



December 2023 Edition

# Newsletter

## New Book Club Format coming in January

We're kicking off the new year with a new format for our monthly book club!

Each month, we will read from a different genre. On the first of the month, a survey with four titles will be posted on our website under the "Adult" tab or by following this link: <https://www.farmvillelibrary.org/book-club.html>. Each book cover is linked to a summary on BookBrowse to help you pick your favorite. There will also be in-person voting during our regular book club meeting: **the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30pm**. We hope that anyone who has considered joining a book club will vote when their favorite genre appears!

We will pick the book two months in advance. In November, we voted for January's book. January's genre is mysteries! The survey winner is . . . **book title**. Short summary.

In the coming months, our featured genres are:

- February - Romance
- March - Nonfiction
- April - Historical Fiction
- May - Fantasy/Sci-Fi

If we get enough people interested in reading a specific genre, we are open to starting a second book club (ex: historical fiction book club). We are also open to the idea of an afternoon book club meeting in addition to our Thursday evening group. If you are interested in an afternoon book club, please email Emma at [erepp@farmvillenc.gov](mailto:erepp@farmvillenc.gov).

All are welcome at our book club, and you don't have to participate every month. We hope that this new format will help us create a book club you'll really enjoy!

## Library Closing Dates

### Employee Luncheon

Open at 1:30

Tuesday, December 5

### Christmans Holiday

Saturday, December 23

Monday, December 25

Tuesdday, December 26

Wednesday, December 27



Farmville Public Library  
4276 W. Church Street  
Farmville, NC 27828  
252-753-3355

## Library Hours

Monday - Friday  
Saturday

9am - 6pm  
9am - 3pm



# Children Events

## Storytimes

### Babies to Twos

**Wednesdays AND Thursdays at 10 am**

This is an interactive program between children and their caregivers and features age appropriate activities for ages birth-2 years. This 30-minute program includes lap bounces and finger rhymes, music and movement with shaker eggs and scarves, nursery rhymes, and concludes with the bubble dance.

### Family Storytime

**Thursdays at 11 am**

Family Storytime features early literacy activities for ages birth-5 years. This is perfect for families with multiple children or if it just fits your schedule. The interactive program features music and movement with shaker eggs and scarves and interaction between children and their caregivers.

### PreK Storytime

**Wednesday at 11am**

**Thursdays at 1 pm**

Preschool Storytime is an interactive program for ages 3-6. The 45-minute program includes foundational early literacy skills and will help children practice learning and working together in a group setting. Each week we'll explore a theme through stories, games, and art.

## Holiday Magic Shows

**Friday, December 15**



### 5:30 pm Preschool Magic Show

The public is invited to Jingle Bell Magic, a 30-minute show to engage children 5 and under and their adults. Discover the spirit of giving and the magic of sharing as you witness a snowball come to life, listen to the enchanting tale of Ernie the Elf, help decorate a holiday tree by magic, and meet Snowball Bunny (a live rabbit) from the North Pole.

### 7pm Arctic Express

Join us for a magical storytime with Amazing Teacher Steve Somers. The interactive magic show is appropriate for children who can sit attentively for 45 minutes.

Fans of the classic "Polar Express" will love this show! Join Conductor Steve as he takes the audience on a magical ride around the world to learn about holidays and the magic of giving and sharing.

**The program is made possible with financial support from the Friends of Farmville Public Library.**

**PARKING INFO** Parking is available in the public lot adjoining the Library on W. Church St and in the lot outside the W. Wilson St entrance (turn into lot beside the Episcopal Church). Additional parking is available across the street at BB&T Trust bank on W. Church St. You can enter through any of the three entrances to the Library.

Children are welcome to come dressed in pajamas. Both programs are free and open to everyone.

## Family Literacy Day Saturday, December 2

Registration Required for each event



### Cookie Decorating Storytimes

**9:30am Cookie Storytime for ages 0-5**

Participants will listen to *Who Stole the Cookie from the Cookie Jar* and decorate a homemade sugar cookie. Older children are welcome to attend with siblings.

**12 pm and 1:15 pm Books & Bites for ages 6-12**

Participants will listen to the book, *Tough Cookie*, and decorate a homemade sugar cookie. Younger children are welcome to attend with siblings.

## Bricks & Books

**Thursday, December 21**

**Fun for Everyone from 1 - 3pm**

Build a stable for reindeer and learn about reindeer and other animals from the North Pole.

## Middle School Hangout

**Thursday, December 21 at 4pm**

Play reindeer games, eat festive snacks and hang out with friends.

## New Year Parties Friday, December 29

Celebrate the new year with games, crafts, music and stories.

**9am Babies to Twos**

**10am Pre-K 10am**

**11 am Elementary**

**4pm Middle School**



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## Adult Events

### Classic Film Club

**Monday, December 11 at 6:30pm**

Join us for the wonderful 1947 Christmas classic, *The Bishop's Wife*, starring Cary Grant, Loretta Young, and David Niven. Bring your own snacks and drinks (and comfy chair, too). Everyone is welcome!

We will be meeting early at 6:00pm for a potluck dinner for anyone who would like to participate.



### Craft Night

Registration Required

**Thursday, December 14 at 6:30pm**

Come make a Christmas Tree ornament and a memory as we make these wonderful wooden bead snowflake ornaments. Materials are provided by the library. There is no charge to attend.

Registration is required. Please call the library at 252-753-3355 or register online at [farmvillelibrary.org/craft-night-registration](http://farmvillelibrary.org/craft-night-registration).



### Yarn Group



**Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30pm**

We spend our time crocheting, knitting, and socializing. Bring a project to work on, or come and learn a new stitch or technique. If you have always wanted to learn - we got you covered! If this sounds like fun to you . . . we'd love to meet you at our next Yarn Group meeting.

This month we will munch on cookies and hot cocoa while we work.

### Book Club

**Thursday, December 21 at 6:30pm**

*The 13th Gift*  
by Joanne Huist Smith



"After the unexpected death of her husband, Joanne Huist Smith had no idea how she would keep herself together and be strong for her three children--especially with the holiday season approaching. But 12 days before Christmas, presents begin appearing on her doorstep with notes from their "True Friends." This true story about the power of random acts of kindness will warm the heart, a beautiful reminder of the miracles of Christmas and the gift of family during the holiday season."--Amazon

Copies of the book are available for check out at the upstairs circulation desk.