

# WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY



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happy holidays

Take a break from the holiday rush with a popular fiction title from our library collection.  
Here are the Top 20 Circulating Books in Warren County Library

1. Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
2. Every Breath by Nicholas Sparks
3. The perfect couple by Elin Hilderbrand
4. Long Road to Mercy by David Baldacci
5. Look Alive Twenty-five by Janet Evanovich
6. The Woman in the Window by A.J. Finn
7. Run Away by Harlan Coben
8. The 18th Abduction by James Patterson
9. The Reckoning by John Grisham
10. The First Lady by James Patterson
11. The 17th Suspect by James Patterson
12. Cottage by the Sea by Debbie Macomber
13. Dark Sacred Night by Michael Connelly
14. Connections in Death by J.D. Robb
15. The wedding guest by Jonathan Kellerman
16. Tailspin by Sandra Brown
17. A spark of light by Jodi Picoult
18. Summer of '69 by Elin Hilderbrand
19. Shelter in place by Nora Roberts
20. Untouchable by Jayne Ann Krentz

## Step Back in time



Julia Child will “visit” the Headquarters Branch this month when Linda Kenyon performs her one-woman play “Bon Appetit” at 2 pm on December 11th. Registration required.

Learn about Washington’s Crossing that led to the Battle of Trenton and altered the course of the Revolutionary War at the Northeast Branch at 1 pm on December 7th. Registration required.



Watch Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman in the 1945 award-winning movie “The Bells of St. Mary’s” at our Headquarters Branch on December 5th at 1:30 pm.

## Please Note:

The Library will be closed the following days

Wednesday, **December 25th**, in observance of Christmas Day  
Wednesday **January 1st**, in observance of New Year’s Day  
and Tuesday, **December 24th & 31st** the Library will close at 4:30 pm

**Headquarters Branch (HQ)**  
2 Shotwell Drive  
Belvidere  
908-475-6322

**Catherine Dickson  
Hofman Branch (CDH)**  
4 Lambert Road  
Blairstown  
908-362-8335

**Southwest Branch (SW)**  
404 County Route 519  
Phillipsburg  
908-689-7922

**Northeast Branch (NE)**  
40 Route 46 West  
Hackettstown  
908-813-3858

### Hours

Mon-Thu 9:00 am-9:00 pm  
Fri. 9:00 am-6:00 pm  
Sat. 10:00 am-4:00 pm

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for a free membership.

**BOOK BINGO!**

December is National BINGO Month! Stop by the library circulation desk to sign up and pick up your BOOK BINGO card. Read books that match the categories on the front of the card. Write the titles on the back of the card. Once you get a BINGO, bring in your card for a chance to be entered into the grand prize drawing!

**Paper Christmas Parol (Filipino Star)****Ornament****12/2****2:00 PM**

Join us in crafting an original cut paper Parol (Star) Ornament to welcome in the holiday season and hang on your tree. The Parol is a quintessential Filipino symbol of hope, blessings, luck and peace. Ring in the season and learn about the culture of the Phillipines. Please register for this Adult Pinteresting Program.

**Knit and Crochet with Gerrie****12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31 3:00 PM**

Join our adult knit and crochet group. All skill levels from beginners, intermediate and advanced welcome. Complete a started project or begin a new one. Learn, teach or just enjoy needle art's for fun and community.

**How to Survive the Holidays: Organizing for the Season of Stress (NEW DATE and TIME)****12/4****1:00 PM**

If the holiday season usually feels like a tornado has set down in your life, a little advanced planning and preparation might give you the leg up you need. Topics will include holiday shopping, meal planning, entertaining, time management and more. Leave this class with a plan on how to "get it all done" this year, from decorating to entertaining, cooking, shopping and wrapping. Lots of organizing tips and fun ideas for all those seasonal tasks. Please bring your personal calendar to use for organizing. Registration Required. Thank you to The Friends of the Warren County Library for sponsoring this event.

**The Writers' Group of Belvidere****12/4****6:30 PM**

Please join us the first Wednesday of every month for the Writers' Group of Belvidere meeting. All levels of writing experience and all genres are welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your work as a writer and to get feedback. Bring something to read or just come and listen if you like. You must be 18+ to attend. Registration is required.

**Classic Movie Matinee features The Bells of St. Mary's****12/5****1:30 PM**

Bing Crosby repeats his Oscar-winning

characterization of happy-go-lucky priest Father O'Malley. The good father is sent to help out financially strapped St. Mary's Academy, a parochial school presided over by nun Sister Benedict (Ingrid Bergman). Nun and priest gently quarrel over teaching methods. Sister Benedict plays baseball and teaches a student how to box; Father O'Malley softens the heart of the man who holds the mortgage (Henry Travers). A huge hit at the box office, Bells of St. Mary's was nominated for nine Academy Awards.

**Zumba Gold & Zumba Chair Class****12/11, 12/18****10:45 AM**

Through a partnership with the Warren County Division of Aging and Disability Services and Sandy Polsky, certified Zumba instructor, we are pleased to present Zumba Gold and Zumba Chair classes for Seniors. Some of the benefits of Zumba Gold are improved muscular strength and endurance, improved cardiovascular system, improved range of motion, and posture. Zumba Gold can reduce depression, stress and anxiety all the while giving you the opportunity to meet new people and enhance the quality of your life! For ages 60+. Must be a Warren County resident. Please wear sneakers and comfortable clothes.

