

Youth Services Newsletter • January 2021

## Children's Programs

### **Story Time At Home**

Jan. 19 - Mar. 25

Fun stories, songs, and rhymes on Facebook! Join us live at 10am, or watch the video later at your convenience!

### **Baby & Toddler Time**

Tuesdays at 10:00am

### **Preschooler Story Time**

Thursdays at 10:00am

### **Take Home Crafts**

Grab a craft from our Curbside Pick-Up Station that you can make at home! New crafts will be available every other week.



### **Do Good December**

**Continues through January!**

Complete and color in any 5 squares on the Acts-of-Kindness activity sheet, and we'll hang up a snowflake in the windows at the library with your name on it. Completed activity sheets can be put in the main book drop outside the library. Can't Print? Write down your acts of kindness on your own paper and turn it in.

### **#WinterRead2021:**

#### **Books Like Us**

**Through Jan. 31**

You can still register and participate in Beanstack's Fourth Annual Winter Reading Challenge, "Book Like Us," sponsored by Simon and Schuster. Read at least 10 books and keep track of your reading on [Beanstack](#). When you complete the challenge, you will be entered in a drawing for the chance to win a \$50 gift card. All ages (teens & adults, too) are welcome to join!

### **Library Grab Bags**

**Edwardsville Library card is required.**

Let us know your favorite genres and authors, and we will hand-select a grab bag for you! We can put together items for any age, and they can include any type of library materials you would like. Visit our website to fill out the online form.

### **Book Bundles**

Check out a featured, themed bundle of books designed for families to enjoy reading together! Call the library at 692-7556 ext. 5 to see what bundles are available. We can then place them on hold and you can pick them up curbside.



## EPL Updates

- The library continues to offer curbside services only. You may place requests for items online. Wait to be notified that your holds are ready to be picked up, and then give us a call 15 minutes before your arrival at the library during our staffed hours.
- We are monitoring the situation carefully and will make adjustments as needed.
- Keep up with the latest news from the library on Facebook and our website!

Visit the "How Do I" page on our website to sign up to receive a newsletter via email.



**Teen Programs & Reading Challenges**



# Teen Programs

Grades 6-12

## **#WinterRead2021: Books Like Us**

Through Jan. 31

Kick off 2021 with books! Read at least 10 books and keep track of your reading on Beanstack. When you complete the challenge, you will be entered in a prize drawing for a \$50 gift card!

## **Teen Advisory Board on Zoom**

Thursday, Jan. 21 at 7-9pm

It's just like our old TAB meetings, but from home! Bring your own snack and ideas about future library events for teens to our Zoom meeting, hang out, and catch up. [Apply online!](#)

## **DIY Reusable Calendar Kit Registration Required**

Jan. 19-23

Welcome 2021, and years to come, as you design your own perpetual calendar that you can update each day and reuse year after year. After registering, these kits will be available for pickup Jan. 19-23 during our operating hours. Call us 15 minutes before arriving, and we will bring your kit to the curbside station.

## **Escape the Room**

Available Now!

Have you tried our Virtual Escape Room yet? Solve riddles and puzzles to find your way through the mystery! The room is open on our website and Facebook now for you to try from home at any time you feel brave enough to enter.



## **Virtual Volunteering**

If you are a student needing to fulfill service hours or just want to get involved in the community, we would love your help with the following:

### **Review a Book**

Send us a review of a book you read recently to be featured on our blog.

### **Share Your Experience**

Join others processing the pandemic with our [2020 Historian Project](#) or the [#WeWereHere Project](#).

***Learn more on the teen page of our website.***



# Reading Challenges



[edwardsvillelibrary.beanstack.com](http://edwardsvillelibrary.beanstack.com)

*If you have created a Beanstack account for one of our previous challenges, simply log in to your account to start a new challenge!*

## **1000 Books Before Kindergarten**

Newborn-Kindergarten

Read books to your newborn, infant, or toddler, and keep track on Beanstack to earn badges and rewards! The goal is to have read 1,000 books before your little one starts Kindergarten.

## **STEAM at Home Challenge**

Grades 2-5

STEAM is all around us! From the questions we ask, technology we use, and creative solutions we develop, our world is powered by STEAM. Learn more about its progress, pioneers, games, and activities in this interactive challenge!

## **Read Woke Challenge**

All Ages

In this challenge created by Cicely Lewis, discover diverse books that challenge a social norm, give a voice to the voiceless, provide information about a group that has been disenfranchised, seek to challenge the status quo, and/or have a protagonist from an underrepresented or oppressed group. This is an ongoing challenge, so begin at any time and complete it in any order at your own pace!

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### **Current Hours of Operation**

Monday	9am - 6pm
Tuesday	9am - 7pm
Wednesday	9am - 6pm
Thursday	9am - 6pm
Friday	9am - 6pm
Saturday	9am - 5pm
Sunday	Closed

