

# Winter Goals



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Programs for all ages  
Registration required

# SPOTLIGHT

Registration opens Nov. 15 and is required for all programs and events unless noted as drop-in.

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 CHARACTER MEET & GREET  
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**Saturday, Nov. 22, 3-7 p.m.**  
**WOODRIDGE VILLAGE HALL, 5 PLAZA DRIVE**  
**Drop-in, no registration required**

*Please note that the library will close early at 1 p.m. to prepare for this event.*

Full Schedule & Details:



## Event Parking

Fred C. Hohnke Community Center  
 2600 Center Drive

Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Park  
 8301 S. Janes Avenue  
 Shuttle service will be provided

Thomas Jefferson Jr. High School  
 7200 Janes Avenue

**HANDICAP PARKING ONLY**  
 Village Hall & Woodridge Library  
 1 & 3 Plaza Drive



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## Library Hours

Monday-Friday	9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m.-5 p.m.

## Early Closure 1 p.m.

Saturday, November 22

## Late Opening 1 p.m.

Friday, December 5

## Early Closure 5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 31

## Holiday Closures

Thursday, November 27  
 Wednesday, December 24  
 Thursday, December 25  
 Thursday, January 1

## Contact Info

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## New Year, New You!

Monday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m.

Join life coach Tom Kens to discover the keys to setting goals that stick in the new year. Learn how to motivate yourself and take action so you can make 2026 your best year yet.  
**Adult Program**



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at [woodridgelibrary.org/events](http://woodridgelibrary.org/events)

# FAMILY

## Jefferson Singers Caroling

Thursday, Dec. 18, 7 p.m.  
Jefferson Junior High choir singers will perform holiday favorites live at the library.

## Family Storytime & Craft

**Bedtime Tales** Wednesday, Dec. 10, 6 p.m.

**Snowmen** Wednesday, Jan. 14, 6 p.m.

**Love & Family** Wednesday, Feb. 11, 6 p.m.

Each month will feature a new theme, stories, songs, and a craft.

**Ages 0-5 with caregiver**

## DIY Family Gifts

Friday, Dec. 19, 4:30 p.m.  
Need a personalized gift for the holidays? We've got you covered. Come make sharpie coasters, magnets and ornaments with us.

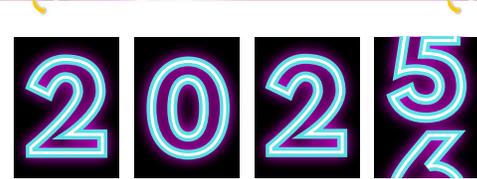
## Snowflake Slime

Monday, Jan. 5, 11 a.m.  
Join us for a frosty fun session of slime-making. Create glittery, snowflake-inspired slime—cool to the touch and packed with winter wonder.



## Noon Year's Eve

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 11 a.m.  
Ring in the new year early with crafts, dancing, and an exciting glow stick countdown to noon! Be sure to wear neon or white to glow at the party.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Pajama Family Yoga

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 6:30 p.m.  
Bring in the whole family for a relaxing yoga session led by a certified instructor before heading home to bed. *Pajamas welcome.*

## Super Bowl Family Kick-off

Friday, Feb. 6, 5 p.m.  
Come get in the Super Bowl spirit! Get ready to cheer on your team with activities, crafts, and light snacks.

## Heartbeat Boogie

Friday, Feb. 13, 5 p.m. OR 6 p.m.  
Celebrate love as a family and feel your heart beat as we dance.

## No School Movie Matinee

Friday, Feb. 27, 1 p.m.  
Free family fun! Come to the library on this day off school for a movie and snack on us.

## Frosty Tunes & Jolly Jams: Winter Holiday Concert for Families

Saturday, Dec. 6, 11 a.m.  
Sing, dance, and get in the holiday spirit at a concert featuring favorite wintertime songs. Presented by award-winning Old Town School of Folk Music artist, Anne-Marie Akin.

## Family Art Studio:

### Trash to Treasure

Monday, Feb. 2, 6 p.m.  
Help create a community art piece that will be displayed in the lobby. We'll work together using surprising, upcycled materials (trash) to design a birdhouse village inspired by artist Tyree Guyton in celebration of Black History Month. Artwork will be on display from February 7 through 28.

**All Ages Program**



# CHILDREN

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## Chef's Corner: Community Helper Storytime & Play

Monday, Dec. 15, 11 a.m.

Meet a real chef, enjoy a foodie story, and whip up some fun in our pretend restaurant stations at this deliciously fun storytime.

