

East Smithfield Public Library's Happenings

January 2024



Holiday Hours:

The library will be CLOSED on Monday, January 1st in commemoration of New Year's Day and Monday, January 15th in commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Movie Matinee – Wednesday, January 3rd at 1:00 p.m. Ring in the New Year with a new movie. This month we will be showing *Oppenheimer* (2023/R/3 Hrs.). Snacks provided or feel free to bring your own favorites. No registration necessary.

Adult Craft – Monday, January 8th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Join us in using a fun technique to make party-sized snowflakes out of paper bags. Register at myespl.org.



All Ages Craft – Winter Scene Vase – Tuesday, January 30th at 6:00 p.m. or Wednesday, January 31st at 11:00 a.m. Create your own cozy snowy vase! Children may need parental assistance. Register at myespl.org.



Trivia Night – Harry Potter – Monday, January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Join us and test your wizarding world knowledge! All ages welcome. Trivia night will be hosted in our Game Night server on Discord. Discord link: bit.ly/esm-game-night.



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.



Wildlife Solutions: Nocturnal Nuisances – Thursday, January 11th at 6:00 p.m. Nocturnal mammals are misunderstood. Most of their actions are a part of their strategy for survival. Still, critters can become nuisances, especially when they begin to den under decks and dine out of chicken coops. This session will help you identify what is attracting these animals to your yard, and how to make your property less hospitable. Presented by Mary Gannon, RI DEM. Please register.

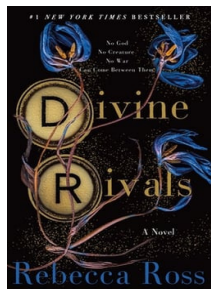
Esmond Blanket Display – Saturday, January 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Items from the beautiful Esmond blanket collection of local resident Sandra Achille will be on display in the Conference Room. She will be available to talk to people and answer questions about her collection. No registration necessary.

Yoga For Adults – Sessions run Wednesdays, January 17th through February 21st at 5:30 p.m. The instructor is Pauline Genest. This free program is sponsored by Tri-County Community Action Agency, Health Equity Zone (HEZ). Please register for each session individually at myespl.org.



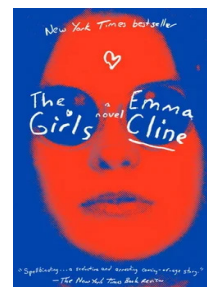
Book Groups

Walk & Talk Book Chat – No Walk & Talk Book Chats during January and February due to the cold weather. We will begin again in March!



Fantasy Book Club – Monday, January 29th at 6:00 p.m. *Divine Rivals* by Rebecca Ross. We will meet virtually. Best for teens and adults. Please register at myespl.org.

Thursday Night Book Group – The next Book Group will meet on Thursday, January 25th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will be discussing *The Girls* by Emma Cline. New members are always welcome. Please email circ@myespl.org for any questions and for the Zoom link.



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.

Friends of the Library News

A great big "Thank You" goes out to all who helped make the library holiday bazaar a HUGE success. We appreciate all of you who donated your time to work at the sale, donated items, and created the beautiful handmade articles. We received many compliments on the selection and quality of the merchandise for sale. We couldn't have done it without you!

Ornaments & Holiday Decorations – As you are packing away your holiday decorations, please drop off any excess ornaments and other small decorations in the donation box at the library. We will save them for the next holiday fundraiser. Sorry, but due to storage issues we cannot accept artificial holiday trees or items larger than a shoe box.

New Community Outreach – The Friends were instrumental in having the Little Free Library Box from the old Winsor School grounds relocated to the town dog park. The DPW did a fabulous job installing it on a new post and the Friends have now stocked it with a variety of books. This is just one of many outreach project the Friends are currently involved with.

Winter Houseplant Swap – Do you love houseplants and want to expand your collection? Now is the time to start rooting some cuttings for the winter houseplant swap. Bring a healthy plant or cutting to trade. Maybe even share some herbs from your kitchen window sill. The event will be held on February 24th at 11:00 a.m.

Little Free Food Pantry – Your help is needed to combat food insecurity in our community. Many of our neighbors are struggling to put food on the table. Nonperishable food donations may be left on the inside cart, by the ramp door. There is also a need for pet food and personal care items such as toothpaste, shampoo, and soap.

