

# CONNECTIONS

**Come  
join us!**

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**holiday-themed  
programs at the Library  
in December, including:**



**The Children's Theatre  
presents *A Christmas Carol*  
4:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 8  
@ Cold Spring  
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**Gingerbread  
House Party  
3 pm Saturday, Dec. 17  
@ Newport  
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**Holiday Music with Belltastic! and the Highlands  
Middle School 8th Grade Strings Orchestra  
2-4 pm Saturday, Dec. 3 @ Carrico-Fort Thomas  
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See all holiday events, noted in **Green**, Pages 3-7.

## **Young ones will have you in AWE on special computers**

**L**ooking for a way to channel the wee ones' excitement this time of year into a positive learning experience? Or, just looking for a great way to keep them occupied while the decorations go up or the presents get wrapped?



Come down to the Library and discover our AWE computers. They are specially designed to provide literacy-based games for young children, even ones who can't yet read. They've proven to be a hit with young ones along with their parents, grandparents and babysitters.

**Look for AWE  
computers in  
our Children's  
section.**

Patrons Tom and Sandy Patton found themselves in the latter category when they were taking care of Marcus, their busy three-year-old great nephew.

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## We suggest

### LIBRARY STAFF'S FAVORITE HOLIDAY DVDs

#### **Christmas with the Kranks**

This is a light-hearted, entertaining comedy that pokes fun at Christmas in the suburbs. Other favorites: *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*, *Jingle All The Way*, *The Santa Clause*. — Dawna Haupt, Library Accountant

#### **Muppet Christmas Carol**

No list would be complete without the *Muppet Christmas Carol*. Highlights include Miss Piggy as Mrs. Cratchit and the grumpy old men from the balcony as Jacob and Robert Marley's ghosts. Animal even has a drum solo. An entertaining version of the classic tale and not too scary, even for kids. — Sharon Carter, Newport Reference Assistant

#### **We're No Angels**

1955 version, with Humphrey Bogart, Basil Rathbone, Peter Ustinov. Three convicts escape Devils Island on Christmas Eve, and help a family celebrate the season in some expected and rather unexpected ways. — Diane Katz, Outreach Services Librarian

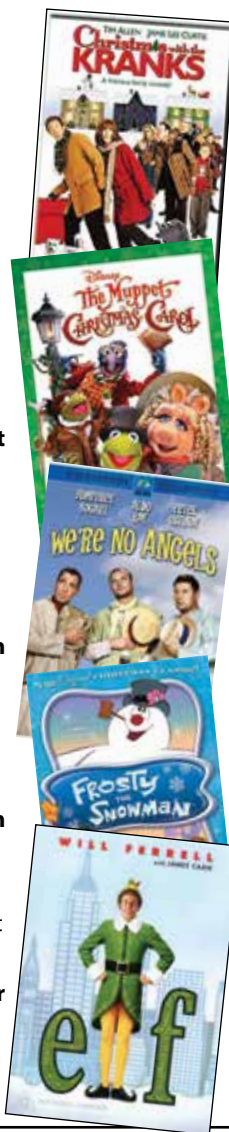
#### **Frosty the Snowman**

One of my all-time favorite holiday specials. It's full of sweet Christmas magic and every time I watch it my heart melts (pun intended). — Sarah Geisler, Collection Services Librarian

#### **Elf**

Starring Will Ferrell. It is a hilarious, heart-warming, magical Christmas tale that has become a must-see every year; a new classic for my family. — Lily Herald, Newport Circulation Supervisor

**Look for these & other holiday classics in our DVD collection!**



## What's new

### CHILDREN'S CHAPTER BOOKS

#### **Magical Mission**

by Geronimo Stilton  
**Publisher comments:** A secret mission in London: Someone was trying to get their paws on the crown jewels.

#### **Some Writer!: The Story of E.B. White**

by Melissa Sweet  
**Publisher comments:** This authorized tribute is the first fully illustrated biography of E. B. White.

#### **When the Sea Turned to Silver**

by Grace Lin  
**Publisher comments:** A fast-paced adventure that is extraordinarily written and beautifully illustrated.

#### **Middle School: Dog's Best Friend**

by James Patterson  
**Publisher comments:** It's a dog-eat-dog world, and Rafe Khatchadorian is just trying to live in it.



## AWE, continued from cover

The Pattons took Marcus to the Cold Spring Branch to hang out, where all three were introduced to the AWE computers. The Pattons were amazed by how fast Marcus took to it.

