

# WINTER FUN at the Woodridge Public Library

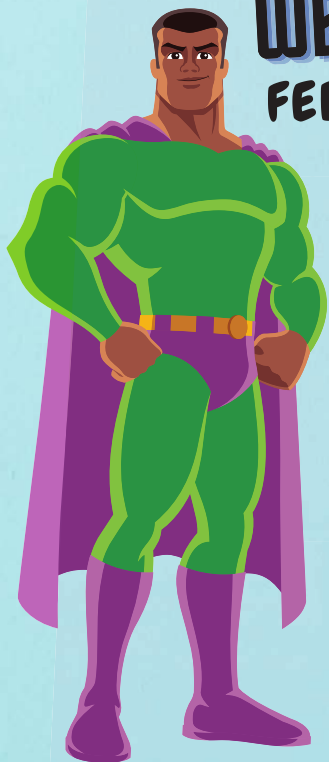


## GRINCH FEST!

DEC 13 - 20

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH SUPERHERO WEEK

FEB 14 - 20



## WINTER CRAFTS

DEC & JANUARY



## CAT-A- PALOOZA!

WE LOVE KITTENS DAY FEB 5

MEET PETE-THE-CAT

FEB 21 & 24



## NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY

DEC 31



PLUS STORYTIMES, VIRTUAL PROGRAMS...DETAILS INSIDE

## Children's Programs

Registration for winter programs is now open.  
Use the Events Calendar at [woodridgelibrary.org](http://woodridgelibrary.org) to register.  
Please see our website for current Covid-19 protocols.

### Holiday Storytimes

December 6 – 10

We have 16 holiday storytime programs scheduled this week: for babies, toddlers & preschoolers. Register ONLINE today.



## Storytimes

January 10 – February 18 **Register**

It's easy to attend a storytime. Just register your child online for any program date you want to attend – limit of one date per child per week.

Updated 2022 Weekly Storytime Schedule:

Preschool Storytime, Ages 3 – 5  
9:30 a.m., Monday or Tuesday

Baby Lapsit I, Ages 0 – 12 MTHS  
9:30 a.m., Wednesday or Thursday

Baby Lapsit II, Ages 12 – 24 MTHS  
11 a.m., Monday or Tuesday

Toddler Time, Ages 2 – 3  
10:15 a.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday



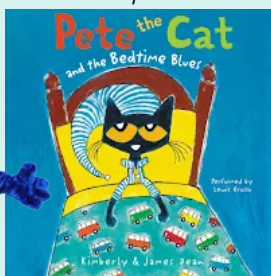
### 2 Live & In-Person Character Storytimes

Registration required. Choose one Pete event to attend and register each adult & child. Limit one adult per child.

#### Meet Pete the Cat

Mon., Feb 21, 11 a.m.

Pete the Cat is coming to the Woodridge Library. Hear a Pete the Cat story at a Cat-a-Palooza celebration. Take a picture with Pete!



#### PJ Night with Pete The Cat

Thurs., Feb. 24, 7 p.m.

Pete will be wearing his pajamas while we read bedtime stories & take home a cat craft. You can wear your PJs too.

## Grinch Fest December 13 – 20

All the Whos down in Whoville cordially invite you to join us for our holiday Grinch Fest. Drop in anytime. All ages.

You'll find games, crafts, photo opportunities, and prizes. If you're lucky your heart will even grow several sizes! Put on your Grinchy green wear or do up your Who-hair. Some even say that the Grinch will be there!

### Grinch Sightings

The real Grinch has been spotted at the library and he's giving out treats. Here are the best times to come to the library to see his merry mischief:

Mon., Dec. 13, 4 – 5 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 15, Noon – 1 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 16, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 17, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.



### Don't Miss Grinch Bingo!

Register: Grades 1 – 6  
Monday, Dec. 20, 4 p.m. or 7 p.m.



December 31

Fri., Dec. 31, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

No registration.

Make New Year's crafts & count down to the "Noon Year" with music, bubbles, and dancing all afternoon. We'll countdown several different times, between 11:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Drop in anytime.





# Children's Programs

Some programs require pre-registration. Register at [woodridgelibrary.org/events](http://woodridgelibrary.org/events)



**Saturday, Feb. 5, 1 – 2 p.m.**

Meet cute kittens at the library. The West Suburban Humane Society (WSHC) will introduce a few adorable kittens and give tips for caring for cats and other pets. Kittens may be petted. If the room becomes crowded please find a few fun activities in the Children's Dept. while you wait. All ages.