The FOL can be reached via email at friends.east.smithfield.library@gmail.com, or, you can leave a message for Catherine Lynn at the Circulation desk. The next FOL meeting will be held on January 13th at 1:00 p.m.



MAKERSPACE

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

New Makerspace Hours (Starting February 5th)

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| 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 Printer and More

3D Print Studio – Monday, January 8th at 6:30 p.m. Join us for this introductory class to our Dremel 3D Printer.

3DPrinting Design: Creating 3D Models with Tinkercad – Monday, January 22nd 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.

3Doodler: Learning How to Draw in 3D! – Wednesday, January 3rd and 24th from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A 3D Doodler™ pen extrudes heated or warm plastic from the pen's nozzle.

Learn In The Makerspace: Procreate – Monday, January 8th from 2:30 to 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 drawing program Procreate and some of the cool features it boasts!

Coded Robots Roll – Tuesday, January 16th at 3:30 p.m. Sphero Robots are wireless robots that you can control from a smartphone or iPad. What these robots do is up to you!

Cozy Game Day – Saturday, January 27th from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Beat the cold and come enjoy a cozy game day at the library – cookies and hot cocoa will be provided! All ages welcome and no registration required.

Discover Maker Cart – Wednesday, January 10th, 17th, and 31st 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.

Enhancing Storytelling with Chat GPT – Tuesday, January 23rd and Monday, January 29th at 6:30 p.m. Writers can use Chat GPT's storytelling powers to get creative, beat writer's block, and get better at telling stories.

Laser Cutter

Laser Craft: Keychains – Saturday, January 6th at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Come learn about our Laser Machine and design a small wooden keychain.

Meet Our Laser Machine – Friday, January 12th and January 19th at 4:00 p.m. Come learn about our Laser Machine and what it can do. 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, January 4th 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, January 13th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring your own project to work on or choose from our bead selection to create unique jewelry.

Sublimation Key Chains – Saturday, January 20th at 11:00 a.m. Learn how to use our sublimation printer and Cricut Heat Press to design your own professional looking keychain from a favorite photo or design. A photo from your phone will work great.

Cricut Classes

Heat Transfer Vinyl (HTV) – Friday, January 5th at 4:00 p.m. In this class you will learn the basics of transferring your cut vinyl design onto fabric using the Cricut Heat Press.

Basic Vinyl – Thursday, January 11th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Learn how to make a basic vinyl sticker for your car, laptop, or water bottle.

Infusible Ink – Thursday, January 18th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Learn to use the pen tool on the Cricut and the Cricut Mug Press to create one-of-a-kind infusible ink mug.

Children's

Saturday Specials



“Grab and Go” Snowflake Craft – Saturday, January 6th starting at 10:00 a.m. You can stop by the library and take the craft home with you or you can do it at the library. This craft is best for preschoolers (with help) and older.

Family Story Time – Saturday, January 20th 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 towards toddlers and/or preschoolers and their caregivers. There will be stories, songs, and a craft. Please register at myespl.org.



Yoga for Kids



Yoga for Kids – Monday, January 22nd at 10:30 a.m. This program is for children ages 2 to 5 and will be taught by Ms. Pauline, a certified Yoga teacher who has been practicing since she was 7 years old. This program is sponsored by The Tri-County Community Action Agency, Health Equity Zone. Please register at myespl.org.

Arts and Crafts Club – Monday, January 22nd from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. We will meet once a month to do a special project. Each month the project will be different. This program is for children in 4th through 6th grade. Please register for this program at myespl.org.



Polar Bear Scavenger Hunt – during the month of January, look for the polar bears that will be hiding around the children's rooms. Fill in the letters to answer the riddle. Turn in at the circulation desk for a prize. Have fun!



Kindergarten Countdown

Thursday, January 18th 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 began in October 2023 and will continue through June 2024. Please contact Ms. Carol for more information. You can register for this program 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, January 4th 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 during the school year.

“Books are Fun!” Book Group – Thursday, January 11th 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 during the school year.

Middle School Book Group – Wednesday, January 10th from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This book group is for children in grades 6th through 8th. We will continue to 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 will begin the week of January 1st and end the week of February 5th.

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. to 11:00 a.m. There will be age-appropriate stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. A parent/caregiver must participate in this program.

Pajama Story Time

(For children ages 3 and older)

Thursday, January 25th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Come to the library for stories and a special craft. Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal.