Aimed at ages 2-5 with caregiver



## Baby Activity Kits

Start dates listed, pick up at the Lobby desk while supplies last. **Ages 0-2**

**Clay Ornament**  
Monday, Dec. 15

**Crinkle Book**  
Monday, Jan. 12

**Float Your Boat**  
Monday, Feb. 9

## Snow Much Fun

Friday, Jan. 2, 10:30 a.m.

Let it snow, let it snow—*indoors!* Make a variety of different snowflakes; no two are ever the same.

**Ages 3-5 with caregiver**

## Preschool Play & Learn

**Get Moving** Friday, Jan. 9, 1:30 p.m.

**Caring Kids** Friday, Feb. 13, 1:30 p.m.

Preschoolers and their caregivers play and learn together.

**Ages 3-5 with caregiver**

## Messy Playtime

Friday, Jan. 22, 1 p.m.

Have a child at home that loves to play to the max? Do they love making messes and you hate to clean it up? Come to the library for all the fun and none of the cleanup. *Dress for a mess.*

**Ages 3-5 with caregiver**

## Littlest Artist: Winter Friends

Friday, Jan. 30, 10 a.m.

Got the winter blues? We have the cure for you! Bring your littles in for a morning of painting and crafting.

*Dress for a mess.*

**Ages 0-2 with caregiver**

## Tiny Hands, Big Hearts Valentines

Wednesday, Feb. 4, 4:30 p.m.

Make sweet Valentines to share using cupcake liners.

**Ages 3-5 with caregiver**

## Take & Make Craft Kits

Start dates listed, pick up at the Lobby desk while supplies last. **PreK-Grade 3**

### **Subzero Surfers**

Monday, Dec. 8



### **Purr-fect Page Pals**

Monday, Jan. 5



### **Cookie Cuties**

Monday, Feb. 2

## Woodland Ornament

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 4:30 p.m.

Paint your very own woodland ornaments on real wood slices.

**Grades K-3**

## K-Pop Kids (K-3)

Monday, Dec. 29, 1 p.m.

Aspiring Saja Boy or Huntr/x star? Join us to learn a K-Pop dance routine from a VERSA5 Dance instructor, set to your favorite songs.

**Ages K-3**

## Mug Magic: Cookie Edition

Monday, Feb. 16, 11 a.m.

Get ready for a cozy and delicious adventure. We'll stir, sprinkle, and microwave a yummy cookie right in a mug, then decorate it with fun toppings.

**Grades K-3**

## Winter Storytimes

Dec. 1-11 & Jan. 12 - Feb. 12

### Baby Lapsit

Ages 0-24 mo. with caregiver

Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.  
Thursdays 9:30 a.m.



### Toddler Time

Ages 2-3 with caregiver

Mondays 10:15 a.m.  
Tuesdays 10:15 a.m.  
Wednesdays 10:15 a.m.



### Preschool

Ages 3-5

Mondays 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesdays 1:30 p.m.



## Drop-in: Where's Larry the Elf?

December 1-23

Find out what book our library elf is reading each day and win a sticker.

## Drop-in: Scavenger Hunts

Find hidden pictures in the Children's Department and win a sticker.

Playful Penguins January 18-24

Storybook Friends February 15-21

## Fossils & Crystals & Rocks...Oh My!

Friday, Dec. 12, 4:30 p.m.

Dig for fossils and crystals, learn how to identify them, and make a keepsake box for what you unearth.

Grades K-6



## Kids BINGO: K-Pop

Friday, Jan. 30, 5:30 p.m. OR 7 p.m.

Whether you're a seasoned fan or new to the genre, come celebrate all things K-Pop as we play BINGO and win prizes.

Grades K-6

## Go-Go LEGO

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 4:30 p.m.

Make a LEGO contraption that really ZIPS! Test it out on our zipline or make your own.

Grades K-6

## K-Pop Dance Idols

Monday, Dec. 29, 2 p.m.

Level up your TikTok dance game and learn a K-Pop routine from a VERSA5 Dance Studio pro—set to your favorite songs.

Grades 4-12



## Visionary Vibes: Tween Vision Boards

Thursday, Jan. 8, 4:30 p.m.

Dream it. See it. Create it! Use collage and creativity to design your own vision board full of goals, dreams, and inspiration for the year ahead.

Grades 4-6

## Sippin' Style: Boba Keychains

Friday, Jan. 23, 6 p.m.

