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JANUARY EVENTS CALENDAR

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All branches of the Morgantown Public Library System will be closed for the holiday on January 1st and 19th





JANUARY AT THE LIBRARY!

Happy New Year! Experience the new you at the library by trying something you've never done before! This month we are offering: Craft Nights, Puzzle Palooza, Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club Discussion, NASA Astro Camp, and Chat with a Scientist!

Events for children/general audiences are in **blue**, adult events are in **orange**, and teen/tween events are in **green**!



MORGANTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAKER SPACE SPOTLIGHT | 6:00PM- 7:00PM

JANUARY 5TH | GENERAL AUDIENCE/ FAMILY | MEETING ROOM A

Step into the world of innovation with Makerspace Spotlight! Each session, we'll showcase a different piece of equipment from our library's Makerspace cart, giving you the chance to explore new tools and technologies. This time, we'll be learning how to use our 3D Pens. Registration is required. For all ages.



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LET'S BUILD TOGETHER WITH BLOCKS AND BE CREATIVE WITH PLAY-DOH | 10:00AM- 11:00AM

JANUARY 6TH & 13TH | AGES 2-5 | MEETING ROOM A

Unleash your creativity with blocks and Play-Doh at the library. Enjoy a free play day where your child can show off their skills. We will provide Duplo and foam building blocks for kiddos to use during our time together. During this time we will also have a variety of Play-Doh and accessories!!

CRAFT NIGHT: BAG CHARM | 5:30PM- 7:00PM

JANUARY 6TH | ADULTS | MEETING ROOM A

We will be making bag charms using beads and beginner macrame! This program is for adults, registration is appreciated, but not required.



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TWEEN TIME - OREO PALOOZA | 6:00PM- 7:00PM

JANUARY 7TH | AGES 10-12 | MEETING ROOM A

This month is all about Oreo cookies! We'll be taste testing different flavors of Oreos, learning some Oreo trivia, and playing Oreo games.

CHRONICLES OF YARNIA | 6:00PM-7:45PM

JANUARY 7TH & 21ST | ADULTS | MEETING ROOM B

Wherever your yarn passions lie — knitting, crochet — bring supplies and meet new friends in Meeting Room B!

HOT TAKES AT THE LIBRARY | 6:00PM- 7:00PM

JANUARY 8TH | AGES 13-18 | MEETING ROOM A

Get ready to snack, speak up, and share your opinions! Taste-test and rate chips and salsas, play a few rounds of book bingo, take some free books home, and take part in a short media literacy workshop developed by Common Sense Education. Our library is one of just seven libraries nationwide helping test this brand-new media literacy workshop—so your voice will help shape how it's used in the future!

MORGANTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

PUZZLE PALOOZA | 1:00PM- 3:30PM

JANUARY 10TH | ALL AGES | MEETING ROOM A

Do you love puzzles? Join us for a brain-teasing good time! Start the fun with a puzzle swap at 1pm—bring a gently used jigsaw puzzle to trade for a new-to-you puzzle. Then, stick around for our puzzle race at 2pm, where teams of 2-4 people will compete to see who can finish their puzzle first! You must register your team for the puzzle race.



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TEEN D&D | 5:00PM- 7:00PM

JANUARY 12TH | AGES 13-18 | MEETING ROOM B

Journey to a fantasy world! Roll the dice, tell stories, and have a blast during this one-of-a-kind game. Come play D&D with other teens and eat snacks.



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TWEEN D&D | 5:00PM- 7:00PM

JANUARY 12TH | AGES 10-12 | MEETING ROOM A

Journey to a fantasy world! Roll the dice, tell stories, and have a blast during this one-of-a-kind game. Come play D&D with other tweens and eat snacks.



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TEEN HANGOUT| 5:30PM- 7:30PM

JANUARY 14TH | AGES 13-18 | MEETING ROOM A

Don't be bored at home. Come hang out with other teens and do crafts, play board games and Switch games, and eat snacks.

SCI-FI & FANTASY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP | 6:30PM-7:30PM

JANUARY 15TH | ADULTS | MEETING ROOM B

Do you enjoy reading science fiction and fantasy books and want to talk about your current reads with others? If so, this Book Discussion Group is the right place for you! Whether you are reading book 5 of a high-stakes space opera or a standalone cozy fantasy book, all are welcome! Snacks and drinks are provided.

MORGANTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME | 10:00AM- 10:30AM

JANUARY 20TH, 21ST, 27TH, & 28TH | AGES 2-5 | MEETING ROOM A

Join us for 6 weeks of wintry story time. During our time together, children will listen to two stories and explore a different theme each week.

TEEN ANIME CLUB | 5:00PM- 7:00PM

JANUARY 20TH | AGES 13-18 | MEETING ROOM B

January is "Ninja!" We will be discussing anime and manga which portray ninja characters, from the famous Naruto series to anime characters who are the sole ninja in their series! There will be an anime showing, and a craft or game. New enthusiasts and experienced fans are welcome.

