Winter Reading Fun

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Greensboro Public Library
December Holiday Happenings

December 4 .......... Happy Hanukkah! • Hear about the celebration of Hanukkah with traditional stories from B’nai Shalom Day School, enjoy a special treat and create Hanukkah inspired art. 3:30 pm. Benjamin.

December 4 .......... Holiday Bling • Deck the halls with some handmade ornaments. Make a beaded elf, a shiny Star of David and a miniature Kwanzaa wreath. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.

December 6 .......... Cookies and Crafts • Enjoy Santa stories and cookies, then make a glittery ornament and a candy cane cuff. 3:30 pm. McGirt-Horton.

December 6 .......... Nature Gifts Makerspace • Make bookmarks, ornaments, and gift wrap from recycled and natural items to give as gifts. 4 pm. Kathleen Clay.

December 11 .......... Holly Jolly Christmas • Celebrate the season with holiday tales and treats. Craft a sweet Santa candy jar. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.

December 13 .......... Life-Sized Candy Land • Come play our life-sized Candy Land game board in celebration of the holidays. Drop in to play this family favorite. 3:30 pm. McGirt-Horton.

December 13 .......... Here Comes Santa Claus • Join us for Santa stories, crafts and cookies, plus a chance to meet a special jolly guest! 4 pm. Benjamin

December 13 .......... Wacky Tacky Sweater Soiree • It’s tacky sweater time! Bring a sweater, sweatshirt, or T-shirt to decorate in true ridiculous holiday sweater style. Fuel up with hot chocolate then walk the runway in our holiday fashion show. 5 - 6 pm. Kathleen Clay.

December 14 .......... Winter Lights Makerspace • Play with paper circuits to make a light-up card or decoration to celebrate the holidays. 3:30 pm. McNairy.

December 22 .......... Candy Canes, Cookies, and Cocoa • Come make candy cane crafts, and then decorate a cookie, and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate. You can also watch McNairy’s 3D printer in action, creating custom-designed cookie cutters. 11 am. McNairy.

December 30 & 31 .... Life-Sized Candy Land • To celebrate the season of gingerbread and candy canes, we are setting up our life-sized Candy Land game board. Drop in to play this family favorite. 12 – 5 pm on Saturday. 2 – 5 pm on Sunday. McNairy.

December 30 .......... Happy NOON Year • Get a head start on ringing in 2018. Enjoy a rockin’ New Year’s Eve party without the late night. Make a party hat and write resolutions before the ball drops at noon. Then toast to a great new year with sparkling cider. 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Kathleen Clay.

December 31 .......... New Year’s Eve Makerspace • Get ready for the party creating noise makers, party hats, glasses, and sashes to wear. Practice the countdown and toast the New Year. 3 pm. Glenwood.
If You Build It...

Building clubs offer a great way for children to use their imaginations while at the same time experimenting with architectural and engineering science. The activities are open-ended and children are free to follow their own creative thinking. This is not just block-building, it’s brain-building!

