WINTER FUN at the Woodridge Public Library

NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY
DEC 31

GRINCH FEST!
DEC 13 - 20

BLACK HISTORY MONTH SUPERHERO WEEK
FEB 14 - 20

CAT-A-PALOOZA!
FEB 5
WE LOVE KITTENS DAY
MEET PETE-THE-CAT
FEB 21 & 24

WINTER CRAFTS
DEC & JANUARY

PLUS STORYTIMES, VIRTUAL PROGRAMS...DETAILS INSIDE
Children’s Programs
Registration for winter programs is now open. Use the Events Calendar at 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.

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Wed., Dec. 15, Noon – 1 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 16, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
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Countdown to Noon!
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

WE LOVE KITTENS DAY!

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

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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

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 4th Grade & Up
• Saturday, January 15, 2022
• 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
• REGISTER
PIZZA  GAMES & GAMING  ACTIVITIES
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 Photo Contest

“Nature in Winter” Photo Contest
February 1 – February 14

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

Winning photos will be featured on our website and winners will receive Amazon gift cards!

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

Teen Program

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.

In-Person: Practice SAT Test
Sat., Feb. 18, Noon – 4 p.m. Register. Take a practice test in a simulated testing environment, proctored by a library staff member; teens score their own test.
Adult & Teen In-Person Programs

Use the Events Calendar at woodridgelibrary.org to register. See website for current Covid-19 protocols.

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 Dzire, 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 June2021 tornado, Deputy Director Dzire 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

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.

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 asks@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.

JANUARY 17 – 31
GIVEAWAY & PRIZE DRAWING!

ENTER TO WIN A POLAR BEAR

TAKE HOME: HOT COCOA MIX & PEPPERMINT SPOON – IT’S OUR TREAT!

VISIT THE LIBRARY TO ENTER

In-person programs continue through January 31! Keep an eye out for announcements of new events!
Adult & Teen VIRTUAL Programs

Pre-register to receive a Zoom link to attend online.
Use the Events Calendar at 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.

**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.

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**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.
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