

# CABELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY CONNECTION

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WINTER 2023-2024

# A Note From Our Director

Hello! I have been told that the theme of this newsletter is going to be about serving our community. While I could go on and on about all of the wonderful things that the library does for our community, I would like to instead take a moment of your time to talk about how our community has come together to serve the library in a time of need and uncertainty. On behalf of the Cabell County Public Library, our Board of Trustees, and our staff, we would like to say thank you to everyone who has supported us, in any capacity, throughout these past few months. This has been one of the most trying times in our history. We are getting through it because of you. You have rallied for us, raised money for us, called and sent letters on our behalf, contacted various news outlets, attended meetings and programs, utilized our resources, and so much more in support of the public library. In all of the chaos, your kind gestures made us smile. From the bottom of my heart, thank you. We would also like to thank Marc Williams, Tom Hancock, and the other attorneys and staff of Nelson, Mullins, Riley, & Scarborough LLP as well as Dennis Taylor of Taylor, Conway, and Price PLLC for taking on our case pro bono. Their support and dedication to the library and our community is truly inspiring. To our staff, who have continued to serve the public despite the chaotic situation that has been going on, thank you. Our employees have kept the ship moving these past few months, and they deserve all the praise in the world. Lastly, to the Greater Huntington Parks and Recreation District employees and Commissioners, thank you for standing next to us throughout all of this. While we wish neither agency had to go through this ordeal, we must admit that it has been nice not being alone during this difficult time. There is the potential of an appeal in this case. No matter the situation, we ask for your continued support moving forward. It is our hope that our nationally award-winning library system will be able to serve our amazing community for many years to come, and we need your help to make sure that happens. It is up to you to decide what you want in your community. Thank you for your continued advocacy on behalf of the library.

If you would like more information about this situation, I encourage you to read Friends of the Library President James E. Casto's column in this newsletter. Mr. Casto will shine a small light on what has been unfolding this year in our community. As always, we will do our best to keep you informed as this situation progresses.

*Breana Bowen*

Breana Bowen, Director  
Cabell County Public Library

## A Night to Remember!

The Library Gala was an evening filled with fabulous food and loads of fun. We would like to thank our wonderful sponsors and contributors who helped us bring this night together.



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# The Library in the Community

Read Across the River Cities was a huge success!



Current librarians, retired librarians, and former librarians from the Cabell County Public Library were part of the more than 350 volunteers who read to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in six counties. Thank you United Way of the River Cities for inviting us and for everything you do for our community.

## Local Literature Fair



We spent the morning judging projects at the Literature Fair at one of our local elementary schools. The kids did a great job with their presentations. Thanks for asking us to participate!

## ProStart Program at Huntington High School



The holidays came early for students in the ProStart program at Huntington High School. The Cabell County Public Library and *Save the Children* gifted 41 students with cooking supplies and several recipe envelopes to help further their love of the culinary arts.

# The Main Branch

## Music Monday

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 10:00 A.M.

Young children will explore the world of music through playing instruments, dancing, and singing all while using tools to enhance their creativity.

## Tech Tuesday

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month (January & February) 3:30 P.M.

Try out some of our awesome tech items like our Osmo, Oculus, 3-D pen, and more.

## Toddler Time

Every Wednesday at 10:30 A.M.

Join us for an interactive story time that includes early literacy fun with books, songs, finger plays, body movement, and crafts.

## Learn Japanese

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, 11:00 A.M.

Students ages 8-13 will learn beginning Japanese from Ms. Ashley along with some songs and customs from Japan.



## Hanukkah Story & Craft

Thursday, Dec. 7, 3:30 P.M.

Kick off the first night of Hanukkah with the story SHMELF THE ELF by Greg Wolf and a craft.

## Meet and Greet with the Grinch

Friday, December 8, 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

The Grinch will be here to stink up the place and might even let you pose with him for a picture.