**Saturdays from 10 - 11 am** .......... Central Library Lego Club
(No Lego Club on Storytime Express days)

- **December 7 at 3:30 pm** ................. McNairy • Lego Fun
- **December 6 at 3:30 pm** .... Vance Chavis • Building with Legos
- **December 7 at 4 pm** ............... Hemphill • Construction Workshop
- **December 7 at 6:30 pm** .... Vance Chavis • Building with Legos
- **December 10 at 4 pm** ...... McNairy • Exceptional Construction
- **December 18 at 4 pm** ........................................ Benjamin
- **December 20 at 4 pm** .......... Kathleen Clay • Lego Afternoon
- **January 4 at 3:30 pm** ..................... McNairy • Lego Fun
- **January 4 at 4 pm** ............... Hemphill • Construction Workshop
- **January 4 at 6:30 pm** .......... Vance Chavis • Building with Legos
- **January 13 at 3:30 pm** ....... Glenwood • Kids Konstruction
- **January 21 at 4 pm** ......... McNairy • Exceptional Construction
- **January 29 at 4 pm** ........................................ Benjamin
- **January 31 at 3:30 pm** ..... Vance Chavis • Building with Legos
- **January 31 at 4 pm** .............. Kathleen Clay • Lego Afternoon
- **February 1 at 3:30 pm** ................. McNairy • Lego Fun
- **February 8 at 4 pm** ............... Hemphill • Construction Workshop
- **February 11 at 4 pm** ......... McNairy • Exceptional Construction
- **February 21 at 4 pm** .......... Kathleen Clay • Lego Afternoon
- **February 26 at 4 pm** ........................................ Benjamin
- **February 27 at 2 pm** ............ Glenwood • Kids Konstruction
- **February 28 at 3:30 pm** ..... Vance Chavis • Building with Lego

**Arts & Crafts**

- **December 13** ...... **Holidays Around the World Makerspace** • Let’s explore and create crafts to symbolize some international holidays. 3:30 pm. Vance Chavis.
- **December 14** ...... **Let It Snow Makerspace** • Use cotton balls, coffee filters and other “snowy” materials to create your own winter landscape. 4 pm. Hemphill.
- **December 21** ...... **Run, Run, As Fast as You Can** • Hurry to the library to create a sweet-smelling (but not edible) gingerbread man with cinnamon dough. 4 pm. Hemphill.
- **December 28** ...... **A Pop of Color** • No brushes are needed when you paint with balloons. 4 pm. Hemphill.
- **January 18** ...... **Shape Up** • Use rollers, cutters and more for some sculpting fun with classic Play-doh. 4 pm. Hemphill.
- **January 25** ...... **Ice Painting** • Try this chilly technique and create a cool masterpiece. 4 pm. Hemphill.
- **February 14** ...... **I ♥ U Makerspace** • You’re just in time to make a special Valentine’s Day card, letter, or picture. 3:30 pm. Vance Chavis.
- **February 15** ...... **Color your World** • Join us for some messy fun with a squish paint technique. 4 pm. Hemphill.
- **February 22** ...... **Fabulous and Fluffy** • Experiment with DIY shaving cream dough. Mix it, spread it, squish it. What does it feel like? How long does it last? 4 pm. Hemphill.
December 7.....Creepy Crawlers • Learn about critters that crawl, fly, jump, hiss, and may have a bad reputation. See how much insects are part of our everyday lives. 4 - 5 pm. Central Library.

December 20...Games, Games, Games• 3:30 pm. Vance Chavis.

January 11 ......Stupendous Straw Structures • Explore architectural design when you use plastic straws to create domes or towers. 4 pm. Hemphill.

January 17......Games, Games, Games • 3:30 pm. Vance Chavis.

January 21....Treasures and Cocoa • Enjoy the adventure of geocaching in Price Park. Dress for the weather, discover treasures and warm up with cocoa. Register: melanie.buckingham@greensboro-nc.gov. From 3 - 5 pm. Kathleen Clay.

January 23 ......Go for the Gold • Train for the Winter Olympics with games and crafts. Make your own torch, compete in races and win a medal. 4 pm. Hemphill.

January 25 ......Mid-Winter World Festival • Deep in the dark days of winter, cultures around the world celebrate the time of rest and renewal. We’ll put Chinese New Year, St. Lucia Day, Ground Hog Day, Diwali, and other winter festivals together with Greensboro’s international community. We’ll also make Chinese lanterns and marshmallow snow men. 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Central Library.

January 25 ......Clever Contraption Makerspace • Combine creativity and engineering to make a Rube Goldberg-style chain reaction contraption. 3:30 pm. McNairy.

January 31.......Animal Tracks and Signs • Learn to use your senses to interpret clues left behind by animals and meet some of the live animals you might encounter in your own backyard in this program by the NC Museum of Natural Sciences. 2:30 pm. Benjamin.