**Julia says, "Bon Appetit!"****starring Linda Kenyon as Julia Child****12/11****2:00 PM**

Julia Child, one of the first televised cooks, was in the vanguard of "foodies," who by changing America's taste, helped create modern American culture. While her public face and voice became familiar to us, this play focuses on her private side—especially the relationship with her husband, Paul Child. This one woman play is a love story that will capture your heart! Sign up today for this remarkable program.

**Meeting of the Friends of the Warren Co. Library Headquarters****12/12****6:30 PM**

As the Library's support group, the Friends do everything from raising funds to helping sponsor programs. Join them as they discuss their current fundraising plans. All are welcome!

**Headquarters Literary Club****12/19****2:00 PM**

Program Closed - The Evening Book Club, 4th Wednesday of each month, is open.

**Christmas Traditions with Kevin Woyce****12/21****11:00 AM**

Tis the Season to join Kevin Woyce (author, photographer, and musician) in a joyous historical slideshow. He will use original photographs, vintage images, and live music to explore favorite Christmas

Traditions, from the First Christmas to "A Christmas Carol," "White Christmas," and the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree. Mr. Woyce will also explain how historical figures ranging from Saint Nicholas, Martin Luther, and Queen Victoria to Charles Dickens and Thomas Nast helped shape the way we celebrate the Christmas Season. Registration Required. \*Funding for this program has been made possible by the Friends of the Warren County Library, Headquarters\*

**The Fourth Monday Evening Book Club****12/23****7:00 PM**

4th Monday of the month. Become a member of our evening Book Club! Join us for a monthly discussion of a selected book - you can even choose the title and/or genre! Be part of the discussion, or sit back and listen to other club member's interpretations; you decide! But be assured, you will share in a lively and stimulating hour! Call the library for details 908-475-6322. This book club is closed.

**All Ages, Teens, Tweens, Kids****CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE****Chess Knights****12/9, 12/30****6:00 PM**

Napoleon Bonaparte, Alan Turing, Isaac Asimov, Ben Franklin, Bill Gates, David Bowie, Keanu Reeves, Harry Houdini, Heidi Klum and many other famous people are all chess players. Learn to play the game or test your skills with a match! All ages are welcome.

**Maker Camp****12/11****4:30 PM**

Maker Club: Solstice Science - Winter is coming! We'll learn why the seasons change and celebrate the longest night of the year by creating our own light up luminaries and glow in the dark artwork. Ages 5+. Children under 9 should have a guardian. Registration required

**Family Movie Night-The Grinch****12/11****6:30 PM**

The story of a cynical grump who goes on a mission to steal Christmas, only to have his heart changed by a young girl's generous holiday spirit. It is a universal story about the spirit of Christmas and the indomitable power of optimism. Rated G.

**Preschoolers****Lapsit Storytime and Sing Along****12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31 10:00 AM**

A short program for babies and toddlers.

We'll sing, bounce, clap, and share a story or two. After the program, stay for a half-hour of playtime. Registration required.

#### 2-Year-Old Storytime

**12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31 11:00 AM**  
Stories, rhymes, and a craft for 2-year-olds and an adult caregiver. Registration required.

#### Holiday PJ Storytime

**12/18 6:30 PM**  
Put on your PJs and join us in the children's room for a selection of stories just right for winter holidays!

#### Preschool Story Time Christmas Stars

**12/3 1:30 PM**  
**12/6 10:30 AM**  
Christmas stars to hang in your window, bright and shiny. Stories to read, make a craft every week at Story Time. Please register.

#### Preschool Story Time Paper Plate Angel

**12/10 1:30 PM**  
**12/13 10:30 AM**  
Make and paint a paper plate angel. A table centerpiece decorated and ready to enjoy. Each week there are stories and a craft. Please sign up.

#### Preschool Story Time Annual Christmas Party

**12/17 1:30 PM**  
It's time for a party. A Christmas Party with games, face painting, and a special craft. Lots of treats and don't forget stories. Please don't leave without your gift bag.

#### Preschool Story Time Pick-an-Ornament

**12/20 10:30 AM**  
Make a craft stick Christmas Ornament as a gift for someone special. There will be several to choose from. Rudolf the red nose reindeer, a Holiday tree, or a Santa hat. And

always stories, stories, stories.

#### Preschool Story Time Our Snowman is Skiing

**12/24 1:30 PM**  
**12/27 10:30 AM**  
Is it snowing? Oh good, lets build a snowman. Just in case it isn't snowing, we can make our skiing snowman out of a paper tube. Sounds like fun! Don't forget our stories. Sign up.

#### Preschool Story Time Winter's Here

**12/31 1:30 PM**  
Winter's here. Cold breezes blowing, hats and mitten's keep us warm. Come into the library and get warm and make a fun winter craft. There will also be cool stories to read. Sign up.



#### Get fit, stay fit

Warren County Library and the Warren County Division of Aging and Disability offer exercise programs for Warren County residents who are over 60 years of age.

Zumba classes are offered at the Headquarters Branch in Belvidere on Wednesdays at 10:45, and the Southwest Branch in Stewartsville has Tai Chi classes on Thursdays at 9 am. Registration is required. Register through our online calendar of events, or by contacting the library. Attendees must bring proof of age and address (such as driver's license) when attending the class. Please check our calendar for program dates, as they may vary during the holiday season.



#### TAI CHI EXERCISES

### Catherine Dickson Hofman Branch—Blairstown

#### Knit Wits

**12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31 9:00 AM**  
The Knit Wits meet on Tuesday mornings to crochet, knit and chat while creating various items to be donated to different community organizations.

