

DECEMBER KIDS AND FAMILY CALENDAR

Iowa City Public Library



SUNDAY
12 pm - 5 pm

MONDAY
10 am - 9 pm

TUESDAY
10 am - 9 pm

WEDNESDAY
10 am - 9 pm

THURSDAY
10 am - 9 pm

FRIDAY
10 am - 8 pm

SATURDAY
10 am - 6 pm

<p>1</p> <p>Chess Butterflies: Girls Chess Club 12:15 PM Storytime Room</p> <p>Sunday Fun Day: Winter Painted Rocks 2:00 PM Storytime Room</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Spanish Bilingual Storytime 10:30 AM Storytime Room</p> <p>SPANISH BILINGUAL Storytime</p> <p>Chess Club 4:00 PM Storytime Room</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Teddy Bear Storytime 9:30 AM Teddy Bear Room, Hilton Garden Inn, Iowa City</p> <p>Book Babies 10:30 AM Storytime Room</p> <p>● Reading Tutor for K-6 3:30 PM Children's Room</p> <p>Lego Club 4:00 PM Storytime Room</p>	<p>4</p> <p>StoryJAM 10:30 AM Storytime Room</p> <p>First LEGO League (FLL) Challenge for Grades 3-8 4:30 PM Storytime Room</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Preschool Stories & More: Winter Solstice Celebration with 100 Grannies 10:30 AM Storytime Room</p> <p>Totally Tweens: SCENT-sational Salves! 4:00 PM Storytime Room</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Chinese Bilingual Storytime 10:30 AM Storytime Room</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Family Storytime 10:30 AM Storytime Room</p> <p>First LEGO League (FLL) Challenge for Grades 3-8 4:30 PM Storytime Room</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Chess Butterflies: Girls Chess Club 12:15 PM Storytime Room</p> <p>Sunday Fun Day: Gingerbread Houses 2:00 PM Storytime Room</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Spanish Bilingual Storytime 10:30 AM Storytime Room</p> <p>Pokemon Club 4:00 PM Storytime Room</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Teddy Bear Storytime 9:30 AM Teddy Bear Room, Hilton Garden Inn, Iowa City</p> <p>Book Babies 10:30 AM Storytime Room</p> <p>● Reading Tutor for K-6 3:30 PM Children's Room</p> <p>Books to Cooks Club: Winter Solstice Yule Cake & Pomanders 4:00 PM Storytime Room</p>	<p>11</p> <p>StoryJAM 10:30 AM Storytime Room</p> <p>FLL Challenge for Grades 3-8 4:30 PM Storytime Room</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Preschool Stories & More with Mari: Winter Solstice Celebration with 100 Grannies 10:30 AM Storytime Room</p> <p>Totally Tweens: Mario Kart Meetup & Card Games 4:00 PM Storytime Room</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Inservice Day Library and Bookmobile Closed</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Chinese Bilingual Storytime 10:30 AM Storytime Room</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Chess Butterflies: Girls Chess Club 12:15 PM Storytime Room</p> <p>Sunday Fun Day: Toilet Paper Roll Reindeer 2:00 PM Storytime Room</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Spanish Bilingual Storytime 10:30 AM Storytime Room</p> <p>Chess Club 4:00 PM Storytime Room</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Teddy Bear Storytime 9:30 AM Teddy Bear Room, Hilton Garden Inn, Iowa City</p> <p>Book Babies 10:30 AM Storytime Room</p> <p>● Reading Tutor for K-6 3:30 PM Children's Room</p> <p>World Club: Put Your Shoes Out for St. Nickolas 4:00 PM Storytime Room</p>	<p>18</p> <p>StoryJAM 10:30 AM Storytime Room</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Preschool Stories & More with Mari 10:30 AM Storytime Room</p> <p>Totally Tweens: Snowflake Diamond Painting 4:00 PM Storytime Room</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Chinese Bilingual Storytime 10:30 AM Storytime Room</p> <p>CHINESE BILINGUAL Storytime</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Winter Reading Program Kick-off with Dash from the Iowa Heartlanders 10:30 AM Meeting Room A</p> <p>WINTER READING PROGRAM STARTS!</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Sunday Fun Day: Yarn Wrapped Ornaments 2:00 PM Storytime Room</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Spanish Bilingual Storytime 10:30 AM Storytime Room</p> <p>Holiday Crafting Hoopla 1:00 PM Storytime Room</p> <p>Pokemon Club 4:00 PM Storytime Room</p> <p>No Bookmobile Service due to Seasonal Service Break</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve</p> <p>Library Open: 10 AM - 4 PM Bookmobile Closed</p> <p>Movie Crafternoon: A Muppet Christmas Carol! 1:00 PM Storytime Room</p> <p>No Bookmobile Service due to Seasonal Service Break</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day</p> <p>Library and Bookmobile Closed</p> <p>No Bookmobile Service due to Seasonal Service Break</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Gingerbread Fun Storytime! 10:30 AM Meeting Room A</p> <p>Afternoon LEGO Play 1:00 PM Storytime Room</p> <p>Totally Tweens: Cookies & Comics: Dog Man #13: Big Jim Begins 4:00 PM Storytime Room</p> <p>No Bookmobile Service due to Seasonal Service Break</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Chinese Bilingual Storytime 10:30 AM Storytime Room</p> <p>Winter Break Special: Pokemon Drawing Class! 1:00 PM Meeting Room A</p> <p>Family Night: Meet Reptiles with the Cold-Blooded Redhead 5:30 PM Meeting Room A</p> <p>No Bookmobile Service due to Seasonal Service Break</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Family Storytime 10:30 AM Storytime Room</p> <p>No Bookmobile Service due to Seasonal Service Break</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Sunday Fun Day: Winter Polar Bear Landscapes 2:00 PM Storytime Room</p> <p>No Bookmobile Service due to Seasonal Service Break</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Spanish Bilingual Storytime 10:30 AM Storytime Room</p> <p>Pokemon Perler Beads 1:00 PM Meeting Room A</p> <p>No Bookmobile Service due to Seasonal Service Break</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Noon Year's Eve Balloon Drop and Storytime 11:30 AM Meeting Room A</p> <p>HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025</p> <p>Library Open: 10 AM - 5 PM No Bookmobile Service due to Seasonal Service Break</p>	<p>Tween Program (3 - 6 Grade)</p> <p>Kids Program</p> <p>Family Program</p> <p>● Registration Required For more information visit icpl.org/calendar</p>			<p>For more information, visit icpl.org/calendar</p>

