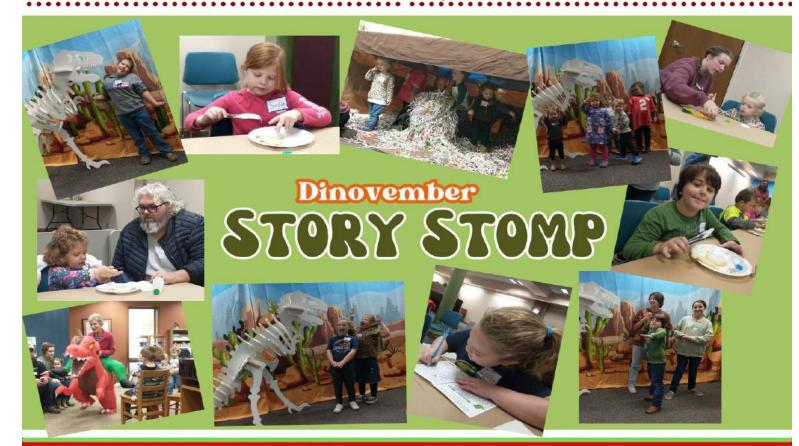
Are you ready to return to the Winter Faire for another frosty, winter adventure? Join Miss Lisa and be whisked away on an enchanting escape room journey that will captivate your imagination and get you in the Christmas spirit!

You'll meet magical and quizzling characters and help them as they aid the forest Wisp in time for the Winter Faire. Can you complete this chilly challenge?

11th at 5:30 p.m. in the downstairs large meeting room.

Come ready to test your skills...and eat some snacks!





Tiny Tots Storytime (ages 0-3):

Monday 10:00 a.m., Tuesday 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday 11:00 a.m.

Storytime

Miss Jill

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-6):

Monday 11:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 2023

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December Events

1st: New Storywalk begins

2nd: Friends of the Library Santa's Secret Shop

6th: Wood 'N It Be Fun

7th: Book Talk

11th: STEAMpunks

14th: Craft Party!

18th: Lunch Bunch

25th: Closed

Holiday Hours

USCL will be closed on Monday, December 25th

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Monday, January 1st

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From the Director

I am writing this on the day after Thanksgiving, so I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for being able to serve this wonderful community, and to thank you for the vote to renew our tax levy. Thanks to this, we will be able to continue getting new books, movies and other resources, as well as offering a wide variety of programs for all ages. We plan to continue to grow our services to you over the years to come.

One new venture to come in spring of 2024 will be a new Story Walk® at Stepping Stones Park. This is being funded through a grant from the Wyandot County Community Foundation, and with the support of the Parks and Recreation Department. We are also looking for ways to expand our outreach to homebound residents of our community, including collaboration with the Council on Aging, Wyandot County Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation, and other agencies. And we are always on the lookout for opportunities to engage our wonderful library "family." Again - thank you for the chance to serve you. I am truly Kathleen Whitt

Wood 'n It Be Fun!

USCL welcomes Jim and Diane Hogan on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. as they show participants how to sand and paint a unique wood craft.

Wear old clothes or bring an apron to enjoy this chance to celebrate the holiday season with a creative painting project. Registration begins on November 27th and is required for this program. Adults only, please.

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grateful for every one of you.

Education Station Now Available

USCL is happy to offer a new, free online resource for our homeschooling patrons. Education Station is a site designed to be a one-stop destination for elementary grade learning. This site consists of two core pieces of content: learning plans and worksheets. Both are designed to engage children in meaningful, hands-on learning. The weekly plans consist of five days of instruction and activities,

along with 5+ worksheets to support learning. Each of the plans are aligned to standards and topics that children need to master. There is a suggested sequence for the learning plans but you can also mix and match or choose which plans work best for the children you are supporting To access this resource, go to usclibrary.com and click on the "Find Information" tab and select "Research Databases."



Up In The Club

Start your new year by joining one of USCL's book clubs! Check out some of next year's book selections for a preview of what's to come.

If casual reading is more your style, join Krystal for Book Talk, where people share their thoughts about what they are reading; you are encouraged to add your own unique suggestions and reviews. Book Talk meets on the first Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m. in USCL's downstairs boardroom.



Third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in USCL's downstairs meeting room

January 16th

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Discussion Leader: Krystal Smalley

February 20th

Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult & Jennifer Finney Boylan Discussion Leader: Nanette Warnecke-Flood

March 19th

The Diamond Eye by Kate Quin

Discussion Leader: Vicki Orians

Fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in USCL's downstairs meeting room

January 23rd

Genre: Science Fiction Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir

February 28th

Genre: Romance The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches by Sangu Mandana

March 27th

Genre: Mystery The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave

Lunch Bunch

Join Cheryl on Monday, December 18th at noon in USCL's large meeting room for a very special Lunch Bunch gathering. Celebrate the season with delicious holiday potluck and optional \$5 cooking-themed gift exchange. Bring a copy of the recipe-and your Christmas spirit- to share with the group!

Layered Peppermint Icebox Cake

3 cups heavy whipping cream

3 Tbsp. sugar

1 tsp. peppermint extract

2 packages (9 oz. each) chocolate wafers Chocolate curls, crushed candy and edible flowers of your choice for decoration.

In a large bowl, beat the cream, sugar and peppermint extract on high until stiff peaks form.

Fill a pastry bag with whipped cream. On a serving plate, arrange seven cookies in a circle, using one cookie in the center. Pipe 2/3 cups whipped

crushed candy if desired.

cream over cookies. Repeat layers nine times. Refrigerate overnight. Garnish with flowers, chocolate curls and

Don't have a pastry bag handy?

Fill a plastic sandwich baggie with your whipped cream and simply snip a corner from the bottom and squeeze the bag to decorate!



Find more delicious and easy recipes in **Taste of Home** Holidays and Celebrations cookbook available in the 641 section of the non-fiction area.

Christmas Craft Party!

The holidays are the perfect time to break out the glue guns and join your friends for an evening of Christmas crafting.

On Thursday, December14th at 6:00 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room, we'll welcome Darlene Perricone as she demonstrates how to make mini decorative Christmas trees.

Then it's a creative free-for-all as you design your own candy cane wreath using assorted ribbon and Christmas trim. Throw in s snacks and Christmas tunes and let the party begin! It's all free and all adults, so register for your spot starting December 4th.

Baby, It's Cold Outside

What's better than getting a notice that the book you've been waiting to read has finally come in? Not having to get out of your car and into the cold to pick it up!

USCL is pleased to continue to offer Click and Collect to all our patrons. Here's how it works:

- Download the SEO App.
- Open your App to see if your holds are available.
- If your holds are in, you will see the Click and Collect option. Select this option.
- · Select "I am on my way" and choose your arrival time.
- You will receive a message telling you where to park.
- · One of our staff will bring your items to your car!

This service is available from 10:00 a.m. until 30 minutes before close.

Can't download the App? You can also call 419-294-1345 to request curbside service.

Common Readers and Inglorious Bookworms do not meet in December or July.

In Memory of Jane Woods by Carl and Helen Shinn