



MASSILLON
PUBLIC
LIBRARY
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EVENTS

November-December 2025

The Holidays are Here!

Winter Wonderland

Sat, Nov 22 | 12:30-4:00p

Main Library & Central Presbyterian Church

Join us for our Winter Wonderland Celebration!
Visit with Santa, enjoy story time with Mrs. Claus,
meet live reindeer, decorate your own holiday cook-
ie, enjoy live music, and so much more.

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Celebrate Christmas in Navarre... see back cover

Locations & Hours

Main Library (Downtown Massillon)

208 Lincoln Way E
Massillon OH 44646
330.832.9831

Mon	10:00a-8:00p
Tues	10:00a-8:00p
Weds	10:00a-8:00p
Thurs	10:00a-8:00p
Fri	10:00a-5:00p
Sat	10:00a-5:00p
Sun	CLOSED

Barry Askren Memorial Branch

1200 Market Street
Navarre OH 44662
330.791.7061

Mon	10:00a-4:00p
Tues	10:00a-4:00p
Weds	10:00a-6:00p
Thurs	10:00a-4:00p
Fri	10:00a-4:00p
Sat	10:00a-2:00p
Sun	CLOSED

Pam S. Belloni Memorial Branch

12000 Navarre Rd. SW
Navarre OH 44662
330.767.9939

Mon	9:00a-3:30p
Tues	9:00a-8:00p
Weds	9:00a-3:30p
Thurs	9:00a-8:00p
Fri	9:00a-3:30p
Sat	10:00a-2:00p
Sun	CLOSED



Closing Dates

Tues, Nov 11 (Veterans Day)

Weds, Nov 26 at 5p (Thanks-
giving Eve)

Thurs, Nov 27 (Thanksgiving
Day)

Weds, Dec 24 (Christmas Eve)

Thurs, Dec 25 (Christmas Day)

Weds, Dec 31 (New Year's Eve)

Thurs, Jan 01 (New Year's Day)



NOON YEAR'S EVE



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30
10:30A-12:00P | MAIN LIBRARY
SEE PG. 3 FOR MORE INFO



FROM THE DIRECTOR



The magic of the winter holidays has arrived at Massillon Public Library, and we are thrilled to celebrate this special season with our community. Our newly renovated Children's Area is ready to welcome families with expanded space designed for learning, connecting, and growing together. This bright, inviting space provides the perfect setting for all the festivities we have planned.

We are excited to participate in Navarre's Christmas in Bethlehem, bringing holiday cheer to our neighborhood and connecting with families throughout the community. At the library, our Winter Wonderland event promises unforgettable memories for children of all ages. Visit with Santa Claus, enjoy a heartwarming story time with Mrs. Claus, and meet live reindeer up close.

For those seeking adventure, our Elf Escape Room offers an exciting challenge that will test problem-solving skills while spreading holiday spirit. Young detectives will work together to solve festive puzzles and unlock the mystery.

As the year draws to a close, we invite families to celebrate Noon Years Eve with us. Ring in the new year at a time that works for everyone, complete with a spectacular balloon drop at noon. This family-friendly celebration ensures that even our youngest patrons can participate in the countdown tradition.

Join us this season as we combine the joy of the holidays with the expanded possibilities of our renovated children's area. We look forward to creating warm memories with you and your family.

~JEFF KREGER



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communities of Massillon,
Navarre, & Brewster

Main - Children

Story Time with Miss Farrah

Sat, Nov 01 | 11:30a-12:30p
Miss Farrah reads her book, *Farmer Farrah's Rainbow of Food!* This fun and educational story introduces children to a variety of fruits and vegetables through vibrant illustrations & playful rhymes.

Chess Club

Tuesdays | 5:30-7:30p
Nov 04, 18; Dec 02, 16
Play chess on the first and third Tuesdays of each month! Whether you're a longtime chess player or just starting out, all are welcome. Open to all ages.

Playdough Play!

Fridays | 10:15-11:00a
Nov 14 & Dec 12
Preschoolers, age 0 to 6 years, will explore different playdough tools and techniques while building fine motor skills and creativity in this fun monthly playdate!