January 31.......Are You Ready for some Football? (Football and STEAM) • Wear your favorite team colors, make a football snack, and enjoy football science and art fun. 3:30 pm. McGirt-Horton.

February 7.......WINGS: Butterfly Fun • Build a butterfly snack, learn about its life cycle, and discover how to be a butterfly detective. 3:30 pm. McGirt-Horton.

February 7.......Games, Games, Games • 3:30 pm. Vance Chavis.

February 8.......Time for Teeth! • Enjoy special stories, fun activities, and cool crafts. A guest from Triad Family Dental will help young children learn how to care for their growing teeth. Each child will get to take home a toothbrush bag and a special craft. 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Central Library.

February 13 .....Mardi Gras Makerspace • Enjoy New Orleans music as we make our own beaded necklaces, craft extravagant masks and enjoy a taste of King Cake. 3:30 pm. Benjamin.

February 14 .....Valentine Makerspace • We’ll pull out the stops so you can make a heart-stopping Valentine for mom, dad, grandparents and friends. 3 - 5 pm. Central Library.

February 14 .....Candy Chemistry • Join Chem-It-Up-Now instructor, Denise Caldwell, for an afternoon of chemistry fun with grocery store candy. 3:30 pm. McGirt-Horton.

February 14 .....Sweetie Pie Valentine Makerspace • Have a sweet time decorating cookies and making Valentine’s Day cards for your sweetheart. 4 pm. Kathleen Clay.

February 19 .....Dance Your Socks Off • Get “Happy,” “Twist & Shout” and do the “YMCA” with these kid-friendly dance tunes. 2:30 pm. Hemphill.

February 19 .....Chilly Winter Games and Book Bingo • Cast off the mid-winter blahs with an afternoon of games and Book Bingo. Bring a friend and your competitive spirit. 4 pm. Glenwood.

February 22.....Year of the Dog Celebration • Celebrate the Lunar New Year with a dog visitor and presentation from the Guilford County Animal Shelter, along with dog stories and crafts. 3:30 pm. McNairy.

February 25.....Rock Hounds • Seek out hidden rocks in Price Park and warm up with apple cider. Register: melanie.buckingham@greensboro-nc.gov. From 3 - 5 pm. Kathleen Clay.
At the Movies

December 2 .......The Tale of Despereaux • Make a construction paper mouse. Rated G. 2 pm. Central Library.

December 9 .......Kit Kittredge, An American Girl • Practice Kit’s reporter skills by writing your own newspaper headlines. Rated G. 2 pm. Central Library.

December 16 ....102 Dalmatians • After the movie, we’ll do a puppy paw print craft. Rated G. 2 pm. Central Library.

December 18 ....Smurfs: The Lost Village • Enjoy the film and make your own Smurf mask. Rated PG. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.

December 21 ....Polar Express • Watch this classic holiday film and enjoy a North pole inspired makerspace. Wear pajamas if you like. 6:30 pm. Vance Chavis.

December 23 ....The Polar Express • Make your own train ticket bookmark. Rated G. 2 pm. Central Library.


December 28 ....Despicable Me 3 and ‘80s Dance Party • Rated PG. From 3 - 5 pm. Glenwood.

December 30 ....The Adventures of Tintin • We’ll have foldables of the characters. Rated PG. 2 pm. Central Library.

January 6 .......Snow White and the Seven Dwarves • After singing with the dwarves, make a magic talking mirror! Rated G. 2 pm. Central Library.

January 13 .......The Sword in the Stone • Make a foam sword! Rated G. 2 pm. Central Library.

January 20 .......Miracle • Watch the movie based on the American Olympic hockey team, and after make a mini hockey stick. Rated PG. 2 pm. Central Library.

January 22 .......Cars 3 • Decorate a race car while you cheer for Lightning McQueen. Rated G. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.

January 24 .......Toy Story 3 • Watch the movie and create paper toys of your very own. Rated G. 3:30 pm. Vance Chavis.