TEEN SPACE

Please register for each program by visiting our website or by emailing Ms. Maddie at teen@myespl.org, unless otherwise noted.



Study and Snack – Tuesday, January 2nd at 4:30 p.m. Do homework, study, or hangout while you enjoy some snacks and peaceful music.

Book Buffet – Monday, January 8th at 3:00 p.m. Sample several new young adult books while enjoying snacks. Free young adult books will be provided to participants at the end of the buffet.



Teen Book Club – Tuesday, January 9th at 4:30 p.m. This month we'll be chatting about *This Woven Kingdom* by Tahereh Mafi. New members are always welcome!

Doodle Day – Tuesday, January 16th at 5:00 p.m. Unwind and doodle using the provided coloring pages, zentangles, and other supplies or work on your own doodle.



Creative Writing Workshop – Wednesday, January 24th 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!

Pinch Pottery – Monday, January 29th at 3:00 p.m. Using air dry clay, create a pot, planter, etc. in this two-part program. The first session will be molding your creations and the second will be decorating them. Be sure to sign up for the second session held on Monday, February 5th.



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <i>Programs in Italics not open to general public.</i> | 1 New Year's Day LIBRARY CLOSED | 2 Coffee, Cake, and Conversation: 10:30 Tiny-Tots Story Time: 10:30 Study and Snack: 4:30 | 3 Preschool Story Time: 10:30 Matinee Movie – <i>Oppenheimer</i> : 1:00 3Doodler: Learning How to Draw in 3D!: 3:30 | 4 Bookworms Book Group: 4:30 Card Club: 5:30 Virtual Game Night: 6:00 | 5 Introduction to the Cricut Maker 3: Heat Transfer Viinyl: 4:00 | 6 “Grab and Go” Snowflake Craft: 10:00 Laser Craft – Keychains: 11:00 and 1:00 |
| 7 <i>Programs in Italics not open to general public.</i> | 8 Drop-in Tech Help: 11:00 Learn in the Makerspace – Procreate: 2:30 Book Buffet: 3:00 Adult Craft – Snowflakes: 5:30 3-D Print Studio: 6:30 | 9 Coffee, Cake, and Conversation: 10:30 Tiny-Tots Story Time: 10:30 Teen Book Club: 4:30 | 10 Preschool Story Time: 10:30 Discover Maker Cart: 3:30 Middle School Book Group: 3:30 | 11 “Books Are Fun!” Book Group: 4:30 Introduction to the Cricut Maker 3: Basic Viinyl: 5:00 Virtual Game Night: 6:00 Wildlife Solutions: Nocturnal Nuisances: 6:00 | 12 TriCounty Community Health Workshop: 12:00 Meet Our Laser Machine: 4:00 | 13 Smithfield Special Ed Story Time: 10:00 Jewelry Making Open Studio: 10:30 Friends of the Library (FOL): 1:00 |
| 14 <i>Programs in Italics not open to general public.</i> | 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day LIBRARY CLOSED | 16 Coffee, Cake, and Conversation: 10:30 Tiny-Tots Story Time: 10:30 Coded Robots Roll: 3:30 Doodle Day: 5:00 Board Meeting: 6:00 | 17 Preschool Story Time: 10:30 Discover Maker Cart: 3:30 Yoga for Adults: 5:30 | 18 Introduction to the Cricut Maker 3: Infusible Ink: 5:00 Scrapbooking Club: 6:00 Tabletop Game Night: 6:00 Virtual Game Night: 6:00 Kindergarten Countdown: 6:30 | 19 Meet Our Laser Machine: 4:00 | 20 Family Story Time: 10:30 Esmond Blanket Display: 11:00 Sublimation Keychains: 11:00 |
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| 28 <i>Programs in Italics not open to general public.</i> | 29 Drop-in Tech Help: 11:00 Pinch Pottery: 3:00 Fantasy Book Club – <i>Divine Rivals</i> : 6:00 Enhancing Storytelling with Chat GPT: 6:30 | 30 Coffee, Cake, and Conversation: 10:30 Tiny-Tots Story Time: 10:30 Craft – Winter Scene Vase: 6:00 Lego Brick Films: 6:30 | 31 Preschool Story Time: 10:30 Craft – Winter Scene Vase: 11:00 Discover Maker Cart: 3:30 Yoga for Adults: 5:30 | | | |

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Hours:

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| 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. |

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.

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