#### Tech Tutor - CDH

**12/4 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM**  
**12/5 4:30 PM & 6:30 PM**  
**12/10, 12/11, 12/17, 12/18 11:00 AM**  
**12/19 3:00 PM**  
**12/30 7:00 PM**

Need help with a new tablet or smart phone? Maybe you want to be better at browsing the web? The friendly staff of the CDH Branch are here to help! In one-on-one sessions, we'll help you answer your tech questions. Sessions are 30 minutes long, and we ask you only sign up for one slot per month. Please register.

#### Adult Artists

**12/11, 12/18 10:00 AM**  
Let the artist in you emerge! Come join other budding artists and learn techniques in water color, pastel and other mediums.

#### PM Literature Club

**12/11 7:00 PM**  
*My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* is told with the same comic accuracy and beating heart as Fredrik Backman's best-selling debut novel, *A Man Called Ove*. It is a story about life and death and one of the most important human rights: the right to be different. Join the group this month for a lively discussion of this warmhearted, charming novel.

#### Mocktails 101

**12/14 1:00 PM**  
Think cocktails with no alcohol are boring? Think again! Vanessa Young of the Thirsty Radish will present flavorful and sophisticated non-alcoholic drinks for everyday enjoyment and entertaining. Guests can expect to try new flavor combinations and updated classics while the art of making drinks, syrups, infusions, and edible garnishes is discussed. For adults. Please register.

#### AM Literature Club

**12/16 10:00 AM**  
Snuggle in for this holiday who-done-it as Andy Carpenter defends a friend who has been reported by a cranky neighbor for fostering homeless puppies during the holiday season. Andy encounters more trouble than anticipated when the neighbor is found murdered. Join the group for some thought provoking discussions with this month's read *The Twelve Dogs Of Christmas* by David Rosenfelt. All book-lovers are invited to attend!

#### Adult Pinterest Craft: Felt Ornaments

**12/18 7:00 PM**  
Morgan will be choosing another popular craft idea from Pinterest and the library will supply everything that you need. Adults 18+. Please register.

#### Adult Jeopardy

**12/19 7:00 PM**  
Come test your trivia knowledge on a wide variety of topics when the Library presents its own version of Jeopardy. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

**All Ages, Teens, Tweens, Kids****Care Packages for Local Nursing Homes**  
12/3 12:30 PM

We will pack cookies and make holiday decorations for two area nursing homes. We will also sign cards to send to Veterans' Haven North, a facility for homeless Veterans.

**Family Craft: Gingerbread Houses**  
12/7 2:00 PM

Families work together to create an edible Gingerbread House for the holiday season. All of the materials will be provided and Edible Arts will be on hand to help. Registration is required; please enter family name (e.g. Smith Family) on the registration form. One Gingerbread House will be available per family.

**Maker Monday: Solstice Science**  
12/9 4:30 PM

Winter is coming! We'll learn why the seasons change and celebrate the longest night of the year by creating our own light up luminaries and glow in the dark artwork. Ages 5+. Children under 9 should have a guardian. Registration required.

**Hands-On Traditional Holiday Treats For The Family**  
12/23 4:00 PM

The whole family is invited to join the celebration when we sample traditional holiday treats and make some of our own. Why does the candy have a cane? Eggnog, who came up with that idea? Why is there so much gingerbread during the holidays? We'll be bringing the figgy pudding, so stop by and take a taste. The kids can decorate cookies and make some holiday bark that can be taken home. All are welcome to attend! Please register as a family and let us know how many members will be attending.

**Star Wars Reading Challenge**

The Skywalker saga is coming to a conclusion in theaters this month. To celebrate Episode 9: Rise of Skywalker, the Catherine Dickson Hofman Branch has a reading challenge for ages 6-14. Choose your destiny - light side or dark side. Pick up a form at the

Catherine Dickson Hofman Branch. Fill out a prize ticket for every hour you read during the month of December. (9 chances to win maximum) Submit your prize tickets into the drawing baskets at the Catherine Dickson Hofman Branch before January for a chance to win either a Jedi lightsaber, a Sith lightsaber or other themed prize. Winners will be chosen on Jan. 6th.

**Bookopolis! 3rd Grade Book Club**  
12/2 4:30 PM

It all started when my sister, Thea, discovered a mysterious map. It showed a secret treasure on a faraway island. And before I could let out a squeak of protest, Thea dragged me into her treasure hunt! In no time at all, we'd set sail for the island. Come join the adventure when we read *Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye* by Geronimo Stilton. The Third Grade Book Club is for kids who like to read, meet new friends and talk about a good book. We read fun, easy books and our snack & activity ideas are taken right from the pages. The Club meets the first Monday of the month for 1 hour. Ages 9-10. Please register.

**Read To A Pup!**

12/7 11:00 AM

Sign up to read to a pet for 10 minutes. They love to listen to stories! Call the library to reserve your 10 minute spot. Pet visits are made possible by Creature Comfort - pet therapy for children - building connections through animal visitation, one cold nose at a time.

**Kids Craft : Snowman Ornament**  
12/11 4:30 PM

Join Miss Morgan in making your own snowman ornament; but don't worry - this snowman won't melt! You can use your ornament to decorate your Christmas tree for many years to come. Ages 5-10, Please register.

