



# Comstock Township Library

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If the weather outside is frightful, our library is so delightful! Come on in to check out a few items, then let it snow! It is hard to believe, but the Holiday Season is in full swing. We hope your Thanksgiving was blessed, and that your Christmas will be white, Hanukah will be miraculous, and Kwanzaa will be reflective. We have a lot of great events coming up during the next few months, from greeting card workshops, to book parties, to board games. No matter your interest, we have something for everyone! If you have any questions about the events listed, please feel free to [email us](#), check out [our website](#), look over [our Calendar of Events](#), or give us a call at (269) 345-0136. Happy holidays one and all from all of us at the Comstock Township Library!



**Holiday Open House**  
Saturday, December 7th  
1:00pm to 3:00pm

Join us at the Comstock Township Library for our annual December celebration, Holiday Open House! Patrons of all ages are welcome to join in the festivities with tasty treats, arts and crafts for attendees young and old, and back by popular demand for their second year, local Celtic band **Selkie!** There is no charge or registration for this event. We hope to see you for this holly, jolly, good time! For parents and other attendees, please note Santa Claus will not be in attendance for this celebration. He kindly sends his regrets as he will be preparing for his big night at the North Pole.



Comstock Township Library's  
**Seed Library**

Fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers!

———— Coming March 1, 2025! ————

A collage of four images showing fresh produce: a bunch of green and red grapes, several bright yellow sunflowers, a mix of colorful bell peppers (yellow, orange, green, red), and several blueberry baskets filled with fresh raspberries.

**Comstock Township Library's Seed Library**

Coming Spring 2025! The Comstock Township Library is proud to announce its newest addition, a Seed Library! Starting March 1, 2025, patrons can visit the Reference Desk and browse our catalog of available seeds to take home and plant in their own gardens. At the end of the season, patrons can donate seeds from those plants back to the library and keep the catalog growing. We have a number of varieties to choose from in edibles, herbs, and flowers. Stay tuned to our website and social media as launch day gets closer!

Special thanks go out to the following local greenhouses for their generous donations to make this project possible:

- Nally's Greenhouse
- Sportel Greenhouse
- Wedel's Greenhouse
- Wenke's Greenhouse
- Westside Garden Center

## Events for All Ages



### Fiber Arts Group

December 3rd, January 7th & February 4th

Join us for our monthly program at the Comstock Township Library, our Fiber Arts Group! We meet the first Tuesday of every month from 6:00pm to 7:30pm to work on whatever project our yarn or thread take us to. Crochet, knitting, cross-stitch, macramé, and all skill levels are welcome! No registration is necessary and light refreshments are served. Please note children are welcome to attend while supervised by a parent or guardian.

### Sky Pictures: Finding the Constellations

Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30pm

After having to reschedule, the Comstock Township Library is proud to welcome back Richard Bell from the Kalamazoo Astronomical Society! In Sky Pictures, Richard will teach you all about locating your favorite constellations in the sky and the stories behind them. This program is open to families of all ages. Registration is recommended, but not necessary.



### Miracle on 34th Street (1947)

Friday, December 27th at 1:00pm

Let's take a Classic Movie Break for the holidays! We'll be showing the film *Miracle on 34th Street*. Edmund Gwenn won a Best Supporting Actor Oscar for his portrayal of a department store Santa Claus who runs afoul of the store's nasty in-house psychiatrist and is forced to go on trial to prove he's the real Kris Kringle. A Best Picture nominee, the film's director George Seaton won an Oscar for his script. This is a great movie for all ages to bond over! Popcorn and snacks will be served during the showing. Feel free to bring a beanbag chair or blanket to

spread out on the floor. Otherwise, regular chairs will be provided. Registration is recommended, but not necessary.



## Mini Canvas Painting

January 15th & January 29th at 6:00pm

Help us create a painting display for the Reference Area this winter! All ages are welcome to come into the library during one of two sessions and paint a mini canvas or two for our Winter Mini Canvas Display. Canvases, paint, and brushes will be provided by the library. When your work of art is complete, it'll be put on display for all to see in the Reference Department through the spring. Registration opens January 1st, so reserve your spot today!



## Board Game Night

Wednesday, February 12th at 5:30pm

Let's take a winter break and pull out our favorite board and card games! From classics like Sorry! and Clue, to newer games like The Settlers of Catan and Azul. Snacks will be provided and all ages are welcome for this easy-going game night. Registration is recommended, but not necessary. Children are welcome to attend while supervised by a parent or caregiver.