Craft your own cute and trendy boba tea keychain—the perfect accessory to show off your style.

Grades 4-6



## Disaster or Delicious:

### Cupcake Challenge

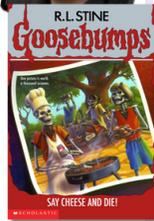
Saturday, Feb. 21, 1 p.m.

Love the TV shows *Cupcake Wars* and *Nailed It?* Now's your chance to show off your decorating skills. We provide the supplies, you provide the creativity.

Grades 4-12

## Virtual: Still Afraid of the Dark An Evening with R.L. Stine

Thursday, Feb. 24  
7 p.m. on Zoom



The creator of *Goosebumps* and *Fear Street* reflects on a legendary career and upcoming projects that continue to thrill readers of all ages. Hosted by Illinois Libraries Present.

## Tween & Teen Activity Kits

Start dates listed, pick up at the Lobby desk while supplies last. Grades 4-12

### Study Buddy

Monday, Dec. 1

### Glacier Goo

Monday, Jan. 19

### Chrome Cowboy

Monday, Feb. 16



## Drop-in: Adopt a Reading Buddy Stuffedie

Monday, Jan. 19-Tuesday Jan. 20, All Day

Engage and motivate kids to read at home each day!

Visit the Library to select your reading buddy\* then fill out an adoption certificate and promise to read to your buddy for 15 minutes a day.

\*The stuffed animal is yours to take home and keep forever. Animals have been donated but are in great condition.



# TEEN



## Teen Volunteer Opportunity: Library Reboot

Monday, Jan. 19, 6 p.m.  
Ever wish your library had an arcade, sound studio or a coffee shop? Help us reimagine the teen department by collaborating on a vision board. Bring your ideas, creativity, and new year vibes! Earn one service hour.  
**Grades 7-12**

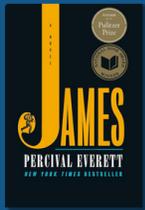
## Teen Pizza & Service

Saturday, Feb. 7, 1-2:30 p.m.  
Earn service credit and enjoy pizza.  
**Grades 7-12**

Visit the Teen Volunteer page for up-to-date volunteer opportunities.

[woodridgelibrary.org/teen-volunteers](http://woodridgelibrary.org/teen-volunteers)

## Adult Book Discussions



**A Winter in New York**  
by Josie Silver  
Monday, Dec. 15, 7 p.m.

**James**  
by Percival Everett  
Monday, Jan. 19, 7 p.m.

**The Husbands**  
by Holly Gramazio  
Monday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m.

## Teen Study Break

Saturday, Dec. 13, 1 p.m.  
“Paws” your studying and chill with a certified therapy dog from the West Suburban Humane Society. Enjoy tail-wagging stress relief and free snacks, then continue your cram session at the library.

**Grades 7-12**



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**Grades 4-12**

## Adult Puzzle Packs

**Cozy Vibes Edition**  
December 17-23

**Frozen Edition**  
January 14-20

**Olympics Edition**  
February 18-24



## IN THE Gallery

### **December**

Downers Grove Artists' Guild  
Acrylic, Watercolor, Oil, Pastel

### **January**

Beata Nowak  
Acrylic & Oil

### **February**

Jay Moore  
Thread Fine Art

## Teen Takeover

Saturday, Jan. 10, 6-7:30 p.m.  
It's an after hours event just for teens. The library is yours—get creative, hang out, and learn how to mix up your own custom boba drinks. Plus, enjoy snacks and crafting.  
**Grades 7-12**



## Adult Computer Classes

### Easy Address Labels with Word

Thursday, Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m.  
Create custom return address labels for your holiday mailings.

### Intro to Word

Thursday, Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m.  
Create & format a document, and insert pictures.

### Intro to Excel

Thursday, Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m.  
Create, edit & format a spreadsheet, and use basic formulas.

### Excel Functions

Thursday, Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m.  
Learn to use Excel's essential functions, including VLOOKUP.  
*Previous experience required.*

### 3D Design with Tinkercad

Saturday, Jan. 31, 10 a.m.  
Create a key tag with Tinkercad.  
*Tinkercad account required.*

### Intro to Google Drive

Thursday, Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m.  
Learn to organize files and folders, upload to your Drive, and share files.  
*Google account required.*

### Intro to Google Docs

Thursday, Feb. 19, 6:30 p.m.  
Create & format a document, and share documents. *Google account required.*

### How to Talk to AI

Thursday, Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m.  
Learn to use effective prompts—text, questions, or instructions—to unlock the full potential of generative AI.

