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Happy New Year!

STICK TO YOUR RESOLUTIONS THIS YEAR WITH OUR MINDFULNESS JOURNAL PACKS

We know that January can be a busy and challenging month. No matter how much you resolve to take time for yourself, improve your quality of life, or embark upon a new challenge, the pressures of the new year can quickly sap a person of all their well-intended optimism. Why not try our Mindfulness Journal activity to help you navigate your stress and focus in on the goals that are most important to you?

Mindfulness journaling is the act of focused, thoughtful writing on a specific topic. Mindfulness activities have been shown to decrease stress, reduce chronic pain, and even improve the quality of your sleep. Our activity packs include a journal, a pen, a magnet to help you remember your exercises, and 30 days of writing prompts to get you started.

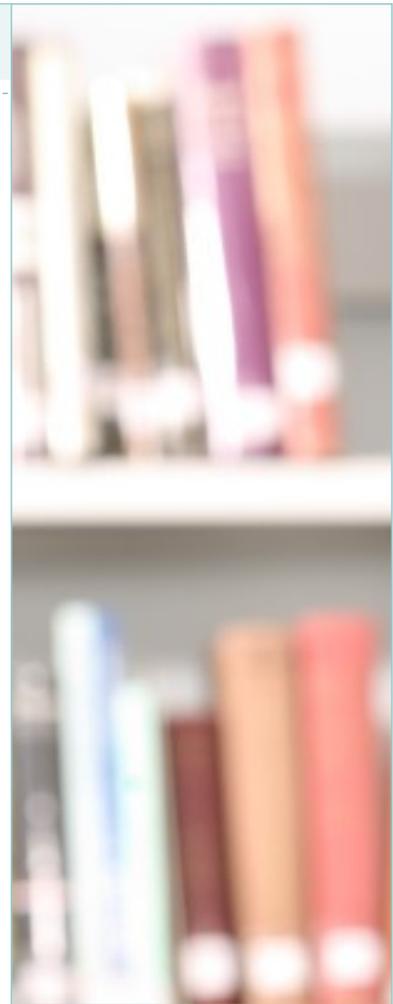
Our Mindfulness Journal Activity Packs will be available at the library from Saturday, January 16th, while supplies last. May your new year be a happy, healthy, and successful one!

DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR MASSIVE JANUARY BOOK SALE

You've all taken advantage of the pandemic to do a little house cleaning; we know this, because all of your old books, movies, and games have come our way! We're so very grateful for your generous donations, but now we've found ourselves with more books than we know what to do with ... and you know what that means: it's book sale time!

From January 12th through January 30th, bring any size bag from home and fill it up for just \$5! All sale items in the bookstore room are eligible, including audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, hardback books, paperback books, children's books, cookbooks, puzzles, and games. There are no limits on how many bags you can fill or how many times you return to the library to fill them: our goal is to clear out some space while raising money to help support our winter programming.

So head on down during our normal 'open' days (Tuesdays from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Fridays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM) between January 12th and January 30th to fill your bag for just \$5!



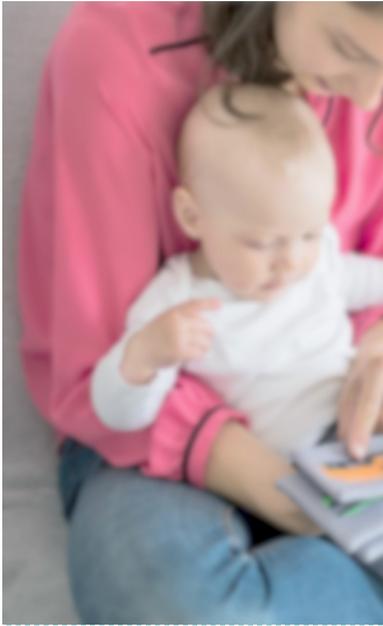
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CHILDREN'S CORNER

- Children's Zoom Storytime, Monday at 10:15 AM
- Books & Babies Zoom Sessions, Wednesdays at 10:15 AM
- STEM kits available 01/12
- T(w)een Craft Packs available 01/23

Please email sbichild@berks.lib.pa.us for more information



BOOKS & BABIES: A NEW VIRTUAL LAPSIT EVENT

Being a new parent can be isolating at the best of times, but *especially* during the pandemic. To help new caregivers deal with the challenges that come with isolation, the Boone Area Library is proud to present a new virtual lapsit program: Books & Babies.

“The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for local parents to connect and support one another,” explains Sarah Terry, the Youth Services Coordinator at the library. “Every Wednesday at 10:15, we’ll meet on Zoom to learn a song or rhyme, discuss a child development topic, and check in with each other.”

