Youth Services Program Guide

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January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WINTER READING CHALLENGE January 4 - February 28 *Are you Yeti to READ?* Cranberry Public Library WIN PRIZES | ALL AGES **Winter Reading Begins January 4th!**			1 **CLOSED**	2
		7	8 **Homeschool Crafternoon** 1pm-2pm **Teen Craft Night** Bedazzled Books: Part One 5:30pm-7:30pm	9 **Caregiver and Me Infant Playtime** 10am & 11am
12 **Infant Storytime** 10am & 11am **Teen Advisory Board** 4pm-5pm	13 **ABC Storytime** 10am & 11am **K-6th Grade Lego Club** 4pm-5pm	14 **ABC Storytime** 10am & 11am **Tween/Teen Chess Club** 6pm-7:30pm	15 **Tween/Teen Therapy Dog Night** 6pm	16 **Movie Matinee** *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem* 12pm
19 **CLOSED**	20 **ABC Storytime** 10am & 11am	21 **ABC Storytime** 10am & 11am **Tween/Teen Pokemon** 6pm-7pm	22 **Tween/Teen Crochet** Part One 5:30-7:30pm	23 **Block Party** 10am & 11am
26 **Infant Storytime** 10am & 11am	27 **ABC Storytime** 10am & 11am **K-6th Grade Lego Club** 4pm-5pm	28 **ABC Storytime** 10am & 11am **Teen Forge Night** 6pm-7pm	29 **Snow STEAM** 6pm-7pm (Sensory Friendly @ 5:30pm)	30 *Yeti Search* Look & count the yetis in the children's room

February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 **Infant Storytime** 10am & 11am	3 **ABC Storytime** 10am & 11am	4 **ABC Storytime** 10am & 11am **Tween Video Game Night** 6pm	5 **Tail Waggin' Tutors** 6pm-7pm	6 **Caregiver and Me Infant Playtime** 10am & 11am
9 **Storytime Registration opens at 8 AM!!** **Teen Advisory Board** 4pm-5pm	10 **K-6th Grade Lego Club** 4pm-5pm	11 **Tween/Teen Chess Club** 6pm-7:30pm	12 **Homeschool Crafternoon** 1pm-2pm **Teen Anti Valentine's Day Party** 6pm	13 **Valentine's Day Drop-In Craft** 11am-1pm
16 **CLOSED**	17	18 **Tween/Teen Pokemon** 6pm-7pm	19 **Teen Craft Night** Bedazzled Books: Part Two 5:30pm-7:30pm	20 **Block Party** 10am & 11am 21 Saturday **Royal Bash** 1-2pm (Sensory Friendly @ 12:30pm)
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Marshmallow Search

Look around the Children's Department for the Missing

Marshmallows. Count and let us know how many there are.

Storytimes

Our Storytimes are some of the library's most popular programs! They require advance registration. When you register, you will be signing up for a 4 week long session, and we ask that you attend all sessions. Why? Studies show that repetition is crucial in helping children become skillful and confident learners. When you register online, look for the first day of the session you want your child to attend.

Infant Storytime

Join us for 20 minutes of books, songs, and rhymes, followed by music and bubbles. *Recommended for ages birth - 18 months. Online registration is required.*

A-B-C Storytime

Children enjoy books, songs, rhymes, manipulatives and movement, and a craft kit to take home. *Recommended for ages 19 months - preschool aged. Online registration is required.*

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Start your child off on the road to reading by joining our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten reading challenge! To register, go the Children's Program page on our website and click the link at the top. Log your books through the Beanstack app and stop by the library at each 100 book milestone to add your child's name to our milestone display. Read any book to your newborn, infant, toddler, or preschooler to count towards the 1000 books goal. Your child will earn stickers and lots of praise from the librarians as they move along their reading journey!

Youth Programs

Homeschool Crafternoon

For elementary-aged children. Stop by between 1pm-2pm and make a craft in the Children's Department on select Thursdays each month. Leave when you've finished the craft, or stay and hang out with other home-schoolers! *This is a drop-in program; no registration is required.*

Tail Waggin' Tutors

For elementary-aged children. Practice reading with one of our dog tutors on the first Thursday of each month. *Online registration is required for a 20-minute reading session between 6:00pm-7:00pm.*

K-6th Grade Lego Club
For grades K-6th. Meets on select Tuesdays each month between 4pm-5pm. Join us at the tables out in the Children's Department for an hour of free building with other LEGO enthusiasts. Work on the challenge of the day and stay until 5pm, or leave when you're finished!
This is a drop-in program; no registration is required.

Caregiver and Me Infant Playtime
Join us on select Fridays at either 10am or 11am for 45 minutes of free play and family bonding time.
Recommended for ages birth - 18 months. Online registration is required.

Block Party
Block Party is a PA State Library STEAM initiative used to encourage the use of block play for developmental and learning growth in young children. Join us on select Fridays at either 10am or 11am for a 45 minute free play session with wooden blocks and other fun building toys.
Recommended for ages 2-5 years. Online registration is required.

