JANUARY PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

BURKE COUNTY

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

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Bibliomaniacs

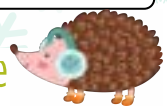
A FREE Monthly Subscription box for Adult book lovers!

Each month, the Bibliomaniacs Box has a different theme. The boxes include a library book (3-week check out) and fun items relating to the theme. Boxes are available beginning **Monday, January 12**, on a first-come, first-served basis!

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Savory Spice Club Spice Pick Up**

Pre-registration required. Spice will be delivered to preferred library. Participants will receive a call when pick-up is available.



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EDUCATIONAL LUNCH SERIES

Combating Social Isolation and Loneliness

Wed., Jan. 14 from 12-1pm at MPL
No registration. Bring your lunch. Snacks & bottled water provided. CEU's available.

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Digital Literacy for Seniors
Video Chat with Zoom

Wed., Jan. 14 from 2-3pm at MPL
Presented by WPCOG





1 Libraries closed.

Happy New Year!

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NEEDLEWORK IN THE MORNING
10AM-NOON AT VPL

8 Savory Spice

CHOP SHOP
5:30pm at VPL**

Pre-registration required, but you do not need to be registered for the Savory Spice Club to attend.

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NEEDLEWORK IN THE MORNING
10AM-NOON AT MPL



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Happily Ever Afters Anonymous Book Club
CBH 4pm
Open to Adults and Teens.

19 Libraries closed.



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Plot Hounds
Book Discussion
Free Read Month!
10am at VPL

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CARD MAKING
5:30pm at VPL**
Pre-registration required.

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NEEDLEWORK IN THE MORNING
10AM-NOON AT MPL



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MIXED MEDIA MONDAY
6pm at MPL** (Pre-registration required.)

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Digital Drop-In**
9:30am-Noon at MPL
Presented by WPCOG. Registration required for these 30-minute one-on-one sessions with a Digital Navigator

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Oxymorons
New Adult Book Discussion
6pm at MPL
Open to Adults and Teens



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CROCHET CAFE
6PM AT VPL
A needlework program for YA & adults.



Winter Reading BOOK-OPOLY

January 1 to February 28, 2026.

READ TO WIN!

Game board available (on January 1) at bcpls.org or at any library on January 2. Call 828-764-9269 for more information.



JANUARY PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

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Young Adult Services (YAS) programs are limited to middle and high school students only unless otherwise noted.		Free! A YA BOOK SUBSCRIPTION. **#YA2GO** Each themed box contains a library book, matching swag & bookish items! Boxes are available starting the first full week of the month on a first-come, first-served basis!	HAPPY NEW YEAR! All library locations are closed on January 1st!		3 ++D&D @ the Library** 2:30pm (CBH)
5 Game Night 6pm (CBH)	6 Kitchen Survival 101** 6pm (VPL)			8 Paracord Survival Craft Night** 4pm (MPL)	
12 DIY Tiki Torch Necklace 6pm (CBH)	13 Live Among Us Night** 6pm (MPL)			15 Game Night 4pm (MPL)	16 ++ Happily Ever Afters Anonymous Book Club 4pm (CBH)
All library locations are closed today! MLK DAY	20 Game Night 6pm (VPL)			22 Minute to Win It Challenge 4pm (MPL)	
26 D&D One-Shot Afternoon** 4:30pm (CBH)	27 ++D&D @ the Library** 4:30pm (online via Discord)	28 ++ Oxymorons New Adult Book Discussion Group 6pm (MPL)		29 ++ Crochet Cafe 6pm (VPL)	

YAS WINTER READING CHALLENGE JAN. 1-31

Out Smart · Out Think · SURVIVOR · WINTER READING CHALLENGE · Out Read

Winter Reading Challenge Finale Day**
Saturday, January 31st
10am-4pm (CBH)

*Programs marked with a ** require pre-registration with the YAS Coordinator at 828-764-9273 or lizzie.whisnant@burkenc.org.*

Programs marked with a ++ are open to adults and teens!

JANUARY PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

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WEEKLY STORYTIMES

Pre-registration is required. Call the library or stop by to sign up.

Morganton Public Library
828-764-9274

Baby Bookworms (birth-24 months)
Mondays at 10:30am

Terrific Tots (2-3 year olds)
Tuesdays at 10:30am

Preschool Pals (4-5 year olds)
Thursdays at 10:30am

Library Explorers (K-2nd graders)
Tuesdays at 4:00pm

Cool Kids Club (3rd-5th graders)
Mondays at 3:30pm

Valdese Public Library
828-874-2421

Baby Bookworms (birth-24 months)
Thursdays at 10:00am

Terrific Tots (2-3 year olds)
Mondays at 10:00am

Preschool Pals (4-5 year olds)
Wednesdays at 10:00am

Library Explorers (K-2nd graders)
Mondays at 3:30pm

Cool Kids Club (3rd-5th graders)
Tuesdays at 3:30pm

C.B. Hildebrand Public Library
828-764-9283

Baby Bookworms and Terrific Tots (birth-2 year olds)
Thursdays at 10:45am

Preschool Pals (3-5 year olds)
Tuesdays at 10:45am

Family Storytime (all ages)
Wednesdays at 10:45am

Library Explorers (K-2nd graders)
Thursdays at 3:30pm

Cool Kids Club (3rd-5th graders)
Tuesdays at 3:30pm

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MONTHLY SCAVENGER HUNTS & SEEK-AND-FIND

Have you joined the fun yet? Visit each of our libraries for a fun, self-guided experience! For kids, one prize per child (per site, per month).

