

East Smithfield Public Library's Happenings

Holiday Hours:

Monday, December 25, 2023 – CLOSED

Tuesday, December 26, 2023 – CLOSED

Monday, January 1, **2024** – CLOSED

The library will be starting new hours on February 5, 2024.

New Library Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 9:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Closed in July and August)

Please see Makerspace page for new hours.

December 2023

*Holiday
Bazaar*

December 1st, 2nd and 4th.
See page 2 for details!



Silent Auction: The Board of Trustees will be holding a Silent Auction during the Friends of the Library Holiday Bazaar Fundraiser. Friday, December 1st, 11:00 am to 5:00 p.m, Saturday, December 2, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Monday, December 4th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Movie Matinee – Wednesday, December 6th at 1:00 p.m. Join us for a big screen showing of *Barbie* 2023/PG-13/ 1hr 54min. Snacks provided. No registration necessary.

Reading From “Pearls From Carol” And Sing Along – Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m. “Pearls from Carol” is a compilation of 20 years worth of writings from the late Carol Ruggiero, presented by her husband, Albert. Join to hear about Carol’s life and her funny and thought provoking poems and essays. A saxophone sing-a-long will follow the reading.

Adult Craft – Monday, December 11th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. We will offer a variety of colorful options to decorate your own glass holiday ornament. Please register at myespl.org.

Take And Make Craft – Ornaments – Create your own ornament at home! Choose from a penguin, holiday tree, or snowflake design. You will be contacted when your take and make craft is ready to be picked up from the library. All ages welcome. Children may need parental assistance. Register at myespl.org



Virtual Game Night – Drop in any Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. to play board games, video games, trivia, and more! Location: Virtual – Discord. All ages welcome. No registration once patrons have joined the Discord server. Discord link: bit.ly/esm-game-night.

Tabletop Game Night – Thursday, December 21st @ 6:00 p.m. Go beyond monopoly! Learn and play modern board games of all kinds. For ages 14 & up. No need to register – just drop in.

Scrapbooking Club – Thursday, December 21st from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome, bring 4 or 5 photos. Please register at myespl.org.



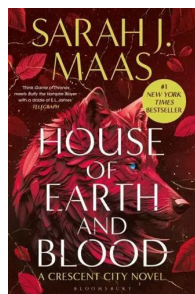
Tri-County Mobile Health Unit – Monday, December 18th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The white truck will be in the parking lot to provide free blood pressure checks, flu vaccinations, in-person Medicaid renewal and subscription, and information about Tri-County and the programs they provide. Just drop in.

Book Groups

Walk & Talk Book Chat – Every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. Drop in any Thursday morning to enjoy nature and chat about the books that you've been reading. Weather permitting – we will email you at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday morning if the program has been cancelled. Various outdoor locations in Smithfield.

- December 7th – Olivia's Forest
- December 14th – Wolf Hill Forest Preserve
- December 21st – Stillwater Scenic Trail
- December 28th – No Walk & Talk Book Chat

All ages welcome. Register at myespl.org. You must sign a waiver before attending one of our Walk & Talk Book Chats.



Fantasy Book Club – Monday, December 18th at 6:00 p.m. *House Of Earth and Blood* by Sarah J. Maas. We will meet virtually via Zoom. Best for all ages. Please register at myespl.org.

Thursday Night Book Group – Because of the upcoming holidays, we will combine our November and December meetings and meet on Thursday, December 14th via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Join us as we discuss *Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki His Years of Pilgrimage* by Haruki Murakami. New members are always welcome. Please email circ@myespl.org for the Zoom link.



Friends of the Library News

December Holiday Bazaar Fundraiser – This year there will be a penny social raffle and silent auction, white elephant table, stocking stuffers, jewelry, handmade items, holiday decorations and more. Hours are Friday, December 1st from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 2nd from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. On Monday, December 4th, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, all remaining merchandise will be sold at ½ price.

Little Free Food Pantry – As we enter the colder months, many of our neighbors may struggle to pay both their heating bills and buy food. Your generosity may end up making a big difference in another person's life. Donations of non-perishable food items are needed.



Coffee, Cake & Conversation Book Group – Every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. Come join us and hear what everyone else has been reading while enjoying a tasty snack. New members are always welcome.

The FOL can be reached at friends.east.smithfield.library@gmail.com or you can leave a message for Catherine Lynn at the Circulation desk. The annual meeting will take place at 1:00 p.m. on February 10th, 2024.

MAKERSPACE

All classes take place in the Makerspace and require registration (myespl.org), unless noted otherwise.

3D Printer and more

New Makerspace Hours (Starting February 5th)

Monday	1:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Tuesday	3:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Wednesday	3:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Thursday	1:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Friday	3:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Saturday	10:30 am – 12:30 pm

3D Print Studio – Monday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m. Join us for this introductory class to our Dremel 3D Printer. Upon completion of this introductory session, attendees will then be allowed to submit files to be printed.

3D Printing Design: Creating 3D Models with Tinkercad – Monday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m. This is a companion program to 3D Print Studio. Now you can learn how to create 3D models based on your ideas with Tinkercad software.

