

HOW TO REGISTER FOR A PROGRAM OFFERED AT THE LIBRARY



((1)) Online: Visit crownpointlibrary.org, and click on the tab labeled "EVENTS".



Call the library

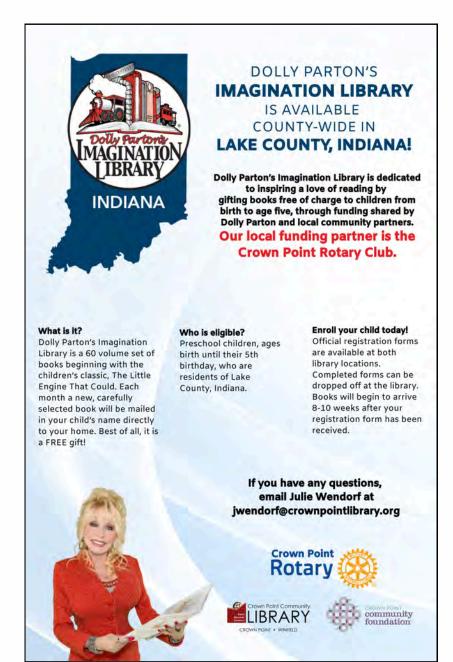
Adult | 219-306-4593 Children/Teen | 219-306-8068 Winfield: All ages | 219-662-4039



In-person:

Adult | Reference Desk, 2nd Floor Children/Teen | Children's Library, 2nd Floor Winfield: All ages | Front Desk

- All events are free unless noted otherwise.
- Registration is required unless noted otherwise.
- Registration opens two weeks before the event.
- · Register online or at the Library.
- Family programming: Designed for children under 18 with their caregivers.
- All Ages programming: Open to library patrons of all ages.
- Adult programs: ages 18 and above.
- Preschool programs: ages birth to 5.
- School Age programs: grades K-5
- Teen programs: grades 6-12





The Library reserves the right to photograph/video record program participants. Such material is only for Library use and may be published in any type of Library publicity materials. If you do not wish to be photographed/video recorded please notify staff.



As you visit the library and attend your favorite programs, take a photo and share it with us on social media! We would love to hear what you liked about the library event you attended and what your library means to you. #CPLibrary



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https://tinyurl.com/ **CPCL-Virtual-Programming**



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Free Income Tax Preparation

Appointments will be taken starting on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 9 a.m.



To make an appointment: Call (219) 663-0270 or visit the front desk at the Crown Point Library only.

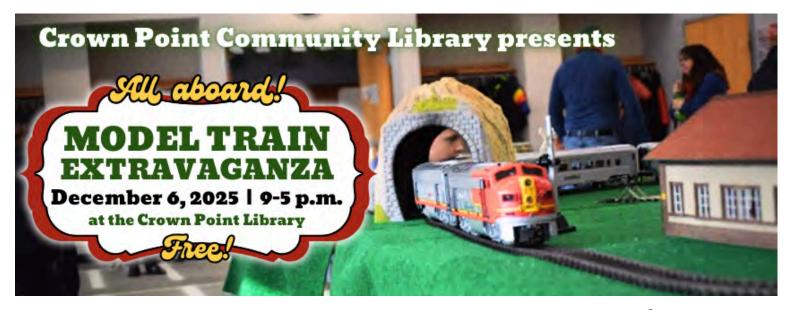
TAX PREP APPOINTMENT DAYS:

Tuesdays & Fridays from 9-12 p.m. beginning
February 3 - April 14

Meeting Room 1 - Crown Point Library

Tax Preparation is available by APPOINTMENT ONLY. No walk-ins allowed.





MODEL TRAIN EXTRAVAGANZA ROLLS INTO THE LIBRARY DECEMBER 6!

If you love trains—or just love watching them go by—you won't want to miss the Model Train Extravaganza at the Crown Point Community Library on Saturday, December 6, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Explore model railroad layouts of all shapes and sizes, thanks to the creative talents of the Roundtoit Train Club, CP Train Stop, Illiana Garden Railway Society, and Tyler's Tender.

