

This month

December

In the Children's Room

Kids Create: A time for elementary-aged kids to explore and create. Join Ms. Jen and Ms. Andrea all month for Christmas-themed crafts and ornaments.

Story Time: Join Ms. Jen under the tree for stories, songs and projects.

Homeschool Hangout: Homeschool children have the opportunity to work together on logic, technology and artistic endeavors.

Teen Hangout: Teens 13-19 are welcome to hang out with their friends in the auditorium lobby every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. It's an unstructured time to enjoy snacks and choose from a variety of activities or just hang out.

Tot Tales: *Little Red Saves Christmas* by Will Hillenbrand and holiday-themed sensory activities are planned for this month's program.



Antique Christmas Nativity on display

Ken Bauman will be here to display his mid-19th century Christmas nativity scene. Built in Germany, the scene is made of twisted grapevine and bark with a set of cast resin figures. The Holy Family is made of beeswax. The set is built into a music box. Stop in on Dec. 6 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to view the creche.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Morning Workout, 9:30 a.m. Gift wrapping station opens.	2 SHIP Advocate, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Kids Create, 4 p.m. Tech Tuesday, 2-5 p.m. Bingo, 5:45 p.m.	3 Beginner Tai Chi/Chair Yoga, 10:30 a.m. Teen Hangout, 3:30-5:30 Patron Pick Movie Matinee showing <i>Polar Express</i> , 4 p.m.	4 Homeschool Hangout, 1 p.m. Book It & Cook It, on YouTube, 6 p.m. Carols by the Fire with Manchester Civic Band, 7 p.m.	5 Last day to drop off ornaments for decorating contest	6 Yoga, 10:30 a.m. Antique Nativity Scene display, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
8 Morning Workout, 9:30 a.m. People's Choice ornament voting begins	9 Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Card Sharks, 2 p.m. Tech Tuesday, 2-5 p.m. Santa Stations, 6 p.m. Stories in Music with FW Philharmonic, 7 p.m.	10 Beginner Tai Chi/Chair Yoga, 10:30 a.m. Teen Hangout, 3:30-5:30 Carols by the Fire with Still Standing, 6 p.m.	11 Tot Tales, 10:30 a.m. Homeschool Hangout, 1 p.m. Library Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	12	13
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Monthly Activities

Book It & Cook It Dec. 4, 6 p.m. on YouTube

This month's spice of the month is cardamom, which will be used to make shortbread cookies with orange glaze. The Spice of the Month will be available beginning Dec. 1.



Take & Make Kit mid-December

The adult take-and-make kit this month is a holiday gnome. Pick up this craft and work on it at your own pace. Projects are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. One per household, please.



Fun-tastical Fiction Book Club

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This month, the club is reading *Christmas Stories: Tales of the Season* edited by John Miller. The book is an eclectic collection of holiday stories. This month's club is a drop-in club. Stop in and discuss your thoughts on the book with Daryl.



HOURS: M-TH 9-7, F 11-4, S 9-2



- Santa visits the library
- 19th century Nativity set on display
- Gift wrapping station available from Dec. 1-20. Bring your own boxes.

At a Glance

SHIP Counselor here to help

Dec. 2, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



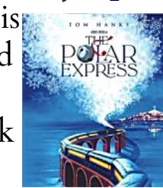
Navigating Medicare

Mary Beers is a certified SHIP counselor who will be available at the library on Dec. 2 to provide free, impartial information to help consumers make decisions regarding health insurance options related to Medicare. She can also refer to other agencies that can provide help to those in need.

Patron Pick Movie Matinee

Dec. 3, 4 p.m.

This month's Patron Pick Movie Matinee is *The Polar Express*. Next month's film could be picked by you! Email your suggestions to info@swcplib.com, fill out a patron pick movie ticket or tell any staff member.



Santa Stations/Stories in Music

Dec. 9, 6 & 7 p.m.



Santa Claus and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic will be here to help us celebrate the season! Santa will be at the library from 6-7 to hear wishes from boys and girls. We will also have stations set up where kids can decorate cookies or make Christmas crafts. At 7 p.m. the Fort Wayne Philharmonic will present *Stories in Music* featuring the timeless holiday story, *Twas the Night Before Christmas* by Clement C. Moore. An ensemble will provide music to accompany the narrated story. After the program, the musicians will answer questions from the audience.



Holiday hours

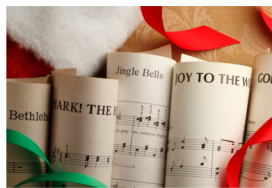
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! The library will be closed Dec. 24, 25 and 26 to celebrate the Christmas holiday. It will also be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 to celebrate the new year. Be sure to check out games to play with family and friends or kitchen accessories you may need from our Library of Things. And, of course, books and movies to enjoy during the holidays.



Carols by the Fire

Dec. 4, 10 and 18

In what has become a holiday tradition at the library, Carols by the Fire celebrates the season with festive music. This month the Manchester Civic Band, the Still Standing Duo and the Praise Team from the South Whitley Community Church will help us make the holidays merry and bright. Join us in the auditorium on Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. for the Manchester Civic Band; Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. for the Still Standing Duo and Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. for the SWCC Praise Team.



Movie Night

Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m.

The theatre is open and the popcorn is popping! This month's feature film is the 1989 holiday classic *Christmas Vacation*. Come along with us as we join Clark and Ellen Griswold for a holiday gathering where little goes right. Visit our website's events page to view titles of all upcoming movies. Please use the Maple or Columbia street entrances to the auditorium.



Don't forget these events

Bingo: Win prizes and laugh at some amazingly funny jokes. Dec. 2, 5:45 p.m.

Card Sharks: Join us for an afternoon of euchre and snacks. Dec. 11, 2 p.m.

Family History Lab: Beginning or experienced family searchers are invited to drop in and get expert help from our local genealogist. Dec. 20, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Morning Workout: Low-impact, high-energy workout for all ages. Mondays, 9:30 a.m.

Tai Chi/chair Yoga: Stretch, relax and breathe. Wednesdays and Friday, 10:30 a.m.

Traditional Yoga: Bring your own mat or towel and join Katie for a relaxing yoga practice. Dec. 6 and 20, 10:30 a.m.

Looking back at 2025

It's been a busy, but fun year at SWCPL with lots of events, a record-breaking winter reading program and the implementation of the Library of Things. Here's a look at some of the things we did at SWCPL. We have even more fun things planned for 2026. Remember, no library card is needed to enjoy events at your library.



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