Salt Dough Ornament Workshop

Sat, Nov 15 | 1:00-2:30p
Sat, Nov 29 | 1:00-2:30p
Create lasting memories with salt dough holiday ornaments! First session is making ornaments, second is decorating them. For all ages.

Homeschool Superstars

Tuesdays | 1:00-2:00p
Homeschool Superstars is a group for homeschoolers. Kids work together to complete activities and learn about new topics.

Nov 18: Native Americans
Dec 16: The Science Behind Snow

Kids Create

Tuesdays | 6:30-7:30p
Kids in grades K-6 and their families are invited to make a fun craft each month. All supplies provided—just bring your imagination!

Nov 18: Turkey Time
Dec 16: Holiday Craft & Puppet Show

Winter Wonderland

Sat, Nov 22 | 12:30-4:00p
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First Chapter Reading Club

Mondays | 5:00-5:45p
Nov 24 & Dec 22
Kids in grades 1-5 are introduced to different subjects and book genres each month. Through read-alouds, first chapter "book tastings," group discussion and hands-on activities, we'll help young readers find their next favorite book.

Story and Art Time

Fri, Dec 05 | 11:00a-12:00p
Massillon Museum
Discover how art can make our community better for everyone through an interactive story time at the Massillon Museum, followed by an art activity. Geared towards ages 2 to 5 (with a parent/guardian) but is open to all ages.

Beaded Holiday Charm Ornaments

Tues, Dec 09 | 2:30-4:00p
Celebrate the season with a cozy and creative afternoon at the library! This family-friendly craft program invites kids, teens, and their grown-ups to make beautiful beaded holiday ornaments together.

Elf Escape Room

Sat, Dec 20 | Multiple sessions
12:00-12:30p
1:00-1:30p
2:00-2:30p
3:00-3:30p
Help Buddy the Elf save Christmas! Work together as a team to solve the puzzles and unlock the breakout box in time to fix Santa's sleigh! Open to all ages.

Story Times

Budding Bookworms

Wednesdays | 10:15-11:00a
Nov 05, 12, 19, 26
Dec 03, 10, 17
Lively stories and activities for children ages 2-5 years.

Discovery Time

Thursdays | 11:30a-12:00p
Nov 06, 13, 20
Dec 04, 11
A 20 minute story time for babies and toddlers ages 0-2.5 years followed by a short playtime.

Snowed in Story Time

Mon, Dec 29 | 11:00-12:00p
Get cozy and join us for a magical story time filled with wintry wonder! We'll read a selection of delightful winter and snow themed books that will transport you to snowy forests, frosty adventures, and chilly fun.

Noon Year's Eve

Tues, Dec 30 | 10:30a-12:00p
Countdown to New Year's Eve early without staying up late! Families are invited to celebrate "Noon Year's Eve" at the library with a countdown to noon and a balloon drop! Children will make a hat and other crafts, hear stories, enjoy a dance party and musical parade, and more!



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

**VARIOUS TIMESLOTS
12:00-3:00P
MAIN AUDITORIUM**

SEE RIGHT FOR MORE INFO

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Register online at massillonlibrary.org or call 330.832.9831

Main - Teens

all events for teens grades 7-12 unless otherwise noted

Chess Club

Tuesdays | 5:30-7:30p
Nov 04, 18; Dec 02, 16
Play chess on the first and third Tuesdays of each month! Whether you're a longtime chess player or just starting out, all are welcome. Open to all ages.

Level Up! Teen Game Night

Thursdays | 4:00-5:30p
Nov 06 & Dec 04
Play a variety of games on our Nintendo Switch from *Super Mario 3D World* to *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Cowabunga Collection*!

Autumn Leaf Solar Light Mason Jars

Tues, Nov 11 | 4:00-6:00p
Join us in the Auditorium to make an Autumn Leaf Solar Light with just a jar, some fall leaves, and Mod Podge!

