

Charles City Library Newsletter

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Library Hours and Closures

Mon and Tues: 10 - 8

Sat: 10 - 3

Wed and Thurs: 10 - 6

Sun: Closed

Fri: 10 - 5

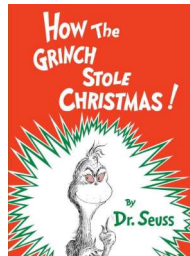
We will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, December 24 and 25 for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will also close at 5 pm on Wednesday, December 31 and remain closed through Thursday, January 1 for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. For updates on unexpected closures, follow us on Facebook or visit our website.

For Kids

Twelve Days of Reading Sign-Up:

Through December 12

Sign up to receive 11 library books to unwrap and read each day before Christmas—with the 12th book as a gift to keep from the library! This year's Twelve Days of Reading requires pickup by December 13.



Evening Stories and More:

December 2 at 5:45 pm

Join Miss Stacey for stories, songs, and sensory activities at this NEW time! This later iteration of storytime will be held on the first Tuesday of each month.

Get Messy: Select Tuesdays at 3:30 pm

Join us for more activities where fun and learning collide! This month, participants can make fake snow (12/2) and gingerbread houses (12/9 - see *For Families*) before we take a break for the holidays.



Noon Years Eve Party: December 31 at 11 am

Join Miss Stacey for games, crafts, and treats as we count down to a balloon drop at noon!

Get Knotty: Wednesdays at 2:30 pm



Know a teen who wants to learn to crochet? Join us for this weekly program where we'll tackle making simple projects that teach the basics! **Note: Cancelled December 24.**

Stories and More: Thursdays at 10:15 am

Join Miss Stacey for stories, songs, and sensory activities!

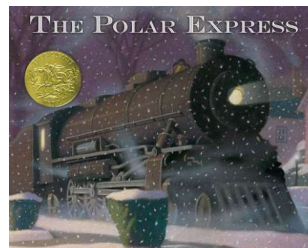
Note: Cancelled December 25 and January 1.

For Families

Gingerbread Houses:

December 9 at 3:30 pm

Come to this special Get Messy program and get in the holiday spirit! Registration is required due to limited materials.



Polar Express Program:

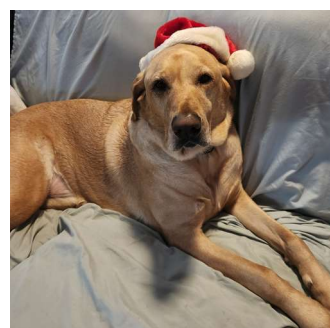
December 16 at 6:30 pm

Join us as we drink hot cocoa, do a craft, and read *The Polar Express* with a special visiting guest! Registration is required.

For Pets

A Holiday Update from Mayor Charlie

Charlie is ready for some snow this holiday season - he loves to play in it on his winter walks! While he does stay in bed on the cold mornings his parents have to work, he's



been waking them up at 5 am on the weekends and can't wait to spend every moment with them while they've got time off over the holidays. In the meantime, he'll continue playing with his sister, Piper, and counting down the days until Christmas!



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For Adults

Scrabble/Board Game Club: Tuesdays at 10 am
For adults of all skill levels—multiple games featured!

Tech Time: Tuesdays at 2 pm

For adults who need 1:1 tech help. Sign up required.

Mahjong: Thursdays at 1 pm

Interested in learning a new game?
Already know how to play mahjong
but lacking a regular group? Join us
once a week to play!

**Note: Cancelled December 25 and
January 1.**



Jolabokaflod Sign-Up: Through December 16

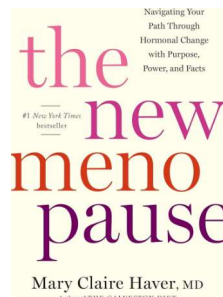
NEW! Translating to “Christmas Book Flood,” this Icelandic tradition involves the surprise exchange of books over the holidays. Adults interested in receiving a library book to unwrap on Christmas Eve can sign up until December 16. Patrons will receive a book, sweet goodies, and the chance to participate in a “create your own hot chocolate” bar on Friday, December 19.



Book Bites:

Select Wednesdays at 2 pm

Book Bites will wrap up discussions on *The New Menopause* by Mary Claire Haver, MD on December 3. Stay tuned for information on the books discussed in January and beyond!



Adult Dungeons & Dragons:

December 6 at 1 pm

Come with a 3rd-level D&D character for a one-shot adventure! Players of all levels are welcome to join; email kamryn@charles-city.lib.ia.us by December 3 to sign up for this session and future updates.

Note: materials used are generally from 5E, but One D&D characters will be accepted.



Diamond Art Night:

December 16 at 6:30 pm

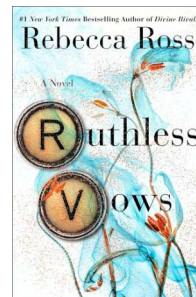
Come, socialize, and create diamond art! All skill levels welcome. Registration is required due to limited supplies.



Romantasy Readers Book Club:

December 18 at 2 pm

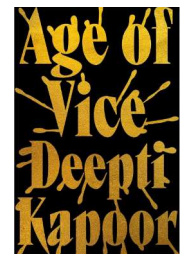
Join us for a continuing discussion on Rebecca Ross's *Letters of Enchantment* duology as we meet to talk about *Ruthless Vows*. Warning: books may feature adult content.



Thick Book Book Club:

January 7 at 10:30 am

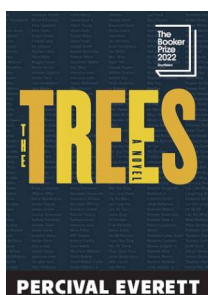
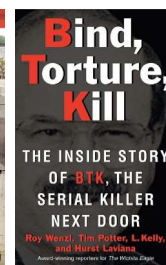
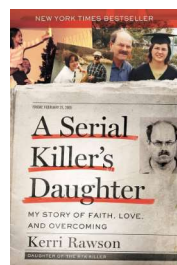
After a break for the holidays, we will discuss the entirety *Age of Vice* by Deepti Kapoor in early January. Books are currently available for pickup!



True Crime Book Club: January 26 at 5 pm

Our True Crime Book Club will continue in January with

discussion on two related books: *A Serial Killer's Daughter* by Kerri Rawson and *Bind, Torture, Kill* by Roy Wenzl. Copies are available for pickup!



Fall Community Book Club:

December 4 at 5 pm in Prologue
Wrapping up this fall's book club at Prologue will be a discussion of *The Trees* by Percival Everett. Books are available to borrow at the library!

