

Press Release: January 2025 Yorkville Public Library Youth Services Department

The Yorkville Public Library is open Monday – Thursday 9:00am- 7:00pm, Friday 9:00am- 5:00pm, and Saturday 9:00am- 4:00pm. Curbside service is available for those not wishing to enter the library. The library will be closed January 1.

Winter Read BINGO Challenge

Pick up your BINGO card after December 26. Check out and read your books from the library to complete a BINGO. Each BINGO (max 5) you will be entered into a raffle drawing for a \$25 gift card. Please return your BINGO card before February 28, 2025 to be entered. The raffle drawing will be March 3, 2025. Happy Reading!!

Escape Room Adventure

This Escape Adventure will be available in the month of January. Use the clues to unlock the boxes before the next group comes in, you only have 30 minutes. Contact the Youth Service Department for an appointment time at 630-553-4354 ext 108 or stop in.

3D Printing (virtual)

Leah English provides a step-by-step tutorial on how to use Tinkercad. Tinkercad is an easy-to-use 3D CAD design tool, where you can create an object that we can print on our 3D printer. Check out the library's YouTube channel, follow the steps to create your own 3D printed piece. 3D Prints are \$.20/gram
Please use this email address to submit creations: YPL3DPrint@gmail.com

DROP IN STORY TIME (at YPL)

Every Friday at 10:30

Join us at YPL every Friday at 10:30 for Drop In Story Time. This story time is held in the children's area of the library. A volunteer from The Friends of the Library is our special reader.

Window Art

January 6-11 (you choose the day and time that is convenient)

Help us liven up the library with window art. You can come in anytime/any day (January 6-11) to create your artwork. Please register for the event on the website. Space is limited.

Mommy and Me Yoga

Tuesday, January 7 and 21 at 10:30-11:00

Bond with your little one while exploring yoga, based on your favorite children's books. This class includes simple breathing work, playful yoga poses, songs, games, and story time. Participants will use their imagination while increasing strength, flexibility, and balance. Registration required.

Preschool Zone

Wednesday, January 8 at 10:30 -11:00

Join us for interactive and engaging books plus activities for you and your child. Registration is required.

LEGO Meet Up

Wednesday, January 8 at 12:30- 1:30

Join us to make amazing LEGO creations and hang out with others. LEGOs will be provided, you bring the creativity!

Spanish Story Time (Facebook)

Wednesday, January 8 and 22 at 1:00 on YPL Facebook Page

Join Señora Katalina on the Yorkville Public Library Facebook page for Story Time in Spanish. This is recorded for your convenience.

Tots & Toddlers

Thursday, January 9 and Wednesday, January 29 at 10:30

Join us for songs, stories, and dancing. Your child will receive a take home craft to complete. Please register on the YPL website.

Spanish Story Time

Thursday, January 9 at 5:30

Each month we will have volunteers from the YHS National Spanish Honor Society read books in Spanish to the group. This event is drop in. Please join us for this new program.

LEGO Kits

January 13-18 (you choose the day and time that is convenient)

Come by the library during open hours the week of January 13. We will provide you a themed container of various LEGOs to use in the library. Using only the bricks provided and your creativity, make your build. Your creation will be added to the LEGO display at the library.

Junior Threads & More

Tuesday, January 14 at 1:00

Do you crochet, knit, needlepoint, sew, or quilt? Come hang out and work on your unfinished projects, show off finished projects, or check out what other people are doing.

Toddler Play

Wednesday, January 15 at 10:30

Caregivers and littles stop by to play at the library and meet new friends. No registration needed.

Magic the Gathering

Wednesdays at 5:00-6:45

Magic the Gathering is a tabletop card game with over 50 million players worldwide. One of the most popular games on the planet, you can now gather at the Yorkville Public Library to play Commander format games of *Magic the Gathering* with like-minded friends and gamers. Local gaming enthusiast, Marcus Sanford will be leading the group. This group is open to experienced players or those brand-new to the game. Bring your own deck to participate in the games. The program is open to adults and high school students ages 14+

Book Club (grade 1-2)

Thursday, January 16 and 23 at 4:30-5:00

In this two-session book club, we will read an easy-read chapter book. Please register for both dates on the YPL website.

