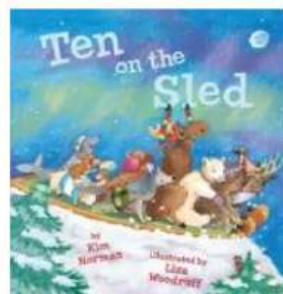


# Take a Storywalk!®

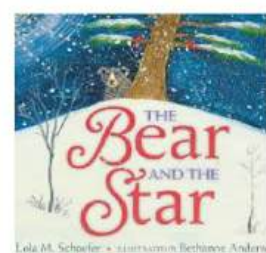
Get moving this New Year with a winter walk when you follow this month's storybook page by page through uptown to read *Ten on the Sled* by Kim Norman.

A favorite children's song ("Ten on the Bed") gets a delightfully slippery, slide-y twist! In the land of the midnight sun, all the animals are having fun speeding down the hill on Caribous sled. But as they go faster and faster, Seal, Hare, Walrus, and the others all fall off . . . until just the caribous left, only and lonely. Now, a reindeer likes flying-but never alone, so . . . all the animals leap onto the sled again!



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!

You can also enjoy our Storywalk at Stepping Stones Park to read about *The Bear and the Star* by Lola M. Schaefer



On a cold winter morning, Bear welcomes a new star to the sky and searches for the perfect tree—a majestic evergreen—under which to

host a celebration for everyone to enjoy. Almost as if by magic, guests start to arrive. They are feathered, furry, scaled—on the wing, on four paws, on two feet. They are young and old. They bring gifts. They bring love. They bring hope for peace.

## Middle School Storytime

This is NOT your little brother's storytime! Miss Lisa invites Middle School students to interact with books in a new way through Reader's Theater, which allows you to become part of the story!

Meetings take place in the children's section by Miss Lisa's office at 3:00 p.m. on every Monday that school is in session.

## Hang Out

Looking for a place to meet up with your friends after school? Make USCL the place to hang after school on Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Miss Lisa is opening the large meeting room for grades 6-12 to play games, eat snacks, or just chill. Hang Out will be available every Wednesday that school is in session.



Every Thursday that school is in session, kids of all ages are invited to attend

That Thursday Thing from 3:00-4:00.

Each week, the children's and youth department team up to host games and activities that encourage kids to interact in positive and creative ways with each other and our staff. There's fun snacks and plenty of time to hang out with friends. They won't want to miss it!

## Online Registration Available

To register for an event, go to our website, [usclibrary.org](http://usclibrary.org). Go to the calendar and select the event. Select the "Register Now" button. Fill in your information and click Register. You will get a confirmation email and then a reminder email 24 hours before the event. It's as simple as that!

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## Join the Idita-READ

Winter was made for reading and USCL is here to make this the best reading season yet with the Idita-READ, this year's adult winter reading program.

This fun program begins January 6th and runs through February 15th. Any adult is welcome to participate by simply signing up at our front desk. Then, each time you check out books you will be given a scratch off card that will give you a chance at exciting reader-friendly prizes. These cards will then be used to draw a name each Friday to be a Weekly Prize winner of items such as heated throws or tickets to Snow Trails!

Because we couldn't have an Idita-READ without canine support, we invite you to send us pictures of you and your dog reading. At the end of the program, we'll have a drawing of all our pooch participants and award a canine gift basket of treats and toys!

*Pictures can be sent to [ksmalley@seolibraries.org](mailto:ksmalley@seolibraries.org) or to our Facebook page.*



## Puzzle Contest

It's back! Cheryl invites all jigsaw puzzle enthusiasts to participate in 2025's Jigsaw Puzzle Contest on Saturday, January 11th and Saturday, January 18th at 10:00 a.m. in USCL's large meeting room.

This year's challenge is to see who can complete a 500 piece puzzle first. Ten teams will compete each Saturday. The winning team each week will be awarded a \$25 gift card!

Teams of two can register online or at the front desk for one of the dates above. One member of the team must be an adult. Participants are welcome to bring their own drinks or snacks.



## January Events

1st: Closed

2nd: Craft Party!

6th: Idita-READ begins

11th: Puzzle Contest

13th: Taste of the Decades

18th: Puzzle Contest

20th: CLOSED

21st: Common Readers

22nd: Inglorious Bookworms

25th: Halfway Hoorah

27th: Lunch Bunch

**Tiny Tots**  
(ages 0-3):

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

**Storytime**  
with Miss Jill



**Preschool**  
(ages 3-6):

Monday 11:00 a.m.

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Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



# Taste of the Decades

You've enjoyed tasting your way through ancient history. Now, Patti and Tony Davidson invite you to enjoy the flavors of the 20th century with Taste of the Decades.

On Monday, January 13th at 6:00, begin your culinary adventure with popular foods from the 1920s such as creamy chicken a la king and that decadent treat from the Big Island, pineapple upside down cake. Discover what made these dishes so beloved and iconic and maybe taste a bit of your own family history.