SPECIAL STORYTIMES

TEDDY BEAR STORYTIME

Tuesday, December 3, 10, & 17 9:30 AM, Teddy Bear Room, Hilton Garden Inn
On select Tuesdays in December, join ICPL children's librarians for a fun family storytime among the teddies!

FAMILY STORYTIME

Saturday, December 7 & 28, 10:30 - 11:30 AM, Storytime Room
Join us for shorter and longer stories with action games and activities

PS&M: WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION WITH 100 GRANNIES

Thursday, December 5, 10:30 - 11 AM, Storytime Room
The winter solstice is a time to celebrate nature by connecting with the rhythms of the natural world. We will share stories and songs about being thankful for what our Earth gives us and reflecting on how we can be environmentally conscious all winter long!

GINGERBREAD FUN STORYTIME!

Thursday, December 26, 10:30 - 11:30 AM, Meeting Room A
Join us from 10:30-11 for a special gingerbread-themed storytime, and then stay for gingerbread decorating, a winter craft, and winter movies!

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

● K - 6 READING TUTOR (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

Tuesdays, Dec 3, 10, & 17, 3:30 - 5:30 PM, Children's Room
Practice reading aloud and receive coaching from a student in the UI College of Education to keep your reading skills growing.

BOOKS TO COOKS CLUB: WINTER SOLSTICE YULE CAKE & POMANDERS

Tuesday, December 10, 4-5 PM, Storytime Room
We will read a new Winter Solstice book by Kate Allen Fox, called "Winter Solstice Wish," and we will learn about a few solstice traditions. For our treat we will use snack cakes to create mini-yule log cakes and use citrus to make pomanders to take home!

WORLD CLUB: PUT YOUR SHOES OUT FOR ST. NICKOLAS

Tuesday, December 17, 4 - 5 PM, Storytime Room
Join us for a delightful celebration of Christmas around the world! Each child will get the chance to create and decorate their own colorful paper shoes and fill our crafted shoes with goodies to take home.

