



# Connection

The Cabell County Library Connection

Winter 2019–2020

Lets  
Get  
Spicy!

# The Director's Column

## The Friends Script

### You Are Important!

You are certainly important to your family and friends. That goes without saying. But you are also important to your library family, which includes the Friends of the Cabell County Public Library. The Friends need your friendship in return, and we also need your membership.

I've shared with you in the past, writing in this very column, about why the Friends exist, why we do what we do and, most importantly, where our funding comes from. Book sales generate a lot of the money that the Friends use to help the Cabell County Public Library do all that it does. And yes, the Friends receive donations from the public too. The most important source of income, however, comes from folks like you and your membership in the Friends. We need members! The Friends Board are members, the Book Sale volunteers are members, and most of the donations we receive come from members.

If you haven't already received your Friends membership renewal form in the mail, you soon will. Please renew your membership! After all, the minimum dues are only \$5.00. Of course, if you want to increase the level of your giving, there are all sorts of levels of membership, just pick the level or amount you are most comfortable with. Regardless of your level of membership, be it \$5.00 or \$100.00, please take a minute and renew your Friends membership.

And make sure that others in your family, and your friends are Friends too. Encourage them to join the Friends, if they haven't already. Please don't forget, we are always looking for new memberships. You can, of course, always renew or join by visiting your local library.

Happy Holidays from your Friends! And don't forget, a Friends membership makes a great stocking stuffer or last-minute gift.



Bill Patton, President  
Friends of the Cabell County Public Library

I am so excited that the Barboursville Library construction project is out for bid. The bids are due in early December and we hope to have the Library Board accept the winning bid at its regular meeting on December 17, 2019. We do have naming opportunities for the construction, so if you or someone you know might be interested in having a room or area named in their honor, please have them contact me or let me know and I will contact them. The new estimates on the building, furnishings, and other costs total approximately \$5.2 million. At present we have raised about \$2 million so we have some way to go. We can use all your help!!

The West Huntington Library has been painted on the inside and looks so much brighter and cleaner. We are in the process of having new carpet and resilient tile flooring installed. The other branches in Huntington (Gallagher Village and Guyandotte) are both in need of the same attention, but we will have to wait until we have funding for those projects. I am hoping to use some of the income from our Endowment Fund to pay for the improvements at West. Also, we have received donations from a lady interested in improving the West Huntington branch and her donations have partially paid for these improvements.

We have several important and new programs coming to the Library this winter. We have a major display and programming for children that is coming from ALA and the FINRA Foundation called "Thinking Money for Kids". We also are trying a new adult ballet class that will be held at the Main Library on Mondays at 7:00 P.M. The yoga class is long standing and one of our employees thought there might be interest in ballet and it seems there is since the class is full at this time! Our annual Gala event is on March 28 and we will be visiting India this year. We will be having a silent auction and music and dancing following the dinner this year. The last thing I will mention is Happy 35<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the Guyandotte Library building!

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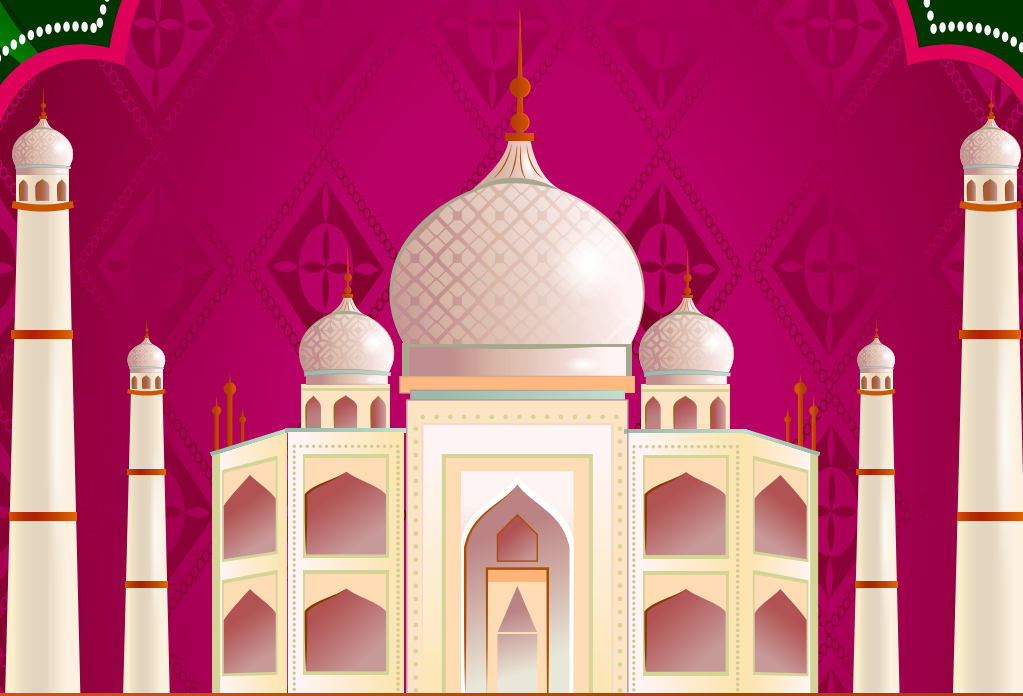
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Gala India 20



