



# Midlothian Public Library

14701 S. Kenton Ave. Midlothian, IL 60445

December 2016

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER



On November 22, the library said farewell to Director Heather McCammond-Watts. In the short time she was with us, she made a tremendous impact on this library and this community, and we are grateful for her service and leadership. My name is Jennifer Cottrill, the library's new Director. I've worked at Midlothian Public Library for almost four years in the teen, children's, and adult services departments. As your library's Director, my main goal is to

provide continuity throughout our leadership transition and to provide you, our public, with the best service possible. I want to keep my ears open to your concerns, so please feel free to share them with me as I learn and grow in my new role.

What's new at the library this month? After many months of hard work, we have launched our new website! Check it out at [www.midlothianlibrary.org](http://www.midlothianlibrary.org). I think you'll like its updated style and ease of use. Let us know your feedback!

December, of course, means the holidays. As we've done in years past, we'll run our Food for Fines program November 25 through December 30. Every non-perishable item donated will count for \$1 of forgiven fines (up to \$10). Food will be distributed to families in need via St. Christopher and St. Stephen Churches. We are also serving as a drop-off spot for the toy drive sponsored by the Midlothian Community Policing Committee and Midlothian Neighborhood Watch. Please be generous in this season of giving.

Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones! - Jennifer

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### PHONE

(708) 535-2027

### HOURS

MONDAY -  
THURSDAY  
9 am - 8 pm

FRIDAY  
9 am - 5 pm

SATURDAY  
9 am - 4 pm

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The library will be  
**CLOSED**  
Friday, December 9  
Saturday, December 24  
Monday, December 26  
Saturday, December 31  
Monday, January 2

Library Board of Trustees meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7 pm.

The public is welcome to attend. **Upcoming Meeting: December 20, 2016.**

All programs at the Midlothian Public Library are free and open to the public.

Register online at [midlothianlibrary.org](http://midlothianlibrary.org) or call the Help Desk at (708) 535-2027

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Us  
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# Adult Programs

## Tackling those Holiday Greetings

Thursday, December 8, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Do you send out Christmas cards?

Do you compose an annual family letter? Do you need a quiet place to do these tasks? Come to the library for a work session seasoned with light refreshments and company to commiserate with you as you address those envelopes, and craft those greetings. Please bring your own supplies! All elves are welcome.



## Adult Book Discussion

Saturday, December 10, 10 am

*Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me?*

By Mindy Kaling

Kaling shares her observations, fears, and opinions about a wide-ranging list of the topics she thinks about the most. From her favorite types of guys to life in the "The Office" writers' room, her book is full of personal stories and laugh-out-loud philosophies. Books are available at the Check Out Desk. All are welcome.



## Adult Coloring

Thursday, December 15, 7 - 8 pm

Take a break from the hustle and bustle. Try this relaxing hobby. Maybe you will want to add a new coloring book to your wish list or a BIG box of colored pencils? Please Register. All are welcome.



## Tech Essentials in 3 parts

### Computer Basics (Tech Essentials, Part I)

**Monday, December 12, 1 - 2:30 pm**

Clueless about computers? The Library can help! Learn about basic computer components, terminology, and essential skills during this informative session with a Library staff member and the tutorials at [www.gcflearnfree.org](http://www.gcflearnfree.org). Whether you are buying a new computer for the first time, or you just want to build your skills and knowledge, this class will enable you to get started with confidence. Please Register.

### Internet Basics (Tech Essentials, Part II)

**Friday, December 16, 10 - 11:30 am**

Learn about the Internet, an important tool for today's information and commerce. Using tutorials from [www.gcflearnfree.org](http://www.gcflearnfree.org), a Library staff member will help you learn the essential terminology and features of the Internet, with some helpful security tips as well. Learners of any skill level are welcome, but patrons may wish to attend the Computer Basics class as a prerequisite.

### Email Basics (Tech Essentials, Part III)

**Saturday, December 17, 10 - 11:30 am**

This class is designed to familiarize patrons with email, which is used today for sending messages, activating social media accounts and profiles (such as Facebook), shopping online, and much more. Using tutorials from [www.gcflearnfree.org](http://www.gcflearnfree.org), a Library staff member will guide you through creating a new email account, and you will learn important tips about email security as well. Participants in this class should bring a cellular phone to complete email sign-up.