Salt Dough Ornament Workshop

Sat, Nov 15 | 1:00-2:30p
Sat, Nov 29 | 1:00-2:30p
Create lasting memories with salt dough holiday ornaments! Gift them to loved ones or use them to fill your home with holiday cheer all season long. For all ages.

3rd Thursday Anime

Thursdays | 4:00-6:00p
Come and watch a new anime every third Thursday of the month in the Teen Lounge. Arrive when you can!

Nov 20: *IDOLiSH7* (TV-14)
Dec 18: *Apocalypse Hotel* (TV-14)

DIY Snowman Beanie

Tues, Dec 09 | 4:00-6:00p
Design your very own snowman beanie hat! Lots of color options for felt, buttons, and pompoms.

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Main - Adults

Chess Club

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Nov 04, 18; Dec 02, 16

Play chess at the library on the first and third Tuesdays of each month! Whether you're a longtime chess player or just starting out, all are welcome. Open to all ages.

Pinterest Program: Reversible Holiday Wood Circle Signs

Thurs, Nov 13 | 6:00-7:30p

Join us to create a reversible wood circle sign to decorate for the holiday season!

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Classic Film Double Feature

Fridays | 12:00-4:30p

Nov 14 & Dec 12

From Fred & Ginger to Bogey and Bacall, join us for Classic Film Double Feature. We will have two movies (with the same general theme) per day!

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Coffee and Cliffhangers

Tuesdays | 5:45-6:45p

Tremont Coffee

Like coffee and books that keep you guessing until the last page? Join us for a monthly book club for readers who enjoy suspenseful stories & thrilling twists.

Nov 18: *In the House Across the Lake* by Riley Sager

Dec 09: *Murder on the Christmas Express* by Alexandra Benedict

Meditation

Tuesdays | 6:30-7:30p

Nov 18 & Dec 16

Gwen Miller teaches a wide range of meditation techniques in the Duncan Room.

Pinterest Program: Book Ornaments

Thurs, Dec 11 | 6:00-7:30p

Learn how to create a bookish ornament for your tree. We'll craft a beautiful snowy ornament using colorful picture book strips.

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Presbyterian Church



Askren Branch

UnFinished Objects (U.F.O.) Craft Group

Wednesdays | 1:00-2:00p
Nov 05, 12, 19, 26
Dec 03, 10, 17

Do you have a closet full of unfinished crafts? Join other crafters on Wednesdays and bring whatever you want to work on.

Askren Story Time

Tuesdays | 11:30a-12:00p
Nov 04, 11, 18, 25
Dec 02, 09, 16, 23, 30

This story time features lively tales, rhymes and participatory activities. All ages are welcome, but the interest level may be from ages 2 to 5 years.

Christmas in Bethlehem

Sat, Nov 08 | 10:00a-2:00p
Join us at the Askren Branch for Christmas in Bethlehem! We will have reindeer from 11AM-2PM, Storytimes at 10:30AM & 1:00PM, and all other fun and winter-y activities from 10AM-2PM.

Easy Floral Painting

Weds, Nov 12 | 6:00-7:00p
Create a beautiful painting of flowers using an easy plastic bag technique! Choose your colors to fit the season, your decor, or your mood! For adults and teens.

Luscious Lip Scrubs

Sat, Nov 15 | 12:00-1:00p
Join us as we make three different flavors of lip scrub. These are great for those dry lips in winter. They also make nice gifts for family and friends!

Askren Book Club

Tuesdays | 9:00-10:00a
Join us for our morning book club. Choose your own title or ask us for a suggestion. Enjoy coffee and a snack along with a friendly, casual discussion.

Nov 18: Romance Genre

Dec 16: Holiday Genre

Holiday Ornament

Sat, Dec 13 | 12:00-1:00p
Join us to make miniature versions of your favorite books to make beautiful, bookish ornaments! The books will be placed in a clear ornament to admire.

Main - History & Genealogy

Roots Roundtable

Weds, Nov 05 | 1:00-3:00p
Whether you're tracing roots or uncovering fascinating pieces of local history, this informal discussion group is the perfect place to swap stories, solve mysteries, and celebrate breakthroughs.