**Very Superstitious STEM**  
12/13 4:30 PM

It's a chilling Friday the 13th. Discover why Friday the 13th is spooky and the reasons for other superstitions with STEM stations. Win prizes. Registration required. Ages 8-12.

**Family Craft: Melting Snowman Cookie****Decorating**  
12/18 4:30 PM

Please join us for some holiday winter fun in decorating melting snowman cookies. Limit 1 cookie per person. Parent/Guardian is required to attend with children under the age of 9. If coming as a group, please register as a family. Be sure to list the total number of family members attending program.

**Farmyard Pals Petting Zoo**  
12/27 11:00 AM

The Farm Chicks of West Milford are bringing some of their farmyard friends to the CDH Branch! Kids of all ages are invited to learn about and then meet these amazing animals. Please register everyone who will be in the room.

**Family Film: Dora & The Lost City Of Gold**  
12/28 11:00 AM

When her parents disappear in search of the Lost City of Gold, Dora swings into action on a wild quest to find them. Follow Dora and her friends as they navigate the jungle, outrun treasure hunters and unlock the mystery of the fabled city. Rated PG, 1 hour & 42 minutes.

**Preschoolers****Storytime with Miss Morgan**

12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 1/2 11:00 AM  
Bring your preschooler to the library for a fun storytime with Miss Morgan! We'll read stories followed by activities that promote early literacy and motor skills. Younger siblings are welcome to join. Please register.

**Mommy and Me Storytime**

12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27, 1/3 11:00 AM  
Mommy and Me Storytime for babies and toddlers is an interactive storytime for very young children and a caregiver, lasting about 15 minutes. The program uses rhyme and repetition to build language and literacy skills.

**Hoopla update:**

An update to Hoopla software will take place on December 10th. Hoopla users may need to re-enter their library PIN if they receive the following error message:

“Yikes! Something is wrong with your library card or PIN. Please double check your info in settings, and if you still have issues contact your local library.”

**Click on the following link for instructions to update your Hoopla app.**

<https://warrenlib.org/content/updating-your-hoopla-pin#.XdMJHldKjcs>

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## DECEMBER S.T.E.A.M. Activities



**Invitation to Invent** boxes are now available in the Southwest Makerspace! Each box includes a themed project with all the needed materials and printed instructions. Patrons can use the boxes at any time to make something fun and creative in the makerspace. New projects are introduced at least once a month, so be sure to check in frequently for new items. While you're in the Makerspace, be sure to check out the arts and craft supplies, Snap Circuits, Legos, K'nex and more!

### Open Makerspace Hours

**SW 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30 11:00 AM**  
**SW 12/5, 12/19 7:00 PM**

The Makerspace @ Southwest is open! What will you create? This time is intended for independent work, experimentation and asking questions. Please note, no formal classes or programs are offered in the Makerspace at this time. If you would like to use a specific piece of equipment, please let us know in advance by sending an email to [sroberts@warrenlib.org](mailto:sroberts@warrenlib.org). Please note that the Makerspace is not childproofed for young children. Parents are responsible for their child's safety. The Makerspace Coordinator and library staff reserve the right to limit or restrict access to the Makerspace and its equipment as deemed appropriate or to protect the safety of our patrons. Item available for use during Open Makerspace sessions include: Laptop computers iPads Hive VR Makey Makeys Arduino Uno Raspberry Pi littleBits Snap Circuits Squishy Circuits Legos Lincoln Logs K'Nex Green Screen Umbrella Lights Projector Singer Sewing Machine Large Ellison Die Cut Machine Silhouette Digital Cutting Machine Cricut Digital Cutting Machine Assorted craft supplies Google Cardboard units Assorted hand tools Soldering irons Assorted craft supplies

### Creative Colors

**SW 12/2 1:00 PM**

Get out the colored pencils and create a masterpiece. We'll have various coloring pages for adults and assorted coloring tools for your enjoyment. Teens and adults only. Registration required.

### Circuit Lab

**SW 12/3 10:00 AM**  
**12/4 3:00 PM**

Learn the basics of circuits with Snap Circuits, littleBits, Squishy Circuits, and more! Snap Circuits are easy-to-use invention kits that teach about electricity. LittleBits are kits of modular electronics, which snap together with small magnets for prototyping and learning. Squishy Circuits use conductive and insulating dough that allows you to create sculptures with embedded lights, motors, and buzzers. All the kits are designed to teach the basics of how circuits work through fun projects. For the safety of our patrons, children must be over 5 years of age. Children under 9 must have an adult present. Registration required.

### Animation Station

**SW 12/5 4:00 PM**

Special Project of the Month: Make a holiday movie. Explore stop motion, green screening and more using the Makerspace equipment. Develop and make your own creations. Please note this is not a formal class or workshop but provides the opportunity for independent exploration. Not sure where to start? We can help. Ages 5+. Children must be comfortable with a computer/tablet or have the assistance of a caregiver. Registration required.

### Friday STEAM: Hot Glue Stamps

**SW 12/6 4:30 PM**

Time to get creative. We'll use hot glue to make simple stamps of our own design. Then we'll create cards and artwork using our stamps and those created by our friends. Ages 5+. For safety, every child under the age of 13 MUST have an adult partner to assist. Safety gear will be required for anyone under 13. Registration required. Please register every participant.

### Radical Rocketeers

**NE 12/7, 1/4 10:00 AM**

Radical Rocketeers meets the first Saturday of every month from 10 am to 12 pm. All ages welcome! Great individual or family activity. The program starts with a short business meeting and then moves into the fun part of rocket building. Basic supplies are provided or you may bring your own. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required, please sign up online or at the branch.