## Ugly Sweater

Monday, Dec. 11, 3:30 P.M.

We will have supplies for you to create something awful and paper cutouts to decorate if you don't have a sweater.

## Happy Birthday Taylor Swift

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 3:30 A.M.

Dress in your era and party like a Rock Star as we celebrate Taylor's birthday! We will make friendship bracelets, sing karaoke, dance, and have a trivia contest.

## Cookies and Milk with Santa

Friday, Dec. 15, 3:30 P.M.

Hear a story and get your picture with Santa. Have your list ready.

## Get Ready for Christmas Eve

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 3:30 P.M.

It is almost time for Santa so get ready by making reindeer food, a snack for his elves, and a surprise for Mrs. Claus.

## Kwanzaa Story & Craft

Thursday, Dec. 21, 3:30 P.M.

Hear a story about Kwanzaa and make a craft.

## New Year's Celebration

Friday, Dec. 29, 3:30 A.M.

Something is missing from the library. Find the clues and solve the crime.

## Polar Bowling

Thursday, Jan. 11, 11:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M.

Bowl a strike or a spare while you knock down a bear.

## Tea for Two

Friday, Jan. 12, 2:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Stop by for a nice hot cup of tea in honor of National Hot Tea Day.

## Sensory Saturday

Saturday, Jan. 13, 3:00 P.M.

Dress for a mess as you explore and learn through hands-on tactile play.

# Disguise a Gingerbread Man Contest

December 1 - December 21

Pick up your gingerbread man in Youth Services, decorate it at home or at the library like your favorite book character, historical figure, entertainer, etc... Return your disguised creation by December 21. We will pick four winners in different age groups to be announced after the New Year at which they will receive a prize.



# Youth Programming & Events

For a full description of our programs visit [www.cabell.lib.wv.us](http://www.cabell.lib.wv.us), call 304-528-5700, or find us on Facebook!

## MLK Day

Monday, Jan. 15, during library hours.

Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday with our interactive display with several activities.

## Fine Motor Skills Friday

Friday, Jan. 26, 11:00 A.M.

Little ones can practice their fine motor skills with activities suitable for their small hands and fingers.

## Love Your Library

Thursday, Feb. 1, during library hours.

Let us know what you love about your library by writing your thoughts on a paper heart.

## Lunar New Year

Friday, Feb. 9, 3:30 P.M.

It is the year of the dragon so come learn about the Lunar New Year and make a few crafts to celebrate.



## Mardi Gras Madness

Tuesday, February 13, 3:30 P.M.

Beads and bling, it's a Mardi Gras thing! Make a mask and more.

## S.T.E.A.M.

Friday, Feb. 23, 3:30 P.M.

Explore several activities with science, technology, engineering, art, & math.

## Fractured Fairy Tales

Monday, February 26, 3:30 P.M.

It is National Tell a Fairy Tale Day so we're going to tell some fairy tales but with a twist.



## Knowledge is Power

Monday, Feb. 12, 3:30, P.M.

Get back to the basics with the gang from Schoolhouse Rock. Participants have fun learning grammar, math, history, and more. We will also be showing a few of the animated musical educational short films for everyone to enjoy.



## LEAP INTO THE LIBRARY

Thursday, February 29, 4:00 P.M.

It's been four long years since it was February 29. Leap into the library to see what we have planned.



## Muddy Puddles and Lots of Bubbles

Monday, Jan. 22, 3:30 P.M.

Peppa Pig will be at the Library for some fun! Hear stories, play games, and get your picture taken with Peppa.

# The Main Branch



## Traditional Christmas Music

We are excited to have live music this holiday season at the library.

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2:00 P.M.

Local musicians Dennis Bills and Gary Prater as they perform and sing traditional Christmas music with Violin and Guitar.

## Gift Wrapping at Main

Thursday, Dec. 14, 2:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Bring your gifts with you and we will help you wrap and decorate your presents. Supplies will be provided.