ENTER TO WIN A LIONEL POLAR EXPRESS TRAIN!



Brian Speers, owner of CP
Trains Stop, has once again
donated a Lionel Polar Express
Train for the Crown Point
Community Library's holiday
raffle! We're so thankful for
Brian's generous spirit and his
continued support of our library
and community—his gift brings
holiday magic to life every year!

Beginning December 6, stop by the front desk and enter this free raffle. The winner will be drawn on December 15. One free raffle ticket, per person, per visit.





FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MISSION

The Friends of the Crown Point Library's mission is to enhance and promote the use and enjoyment of the library. They raise funds to support library programs, and services and to help fund items not generally covered in the library's regular operating budget.

Support Your Library—Join the Friends!

Your library means more than books—it's a place for connection, learning, and inspiration. One of the best ways to support everything the Crown Point Community Library offers is by joining the Friends of the Crown Point Library.

The Friends are a dedicated group of volunteers who advocate for and raise funds to enhance library programs, services, and events. From sponsoring summer reading prizes to funding special projects, the Friends help make the library a vibrant part of our community.

As we look ahead to 2026, the Friends will be adjusting their membership rates for the first time in several years.

Beginning January 1, 2026, the new rates will be:

- Single Membership: \$15
- Family Membership (two people): \$25
- Lifetime Membership: \$150 (unchanged)

Joining the Friends is an easy, meaningful way to make a lasting difference. Membership dollars directly support programs that enrich the lives of children, teens, and adults in our community—all while keeping the library strong for generations to come.

Get Involved—The Friends Need You!

The Friends of the Crown Point Library are seeking enthusiastic members to serve as officers in 2026.

Positions open include:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

If you're passionate about the library and want to make an impact, consider stepping into a leadership role!

- Interested? Email cpclfriends@gmail.com, or call (219) 306-4599
- Voting will take place at the December Friends meeting.

Together, we can keep our library—and our community—thriving!

Join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, December 9, at 10 a.m., in meeting room three at the Crown Point Library.

Friends of the Crown Point Library 2026 MEMBERSHIP FORM
☐ New Member ☐ Renew my membership
□ \$15 Adult Single □ \$25 Adult Family (2 members)
□ \$150 New Lifetime
I would like to make an additional donation of \$
In honor of
TODAY'S DATE First Name
Last Name
If purchasing a Family membership, please print the name for the second card
Address
City State Zip
Phone Number
Email
Subscribe to the Library's monthly newsletter
Yes, contact me to volunteer at an event
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The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt

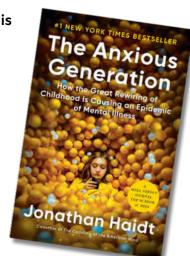
Join us for the launch of the new Parent Book Club. Our first selected title is *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt, exploring how the shift from play-based to phone-based childhoods is affecting kids and teens.

Bring the whole family! While parents talk, little ones (ages 0–5) can enjoy toys and coloring in the same room, and children ages 6–12 can take part in a staff-led Yoga & Stories in the adjacent meeting room.

- Date & Time: Monday, December 8, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.
- Location: Crown Point Library Meeting Rooms 2 & 3
- · Cost: Free
- Copies of the book are available at the front desk at the Crown Point location

Sponsored by the Crown Point Rotary Club as part of its support of community mental health programming.





Meeting Room Rate Update Begins January 1, 2026

The Crown Point Community Library offers meeting room space at both locations for local groups, businesses, and community members. To continue providing high-quality facilities and services, updated meeting room rates will take effect immediately for reservations starting on January 1, 2026.

New Rates (Effective Jan. 1, 2026):

- Not-for-Profit Organizations: No charge (proof of status may be required).
- For-Profit Organizations/Businesses/HOA/POA: \$40 an hour, per room.
- Private Events: \$40 an hour, per room.
- Cleaning Fee: \$50 (if meeting room guidelines are not followed).
- Additional Before/After Hours Use: \$25 an hour (waived for partnership organization programs).
- Payment is due two weeks before the reservation date. Refunds are not issued unless the Library must close or cancels an event; however, credits may be applied to future rentals if the user cancels an event.