**Registration required.**

## Adopt a Stuffed Animal Reading Buddy

January 17 – 23

Drop in anytime. All ages.

Give a stuffed buddy a new home.

1. Choose your stuffed animal\*
2. Fill out an adoption certificate
3. Promise to read to your new friend for 15 minutes every day

\*Animals are pre-owned & yours to keep forever.



## Black History Month SUPERHERO WEEK

February 14 – 20

Put on a cape & leap into the world of Black superheroes. Play superhero games, color & go on a scavenger hunt.



In honor of Black History Month, we are hosting a celebration of Black Superheroes throughout history, from stories and comic book heroes such as Black Panther and Storm to authors, scientists, and leaders. Drop in anytime. No registration.



## More EVENTS! Registration Required

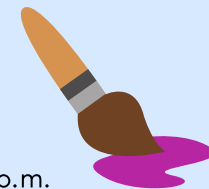
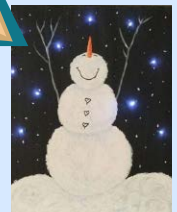


### GRADES

### PROGRAM

### DATE & TIME

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|-------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 2 – 5 | Afterschool Art: Van Gogh's Sunflowers | Tues., Dec. 7, 3:30 p.m.          |
| All   | Sing-along Saturday with Mr. Patrick   | Sat., Dec. 11, 11 a.m.            |
| 4 – 8 | STEAM 3D Tree Challenge                | Mon., Dec. 13, 4:30 p.m.          |
| 1 – 6 | Kids' Grinch Bingo                     | Monday, Dec 20, 4 p.m. OR 7 p.m.  |
| 4 – 8 | Pop-Up Makerspace                      | Mon., Dec. 27, 4:30 p.m.          |
| 1 – 3 | Pop-Up Makerspace                      | Thurs., Dec. 30, 1:30 p.m.        |
| PreK  | Babies & Toddlers Moovin' & Groovin'   | Fri., Jan. 7, 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m.  |
| All   | Sing-along Saturday                    | Sat., Jan. 8, 11 a.m.             |
| 4 – 8 | STEAM Build an Igloo                   | Mon., Jan. 10, 4:30 p.m.          |
| 1 – 3 | Pop-Up Makerspace                      | Thurs., Jan. 13, 3:30 p.m.        |
| 4 – 8 | Pop-Up Makerspace                      | Mon., Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m.          |
| 1 – 6 | Kids' Snowy BINGO                      | Thurs., Jan. 20, 4 p.m. OR 7 p.m. |
| K – 3 | Book Magic Stories & Craft: Winter     | Mon., Jan. 24, 4 p.m. OR 7 p.m.   |
| 4 – 8 | Snowman Canvas Painting                | Mon., Jan. 31, 6 p.m.             |
| PreK  | Little Artists                         | Fri., Feb. 4, 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m.  |
| All   | Sing-along Sunday                      | Sun., Feb. 6, 2 p.m.              |
| 1 – 6 | Kids' Heart BINGO                      | Mon., Feb. 7, 4 p.m. OR 7 p.m.    |
| K – 3 | Book Magic: Valentines                 | Thurs., Feb. 10, 4 p.m. OR 7 p.m. |
| 4 – 8 | STEAM Pendulum Painting                | Mon., Feb 14, 4:30 p.m.           |
| 1 – 3 | Pop-Up Makerspace                      | Thurs., Feb. 17, 3:30 p.m.        |
| 4 – 8 | Pop-Up Makerspace                      | Mon., Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m.          |



**More Children's & Tween!**



## Children's Programs

### Take & Make Crafts: Children's & Tween

Pick Up at the Circulation Desk  
While Supplies Last

Dec. 6 – Dec. 12	REINDEER CRAFT
Dec. 20 – 26	GRINCH FUN!
Dec. 27 – Jan. 2	TWEEN PAPER LANTERN
Jan. 3 – 9	COLOR YOUR OWN WINTER PUZZLE
Jan. 17 – 23	3-D LOOP SNOWMAN
Jan. 24 – 30	TWEEN WATER BEAD STRESS BALL
Jan. 31 – Feb. 6	ALL AGES CAT EARS
Feb. 7 – 14	VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFT
Feb. 21 – 28	TWEEN DUCT TAPE ZIPPER POUCH



### Building Blocks for Tots

Do you know what your 3-to 5-year-old child should know or be able to do? Pick up a Building Blocks kit for activities & hands-on tools: every Monday at the Circ. Desk, while supplies last.