Movie Matinee: Friday, January 16th @ 12pm
Join us on select Fridays throughout the year for a special movie matinee. Bring a bagged lunch and enjoy the show!
All ages welcome. Online registration is required.
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (rated PG, 99 minutes)

Kids' STEAM: Snow Thursday, January 29th @ 6pm (Sensory Friendly @ 5:30pm)
The weather outside may be frightful, but STEAM Night is oh so delightful!
Recommended for children in grades K-5th. Online registration is preferred, but not required.

Valentine's Crafty Day: Friday, February 13th from 11am—1pm
Feel the love! Stop by the Children's Department and make a Valentine's Day craft.
All ages welcome. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required.

Royal Bash: Saturday, February 21st @ 1pm (Sensory Friendly @ 12:30pm)
Calling all young Lords and Ladies of the Library! Stop in for royal crafts, games, and storytime with a princess.
Online registration is preferred, but not required.

Banana Ball Watch Party: Saturday, February 28th @ 7pm
Join us for a Savannah Bananas season opener watch party and have the best seat in the house! We will have classic baseball snacks and banana splits!
All ages welcome. Online registration is required.

Tween/Teen Programs

Tween/Teen Chess Club
Select Wednesdays from 6pm-7:30pm
Come play, converse, and grow! Drop in and play chess games in a friendly environment. Bring your own chess set, or use one of ours. Please note there is no instructor or class for this club; players must have basic knowledge of chess to participate. *This program is for tweens and teens entering grades 4th through 12th.* Online *registration is encouraged, but not required.*

Tween/Teen Club Pokemon
Select Wednesdays from 6pm-7pm
Attention Pokémon trainers: it's time to "catch them all" at our Club Pokémon! Discuss Pokémon with other enthusiasts, play games, or trade cards. If you play Pokémon Go, the Stop nearby will be lured during this event. *This program is for tweens and teens in grades 4th through 12th. Online registration is required.*

Tween/Teen Therapy Dog Night: Thursday, January 15th @ 6pm
Spend a cozy evening relaxing with therapy dogs. *For tweens and teens in grades 4th-12th. Online registration is required. Please register for only one 15 minute session so as many people as possible have a chance to spend time with the dogs.*

Tween/Teen Crochet Night
Select Thursdays from 5:30-7:30pm
Have you seen those cute learn to crochet kits and wanted to give them a try? Well come and learn from the Children's Department pros in person! We will supply everything you need.
For tweens and teens in grades 4th-12th. Online registration is required.

January 22nd: Learn to Crochet
February 26th: Learn to Crochet and/or Build Upon Introductory Skills

Tween Programs

Tween Video Game Night: Wednesday, February 4th @ 6pm
Battle your friends and see who is the ultimate gamer!
For tweens in grades 4th-6th. Online registration is required.

Teen Programs

Teen Forge Night
Select Wednesdays from 6pm-7pm
Hang out with friends, be creative, and see all the amazing tools The Forge has to offer! *For teens in grades 6th-12th. Online registration is required.*

January 28th: Cricut Coffee Mugs
February 25th: 3D Printed Planters

Teen Craft Night
Select Thursdays from 6pm-7pm
Join us for some crafty fun!   (BYOB: Bring your own book!!)
For teens in grades 6th-12th. Online registration is required. ***When you register for this class, you will be registered for both parts one and two!!!***

January 8th: Bedazzled Books: Part One
February 19th: Bedazzled Books: Part Two

Anti-Valentine's Day Party: Thursday, February 12th @ 6pm
Love stinks! Forget about flowers and chocolates (well, maybe not chocolates) and join us for a night of games, crafts, snacks, and fun with friends. *For teens in grades 6th-12th. Online registration is required.*

Become a Teen Volunteer

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

For grades 7th-12th. We typically meet the second Monday of the month from 4pm-5pm. Be an important part of your community by helping to plan and run library events for kids and teens! TAB members also give Miss Allison their input on new purchases for the library. Teens receive volunteer hours for all TAB events. *No registration required.*

Teen Shelf Reader

Want to help keep the Children's Room looking nice? Are you organized with good attention to detail? We're always looking for volunteer shelf readers! To learn more, contact the Children's Department or fill out the teen volunteer application found on the library's website.

Online Registration Instructions

Our library programs are the place to be! Unfortunately though, this means that we need to require registration for some of them!

To sign up for programs:

1. Go to www.cranberrylibrary.org
2. Find *Online Registration* under the Kids & Tweens or Teens Tab.
3. Find the program you want to register for, and click *View More Information*. From that page, click on *Register*.
4. Register as a guest.
5. **For Storytime, you DO need to register EACH child AND adult. Only one adult per family please. Storytimes are limited to 30 participants (adults & children).**

With any questions, please call the Children's Department at 724-776-9100 ext. 1124.

Children's Newsletter

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Stay up to date and get more information on our children's activities, programs, and resources by subscribing to our children's newsletter.