To reserve a room, please visit https://crownpointlibrary.org/about/meeting-rooms/



Annual Magazine Bundle Sale Begins December 1!

Looking for craft supplies, or just some new reading material? The Crown Point Community Library's Annual Magazine Bundle Sale begins December 1, 2026!

Browse a variety of bundled magazines featuring popular topics and past issues 's—at a bargain price.

When you're ready to purchase your selections, simply pay at the front desk.

Get them while they last—these bundles go quickly!



CROWN POINT COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION CROWN POINT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

present



ONE DISTRICT ONE BOOK



Life According to Og the Frog by Betty Birney



Join us as we read, discuss, and engage in fun activities that unite our community through storytelling!

All programs are free and held at the Crown Point Community Library.



Book Discussion

Monday, Dec. 1 | 4:30 p.m.

Grades: K-5

Join us for a discussion of the selected book and

topics

Location: Meeting Rooms | Registration required

Poetry Playground

Thursday, Dec. 4 | 4:30 p.m.

Grades: K-5

Discover the poet in you! Write your own poems in

a fun, hands-on program.

Location: Children's Programming Room | No registration required | Materials while supplies last

Frogtastic Crafts

Saturday, Dec. 6 | 11 a.m.

Grades: K-5

Enjoy a variety of frog-themed crafts in a creative,

playful session.

Location: Children's Programming Room | No registration required | Materials while supplies last

DIY Terrarium

Monday, Dec. 29 | 11 a.m.

Grades: K-5

Learn what frogs need to thrive and build your own

mini plant terrarium.

Location: Meeting Rooms | **Registration required**

Faux Stained Glass Frog Art

Tuesday, Dec. 30 | 11 a.m.

Grades: K-5

Create faux stained glass art using glue and paint. **Location**: Meeting Rooms | **Registration required**

REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS:

crownpointlibrary.org/event (219) 306-8068



Stop by the Children's Library (2nd floor) and enter the free raffle to win our large Og the Frog stuffie.

The winner will be drawn on December 30.

One free raffle ticket, per person, per visit.



CROWN POINT Youth Programs

Registration required unless noted.

Scan the QR code to view event calendar and register for an event!



GREYT READERS AT THE LIBRARY

Saturday, Dec. 6 at 10 a.m.

Pick A Book -Read To A Greyhound Dog!

Free - No registration necessary.



ALL AGES

Sunday Family Movies

Sundays • 2 p.m. • Youth Program Room Enjoy a movie with popcorn!
No registration required.

- Dec. 7: Smurfs
- Dec. 14 Mr. Popper's Penguins
- Dec. 21: Ice Age Collision Course
- Dec. 28: A Wrinkle in Time

Building Together

Saturday, December 20 • 10 a.m. Let your imagination soar as you create with Legos, wooden blocks, and more! No registration required.

Noon Year's Eve

Wednesday, December 31 • 11 a.m. Meeting Rooms 1, 2, & 3 Join us for a New Year's Eve celebration at the library! No registration required.



PRESCHOOL

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays in December* • 10 & 11 a.m. Ages 2–3. Stories and songs, 30 minutes. Siblings welcome. No registration (space limited).

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays in December* • 10 & 11 a.m. Ages 3–5. Stories, rhymes, and movement, 30 minutes. Siblings welcome. No registration (space limited).

Book Babies

Thursdays in December* • 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Ages 0–24 months. Stories, songs, and rhymes followed by playtime. No registration (space limited).

*There is no storytime the week of Christmas, and New Years.

Babies 1-2-3 Sing with Me

Friday, Dec. 5 • 10 a.m.

Ages 1–3. Music and movement fun. Registration required.

Preschool Sing & Play

Friday, Dec. 5 • 11 a.m. Ages 3–5. Sing, dance, and play! Registration required.

Toddler Sensory Play & Art Day

Monday, Dec. 15 • 10 a.m.

Ages 3 & under. Messy sensory play and art projects. No registration (supplies limited). Dress for a mess!

Preschool Cook & A Book

Tuesday, Dec. 30 • 1 p.m. Ages 3–5. Storytime followed by a themed snack. Registration required. (Late arrivals may lose spot.)