Stuffie Sleepover

Friday, January 17 at 4:30

Have you ever wanted to stay the night in the library. Your stuffed animal has the chance. Drop off your stuffed animal with Ms Jennette and Ms Dodie before 5:00pm on Friday and let the adventure begin. We will explore the library, watch movies, have midnight snacks, make crafts, and maybe get some sleep. Please pick up your stuffed animal before 11:00am on Saturday.

Chess Club

Saturday, January 18 – February 22 at 11:00-12:00

Chess Club is back! Register for any or all of the chess classes. Instructor, Tash Uray will provide instruction for beginners and advanced players.

Literacy Centers

Tuesday, January 21- Friday, January 24

Stop by anytime Tuesday- Thursday 9:00am -6:00pm and Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm to experience a parent/child guided opportunity for hands-on literacy instruction. Literacy Centers are designed to give children ample opportunity to practice the very important skills of listening, reading, writing, and speaking.

Books for BINGO

Monday, January 20 at 2:30-3:30

Books for BINGO is back. Bring the family to play BINGO for gently used books. When registering, please provide the number of people that will attend.

Winter Walk at Harris Forest Preserve

Tuesday, January 21 at 1:00-2:00

My College Planning: Empower and Excel: Successful College Transition for High School Students with 504 Plans and IEP

Wednesday, January 22 at 6:30 (webinar)

This workshop ensures students with learning or physical differences are fully equipped to unleash their potential in college. Families learn to navigate college applications and disability disclosure, transition from high school IEPs/504 plans, learn to self-advocate for accommodations, utilize campus resources and supports, develop essential academic strategies and self-care, and build confidence, leadership, and responsibility. This workshop is recommended for parents of middle school and/or high school students.

Register: <https://foxly.link/yorkville1>

Read with Paws

Saturday, January 25 at 10:30

Children can come to the library, select a book, and read to a furry friend. All therapy dogs and handlers have been certified by an accredited organization. This program was designed originally because children feel less pressure to read to a dog than an adult so, it was meant to be a way to help struggling readers or even just encourage reading. It is open to all levels of readers and non-readers. Please register for your 15 minute time slot on the YPL website. Space is limited. If you are unable to attend, please contact the library.

Artful Beginnings (preschool)

Monday, January 27 at 10:30

Check out this program. We will read a book then create a fun craft project. Please register. Dress for the mess.

If you have multiple children, please register each child separately. Thank you.

4-H Science Explorers

Tuesday, January 28 at 4:30 (ages 6-8) or 5:00 (ages 9-12)

Paper Airplanes and Ring Wing Gliders

Come learn about aerodynamics and making gliders out of paper! What did you notice about the flight of your aircraft? Does it repeat the pattern each time you fly it? Make one change to your aircraft to enable a change in flight, then fly your aircraft several times. How did the flight characteristics change with your wing change? Join our Science Explorers for science FUN! Please see website for details and registration.

Teen Advisory Group

Tuesday, January 3:00- 4:00 at 2:45

Teens in grades 8-12 get together to share ideas about the teen area in the library. They will help create and plan programs. This group also has opportunities to earn volunteer hours. Great chance to meet new people and have some fun and laughs.

MiniGolf FunRaiser

Sunday, February 2 at 10:00-4:00

It's almost time for the Friends of the Library's most anticipated annual event, the Mini Golf FUN Raiser! This fun Yorkville tradition is a popular community event that breaks up the post-holiday doldrums with 18 holes of festive, family-friendly mini golf played INSIDE the library! After the excitement of the holidays wears off and cabin fever is settling in, the Mini Golf FUN Raiser is just the ticket for families to get out of the house and have some fun! Locals love this off-beat Yorkville tradition where 18 uniquely themed holes of mini golf are set up and played inside the Yorkville Public Library, creating family memories, and building a sense of community.