WINTER READING PROGRAM KICK-OFF

Saturday, December 21, 10:30 - 11 AM, Storytime Room
Today our special guest, Dash from the Iowa Heartlanders will help us open the Winter Reading program by joining us for Family Storytime!

HOLIDAY CRAFTING HOOPLA

Monday December 23, 1 - 3 PM, Storytime Room
Make a heap of (last minute) holiday goodies to help you get in the holiday mood! Stop by the Storytime Room from 1-3 to create winter crafts to decorate or give away as gifts.

AFTERNOON LEGO PLAY

Wednesday, Dec 26, 1 - 3 PM, Storytime Room
Join us for an impromptu and informal afternoon of Lego building.

WINTER BREAK SPECIAL: POKEMON DRAWING CLASS

Friday, Dec 27, 1 - 2 PM, Meeting Room A
We will be celebrating the season by drawing Ice type Pokemon!

FAMILY NIGHT: MEET REPTILES WITH THE COLD-BLOODED REDHEAD

Friday, December 27, 5:30 - 6:30 PM, Meeting Room A
Lindsay McDermott is a local reptile enthusiast who will give kids and adults alike the chance to learn, discuss, touch, and even hold some reptiles!

POKEMON PERLER BEADS

Monday, December 30, 1 - 3 PM, Meeting Room A
Make your own Pixelated Pokémon with this drop-in perler beads activity!

NOON YEAR'S EVE BALLOON DROP & STORYTIME

Tuesday, December 31, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Meeting Room A
We're celebrating the end of 2024 early at a kid friendly, day time bash!

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

SPANISH BILINGUAL STORYTIME

Mondays, 10:30 - 11 AM, Storytime Room
Join us every Monday for a fun Spanish Bilingual Storytime with Children's Librarian Miriam! Every week, there will be a fun theme with plenty of repetition from previous weeks in order to enhance language learning.

BOOK BABIES

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11 AM, Storytime Room
Join us for Book Babies! Let's have fun together singing, reading, and rhyming. Book Babies is a program designed to stimulate your infant's language development and is geared towards ages 0-2 years.

STORYJAM

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11 AM, Storytime Room
StoryJAM is a music and movement program designed to model, encourage, and facilitate music-making as an early literacy skill.

PRESCHOOL STORIES & MORE

Thursdays, 10:30 - 11 AM, Storytime Room
Preschool Stories & More is the Thursday Storytime program at the library and will often be a guest presenter, storyteller or performer! All ages are welcome to attend Preschool Stories and More every week, but some programs may be better suited for ages 3-5.

CHINESE BILINGUAL STORYTIME

Fridays, 10:30 - 11 AM, Storytime Room
Join us every Friday for a special Chinese Bilingual Storytime with Children's Librarian Fang! Together we will enjoy songs, rhymes, stories and fun crafts in Chinese and English.

TOTALLY TWEENS - FOR KIDS IN GRADES 3 - 6

SCENT-SATIONAL SALVES

Thursday, December 5, 4 - 5 PM, Storytime Room
Combine art, nature, science, and the DIY spirit to craft simple, seasonal salves and bath salts to soothe and protect your dry winter skin.

MARIO KART MEETUP & CARD GAMES

Thursday, December 12, 4 - 5 PM, Storytime Room
Join other tweens for some friendly Mario Kart competition on the big screen! For those who prefer low-tech gaming, we'll have UNO and other simple card games.

SNOWFLAKE DIAMOND PAINTING

Thursday, December 19, 4 - 5 PM, Storytime Room
Join us to make a snowflake keychain using a diamond painting technique!

COMICS & COOKIES: DOG MAN #13: BIG JIM BEGINS

Thursday, December 26, 4 - 5 PM, Storytime Room
For our December meeting, we'll listen to the newest title in the wildly popular Dog Man series, released on December 3. In Dog Man: Big Jim Begins, discover the origin of our beloved characters from the Dog Man series as they join forces to stop the Space Cuties from destroying the city.



POUNCE ON A GOOD BOOK!

2025 WINTER READING PROGRAM
DEC. 21 - FEB. 15
KIDS AGES 3 - 12

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The poster features a cartoon fox wearing a blue scarf and holding a mug that says "Pounce on a Good Book". The background is a winter scene with snow, trees, and a moon.