The lapsit program is designed to transition from virtual programming to in-person programming as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, parents and caregivers are encouraged to join in from home as their own schedules permit. “There is no attendance commitment, and participants are welcome to come to one or all meetings,” Sarah adds. “The goal is to provide support for local caregivers as needed.”

To participate in the Books & Babies program, simply send an email to Ms. Sarah at sbichild@berks.lib.pa.us for the Zoom link. We hope to see you there!

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JANUARY BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

New readers welcome!

Cliffhanger Book Club

Reading: *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides

Meets: January 14th @ 6:00 PM (Zoom)

Eagle’s Eye Book Club

Reading: *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders

Meets: ON HIATUS

Youth Book Club

Reading: *Every Soul a Star* by Wendy Mass

Meets: Every Thursday on Zoom at 4:30 PM

Shelf Indulgence Book Club

Reading: *Night Film* by Marisha Pessl

Meets: Online Discussion ([facebook.com/groups/shelfindulgencebc](https://www.facebook.com/groups/shelfindulgencebc))

For more info: email boone@berks.lib.pa.us

GET TO KNOW YOUR LIBRARY STAFF



Crescenda, Library Director

New Year’s Resolution: Find more outreach opportunities for the library
Favorite Winter Activity: Snuggling under a blanket with a good book
If you could spend a snow day with a fictional character, who would it be? Charles Xavier from *X-Men: First Class* (we’d play chess all afternoon!)



Sarah, Youth Coordinator

New Year’s Resolution: Read more at night before falling asleep!
Favorite Winter Activity: Sledding, skiing, building snow forts ... All!
If you could spend a snow day with a fictional character, who would it be? Paul Maclean from *A River Runs Through It*



Ashley, Library Aide

New Year’s Resolution: Read all the books in the *Outlander* series
Favorite Winter Activity: Sledding
If you could spend a snow day with a fictional character, who would it be? The Snow Miser from *The Year Without a Santa Claus*



Elena, Library Aide

New Year’s Resolution: To start running (for exercise)
Favorite Winter Activity: Snowboarding
If you could spend a snow day with a fictional character, who would it be? Scooby-Doo



Ethan, Library Aide

New Year’s Resolution: Stop waking up at 1PM on my days off
Favorite Winter Activity: Snowboarding
If you could spend a snow day with a fictional character, who would it be? Frosty the Snowman



NEW ADULT FICTION FOR JANUARY

All the Colors of Night / Jayne Ann Krentz

The Attack / W.E.B. Griffin

Before She Disappeared / Lisa Gardner

Bone Canyon / Lee Goldberg

The Chanel Sisters / Judithe Little

Endless Mercy / Tracie Peterson & Kimberley Woodhouse

Hush-Hush / Stuart Woods

Marion Lane and the Midnight Murder / T. A. Wilberg

A Perfect Amish Romance / Shelley Shepard Gray

Pianos and Flowers / Alexander McCall Smith

The Russian / James Patterson & James O. Born

The Scorpion's Tail by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child

Wrong Alibi / Christina Dodd

JANUARY STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Crescenda's Recommendation:

Angelmaker by Nick Harkaway



Joe Spork fixes clocks. He has turned his back on his father's legacy as one of London's flashiest and most powerful gangsters and aims to live a quiet life. Edie Banister retired long ago from her career as a British secret agent. She spends her days with a cantankerous old pug for company. That is, until Joe repairs a particularly unusual clockwork mechanism, inadvertently triggering a 1950s doomsday machine. His once-quiet life is suddenly overrun by mad monks who worship John Ruskin, psychopathic serial killers, mad geniuses and dastardly villains. On the upside, he catches the eye of bright and brassy Polly, a woman with enough smarts to get anyone out of a sticky situation.

In order to save the world and defeat the nefarious forces threatening it, Joe must help Edie complete a mission she abandoned years ago, and he must summon the courage to pick up his father's old gun and join the fight.

Sarah's Recommendation:

The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead



When Elwood Curtis, a black boy growing up 1960s Tallahassee, is unfairly sentenced to juvenile reformatory called the Nickel Academy, he finds himself trapped in a grotesque chamber of horrors. Elwood's only salvation is his friendship with fellow "delinquent" Turner, which deepens despite Turner's conviction that Elwood is hopelessly naive, that the world is crooked, and that the only way to survive is to scheme and avoid trouble. As life at the Academy becomes ever more perilous, the tension between Elwood's ideals and Turner's skepticism leads to a decision whose repercussions will echo down the decades.

Based on the real story of a reform school that operated for 111 years and warped the lives of thousands of children, *The Nickel Boys* is a devastating, driven narrative that showcases a great American novelist writing at the height of his powers.

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Did you know? Due to the Pandemic, we quarantine all items for three days after they are returned. If you receive an automated overdue or fine notice, don't fret; all fines for returned items are waived once they are checked in after quarantine.