## World Braille Day

Thursday, Jan. 4, during library hours.

Celebrate World Braille Day! Our Talking Books Department works with the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled to offer books and magazines in braille or audio formats which can be downloaded to a personal device or can even be mailed free of charge for patrons who meet the eligibility requirements. Call 304-528-5700 (ext. 118) or email us at [talkingbooks@cabellcountylib.org](mailto:talkingbooks@cabellcountylib.org) for more information.

## Board Game Club

January 20 and February 17 at 12:00 P.M.

Join us for an afternoon of board game related fun.

Hone your skills on some old favorites or discover some of the amazing games we have to check out.



## Scavenger Hunt Fun!

Month of February

Visit the Main Library and participate in a month-long scavenger hunt. Our circulation staff will provide you with details, clues, and a log to record your discoveries. Return your log at the end of the month to be entered into a prize drawing. Ask circulation for details.

## DND Gaming

January 13, 27; Feb 10, 24 at 2:00 P.M.

The wildly popular open-ended RPG returns to the Library. We provide everything you need to play. If you have questions, email us! ([circulation@cabellcountylib.org](mailto:circulation@cabellcountylib.org))

## Adult Crafts

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

Dec. 14: Embroidery - Register to get your kit

Jan. 18: Valentine's Craft

Feb. 15: Book Craft

## Crochet Club

Tuesdays, 12:00 P.M.

Come and crochet or knit with us! All skill levels are welcome and all materials will be provided.

## Movie Day

Popcorn and refreshments will be provided.

### *It's a Wonderful Life*

Tuesday, December 19, 2:00 P.M.

Join us for a screening of the beloved holiday classic *It's a Wonderful Life*.



### *Barbie*

Monday, February 12, 2:00 P.M.

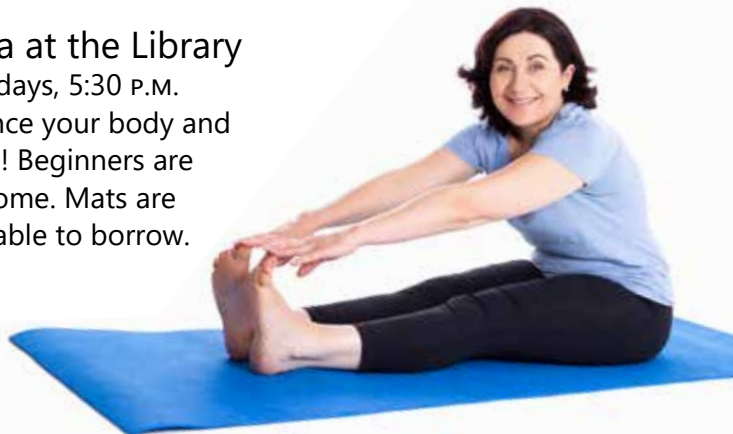
Barbie and Ken are having the time of their lives in the colorful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they get to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans.



## Yoga at the Library

Mondays, 5:30 P.M.

Balance your body and mind! Beginners are welcome. Mats are available to borrow.



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## Library, Parks Facing Risky Futures

By James E. Casto

The Cabell County Library and the Greater Huntington Park and Recreation District are locked in a legal battle with the Cabell County Board of Education over the school board's high-handed and short-sighted action in slashing its funding for the library and the park system. In drawing up its plan for the new excess levy to be submitted to the voters next year, the school board reduced its library funding from about \$1.7 million to less than \$200,000 and eliminated the \$450,000 it currently provides the park system. The school board has said it's been forced to tighten its budget.

Library and park board officials point to long-standing pieces of state legislation that require the school board to help fund the library and park system. The school board has labeled those measures "unconstitutional." The library and park board have sued the school board, seeking that the funds be restored. Cabell Circuit Judge Gregory Howard has ruled in favor of the library and the park system, but the school board have vowed to appeal his ruling to the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. Library Executive Director Breana Bowen is by no means exaggerating when she describes such a massive loss of funding as "catastrophic" for the library, its staff and the library's many users.