"He learned to work on it. It's easy for the little guys to use and lets them think, 'I can do this!'" said Sandy Patton. "It was cool to see a child discover, learn and do it independently."

Discovering the AWE computers was a revelation to the Pattons, who themselves are

not parents. However, as Cold Spring Branch regulars, they were hardly surprised.

"It's not your grandmother's Library anymore," said Mrs. Patton, who regularly volunteers at Signature Series events. "When I was a kid, you heard 'Shhhhh' (at the Library). Now it's a great place for people to come, to participate in programs. When you come to the Library and see the kids' section, it's wonderful."

See the AWE computers for yourself at the children's section of your nearby branch.



**Sandy & Tom Patton**

# Cold Spring

## December Calendar

### Book Discussions

New members welcome. Snacks. No need to register. Ages 18 & up unless noted otherwise.

### Spoiler Alert YA Book Club

6:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 8

*The Unbecoming of Mara Dyer* by Michelle Hodkin. Ages 13 & up.

### Cold Spring Book Club

11 am Tuesday, Dec. 13

2 pm Wednesday, Dec. 14

*Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf.

### Cup of Crime

7 pm Wednesday, Dec. 21

*The Book of Speculation* by Erika Swyler.

### Real Men Read

7 pm Thursday, Dec. 22

*The Long Walk: The True Story of a Trek to Freedom* by Slavomir Racwiz. Men & women welcome.

### A Little Help with My Friends

7 pm Tuesday, Dec. 27

*The Total Money Makeover* by Dave Ramsey.

### Adults

### Christmas Ornaments with Paint & Bake Ceramics

6:30 pm Tuesday, Dec. 6

Registration is full. Register on the waiting list. Ages 18 & up.

### Foster Care & Adoption: The Facts You Need

6:30 pm Wednesday, Dec. 7

A representative from the DCCH Center for Children & Families will discuss qualifications and requirements. Ages 18 & up. Register.

### LAN Party

6-11 pm Friday, Dec. 23

Bring your PC or console & favorite games. Snacks & drinks. Ages 16 & up. Register.

## Beat the Christmas rush for Paint & Bake Ceramics



**W**e have several programs this month for all ages in which you or your child can make cool holiday decorations with Paint & Bake Ceramics, but don't wait to register because they fill up fast (one already has)! See details in the calendar on this page and page 4.

### Teens

### Cold Spring Coding Club

6:30-8 pm Thursday, Dec. 1

Learn how to get into the game folder and its code to change it. Ages 11 & up. Register.

### Teen Hangout

4 pm Monday, Dec. 5

Play games, relax or read. Ages 11-19. Snacks. Register.

### Teen Christmas Ornaments

5:30-7:30 pm Monday, Dec. 5

Make Christmas ornaments with Paint & Bake Ceramics. Ages 11-19 only. Register.

### After Hours Game Night

7-10 pm Friday, Dec. 9

Snacks, pizza and drinks. Movie rating T for Teen. Ages 11 & up. Register.

### Minecraft Club

5 pm Monday, Dec. 12

Register to save a spot on a Library laptop or bring your own. Ages 8-19. Register.

### Table Top Club

6:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 15

Play card games, board games. Ages 10 & up. Snacks. Register.

### Teen Advisory Board Christmas Party

4-8:30 pm Monday, Dec. 19

If you wish to be part of the White Elephant give away, bring a small gift under \$10 wrapped multiple times. Snacks and drinks. Ages 11-19. Register.

### Families

### Rogue Fun Trivia & Game Night

6:30-8:45 pm Wednesday, Dec. 14

Compete in Star Wars trivia, then play one of our other Star Wars themed games in anticipation of the newest movie. Food and drinks. Dressing as characters is welcome but not required. Register.

### Live Guitar with Santa

10 am-noon Saturday, Dec. 17

Get in the spirit as Joe Wannabe plays holiday music on guitar. No need to register.

# A Christmas Carol

  
**TCT On Tour**

**T**he Children's Theatre on Tour will help us get in the holiday spirit with one of the best-loved stories of all time. Join Ebenezer Scrooge and his harrowing Christmas Eve adventure, *A Christmas Carol* 4:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 8.

The ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future will teach more than just Ebenezer a timeless lesson in Charles Dickens' classic.

The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati's mission is to educate, entertain & engage audiences of all ages.

Children 1st-5th grades welcome. Registration is required.