January 27 .......Frozen • We’ll make an Olaf mask after the movie. Rated PG. 2 pm. Central Library.

February 3 .......Spy Kids: All the Time in the World • Make your own Spy Kid power gloves after the showing. Rated PG. 2:00 pm. Central Library.

February 10 .......TinkerBell and the Legend of the Neverbeast • Make a Neverbeast mask with green eyes after the movie. Rated PG. 2 pm. Central Library.

February 17 .......A Series of Unfortunate Events • Make an eye patch disguise. Rated PG. 2 pm. Central Library.

February 19 .......Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie • Craft a clothespin Captain Underpants and watch your favorite hero. Rated G. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.

February 24 .......Up • Enjoy coloring pages of the characters. Rated PG. 2 pm. Central Library.
Welcome to storytime! Did you know that storytime at the library is one of the best ways to nurture a love of reading and cultivate important pre-reading skills in your child? Families find that library storytime is also a safe, non-judgmental place where your child can be entertained, while also being herself or himself. Join us at storytime and watch your child learn and grow!

**Benjamin Branch**

**Toddler - Preschool (birth-5)** • Mondays at 9:30 and 10:30 am; Tuesdays at 10:30 am, Wednesdays at 6:15 pm

- **December 4 - 6**........................................................................................................................................... Nightly-Night, Sleep Tight
- **December 11 - 13**...................................................................................................................................... C is for Cookie
- **December 18 - 20**.......................................................... Have a Jolly Holly-Day
- **January 2**.................................................................................................................................................. Happy Birthday, Everyone

- **January 8 & 10**.......................................................... Music for Little Ones
- **January 16 & 17**..................................................... Dinosaurs are Dino-mite
- **January 22 – 24**.............................................. Bears, Bears, Everywhere
- **January 25 – 27**.................................................. Let It Snow... Please
- **February 4 - 7**................................. C is for Cookie
- **February 12 – 14**.............................. A Biiiiiiiiig Hoot
- **February 19 – 21**......................................... Choo-Choo, Clackety Clack
- **February 26 – 28**.................................................. Let’s Go on Safari

**Central Library**

**Wednesdays at 9:30 & 10:30 am; Thursdays at 10:30 am & 1:30 pm; Fridays at 9:30 & 10:30 am.**

- **December 1**................................................................................................................................. Eyes & Chocolate, Brown All Around
- **December 6, 7, 8**.................................................................................................................. Plant a Winter Garden
- **December 13, 14, 15**.............................................................................................................. Time to get dressed
- **December 20, 21, 22**................................................................................................................. Give and share
- **December 28, 29**................................................ Bang the Drum, Make some Noise
- **January 3, 4, 5**.......................................................................................................................... Happy New Year
- **January 10, 11, 12**.............................................................. Little Birds Musik Garden
- **January 17, 18, 19**.................................................................................................................. Dr. King and Love
- **January 24, 25, 26**.................................................................................................................. Roar! Animals from Africa
- **January 31, Feb 1, 2**............................................................... I wish you more
- **February 7, 8, 9**.......................................................................................................................... Go to bed, sleepy head
- **February 14, 15, 16**............................................................... Valentine’s Day
- **February 21, 22, 23**............................................................... Eat a yummy breakfast
- **February 28**......................................................................................................................... Animals from Australia

**Glenwood Branch**

**Wednesdays at 10:30 am.**

- **December 6**................................................................................................................................. Gingerbread Stories
- **December 13**................................................................................................................................. Toys Around the World
- **December 20**................................................................................................................................. Just a Box
- **January 3**........................................................................................................................................... Day by Day, Calendars
- **January 10**................................................................................................................................. A Snowy Day
- **January 17**................................................................................................................................. No! David – David Shannon
- **January 24**........................................................................................................................................ Forest Friends
- **January 31**................................................................................................................................. Winter Moon: Native American Tales
- **February 7**................................................................................................................................. Numbers & Shapes/ Numeros y Formas
  (Bilingual)
- **February 14**................................................................................................................................. Lovey Dovey: Bring Your Lovey
- **February 21**................................................................................................................................. What’s Cooking?
- **February 28**................................................................................................................................. Have a Great Smile
  (Colgate Dental Health Van Visit 9:30 am-12 pm)