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# ADULT

## Virtual: Discover Kwanzaa

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 7 p.m. on Zoom  
Celebrate with Elizabeth Kahura through music, poetry, and Kiswahili traditions while exploring the holiday's origins, symbols, and guiding principles.

## Holiday Tech Gifts

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m.  
Discover the hottest gadget gifts of the season, from smartphones to quirky tech, for every wish list.

## Wellness Events

### Monthly Meditation Group

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Dec. 9, Jan 13, Feb. 10  
Enjoy a beginner-friendly guided meditation in a group setting.

### Virtual: MENTAL Health Awareness

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m. on Zoom  
Therapist Kyle Lisowski shares how to access quality mental healthcare in a program designed for men, but helpful for all.

### Chair Yoga Workshop

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.  
Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb. 18  
Try chair-supported yoga—perfect for beginners or those with limited mobility.

### Superfoods

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 7 p.m.  
Chef Cherise Slattery demonstrates quick, tasty, and nutritious recipes with samples to enjoy.

### Sound Bath Meditation

Sunday, Feb. 1, 2 p.m.  
Experience deep calm with a meditation program that blends sound and mindfulness.

## Virtual: An Evening with Paul Lisnek

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m. on Zoom  
WGN-TV's political analyst will speak about Illinois politics and help prepare participants for the upcoming Midterm Elections.

## Virtual:

### Taxes Are Everyone's Business

Wednesday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m. on Zoom  
Judi Strauss of Strauss Tax Service explains the latest tax changes.



### Home for the Holiday with Jodi Beach

Sunday, Dec. 7, 2 p.m.  
Award-winning performer Jodi Beach will tug on your heartstrings and put you in the holiday spirit.

### Feelin' Groovy with Heather Braoudakis

Sunday, Jan. 25, 2 p.m.  
Welcome back Heather Braoudakis as she brings that 1960s groove with hits like *Mrs. Robinson* and *Happy Together*.

### The Blues with Fruteland Jackson

Sunday, Feb. 22, 2 p.m.  
Experience an afternoon of blues music with the soulful sound of this award-winning guitarist and vocalist.

## What's Next?

### A Guide for Beginning Genealogists

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m.  
Learn how to organize your genealogy research, interpret DNA results, and use free resources.

### Virtual: Echoes of Africa Art and Folktales

Thursday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m. on Zoom  
Celebrate Black History Month with Kenyan storyteller Elizabeth Kahura through folktales, music, and traditions.

### Winter Trivia

Thursday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m.  
Warm up with friendly competition around wintery and chilly topics. *Small prizes will be awarded.*

## Adult Creativity Events

### Snowman Ornament Craft

Thursday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m.  
Craft a charming snowman ornament to enjoy all winter.

### Cozy Sticker Room

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.  
Relax and put together a cute scene with stickers.



### Make a Junk Journal

Thursday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m.  
Get inspiration and supplies for starting your own junk journal. Bring any items (*i.e. photos, stickers, mementos, etc.*) you'd like to use for your project.

## Drop-in:

### Senior Craft & Chat Social

Friday, Jan. 30, 2 p.m.  
A relaxed social hour for seniors to enjoy simple crafts like adult coloring and card-making while chatting with new and old friends.

## Drop-in:

### Senior Knit & Crochet Social

Friday, Feb. 20, 2 p.m.  
A drop-in group for seniors who enjoy knitting, crocheting, and friendly conversation. All skill levels are welcome—*bring your project and join the fun.*



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## From the Director

**Don't wait! Make all your winter dreams come true with free wellness programs and entertainment at the Woodridge Public Library.**

Family registration is now open for **Frosty Tunes and Jolly Jams** concert (Dec. 6), **Chef's Corner storytime** (Dec. 15), and **Super Bowl Family Kick-off** (Feb. 6). Adults, meet up and learn about **Superfoods** (Jan. 20), the latest **Holiday Tech Gifts** (Dec. 3), or to make a **Cozy Sticker Room** craft (Dec. 16). And for seniors, sign up for daytime **Chair Yoga**, Craft and Chats, and Sunday music concerts (*online or call 630-487-2581*). Teens, take a **Study Break** with a therapy dog (Dec. 13) and kids in grades 4 to 12, enter our first-ever **Cupcake Challenge** (Feb. 21). Explore the program guide for more events (*AI, slime, boba tea, meditation, K-Pop*) to keep you connected, warm and happy this winter.

--Patti Naisbitt

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