The Cabell County Public Library Invites  
you to join us as we discover

India

Our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Library Gala

Saturday, March 28, 2020

Reception – 6:00 P.M.; Dinner – 7:00 P.M.

Don Morris Room, Marshall University Student Center

# The Main Branch

## Adult Programs

### Prepping for Exam Season Workshop

Thursday, Dec. 5, 5:00 P.M.

What if you could enjoy fun student activities like staying up late studying and hanging out with friends, and still feel rested and focused enough to succeed in all the student must-dos like tests, projects, and more? This workshop will focus on how you, as a student, can give your body all the support it needs to feel less stressed, more focused, healthier, and happier as you hit the books and prepare to step into success so you can enjoy everything about being a student. This workshop is presented by Gwen Reed, Young Living Executive Distributor. You can register for this class by visiting: <https://getoiling.com/GwenReed/events/5212/prepping-for-exam-season> or by calling the library at 304-528-5700.

### Christmas Choir

Friday, Dec. 13, 10:00 A.M.

As one of our Holiday Season's traditions, CCPL will host Martha Elementary School Choir and The Village of Barboursville Elementary School Choir performing Christmas and holiday songs. Please join us and enjoy their amazing performance at the main library!

### CBD Oil Workshop

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6:00 P.M.

In this workshop we will cover the history of CBD, the science behind its effectiveness, the types of CBD on the market, CBD and drug tests, and the benefits of using CBD infused with essential oils. This workshop is presented by Gwen Reed, Young Living Executive Distributor and Janet Wolcott, pharmacist and life coach. You can register for this class and obtain your free copy of the CBD Reference guide by visiting: <https://getoiling.com/GwenReed/events/5211/unwrapping-cbd-oil-workshop> and you can learn more about Janet Wolcott by visiting: <https://www.embrace-life-coaching.com/home>

### Black History Month

Throughout February.

CCPL is planning some wonderful programs and displays for Black History Month.



## Spicey Pumpkin Soup

### Ingredients

6 medium carrots, shredded	2 teaspoons dried thyme
1 large sweet onion, finely chopped	1 teaspoon salt
2 celery ribs, finely chopped	1 teaspoon brown sugar
3 tablespoons butter	1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 medium apple, peeled and shredded	1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
5 garlic cloves, minced	1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1 can (29 ounces) solid-pack pumpkin	1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 can (14-1/2 ounces) chicken broth	2 cups 2% milk
1/4 cup minced fresh parsley	1 cup heavy whipping cream
	Salted pumpkin seeds or pepitas

### Directions

In a Dutch oven, saute the carrots, onion and celery in butter for 4 minutes. Add apple and garlic; cook 2 minutes longer or until vegetables are tender. Stir in the pumpkin, broth, parsley and seasonings. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Add milk and cream. Cool slightly. In a blender, process soup in batches until smooth. Return all to pan and heat through. Garnish servings with pumpkin seeds.

**Nutrition Facts:** 1 cup - 208 calories, 14g fat (8g saturated fat), 46mg cholesterol, 511mg sodium, 19g carbohydrate (11g sugars, 6g fiber), 5g protein.

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## Friends of the Library Book Sale

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7 and 8, 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Visit the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Book Sale Area for an extensive array of hidden gems, new discoveries, and old favorites all at unbeatable prices.

## Adult Ballet Class

Mondays, 7:00 P.M.