TUESDAY EVENING PRESCHOOL STORY TIME 6:30PM- 7:15PM

JANUARY 20TH, 21ST, 27TH, & 28TH | AGES 2-5 | MEETING ROOM A

Join us in the evenings for a fun story time! Evening story times are perfect for families with busy morning schedules who still want to have fun at story time!

MINECRAFT HOUR | 6:00PM- 7:00PM

JANUARY 21ST | AGES 10-12 | MEETING ROOM A

Dive into the exciting world of Minecraft on our library's dedicated server, where imagination knows no bounds. Each session features a unique theme that challenges participants to build and create within the game's creative mode. Bring your own laptop and valid Minecraft Java or Bedrock for PC account to connect to our local server. If you don't have a device, the library has a limited number of laptops for you to join in.



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READ BABY READ | 10:30AM-11:30AM

JANUARY 22ND & 29TH | BIRTH-24 MONTHS | MEETING ROOM A

Read Baby Read is a special program designed for infants and their caregivers to help promote socialization and early literacy. Infants can visit a variety of free play stations and then engage in circle time with songs, shakers, scarves and activities.

MORGANTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE BOOK CLUB 6:00PM-7:30PM

JANUARY 22ND | AGES 7-12 | MEETING ROOM B

We will be reading a CYOA book together, making choices during the reading on which path we should wander down. Will we die or will we survive this month's adventure? The CYOA book club meets monthly following the school calendar year, we ask that you register one time for the entire book club year. Everyone has the opportunity to read aloud if they choose, to discuss and vote on their path choice during the reading. We will end the meeting with a unique activity to have fun and learn new things.

CHAT WITH A SCIENTIST: PHYSICS IN YOUR BODY | 12:00PM- 1:30PM

JANUARY 24TH | CHILDREN 6-10 | MEETING ROOM A

Push, Pull, and Pump: Physics in Your Body. This is a new interactive STEM session will get you excited to learn more about how your body works. Join students and faculty from the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine at WVU for a fun, hands-on session all about the hidden physics that keeps your body working. Through simple experiments and demonstrations, children will explore how physics and biology come together to make their bodies move and grow. This interactive session invites kids to see the science inside themselves!

TEEN D&D | 5:00PM- 7:00PM

JANUARY 26TH | AGES 13-18 | MEETING ROOM B

Journey to a fantasy world! Roll the dice, tell stories, and have a blast during this one-of-a-kind game. Come play D&D with other teens and eat snacks.



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TWEEN D&D | 5:00PM- 7:00PM

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MORGANTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

NASA'S ASTRO CAMP | 6:00PM-7:00PM

JANUARY 28TH | AGES 10-12 | MEETING ROOM A

Blast off into STEM learning with NASA's AstroCamp! The Morgantown Public Library is proud to be the only organization in West Virginia certified by NASA to teach this exciting series of programs. Our librarians have been specially trained by NASA to bring authentic space and earth science experiences and missions to our community. Through hands-on activities, experiments, and problem-solving challenges, kids will discover what it's like to think like scientists, build like engineers, and explore like astronauts. AstroCamp inspires the next generation of innovators by making science fun, accessible, and out of this world! This month, we'll be learning about volcanoes on Earth and on other planets. We'll make volcanic eruptions and measure how lava flows shape a planet.

KIDS STEAM EXPLORERS | 6:30PM-7:30PM

JANUARY 29TH | CHILDREN | MEETING ROOM A

Join us every month as we explore different science and technology topics! This month calling all LEGO builders. Learn how to design a LEGO marble maze and use your creativity when building the maze..

READ TO ROVER | 6:30PM-7:30PM

JANUARY 29TH | CHILDREN | CHILDREN'S AREA

Hey kids, do you like dogs? Do you like to read? Join us at the Morgantown Public Library for our monthly Read To Rover programs where you can combine your two loves and read to a trained therapy dog. Children between the ages of five and twelve are invited and encouraged to register to participate in this fun and free program. You must register for your reading time spot by calling the library at 304-291-7425 or stopping by the front desk.

THE READING OLYMPICS

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE
LIBRARY DAY

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 7TH



Sneak Peak!

Run! Skate! and Leap! to the library on **Take Your Child to the Library Day - Saturday, February 7th** during open hours at any **MPLS location**.

Complete the challenges at the library to earn a gold medal and be a reading athlete!

ARNETTSTVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SENIOR LUNCH AND LEARN | 12:00PM- 1:30PM

JANUARY 9TH | ADULT | APL MEETING ROOM

Join us for a pot of chili and all the fixins' to warm you up on a cold winter's day. Bring a covered dish to share with the group. We will be discussing upcoming plans for programs for the new year. For more information, contact the library at 3040-278-2021

CRAFT NIGHT | 5:30PM- 6:30PM

JANUARY 21ST | ADULT | APL MEETING ROOM

Do you want to build a snowman? If you said yes, then join us for a night of snowman crafts. Bring sharp scissors and a glue gun for the class. For more information, contact the library at 304-278-2021

MOVIE NIGHT | 5:30PM- 8:00PM

JANUARY 30TH | ADULT | APL MEETING ROOM

Join us at the Arnettsville Public Library for a free viewing of the recent Disney movie "Freakier Friday." During the winter months, we will be starting the movie one hour earlier due to requests from patrons.



CHEAT AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY MORNING STORY TIME | 10:30AM-12:00PM

JANUARY 7TH, 14TH, 21ST, & 28TH | ALL AGES WELCOME

Come to the Cheat Area Public Library every Wednesday to listen to engaging stories, do themed crafts, and play with new friends! Ages 3- 6 recommended. All ages welcome. No registration necessary.

TODDLER PLAYGROUP | 10:30AM- 12:00PM | FRIDAYS

JANUARY 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD, & 30TH | ALL AGES WELCOME

Toddlers and parents meet up at the library to play and socialize! The library provides a variety of exciting toys and crafts that make for a fun, casual, weekly gathering. Ages 1-5 recommended. All ages welcome!



CLAY BATTELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

PRE-K STORYTIME | 10:30AM- 11:30AM | FRIDAYS

JANUARY 9TH, 16TH, 23RD, & 30TH | ALL AGES WELCOME

Join Miss Abby weekly to read a new story, make crafts, play games and have so much fun!

CLINTON DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY

TODDLER STORY TIME | 11:00AM -11:30AM| FRIDAYS

JANUARY 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD, & 30TH| AGES 0-5 RECCOMENDED- ALL AGES

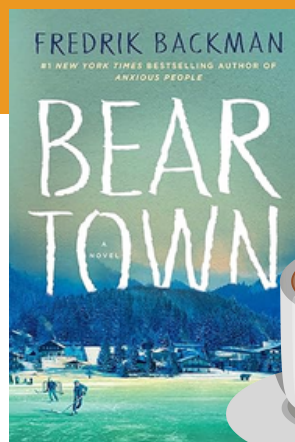
Join Clinton District Public Library every Friday at 11am as we explore new themes, read books, be introduced to rhymes and rhythm, music and song, puppets, taking turns, paying attention, being in a group and having fun! Ages recommended, 0 to 5. All ages welcome.



LIBRARY LATTES AND LAUGHS | 11:00AM- 12:00PM

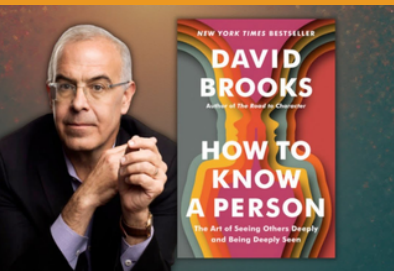
JANUARY 22ND | ADULTS

Join the Library Lattes and Laughs book club as we read and discuss a book every 4th Thursday of the month. We discuss all types of genres in a fun and encouraging environment. We also share treats and have coffee, tea or hot chocolate available. January we will be reading "Bear Town" by Fredrik Backman, a gripping tale of a small community wrestling with its identity.



VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

THE CREATIVE AND COMPASSIONATE ART OF SEEING OTHERS DEEPLY WITH DAVID BROOKS | JANUARY 13 | 2:00PM-3:00PM



Join us for an online discussion with prominent cultural writer and bestselling author David Brooks on his book, *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply*, in which he helps us pose essential questions: If you want to know a person, what kind of attention should you cast on them? What kind of conversations should you have? What parts of a person's story should you pay attention to?



[Register Here](#)

NATURE, ART, AND SERVICE AS MEDICINE WITH JOURNALIST JULIA HOTZ | JANUARY 20 | 2:00PM-3:00PM



The Connection Cure combines diligent science reporting, moving patient success stories, and surprising self-discovery to help us discover the lasting and life-changing power of social prescribing. Traditionally, when we get sick, health care professionals ask, "What's the matter with you?" But around the world, teams of doctors, nurses, therapists, and social workers have started to flip the script, asking "What matters to you?"



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SECRETS AND SECOND CHANCES WITH LIZ MOORE | JANUARY 28TH | 7:00PM-8:00PM



We are thrilled to welcome Liz Moore to discuss her latest work, *The God of the Woods*, an instant New York Times bestseller and one of NPR's 2024 "Books We Love" highlights. Early morning, August 1975: a camp counselor discovers an empty bunk. Its occupant, Barbara Van Laar, has gone missing. Barbara isn't just any thirteen-year-old: she's the daughter of the family that owns the summer camp and employs most of the region's residents. And this isn't the first time a Van Laar child has disappeared. Barbara's older brother similarly vanished fourteen years ago, never to be found.



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