Press Release: December 2026 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 on December 24 and 25.

Escape Room Adventure
This month's family fun Escape Adventure is ready! 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 $.10/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
December 1-5
Help the library decorate this month by adding your artwork to the windows. Bring your creativity, we will provide all materials to create your art.
This program is set up for participants to come into the library anytime during open hours, November 2-7 to complete their window artwork. Please register each participant separately.

Winter READ Challenge
December 1- February 27
December 1, 2026- February 27, 2027

Pick up your Winter Reading Tracker and you will receive a starter set of mythical creature playing cards. These cards can be used to play Rock, Paper, Scissors with friends. Continue to collect unique mythical creature cards just by reading. Every 120 minutes you read, you will earn a family of mythical creatures (egg, baby, teen, and adult). The more you read, the more mythical creature cards you can collect. Pick up your Winter Reading Challenge starting November 23rd BUT the program begins December 1st.

Mommy and Me Yoga
Tuesday, December 1 and 15 at 10:30
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. Yoga mats are provided but you are welcome to bring your own yoga mat. Please register each child separately.

Preschool Zone
Wednesday, December 2 at 10:30 or 1:30
Join us for interactive and engaging books plus activities for you and your child.

Lego Meet up
Thursday, December 3 at 12:30 or 5:00
Join us for LEGOs. We will supply the LEGOs, you supply the creativity.

Book Club (Grades 3-5)
Thursday, December 3 and 17 at 4:30
In this two session book club, the participants will receive the book on the first day to read at home. Then it will be discussed at the following session. Please register for both days on the YPL website.

Spanish Storytime
Thursday, December 3 at 5:30
The first Thursday of each month we will have a student from the YHS National Spanish Honor Society read books in Spanish to the group. Please join us for this special program.

LEGO Kits
December 7-12
Come by the library during open hours this week. We will provide containers of various LEGOs to use in the library. Using the bricks provided and your creativity, make your build. Your creation will be added to the LEGO display at the library. No registration needed.

Toddler Play
Monday, December 7 at 10:30
Caregivers and littles stop by to play at the library and meet new friends. No registration needed.

Homeschool Meet-up
Tuesday, December 8 at 10
Fox River Co-op's Homeschool Meet-Up and Yorkville Public Library presents "Homeschool Meet - Up" Join us twice a month, as we explore various topics.

Teen Gingerbread Houses
Tuesday, December 8 at 4
Mrs. Bethany is back! She will provide tips and tricks to help you create a wonderful gingerbread house to take home. Please bring a container to transport your creation.

Book Club (Grades 1-2)
Wednesday, December 9 and 16 at 4:45
In this two session book club, we will read an easy reader chapter book and discuss it. Please register for both dates on the YPL website.

Spanish Storytime (Facebook)
Wednesday, December 9 and 23 at 1
Spanish Story Time is hosted by this month's special guest reader. This recording can be found on the YPL Facebook page.

Tots and Toddlers

Thursday, December 10 at 10:30
Join us for songs, stories, and dancing. Your child will receive a take home craft to complete.

Santa at the Library!
Saturday, December 12 at 9:15-11:30
Santa is coming! Stop by the library Saturday, December 12th to visit with Santa and take pictures. Don't miss this holiday tradition.

Polar Express
Saturday, December 12 at 9:30 or 10:30
The Polar Express is back! Enjoy cookies and milk while listening to the magical story of "The Polar Express". There will be time to write and deliver a letter to Santa. PLEASE register each of your children individually.

Junior Threads and More
Monday, December 14 at 1
Do you crochet, knit, needlepoint, sew, quilt or like to draw? Come hang out and work on your unfinished projects, show off finished projects, or check out what other people are doing.
Great chance to meet new people!

Literacy Centers
December 16 & 17
Stop by anytime Wednesday- Thursday 9:00am -6:00pm 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.

3D Printing
Saturday, December 19 at 10:30
15-minute appointments are available each month. Ms. Jessica will provide one on one instruction for Tinkercad and how to create a 3D model. The model will be printed on the 3D Printer available to pick up on a future date. Cost: $0.10 / gram.

You are also able to submit your print at YPL3DPrint@gmail.com if it is more convenient.

Artful Beginnings
Monday, December 21 at 10:30
Check out this Preschool 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.

Winter Read Challenge: DIY Creature Card
Monday, December 21 at 2
Winter READ Challenge
Design YOUR OWN unique creature cards to use in battle (Rock, Paper, Scissors) against friends. You will also receive a card holder for the cards you have collected during Winter READ.

Teen Crafternoon
Tuesday, December 22 at 2
What kind of critter will you create? Use the air dry clay to sculpt an object to take home. Please register for this event.

Read with Paws
Saturday, December 26 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.

Game Day
Monday, December 28 at 2
Game Day!
Join us for the fun. We are pulling out the games. Come hang out with us!!!

Snowed in at the Library
Tuesday, December 29 at 2
We are going to have SNOW much fun. Register for a variety of snow related activities.

Countdown to Noon- New Year's Eve Party
Wednesday, December 30 at 11:15
Help us welcome 2027 and celebrate the end of 2026 at the library. Join us for crafts and games while we wait for 12:00.