### Brainy Babies

Fun & educational kits for babies & toddlers ages 0 to 2 years. Pick up at the Circ. Desk, while supplies last.

Jan. 4 – 11  
ART ICE CUBE PAINTING  
Feb. 1 – 8  
MUSIC SHAKER TUBES



## Virtual Programs

Programs are  
Pre-Recorded

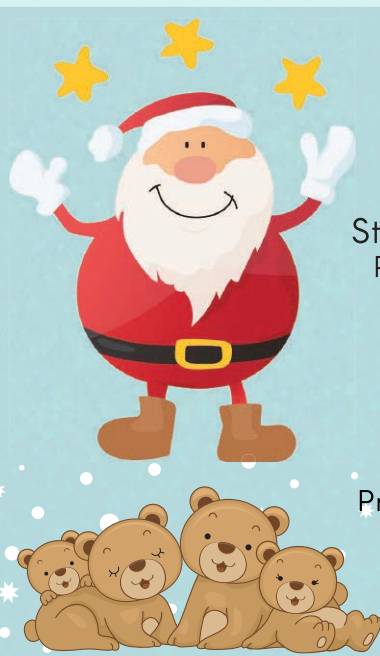
Storytime with Santa  
Premieres December 8  
Santa will read stories  
with a little help  
from Miss Kate.

Bears Storytime  
with Miss Mary Ann  
Premieres December 22

Snow Storytime  
with Miss Mary Ann  
Premieres January 19



Recorded storytimes premiere through the Woodridge Library Events Calendar or Library YouTube Channel.



## Drop-In Family Programs

Ultimate Family Game Nights  
Fri., Dec. 17, Jan. 28 & Feb. 25  
6 – 7:30 p.m.



**ULTIMATE FAMILY  
GAME NIGHT**

LEGO Free Build  
Tues, Dec. 28, 2 – 3:30 p.m.



## LIBRARY AFTER HOURS TWEEN PARTY

- AGES 9 to 12 or 4<sup>th</sup> Grade & Up
- Saturday, January 15, 2022
- 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- REGISTER

**FUN**

PIZZA

GAMES & GAMING

ACTIVITIES







## Adult & Teen Photo Contest

"Nature in Winter" Photo Contest  
February 1 – February 14

### Photo Contest Guidelines:

1. The person submitting the photo must be at least 12 years of age
2. Entries must be the work of the person submitting the photo
3. A maximum of five photos may be submitted per person
4. Submissions must be made between February 1 – 14, 2022

Winners will be notified the week of February 22nd. All photos submitted will be shared online through Woodridge Library's Flickr account.

See our website for  
Terms & Conditions

The stillness of the frozen air, glimmering ice crystals, the silhouette of tree branches covered with snow, and the quick flash of a songbird at a backyard feeder give this season its own natural beauty. We encourage everyone to bundle up, grab your camera and venture outside!

Select up to 5 of your BEST nature photos taken this winter and email them to:

[gkalinka@woodridgelibrary.org](mailto:gkalinka@woodridgelibrary.org)

Winning photos will be featured on our website and winners will receive [Amazon gift cards!](#)



Photo by Mary Jo Fedele  
Past Library Contest Winner

# 2022

## Teen Programs

### Teen Take & Make Kits

Pick Up at the Circulation Desk  
While Supplies Last



### Don't Be a Grinch Kit December 13 – 20

Don't be a grinch! Relax and get into the holiday spirit with this DIY anti-grinch kit: color, pin, tag and treat your way to happy holidays.

### Hot Chocolate Mug Cake January 10 – 16

Is it hot chocolate? Is it a cake?

Do I get a mug? **Yes!**

Dry ingredients, recipe tricks, and a delicious spoon included. Bonus: Mug Decorating Instructions & Supplies



### Create Stickers for a Phone or Laptop February 14 – 21

Design unique vinyl stickers for your laptop, Chromebook, or phone. The secret? Special vinyl sticker paper (enough to make several good-sized stickers) and laminate.



**We Love Kittens Day!**  
Sat., Feb. 5, 1 – 2 p.m.



## New Year's Resolutions

- ☐ Start buying lottery tickets at a luckier store
- ☐ Commit to wearing pajamas 24/7
- ☐ Spend less time interacting with people and MORE time interacting with my phone
- ☐ Find out what's in Pop-Tarts
- ☐ Be more patient...accomplish this as fast as possible
- ☒ Get a library card



## Adult & Teen In-Person Programs

Use the Events Calendar at [woodridgelibrary.org](http://woodridgelibrary.org) to register.  
See website for current Covid-19 protocols.