Call or visit our website to register for this program beginning Monday, January 6th. *Registration is required for attendance.*



# Craft Party

Start the New Year by putting sweaters on your soap? Why not!

Join Rachel for Craft Party on Thursday, January 2nd at 6:00 p.m. to create felted soap. Express your artistic side by using a selection of colorful wool roving to make your own special design that will become a built in scrubbing wash cloth. This craft will make a practical yet beautiful addition to your self-care routine. Supplies and snacks are provided so treat yourself to a fun and crafty start to your New Year!!

Call or visit our website to register beginning December 23rd.



## Technical Difficulties?

Try our TechConnect hour on Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. to noon.



# Lunch Bunch

Join Cheryl on Monday, January 27th at noon in USCL's large meeting room for Lunch Bunch, where the community meets to share a meal. This month's theme is Soup and Bread.

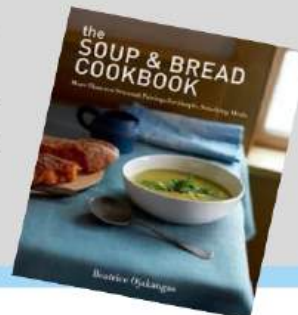
## Chive-Dill Batter Bread

- 1 package (1/4 oz. or 1 scant Tbsp.) active dry yeast
- 1/4 cup warm water (105° to 115° F)
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 Tbsp. finely chopped fresh chives
- 1 1/2 Tbsp. dried dillweed
- 2 Tbsp butter
- 1 cup 1% or fat free cottage cheese, large or small curd
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 2 cups all purpose flour



Grease a 1 1/2 quart casserole dish generously and set aside. In the bowl of a stand mixer, combine the yeast, warm water, sugar, salt, chives, and dill. Set aside until the yeast begins to foam, 5 minutes. Add the butter, cottage cheese, egg, and 1/2 cup of the flour. Beat on low speed until well mixed. Add the remaining 1 1/2 cups flour and beat to make a stiff batter. Cover and let rise for 10 minutes. Transfer the batter to the casserole dish. Cover and let rise in a warm place until almost doubled in bulk, about 45 minutes. Preheat oven to 350°F. Bake until golden and a wooden skewer inserted into the center comes out clean and dry, 35 to 40 minutes. Remove the loaf from the casserole and place on a rack to cool. Enjoy with a hearty soup!

*If you enjoyed this recipe from The Soup & Bread Cookbook by Beatrice Ojakangas, try our other cookbooks located in the 641 section of the adult non-fiction area.*



# Halfway Hoorah

It's time to check-in on how your 100 Book Club challenge is going!

Join fellow bookworms to talk about books you've read, eat donuts, enjoy hot drinks, and play some fun, bookish games. We'll also have a Free Book Store that you can peruse and take home something new to add to your shelf.



Everyone is welcome to join Krystal and the Common Readers Book Club on January 21st at 6:30 p.m. as they discuss this month's featured book, *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn. Copies of this month's books are available at the front desk and Libby.

*Washington, D.C., 1950. Everyone keeps to themselves at Briarwood House, a down-at-the-heels all-female boardinghouse. But when the mysterious widow Grace March moves into the attic, she draws her oddball collection of neighbors into unlikely friendship: English beauty Fliss whose facade of perfect wife covers gaping inner wounds; Nora, who is entangled with a shadowy gangster; frustrated baseball star Bea, whose career has ended along with the women's baseball league of WWII; and poisonous, gung-ho Arlene, who has thrown herself into McCarthy's Red Scare.*

*Grace's weekly attic-room dinner parties become a healing balm on all their lives, but she hides a terrible secret of her own. When a shocking act of violence tears apart the house, the Briar Club women must decide once and for all: Who is the true enemy in their midst?*

Have you made it to the halfway mark yet? If you have finished at least 50 books, bring in your reading tracker sheet to be entered into a drawing for a gift card.

It all happens on Saturday, January 25th at 10:00 a.m. in USCL's large meeting room.



# INGLORIOUS BOOKWORMS

Share your thoughts about *Cassandra in Reverse* by Holly Smale and the Science Fiction genre Wednesday, January 22nd at 6:00 p.m. at Don Tomasso's Restaurant. Copies of this month's book are available at the front desk, Hoopla and Libby.

*If you had the power to change the past... where would you start?*

*Cassandra Penelope Dankworth is a creature of habit. She likes what she likes (museums, jumpsuits, her boyfriend, Will) and strongly dislikes what she doesn't (mess, change, her boss drinking out of her mug). Her life runs in a pleasing, predictable order...until now. She's just been dumped. She's just been fired. Her local café has run out of banana muffins.*

*Then, something truly unexpected happens: Cassie discovers she can go back and change the past. One small rewind at a time, Cassie attempts to fix the life she accidentally obliterated, but soon she'll discover she's trying to fix all the wrong things.*

In Memory...

Paul Wymer

by Bill and Pam Clark