Preschool Present Making

Monday, Dec. 8 • 10 a.m.

Ages 3-5 | Make holiday gifts. Registration required.

CROWN POINT

Youth Programs

Registration required unless noted.

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ELEMENTARY (GRADES K-5 UNLESS NOTED)

Pokémon Club

Tuesdays, Dec. 2, Jan. 6 • 4:30 p.m. Show, trade, and battle with cards or handhelds. Younger siblings welcome with adult present. No registration required.

Chess Club

Friday, Dec. 5 • 3:30 p.m. • Grades 1–5 Practice or learn chess. Beginners welcome. No registration required.

American Girl Club

Thursday, Dec. 11 • 4 p.m. • Grades 3-5

- Dec.: Explore Melody and the Civil Rights Movement
- Crafts, games, snacks & more. Registration required (opens 2 weeks prior).

LEGO Club

Tuesday, Dec. 16 • 4:30 p.m.

Monthly themed building fun. Legos provided. Space limited. No registration required.

Winter Crafts

Tuesday, Dec. 23 • 4:30 p.m. • Grades K-5 Join us for fun winter crafting! Materials provided. No registration.

Winter Break Chefs

Thursday, Jan. 2 • 10:30 a.m.

School's out, and the kitchen's open! Young chefs will create delicious foods in this culinary program. Registration required.

Poetry Playground

Thursday, December 4 • 4:30 p.m. • Grades K-5 Learn about poetry and how to compose your own poems. No registration required.

Kids Latin Club

Tuesday, December 9 • 4:30 p.m. • Grades 3-12 Crown Point High School's Latin Club will help introduce this interesting language to young learners. Meeting Room 2. No registration required.

Interactive Movie: Wicked

Families are invited to join us for an interactive *Wicked* like never before during our interactive movie showing on **Monday, December 22** at 1 p.m. in the meeting rooms at the Crown Point location. Sing along, cheer, and enjoy this magical film experience in-house with fellow fans. All are welcome—don't miss the fun! Free. No registration.



TEENS (GRADES 6-12)

After School Club

 Wed., Dec. 10 • 3:30 p.m. | Make your own videos/TikToks using our green screen and props.

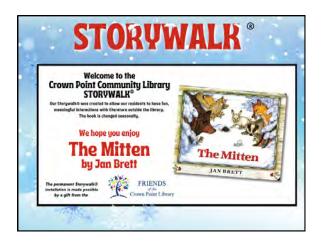
Teen Art Club

 Mon., Dec. 22 • 4:30 p.m. | Open creative space.

Teens with beads

 Thurs., Jan. 8 • 4 p.m. | create with perler beads, pony beads, and more! No registration required.

Visit our Storywalk and read Bear Snores ON!



CROWN POINT

Adult Programs - Ages 18+

Registration required unless noted.

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ONGOING MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Registration not required

Undercover Quilters

Tuesdays, Dec. 2, 16, 23, 30 • 9 a.m.

Hooked on Crochet

Mondays • 9 a.m.

Wednesday Afternoon Knitters

Wednesdays • 12:30 p.m. (Closed 12/24)

Mah Jongg (American) Instruction

First Monday of the month • 1 p.m.

Mah Jongg (American)

Thursdays • 1 p.m. (Closed 12/25)

Bunco

Friday, Dec. 5 • 1 p.m. (Internet Cafe)



New Program in 2026!

Point in Time: A History Series

Step back into the stories that shaped Crown Point and Lake County! Beginning in 2026, join Indiana Room Specialist Jeanene on the third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. for a lively and engaging dive into our community's past.

Each month features a new topic, new tales, and a fresh look at local history you won't want to miss.

More details in the January newsletter!

Artful Details - Craft Extravaganza

Tuesday, December 2 • 1 pm

It's crafting season! Come try several different winter-themed crafts at our extravaganza. Registration is required, opened November 17.

Beautiful Bows

Wednesday, December 3 • 2 p.m.

Mary Kapitan, local wreath and floral artist, will teach you how to make intricate, beautiful bows of all sizes.

