

Winter Events 2025-2026

NORTH BRANCH

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to explore ALL Events!

STORYTIME & MORE

E Early Learners | L Elementary | W Tweens | T Teens | A Adults

CLUBS, GAMES & MORE

LEGO®/DUPLO® Club

DEC 4, JAN 8, FEB 5 | 6:00pm-7:00pm Imagine, create, and build with LEGO® and/or DUPLO® bricks (provided). EL

Winter Fun with Santa and Mrs. Claus

DEC 6 | 2:00pm-4:00pm Join Santa and Mrs. Claus for holly jolly fun! Enjoy crafts, a hot chocolate bar, and yummy cookies. **ELWTA**

Messy Play

JAN 8 | 10:00am-11:00am Create, explore, and play together while building literacy and school readiness skills. Play clothes recommended. **EL**

Pups and Pages

JAN 10 | 11:00am-12:00pm Bring a favorite book to share or borrow one of the Library's to read to licensed therapy dogs. This is a great way to practice reading skills in a criticism-free and comfortable environment! L

Cold-Blooded in the Cold:

How Reptiles Survive the Winter

JAN 22 | 2:30pm-3:30pm Discover how reptiles survive the cold with Stark Parks! Learn cool facts about brumation, habitats, and how these coldblooded creatures adapt in

winter. **ELWT**

GET CREATIVE

Painting Pals

JAN 24 | 11:00am-12:00pm Painters work together on one canvas to create their dog in a sweater. Then make a pair of cats in sweaters using cardboard and yarn. LWTA

Valentine Box Magic

FEB 7 | 1:00pm-3:00pm Bring your own box to decorate and turn into a valentine box masterpiece! All materials except the box are provided. Drop in anytime. LW

FOR TEENS

DIY Aroma Stones

JAN 17 | 3:00pm-4:30pm Create your own DIY aroma stones! Mix, mold, and scent decorative stones with essential oils—perfect for gifts, drawers, or stress relief. WT

Teens Tiny Paint Party

JAN 29 | 6:00pm-7:00pm Teens and tweens enjoy tiny snacks while painting on mini canvases. Personalize a mini journal while your masterpiece dries. WT

MOVIES @ NORTH

Snowflake Film Fest: Mickey's Christmas Carol (rated G)

DEC 9 | 6:00pm-7:00pm Explore the branches of Stark Library and catch a cozy, family viewing of your favorite wintery films! Bring your jammies and some buddies and settle into snowflake season. **ELWTA**

Popcorn and a Movie:

Jingle All The Way (rated PG)

DEC 20 | 3:00pm-4:45pm A frantic dad (Arnold Schwarzenegger) scrambles to find a sold-out Turbo Man toy on Christmas Eve, facing chaos, rivals, and holiday mishaps in this festive action-comedy. LWTA

Storytime & More E Family Tue | 10:00am-10:45am

DEC 2 through FEB 24

Storytime & More E

Preschool

Wed | 10:00am-11:00am DEC 3 through FEB 25

Please Note: There will be no Storytime the weeks of DEC 15, 22, 29, and JAN 5.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Scavenger Hunt

FEB 1 through 28

During Library hours Learn history and celebrate the achievements of Black inventors and their creations through an all-ages scavenger hunt! **ELWTA**

Black History Month STEM Activities



FEB 28 | 3:00pm-4:30pm Celebrate Black History Month with hands-on STEM activities! Explore inventions, innovators, and experiments that honor Black scientists, engineers, and trailblazers. LWT



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CLUBS & MORE

Chess Club

Mon | 6:00pm-7:45pm DEC 1 through FEB 23 Whether you're a beginner, novice, or expert, the whole family is invited to come join the fun! Chess boards provided. A

Please Note: There will be no Chess Club the weeks of JAN 19 & FEB 16.

Book Club:

Beautiful Day Book Club A

The Twelve Topsy-Turvy, Very Messy Days of Christmas by James Patterson

DEC 4 | 11:30am-12:30pm

The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters

JAN 8 | 11:30am-12:30pm

James

by Percival Everett

FEB 5 | 11:30am-12:30pm



Book Club: Banned Books A

Children's Banned Books Bundle DEC 22 | 11:00am-12:00pm

The Call of the Wild

by Jack London

JAN 26 | 11:00am-12:00pm

Red at the Bone

by Jacqueline Woodson



FEB 23 | 11:00am-12:00pm

Knitting Club: Knorth Knitters

Mon | 2:00pm-4:00pm DEC 8, DEC 22, JAN 12, JAN 26, FEB 9, FEB 23

Share tips and tricks, and work on community projects together. A

Stash Busters

DEC 9, JAN 13, FEB 10 |

6:00pm-7:30pm

Bring your project and join others having fun in a laid-back atmosphere every second Tuesday. Knitting, crochet, cross stitch, embroidery, sewing, felting, macramé, or any other art or hobby are welcome! A

CULTURE & HISTORY

A Very Literary Christmas

DEC 11 | 2:00pm-3:00pm

Start the holiday season with M.J. Albacete as he entertains and educates us regarding verses from Matthew, famous Christmas carols, and poems. A

Discover Stark Library

JAN 15 | 2:00pm-3:00pm

Travel through time as we explore how Stark Library began, grew, and continues to be an important part of the community. A

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

American Artist Spotlight: Alma Thomas

FEB 3 | 6:00pm-7:30pm Explore the vibrant, abstract patterns of Alma Thomas. Learn about who she was, her career, and then create your own painting in her style. Celebrate color, rhythm, and joy in every brushstroke. A

The Tuskegee Airmen

FEB 12 | 2:00pm-3:00pm An expert from the MAPS Air Museum will highlight the dedication and bravery of a group of aviators that 250 come to be known as the Tuskegee Airmen (332nd Fighter Group). A



GET CREATIVE

The Great Holiday Cookie **Recipe Exchange**

DEC 4 | 2:00pm-3:00pm

Tired of baking the same old cookies year after year? Share your favorite cookie recipes with your friends at the Library. Get creative and get baking! A

Victorian Puzzle Purse

FEB 6 | 2:00pm-4:00pm

Create charming Victorian puzzle purses folded paper tokens with hidden messages, perfect for secret notes, love letters, or keepsakes, just like in the 1800s! A

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Spice It Up: Nutmeg

DEC 3 | 2:00pm-3:00pm

Learn about nutmeg's origins, the health benefits it might have, how to use it, what it tastes like, and watch a demonstration on how to cook with it. Presented by Central State University Extension. A

Caregiver Support Group

DEC 9, JAN 13, FEB 10 |

2:00pm-3:30pm

A support group for caregivers of aging or disabled loved ones led by Direction Home. Attendees receive information about resources and support to aid in their caregiving. A

AMERICA 250

The Hoover Company and the British Wartime Children

DEC 2 | 6:00pm-7:00pm

In August 1940, H.W. Hoover Sr., president of The Hoover Company, brought 84 British children to North Canton to escape war-torn Europe. Discover this powerful local story of compassion and courage. Presented by the Hoover Historical Center. A



Historic Treasures from American Presidents

FEB 19 | 2:00pm-3:00pm

Each president has one artifact that defines his life. Kim Kenney from the McKinley Presidential Library and Museum discusses her top 10 presidential artifacts from 40 different presidential sites. A