**Hemphill Branch**

**Thursdays at 10 am.**

- **December 7**................................................................................................................................. ABC - Hello, It’s Me
- **December 14**................................................................................................................................. Winter Holidays
- **December 21**................................................................................................................................. Mice are Nice
- **January 4**........................................................................................................................................ Days, Weeks, Months and Years
- **January 11**................................................................................................................................. Happy Birthday to You
- **January 18**........................................................................................................................................ Let It Snow
- **January 25**......................................................................................................................................... Rock-a-Bye Baby
- **February 1**................................................................................................................................. Inside and Outside the Box
- **February 8**........................................................................................................................................ Keep on Smiling

**Kathleen Clay Edwards Branch**

**Birth – age 5:** Tuesdays at 9:30, 10:30, 11:30 am.

**Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Preschool ages 3 - 5:** Tuesdays at 1:30 pm.

- **December 5 & 6**................................................................................................................................. Mice are Nice
- **December 12 & 13**............................................................................................................................ Toy Stories
- **December 19 & 20**............................................................................................................................ Cookie Time
- **January 9 & 10**................................................................................................................................. Let’s Be Friends
- **January 23 & 24**.............................................................................................................................. Snowy Tales
- **January 30 & 31**..................................................................................................................................... Baa, Baa
- **February 6 & 7**....................................................................................................................................... Time to Get Dressed
- **February 13 & 14**..................................................................................................................................... I Love You!
- **February 20 & 21**............................................................................................................................. Bathtime and Bubbles
- **February 27 & 28**............................................................................................................................. Windy Day, Rainy Day

**McGirt-Horton Branch**

**Tuesdays at 10 am.**

- **December 5**........................................................................................................................................ Hats Off to Mittens
- **December 12**........................................................................................................................................ Here Comes the Train
- **December 19**......................................................................................................................................... Toy Time
- **January 9**............................................................................................................................................... Hooray for Snow Day
- **January 16**........................................................................................................................................... Let’s Be Friends
- **January 23**.......................................................................................................................................... Meet Dr. King (special all ages play)
- **January 30**.......................................................................................................................................... Pajamaarama
- **February 6**............................................................................................................................................ Wonderful Me
- **February 13**........................................................................................................................................... I Love...
- **February 20**............................................................................................................................................ Feathered Friends
- **February 27**............................................................................................................................................. Home, Sweet Home
Glenn McNairy Branch
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 & 11 am.
December 5 - 7............................Playful Pets
December 12 - 14..........................Toy Stories
December 19 - 21..........................Sweet Treats
January 2 - 4.............................Happy New Year
January 9 - 11.............................Snowflake Stories
January 16 - 18............................Superheroes
January 23 - 25...........................Getting Sick, Getting Well
January 30 - February 1..............Penguins and Polar Bears
February 6 - 8............................What Are You Wearing?
February 13 - 15.........................February Fun
February 20 - 22..........................Mice Are Nice
February 27 - March 1...............Fun Favorites with Dr. Seuss

Vance Chavis Branch
Tuesdays: Babies at 10 am, Preschoolers at 11 am.
December 5..............................Inside and Outside
December 12.............................Seasons Change
December 19.............................Hooray for Holidays
January 9..................................Yes, No, Maybe Snow
January 16...............................Be a Friend
January 23.................................Funny Farm Animals
January 30...............................Zany Zoo Animals
February 6...............................Up, Down, All Around
February 13.............................Hugs and Kisses
February 20..............................African American Authors & Illustrators
February 27..............................Wintery Wonderland

Are you a teacher or caregiver?
Would you like to bring your preschool class to storytime? Childcare and school groups are always welcome. We ask that you call ahead so we can give your group the very best experience possible. If your group is large, we may be able to schedule a special field trip just for you!