It's hard to see how the library could cope with such a sharp loss without drastic cuts in its operations, such as reducing the library's hours of operation, temporary closures of some branch libraries, leaving vacant positions unfilled and possible layoffs off library staffers. Not a pretty picture, is it? The park board sees equally dire consequences if it loses funding from the levy.

Ironically, the library owes its very existence to a letter penned in 1901 by W.H. Coyle, who was then the superintendent of the Huntington Independent School District (the predecessor of today's county-wide school board). Aware that steel tycoon and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie was helping build libraries in many communities, Coyle wrote him, asking if he would consider aiding in the construction of a building to house a fledgling library that had been started by concerned Huntington citizens.

In reply, Carnegie said he would agree to provide \$25,000 for a building if a suitable lot was provided and an annual \$2,500 guaranteed for the library's operation. Huntington City Council immediately bought a downtown lot on the northeast corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 9<sup>th</sup> Street and the school district agreed to provide the \$2,500 needed to operate the library. In 1904, what came to be known as the "Carnegie Library" opened its doors for the first time. For many years, the school district's offices were located on the second floor of the building.

Today the Cabell County Library occupies a building built in 1980 directly across the street from the old Carnegie building. Along with its downtown home, the library has a network of seven busy branches around the county. At the same time, Cabell County has a splendid park system that's the envy of many other West Virginia communities. But our libraries and parks face risky futures if the school board's outrageous slashing of library and park funding is allowed to stand. Library and park officials recognized that threat and went to court to challenge it. To his considerable credit, Judge Howard has endorsed that challenge. It's to be hoped the state Supreme Court will do the same.

James E. Casto is the retired associate editor of The Herald-Dispatch and the president of the Friends of the Cabell County Library.



# Our Branches

## *Barboursville (304) 736-4621*

- **Mystery Book Club**  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, 2:00 P.M.  
Join Jill and her Book club as they read mysteries and more!
- **Story Hour**  
Wednesdays, 10:00 A.M.  
Join Miss Jordan for music, stories and a fun craft.
- **Novice Chess League**  
Wednesdays, 4:00 P.M.  
Learn chess techniques and etiquette from master chess players or practice your skills.
- **Coloring Day: Color the Halls FaLaLa**  
Tuesday, Dec. 5, during library hours.  
Indulge in a day of relaxation in-between holidays by joining staff in a Coloring Day. \*Coloring pages will be provided. "Please, Do NOT color the halls." Open to all ages
- **Origami Workshop**
  - Thursday, Dec. 14, 3:30 P.M.
  - Thursday, Jan. 25, 3:30 P.M.
  - Thursday, Feb. 22, 3:30 P.M.Sarah and Peng Peng will teach different techniques in origami.
- **All Aboard the Polar Express**  
Friday, Dec. 15, 4:00 P.M.  
All aboard for a showing of Polar Express and craft.
- **New Year's Craft**  
Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2:00 P.M.  
Join Staff to prepare for a New Year's celebration by making a craft or starting on a new resolution!
- **Winter Make and Take Craft**  
Monday, Jan. 8, 4:00 P.M.  
Join staff in making snowmen stress balls and other snowy crafts.
- **Wii Day**  
Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2:30 P.M.  
Come hang out in our media lab and play various Wii games.
- **Sew You Want to Make a Gift**  
Thursday, Feb. 8, 3:30 P.M.  
Join us for a No-Sew Pillow Craft. Call to register.
- **Valentine's Sensory Time and Craft**  
Monday, Feb. 12, 3:00 – 4:30 P.M.  
Come to the library for fun sensory activities and a craft.