This beginners ballet class will teach technique, movement, traditions, and vocabulary. The event is free but we accept any donations for the library. Please wear workout attire, fitted is best but t-shirts and sweatpants will be fine. Soft technique slippers are a plus but are not required; fitted socks will do just as well.

## Yoga

Tuesdays, 5:15 P.M.

Balance your body and mind! Bring your mat or use one of ours. This program is free but donations are welcome.

## Adult Painting Class

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 5:30 P.M.

This class is for beginning to intermediate painters. For more information, call instructor Joanne Maynard at 304-525-4102.

## Adult Crafts

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 4:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Make and take an adult craft.

- Dec. 19 – Ornament craft
- Jan. 16 – Adult coloring
- Feb. 21 – Mardi Gras craft

## Movie Day

Last Saturday of each month, 2:00 P.M. Join us for a free movie and popcorn!

- Dec 28 – *Gremlins* (1982), PG
- Jan 25 – *Aladdin* (2019), PG
- Feb 29 – *Alice's Ordinary People* (2012), PG

## Math Tutor

Sundays, 1:30 – 4:30 P.M.

Our math instructor is here to help you with any math problem you might have. All ages are accepted. No appointment necessary but scheduling is encouraged. Teaching sessions held on the second floor, Reference Department.

## Tech Tips

Call the Reference Dept. to schedule an appointment for a one-on-one computer training session for 30 – 45 minutes. We can help you with Internet, email, Microsoft Office, eReaders or any type of tech assistance. Call 304-528 5700, or email [href@cabell.lib.wv.us](mailto:href@cabell.lib.wv.us).

## Libraries Lead with Digital Skills!

We applied, and we won! Cabell County is thrilled to announce that we have been selected by the American Library Association and the Public Library Association to empower our small business owners who are looking to increase their online presence. Join us for a free workshop about getting your business online. More information will be posted on our website closer to the event, [cabell.lib.wv.us](http://cabell.lib.wv.us)



## Enhance Your Professional Skills

There's always new skills and knowledge to gain in the professional world – even for veteran workers! We have free subscriptions to learning sites like Knowledge City, Gale Courses, Mango Language, and free tutoring programs are available at the Library.

### 100 Recipes for Homemade Bread

Prep: 20 min. Bake: 50 min. + cooling. Makes: 1 loaf (12 slices)

#### INGREDIENTS

2/3 cup packed brown sugar  
1/3 cup 2% milk  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves  
2 large eggs  
1/2 cup honey  
1/3 cup canola oil

#### GLAZE

1/3 cup confectioners' sugar  
2 teaspoons 2% milk

Nutrition Facts: 1 slice: 187 calories, 6g fat (1g saturated fat), 27mg cholesterol, 53mg sodium, 33g carbohydrate (20g sugars, 1g fiber), 3g protein. Diabetic Exchanges: 2 starch, 1 fat.

#### DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 325°. In a small saucepan, combine brown sugar and milk. Cook and stir over low heat until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat.

In a large bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. In another bowl, whisk eggs, honey, oil and brown sugar mixture until blended. Add to flour mixture; stir just until moistened.

Transfer to a greased 8x4-in. loaf pan. Bake 50 – 60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean (cover top loosely with foil if needed to prevent overbrowning).

Cool in pan 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely. In a small bowl, stir glaze ingredients until smooth; drizzle over bread.

Freeze option: Securely wrap and freeze cooled loaf in plastic wrap and foil. To use, thaw at room temperature. Glaze as directed.

# Youth Services

## Programs and Events



### Thinking Money for Kids

December & January, various times.

Join us in December and January to explore a Thinking Money Traveling Exhibit, courtesy of the American Library Association and the FINRA Foundation. Please follow our website and social media accounts for exhibit updates and program additions.