### Fabric Winter Wreath: No Sewing!

Thurs., Dec. 2, 7 p.m.

Decorate your door with a wreath you've made yourself! We'll provide the supplies for this simple but stunning craft. Register.

### Senior Cards & Games

2nd & 4th Fridays, 1 – 3 p.m.

Stop by to enjoy a game & socialize.

### Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange

Sat., Jan. 15, Noon – 3 p.m.

Please bring your gently used, complete, jigsaw puzzles, 300 pieces or more, and find "new to you" puzzles to take home and enjoy. Enter a puzzle prize drawing!

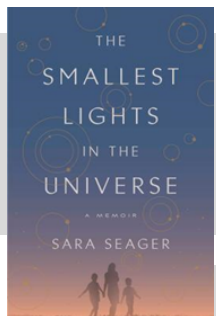


### Library Book Discussion

*Smallest Lights in the Universe*

Tues., Jan. 25, 7 p.m.

Download eBook, eAudiobook or find a print copy at the Circulation Desk one month ahead of the discussion.



### In-Person BINGO! Seniors & Adults

Tues., Feb. 8, 7 p.m.

Let's play BINGO together at the library!

Winners may get a small gift card or pick from our BINGO Prize Box.

Registration required.



### We Love Kittens Day!

Sat., Feb. 5, 1 – 2 p.m.

Cat fans of all ages: West Suburban Humane Society will bring a few kittens for you to meet and pet.



# JANUARY 17 - 31

## GIVEAWAY & PRIZE DRAWING!

TAKE HOME:  
HOT COCOA MIX  
& PEPPERMINT  
SPOON  
-IT'S OUR  
TREAT!

ENTER  
TO WIN A  
POLAR BEAR

VISIT THE LIBRARY  
TO ENTER



## Lessons Learned from the Tornado: Insurance Coverage Tips & Information

Wed., Dec. 8, 7 p.m.

Please register online or call 630-487-2581.



Join Patrice Dziire, Deputy Director of Consumer Education & Protection with the State of Illinois Department of Insurance, for an insurance overview addressing the basics of good insurance coverage and making insurance claims.

In response to the challenges faced by Woodridge following the June 2021 tornado, Deputy Director Dziire will also touch on flood insurance, tiered deductibles, and the role of insurance adjusters.

Co-sponsored by the Village of Woodridge

Attendees will receive several giveaways:  
LED Flashlight  
Document Holder  
Life Savers Candle

## In-Person Computer Classes

Register online, by phone or in person for hands-on computer classes, open to Woodridge Library cardholders ages 12 & up. 630-487-2581 or [askus@woodridgelibrary.org](mailto:askus@woodridgelibrary.org) for more information. Seats are limited.

Easy Tinkercad: Design an Ornament  
Thurs., Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m.

OR Sat., Dec. 11, 10 a.m.

Learn to create your own 3D designs with the free software Tinkercad. Sign up for a Tinkercad account before the class. You will be able to submit your design to be 3D printed at the library.



Introduction to Word

Thurs., Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Learn to create, format, save and print a document, as well as to insert pictures.

Introduction to Excel

Thurs., Jan. 6, 6:30 p.m.

OR Wed., Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m.

Learn to create, edit and format a spreadsheet, and how to create simple formulas.

Excel: Functions

Thurs., Jan. 20, 6:30 p.m.

OR Wed., Feb. 2, 10 a.m.

Learn to use several of Excel's most useful functions (including VLOOKUP).

Excel: Conditional Formatting

Thurs., Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m.

OR Wed., Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m.

Learn to make boring spreadsheets informative & visually appealing!

Use conditional formatting to format cells with color, data bars, and icons.



# Adult & Teen VIRTUAL Programs

Pre-register to receive a Zoom link to attend online.

Use the Events Calendar at [woodridgelibrary.org](http://woodridgelibrary.org) to register.



## Vintage Cookbooks: Funky Foods of the 1970s

Wed., Jan. 5, 7 p.m. [Virtual program.](#)

Nostalgia and humor are a delicious combination! Cookbook connoisseur Amy Alessio will take us back to the 1970s through the funky foods we tried and loved. Using cookbooks from that era, she'll share recipes that will bring you back to a time of bell-bottom jeans, fondue, and Jello.