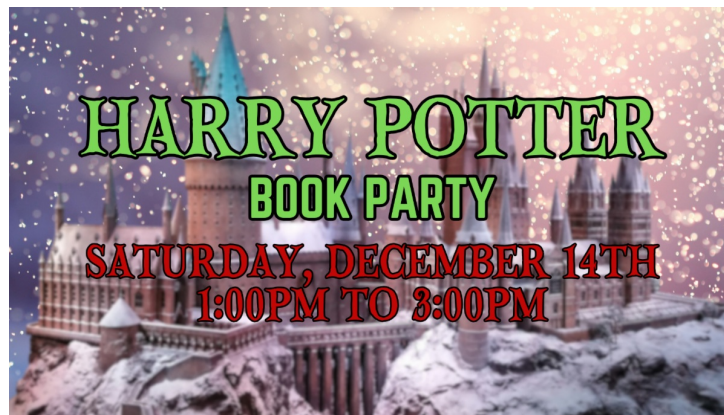
## Library Shelfie Day

Wednesday, January 22nd

Come to the library to celebrate Library Shelfie Day by taking a photo in our photo op spot in the Reference Area! Show off your favorite books, help support our library, and share how you use your local library on this special day. No registration or appointment necessary.



# Youth Events - Infants to 12th Grade



## Harry Potter Book Party

Saturday, December 14th  
1:00pm to 3:00pm

This Harry Potter Book Party will be holiday themed with snacks, activities, and crafts! It's intended for youth patrons of all ages, and parents are welcome to help their children through the magical experience. Feel free to dress up and bring your favorite HP accessories to show off! Because of the popularity of this series, registration is required and opens November 23rd. Supplies are limited.



## Community Storytime

December 5th, January 9th & February 6th  
at 10:30am

Community Storytime is our new story hour on the first Thursday of every month. Different locals will present stories in order to display different professions, identities, authors, and groups in our community. It's a fun way to show how everyone can be a reader! This story time is open for all youth ages, and registration is not required. Some weeks may have interactive elements, activities, and more. Be sure to check with the library each month for details. If you're interested in being one of our presenters, please contact [Chanda, the Outreach Librarian](#).



## Pizza & Pages Book Club

December 5th, January 9th & February 6th  
6:00pm to 7:00pm

Join our theme-based book club! Participants in 3rd through 6th grade will eat pizza, discuss what they have read, and participate in an auction to end the hour. Check our online [Calendar of Events](#) for each month's theme. Registration is required each month, and each child must register individually. And as always, audiobooks, graphic novels, and juvenile fiction are all acceptable reads for this program.



## Teen Advisory Group

Tuesday, December 10th, 6:00pm to 7:30pm  
Tuesday, January 14th, 6:00pm to 7:30pm  
Wednesday, January 15th, 2:00pm to 3:30pm  
Tuesday, February 11th, 6:00pm to 7:30pm  
Wednesday, February 19th, 2:00pm to 3:30pm

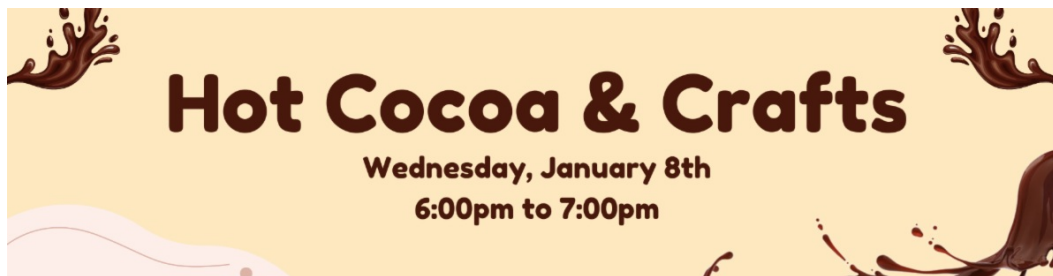
Tag! You're it! T.A.G. (Teen Advisory Group) meets once a month to brainstorm ideas for teen programs, suggest young adult books, graphic novels, and manga. It's a great way to earn volunteer hours. T.A.G. also helps develop marketable leadership skills, and gain experience you can use on your job, scholarship, and college applications. Bonus: T.A.G. participants get to attend special after-hours teen only events. Sound interesting? Are you a teen in grades 8th through 12th? Then join us at our next meeting!



## Lego League

December 18th, January 15th & February 19th  
6:00pm to 7:00pm

It's time to get creative and build! Kids will be able to come to this drop-in program to build with Legos and have their creations displayed at the Library! No registration is required.