Learn In The Makerspace: Canva – Monday, December 11th from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Join us in the Makerspace to learn about different software, technology, and tools that we have available for use in the library. This month we're going to talk about the creative program Canva and some of the really cool things you can make with it. All ages welcome.

Discover Maker Cart – Wednesday, December 13th, 20th and 27th from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The latest addition to the Makerspace is the Maker Cart. We will now be able to wheel out new activities for patrons ages 8 and up.

Laser Cutter

Laser Stamp Making – Saturday, December 2nd at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and Friday, December 15th at 4:00 p.m. Let's make custom rubber stamps with the laser machine! This class will use Canva to design a custom stamp.

Meet Our Laser Machine – Friday, December 29th at 4:00 p.m. Come learn about our Laser Machine. Learn about what it can do and design a small item: a bookmark, garden sign, cork coaster or keychain. Please only sign up for this class if you haven't taken it before. If you have taken it and would like to make more personalized items on the Laser Machine, please contact Cristina at maker2@myespl.org.

Crafty Programs

Card Club – Thursday, December 7th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Each month we will learn a different art technique that we can add to our card making skills.

Jewelry Making Open Studio – Saturday, December 9th from 10:30 a.m. – Noon.
We'll be making beaded snowflakes or you may choose to make a holiday jewelry gift.

Cricut Classes

Introduction To Crafting With The Cricut Maker 3 – Once you successfully complete three learning sessions, you are welcome to use the machine to make your own items independently during Maker Space hours.

Basic Vinyl – Thursday, December 28th at 5:00 p.m. Learn how to make a basic vinyl sticker for your car, laptop or water bottle.

Heat Transfer Vinyl (HTV) – Friday, December 1st at 4:00 p.m. Heat Transfer Vinyl: In this class you will learn the basics of transferring your cut vinyl design onto fabric using the Cricut Heat Press.

Cricut Club – Friday, December 8th at 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 16th at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Cricut Club is for folks who have already completed the three introductory Cricut Classes. In these small workshops, we will explore a new technique or blade on the Cricut to make a fun project to bring home. We will be making personalized stockings with iron on vinyl.

Children's

Saturday Specials

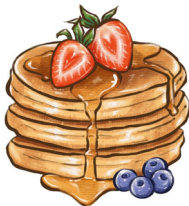


“Grab and Go” Ornament Craft – Saturday, December 2nd starting at 10:00 a.m. You can stop by the library and take the craft home with you to do or you can do it at the library. This craft is best for preschoolers (with help) and older.

Family Story Time – Saturday, December 16th at 10:30 a.m. Come to the library on a Saturday morning for a special family story time. This story time will be geared to toddlers and/or preschoolers and their caregivers. There will be stories, songs and a craft. Please register at myespl.org.

School Vacation Week Fun

BINGO and Hot Chocolate – Wednesday, December 27th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come to the library to play bingo, enjoy some hot chocolate and have fun! This program is for elementary school students. Please register at myespl.org.



Pancakes and Pajama Story Time – Thursday, December 28th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Come to the library for stories and yummy pancakes. Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal. This program is for children ages 3 and older. Please register at myespl.org.

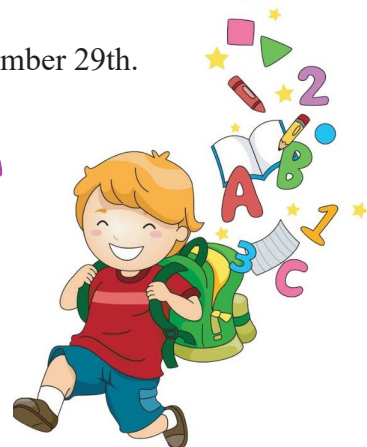


Hershey Kisses Counting Contest – How many Hershey Kisses are in the jar? Stop by the children's room and estimate the number of them in the jar and put your guess in the box. The child who comes closest to the correct number will win a surprise.

The winner will be announced on Friday, December 29th.

Kindergarten Countdown

Thursday, December 21st from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Children attending kindergarten in the fall of 2024 can join us for this special series of story times. We will be getting ready for kindergarten with stories, songs, and activities. This series of story times will continue through June 2024. Please contact Ms. Carol for more information. Please register at myespl.org.



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Book Groups



Registration is required for all book groups. Please register via our website. For additional information, please contact Ms. Carol at childrens@myespl.org.

Bookworms Book Group – Thursday, December 7th from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Any child in 2nd or 3rd grade, along with their parent/caregiver, may join us for this book group. We will continue to meet once a month throughout the school year.

“Books are Fun!” Book Group – Thursday, December 14th from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This book group is for children in 4th or 5th grade, who love to read and discuss books. We will continue to meet once a month throughout the school year.

Middle School Book Group – Wednesday, December 13th from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This book group will be for children in grades 6th through 8th. We will meet once a month throughout the school year.

Story Times

Registration is required for all story times. Please register at myespl.org.

