Main Library in Burlington, 2 p.m.

A Merry Little Christmas Cabaret

Tuesday, December 16 Scheben Branch in Union, 6:30 p.m.

NKY Brotherhood Singers

Saturday, December 20 Main Library in Burlington, 2 p.m.

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Presented by Cincinnati Museum Center

Cincinnati's Winter Holiday **Traditions**

Wednesday, December 10 Main Library, 6:30 p.m.



Unseen Neighbors December 1-January 31 All locations See page 8 for details.

Recycled Holiday Card Tree Monday, December 1 Hebron Branch, 6 p.m.

Bring up to 75 Christmas cards or use provided cardstock to create a meaningful and decorative tree.

Hoxworth Blood Drive Tuesday, December 2 Main Library, noon-6 p.m.

Visit hoxworth.org/groups/bcpl or call (513) 451-0910 for an appointment.



Sustainability in the Holidays Tuesday, December 2

Scheben Branch, 6:30 p.m. Learn simple ways to reduce waste, give meaningful gifts and celebrate with less stress on your budget and the planet. Presented by Luci Slawnyk, writer of The Bluegrass Blacksheep.

Line Dancing Wednesday, December 3 Scheben Branch, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 13 Walton Branch, 10:30 a.m. Learn several beginner-friendly line dances. Please register.



The World of Ventriloquism Wednesday, December 3 Florence Branch, 6:30 p.m.

Learn the history of ventriloquism and the Vent Haven Museum. Hear about famous performers and see a demonstration. Presented by museum curator Lisa Sweasy.

Misfit Trinkets: Clay Creations Saturday, December 6 Florence Branch, 1 p.m. Craft your own tiny creations from

polymer clay.

Holly Jolly Sing Along Sunday, December 7 Scheben Branch, 2 p.m. Sing or hum along to festive favorites while sipping hot cocoa.

Victorian Christmas Crafts Tuesday, December 9 Florence Branch, 6:30 p.m.

Add timeless charm to your holiday decor by creating your own 19th century crafts. Please reaister.

Writers Group Tuesday, December 9 Main Library, 7 p.m.

Share your work for feedback. Email asnow@bcpl.org with guideline questions.

Cincinnati's Winter Holiday Traditions Wednesday, December 10 Main Library, 6:30 p.m.

Discover the local festive past and explore the many traditions that bring holiday spirit to life.

Wrap Party

Thursday, December 11 Main Library, noon-2 p.m. Wrap presents with festive secrecy. Donations of holiday wrapping supplies accepted.

White Elephant Bingo Thursday, December 11 Walton Branch, 6 p.m.

Please bring a wrapped, gently used item from your home for a holiday twist on prizes!



10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

Learn to recognize common changes in memory, thinking and behavior. Presented by the Alzheimer's



Chocolate Truffle Making Wednesday, December 17 Hebron Branch, 6:30 p.m.

Roll, dip and decorate a peanut butter truffle to sample and bring home two recipes. Please register.

The Oddity Hour Thursday, December 18

Florence Branch, 6:30 p.m. Practice an ancient tradition by creating a yule ball ornament.

BCPL Locations and Book Drops Closed

December 24 and 25 Merry Christmas!

National Card Game Day Sunday, December 28

Walton Branch, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Celebrate with an old favorite or learn some new tricks.

BCPL Locations and Book Drops Close at 5 p.m.

December 31 Happy New Year!



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Take and Make: Natural Garland Monday, December 1 **Walton Branch**

Pick up a kit to create cozy garland using natural ingredients. While supplies last.

Take and Make: Painted Candles Monday, December 1 Main Library

Pick up a kit and decorate your own holiday candles. While supplies last.

Take and Make: Seedcake Hangers for Birds

Monday, December 8 Florence Branch

Pick up a kit and make winter treats for feathered friends. While supplies last.

Take and Make: Simmer Pot Friday, December 12 Scheben Branch

Pick up a kit to make seasonal stovetop potpourri. While supplies last.

Weekly Programs

Yoga for Healthy Weight **Mondays**

Main Library, 6 p.m.

Wednesdays (no class December 24 or 31) Hebron Branch, 6 p.m.

Thursdays (no class December 25)

Scheben Branch, 6 p.m.