- Monday, Dec. 16, 4:30 P.M. Ribbon Cutting and Kick-Off Party. Join us as we open the exhibit to the public! There will be tons of educational fun including a tour of the exhibit, a special guest speaker, and more.
- Math Mondays, 6:00 P.M. Have fun while learning about a different math topic. There will be stories, crafts, art, and more! Open to all ages of children.
- Thinking Money Toddler Story Hour, Wednesday, Dec. 18, 10:30 A.M.
- Piggy Bank Party, Friday, Jan. 3 11:00 A.M.
- Grocery Store Toddler Story Hour, Wednesday, Jan. 8, 10:30 A.M. Learn all about budgeting and buying things at the grocery store.
- Financial Math Skills, Saturday, Jan. 11, 3:00 P.M. Meet with an MU education student teacher and discuss life skills topics for tweens and teens. Topics might include balancing a checkbook, budgeting, credit card usage, etc.
- SMART529, Wednesday, Jan. 15, 10:30 A.M. Get prepared for college! Join us and hear from a SMART529 representative and learn all about West Virginia's Education Savings Solutions program.
- Money Management for Teens and Adults: Join MU Department of Finance Staff and learn all about saving, planning for the future, and retirement. There will also be financial advisors present to answer questions. Date TBD. Program will take place in January 2020.

If you are an educator, daycare provider, or homeschool parent and would like to schedule a visit to explore the exhibit with your classroom, please contact Youth Services at 304-528-5700.

*Thinking Money for Kids* was developed by the American Library Association Public Programs Office in collaboration with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, whose support made this exhibition possible.

### Bath Bomb Bonanza

Friday, Dec. 13, 4:30 P.M.

Fizz, Crackle, Relax! Learn to make bath bombs in this educational and exciting program for tweens and teens! You will get to make and take your own creation.

### Teen Book Club

Thursday, Dec. 19, 4:30 P.M., The Inner Geek at Pullman Square.

Join us for a teen book club. We will read a new book every month and meet at places in the community. December's book is *Amber & Dusk* by Lyra Selene. January and February books, locations, and dates will be announced after the December meeting.

### New Year's Celebration

Friday, Dec. 27, 4:00 P.M.

Happy New Year! Celebrate the end of 2019 with a fun craft!

### Mario Kart Tournament

Friday, Jan. 3, 3:00 P.M.

Who will take the title of Mario Kart Champion?

### Black History Month

Throughout February.

Celebrate Black History Month by checking out one of our books on display.

### Children's Authors and Illustrators Week

Monday, Feb. 3 – Friday, Feb 7, during library hours.

Celebrate all of the beloved children's authors and illustrators by checking out one of our many titles today! We will have a book display showcasing some of our favorites all week long.

### Crafts for Kids

Join us for a seasonal craft. Dec.5, Jan. 23, and Feb. 13 at 3:30 P.M.

### Art Frenzy

First Monday of each month, 4:00 P.M.

Tweens and Teens! Join us as we explore different art techniques.

### Math Monday Night Fun

Mondays, 6:00 P.M.

Join us for an evening of excitement that could include crafts, stories, technology, Legos, movies, and more! Topics for our December – February programs will relate to math and the traveling Thinking Money for Kids Exhibit on display on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

### Homework Help Center

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Free homework help. Please contact Breana at 304-528-5700 if you have interest in volunteering in our Homework Help Center. Closed December 10<sup>th</sup> – January 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Toddler Time

Wednesdays, 10:30 A.M.

Hear stories, sing songs, create crafts, and have much more fun! This program is for children ages birth – 7.

### Special Seasonal Story Hours

- December 18 – Holiday theme
- January 15 – Snow theme
- February 12 – Valentine's Day theme



## Makerspace Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 4:30 P.M.

Check out our new mobile Makerspace courtesy of our Friends of the Library! We will explore Legos, robotics, coding, engineering, and more! Ages vary by program.

## Family Fun Fridays

Fridays, 4:00 P.M.

Join us for all kinds of family fun that could include crafts, stories, technology, Legos, movies, and more!

## Read to a Dog

Children read to therapy dogs in this highly effective reading program. Registration required. Please call 304-528-5700 to register.

## Read Your Fines Off

Children ages 0 – 17 can read their fines off at any Cabell County Public Library (1 hr= \$5.00).

## ATTENTION

Do you have a certified therapy dog? If so, the library is looking for dedicated volunteers and their dogs to read with children. Please call Breana at 304-528-5700 for more information.

## DAYCARES AND PRESCHOOLS

call today to schedule a library story hour visit!

## TEACHERS

Call us if you would like for our Youth Services team to visit your classroom and provide a story hour or talk about our available resources.

## TEENGO

Join us for Teen Bingo! Stop by the youth services floor to pick up a bingo card, and play for a chance to win a prize. Complete a square, get a stamp from librarian, and earn a raffle ticket. Get 5 extra tickets for completing a board.