Baby Storytime
For babies from birth through 18 months.
Did you know that reading, talking, singing, and playing with your baby are not only fun to do but are also important ways to build early literacy skills? The Greensboro Public Library is excited to offer special storytimes that provide fun and learning for our newest and youngest book lovers. It’s never too early to bring your baby to storytime! Older siblings are also welcome and can even learn fun and helpful ways to play with their new brother or sister.
Vance Chavis................................. Tuesdays at 10 am
Kathleen Clay Edwards..............Wednesdays at 9:30 am
Central Library......................... Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 am

Saturday Storytime Express
All aboard, young children and families! We invite you to wend your way around our city on Saturday mornings, exploring a different children’s library location and meeting a welcoming librarian each week. Children will receive their own “train ticket” to get punched every time they attend a Saturday Storytime Express.

Storytime offers numerous literacy and social benefits to toddlers, preschoolers and elementary-aged children. Each Greensboro Public Library storytime promotes the joy of reading through careful story selection, the use of fun props and flannel pieces, songs, rhymes and more. So make a date with the library most Saturday mornings for a fresh adventure with new friends and story favorites!

Saturdays at 10:30 am
December 2........Benjamin • Bears, Bears, Everywhere
December 9.........Central Library • Giving and Sharing
December 16........Hemphill • Winter Holidays
December 30........McNairy • Happy New Year
January 6.............Central Library • Dr. King and Love
January 13........Kathleen Clay • Friendship and Kindness
January 20........McNairy • Getting Sick, Getting Well
January 27........Vance Chavis • Wintery Wonderland
February 3............Benjamin • Let’s Go on Safari
February 10........Glenwood • Native American Tales
February 17........Hemphill • Naughty and Nice
February 24..........Kathleen Clay • Bathtime Bubbles

Getting the Most from Storytime
• Arrive promptly so you don’t miss any of the fun. We’re looking forward to your visit!
• Listen and participate with your child.
• Don’t worry, everyone has bad days. Feel free to step away with your child if he or she is restless or upset.
• Maintain safety by always keeping your child in view.
• Encourage inside voices, walking feet and gentleness with books.
• Check out books to take home. Library staff will be happy to help you.
• Talk about your library visit when you return home.
• Repeat songs and discuss your child’s favorite stories.
• Many kids enjoy playing “Storytime” and pretending to be the librarian!
Looking for something the whole family can enjoy? We offer a variety of programs designed for all ages, scheduled on weekends or evenings for added convenience.

December 3 ... City Arts Theatre presents King Midas • Enjoy the classic tale of King Midas and his Golden Touch, a play for all ages. 3 pm. Glenwood.

December 4 ... Christmas Bird Count • Discover how to participate in the Christmas Bird Count (Dec. 14 – Jan. 5), make your own bird field guide and record your sightings. 6:30 pm. Kathleen Clay.

December 9 ... Beauty-full Gifts • Learn how to make seasonally scented bath salts as a treat for a loved one or yourself and make a personalized gift bag for it as well. 10:30 am. Benjamin.

January 16 ..... Superhero Family Night • Join us for crafts and a superhero obstacle course. 6:30 pm. McNairy.

January 18 ..... Family Fun Game Night • 6:30 pm. Vance Chavis.

January 24 .... Fairy House Makerspace • Enjoy garden fairy stories, flower fairy treats, nature fairy house-crafting and more. 4 pm. Kathleen Clay.

January 27 .... Aloha, Hawaii • Enjoy the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of Hawaii at our little luau. We’ll be crafting crepe grass skirts, stringing paper flower leis, coloring fearsome ki’i faces plus learning a bit about our 50th state. 10:30 am. Benjamin.