Registration required, opened November 17.

Craft Chat

Wednesday, December 17 at 2 p.m.

Bring one or two favorite craft projects to share, along with your best tips, tools, and resources. You may also bring unwanted supplies to give away.

Registration is required and opens December 1.

Adult Craft: Cocktail Infusion Kits

Monday, Dec. 29 • 6 p.m.

Join us for a flavorful evening where you'll create your own cocktail infusion kit.

Registration required; opens December 15.

Card Making Class

Tuesday, Dec. 9 • 10 a.m. OR 1 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 11 • 5:30 p.m.

Create multiple paper crafting projects. Registration required; opens Nov. 3. \$7 supply fee payable to instructor.

Free - Registration not required - Popcorn will be served

Movies are held at the Crown Point location and intended for an adult audience.

Call the library for rating information.

MOVIE MATINEE -

Monday, December 8 at 1:30 p.m.

Superman

FOREIGN FILM -

No Foreign Film in December due to Tour of Lights program



DECEMBER BOOK CLUBS

Share Your Favorites!

Our December Book Club meeting is all about connection, conversation, and celebrating the joy of reading together. Instead of discussing a selected title this month, we invite members to bring any book they've enjoyed, recently read, or would simply love to talk about.

Join us for warm conversation, new recommendations, and the company of fellow readers. We look forward to hearing about the stories that inspired you this year!

Winfield Branch

Tuesday, December 9 at 1 p.m.

Crown Point Library

- Thursday, December 11 at 6 p.m.
- Monday, December 15 at 1 p.m.

Start Your New Year with a Great Book Club Read—We Can Help!

Thinking about starting a book club in the new year? Or perhaps your current group is seeking its next book to spark a lively discussion?

The Crown Point Community Library has you covered with our Book Club to Go kits! These all-inone kits include everything you need to host a thoughtful, engaging, and stress-free meeting:

- 10-20 copies of a book for your whole group
- · Background information about the author
- Discussion questions to keep the conversation flowing

Each kit checks out for six weeks, giving your book club plenty of time to read and gather. You can even request titles in advance, making it easier to plan your reading list for the months ahead.

To learn more or reserve a kit, contact Erika at 219-306-4593 or ewagner@crownpointlibrary.org. Browse our full list of kits at: crownpointlibrary.org/for-readers/book-club-to-gokits

Digital Tools for **Brain Health**

In-Person: Crown Point **Community Library**

Monday, December 15 2:00 to 3:15 pm



Stay sharp with technology! In this lecture, we'll explore digital tools to support habits that can help you stay sharp, including wearable devices, engaging websites, and informative podcasts. Discover practical resources to keep your mind active and enhance your cognitive wellbeing in today's digital world.

Registration

Deadline: Dec 10 Phone: 219-980-6907 Online: go.iu.edu/3AVG (URL is case sensitive)

This Senior Planet from AARP class is being offered through the Senior Planet licensing program. It is intended for adults ages 60+.

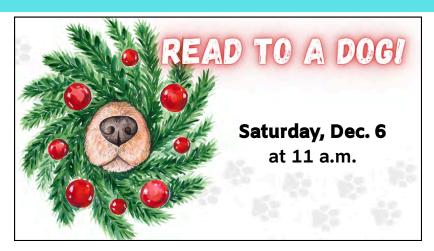
WINFIELD BRANCH

Youth Programs

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ELEMENTARY (GRADES K-5 UNLESS NOTED)

Crafty Kids Gift Factory

Thursday, December 4 • 5 p.m.

Create unique, heartfelt gifts just in time for the holiday season. All materials provided. Registration required.

Lego Winter Challenge

Thursday, December 11 • 5 p.m.

Race against the clock to complete fun holiday-themed building challenges, work together in teams, and create festive winter scenes.

ASL Explorers:

Saturday, December 13 • 12 p.m.: Fingerspelling Have fun learning to communicate in a new way using American Sign Language. Registration required.

Bake the Season Bright

Thursday, December 18 · 5 p.m.

Learn to bake cookies and create delicious holiday desserts. Registration required.