Book-a-Genealogist

By appointment
Call 330.832.9831 x350 to schedule a 90-minute one-on-one with our Local History & Genealogy Specialist.

Memory Lane: Reminiscence Therapy for Caregivers

Weds, Nov 05 | 5:30-7:30p
Walk down Memory Lane with your loved one! In this workshop, caregivers will learn how to use family history as a calming, grounding tool for those in their care.

Reminiscing in Massillon: Restoring Your Old House

Sat, Nov 15 | 3:00-4:30p
Have an old house with a story to tell? Join us for this engaging next installment of Reminiscing in Massillon (LIVE) where we focus on the topic of restoring historic homes.

LHG Workday Wednesday

Wednesdays
Nov 19 | 2:00-7:00p
Dec 17 | 4:00-5:00p
Join us every third Wednesday of the month to share your Local History & Genealogy research struggles & successes. Learn how to get started or pick up new tips and tricks.

Holiday Traditions Party

Weds, Dec 03 | 12:00-2:00p
Celebrate the season and the stories that bring us together at our year-end gathering for local & family history enthusiasts. Bring a favorite dish along with memories to share as we enjoy refreshments, conversation, and a digital showcase of how our families and community have celebrated through the years.

Setting the Record Straight: Advanced Documentation

Weds, Dec 17 | Multiple sessions
2:00-4:00p
5:30-7:30p

Sorting fact from fiction can be one of the toughest parts of family history research. Join us for a program designed for genealogists who want to strengthen their research skills and tackle misinformation head-on.



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massillonlibrary.org
or call **330.832.9831**

Belloni Branch

Jar Lid Christmas Trees

Tues, Nov 18 | 6:00-7:30p
Come and make a decorative hanging Christmas Tree to prepare for the holiday season.

Thanksgiving Story Time

Sat, Nov 22 | 10:30-11:30a
Join us for Thanksgiving and turkey-themed stories, songs, and activities! We will have a gobble, gobble good time!

Latch Hook Snowman Rug

Tues, Dec 09 | 6:00-7:30p
Join us for some latch hook fun. It's easy to do and all supplies will be provided.

Christmas Storytime

Sat, Dec 13 | 10:30-11:30a
Let's have some Merry Christmas fun! Stories, songs, and activities all with a Christmas theme.

Christmas Carol Bingo

Tues, Dec 16 | 6:00-7:00p
Get in the Christmas spirit with great holiday music and bingo! Snippets of the merry tunes will be played, you will look for the titles on your bingo card, and mark them with holiday candies.

Christmas Magic & Fun

Thurs, Dec 18 | 5:00-7:00p
Join us for some holly, jolly activities! There will be music, games, crafts, stories, and more!

Main - Technology

One-on-One Tech Training

By appointment
Call 330.832.9831 ext. 344 to schedule an appointment and get a personalized training session for your smartphone or computer.

Back Up Your Files

Weds, Nov 12 | 5:30-7:00p
If you aren't backing up your files, you're in danger of losing access to irreplaceable documents and photos at any time. Learn about easy ways to back up your personal data.

Let's set
the record
straight...

Setting the Record Straight: Advanced Documentation

Wednesday, December 17

2:00-4:00p & 5:30-7:30p

Main Library

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Bookmobile/Outreach

Teen Mix

Sat, Nov 15 | 1:00-2:00p
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Epworth Church

Sun, Nov 16 | 4:00-5:30p
Epworth United Methodist Church

Christmas in Bethlehem Parade

Fri, Nov 07 | TBA
Downtown Navarre

Winter Wonderland

Sat, Nov 22 | 12:00-4:00p
Main Library

Massillon Holiday Parade

Sat, Nov 22 | 5:00p
Downtown Massillon



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Christmas in Bethlehem

Join us for live
reindeer, story
times, hot
cocoa & more
winter fun!
Plus, meet
local author
Alexxa
Burton.

Saturday, November 08

10:00a-2:00p | Askren Branch