January 28 .... G’Day Mate: Celebrate Australia Day • Celebrated on January 26th, this is Australia’s National Holiday marking the first arrival of ships from Britain. Decorate an Australian flag, make a sun visor, and taste Fairy Bread. 3 pm. Glenwood.

January 29 .... The Name of the Game • Compete at BINGO. Win prizes and enjoy snacks. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.

February 5 ..... Sew in Love • Get ready for Valentine’s Day with sweet stories and sugary treats. Sew a yarn heart decoration. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.

February 10 ... Peace, Love and Chocolate • Make a groovy craft, decorate emoji Valentine’s Day cards and taste test different kinds of chocolate. 10:30 am. Benjamin.

February 12 ... Ring in the Year of the Dog • Celebrate the Lunar New Year! What’s the animal for your birth year? Make a spinning drum craft. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.

February 13 ... February Fun Family Night • Following a storytime, join us to make Valentine’s Day cards as well as bead necklaces and feather masks in celebration of Mardi Gras. 6:30 pm. McNairy.

February 14 ... I ♥ U Makerspace • You’re just in time to make a special Valentine’s Day card, letter, or picture. 3:30 pm. Vance Chavis.

February 26... Get Your Game On • Enjoy UNO, Mancala, puzzles and board games. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.

February 28... Mini Greenhouse • Make a mini greenhouse, enjoy veggie treats, tour our library greenhouse, and help us start our winter garden. 4 pm. Kathleen Clay.

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African American History Adventures

January 8 ......You Can Change the World • Honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr with cooperative art activities. 6:30 pm. Hemphill.

January 10 .......Thank You Dr. King • We’ll learn about Dr. King and his legacy through short films and activities. Plus, express your hopes and dreams for the future with interactive games and crafts. 3:30 pm. Vance Chavis.

January 10 ......Martin’s Dream Catcher • Join us for a story about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Then, create a colorful, dream catcher to honor his dream of love and peace. 4 - 5 pm. Kathleen Clay.

January 13 ......MLK Volunteer and Service Fair • Interested in honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. by finding ways to be of service in the community? Drop in to our service fair where local organizations will have information on service projects and volunteer opportunities for all ages. 10 am - 1 pm. McNairy.

January 23 ......Meet Dr. King • The award winning Bright Star Touring Theatre presents an engaging and high energy performance sharing key moments in the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 10 am. McGirt-Horton.

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January 23 ......Bright Star Theatre Presents “Meet Dr. King” • This internationally known touring theatre group shares the stories of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 6:30 pm. Glenwood.

January 31 ......Discovering African American Inventors • Learn about African American Inventors and come up with an invention of your own. 6:30 pm. Vance Chavis.

February 1 ......Freedom on the Menu • Hear stories of the Civil Rights movement and design your own Equality Banner. 4 pm. Hemphill.

February 8 ......“Drive-In Movie” • Make a car out of a cardboard box and then join us at our “drive-in” featuring fun stories on video from African American authors and illustrators. 3:30 pm. McNairy.

February 21 ......Discovering African American Inventors • Learn about African American inventors and come up with an invention of your own. 3:30 pm. Vance Chavis.

February 24 ......Art and Jazz in the Afternoon • We’ll learn about the styles of some famous African American artists and try our take on it while listening to cool jazz. 3 - 4 pm. Kathleen Clay.

February 27 ......Harlem Renaissance • Listen to music, read poems and view art created during or inspired by the Harlem Renaissance while making your own art and poetry journal. 3:30 pm. Benjamin.
Children of all abilities are welcome at Library programs. If you have questions or need assistance in making any program more accessible to your child, please contact the youth services librarian at the branch library presenting the event. In addition, the Greensboro Public Library offers programs specifically for children with special needs. These are designed to be fun events that encourage all families to take advantage of the library’s resources. For more information, please contact Kelly Proudfit at kelly.proudfit@greensboro-nc.gov or at 336-373-2015. Kelly is a youth services librarian at McNairy Branch and a parent of a child with autism.