Kids Book Club

Thursday, January 8 • 5 p.m.

Join us to read a picture book together, and afterward we will do an activity or craft inspired by the book. No registration.

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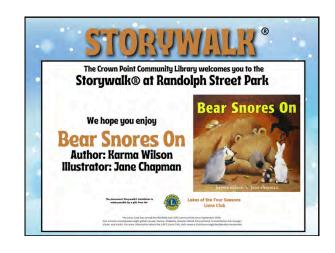
Little Listeners

Thursdays • 10:30 a.m. • Ages 3–5 Books, songs, and rhymes designed for preschoolers. Held in the meeting room. Registration required (opens 2 weeks prior). Only one registration needed per family.

Book Babies

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Join us for warm conversation, new recommendations, and the company of fellow readers. We look forward to hearing about the stories that inspired you this year!

Winfield Branch - Tuesday, December 9 at 1 p.m.

Mahjong

Wednesdays • 1 p.m.

Discover the simplicity and fun of Mahjong. Whether you are new to the game or looking to try a variation, stop by to play, connect, and enjoy the fun! Registration not required.

- Cantonese version 1st & 3rd Wednesday
- American version 2nd & 4th Wednesday

Card Making Class

Thursday, Dec. 11 • 1 p.m.

Create multiple paper crafting projects. Registration required; opens Nov. 3. \$7 supply fee payable to instructor. Registration required, opens Dec. 1.

Artful Details: Fake Gingerbread Houses

Friday, December 12 • 12 p.m.

No baking required! Using bookboard and icinginspired puffy paint for trim, you'll design a charming holiday display piece that looks sweet enough to eat (but lasts all season long). Registrationi offered.

Adult Craft: Scented Garlands

Saturday, December 20 • 11 a.m.

Join us for a program where you'll create your own winter-scented garland using dried citrus, spices, herbs, and other fragrant natural elements.

Registration is required and opens December 1.



Crown Point Community Library WINTER READING PROGRAM

January 1 - February 28, 2026 🔏 All Ages







Winter's here-so it's time to Brr-ing on the Books!

All ages are invited to participate in the 2026 Winter Reading Event. Cozy up with a great read, log your reading, and earn cool prizes all season long. The event is free and runs from January 1 through February 28. Registration opens online on Thursday, January 1, and in-person on Friday, January 2.

www.crownpointlibrary.org/events/winter-reading-events/





Saturday, January 3 10 alm. - 2 plm. Crown Point Library

Lick off Winter Reading and celebrate the season with us!

Activities & Grafts

Hot Cocoa Bar

PhotoOp

Signupfor Winter Reading

Fun for all ages! Free · No Registration





The City of Crown Point & Crown Point Library present

2025 TOUR OF LIGHTS

An enchanting night of holiday cheer!

The evening begins with a festive holiday story time or trivia at the Crown Point Library, followed by a guided trolley tour of the holiday-decorated homes around Crown Point.

Tickets for the 2025 Tour of Lights - Open Dec. 1!

2025 TOUR OF LIGHTS DATES

5-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12

5-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13

5-7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15

5-7 p.m. Tuesday, P.c. 16

5-7 p.m. Wednes ay Dec.

5-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec.

Registration is handled inrough the City of Crown Point and opens on December 1. Questions? Please call (219) 661-2271 or visit www.crownpoint.in.gov





Library Holiday Hours

The Crown Point Community Library and Winfield Branch will observe the following holiday schedule:

- Closed: December 24-26
- Early Closure: December 31 at 2 p.m.
- Closed: January 1, 2026

Be sure to stop by ahead of the holidays to check out seasonal books, movies, and music to enjoy with family and friends. And remember—both locations offer 24/7 outdoor book drops for your convenience.

Happy Holidays from everyone at the Crown Point Community Library!

LIBRARY MEETINGS

Board of Trustees

Monday, December 22 at 5 p.m. Board Room, 3rd Floor Public Welcome!

Friends of the Library

Tuesday, December 9:

- -Membership Meeting at 10 a.m.
- -Fundraising Meeting at 11 a.m. Meeting Room 3 New members welcome!



Main Library

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