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## *Cox Landing (304) 733-3022*

- **Weekly Christmas Ornament Craft**  
Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13, & 20, 3:30 P.M.  
This is for all ages! For three weeks in December we will be doing a Christmas ornament craft every Wednesday until Christmas.
- **Willy Wonka**  
Friday, Jan. 5, 3:30 P.M.  
In honor of the new movie, we will be making candy themed crafts, golden tickets, and playing candy themed games.
- **MYO Keychain**  
Monday, Jan. 15, 3:00 P.M.  
We will provide materials to make your own key fob/key chain. There will be many different styles to choose from!
- **Bluey Day**  
Wednesday, Jan. 31, 3:30 P.M.  
A day to celebrate the award-winning show, Bluey! We will have Bluey and Bingo themed games, crafts, and snacks!
- **Date Night**  
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 4:00 P.M.  
A program for couples. There will be board games, a scavenger hunt, and prizes!
- **Bingo Night**  
Monday, Feb. 26, 4:00 P.M.  
A program for seniors! We will be providing most prizes but anybody is welcome to bring small prizes such as cleaning supplies, knick-knacks, etc.
- **Story Hour**  
Every Friday at 10:30 A.M.
- **The Hive Book Club**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 10:30 A.M.
- **Hypertension Awareness**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

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# Branch Programming and Events

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## Gallagher Village (304) 528-5696

- Story Hour  
Thursdays, 10:30 P.M.
- Gallagher Village Neighborhood Association Meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 6:30 P.M.  
Discuss community engagement projects, get local updates and meet your neighbors. Free coffee!
- Monthly Kid's Nintendo Switch Tournament  
2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.  
Game selection varies. Past titles have included Mario Kart 8 and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate.
- Friends and Family Game Night  
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.  
Everyone is welcome to game night! Bring your family and friends or meet new ones while enjoying a curated selection of board games. Players are also encouraged to share their own favorite games.
- Perspectives Book Club  
Last Wednesday of each month, 2:00 P.M.  
Librarian-led book group explores titles with the goal of learning about new topics and considering diverse viewpoints. Picks to include both fiction and nonfiction.
- Monthly Maker Space  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.  
Free kids craft each month includes favorites such as origami, bead making, painting, and fuse beads. Call ahead for more info.
- January Book Sale  
January 10 – 13, during library hours.
- Reading Dragons Collectible Card Game  
All School Year, Starting in January 2024  
The more you read, the more dragons you earn! Can you collect them all?

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## Guyandotte (304) 528-5698

- National Gingerbread Week  
Monday, Dec. 11, during library hours.  
A Gingerbread man coloring contest and a scavenger hunt!
- A Traditional Tea Ceremony with WV Japanese Outreach at MU  
Thursday, Dec. 14, 4:00 – 5:30 P.M.  
Attend a traditional tea ceremony. Best suited for elementary school ages.
- Polar Express PJ Party  
Tuesday, Dec. 19, 5:00 P.M.  
Wear your PJs and take a ride on the Polar Express. Families encouraged!
- Romance Book Club  
Last Thursday of each month at 5:00 P.M.  
Find your next favorite romance read. Adults only.
- Lego Fun with Friends  
Thursday, Jan. 4, 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.  
We provide the Legos and you provide the ideas.
- Open House  
Tuesday, Jan. 9, 5:30 P.M.  
There will be activities for kids and light refreshments. All are welcome.
- Juvenile Book Club  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 4:00 P.M.  
Read *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*. Snacks provided.
- Library Shelfie Day  
Wednesday, Jan. 24, during library hours  
Create hashtags for our Facebook account, #cantwaittoseeyou
- Snowflake Paper Craft  
Thursday, Jan. 30, 4:00 P.M.  
Create different types of paper snowflakes.
- Bring your Kids to the Library Day!  
Saturday, Feb. 3, 10:00 A.M.  
Do you love your Library? Join us for a morning of fun activities.
- Valentines Open House  
Tuesday, Feb. 6, 4:00 P.M.  
Create a homemade Valentine. Supply and light snacks provided.
- Galentines Party (Adults Only)  
Tuesday, Feb. 13, 5:00 P.M.  
Bring your best friends and hang out with us for a Galentines celebration.