## Drop-In Tech Help

**Mondays, 12 - 4 pm, Thursdays, 4 - 8 pm, and Fridays, 9 am - 1 pm**

Need help learning to use e-mail or Microsoft Office? Have a new smartphone or tablet? Looking for someone to help download a free library e-book or audiobook? In December, a volunteer tech helper will be available to answer questions. No appointment necessary.

# Adult Programs

## "SERENI-TEA" QUIET TIME FOR ADULTS

MONDAYS & TUESDAYS, DECEMBER 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 3 - 5 PM

Looking for some quiet space in the library during the after-school hours? Need some peace amidst the holiday hustle and bustle? Our meeting room will be open to adults ages 18 and up for tea, quiet reading, and computing on our NEW Chromebooks.

## Friends of the Library

**Want to help your local library?  
Become a Friends Member for only \$5.00!**



### Friends of the Library Meetings

December 1, 6:30 - 8 pm

January 5, 6:30 - 8 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME.

**Holiday Bazaar**  
**Saturday, December 3**  
**10 am - 2 pm**

Start your holiday shopping! Find handmade crafts for those special people on your list. There will also be gently used holiday decorations for sale. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.

### Donations Needed

The Friends are looking for craft items, gently used holiday decorations and baked goods. Craft items and decorations may be brought to the library by Thursday, Dec. 1st. Baked goods should be brought between 9:00 - 10:00 am on Saturday, December 3rd. Please cut and package the baked goods beforehand, for example, 4-6 cupcakes, or 12 cookies on a plate.

**Fannie May candy bars will be on sale at all  
Friends events while supplies last.**

## Featured for All Ages

# Holiday Stories & Songs

with Miss Anna



Saturday  
December 3  
2 - 3 pm

Get in the holiday spirit with seasonal songs, stories and activities with folksinger Anna Stange.

## FAMILY STORYTIME

### Make a Pop-Up Book!

Wednesday  
December 14  
6 - 7:15 pm

Get the family together and come out to make a cool pop-up book featuring the city of Chicago!

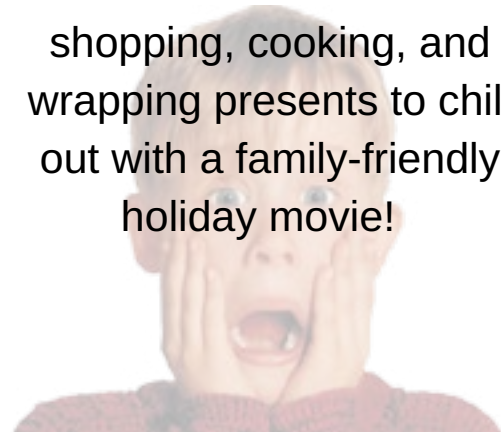


## Holiday Family Movie

HOME ALONE

Friday, December 23  
10 am - Noon & 2 - 4 pm

Take a break from shopping, cooking, and wrapping presents to chill out with a family-friendly holiday movie!



## Early Childhood & Beyond

### Holiday Preschool Pals

Tuesday, December 6, 10 - 10:45 am

No  
Registration



This engaging storytime is especially for 3-5 year olds! Get ready for special holiday-themed stories, songs, and activities! Then take your picture with our holiday Mickey and Minnie Mouse backdrop!

### Holiday Crawlers, Wigglers & Walkers

Thursday, December 8, 10 - 10:45 am

Siblings  
Welcome!



Perfect for babies to toddlers! Come dressed in your fancy best, listen to holiday stories and songs, and take your picture with our holiday Mickey and Minnie Mouse backdrop!

### Sensory Friendly Film & Fun

Thursday, December 15, 3:45-4:30 pm

Please  
Register



Join us for a movie followed by a fun activity. This program is designed to engage children who thrive with unique sensory engagement and for children who do best in a safe and accepting small group environment. Audience members are welcome to get up and dance, walk, shout or sing! Limit 12 participants. Please register.

### Play, Baby, Play!

Tuesday, December 20, 10 - 11 am



Drop in for this special playgroup just for babies, toddlers, and caregivers! Your child will have a chance to explore fun, enriching activities while bonding with you and socializing with other little people.

# Elementary Age Programs

## LEGO Club

Wednesday, December 7, 3:30 - 5 pm  
Children of any age can drop in and play!



## Barbie Club

Wednesday, December 14, 3:30 - 5 pm  
Children of any age can drop in and play!



## LEGO-Barbie-Playdough Mash-Up!

Wednesday, December 28, 3:30 - 5 pm  
Get wild and crazy with all our clubs mashed together!  
Will Barbie build a LEGO castle and then make a Playdough dress?  
Drop in and find out!