JANUARY STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Ethan's Pick:

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

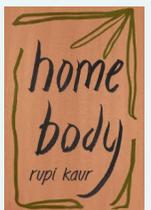


In a time of conflict, a group of unlikely heroes band together on a mission to steal the Death Star, the Empire's ultimate weapon of destruction. This

key event in the Star Wars timeline brings together ordinary people who choose to do extraordinary things, and in doing so, become part of something greater than themselves.

Elena's Pick:

Home Body by Rupi Kaur



Rupi Kaur constantly embraces growth, and in *Home Body*, she walks readers through a reflective and intimate journey, visiting the past, the present,

and the potential of the self. *Home Body* is a collection of raw, honest conversations with oneself - reminding readers to fill up on love, acceptance, community, family, and embrace change.



NEW ADULT NONFICTION FOR JANUARY

Art + Faith: A Theology of Making / Makoto Fujimura

How to Cook the Victorian Way with Mrs. Crocombe / Annie Gray & Andrew Hann

Star Wars: Knitting the Galaxy / Tanis Gray



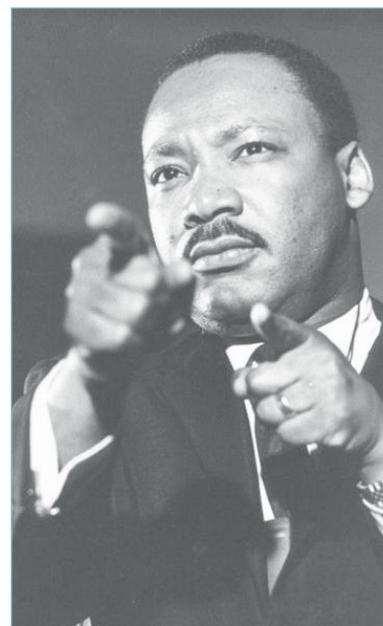
Did you know? We've started adding special note pages to the inside of new books. If you have a comment you'd like to make about the book or if you'd like to leave a mark so that you know you've already read it, feel free to do so on these special note pages!

HELP US CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND HIS LEGACY

On August 28th, 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous *I Have a Dream* speech during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. He spent much of his life advocating for civil and economic rights and calling for an end to racism in the United States. While we as a nation set aside January 18th, MLK’s birthday, as a time to remember and celebrate all of his achievements, it is also a time to reflect on how far we still have to go – and the work we still need to do to get there.

Help us honor MLK’s legacy this month by checking out our special social justice display and learning more about some of the issues challenging our society today. And if you have any social justice topic books or movies that you believe should be added to our collection, please reach out and let us know. You can send your recommendations to us via email (boone@berks.lib.pa.us) or by filling out one of our green Purchase Suggestion cards, available at the Circulation Desk and our Curbside Pickup table.

MLK’s work won’t be completed until all voices are heard, and everyone has an equal place at the table.



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NEW DVDS FOR JANUARY

Come Play
 Connected
 Don't Look Back
 Dreamland
 The Empty Man
 Fatale

Freaky
 An Imperfect Murder
 Jungleland
 Let Him Go
 Love and Monsters
 Tesla

JANUARY STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Ashley’s Pick:

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis

Four adventurous siblings—Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie—step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land frozen in eternal winter and enslaved by the power of the White Witch. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change . . . and a great sacrifice.



Open the door and enter a new world! *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* is the second book in C. S. Lewis’s classic fantasy series, which has been captivating readers of all ages with a magical land and unforgettable characters for over sixty years.

DELIVERY DELAYS

As libraries within Berks County continue to cope with COVID-19 Pandemic challenges, some weeks will experience slower delivery times than usual. Please rest assured that we are shipping your items as quickly as is safely possible! You will be notified via phone, email, or text (depending on your account preferences) as soon as your items are ready for pickup. We thank you for your patience!



CHILDREN'S CRAFT PACK SCHEDULE

- 01/04 - 01/09: Pine Cone Snowy Owl Craft
- 01/11 - 01/16: Wobbly Melting Snowman Craft
- 01/18 - 01/23: Coping Strategies Wheel
- 01/25 - 01/30: Snow Beaded Bracelet

All craft packs are available throughout the week beginning on Monday while supplies last. Come to the library to pick up yours during regular and curbside hours, no appointment necessary!

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Boone Area Library Monthly Newsletter January, 2021

Sign up today to receive February's newsletter in your email (in color!) Ask a staff member or send a message to boone@berks.lib.pa.us to register.

Curbside Hours

Monday: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Thursday: 4:00 PM—7:00 PM

Open Hours

Tuesday: 2:00 PM—7:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM—2:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM—2:00 PM