

# WASHINGTON DISTRICT LIBRARY

*A welcoming, inclusive community space to foster learning, enjoyment, and engagement.*



## Screen Free(er) January

Commit your family to less screen time during the month of January. Pledges & a calendar of events will be available starting in December.

Everyone who completes the challenge will receive a small prize and be entered to win one of five gift cards to local experiences.

## a little bit of CHRISTMAS at the Plaza

Monday, December 8

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Washington Plaza



Join the celebration, beginning with music from the District 50 Band and Choir, followed by the inaugural Christmas Tree Lighting with the Mayor. Then head to the library for a special reading of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Meet Santa and The Grinch, enjoy crafts, sip hot cocoa, and soak in all the holiday magic.

All Ages

## StoryWalk

December - January

During Park Hours

Washington Park

Take a walk through Washington Park and enjoy a story as you stroll.

**Book:** *There Was a Cold Lady Who Swallowed Some Snow* (Lucille Colandro)

All Ages

## Axes & Snaxes After Dark

Dinner & a Movie

Friday, December 12

5:00 - 8:00 PM

Main Library Meeting Room

Join us to watch and discuss the true crime documentary, *The Witness*.

Pizza and drinks provided.

Ages: 18+; **Registration Required.**





# ADULT EVENTS

## MONDAY MORNING MOVIES

*Monday, December 1 @ 10:00 AM*  
*Sunnyland Branch*

Come in for some mid-morning entertainment! Join us at Sunnyland on the 1st Monday of the month for a movie. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

**Movie: A Biltmore Christmas (2023) G**

### Looking for a gift for that hard-to-buy-for person?

Make a donation in their honor to the library! Donations have been spent on display shelving, expanding the children's collection, summer reading, and adult lounge furniture, and more.

If you would like to support Washington District Library with a monetary donation, contact director Lexie Walsh at 309.444.2241.

## Holiday Door Sign

*Wednesday, December 3 @ 6:00 PM*  
*Main Library Meeting Room*

Celebrate the holidays with a cozy and festive craft. Join us to make your own winter door sign using stencils, paint, and a variety of festive decorations.

**Registration Required**

## Genealogy Meet-Up

*Thursday, December 4 @ 6:30 PM*  
*Main Library Meeting Room*

Come and share your discoveries and learn more about genealogical resources.



## Cozy Mystery Book Club



*Tuesday, December 9 @ 2:00 PM*  
*Sunnyland Branch*

Join us on the second Tuesday of every month for a discussion of that month's book pick.

**Book: Fixing to Die (Miranda James)**

## COFFEE & COMPANY

*Wednesday, December 10 @ 10:30 AM*  
*Sunnyland Branch*

Have you been feeling isolated? Are you interested in getting out of the house and getting social? Meet new faces and make social connections. Donuts & drinks provided.

## WDL BOOK CLUB

*Thursday, December 11 @ 6:30 PM*

*Main Library Meeting Room*

Join us to discuss books from all genres.

Snacks & drinks provided.

**Book: Claus & Effect (Piper Rayne)**



## CABIN FEVER

*All Ages Winter Reading*

**February 2 - March 15, 2026**



## Stitch & Sip

*Tuesday, December 16*

*10:30 - 11:30 AM*



**Main Library Adult Seating Area**

Join us for a relaxed morning of crocheting, knitting, cross-stitching, embroidery, or any thread-based craft. Bring your current project from home and spend time with fellow crafters. Stitch at your own pace while you sip on a free cup of coffee or tea. All skill levels are welcome.

## HALLMARK MOVIE BINGO

*Wednesday, December 17 @ 6:00 PM*

*Main Library Meeting Room*

Join us for a night of Hallmark movie bingo!

Watch a movie, play Bingo, win prizes!

Doors will open at 5:45 PM and the movie will start at 6:00 PM sharp!

**Registration Required**

**Have an idea for a library program or class?**

**Do you have a special skill you'd**

**like to teach others?**

**Tell us about it at**

**[questions@washingtondl.org](mailto:questions@washingtondl.org)**

## Axes & Snaxes

*Thursday, December 18 @ 6:30 PM*

*Main Library Meeting Room*

Are you a fan of podcasts like Crime Junkie and Killer Queens? Do you have a not-so-secret crush on Keith Morrison? Then we have a group for you! Join us every month to discuss true crime documentaries, podcasts, cold cases, & more!

Snacks & drinks provided.



# KID EVENTS

## Gingerbread House Decorating

Saturday, December 6

10 AM & 12 PM – Main Library

11 AM – Sunnyland Branch

Decorate a gingerbread house!

Ages 3+; **Registration Required**

**Sign-up by: December 3**



## STEAM



### Jingle Bell Engineering Challenge

Thursday, December 4 @ 4:00 PM

Main Library Meeting Room

Come in for a different STEAM-inspired activity on the 1st Thursday of every month.

Intended for ages 5-12

## Babytime



Thursdays, December 4 - January 15 @ 9:30 AM

Main Library Meeting Room

Spend time with your Baby Bounce friends while you get to play with shakers, bells, and all of our other class favorites!