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## Milton (304) 743-6711

- Knotty Knitters  
Tuesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.  
Weekly knitting sessions for beginners and pros alike. No knowledge or materials needed, as we can provide for all. All ages welcome.
- Story Time  
Wednesdays, 10:00 A.M.  
Stories, songs, crafts, and more! Fun for infants to preschoolers.
- Dungeons and Dragons  
Thursdays, 3:30 P.M.  
Join us for a dice-rolling, dungeon-delving, dangerously good time! Recommended ages 10 – 16.
- Chess Club  
Thursdays, 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.  
Play with local chess enthusiasts! Beginners, experts, and all ages are welcome.
- Holiday Cookie Day!  
Wednesday, Dec. 13, All Day  
Come in to have a cookie, snack, and pick up your free gift!
- Christmas crafts!  
December 18 – 21, during library hours.  
Come in any time during the week and make Christmas crafts.
- Love in the Library: Valentines from Us to You  
February 1 – 16, during library hours.  
Go on a blind date with a book and participate in other fun Valentine activities!
- Munchkin Monday  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month from 2:00 – 5:00 P.M.  
Families can come in and choose from our large collection of board games to play together!
- Movie Morning  
December 9, 10:00 A.M.  
A movie showing full of fun for the whole family! Popcorn will be provided, but feel free to bring your own snacks as well.
- Reading Dragons 3<sup>rd</sup> Tournament  
January 19, 3:30 – 5:00 P.M.  
Our 3<sup>rd</sup> official Reading Dragons tournament will feature a bracket where kids can go head-to-head to compete for our grand prize: an exclusive set of cards! All kids ages 7+ are welcome.

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## Salt Rock (304) 733-2186

- Grab & Go Craft  
Friday, Dec. 1, 10:30 A.M.  
Come in and get your kit to make a holiday gnome ornament. For adults, while supplies last.
- Christmas Paint Party  
Tuesday, Dec. 5, 3:00 P.M.  
Call to register for this special holiday art class. For ages 6 – 11.
- Holiday Movie Magic  
Throughout the month of December.  
Back by request! Beginning Monday, Nov. 27, check out a kit to help make your holiday bright. Choose the holiday DVD of your choice and receive a goody bag to go along with it of merry making activities.
- Who, What and Where Reading Challenge  
Beginning Monday, Jan. 8  
Calling all youth! Begin the New Year by selecting a title from the *Who Was... What Was...* book series, complete a Bingo card and choose a prize! Runs through May.
- Warm Up With a Good Book  
January 3 – March 15  
Our winter reading challenge for adults is coming your way to warm you up this winter. Read a book and enter to win a monthly prize!
- Makerspace Celebration  
Coming in January  
Celebrate the New Year and our new Makerspace! Drop in and explore our new Maker Space and learn about the fun and exciting things you can create using our resources.
- Paper Mache Wednesdays  
Wednesday, Jan. 10 and 17, 3:30 P.M.  
Make a paper mache mask in this two-session event. Masks will be on display January 17 – 31. For youth, ages 6 – 12.

### Ongoing Programs:

- Tuesdays, 10:30 A.M.: Story time with Miss Amy
- Thursdays, 10:00 A.M.: Sewing/Quilting Group
- Thursdays, 9:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.: Blood Pressure Checks with Valley Health (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday/month)
- Thursdays, 11:00 A.M.: Book Club (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month)
- Drop off location for the Indian Cupboard Food Pantry

