December 2021 Calendar of Events for Children, Teens, & Families

Another year has flown right on by, hasn't it? We know you're going to be busier than usual this month, but we still have some great programs planned. If you're celebrating a holiday this season, we have a great collection of winter holiday Grab & Go Kits going out November-December for Hanukkah, Shabe Yalda, Christmas, Navidad/Día de Reyes, and Kwanzaa (find out when those will be available here). Don't miss our author events with Scott Reintgen December 1 & 2. Other highlights in December include Science for Students (12/7), a 3D Design & Printing series for teens (12/27–12/30), award-winning cartoonist Rick Stomoski returns for another great cartooning lesson for Grades 3+ (12/28), and a special Winter Wonderland themed show from Turtle Dance Music (12/30). Find a full listing of events below with details on attending. And if you'd like to hear more from me about our programs and services for youth, be sure to sign up for What's the Story? here.

You can reach us Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 914-422-1400, by texting WPPL to 66746, or by emailing us anytime.

Take care,
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Note: Most newsletters will be clipped at the bottom when they reach your inbox. Please make sure you click on [Message clipped] View entire message at the bottom of your email for the full newsletter.
To attend a virtual event, either register through the provided link or, if attendance is open, visit the link for information on joining on the date the event occurs. Events for parents are in orange, kids and family events are in yellow, teen events are in green, and events for assorted age groups are in blue. *NOTE: To increase security in youth-focused programs, we are now requiring attendees to have a Zoom account to login to the event. Creating an account is easy and free.*

**Virtual Tech Help**
*Wednesday, December 1 & Tuesday, December 7*
*2:00–3:00 p.m.*

Need help with a general computer issue or have questions about a particular piece of technology? Ask Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney in this virtual assistance program. Whether a beginner or advanced user, all are welcome. *Register in advance for the date(s) you wish to attend: 12/1, 12/7. Please be sure to provide your email address.*

**Book Bunch**
*Wednesday, December 1*
*4:30–6:00 p.m.*

Join librarians Ashley and Kathlyn for a book discussion for 4th through 8th graders. We will be reading the first book in the *Talespinners* series.
called Saving Fable by Scott Reintgen. Author Scott Reintgen will be joining us for a Q&A session after the discussion! We will provide a free copy of the book for the first 10 individuals to register for the discussion. When the books are available, we will email to arrange pickup; please list an email address when registering. Click here to register. Print copies are also available through the catalog here.

"A high-octane thriller ... Nyxia grabs you from the first line and never lets go." —MARIE LU, #1 New York Times bestselling author

Project LIT Book Club for Teens
Thursday, December 2
5:00–6:00 p.m.
Did you read Nyxia for last summer’s Battle of the Books tournament? Do you have a few questions for the author, Scott Reintgen? This is your chance to ask! Join librarians Kat and Lauren for a discussion with Scott Reintgen.

Poetry Slam & Open Mic
Wednesday, December 1
7:00–9:00 p.m.
Join Zork and Kristen for the First Wednesday Poetry Slam! Pre-registration is required to try and accommodate as many poets as possible. Register here to attend or perform. Please be sure to provide an active email address as we will contact you to confirm whether you will be performing or just attending. Adults & teens welcome!

Quick n Easy Holiday Card
Thursday, December 2
7:00–8:00 p.m.
It’s the season to learn a new skill and bring your holiday-card game to a higher level. Join Jade Scarlett to
about *The Nyxia Triad*. You’re welcome to attend even if you’ve just read the first book, but fair warning that all three books are fair game for discussion. We have many, many copies of *Nyxia* in the Library collection: check one out in print or digitally through Libby. Teens in grades 6 through 12 are welcome to attend. **Click here to register.**

Virtual Storytime for Ages 2-6

Tuesday,

December 7, 14, 21

11:00–11:30 a.m.

Stories, songs and fun for ages 2-6 with a Trove librarian. For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: **12/7, 12/14, 12/21.**

Science for Students

Tuesday,

December 7

6:00–7:00 p.m.

Join local High School student, Sophia, who started Science For Students, a club to bring scientists with real life experience to students who like science, through Zoom. We are having a meeting with Keila who is a real life lab manager at the lab’s physical location. She will speak for 20-30 minutes followed by 10-15 of questions and answers. **Click here to register.**

Zoom Tips & Tricks

learn basic techniques on how to turn your handwriting into beautiful calligraphy and create, with only a few materials, a one-of-a-kind card. Registration is limited and required. Those signed up will be notified when they can pick up their bag of program supplies from the Library. For information about the presenter, see [jadescarlett.com](http://jadescarlett.com). **Click here to register.** Adults and Teens welcome!
Wednesday, December 8  
10:30–11:00 a.m.  
Participants of this session will learn tips and tricks for attending (and hosting) Zoom events. Click here to register.