Bring a yoga mat. \$30 monthly. Register at 859-334-2117.

Easy English Group Wednesdays

(no class December 24 or 31) Florence Branch, noon

Improve your English reading and speaking skills. All levels welcome.

Chair Yoga Thursdays (no class December 25) Walton Branch, 2 p.m. Relax with gentle movements.



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Monday, December 15 Walton Branch, 6:30 p.m.

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Season's Greetings
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Madcap Puppets Presents:

A Madcap Christmas Carol

Thursday, December 11 Main Library, 6 p.m.



Library Play Date (birth-5 years) Mondays, December 1 and 8 Walton Branch, 10–11:30 a.m.

Tuesdays, December 2 and 9 Hebron Branch, 10-11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays, December 3 and 10 Main Library, 10-11:30 a.m.

Thursdays, December 4 and 11 Scheben Branch, 10-11:30 a.m.

Drop in for open play! Explore our toys and activities with your child.

Holly Jolly Slime (grades K-5) Thursday, December 4 Hebron Branch, 6 p.m.

Get in the holiday spirit by making colorful slime with scents, glitter and other festive add-ins.

ArtSmart (grades K-5) Thursday, December 4 Scheben Branch, 6 p.m.

Keith Haring used bold lines to make his work pop! Learn some of his techniques to make a styrofoam print.

Monday, December 8
Hebron Branch, 6 p.m.
Learn the history of greeting cards and make some for the holidays.

Brick by Brick (grades 1-5)
Friday, December 5
Main Library, 4 p.m.

Create a brick masterpiece! Supplies are provided and creations will be displayed at the library.

'Tis the Season (family)
Saturday, December 6
Scheben Branch, 2–3:30 p.m.

Drop in to make a festive craft, build a winter wonderland with our Big Blue Blocks and visit Santa and Mrs. Claus for wish-making and picture-taking!

ABC Play With Me (birth-5 years) Tuesday, December 9 Florence Branch, 10-11:30 a.m.

Learn and explore through play by participating in activities that promote healthy development and learning.

Messy Science (grades 3-5) Tuesday, December 9 Main Library, 6 p.m.

Unleash the magic of static electricity as you move objects without touching them and bend water with invisible forces!

There's Snow Time Like Winter! (3–5 years) Wednesday, December 10 Scheben Branch, 6 p.m.

Have snow much fun decorating a craft-stick snowflake and making a snowflake print.

Homeschool Sampler (grades 1-5) Wednesday, December 10 Main Library, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17 Walton Branch, 2:30 p.m.

Connect with other homeschool families through crafts, experiences and community presentations.

Madcap Puppets Presents: A Madcap Christmas Carol (family) Thursday, December 11 Main Library, 6 p.m.

When Marney and Mateo Scrooge seem convinced that Christmas is all about toys, it's up to Uncle Scrooge to help the kids remember the true spirit of Christmas.

Elf Workshop (grades K-5) Saturday, December 13 Florence Branch, 2-4 p.m.

Drop in to channel your inner elf while crafting one-of-a-kind gifts like mini canvas art and yarn and pipe cleaner coasters.



The Circle of Life: Stars (family) Sunday, December 14 Walton Branch, 2 p.m.

Blast off with Dr. Ryle Wes from the Cincinnati Observatory to explore the lifespan of stars and discover how the very atoms in our bodies are connected to their cosmic life cycle.

Capes and Crowns (3-5 years)
Monday, December 15
Walton Branch, 6 p.m.

Calling all heroes and royals! Wear your favorite costume and enjoy cookie decorating, dancing and crafts.

Survive the Oregon Trail! (grades 1-5) Tuesday, December 16 Main Library, 6 p.m.

Hop in your covered wagons for a historic adventure! Choose your path, hunt for food and trade for goods to see if you can survive the westward journey.

Mad Scientists (grades 3-5) Wednesday, December 17 Scheben Branch, 6 p.m.

Get cozy like animals preparing for winter hibernation and explore the fascinating adaptations various animals use to survive all year long.

Winter Cookie Workshop (family) Thursday, December 18 Hebron Branch, 6 p.m.

Join Sarah from The Sugared Pig to learn what it means to be a baker while decorating sweet treats in time for the holidays. Please register. BCPL Locations and Book Drops Closed

December 24 and 25 Merry Christmas!