**Autism Afternoon** • One Saturday a month, the Glenn McNairy Branch offers a designated Autism Afternoon to encourage our customers with autism to visit the library. If you are a parent who has been avoiding the library because you are concerned your child will be loud or disruptive, please come. Library staff members familiar with autism will be on hand, and signage will be posted to inform other library customers that it is Autism Afternoon. **December 10, January 21, February 11 from 3 - 6 pm. McNairy.**

**Sensory Storytime** • Designed for children with special needs. Children are not expected to sit still or stay quiet at this event. The storytime follows a visual schedule and invites children to engage with books, songs, and rhymes in whatever way they feel comfortable. The storytime is followed by free play with a variety of hands-on activities, including sensory bins, puzzles, crafts, and more. The program is led by a children’s librarian who is also the parent of a child with autism. Children of all ages and siblings are welcome. If you would like a visual schedule for the storytime and/or a social story about visiting the library in advance, please contact Kelly Proudfit at kelly.proudfit@greensboro-nc.gov. **December 10 (Color Kaleidoscope), January 21 (Snowy Days), February 11 (Playful Pets) at 3 pm. McNairy.**

**Exceptional Construction** • Join us for an hour of building fun with Legos, Duplos, and Lincoln Logs. Children, teens, and young adults of all abilities and their siblings are welcome to attend. All ages. **December 10, January 21, February 11 at 4 pm. McNairy.**

**Sensory Storytime** • Join us for sensory play and an interactive storytime for children with special needs, especially those on the autism spectrum. **February 24 at 2 pm. Glenwood**
Holiday Gift Guide For Young Readers

Youth Services staff at the Greensboro Public Library have read many recent titles and we’re happy to recommend a book as the perfect gift for a child of any age. A few of the best choices can be found here. If you need more suggestions please visit any of our eight library locations. We’re happy to help!

Love the World by Todd Parr. 2017, 32 pages (ages 3-6).
If you haven’t read Todd Parr, you definitely should. His bright and colorful books are meant for young children, but his inspiring words are an encouragement for everyone. This title’s positive message, “Love yourself, love the world” is especially relevant today. Young readers will love his illustrations of diverse characters with a variety of skin tones and hair colors represented, including blue, purple and green! Characters of different abilities are included as well. Author/illustrator Parr closes the book with a personal note to the reader. His other works are highly recommended as well, especially Be Who You Are (2016) and It’s Okay to Make Mistakes (2014).
~Reviewed by Marya Ryals.

Little Kids First Big Book of Things that Go by Karen de Seve. 2017, 128 pages (ages 4-8).
This recent book about transportation from National Geographic Kids is an ideal non-fiction gift for young children. Preschoolers will enjoy the many photo-illustrations. The large font and short chapters are good for a shared read-aloud between parent and child. Elementary students can read the text on their own and will be fascinated by the history of travel—from early bicycles with over-sized wheels to segways, from the Wright Brothers to drones. Did you know that the first US car race covered 54 miles and took almost eight hours to finish? Be sure to check out other interesting titles from National Geographic Kids.
~Reviewed by Marya Ryals.

Her Right Foot by Dave Eggers. 2017, 104 pages (ages 9-13).
Did you ever notice that Lady Liberty’s right foot is not standing flat? Her heel is up. She’s on the move! This movement is at the heart of Her Right Foot, an absolutely beautiful examination of not just the monument itself but also the reason and meaning behind it. A neat introduction to non-fiction, this story examines the physical parts of the statue, its history, and then ultimately, the hope she embodies for all of us. This gently flowing book is powerful, thought-provoking, and full of fascinating facts as the tale of the construction of the statue unfolds. The gorgeous ink and collage-style illustrations depict some of the cool features of the statue and also the diversity of the people the Statue of Liberty welcomes and represents.
~Reviewed by Emily Fitzsimons.
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