*Copies of vintage recipes will be provided to the audience.*



## IN THE BELLY OF THE BEAST: KING IN CHICAGO

## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Chicago

Thurs., Jan. 13, 7 p.m. [Virtual program.](#)

Entertaining and thought-provoking, Chicago radio personality and historian Clarence Goodman presents a live, virtual program exploring Dr. King's legacy, his impact on the city and the nation, and the civil rights movement close to home.

## 2021 Tax Returns: What's New?

Wed., Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m. [Virtual program.](#)

Learn about changes and potential challenges for the 2021 returns with a local tax expert. Q & A.



## Historic Instruments of Illinois with Live Music

Thurs., Jan. 27, 7 p.m. [Virtual program.](#)

From homemade dulcimers and fiddles to mass-produced guitars, banjos, mandolins, and pianos, Illinois and Chicago are important in the creation of stringed musical instruments. Join American roots musician & folklorist Chris Vallillo as he discusses Illinois instrument building and performs period music on over a dozen historic instruments, from masterpieces to \$3. mail order gems!

*Hosted with support from the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau.*



## Stories of Social Change & Black History with Shanta

Tues., Feb. 15, 7 p.m. [Virtual program.](#)

Renowned storyteller Shanta Nurullah will give a spoken word performance highlighting times of social change, and the role of African American artists, musicians, and leaders. Shanta has performed across the U.S. and abroad, and is the recipient of the Zora Neale Hurston Award – the highest honor given by the National Association of Black Storytellers.

*Shanta welcomes adults, teens & families with school-age children.*

## The Wonders of Bird Migration

Wed., Feb. 16, 7 p.m. [Virtual program.](#)

March signals the start of spring and the arrival of migrating birds, from high-flying sandhill cranes to the tiniest hummingbirds and most colorful warblers.

John Cebula, a naturalist from the DuPage Birding Club, explores the wonders of bird migration and the species of spring migrants that will soon pass through our area while showing off their colorful plumage.



## Take & Make Crafts:

Pick Up at the Circulation Desk  
While Supplies Last

Make Your Own Coaster Set  
December 13 – 19

Make a set of four coasters to use with your favorite warm beverage or give as a gift. Instructions included & we'll have a video demonstration.



New Year's Gratitude Journal  
January 3 – January 9

Start a new habit that can help you sleep better, lower stress, and give you space to reflect. Includes starter journal, info on keeping a gratitude journal, list of prompts, and fun extras.



Cat Ears!

January 31 – February 6

Craft the purrfect accessory for CAT-A-Palooza!

Available at the Circulation Desk or pick one up during "We Love Kittens Day."



There's Gnome One Like You  
Framed Collage  
February 7 – 13

Personalize a trendy gnome decoration. Includes color printouts & patterns, 8 x 10" frame, gnomes & sayings: I love my gnomies, A love like gnome other.





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### WOODRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### From the Director



The impact of the tornado that struck Woodridge this past summer is still being felt. Once the immediate emergency was over and the cleanup and rebuilding began, those who suffered property damage started the time consuming and often frustrating process of filing an insurance claim. One of the lessons we've learned in the aftermath of the tornado was that

people needed practical, common sense information on this topic. Knowing how to choose the appropriate insurance coverage and understanding the ins and outs of filing a claim can make a significant financial difference when disaster strikes.

The Woodridge Public Library and the Village of Woodridge are collaborating to provide a program to help people become better informed about insurance.

Patrice Dziire, the Deputy Director of Consumer Education and Protection at the Illinois Department of Insurance, will present "**Lessons Learned from**

**the Tornado: Insurance Coverage Tips and Information**" on Wednesday, December 8 at 7 p.m. at the Woodridge Public Library.

In addition to getting valuable information, as well as a chance to ask questions, we will be providing free to all attendees some swag that is both practical and attractive. Everyone will receive a **Life Savers candle** (choose from four Life Savers flavors – cherry, pineapple, watermelon or raspberry). You will also receive a limited edition **LED Flashlight** with the Woodridge Library logo, and a free **Document Holder** with the Village of Woodridge logo. We hope you attend this valuable program.

—Pam Dubé

#### Woodridge Public Library

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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.

#### Library Closures

Closed: November 25, Thanksgiving Day  
Late Opening: 1 p.m. December 10  
Closed: December 24, Christmas Eve  
Closed: December 25, Christmas Day  
Closing Early: 5 p.m. December 31  
Closed: January 1, New Year's Day

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#### Programming Accessibility

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**Notice:** attending programs constitutes consent to be photographed/videotaped for library purposes.

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#### Our Vision

We aspire to foster curiosity and delight.

#### Insurance Program Giveaways



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