Twist Into 2026 (family) Wednesday, December 31 Main Library, 11 a.m.

Ring in the New Year with Tales the Library Dragon. Explore New Year's traditions around the world, play games and enjoy a balloon drop.

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Happy New Year!



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books REVIEW

Under the Bodhi Tree: A Story of the Buddha by Deborah Hopkinson and Kailey Whitman

Winter: A Solstice Story by Kelsey E. Gross and Renata Liwska Li'l Rabbit's Kwanzaa by Donna L.Washington and Shane W. Evans

A Dragon for Hanukkah by Sarah Mlynowski and Ariel Landy

Daddy Christmas and Hanukkah Mama by Selina Alko

To celebrate December holidays, Allison Jacobs, Youth Services Librarian, shares holiday cheer from around the globe!

The Light of the Winter Solstice
by Florian Eizaguirre
and Maitane Bautista

A World of Cookies for Santa: Follow Santa's Tasty Trip Around the World by M.E. Furman and Susan Gal





Celebrate the New Year!

Twist Into 2026

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Create Your Own!

Candle Making

Tuesday, December 16 **Hebron Branch** 6-7:30 p.m.



Global Goodies (grades 6-12) Wednesday, December 3 Main Library, 6 p.m.

From Denmark to Morocco, we have traveled across the world. Revisit some favorite treats and art activities from throughout the year.

Teen Time (grades 6-12) Monday, December 8 Walton Branch, 5 p.m.

Writers and artists unite to create a story. Partner together or work solo to see what unfolds.

Video Game Club (grades 6-12) Thursday, December 11

Scheben Branch, 6 p.m. Battle for Ultimate Glory on Switch or exchange friend codes with new friends. Snacks provided.



Stitch the Season (grades 6-12) Monday, December 15 Main Library, 5 p.m.

Unleash your inner sewing enthusiast and learn how to sew a button while making a ribbon bookmark.

Candle Making (grades 6-12) Tuesday, December 16 Hebron Branch, 6-7:30 p.m.

Make your own seasonally scented candles, perfect for gifting or enjoying at home! Please email mruoff@bcpl.org for a required waiver to be signed by a parent/quardian.

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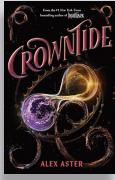
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new releases



Better in Black: Ten Stories of Shadowhunter Romance by Cassandra

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Crowntide The Lightlark Saga by Alex Aster



The Obsession by Natasha Preston



An Archive of Romance **Study in Drowning** by Ava Reid

Homemade Holiday

By Hillary Delaney, Local History Associate

They say necessity is the mother of invention, especially when prices soar. The holidays can be particularly challenging, sneaking up on us bringing added pressure to spend. We are bombarded by ads for the latest gifts, and store shelves transform into winter wonderlands as soon as school starts in the fall. It can feel overwhelming when the pressure to buy outweighs the joy of giving. The true spirit of the season gets lost. But sometimes that very necessity inspires the most meaningful and appreciated gifts: the homemade kind.

Not everyone can knit, carve, paint, cook, etc., but most of us know someone who might be willing to make something for us or even teach us how. Fall also brings plenty of craft shows, offering a wide range of prices and handmade goods for those who aren't feeling especially creative. For the less artistically inclined, there



are tutorials, kits and Pinterest boards. For those who love history, the possibilities for DIY aifts are endless.

Reproductions of old family pictures can be slipped into a premade ornament or pasted into a collage on a lampshade or tabletop. Shared family recipes can be turned into a self-published cookbook or frameable kitchen art, with a historic photo of the original chef or the family at the table included. The cookie

exchange model can be used for reproductions of old family photos and printouts of family stories, allowing everyone o share. Recordings of our family elders sharing stories about a time before we were in the world can be one of the most cherished and irreplaceable gifts.

Gifts that carry our family's history can also be living mementos. One of my favorites is dividing heirloom bulbs from my garden and passing them along to other gardeners along with a story of where the bulbs have been. Over the years, we've moved several times and brought a few bulbs with us, some of which have been cared for by generations before us. Sharing these plants allows us to continue the story with the next generation, creating a living connection to our family's past.