Intended for ages: 0-2

**No Babytime Dec 25 & Jan 1**

## Tiny Town Playtime

Fridays, December 5 - January 16 @ 10:30 AM

Main Library Meeting Room

Missing storytime? Play with your storytime friends while visiting our tiny town!

Intended for ages 0-4

**No Tiny Town Dec 25**

## Homeschool Connections

Monday, December 8 @ 10:30 AM

Sunnyland Branch

Join us for a morning of sharing ideas, having fun, and connecting with other homeschooling families every 2nd Monday. This month, we will be doing Holiday-themed activities!

All ages are welcome

## Krafty Kids

### • Clay Ornament •

Monday, December 8 @ 4:00 PM

Main Library Meeting Room

Brighten up the afternoon with a relaxing and creative craft with Miss Morgan!

Ages: 5-12

## Santa Storytime & Songs

Tuesday, December 9 @ 6:30 PM

Sunnyland Branch

Bring the whole family out for some stories with Santa followed by Music & More with Miss Tracy!

Kids & their Families



## MESSY MASTERPIECE

Monday, December 15 @ 10:30 AM

Main Library Meeting Room

Bring your little one in to enjoy a messy art experience!

Ages: 0-4

## Pokemon Club



Monday, December 15 @ 4:00 PM

Sunnyland Branch

Calling all Pokémon trainers! Come join us every month for an afternoon of fun with themed games, crafts, and a time to trade cards. This month Zeek's Comics and Games will be joining us as a special guest.

Ages: 5-12



## KIDZ ZONE

### Afterschool Activities for Kids

Thursday, December 18 @ 4:00 PM

Sunnyland Branch

Join us for a variety of fun activities after school! Have a snack, make pinecone Christmas trees, and play Christmas Bingo.

Ages: 5-12

## Noon Year's Eve Party

Wednesday, December 31 @ 11:00 AM

Main Library Meeting Room

Ring in the New Year with a party at the library! There will be music, a craft, a countdown, & balloon drop at noon!

Kids & their Families





# OUTREACH EVENTS

PROGRAMS HOSTED OUT IN OUR COMMUNITY

## Library Lobby Stops

**Tuesday, December 9**    **Monday, December 15**

**1:30 - 3:30 PM**    &    **11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Charter Senior Living**    **Villas of Holly Brook**

Books will be available for the facility's residents to check out.

## Supportive Living Book Club

**Thursday, December 18 @ 10:00 AM**

**Washington Supportive Living**

Supportive Living Residents, join us for a book discussion every month.

## TEEN EVENTS

DROP-OFF EVENTS FOR GRADES: 6-12

### Giant

## GAME NIGHT

**Tuesday, January 6**

**6:00 - 7:30 PM**

**Main Library Meeting Room**

Invite your friends to play giant versions of board games like Uno, Connect 4, Sorry, Guess Who, Jenga, and more! Snacks provided.

**Registration Required**

### ANIME

**Tuesday, December 9**

**6:00 - 7:30 PM**

**Main Library Meeting Room**

Love anime and manga? Join us as we watch an anime show and eat ramen every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

## Comfy Christmas

**Tuesday, December 2**

**5:30 - 7:30 PM**

**Main Library Meeting Room**

Bring your favorite blanket and pillows, and wear your comfy pajamas to watch a holiday movie at the library. Enjoy sugar cookie decorating, hot chocolate bar, and more while we watch!

**Registration Required**

## TWEEN EVENTS

DROP-OFF EVENTS FOR AGES: 9-14

### Tween Wednesday Charcuterie Board

**Wednesday, December 10 @ 6:30 PM**

**Main Library Meeting Room**

Join us for a jolly good time! Make a charcuterie board in the shape a tree with a variety of fruits, cheeses, sweets and other tasty treats. Can you make the best charcuterie board? Participants will be able to eat their creations and show them off for a chance to win fun prizes and awards.

**Registration Required**

### Online Registration is Here!!!

Registration is now available online via our website!

Need help? Call or stop in for assistance.



### Art & A Movie



*Fantastic Four: First Steps & Rockets*

**Friday, December 19 @ 4:00 PM**

**Main Library Meeting Room**

Calling all tweens & teens! Join us for an evening of crafting, a movie, and pizza!

**Ages: 9-18; Registration Required**

**Main Library**  
380 N Wilmor Rd  
309-444-2241

**HOURS**  
Mon: 9-6  
Tues-Thurs: 9-8  
Fri: 9-5  
Sat: 9-1  
Sun: 1-5



**WASHINGTON  
DISTRICT LIBRARY**  
[washingtondl.org](http://washingtondl.org)

Closed: December 24, 25, 31 @ 1:00 PM

Delayed Opening: December 19

**Branch Library**  
16 Washington Plz  
309-745-3023

**HOURS**  
Mon: 9-6  
Tues: 1-8  
Weds: 9-6  
Thurs: 1-6  
Fri: 9-5  
Sat: 9-1  
Sun: Closed