### Origami Club: Snowflakes

**SW 12/7 11:00 AM**

Learn how to make intricate snowflake decorations! Ages 10 & up Registration required

### Intro to Coding for Adults

**SW 12/9 1:00 PM**

You've probably heard tons about coding and know that it has to do with computers. You may even know that it's the way people tell computers what to do. Coding can be used to create games, animation, and applications. If you've always wanted to try coding, but don't know where to start, come into the Southwest Maker Space and give it a try with an Hour of Code activity for Computer Science Education Week! Adults only. Registration required.

### Pixel Post-It Art

**SW 12/9 4:30 PM**

With graphing paper, map out your given task to determine how many post it notes you will need to bring the designs to life. Ages 10 & up. Registration is required.

### Homeschool Hour of Code

**SW 12/10 10:00 AM**

The Hour of Code started as a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code", to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. It has since become a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science. Come together at the library and learn to code or extend your knowledge as we challenge ourselves with fun activities. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! All ages. Parents, teens and adults welcome. Children must be comfortable with a com-

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puter and mouse or have the assistance of a caregiver. Children under 9 must have adult supervision. Registration required.

## Maker Club: Solstice Science

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| CDH | 12/9  | 4:30 PM |
| HQ  | 12/11 | 4:30 PM |
| NE  | 12/16 | 4:30 PM |
| SW  | 12/23 | 4:30 PM |

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## Hour of Code

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## Intro to Robotics

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| SW | 12/12 | 6:30 PM |
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Using the micro:bit controller and MakeCode, we'll construct robots with cardboard and other common materials. Learn mechanics and coding, while having fun tinkering on your own robot. Please note, you will not be able to take home the electronics portion of the robot. Age 10+. Children under 12 must have an adult to aid them. Teens and adults welcome. Registration required.

## Very Superstitious STEM

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## Robotics Programming Club

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| NE | 12/14 | 10:00 AM |
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The Robotics Programming Club is for students in 9th grade through adult. This club is intended for those individuals interested in the fundamentals needed to program robots for autonomous competition using the JAVA computer programming language. We will be examining the relationship and interaction between hardware sensors, motors, and the software. Also, we will discuss interruption processing, multitasking, memory management, and signaling as it related to digital sensors used on the \*\*FIRST robots. The lectures will consist of the theory, considerations, problem situations and the logical flow required to control robotic devices. Registrants will need to bring their own personal laptop computer.

Please note that a Warren County Library card may be required for registration. Check the calendar for details. If you have ideas for programs, would like to volunteer, or have tools to donate, contact Sandra at: [sroberts@warrenlib.org](mailto:sroberts@warrenlib.org).

## Mini Hack-a-Thon

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| SW | 12/14 | 12:00 PM |
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We're celebrating Computer Science Education Week with a Mini Hack-a-thon! We'll have introductory through advanced coding projects for all ages. Try our electronics kits to learn about circuits. Or use a microcontroller to build a simple robot. Plus, visit our "break and make" table where you can hack old toys and electronics to see how they work. All ages. Children under 9 must have an adult to help them. No experience needed, but always welcome. Snacks provided. Registration required. This is an "open house" style event. You do not need to stay the entire time. Volunteers interested in sharing their knowledge are welcome!

## Holiday Card Crafting

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| SW | 12/16 | 1:00 PM |
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Break out the stamps and die cutters. It's time to get creative and make cards for the holidays. If you have supplies to share, please bring them. Teens and adults only. Registration required.

## Tinker Time

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| SW | 12/17 | 10:00 AM |
| SW | 12/18 | 3:00 PM  |

It's time to tinker! Join us for open-ended discovery as we build with Legos, K'nex, Magna Tiles, Lincoln Logs, and more. For the safety of our patrons, children must be over 5 years of age. Parents welcome; we suggest you stay with children under 9. Registration required.

## Design Lab

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| SW | 12/19 | 4:00 PM |
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This month's special project: Design a 3d Printed Snowflake The Design Lab is open. Come on in and learn about 3D printing and use computer-aided design (CAD) to make your ideas a reality. Ages 5+. Children under 9 must have a caretaker at all times. Registration is required. We suggest you create a Tinkercad account at [www.tinkercad.com](http://www.tinkercad.com) in advance.

## Homeschool Hangout

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| 12/20 | 1:00 PM |
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Come together with other homeschoolers to craft, build, game, and chat. Enjoy a relaxed "open house" afternoon for kids and parents to connect. All ages. Registration required.

## Friday STEAM: Getting Grinchy

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| SW | 12/20 | 4:30 PM |
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Celebrate the beloved movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" through fun science and engineering challenges. Ages 5 and up. Children 9 and under must have a parent. Registration required. Please register all participants.

## Makerspace Workshop

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| SW | 12/23 | 1:00 PM |
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Come into the Makerspace and get building. This month's featured project: Make a simple wooden birdfeeder. You are also welcome to bring your own materials or projects and use Makerspace equipment. Adults only. Registration required.



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**Mahjongg**

**12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30 10:00 AM**  
Join a great group of people and play Mahjongg. Games from beginner to advanced. Beginners welcome!

**Friends Meeting**

**12/2 7:00 PM**  
Become an advocate for your library by joining a group of volunteers who meet once a month to discuss fund-raising and programming for the library. Bring your ideas!