Of course, we can't always compete with the hottest new gift directly, but we can enrich our family's holidays by sharing our collective memories in these and any number of other ways. Make it yourself or get help from a creator you know, but homemade gifts are often the most cherished under the tree.



Archive and History Center Information

about

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desk hours

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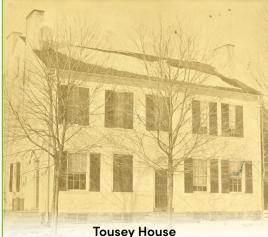
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December Board Meeting Monday, December 15 Main Library, 4 p.m.

January Board Meeting Monday, January 19 Florence Branch, 4 p.m.

February Board Meeting Monday, February 16

March Board Meeting Monday, March 16 Main Library, 4 p.m.

Main Library, 4 p.m.

April Board Meeting Monday, April 20 Walton Branch, 4 p.m.



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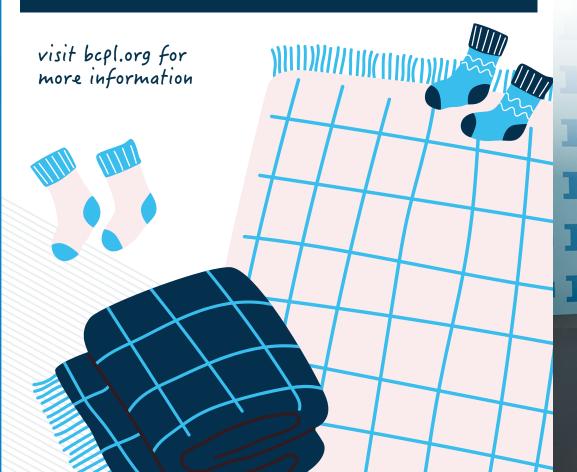
A Focus on Homelessness in Boone County

During the month of January, BCPL will be hosting Unseen Neighbors, a campaign focused on homelessness in Boone County. We will feature videos of local residents sharing their stories and host a special event to spark community conversation. Watch for details in the January Discover newsletter and on our social media platforms.

As we prepare, you can help our neighbors in need by donating blankets and socks at any BCPL location from December 1 through January 31. Donations can be placed in bins marked Unseen Neighbors, and all items will support our community through the K-Count and local organizations.

blanket & socks donation drive

December 1 - January 31



Boone Innovation Lab Spotlight

Create and Craft with the Cricut Maker

The Cricut Maker makes DIY projects limitless. Cut, engrave, deboss and write on hundreds of materials, from delicate fabrics to sturdy mat boards.

Whether you want to craft personalized cards, design custom t-shirts, make unique home decor or create fun stickers and gifts, the possibilities are endless. Use Cricut Design Space to explore thousands of ready-made images and fonts or upload your own designs in JPG, PNG or SVG format.

The Cricut Maker is available at all Boone Innovation Lab locations, ready to help your ideas come to life. Bring your materials like paper or vinyl, and explore a variety of tools, including the Cricut Heat Press and Cricut Pens. Cutting mats, infusible ink markers and transfer tape are also on hand while supplies last.

To give it a try, book an appointment with the Boone Innovation Lab. All you need is a BCPL library card in good standing. To sign up for a library card, visit any BCPL location.



Book your appointment at bcpl.org/bil





BIL Information

about

Located at the Main Library, Hebron Branch and Walton Branch, the BIL is a place to create, learn and preserve memories. For more information, visit bcpl.org/bil.

hours

Hours vary according to staff availability. Appointments are required.

equipment

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- media conversion station

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- embroidery machine
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- heat press
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Mini Displays

Boone on the Move! **Main Library**

History of transportation in Boone County.

Flying Cardinals Scheben Branch

Model aviation from the Flying Cardinals of Northern Kentucky.

Cincinnati Book Arts Society Walton Branch

Paper crafts and art pieces recycled from books.

In the Loop Florence Branch

Seasonal crocheted and knitted pieces from local artisans.

Create a Holiday Soundtrack

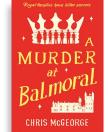


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Find your perfect festive read with

Staff Holiday Recommendations



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MACOMBER

There's Something Abor Christmas

A Murder at Balmoral Chris McGeorge

"If you are a fan of Clue, you will enjoy this holiday locked-rooms murder mystery!"

