

# Brillion Public Library December Newsletter

Please note that the dates and times listed below are subject to change. Library events can also be found on the library's Facebook page. "Like" Brillion Public Library's Facebook page to follow what's happening at the library!

## Fill the Shelves

Brillion Public Library works to provide you with access to the information and materials you need and enjoy, and we need your help. In the coming weeks, you may notice empty space on the shelves as we begin removing outdated materials, starting with the children's non-fiction. Please consider making a financial contribution to Fill the Shelves, a library fundraiser ending on December 28. All contributions will be used to purchase materials to update the library's collection, starting with the children's non-fiction.

## Book Basket Silent Auction

It's time for the Book Basket Silent Auction, an annual fundraiser for the Friends of the Library. Stop in to the library, check out the baskets, and bid on the baskets sure to be loved by those on your nice list! The auction ends at noon on Saturday, December 15.

## Storytime

Storytimes are Mondays at 6:30 pm & Tuesdays at 9:30 am. Storytime is open to all preschoolers through Kindergarten age children. Join us on Monday, December 17 at 6:30 for a special storytime with Louie from Brillion Nature Center!

## Storytime with Mrs. Claus

Join us on Tuesday, December 11 at 9:30 am for storytime with a very special guest coming all the way from the North Pole—Mrs. Claus!

## After School Experiments & After School Experiments, Jr.

Our new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math) after school programs continue this month. After School Experiments Jr. will meet on Tuesday, December 4 at 3:30 pm and is for children in grades 1-3. After School Experiments is for children in grades 4-6 and will meet on Tuesday, December 11 at 3:30 pm. This month, both groups will learn principles of physics and engineering with catapults.

## Robot Time

Children are invited to experiment with our meepers, Dot and Dash, and robots during Robot Time. Robot Time is 3:30-5:00 pm on Thursday, December 6 and Tuesday, December 18 (10:15-noon).

## Coding Club

Brillion Public Library holds a monthly coding club on the 3rd Tuesday of the month 3:30-5:00 pm. Youth in second grade and older are invited to be a part of this activity.



## Drop-in Coloring

Why let the kids have all the fun? People of all ages are invited to stop in the library any time on Tuesday, December 11 to take time to color and relax! Coloring sheets for all ages and skill levels and coloring supplies will be provided.

## Yarn Arts

The library will host yarn arts enthusiasts on the second Wednesday of the month (December 12) 1:30-3:30 pm and the third Thursday of the month (December 20) 6:30-7:45 pm. Bring your work in progress and join the fun!

## Technology Assistance

Need help navigating the internet or have questions about social media or email? Computer classes will be held at the library on Thursday, December 6, 1:00-3:00 pm. Wednesday, December 12, 6:00-8:00 pm. Looking for help with your personal electronic device? Stop by the library 2:00-4:00 pm on Monday, December 3 or 6:00-8:00 pm on Thursday, December 13.

## Genealogy

“Do I Have Viking Ancestry?” is the topic of the genealogy program on Wednesday, December 5 at 1:30 pm. Speaker and genealogist Dean Wallace will share his experiences and expertise.

## Book Talking *After Dark*

Book Talking *After Dark* is an evening book discussion group for adults that meets at 6:30 at the library on the first Thursday of the month. On December 6, we will discuss *The Martian* by Andy Weir, which was adapted into the 2015 movie starring Matt Damon. Astronaut Mark Watney is stranded on Mars knowing that NASA and his crew think he is dead and without any means of making contact—not that he has enough supplies to survive until rescue could arrive. Armed with nothing more than his knowledge of engineering and botany, resourcefulness, and an abundance of gallows humor, Mark is intent on defying the considerable odds and survive. If you’re short on time for the December discussion, plan ahead for the January 3 discussion and start reading *Dumplin’* by Julie Murphy, which has been adapted into a movie to be released in December. Sixteen-year-old Willowdean is a self-described “fat girl” who is comfortable in her own skin until the cute new guy at work seems to be interested. Feeling her best friend drifting away and mourning the death of her beloved aunt, Willowdean decides to shake things up and enter the beauty pageant her still-trim mother won in high school but on her own terms and is shocked when other “misfit” girls enter too!

## Teen Book Talking

Teen Book Talking is a new book discussion group for teens that meets at the library at 6:30 pm on the second Thursday of the month. On December 13 we will discuss *One of Us is Lying* by Karen McManus. Five students from different social strata (the brain, the beauty, the athlete, the criminal, and the outcast) serve detention on a Monday afternoon, but Simon (the outcast) dies after going into anaphylactic shock. His death is ruled a homicide and the other four students in detention become the prime suspects. After all, what are the odds it could be anyone else?

## Tween Book Talking

Tween Book Talking is a new book discussion group for tweens (grades 4-6) that meets at the library at 3:30 pm on the third Thursday of the month. On Thursday, December 20, we will discuss *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library* by Chris Grabenstein. Mr. Lemoncello, a billionaire game-maker, builds a library for his hometown, which hadn’t had a library in twelve years, and invites twelve, twelve-year-old children to a special lock-in with a special challenge (escape from the library using only resources from the library) with a tantalizing prize: become a spokesperson for Mr. Lemoncello’s game company!

## Book Talking

Join us on Tuesday, December 18 at 1:30 at Brillion Public Library or on Thursday, December 20 at West Haven to discuss *Christmas Town* by Donna VanLiere. Twenty-year-old Lauren spent half of her life in foster care longing for her mother to become the family she needed. One night after her unfulfilling job as a grocery store clerk, where she tries to tune out the Christmas chatter, she drives aimlessly to avoid going home and finds herself pulled into the town of Grandon, volunteering for an annual fundraiser there, and wondering if she may have finally found a place to call home.

**Copies of the featured book for each group are available from Brillion Public Library.**

## Holiday Hours

The library will be closed on Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. The library be open 12:00-5:30 PM on Wednesday, December 26, Thursday, December 27, and Friday, December 28. The library will be closed Saturday, December 29 through Tuesday, January 1. Regular hours resume on Tuesday, January 2 at 9:00 am.

### Library Hours

Monday 8-8

Tuesday 9-8

Wednesday & Thursday 12-8

Friday 12-6

Saturday 9-12

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