## “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten”

Bring your child in to one of our libraries today and sign up for our “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” program. Children will win incentives for every 100 books that they read with their caregiver with the goal to read 1,000 books before they begin school. Ages birth- 5. In collaboration with the Western Counties Regional Library System, Facing Hunger Food Bank, Cabell County Schools, and the West Virginia Department of Education. Made possible by the WV Leaders of Literacy: Campaign for Grade Level Reading Partner Grant.



# Holiday Express

Friday, Dec. 6, 4:00 P.M.

Stop by the Youth Services Department for a quick holiday craft and story. Santa will also make an appearance, so make sure you bring your camera or phone for pictures!



# Our Branches

## Programming and Events

### Barboursville (304) 736-4621

- A Christmas Movie: Thursday, Dec. 12, 4:00 P.M. Join us for the showing of a favorite Christmas movie. Call the library for information on the title, or visit our Facebook page.
- Christmas Ornament Craft: Tuesday, Dec. 17, 4:00 P.M. A make and take craft session for that new and delightful Christmas ornament.
- A Winter Movie: Thursday, Jan. 23, 4:00 P.M. Join us for a showing of a winter themed movie.
- Valentine Craft: Thursday, Feb. 6, 4:00 P.M. A make and take craft session aimed at producing that special Valentine for that special someone!
- Valentine's Day Movie: Thursday, Feb. 13, 4:00 P.M. Join us for a showing of a romantic movie to celebrate Valentine's Day.
- Coding Club: Tuesday Dec. 3 and 10, January 14, and then every Tuesday beginning in February, 4:00 P.M. An introduction to coding for children.
- Story Hour: Wednesdays, 10:30 A.M. (Please note, the library will be closed on Wednesday, December 25.)
- Mystery Book Club: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month (except for January when the book club will meet on the 8<sup>th</sup>), 2:00 P.M. A book club dedicated to discussing mysteries.
- Wellie Wisher Book Club: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Bring your dolls.

### Cox Landing (304) 733-3022

- Christmas Slime: Friday, Dec. 6, 5:00 P.M. Come make holiday slime with us!
- Annual Christmas Party: Friday, Dec. 13, 5:00 P.M. Christmas party sponsored by the Lesage Lions Club.
- *The Grinch*: Friday, Dec. 20, 5:00 P.M. Enjoy the holiday classic movie *The Grinch*. Snacks available
- Fort Building: Friday, Jan. 3, 2:00 P.M. Come out and help us build a fort!
- Me Time!!!: Monday, Jan. 20, 5:30 P.M. A little DIY spa essentials just for you!
- Cloud Dough/Moon Sand: Friday, Feb. 7, 5:00 P.M. Let's make our own moon sand.
- Mugs and Ink: Monday, Feb. 24, 5:30 P.M. We are going to personalize our mugs with sharpies.
- Story Hour: Mondays, 10:00 A.M.
- Scrapbooking/Card/Stamping Workshop: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, 12:00 – 2:00 P.M. Please bring your own scissors and acid-free glue.
- Stamp for Charity: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 12:00 – 2:00 P.M. Card making for charities.
- Adult Inspirational Book Club: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 10:00 A.M.

### Gallagher Village (304) 528-5696

- Christmas Photos on a Green Screen: Tuesday, Dec. 10, 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. Join us for hot cocoa, cookies, and a chance to make the library your own Sears portrait studio! All pictures will be electronically delivered by text or email.
- Genealogy: Tuesdays, 10:00 A.M. Research tips and guidance for building your family tree!
- Pen to Paper: Tuesdays, 4:00 – 5:00 P.M. Creative writing and art for children.
- Walnut Hills Action Team: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6:30 P.M. Neighborhood meeting for exchanging information and concerns.
- Coding Club: Wednesdays, 4:00 P.M., starting in February. Are your children interested in computers and how they work? Join us for a new weekly afterschool club!
- Story Time: Thursdays, 10:00 A.M. Stories, crafts, and snacks for preschoolers.
- Speaking of Books: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, 1:00 P.M. Adult book group discussion. Call the library for selections.
- Needles & Pins: Fridays, 1:00 P.M. Knit or crochet projects for local charities. Any skill level is welcome. Materials are provided, but you are welcome to bring your own.
- Teen Book Club: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 4:00 P.M.
- Adult Crafts: 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, 4:30 P.M. Learn to make bath bombs, soap, and whatever else is trending on Pinterest. Call ahead for each month's theme!
- Saturday Matinee: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, 10:30 A.M. Join us for popcorn, crafts, and a family friendly movie.
- Librarians & Labyrinths: Saturdays, 1:00 – 3:30 P.M. Join us for kid-friendly Dungeons & Dragons! All ages welcome.