An Irish Country

"Kindness, miracles and

good cheer abound in

doctors in the fictional

There's Something About Christmas

"This book reminds me

of the times I cooked

with my Gramma."

Christmas

Debbie Macomber

this cozy tale of country

village of Ballybucklebo."

Christmas

Patrick Taylor



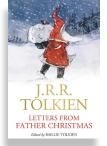
The Afterlife of Holly Chase Cynthia Hand

"A fun twist on the holiday classic 'A Christmas Carol' that is sure to bring the spirit of generosity to your bookshelf."



The Christmas Fix Lucy Score

"If you love romance and enemies falling in love, you will absolutely love this page turning book!"



Letters From Father Christmas .R.R. Tolkien

"Letters from the North Pole about all the happenings. Perfect for Tolkien fans and the entire family."



experience books

Book Discussion Groups

To request a book, call 859-342-BOOK (2665) or email the group leader.

Best of the Best Thursday, December 4 Florence Branch, 3 p.m.

The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey Read and discuss bestselling novels. Leader Michael: mstulz@bcpl.org

Classics Unfolded Monday, December 8 Walton Branch, 6 p.m.

The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde Encounter timeless tales in new ways. Leader Matthew: mhaase@bcpl.org

Chapter and Verse Tuesday, December 9 Scheben Branch, 6:30 p.m.

The Christmas Quilt by Jennifer Chiaverini Read everything fiction to biographies. Leader Shaun: spowell@bcpl.org

Thrillers and Chillers Thursday, December 11 Main Library, 10 a.m.

Holiday mystery of reader's choice Read suspense, mystery and true crime. Leader Alisa: asnow@bcpl.org

Chick Picks Thursday, December 18 Main Library, 10 a.m.

The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion by Fannie Flagg Women of all ages read a mix of genres. Leader Karen: khelmle@bcpl.org

Monday 4 Mystery Monday, December 22 Florence Branch, 6:30 p.m.

An Unwanted Guest by Shari Lapena Explore mystery and suspense novels. Leader Kevin: kwadlow@bcpl.org

Books to Savor Sunday, December 28 Walton Branch, 2 p.m.

The Year of Pleasures by Elizabeth Berg Read culinary-inspired novels and share recipes.

Leader Gabi: grichardson@bcpl.org

Spasm

Robin Cook

Colm Tóibín

Huguette Cara Black

Tailored Realities

Brandon Sanderson

A Long Winter



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Libby

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app to access our Libraries Unbound digital collection and more.

Buy the Book

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ADULT new releases

The Last Days of Marilyn Monroe James Patterson

Sharpe's Storm Bernard Cornwell

Silent Bones Val McDermid

Everybody Wants to Rule the World Ace Atkins

White Wolf Eric van Lustbader

We Who Will Die Stacia Stark









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WALTON BRANCH

13000 Towne Center Dr, Walton, KY 41094
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Friday 9am-6pm
Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 1-5pm

FLORENCE BRANCH

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Sarah PenningtonYouth Services Manager

Every day at the library is unpredictable–and I love it! As someone with many different hobbies and interests, I could never decide what I wanted to be when I "grew up" until I realized that librarians can do anything!

Although originally from Indiana, where I earned my Master's in Library Science from IUPUI, home has been in Cincinnati for the last ten years. I have worked at several different libraries in the Cincinnati area including Mason Public Library, MidPointe Library System and Cincinnati Public Library. I fell in love with Youth Services because I love to perform, and let's be honest, kids make such fun audiences! After all that hopping around between libraries, I have finally found my place at BCPL. The staff and patrons are so welcoming and have such a deep passion for the library.

I am working on my Master's of Fine Arts in Creative Writing for Children and Young Adults from Hamline University, where I have had the honor of participating in workshops and oneon-ones with published authors such as Tae Keller (*How to Trap a Tiger*) and Laura Ruby (*Bone Gap*).

I'm a proud mom to my 7-year-old daughter and 20-year-old stepson. My husband, a librarian at Dayton Metro Library, and I love reading, writing and creating



art together. We recently tied the knot in Iceland, and I practically had to drag him back to Cincinnati afterward! We share our home with two dogs, a giant Lab-Mastiff mix and a spirited corgi.