Game Design for Youth  
Thursday, December 9  
4:00–4:30 p.m.  
Participants of this program will learn key game design concepts, cooperatively, in a safe, private server. Click here to register.

Project LIT Book Club for Kids & Tweens  
Wednesday, December 8  
4:30–5:45 p.m.  
Join librarians Ashley and Caroline for a book discussion and trivia game for 4th to 8th graders. We will be reading We Dream of Space by Erin Entrada Kelly. Please register here and then place a hold on the print book using our catalog here. If you prefer the eBook, you can find it on OverDrive here. The audiobook is also available on OverDrive here.

NaNoWriMo:
Sharing Time
Thursday, December 9
4:00–5:00 p.m.
Join us for sharing time for grades 4 and up. Click here to register.

Library Fortnite Team
Tuesday, December 14
4:00–4:45 p.m.
Want to join Fortnite with library friends? Sign up for this program to play online together in a safe, private learning environment. In this app, which fosters an equal playing field and gender representation, players are rewarded for teamwork and planning abilities. Activities will include a variety of creative modes and a focus on designing 3D structures for strategic advantage. Squad up with Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney on either Windows, Android, Xbox One, Xbox Series X/S, Nintendo Switch, or PlayStation 4/5. Register in advance here.

Virtual Tabletop Games
Monday, December 13 & 27
4:30–6:00 p.m.
Join librarians Ashley and Erik from the Trove and the Edge to play fun virtual tabletop games! We use the platform boardgamearena.com to play the games while we have a conversation on Zoom. Kids and teens who haven’t come to the program before will need to create a free account on boardgamearena.com. For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 12/13, 12/27.

Digital Library Resources
Wednesday, December 15
Stories & Stuff
Thursday, December 16
4:30–5:30 p.m.
Join us to listen to some stories and create a craft! Click here to register. Please provide an email address when you register so that we can arrange for you to pickup the craft materials and send you the Zoom link.

Storybook Dancing
Thursday, December 27
11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Steffi Nossen School of Dance presents Virtual Storybook Dancing! Stretch, dance, hear stories, and

Create a Minecraft World
Thursday, December 16
4:00–4:45 p.m.
Want to build your dream house? In this session, youth are invited to work together in a safe learning environment via Minecraft Realms and focus on their design skills. Activities will include digitally planning to adequately survive in a randomly generated world and/or building things collectively with others in creative mode. All are welcome to partake in some fun with both library friends and tech specialist Austin Olney. Find system requirements and register in advance here.

10:30–11:1 a.m.
Join Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney and learn about popular online library resources. Beginners are encouraged, all are welcome.
For adults, parents.
Register in advance here.
Move & Groove with Miss Jolie
Tuesday, December 28
11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Miss Jolie's Music & Movement Class infuses learning and movement with music, stories, and lots of silliness! Jolie performs with her ukulele along with other musical instruments and props for the children. For ages 1-6, but open to all. Click here for the Zoom link.

3D Design and Printing for Teens
Monday, December 27–Thursday, December 30
1:00–3:00 p.m.
Learn and practice 3D Design and printing with the Library over the December break. We will cover types of 3D printing and how 3D printing works, and three different 3D design software programs. Participants can submit what they designed in the workshops to be 3D printed at the Library. We will be using three web based programs: Leopoly Maker, TinkerCad, and Onshape. Participants will need to create free accounts with each of these. Links will be provided after registration. If you need a computer or WiFi Hotspot, please contact Erik Carlson. He will help you get the technology your child needs to fully participate. Click here to register for the series.

Turtle Dance Music Show: Winter
Wonderland
Thursday, December 30
11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Join Turtle Dance Music for an AWESOME Music, Bubble, and Comedy Show! Each song is accompanied by hands-on, visual, and sensory experiences designed to help kids learn and have fun at the same time. For ages 2-6 and their families. **Click here for the Zoom link.**

Let's Draw Cartoons! Workshop
Tuesday, December 28
2:00–3:00 p.m.
Award-winning, nationally syndicated cartoonist Rick Stromoski returns for another fun class to learn to draw a variety of cartoon characters! For Grades 3+, teens and families. **Click here for the Zoom link.**