**Quilting Snails**

**12/3 5:30 PM**  
The Quilting Snails is a club dedicated to machine quilting. Beginners, intermediate, and experienced are all welcome! Please bring your own machine to the meeting. This club will be meeting monthly. Registration required, please sign up online or at the branch.

**Crafty Ladies**

**12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 1/2 1:30 PM**  
If you like to knit or crochet, or would like to learn, join our crafty ladies!

**Washington's Crossing**

**12/7 1:00 PM**  
Learn about Washington's Crossing, the surprise maneuver planned by George Washington that led to victory at the Battle of Trenton and altered the course of the Revolutionary War, during this informative presentation. Registration is required, please sign up online or at the branch.

**Adult Craft**

**12/17 10:30 AM**  
For 18+. Join Miss Jody in making a seasonal craft, all materials provided. Registration is required, please register online or at the branch.

**Bookworms**

**12/18 12:30 PM**  
Join our monthly book club. We will be reading A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith.

**Emily Dickinson Presentation**

**12/18 6:30 PM**  
Join Dr. Kerry Barnett as she discusses the life and works of Emily Dickinson. Registration is required, please sign up online or at the branch.

**Book Friends**

**12/18 6:30 PM**  
Come and enjoy a lively cafe style book club for discussion and light refreshments. Title to be announced.

**All Ages, Teens, Tweens, Kids**

**Pokémon Club: Snow Globes**

**12/4 6:30 PM**

For all ages. Join Miss Christina W. for Pokémon club. This month, we will be crafting our own Pokémon snow globes. Feel free to bring your cards and handheld gaming devices. Registration required, please sign up online or at the branch.

**Cards for Hospitalized Kids**

**12/7 12:00 PM**  
For all ages. Craft holiday cards for hospitalized children in our new maker space. All materials will be provided. The completed cards will be sent to the charitable organization, Cards for Hospitalized Kids. No registration required. Please feel free to drop in between 12 and 2.

**Elf Movie Showing & Hot Chocolate Bar**

**12/26 1:00 PM**  
Watch the holiday classic Elf (97 minutes, rated PG, 2003) while making yourself an elaborate hot chocolate from our DIY hot chocolate bar. Registration required.

**Pokémon Club**

**1/4 1:00 PM**  
For all ages. Join Miss Christina W. for Pokémon club. More information to be announced. Feel free to bring your cards and handheld gaming devices. Registration required, please sign up online or at the branch.

**Origami Club**

**12/11 6:30 PM**  
Join Cylvia Ultz and learn origami! All ages are welcome to join this creative club. Young children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required, please sign up online or at the branch.

**DIY Hot Cocoa Mix**

**12/13 4:30 PM**  
For ages 8-17. Concoct your own hot cocoa mix by using a variety of different ingredients. How about trying crushed oreos or cayenne pepper in a mix? Maybe half a chocolate bar? Try to make the tastiest hot chocolate mix by experimenting at the library! Registration is required, please sign up.

**Robotics Programming Club**

**12/14 10:00 AM**  
The Robotics Programming Club is for students in 9th grade through adult. This club is intended for those individuals interested in the fundamentals needed to program robots for autonomous competition using the JAVA computer programming language. We will be examining the relationship and interaction between hardware sensors, motors, and the software. Also, we will discuss interruption processing, multitasking, memory management, and signaling as it related to digital sensors used on the \*\*FIRST robots. The lectures will consist of the theory, considerations, problem situations and the logical flow required to control robotic devices. Regis-

trants will need to bring their own personal laptop computer.

**The Nightmare Before Christmas Movie Showing & Craft**

**12/27 1:00 PM**  
For ages 8-17. Watch The Nightmare Before Christmas (76 minutes, rated PG, 1993) while crafting your own Jack and Sally ornaments. Registration required, please sign up.

**Cinnamon Salt Dough Ornaments**

**12/6 4:30 PM**  
For ages 3-8. Make your own ornaments using cinnamon salt dough and cookie cutters. We have a ton of different cookie cutters -- everything from Santa cookie cutters to Star Wars! Registration is required, please sign up.

**Maker Monday: Solstice Science**

**12/16 4:30 PM**  
Winter is coming! We'll learn why the seasons change and celebrate the longest night of the year by creating our own light up luminaries and glow in the dark artwork. Ages 5+. Children under 9 should have a guardian. Registration required.

**Radical Rocketeers**

**12/7 10:00 AM**  
**1/4 10:00 AM**  
Radical Rocketeers meets the first Saturday of every month from 10 am to 12 pm. All ages welcome! Great individual or family activity. The program starts with a short business meeting and then moves into the fun part of rocket building. Basic supplies are provided or you may bring your own. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required, please sign up.

**Preschoolers**

**Sensory Storytime**

**12/4 10:30 AM**  
Join Miss. Lindsay and Mr. Adam for this fun sensory storytime once a month.

**Friday Friends Storytime**

**12/6 10:30 AM**  
Did you miss storytime on Wednesday? Don't worry! Bring your children to the library and join Miss Lindsay for a fun themed storytime and craft every Fri-YAY! Registration is required.

**Little Explorer Storytime**

**12/11 10:30 AM**  
Bring your child to the library for a fun storytime with Miss. Lindsay and Karen H! We will explore different stories and make a themed craft each week.

**Friday Friends Storytime**

**12/13 10:30 AM**  
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join Miss Lindsay for a fun themed storytime and craft every Fri-YAY! Registration is required.