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## West (304) 528-5697

- Reading Through the Seasons  
During December, January, and February  
Get a raffle ticket for each book you read for a chance to win a prize. Each month offers a new opportunity to win! For adults only.
- Krafty Kids Take and Make  
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, 12:00 P.M.  
Seasonal craft to complete at the library or at home! Materials provided!
- Kids and Teens Winter Reading Bingo  
December 1 – February 29  
Get a raffle entry for each Bingo completed. Two prize baskets for each age group, 5 – 12 and 13 – 17, prize drawing March 1.
- Project Make Stuff  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 4:00 P.M.  
Join us as we take on a new, creative endeavour each month.
- Paranormal Madness Book Club  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 5:30 P.M.  
Join us for this paranormal romance book club for adults.
- Where's Weston?  
Fridays, December 1, 8, and 15, during library hours.  
Stop by the library and find Weston the Elf in all of his mischief making glory and win a trip to the prize box!
- Memorial Christmas Craft  
Thursday, December 7, 4:00 P.M.  
Commemorate a special loved one who is no longer with you by creating a Save the Seat memorial craft to display for the holiday. All materials will be provided.
- Jolabokaflod Pizza Party and Book Exchange  
Thursday, December 14, 4:00 P.M.  
On Christmas Eve in Iceland they celebrate Jolabokaflod (the Great Book Flood.) Everyone gifts each other a book and spends the night reading. Join us for this bookish holiday. Visit our Facebook for more details!
- The Writer's Room (Beginning in January)  
Last Wednesday of the Month, 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.  
Once a month the library will offer a quiet space for writers to come work on their current projects. Light refreshments will be offered.
- Valentine's Day Escape Room  
Monday, February 5 – Friday, February 9, 9:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
Celebrate the holiday with some brain teasers in this 30-minute, family-friendly escape room. You can try it alone, or with friends. Call us to schedule your session.

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9:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M. Saturday



## Pictures with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 9, 1:00 – 2:00 P.M., Main Library Circulation Dept.  
Get your picture taken with Santa!

## Cookies and Milk with Santa

Friday, Dec. 15, 3:30 P.M., Main Library Youth Services Dept.  
Hear a story and get your picture with Santa.  
Have your list ready.

## Japan Comes to Your Library!

### A Traditional Tea Ceremony

Thursday, Dec. 14, 4:00 P.M., Guyandotte Public Library.  
Attend a traditional tea ceremony. Best suited for elementary school ages.

### Learn Japanese

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, 11:00 A.M.,  
Main Library Youth Services Dept.  
Learn beginning Japanese from Ms. Ashley along with some songs and customs from Japan.



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# Book Sales at Your Library

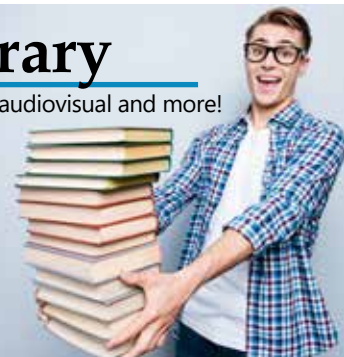
Fiction, nonfiction, paperbacks, juvenile, young adults, magazines, audiovisual and more!

## Cabell County Public Library

Friday, Feb. 2 – Saturday, Feb. 3  
10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., 4<sup>th</sup> floor book sale room.

## Gallaher Village Public Library

Wednesday, Jan. 10 – Saturday, Jan. 13  
During library hours.



# Donation Drives at Your Library

## West Huntington Public Library

Monday, Nov. 27 – Friday, Dec. 29, during library hours.  
Donations for the HCW Animal Shelter and the Homeless Veterans  
Resource Center.

## Salt Rock Public Library

The Salt Rock public library accepts donations for the Indian Cupboard  
Food Pantry throughout the year during library hours.

## Find the Library Mouse

Hidden in the *Connection* is the  
Library Mouse. If you are the first one  
to post a comment with the location  
of the mouse and your name on  
the Cabell County Public Library  
Facebook page you win a PRIZE! This  
is the mouse that is hidden within. It  
could be any size or color. It can also  
be found on any page.

Happy Hunting!



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December 30 – January 2



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