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9:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M. Monday, Wednesday,  
Friday  
9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, Thursday  
9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Saturday

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9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Saturday



## Guyandotte (304) 528-5698

- Polar Express Pajama Movie Night: Tuesday, Dec. 3, 5:00 P.M. Join us in your pjs for hot cocoa and *The Polar Express*. All ages welcome.
- Green Screen Christmas Cards: Friday, Dec. 6, 4:00 – 5:00 P.M. Librarians will take your picture on one of several unique holiday backgrounds! We'll email you the pictures to print at a local retailer.
- Friendship Bracelets: Tuesday, Dec. 10, 5:00 P.M. Are you looking to make a unique holiday gift? Learn how to make friendship bracelets with us!
- Sisterhood of the Traveling Pounds Open House: Saturday, Jan. 4, 11:00 A.M. Try joining the Sisterhood of the Traveling Pounds, a long-standing weight-loss support group that meets at our library. Men and women welcome to join!
- Mug Cake & Hot Cocoa: Tuesday, Jan. 14, 5:00 – 6:00 P.M. Make an easy mug cake with us and enjoy some hot cocoa.
- Valentine's Day Open House: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 5:00 – 6:00 P.M. We will have all the supplies you need to make a Valentine card! Snacks provided.
- The Dotte Coms Coding Club! Call the library for meeting dates. Using the Girls Who Code curriculum, we will learn to code together! Girls and boys welcome, open to grades 3 – 5.
- Movie Night: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, January and February, 5:00 P.M. Join us for popcorn and a family friendly movie!
- Shameless Book Club: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6:00 P.M. A steamy romance book club for adult readers only.
- Mother Goose on the Loose Story Time: Wednesdays, 10:30 A.M. Join us for stories, activities, and snacks! Children from birth to 5 years are welcome to attend with their favorite adult.

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9:00 A.M.–5:15 P.M. Saturday

## Milton (304) 743-6711

- Holiday Wreath Class: Tuesday, Dec. 10, 5:30 – 7:00 P.M. Bring your wreath making items and our "artist in residence", David Cantrell, will assist you in making a beautiful arrangement for your holiday decorations. Seating is limited, so call to reserve your spot.
- A Very Grinchy Christmas: Wednesday, Dec. 11, 3:30 – 5:30 P.M. Join us for a fun time with children of all ages with stories, treats and a Grinchy movie!
- Game Changers: Coding Unplugged: Friday, Dec. 13, 3:30 P.M. Children ages 8 – 14 are welcome to join us as we celebrate National Youth Science Day with unplugged coding games and...beach balls!
- Law Enforcement Appreciation Week: Monday, Jan. 6 – Friday, Jan. 10 during library hours. We will be creating many ways to express our gratitude for the outstanding efforts of our local law enforcement officers, so check out our Facebook page for the dates and times.
- Winnie the Pooh Celebration: Wednesday, Jan. 22, 3:30 – 4:30 P.M. An afterschool story hour and craft celebrating Winnie the Pooh. Come in and share in some "silly old bear" fun!
- Not-so-Grimm Fairy Tales: Wednesday, Feb. 26, 3:30 – 5:00 P.M. Listen to a fairy tale, then create and illustrate your own fairy tale using our special magic dust and pixie glitter! (All ages welcome.)
- Adult Book Tea: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.
- Mother Goose on the Loose Story Hour: Tuesdays, 10:00 A.M.
- Knotty Knitsters: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. and 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.
- Story Hour: Wednesdays, 10:00 A.M.
- Teen Comics Club: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, 3:30 P.M. Come to read, discuss, celebrate, and create comics. Teens 13 – 18 are encouraged to participate, whether you're a Marvel fanatic or a Manga devotee.