## Cold Spring families, continued

### Cookies with Santa

10 am-noon Saturday, Dec. 17  
Come meet and take pictures with Santa Claus. There will also be cookies, crafts, games and music by Joe Wannabe. Register.

### Family Tabletop

1-5 pm Sunday, Dec. 18  
Tabletop board and card games. No need to register.

### Noon Year's Eve Bash with Cam

11:30 am-12:15 pm Saturday, Dec. 31  
No need to stay up late, join us for a special New Year's celebration with crafts, dance party and pictures with Cam. At 11:59, we will countdown to noon and have a huge balloon drop. Bring your cameras to this festive event. Register.

### Children

1st-5th grades unless noted differently.

### Paint & Bake Ceramics: Christmas Ornaments

4:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 1  
Paint & Bake Ceramics will help us make ornaments for Christmas. Register early for this popular program.

**Ring in the year early with Cam, starting @ 11:30 am Saturday, Dec. 31.**

### Cocoa & Crafts

1 pm Saturday, Dec. 3  
Celebrate the season with hot cocoa and holiday crafts. Ages 4 & up. Register.

### Homeschool Hangout: Christmas Ornaments with Paint & Bake Ceramics

11 am Tuesday, Dec. 6  
Celebrate the holidays and make a cool ornament. Register.



### The Children's Theatre presents *A Christmas Carol*

4:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 8  
[See details, above.](#)

### Young Ones

No need to register.

### Movers & Shakers

11 am Thursdays, Dec. 1, 8 & 15  
Shake out your sillies while we sing, dance & play in this musical story time. Ages 2-5.

### Baby Sign Story Time: Jingle Babies

10 am Saturday, Dec. 3  
Celebrate Christmas with fun books and songs. Ages 0-18 months.

### Baby Time

10 am Mondays, Dec. 5 & 12  
Introduce early literacy concepts.  
Siblings are welcome. Ages 0-2.

### Tot Time

11 am Mondays, Dec. 5 & 12  
Help your child develop their pre-literacy skills through stories, singing, playing and fun. Siblings are welcome. Ages 1-2½.

### Growing Scientists: Winter Fun

4 pm Wednesday, Dec. 7  
Explore science with books, songs and learning stations. Ages 3-7.

### Paint & Bake Ceramics: Christmas Ornaments

10 am Saturday, Dec. 10  
Bring your little ones to make a special Christmas ornament. Ages 0-6. Register.

# Carrico/Fort Thomas

## December Calendar

### Book Discussion

#### Brown Bag Book Club

Noon Monday, Dec. 5

**Empire of the Summer Moon** by S.C. Gwynne.  
Bag lunch optional. Water & snacks provided.  
New members welcome. Ages 18 & up. No need to register.

### Adults

#### Holiday Gift Tags

6:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 1

Create unique gift tags to give your presents a personal touch. We'll provide the inspiration & supplies. Ages 18 & up. Register.

#### Clothespin Card Wreaths

6:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 8

Ages 18 & up. Registration is full; register on waiting list.

### Teens

#### Teen Art Club

4 pm Wednesday, Dec. 7

Make perler bead Christmas ornaments. Ages 10-18. Snacks. Register.

#### Chess Club

4 pm Wednesday, Dec. 14

Open to all levels. Ages 8-18. Register.

### Families



#### Holiday Open House

11 am Saturday, Dec. 10

Enjoy cookies and milk and see Santa. The Chris Comer Trio will perform holiday music and a craft will be available for teens. No need to register.

### Children

1st-5th grades unless noted differently.

#### Holiday Music

2-4 pm Saturday, Dec. 3

[See story, below.](#)

### Lego Challenge

4 pm Monday, Dec. 5

Today's Lego Challenge will surprise you. Pull a challenge from a hat to find out what you're building. No need to register.

### Christmas Party

4 pm Monday, Dec. 12

Today is a ho-ho-holiday party. Join us for fun, games and surprises. Snacks. No need to register.

### Young Ones

No need to register unless noted differently.

### Baby Time

9:30 & 10:30 am Thursdays, Dec. 1, 8 & 15

Clap, sing & move with your baby. Ages 0-2, especially for walkers. Register.

### Full STEAM Ahead

7 pm Mondays, Dec. 5 & 12

Get hands-on with Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math. Explore chain reactions Dec. 5; investigate sound Dec. 12. Ages 3 & up.

### Toddler Time

10 am Tuesdays, Dec. 6 & 13

Join us for a tasty storytime on Dec. 6, then enjoy a Holly Jolly story time on Dec. 13.. Ages 2-3.