**Hip Hip Hooray! Santa's On His Way - Christmas Storytime**  
12/18 10:30 AM

Jump in your sleigh and head this way to see Miss. Lindsay and Karen H. Celebrate the magic of the holiday at the library with fun stories, crafts and games.

**Friday Friends Storytime**  
12/20 10:30 AM

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**Grinch Hot Chocolate**  
12/21 11:30 AM

Join Miss Julianna, the RD of Mansfield

Shop Rite, to learn how to make "Grinch" hot chocolate! Registration required.

**Friday Friends Storytime**  
12/27 10:30 AM

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**Videogames at the Library**

Whether you are anticipating a new gaming system or just more time to play, you can find a new challenge this holiday season with one of our videogames.

You can find our entire videogame collection in our library catalog or browse the available items on the shelf in your local branch.

Search for games in our catalog by the name of the game or by the system (Xbox One, Nintendo Switch, Playstation 4). Games are checked out for two weeks, and there is one dollar per day fine for late returns.

Members can place holds on videogames through the library catalog; however, we cannot reserve the game for specific dates.



**Southwest Branch – Greenwich Township**

**Creative Colors**  
12/2 1:00 PM

Get out the colored pencils and create a masterpiece. We'll have various coloring pages for adults and assorted coloring tools for your enjoyment. Teens and adults only. Registration required.

**Knifty Knitters**  
12/3, 12/10, 12/24, 12/31 1:30 PM

Knitting is so knifty! Join us and socialize while making cool things! All are welcome.

**Tai Chi for Arthritis and Balance (Ages 60+)**  
12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26 9:00 AM

Do you want to feel better, move better, and improve your balance? In partnering with the Division of Aging and Disability Services in Warren County and Stan Co-

hen, certified trainer, we are offering Tai Chi for Arthritis and Balance. Why Tai Chi? Tai Chi will bring you the benefits of balance, improved overall mobility, stress reduction, and improved sleep. It is a gentle way to exercise and to maintain your health. This class series will run from June until December on Thursdays from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Open to Warren County residents, ages 60+. Please bring proof of age and address (such as a driver's license). Come give it a try and join in the movement! Registration required.

**Crochet Corner**  
12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26 1:00 PM

Come to our little corner and enter the wonderful world of crochet! Share and learn - all are welcome!

**Intro to Coding for Adults**  
12/9 1:00 PM

You've probably heard tons about coding and know that it has to do with computers. You may even know that it's the way people tell computers what to do. Coding can be used to create games, animation, and applications. If you've always wanted to try coding, but don't know where to start, come into the Southwest Maker Space and give it a try with an Hour of Code activity for Computer Science Education Week! Adults only. Registration required.

**Creatively Concise Short Story Club**  
12/11 7:00 PM

Join us as we delve into the work of art that is the diminutive cousin of the novel - the short story. We'll explore stories by Tessa Hadley, Alice Munro, Stephen King and Amy Tan to name a few. C2 meets



**Immerse yourself in the holiday spirit**

Get ready for the holidays by attending our holiday-themed programs this month.

In addition to sing-alongs, crafts, movies, special storytimes, and holiday goodies the library will be organizing care packages for local nursing homes and creating holiday cards for hospitalized kids.

every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. Short stories are available on the events board at the Southwest Branch.

### Holiday Card Crafting

12/16 1:00 PM

Break out the stamps and die cutters. It's time to get creative and make cards for the holidays. If you have supplies to share, please bring them. Teens and adults only. Registration required.

### Knitters of the Round Table

12/17 1:30 PM

It all started at a little round table in the corner... Join us and celebrate the love of knitting! Beginner or advanced - all are welcome.

### Evening Readers

12/18 7:00 PM

### Makerspace Workshop

12/23 1:00 PM

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### All Ages, Teens, Tweens, Kids

#### Open Makerspace Hours

12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30 11:00 AM  
12/5, 12/19 7:00 PM

The Makerspace @ Southwest is open! What will you create? This time is intended for independent work, experimentation and asking questions. Please note, no formal classes or programs are offered in the Makerspace at this time. If you would like to use a specific piece of equipment, please let us know in advance by sending an email to sroberts@warrenlib.org. Please note that the Makerspace is not childproofed for young children. Parents are responsible for their child's safety. The Makerspace Coordinator and library staff reserve the right to limit or restrict access to the Makerspace and its equipment as deemed appropriate or to protect the safety of our patrons. Item available for use during Open Makerspace sessions include: Laptop computers iPads Hive VR Makey Makeys Arduino Uno Raspberry Pi littleBits Snap Circuits Squishy Circuits Legos Lincoln Logs K'Nex Green Screen Umbrella Lights Projector Singer Sewing Machine Large Ellison Die Cut Machine

Silhouette Digital Cutting Machine Cricut Digital Cutting Machine Assorted craft supplies Google Cardboard units Assorted hand tools Soldering irons Assorted craft supplies.

### Book Bingo

12/3 6:00 PM

Join us for some fun for everyone with a favorite classic- Bingo! This is a free event. Each child participating will leave with a prize. Registration is required for each participant.

### Chess Club

12/4, 12/11, 12/18 5:00 PM

Learn the game of Chess and challenge your peers! Ages 6 & up Registration required

### Winter Holiday Sing Along

12/7 1:00 PM

We invite you all to come and join in the fun with this interactive Holiday Sing-Along with Jesse Rivera. Jesse is an award winning guitarist/singer/songwriter and is also a Lopatcong resident! Jesse will play his guitar and sing as we sing along to some familiar holiday favorites!

