



Dutton S. Peterson Memorial Library

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It's the Holiday Season @ the Library!



Christmas Magic Show and Holiday Ornament Class Coming in December

Join us for an afterschool program, "Christmas Magic," at 3:15 PM on Dec. 5th at the Peterson Library in Odessa. This fun-filled holiday magical adventure with Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman, the Grinch and more will be presented by entertainer Cris Johnson. You may remember Cris's hilarious Halloween program here a few years ago that had everyone in the room giggling! His show



will be presented that morning at 10:00 AM, at the Watkins Glen Public Library, too! This program is sponsored by the libraries and Community Arts Grant administered locally by the ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes. Free & open. Light refreshments!

Keeping with the Christmas spirit, come to the library on Saturday, December 14th, at 10 AM and make a fun & whimsical snowman holiday ornament with clay artist Amanda Cady. This ornament will make a nice addition to your Christmas tree, a gift for your favorite teacher or co-worker or a topper for a present to someone special. Space is limited, so call the library at 594-2791 to sign-up for this fun class, sponsored by the library and the QuickArts Grant program administered by the ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes.



SENECA SANTA GIFT COLLECTION HERE!

During regular library hours beginning Monday, **December 2** through Thursday, **December 19**, you may drop off new, unwrapped gifts to donate to *Seneca Santa*. This organization provides gifts to children ages birth to 12 in our own community who may not receive gifts otherwise. Ideas for gifts are books (of course!); card games; board games; drawing pads & markers; puzzles; gloves, hats & scarves; and surprises! Your donations are greatly appreciated!



Library hours:
 Mon.-Thurs.: 2:00-8:00 PM
 Friday: 10:00 AM –6:00 PM
 Saturday: 10:00 AM— 12 N

Preschool Story hour:
 Tuesdays at 10:00 AM
 (school year: Sept.-June)

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:
Dec. 24th—26th
Dec. 31st—Jan. 1st

Library Board Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 12:30 PM at the library (unless otherwise posted). We do not meet in December. Our next regular board meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 14th at 12:30 PM.

“A Book On Every Bed”

As a special gift to a child in your life this holiday season, take some advice from **Ask Amy**:



“Here’s what to do: On Christmas morning (or whatever holiday you celebrate), make sure that each child in your household wakes up to a wrapped book at the foot of their bed. The gift could be a new book or an old favorite from your own childhood. If your family celebrates Hanukkah or Kwanzaa, imagine the possibilities for starting each celebratory morning with a story!”

After the child unwraps the book, the most important aspect of this gift is unveiled, when the parent sits and shares it with the child. The sad fact is that more than a third of families in the United States do not regularly share books with their young children.

Starting a celebration morning by reading together will forge an unforgettable intimacy for both the child and the parent.”

– Amy Dickinson

Special Thanks for Your Donations

- ◆ Thank you to all who donated to our pet supplies collection during October for the “Great Giveback.” The Humane Society of Schuyler County was grateful to receive pet food, snacks, toys, and other supplies for the dogs & cats at the shelter.
- ◆ Thank you, too to those who donated new or gently-used outerwear at the library for the Odessa-Catharine United Methodist Church outerwear giveaway. Your donations helped!

We could still use a few volunteers!

The library is looking for people who would like to become library volunteers. Can you spare a few hours a month to help out at the circulation desk? Typical times needed are weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Basic computer knowledge is required, and previous library experience is a plus! Stop by and fill out a volunteer application. If your needs meet ours, a training session will be scheduled!

Preschool Story Hour

Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM

Ms. Kristen welcomes all preschoolers and their caregivers ! We are making progress on our A-B-Cs!

- ◆ **Tuesday, December 3: “M” is for Mouse! (we will be decorating our Christmas tree today, too!)**



- ◆ **Tuesday, December 10: “N” is for Noodles!**

- ◆ **Tuesday, December 17: “O” is for Owl!**

- ◆ **No Story Hour on Dec. 24th or 31st! Happy Christmas & New Year’s Eve(s)! See you in 2020! (Wow!)**



What’s Ahead in 2020 @ the Library??

- ◆ **We are in the process of purchasing new computers that should be “ready to go” in 2020.**
- ◆ **Our library (and other libraries in the area) will be a community resource for 2020 Census information!**
- ◆ **We will be restarting our monthly afterschool LEGO club in January!**
- ◆ **Plans are still underway for some fun hands-on craft programs such as block printing and gourd jewelry!**
- ◆ **We’re already “Imagining Our Stories” for our 2020 Summer program!**