## Sounds of the season

**E**xperience the beauty of bells and strings during the holiday season from 2-4 pm Saturday, Dec. 3. Belltastic!, a children's handchime choir in Fort Thomas, will perform at 2 pm, followed by the Highlands Middle School 8th Grade Strings Orchestra at 3 pm. Ages 3-11. Register.

## Carrico/ Fort Thomas Young Ones continued

### Preschool Time

11 am Tuesdays, Dec. 6 & 13  
Get ready for kindergarten and  
have fun at the same time.  
Ages 4-5.

### Growing Readers

4 pm Tuesdays, Dec. 6 & 13  
Keep new readers excited about  
books. Ages 4-7.

### Lap Time

9:30 am Wednesdays, Dec. 7 & 14  
Rhymes, bounces, lullabies and books.  
Ages 0-2, especially for pre-walkers.  
Register.

### Movers & Shakers

11 am Wednesdays, Dec. 7 & 14  
Shake your sillies out while we sing,  
dance and play in this musical story  
time. Ages 2-5.

### Holly Jolly Babies

10 am Saturday, Dec. 17  
Read books, sing and jingle  
along with holiday songs  
and reindeer games! Juice and  
cookies. Ages 0-2. Register.



# Newport

## December Calendar

### Book Discussion

#### Newport Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, Dec. 6

*The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's  
Darkest Journey* by Candice Millard. Ages 18  
& up. No need to register.

### Adults

#### Coffee & Craft: No-Sew Sock Snowman

6:30 pm Monday, Dec. 5  
Registration is full. Register on the waiting list.

#### Oh My Fandom: Star Wars

3 pm Saturday, Dec. 10  
The Force is strong in this program. Ages 15 &  
up. Snacks. No need to register.

#### Holiday Thumbprint Cards

6:30-8 pm Monday, Dec. 12  
Create personalized holiday cards to send.  
Snacks. Ages 18 & up. Register.

### Holiday Felt Ornaments

6:30 pm Monday, Dec. 19  
Make that last-minute Christmas decoration  
or gift. Ages 18 & up. Register.

### CCPL Board Meeting

5:30 pm Wednesday, Dec. 21  
Meetings are held on a rotating basis among  
the branches. No need to register.

### Teens

Ages 12-19 unless noted differently.

#### Impromptu

3 pm Wednesdays, Dec. 7 & 14  
There could be a craft; there could be games.  
You won't know until you come. Snacks. No  
need to register.

#### Holiday Ornament Painting

3 pm Thursday, Dec. 8  
Paint holiday ornaments that you can  
either give as gifts or keep for decorating.  
No need to register.

### Light Up Gingerbread House

3 pm Thursday, Dec. 5  
Make a delicious gingerbread house that is lit  
from the inside. No need to register.

### New Year's Eve Party

3-5 pm Thursday, Dec. 29  
Make a mini time capsule & a craft for when  
the clock strikes midnight. No need to register.

### Tweens

#### Tween Christmas Party

5 pm Friday, Dec. 2  
Make crafts with jingle bells & pine cones.  
Ages 8-12. Snacks. No need to register.





## Gingerbread House Party

**C**reate your gingerbread masterpiece 3 pm Saturday, Dec. 17. Festive music will be played as families build and decorate gingerbread houses. Graham crackers, icing and some decorative candies will be provided by the Library. Patrons are encouraged to bring additional or special candies for their own use. Registration required. Please note how many children will be participating when registering.

### Families

#### Here Comes Santa Claus

2-4 pm Saturday, Dec. 3

Santa & Mrs. Claus will visit. Cookies & milk will be provided, of course. Meet The Christmas Tree Lady and stay for a festive storytime, crafts (including making homemade reindeer food) and other surprises. The Chris Comer Trio will be playing music and a craft will be available for teens and adults. Register.

#### Gingerbread House Party

3 pm Saturday, Dec. 17

See details above.

### Children

1st-5th grades unless noted differently.

#### Ice Volcanoes

4 pm Tuesday, Dec. 6

Create your very own ice volcano and try your hand at other wintry science experiments. Ages 5-12. Register. Please note how many children will be participating.

#### Lego Club

4 pm Tuesday, Dec. 13

1000s of Legos and figures all for you. What will you create? Drop in! Ages 5-12. Siblings welcome. No need to register.

### Young Ones

#### Toddler Storytime

10 am Thursdays, Dec. 1, 8 & 15

We'll sing fun songs, play with puppets, read a great book, dance in our bubbles, and make a creative craft. Ages 2-3. Register.