### Hot Cocoa & Crafts

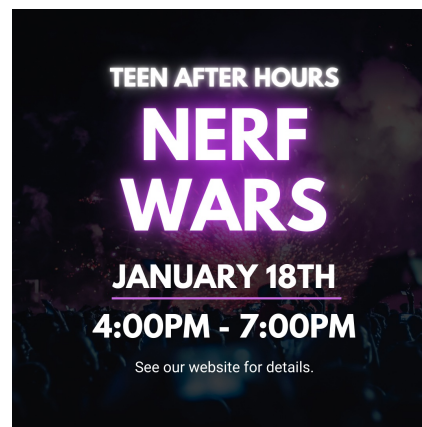
January 8th at 6:00pm

Geared towards elementary age patrons and up, come in to enjoy our hot cocoa bar and work on a winter craft! Choose one project while enjoying cozy refreshments and book recommendations. Registration is required and opens on December 25th. Crafts and spaces are limited, so sign up today!

### Teen After Hours Nerf Wars

Saturday, January 18th  
4:00pm to 7:00pm

After the library closes, teenagers can come battle between the stacks for an epic evening of Nerf Battles. Snacks and refreshments will be included. Participants must register and a waiver (available at the Youth Desk) must be signed by a parent/guardian prior to the event. This program is open to grades 8th through 12th only. For rules, details, and schedule, please see our online [Calendar of Events](#). Registration begins January 5th.

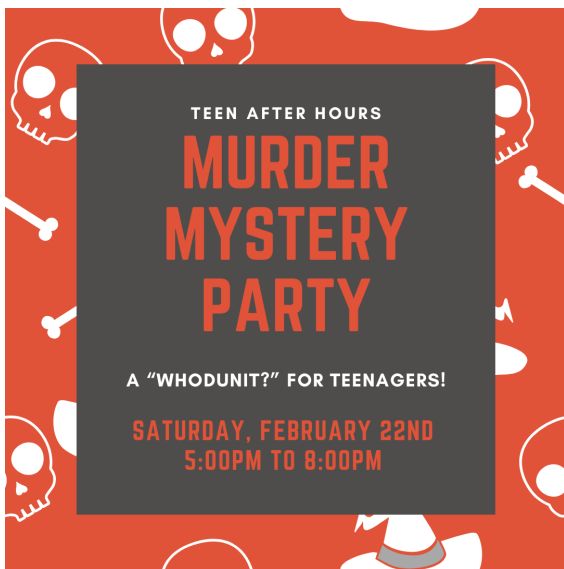


### Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 1st  
1:00pm to 3:00pm

On the first Saturday in February, thousands of libraries across the world celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day by offering free, fun, fabulous activities for families. Your local library is an ideal place for children to play, discover, make friends, and have fun. And Take Your Child to the Library Day is the perfect time to discover some library magic. So join us as we will have

fun activities and incentives planned for you and your kids!



## Teen Murder Mystery Party

Saturday, February 22nd

5:00pm to 8:00pm

Everyone is a suspect in the Murder of Baroness Annie Teak! Bring your best detective skills to see if you can solve the case! Each teen will be given a character and interactive role in this murder mystery. Dressing as your character is encouraged, but not required. Participants must register and a waiver (available at the Youth Desk) must be signed by a parent/guardian prior to the event. This program is open to grades 8th through 12th only. For rules, details, and schedule, please see our online [Calendar of Events](#). Registration begins February 2nd.



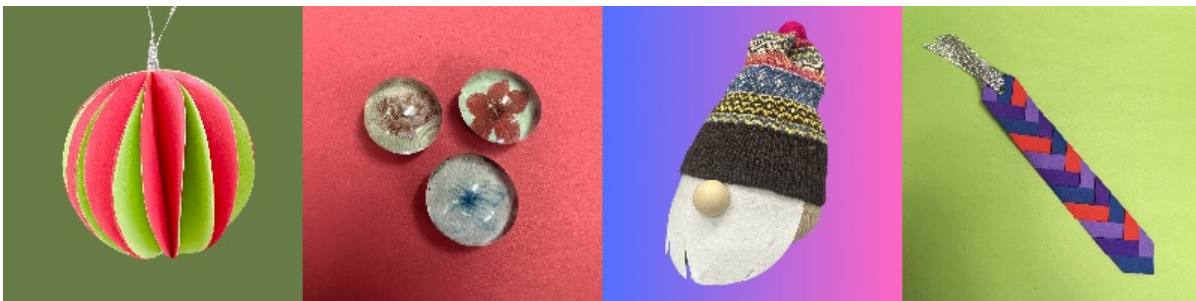
## Events for Adults

### Holiday Card Workshop

Wednesday, December 4th

5:30pm to 7:30pm

Back by popular demand, Sue Smink will be bringing everything you need to put together some gorgeous holiday cards for the festive season. It's time to get creative! Seats are very limited and registration opens on November 20th, so don't delay and grab your spot! A hot chocolate bar and cookies will be served.