This session will run for four weeks. When you sign up, you are committing to the four weeks.

The session began the week of November 27th and will end the week of December 18th.

Tiny-Tots Story Time

(for children 18 months to 3 years old)

This story time will be held on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We will read books, sing songs and do finger plays. Exploratory social play will follow the story time. A parent/caregiver must participate in this program.

Preschool Story Time

(for children ages 3 to 5 years old)

This story time will be held on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. There will be age-appropriate stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. A parent/caregiver must participate in this program.



TEEN SPACE

Please register for every program by visiting our website or by emailing Ms. Maddie at teen@myespl.org.

TV Trivia – Monday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m.
Put your TV knowledge to the test at this trivia night.

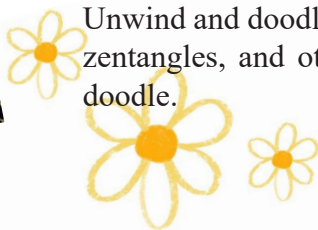


Study and Snack – Tuesday, December 5th at 4:30 p.m. Do homework, study, or hangout while you enjoy some snacks and peaceful music.

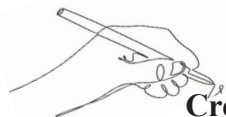


High School Book Club – Tuesday, December 12th at 4:30 p.m. This month we'll be chatting about *Belladonna* by Adalyn Grace. New members are always welcome!

Doodle Day – Monday, December 18th at 5:00 p.m.
Unwind and doodle using the provided coloring pages, zentangles, and other supplies or work on your own doodle.



2024 Vision – Wednesday, December 20th at 5:00 p.m.
End the year with a vision for the next! Using magazine clippings, scissors, glue, etc., visualize your intentions for the upcoming New Year.



Creative Writing Workshop – Wednesday, December 27th at 5:00 p.m.
Learn ways to start a story, try on different craft techniques, share your own work, and enjoy the ambience of the library while crafting your own stories. Don't feel obligated to bring polished work; work at any stage is welcome!

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December 2023

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Hours:

Monday	10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Holiday Bazaar Fundraiser: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Introduction to the Cricut Maker 3: Heat Transfer Vinyl: 4:00	2 “Grab and Go” Ornament Craft: 10:00 Holiday Bazaar Fundraiser: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Laser Stamp Making: 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
3	4 Holiday Bazaar Fundraiser: 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Drop-in Tech Help: 11:00 TV Trivia: 6:00 3-D Print Studio: 6:30	5 Coffee, Cake, and Conversation: 10:30 Tiny Tots Storytime: 10:30 Study and Snack: 4:30	6 Preschool Storytime: 10:30 Matinee Movie: 1:00 Gingerbread House: 4:30	7 Walk & Talk Book Chat: 11:00 Bookworms Book Group: 4:30 Card Club: 5:30 Virtual Game Night: 6:00 Reading from “ <i>Pearls from Carol</i> ” and Sing Along: 6:30	8 Cricut Club – Holiday Stockings: 4:00	9 Jewelry Making Open Studio: 10:30 Smithfield Special Ed Storytime: 10:30
10	11 Drop-in Tech Help: 11:00 Learn in the Makerspace – Canva: 2:30 Adult Craft – Holiday Ornament: 5:30 3D Printing: Creating 3D Models with Tinkercad: 6:30	12 Coffee, Cake, and Conversation: 10:30 Tiny Tots Storytime: 10:30 Teen Book Club: 4:30	13 Preschool Storytime: 10:30 Discover Maker Cart: 3:30 Middle School Book Group: 3:30	14 Walk & Talk Book Chat: 11:00 “Books Are Fun!” Book Group: 4:30 Thursday Night Book Club: 6:00 Virtual Game Night: 6:00	15 Tri-County Community Health Workers: 12:00 Laser Stamp Making: 4:00	16 Family Story Time: 10:30 Cricut Club – Holiday Stockings: 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
17	18 Drop-in Tech Help: 11:00 Tri-County Mobile Health Unit: 11:00- 3:00 (parking lot) Doodle Day: 5:00 Fantasy Book Club – <i>House of Earth and Blood</i> : 6:00 Gingerbread House: 6:00	19 Coffee, Cake, and Conversation: 10:30 Tiny Tots Storytime: 10:30 Board of Trustees: 6:00	20 Preschool Storytime: 10:30 Discover Maker Cart: 3:30 2024 Vision: 5:00	21 Walk & Talk Book Chat: 11:00 Scrapbooking Club: 6:00 Tabletop Game Night: 6:00 Virtual Game Night: 6:00 Kindergarten Countdown: 6:30	22	23
24	25 Christmas (LIBRARY CLOSED)	26 (LIBRARY CLOSED)	27 Bingo and Hot Chocolate: 1:00 Discover Maker Cart: 3:30 Creative Writing Workshop: 5:00	28 Introduction to the Cricut Maker 3: Basic Vinyl: 5:00 Virtual Game Night: 6:00 Pancakes and Pajama Story Time: 6:30	29 Meet Our Laser Machine: 4:00	30