

# Off the Shelf

Newsletter of the HILLSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY



## LIBRARY HOURS

M-TH

9:00 am-8:00 pm

FRI & SAT

9:00 am-5:00 pm

Closed on Sundays

## CLOSED

December 24, 26, 31

January 2

February 20

The snow is falling, you're thinking about putting up your holiday decorations, and you're ready to dive in to a good book. What could be better? Here at the library we're feeling cozy too, and we have everything you need to settle in for your long winter's nap.

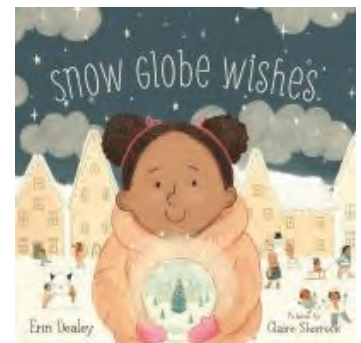
This winter, we'll be marking the cold weather with a variety of holiday events and programs to celebrate your creative side. Mark the holiday season at our holiday storytime, or bring your competitive spirit for a chance to win a special prize at our gingerbread house decorating contest. If your teens are still craving competition, why not participate in our art challenge throughout the month of February?

If you haven't already enrolled your child in our brand-new 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, stop by the library anytime to register. The goal is simple: just read 1000 books! Research shows that children who are read to at home each day are more likely to pick up reading skills quickly and easily when they begin attending school. Participating in a storytime at the library, re-reading your favorite classic with an older sibling, and listening to a book in the car all count toward your goal. Early literacy helps children develop a rich vocabulary, self-expression, and reading comprehension and supporting these efforts is one of the library's current strategic priorities. If you need help getting started, just stop by the library and our friendly staff would be happy to help you get registered and recommend some of our favorites for you to enjoy with your young reader. -Library Director, Amy Franco

***The Snowy Day***: Enjoy the magic of the first snowfall in this award-winning classic. Follow Peter in his bright red snowsuit as he makes footprints in the snow, joins a snowball fight, and makes a snowman.

***Red and Green and Blue and White***: Inspired by real events, this book tells the story of a community banding together to celebrate light. Teresa, who celebrates Christmas, and Isaac, who celebrates Hanukkah, have been counting down the days and celebrating the things they share as well as the things that make them different.

***Snow Globe Wishes***: After a bad snowfall, one family builds a cozy blanket fort when they are snowed in for the night. A young girl wishes on a snow globe and in the morning, the family forgets their busy lives and everyone goes out to play!



# Programs *for Adults*

All library programs and activities are free of charge.

**Adult Book Discussion:** Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 2:00 pm

If you have a passion for reading or just want to make new friends check out the library's book discussion group. Visitors and new members are always welcome! Books are available at the Circulation Desk one month before each meeting.

**December 7:** *The Eleventh Man* by Ivan Doig

**January 4, 2023:** *The Santa Suit* by Mary Kay Andrews

**February 1:** *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett

## Mixed Stitchers

**Thursdays from 6:00-7:30 pm**

Come out and knit or crochet with this fun and friendly group! Beginners welcome.

## Mid-Day Yoga

**Fridays from 12:30 to 1:30 pm**

Take a mid-day break and join us for gentle yoga. Bring your own mat or borrow one from the library. Registration is encouraged. Limit 12. No class 2/25. ***Stay tuned for a Family Yoga program this winter!***

## Illinois Libraries Present:

**Tuesday, December 13 at 7 pm**

Midwest Baking with Shauna Sever

**Wednesday, January 11 at 7 pm**

Inciting Joy: A Conversation with  
Ross Gay

*Register on our website at the beginning  
of each month for these virtual events.*

# Activities *for All Ages*

## Tiny Art Show!

Help us kick-off the month of December with a Tiny Art Show! Come in Thursday night,

**December 1, between 4-8 pm**, and paint a small canvas to leave on display at the library.

If you are not able to attend, you can pick up a take-home kit the following day, *while supplies last*. Then bring your painting back to display at the library. Paintings can be picked up on December 22 or December 23 to take home.

## Pokemon Bingo: Snack & Play

Registration encouraged. Drop-ins welcome

**Tuesday, December 27 from 2-3 pm**

**Tuesday, January 3 from 12-1 pm**

**Thursday, February 23 from 3:30-4:30 pm**

Come play Pokemon Bingo; see if you can grab a prize! Snacks will be served! All are welcome.

## Valentine Drop-in

**February 10-13, All day**

Come make homemade valentines for your friends and family! We'll have all the supplies you need to show your love!



# Programs *for Children*

## **Stuffed Animal Storytime and Sleepover**

**Wednesday, December 28 from 6:30-7 pm**

Registration encouraged. Caregiver must be present. Bring your stuffed animal for a special pajama storytime! Your stuffed animals will spend the night at the library for you to pick up the next day. You'll get pictures of all the fun your friend had at the library!

## **Holiday Storytime**

**Tuesday, December 20 at 4 pm**

Registration encouraged. Caregiver must be present. Join us for a special holiday story time! All children are welcome.

## **Radiant Readers Storytime**

**Tuesdays, January 10 through February 14 at 10 am**

Join our fun-filled story time! Ideal for ages 2-4, but all are welcome! Caregiver must be present.

## **Lego Club**

**Wednesdays, January 11, 25 and February 8, 22 from 4-5 pm**

Registration Encouraged, Drop-ins welcome. Come play with our legos and create, build, and imagine! Ideal for ages 5-11 years.

## **Two of a Kind Reading Club**

**Saturday, January 7 from 1-2 pm**

Registration required. Read a book with your adult and come to this reading club to share your thoughts! Ages 8-12 years with adult (parent, grandparent, aunts, uncles, older sibling, etc)

# Activities *for Young Adults*

## **Story and Performance Troupe**

**Wednesday, January 4 at 2 pm**

**Monday, February 6 at 4 pm**

Interested in screen-writing and acting? Spend some time with Miss Niki and explore your creative theatrical side! Registration encouraged.

## **Bad Paint Night**

**Wednesday, January 18 from 6-7 pm**

Not so good at art but still want to paint? Or just want to have some fun with your friends? Come to the library and paint without worries! Grades 6-12. Registration required.

## **February Art Challenge! for Grades 6-12**

Spend each week completing a weekly art challenge to be entered into a raffle! Turn in your piece in person or by email to Miss Niki for an entry. Prompts will be given at sign up. Registration encouraged.

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## *Circulation and Outreach Events*

Come visit us at the following community events:

**Thursday, December 1** Village of Hillside Tree Lighting 6:30-8 pm

**Saturday, December 10** Winter Wonder-Fest at Eisenhower Community Center from 3-6:30 pm

**Sunday, December 11** Winter Wonder-Fest from 12-4 pm (Storytime with Miss Niki at 2 pm)

Be sure to ask about monthly raffles & giveaways for December, January, and February!



Beginning January 1, sign up for this virtual Winter Reading Program at  
[www.hillsidelibrary.org](http://www.hillsidelibrary.org)