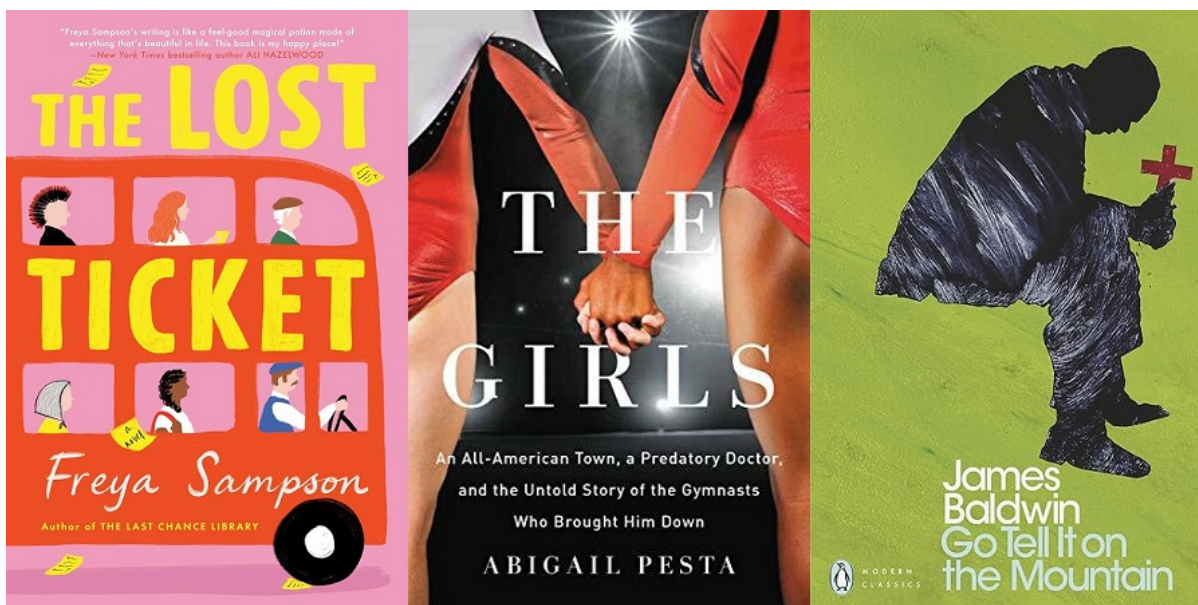


### Adult Take-Home Crafts

- Week of December 16th: Honeycomb Ornament
- Week of January 6th: Sock Gnome
- Week of February 3rd: Woven Bookmarks
- Week of February 24th: Marble Magnets



Adult Take-Home Crafts are strictly for adults and are not intended for those under 18 years of age. Registration and pick-up occur during the same week for all take-home crafts. A valid Comstock Township Library card is required for registration.



### CTL Adult Book Club

- *The Lost Ticket* by Freya Sampson: Thursday, December 19th at 5:30pm
- *The Girls* by Abigail Pesta: Thursday, January 30th at 5:30pm
- *Go Tell It on the Mountain* by James Baldwin: Thursday, February 27th at 5:30pm

Please see our online [Calendar of Events](#) for registration and book details.



### Pride Book Club

- *Sissy* by Jacob Tobia: Friday, December 20th at 4:00pm
- *When Brooklyn Was Queer* by Hugh Ryan: Friday, January 17th at 4:00pm
- *Transmogrify* edited by G. Haron Davis: Friday, February 21st at 4:00pm

Zoom option available for meetings. Please see our online [Calendar of Events](#) for registration and book details.

GET YOUR WORDS OUT

# CTL WRITERS

SELECT FRIDAYS AT 10:00AM

## CTL Writers

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Have a bit of writing in your soul, but you need the encouragement to get it out? Join the CTL Writers! We get together to read over each other's work and share writing sprints to get the words out on paper. Bring your laptop, notebook, whatever you need to get you motivated as a writer! Light refreshments are served. See our online [Calendar of Events](#) for our next session.



For questions about program registration, our website, or anything else in this newsletter, please stop by the library, give us a call at (269) 345-0136, or send us an email at the link below. Be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages for the most up-to-date information.

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