### Read to a Therapy Pup

12/10, 12/13 4:00 PM

Choose a book from our collection and read to Certified Therapy Pup Sweet Caroline for 5-10 minutes. Registration required.

### Ocean Animal Ornaments

12/11 6:30 PM

The ocean and its animals are an important part of our ecosystem. Want to learn why? Diana and Michael Dove are educators who are passionate about the environment and will have hands on discovery tables, facts and tips that you can take with you to implement in your every day life to help save our oceans. Learn why we need to keep our oceans clean and make a themed hanging ornament to take home with you. An all ages family event granted by Warren County Clean Communities. Registration required.

### Nutcracker "Sweet" Tea

12/12 5:00 PM

A great holiday favorite, the Nutcracker is one of Tchaikovsky's most famous ballets. Celebrate his genius with a cup of tea, and holiday goodies incorporating the flavors of the season! Paint your own wooden nutcracker to hang on your tree. Each participant must register.

### Mini Hack-a-Thon

12/14 12:00 PM

We're celebrating Computer Science Educa-

tion Week with a Mini Hack-a-thon! We'll have introductory through advanced coding projects for all ages. Try our electronics kits to learn about circuits. Or use a microcontroller to build a simple robot. Plus, visit our "break and make" table where you can hack old toys and electronics to see how they work. All ages. Children under 9 must have an adult to help them. No experience needed, but always welcome. Snacks provided. Registration required. This is an "open house" style event. You do not need to stay the entire time. Volunteers interested in sharing their knowledge are welcome!

### Holiday Pajama Storytime

12/17 6:00 PM

Join us for this holiday storytime and learn a bit about all the different celebration we have during this season. We will read books, sing songs, make a craft, and have some milk and cookies!! Registration is required for each participant. Younger/older siblings welcome!

### Homeschool Hangout

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### Animation Station

12/5 4:00 PM

Special Project of the Month: Make a holiday movie. Explore stop motion, green screening and more using the Makerspace equipment. Develop and make your own creations. Please note this is not a formal class or workshop but provides the opportunity for independent exploration. Not sure where to start? We can help. Ages 5+. Children must be comfortable with a computer/tablet or have the assistance of a caregiver. Registration required.

### Hour of Code

12/12 4:00 PM

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celebrate computer science. Come together at the library and learn to code or extend your knowledge as we challenge ourselves with fun activities. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** All ages. Parents, teens and adults welcome. Children must be comfortable with a computer and mouse or have the assistance of a caregiver. Children under 9 must have adult supervision. Registration required.

**Intro to Robotics**  
**12/12 6:30 PM**

Using the micro:bit controller and MakeCode, we'll construct robots with cardboard and other common materials. Learn mechanics and coding, while having fun tinkering on your own robot. Please note, you will not be able to take home the electronics portion of the robot. Age 10+. Children under 12 must have an adult to aid them. Teens and adults welcome. Registration required.

**Design Lab**  
**12/19 4:00 PM**

This month's special project: Design a 3d Printed Snowflake The Design Lab is open. Come on in and learn about 3D printing and use computer-aided design (CAD) to make your ideas a reality. Ages 5+. Children under 9 must have a caretaker at all times. Registration is required. We suggest you create a Tinkercad account at [www.tinkercad.com](http://www.tinkercad.com) in advance.

**Circuit Lab**  
**12/3 10:00 AM**

Learn the basics of circuits with Snap Circuits, littleBits, Squishy Circuits, and more! Snap Circuits are easy-to-use invention kits that each about electricity. LittleBits are kids of modular electronics, which snap together with small magnets for prototyping and learning. Squishy Circuits use conductive and insulating dough that allows you to create sculptures with embedded lights, motors, and buzzers. All the kits are designed to teach the basics of how circuits work through fun projects. For the safety of our patrons, children must be over 5 years of age. Children under 9

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**Friday STEAM: Hot Glue Stamps**  
**12/6 4:30 PM**

Time to get creative. We'll use hot glue to make simple stamps of our own design. Then we'll create cards and artwork using our stamps and those created by our friends. Ages 5+. For safety, every child under the age of 13 **MUST** have an adult partner to assist. Safety gear will be required for anyone under 13. Registration required. Please register every participant.

**Origami Club: Snowflakes**  
**12/7 11:00 AM**

Learn how to make intricate snowflake decorations! Ages 10 & up. Registration required.

**Pixel Post-It Art**  
**12/9 4:30 PM**

With graphing paper, map out your given task to determine how many post it notes you will need to bring the designs to life. Ages 10 & up. Registration is required.

**Homeschool Hour of Code**  
**12/10 10:00 AM**

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**Tinker Time**  
**12/17 10:00 AM**

**12/18 3:00 PM**  
It's time to tinker! Join us for open-ended discovery as we build with Legos, K'nex, Magna Tiles, Lincoln Logs, and more. For the safety of our patrons, children must be over 5 years of age. Parents welcome; we suggest you stay with children under 9. Registration required.

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**Preschoolers**

**Pre-School Storytime**  
**12/4, 12/18 10:00 AM**

Join Ms. Erin in her Pre-school storytime. We will explore a new theme each week, read books and make a craft. For ages 3-5 years. Siblings welcome. Registration is requested.

**Tiny Tots Tuesday**  
**12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24 10:00 AM**

Listen to stories, sing songs and dance! Please register.