CBH Scavenger Hunt

Come by CBH, grab a scavenger hunt paper from the book shelf, and see if you can answer this month's question! Once you've completed it, bring it to the desk for a prize.

MPL PENGUIN SCAVENGER HUNT

Stop by the Youth Services desk at MPL and pick up a scavenger hunt paper. Once you've completed it, stop by the YS Circ Desk for a prize!

SEEK-AND-FIND AT VPL

The Seek-and-Find Aquarium at VPL is in the Children's Room. Find all the listed items, and bring their sheet to the front for a prize.

1 Libraries closed.

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3 Paintbox
Owl Moon Silhouette
3:00pm at MPL**
Pre-registration required.
Program for children K-5th grade.



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13 Kids Can Cook Class
Winter Fiesta
5:00pm at VPL**
This warm & toasty class is for kids K-5th grade. Pre-registration is required.

14 WEAVING WONDERS POTHOLDERS
3:30pm at CBH**
Program is for children ages 5-12.
Pre-regististration required.

Libby.

Looking for ebooks for the youngest members of your family? Check out Libby by Overdrive!

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NC KIDS Digital Library
NC Kids Digital is curated for 4th grade and under - includes read-alongs, easy books, chapter books, audiobooks and more!

NC KIDS LEVEL UP
NC Kids Level Up! is curated for students 4th-8th grade, and inlcudes ebooks and audiobooks

e-iNC is for all ages and includes the newest releases for adults and eMagazines.

9 Tinker to Learn Friday
10:00am-12:00pm at CBH
Tinker, build, and play while making new friends! Open to all ages.

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17 Critter Keeper
11am at CBH
Live Animals Will Be Present.

STRETCH-N-GLOW

MPL 2:30-3:30pm** – For Kids K-5th Grade
Crafts, games, stretching, and more - all by the light of glow sticks!

19 Libraries closed.





21 COOKING CLUB ONLINE
Cherry Turnovers
3:30pm on Zoom**
Program is for children in 3rd-5th grade. Register at CBH.

23 ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A LIBRARIAN?
Family Trivia Night: 4-5pm at MPL
Study up on your favorite children's books, and bring the whole family for a chance to win a bookish prize!

24 Touch-a-Tale
The Mitten
by Jan Brett
10-11:30am at VPL
An immersive book experience.
For Pre-K children.



IT'S ORNITHOLOGY SEASON!

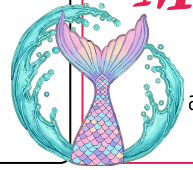
Become a Citizen Scientist and join ecoExplore!
More information on the program can be found at EcoExplore.net, or visit your library for information and bi-monthly worksheets.

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29 Mermazing Storytime
10:30am at Phifer YMCA (Morganton)**
Join us for Mermazing stories and a chance to splash around in the pool. Water toys, books, and games will also be available. For kids age 5 and under.





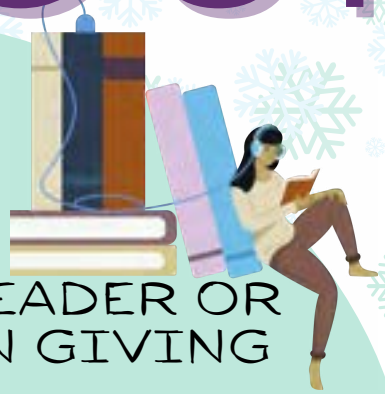
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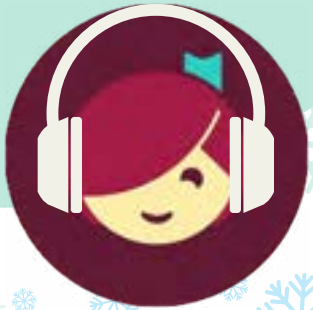
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ARE YOU AN AUDIOBOOK READER OR INTERESTED IN GIVING IT A TRY?

AUDIOBOOKS OF ALL TYPES ARE AVAILABLE NOW ON LIBBY (BY OVERDRIVE).

ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR LIBRARY CARD AND PASSWORD.





Do you have your password?

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WANT TO KNOW ABOUT ALL THE NEW BOOKS WE ADD TO THE LIBRARY? SIGN UP FOR A WEEKLY WOWBRARY NEWSLETTER TO BE DELIVERED TO YOUR EMAIL ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS. MAKES IT EASY TO PICK YOUR NEXT GREAT READ AND PUT IT ON HOLD!

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