#### Ready for K Through Play! Preschool Story Time

10 am Mondays, Dec. 5 & 12

Join us as we play our way through the alphabet and get ready for kindergarten. Ages 3-5. Register.

#### Bounce & Rhyme Baby Story Time

10 am Tuesday, Dec. 6

Bond with baby while singing silly songs, playing with puppets and dancing in our bubbles. Ages 0-2. Register.

#### PJ Storytime

7 pm Tuesdays, Dec. 6 & 13

Dec. 6: Hot chocolate

Dec. 13: Palm trees.

PJs are encouraged! Ages 3-7, siblings welcome. Snacks. No need to register.

#### Movers & Shakers Dance Party

10 am Wednesdays, Dec. 7 & 14

Staying fit and active is fun for little ones at this silly dance party. Ages 2-5. Register.

#### Play Art

4 pm Wednesdays, Dec. 7 & 14.

Creativity is messy.

Dec. 7: Shivery Snow Paint

Dec. 14: Beach Day and Craft

Ages 3-5. Siblings welcome. No need to register.

#### Reindeer in Training

3 pm Saturday, Dec. 10

Learn what it takes to be one of Santa's Reindeer and earn your antlers while enjoying holiday treats and crafts. Ages 2-5. Siblings welcome. Register.

#### Cook the Book: Merry, Merry to You

10 am Friday, Dec. 16

Fun story, silly games, and a festive snack. Hot cocoa bar for little ones and their grown ups. Ages 3-6. Siblings welcome. Register.



## Cold Spring Branch

3920 Alexandria Pike  
Cold Spring, KY 41076  
859-781-6166

## Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch

1000 Highland Avenue  
Fort Thomas, KY 41075  
859-572-5033

## Newport Branch

901 East Sixth Street  
Newport, KY 41071  
859-572-5035

## Hours for all branches

9 am – 9 pm Monday-Thursday  
9 am – 7 pm Friday  
9 am – 5 pm Saturday  
1 pm – 5 pm Sunday

The Library will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (Saturday, Dec. 24 and Sunday, Dec. 25) and will close at 5 pm on New Year's Eve, Saturday, Dec. 31. The Library will also be closed New Year's Day, (Sunday, Jan. 1).

## Who to talk to

### Cold Spring

David Anderson, Branch Manager

### Carrico/Fort Thomas

Pam Posik, Branch Manager

### Newport

Chantelle Bentley Phillips,  
Branch Manager & Assistant Director

### Administration at Cold Spring

JC Morgan, Director  
Kiki Dreyer Burke, Public Relations  
Terrie R. Pulliam, Human Resources

## 24-hour services

Circulation: 859-572-5041  
Storytelling: 859-572-5039

Download books & music:  
<http://kyunbound.lib.overdrive.com/>

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Visit us online @ [www.cc-pl.org](http://www.cc-pl.org)



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## Looking ahead at the Library

### DanceBlast!

**6:30 pm Monday, Jan. 30 @**

**Newport:** Have fun dancing & getting fit with Evonne from DanceBlast.

### City Barbecue Food for Thought Series

**6:30 pm Tuesday, Jan. 31:** Dr. Burke Miller from NKU will discuss "Andrew Jackson: Honor and the Art of the Duel."

**6:30 pm Tuesday, Feb. 21:**

Dr. Robert Wilcox from NKU will discuss "Yellow Jack to Zika: A Biography of Aedes Aegypti in the Americas."

### Signature Series

**7 pm Friday, Jan. 20 @ Newport:**

Falcon Takes Flight, a division of Falcon Theatre, presents Joe Survant's *Rafting Rise*.

**7 pm Friday, Feb. 24 @ Carrico/**

**Fort Thomas:** Bestselling author Adam Makos presents a talk on "Revealing the Unlikely Heroes of World War II & Beyond."

**7 pm Friday, March 24 @ Newport:**

Kelsey Timmerman presents "Where Am I Eating? An Adventure Through the Global Food Economy."

**Free tickets required for Signature Series events.**



**Program registration opens two months before the event dates.**

### ADA Compliance Statement

The Library makes every reasonable effort to provide equal access to all patrons. Please contact [access@cc-pl.org](mailto:access@cc-pl.org) or call 859-781-6166 x 31 at least 72 hours prior to an event to arrange for accommodation. All facilities and meeting rooms are ADA compliant.