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Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
9:00 A.M.–7:00 P.M. Tuesday

# Happy Birthday Guyandotte Library!

Friday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>  
During Library Hours

Guyandotte Library's  
Richmond Street  
location turns 35 years old  
this December! Join us  
anytime during operating  
hours on the 20<sup>th</sup> for cake  
and a trip down  
memory lane.

# Melasses Spice Cookies

Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 15 minutes Yield: Makes 18 large cookies

## INGREDIENTS

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons of baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon of salt  
1 teaspoon ground ginger  
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice  
3/4 teaspoon ground cloves  
3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened  
1/2 cup dark brown sugar, packed  
1/2 cup sugar, plus 1/3 cup for rolling cookies  
1 large egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/3 cup molasses

## METHOD

1. Whisk together flour, baking soda, spices: Preheat oven to 375°F. Vigorously whisk together the flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, ginger, cloves, allspice in a bowl and set aside.
2. Prepare butter, sugar, and wet ingredients: Use an electric mixer and beat the butter for 2 minutes. Add the brown sugar, and 1/2 cup granulated sugar and beat until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes with mixer set at medium speed. Add egg, vanilla extract, and molasses. Beat until combined, about 30 seconds. Scrape down sides of bowl with a rubber spatula.
3. Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients: Add dry ingredients and beat at low speed until just combined, about 30 seconds.
4. Make dough balls, roll them in sugar: Place remaining 1/3 cup of granulated sugar in a shallow bowl. Working with 2 Tbsp of dough each time, roll dough into 1 3/4 inch balls. Roll balls in sugar and place on un-greased cookie sheets, spacing them 1 1/2 to 2 inches apart.
5. Bake at 375°F until the outer edges of the cookies begin to set and centers are soft and puffy, about 11 to 13 minutes. Cool cookies on sheets for 2 to 3 minutes before transferring them to cooling racks.

Do not overcook! The centers of the cookies should be somewhat soft and spongy when you take them out of the oven, otherwise they will end up hard and dry.

## OPTIONAL GLAZE

When cookies have cooled, lay out over a sheet of wax paper. Sift 1 1/4 cups of confectioner's sugar (powdered sugar) and then whisk with 2 Tbsp of milk until smooth. Dip spoon into glaze and dribble over cookies.



[https://www.simplyrecipes.com/recipes/molasses\\_spice\\_cookies/](https://www.simplyrecipes.com/recipes/molasses_spice_cookies/)

# Our Branches

## Programming and Events

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- DIY Candy Cane Wreath: Friday, Dec. 6, 11:00 A.M. Make and take candy cane wreath. Refreshments will be served. Call the library to register at 304-733-2186.
- Journaling Workshop: January, date and time t.b.a. Taught by Pat Porter and based on her experiences in journaling, she will help you choose and focus on one inspiring word for the coming year in your journaling adventure. Call to register at 304-733-2186.
- Amy's Scrapbooking Party: Friday, Jan. 24 and Friday, Feb. 21, during library hours. Preserve your memories with family and friends. We'll supply basic materials. Call to register at 304-733-2186.
- Art Class for Homeschoolers: Monday, Jan. 27, 11:30 A.M. Free art class lead by local artist, Tracy Vickers. For ages 5 – 17. Wear old clothing. Call to register at 304-733-2186.
- After School Family Movie: Tuesday, Feb. 4, 3:00 P.M. Debbie Hon and Amy Thompson will host an afternoon movie, snack, and craft.
- Art Club: Mondays, 10:00 A.M.
- Story Time: Tuesdays, 10:30 A.M.
- ReFit Exercise (beginning in January): Tuesdays, 6:00 P.M.
- Stitch in the Ditch: Thursdays, 10:00 A.M. Quilting/sewing group
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly: Thursdays, 4:00 P.M. Weight loss/nutrition support.
- Indian Rock Garden Club: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, 6:00 P.M.
- Book Club: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, 11:00 A.M.
- Salt Rock Yarn Arts: Fridays, 10:30 A.M. Knitting/crochet group.
- Box Tops for Education labels for Salt Rock Elementary and Barboursville Middle School.
- Drop off nonperishable food items for the Indian Cupboard Food Pantry at SRES.
- Cicada Story Time: Saturday, Dec. 14, 10:00 A.M. Join Ms. Lisa for a Christmas story time with a craft and seasonal snacks. Call the library for Jan & Feb times.
- Rhyming 'Tines: Saturday, Feb. 8, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Make your own Valentine trivet for your special loved one! All supplies provided.
- Featured Book of the Month: During Library hours. Each month we feature a book that has been made into a movie that is showing that month. For each book you check out, you get a chance for a free movie pass to Pullman Square Cinemas.
- Scrabble for Everyone: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, 5:00 P.M. Sharpen your word skills while having a lot of fun with family members (or others) here to challenge you to a game of wits!
- Paranormal Madness Book Club: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 5:30 – 6:30 P.M. Lively book discussions with light snacks provided. Call us to see what books are featured for next 3 months.
- Disney Live Action Saturdays: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, 10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Join us to watch a Disney movie that has live characters and animals portrayed, then check out a book about the movie. Your snacks & drinks are welcome. All children must be attended by an adult.
- Young Guns Chess Club: Date and time t.b.a., call the Library for details. All children elementary age and up are invited to this beginning chess club. Join us for a great challenge and lots of fun!
- Tech Made Simple: by appointment. Call us to schedule a time to learn a new skill or help answer your questions about Facebook, email, online job applications, & accessing the Library's digital collection.

