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Here We Come a-Wassailing!



Happy holidays one and all! We hope your fall holidays were filled with warmth, comfort, and all the pumpkin-flavored goodies you could handle. As we head into the winter holidays and months, we want to keep you up to date on everything happening here at the Comstock Township Library.

We have tons of holiday fun in store during December, including our annual Holiday Open House, and lots of activities for your children while that are off on holiday break from school. In January, we are looking to see some fun crafting programs. And in February we will be welcoming local influencer Laurel Day, also known as the Do Something Lady, and acclaimed author Bonnie Jo Campbell!

Don't let the gray of winter get you down this season. We plan on keeping things bright and fun here until spring has sprung! As always, if you have a question about any of the posted information, you can reach us at info@comstocklibrary.org or by calling (269) 345-0136 during regular business hours.

Happy winter one and all from all of us at the Comstock Township Library!



Holiday Closures

Please note that the Comstock Township Library is closed the following dates in observance of the holiday season:

- Saturday, December 23rd
- Monday, December 25th
- Saturday, December 30th
- Monday, January 1st

HOLIDAY

Open House

Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 2nd from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Join us for a festive time as we feature holiday crafts, refreshments, and Santa's petting zoo! Musical group Selkie will be here to play traditional Celtic holiday classics throughout the afternoon. There is no registration required and all are welcome. We hope you'll join us for a merry time at the Comstock Township Library!

Holiday Break Activities

Already know that the kids are going to drive you a bit batty over the holiday break? Then check our list of special events for kids, tweens, and teens to keep them busy (and out of your hair):

KIDS

*Nailed It: Tuesday, January 2nd at 2:00pm

TWEENS

Tween Movie Night: Wednesday, December 27th at 5:00pm

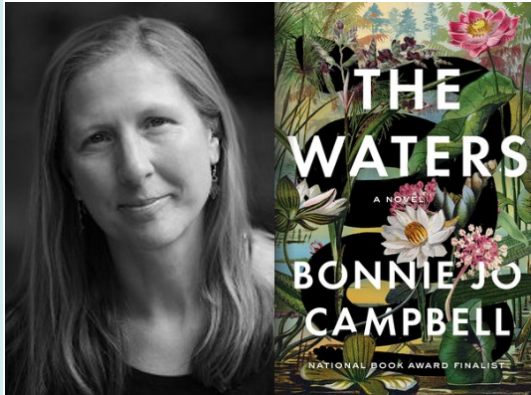
*Nailed It: Wednesday, January 3rd at 2:00pm

TEENS

Awful Movie Afternoon: Thursday, December 28th at 2:00pm

*Nailed It: Thursday, January 4th at 2:00pm

**Denotes registration required.*



Author Visit

Bonnie Jo Campbell

Wednesday, February 14th at 5:30pm

Please join us as we welcome local author Bonnie Jo Campbell as she debuts her latest novel, *The Waters*. Light refreshments will be served. More details to come soon!

Introducing Our New Head of Adult Services, Beth!

We are pleased to announce our new Head of Adult Services is Beth Dawson! Beth has been part of the Comstock community for 10 years and is a well-known face with patrons of all ages. Please be sure to say, "CONGRATULATIONS!" the next time you see her!



INFANTS, TODDLERS, & YOUNG CHILDREN

Family Storytime

The last sessions of Family Storytime before the holiday break will be held Tuesday, December 5th at 10:30am and Wednesday, December 6th at 10:30am. Family Storytime will return to its regular schedule the week of January 16th. If you are looking for a way to entertain your little one during the holiday break, check out some of our reading kits in the Youth Department. See the Youth Desk for details.

Drop In Playroom

The last session of Sensory Storytime before the holiday break will be held Thursday, December 7th at 10:30am.

Following the holiday break, Drop In Playroom will be offered all day on Thursdays starting January 18th! Our playroom will

be open for the children to enjoy free play throughout the day. Guardian supervision is required.



Kids Crafts

Join our Youth Librarians as they once again lead our elementary age children in fun crafting projects! Each Kids Craft date has two sessions, one at 11:00am and one at 1:00pm. So be sure to register for the time slot that works best for you. Please register each child individually. Our next sessions are December 9th, January 20th, and February 17th.



Pages & Paws With Chloe

December 12th at 5:00pm

Read stories with Chloe the Therapy Dog! Does your child need to practice their reading? Chloe loves hearing stories and is a patient listener. Each child will have an individual session with Chloe. This program is first come, first serve, so please check in at the Youth Desk to guarantee a session.

Chloe will return for more love after the holiday break. Be sure to watch our calendar for future dates!

TWEENS & TEENS

Pizza & Pages

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 each hour. 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. Join us for one of our next sessions, December 7th at 6:00pm, January 18th at 6:00pm, and February 1st at 6:00pm.



Tween Hangouts

Come with your ideas for future tween programs, relax, and enjoy games, crafts, snacks, and other fun activities with your peers. Winter sessions are scheduled for December 13th at 6:00pm, January 17th at 6:00pm, and February 14th at 6:00pm.

Tween Crafts

Join Miss Chanda as she leads the tweens in some fun crafty projects!

- Decorate a Mug: December 20th at 6:00pm
- Laminated Bookmarks: January 19th at 4:00pm
- Book Tasting: January 31st at 6:00pm
- Painting: February 10th at 2:00pm

For further details, please check our Calendar of Events on our website.

Tween After Hours Nerf War

Friday, February 23rd at 5:45pm

After the library closes, prepare for battle between the stacks in this epic Nerf event! Our battle will include snacks and refreshments too. Personal Nerf guns that meet the following criteria are allowed:

- no automatics
- no rival or hyper models
- only use darts as ammo
- must hold no more than 10 darts

The library is not responsible for any lost/damaged Nerf guns/ammo. You must register for this free program, and a parent or guardian must sign a waiver (found at the Youth Department desk) prior to drop off. This event is open to grades 4th through 7th only. Please be at the library by 5:45. The doors are locked at 6:00pm. No one arriving after 6:00pm will be allowed in the library. Have any questions? Call us at the Youth Desk!

T.A.G. (Teen Advisory Group)



T.A.G. 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 for one of our winter sessions: December 12th at 6:00pm, January 9th at 6:00pm, and February 13th at 6:00pm.

ADULTS

Charcuterie with Laurel Day the Do Something Lady

Wednesday, February 7th at 6:00pm

Join Laurel Day as she walks you through putting together the perfect charcuterie board for Valentine's Day. She will also feature samples from local vendors. Space is limited, so register as soon as you can for this one of a kind event!



Take-Home Crafts

Adult Take-Home Crafts continue this winter with the following items:

- Week of Dec. 11th: Scrabble Tile Ornament
- Week of Jan. 8th: Snowflake Décor
- Week of Jan. 29th: Paper Cup Basket
- Week of Feb. 19th: Lace Votives

Registration and pick-up occur during the same week for all take-home crafts.

Adult Book Club

Adult Book Club returns this winter with some hot picks to keep everyone talking.

- *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman: Wednesday, December 20th at 5:30pm
- *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah: Wednesday, January 31st at 5:30pm
- *Not Free, Not for All: Public Libraries in the Age of Jim Crow* by Cheryl Knott: Thursday, February 29th at 5:30pm

Registration required. Copies off the book are available for pickup at the Reference Desk.

Winter Wreaths

Wednesday, January 17th at 5:30pm

As all of the holiday décor comes down, do you want a winter wreath for your front door that doesn't scream "CHRISTMAS"? Come make one with us to welcome loved ones to your home for the next couple of months. Registration begins for this free program on Wednesday, January 3rd at 9:30am. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today!

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

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