# Tween Programs

## Cone Christmas Trees

Wednesday, December 21, 10 - 11 am  
Want to make a Christmas tree that you can eat? Then come to this delicious program where you'll get to create, decorate, and om-nom-nom your very own delicious tree! Best for children ages 6-12.



## Make It-Take It Craft

Monday, December 19, 3:30 pm - while supplies last  
Stop by the Help Desk and ask for the craft!  
Everything you need will be supplied to make beautiful holiday art!



## Kids' Open Gaming

Thursday, December 22, 3:30 - 5 pm  
Try out our brand new games, Mario Kart 8 and Super Mario Makers!  
There's also board games to play while you wait!  
Children will be asked to take turns and switch games as needed. Controllers are provided, but feel free to bring your own.



## Kids' Colorathon

Thursday, December 29, 2 - 3:30 pm  
If you're feeling creative, stop by the library and lend a hand coloring on a gigantic coloring sheet!  
Coloring materials will be supplied.

## Lego Robotics

Mondays, December 5 & 12, 6 - 7:30 pm

Our year-long series offered in part by the University of Illinois 4-H Extension program continues. The program is designed to build a deeper understanding of circuitry, computer programming, and robotic engineering using LEGO® MINDSTORMS™. Service learning hours available to teens interested in peer educator opportunities. For ages 10-17; registration is required.

Please contact Miss Kesha for more details: (708) 535-2027.

# Teen Programs

Best for those entering Grade 7 through just graduated from Grade 12.

## TNT (Teens in Theatre)

Tuesday, December 6, 6 - 7:30 pm  
Come brainstorm ideas for the February play.  
If you are interested in writing, directing, acting, or stage design, Teens in Theatre is for you!

## Board Game Afternoon

Saturday, December 10, 1 - 2 pm  
Midlothian Library is acquiring all new board games! Come in and learn how to play them all!  
All ages welcome.



## Teen Game Night

Tuesday, December 13, 6 - 7:30 pm  
Play video games on the WiiU, board games, and enjoy snacks. No membership or registration required. Just drop in!



## VOICE Meeting

Thursday, December 15, 6 - 7 pm  
VOICE is a group of teens who help the library advise the library on events and programs for teens, assist at library events for adults and children, and plan and organize service projects that benefit the larger community. You must live or go to school in Midlothian to join. Teens will receive community service hours for participating.



## Teen Finals' Study Week

Monday, December 19, 5 - 7 pm  
Tuesday, December 20, 5 - 6:45 pm  
Wednesday, December 21, 5 - 7 pm  
Thursday, December 22, 5 - 7 pm  
The library will be hosting student tutors from Bremen High School to help students study for their finals. To limit distractions, students will have access to our large meeting room away from the main library. Snacks will be served to fuel your brain!



## Teen Creative Arts Program

Tuesday December 20, 6 - 7:30 pm  
Would you like to paint on canvas? Draw with charcoal? Write short stories and draw comic strips? Our Teen Creative Arts Program is waiting for you! We provide the space, you provide the imagination!



## Teen Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 27, 6 - 7:45 pm  
VOICE will be hosting a Holiday Party for teens. Join us at the library for games, crafts, and sparkling grape juice!




Saturday, December 17, 2 - 3:30 pm

Extreme gingerbread is back! We'll provide the (delicious) materials – you bring your architectural genius. Build individually or with a partner. Bring a cookie sheet so you can take home what you make. Let us know in advance if you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions. For ages 8-18. Registration required.

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<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Computer Basics (Tech Essentials, Part I) 1 - 2:30 pm "Sereni-TEA" Quiet Time for Adults 3 - 5 pm LEGO Robotics 6 - 7:30 pm	<b>13</b> "Sereni-TEA" Quiet Time for Adults 3 - 5 pm Teen Game Night 6 - 7:30 pm	<b>14</b> Crochet Club 10 am - Noon Barbie Club 3:30 - 5 pm Family Storytime- Make a Pop-Up Book! 6 - 7:15 pm	<b>15</b> Sensory Friendly Film & Fun 3:45 - 4:30 pm VOICE Meeting 6 - 6:45 pm Adult Coloring 7 - 8 pm	<b>16</b> Internet Basics (Tech Essentials, Part II) 10 - 11:30 pm	<b>17</b> Email Basics (Tech Essentials, Part III) 10 - 11:30 am Tweens/Teens Gingerbread Challenge 2 - 3:30 pm
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