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# A Taste of India

## CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA

Butter Chicken is creamy and easy to make right at home in one pan with simple ingredients! Full of incredible flavours, it rivals any Indian restaurant! Aromatic golden chicken pieces in an incredible creamy curry sauce, this Butter Chicken recipe is one of the best you will try!

PREP: 15 MINS; COOK: 30 MINS; TOTAL: 45 MINS; SERVES: 5 - 6 PEOPLE

### INGREDIENTS

For the chicken marinade:

- 28 oz boneless and skinless chicken thighs or breasts cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1/2 cup plain yogurt
- 1 1/2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon minced ginger (or finely grated)
- 2 teaspoons garam masala
- 1 teaspoon turmeric
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon red chili powder
- 1 teaspoon of salt

### FOR THE SAUCE:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons ghee (or 1 tbs butter + 1 tbs oil)
- 1 large onion, sliced or chopped
- 1 1/2 tablespoons garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon ginger, minced or finely grated
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garam masala
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 14 oz crushed tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon red chili powder (adjust to your taste preference)
- 1 1/4 teaspoons salt (or to taste)
- 1 cup of heavy or thickened cream (or evaporated milk to save calories)
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon kasoori methi (or dried fenugreek leaves)

### INSTRUCTIONS

In a bowl, combine chicken with all of the ingredients for the chicken marinade; let marinate for 30 minutes to an hour (or overnight if time allows). Heat oil in a large skillet or pot over medium-high heat. When sizzling, add chicken pieces in batches of two or three, making sure not to crowd the pan. Fry until browned for only 3 minutes on each side. Set aside and keep warm. (You will finish cooking the chicken in the sauce.) Heat butter or ghee in the same pan. Fry the onions until they start to sweat (about 6 minutes) while scraping up any browned bits stuck on the bottom of the pan. Add garlic and ginger and sauté for 1 minute until fragrant, then add ground coriander, cumin and garam masala. Let cook for about 20 seconds until fragrant, while stirring occasionally. Add crushed tomatoes, chili powder and salt. Let simmer for about 10-15 minutes, stirring occasionally until sauce thickens and becomes a deep brown red colour. Remove from heat, scoop mixture into a blender and blend until smooth. You may need to add a couple tablespoons of water to help it blend (up to 1/4 cup). Work in batches depending on the size of your blender. Pour the puréed sauce back into the pan. Stir the cream, sugar and crushed kasoori methi (or fenugreek leaves) through the sauce. Add the chicken with juices back into the pan and cook for an additional 8 – 10 minutes until chicken is cooked through and the sauce is thick and bubbling. Garnish with chopped cilantro and serve with fresh, hot basmati rice.

**OPTIONAL:** To thin out the sauce, add a couple tablespoons of ghee or butter at the end of cooking, and gently simmer it through. Alternatively, add a small amount of water.

### NUTRITION

Calories: 580kcal | Carbohydrates: 17g | Protein: 36g | Fat: 41g | Saturated Fat: 19g | Cholesterol: 250mg | Sodium: 1601mg | Potassium: 973mg | Fiber: 3g | Sugar: 8g | Vitamin A: 1895IU | Vitamin C: 19.5mg | Calcium: 171mg | Iron: 4.1mg

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