

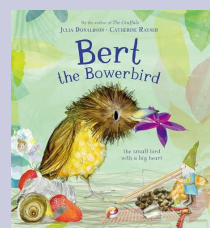


December Events

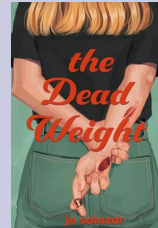
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Storytime, 10AM @ Plains	2	3 Storytime 10 AM @ Ashland	4	5	6 Adventure at "Tea," 11 am @ Bayleaf & Butterscotch
8 Storytime, 10AM @ Plains	9 Board Meeting @ Ashland, 6 PM	10 Storytime 10 AM @ Ashland Staff Meeting Closed at 3:30 PM, both locations	11 Finals Café, after school until close, both locations	12 Finals Café, after school until close, both locations	13 Magic the Gathering, 11 am @ Plains Finals Café, 10am— 1pm, both locations
15 Storytime, 10AM @ Plains Letters to Frosty: Deadline to Submit Finals Café, after school until close, both locations	16 Finals Café, after school until close, both locations	17 Storytime 10 AM @ Ashland	18	19	20
22 No Storytime (resumes Jan. 5th) Winter Break STEAM Activities (both locations)	23 Winter Break STEAM Activities (both locations)	24 Closed at noon for Christmas Eve No Storytime (resumes Jan. 7th) Winter Break STEAM Activities (both locations)	25 Closed for Christmas Day	26 Winter Break STEAM Activities (both locations)	27 Winter Break STEAM Activities (both loca- tions)
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Key: Orange = For Kids Light Blue: Fun for Adults; Blue = Family Fun;
Purple = For Teens; Green = Library Outreach; Black = Regularly Scheduled Programming, Red = Special Notice

Read and Watch This!



Picture Book



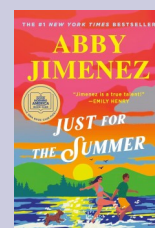
Young Adult



DVD



Non-Fiction



Libby Audiobook



Thriller



Sci-Fi



Happy Holidays from PSPLD! Holiday closures and programming changes.

12/22—1/3: STEAM Activities Drop in

12/22 & 24: Free Play at the Library, No Storytime

12/24: Closed at Noon, Christmas Eve

12/25: Closed, Christmas Day

12/29 & 31st: Free Play at the Library, No Storytime

12/31: Closed at Noon, New Year's Eve

1/1/26: Closed, New Year's Day



Winter Break at the Library!

Monday, 12/22 – Sat. 1/3

Looking for someplace FREE and FUN for family time over the Winter Break? Come Play at the Library!

This Winter Break we'll have toys, dramatic play, puzzles, and books available for the younger ones and STEAM projects and games to keep school-aged minds and hands busy! Visit either location and check it out. Happy Holidays!

Take Home a DIY Christmas Claw
Instruction Kit.



Make a Light Up Gift Tag!



Mermaids & Pirates Tea Party
December 6th 11 am —12:30 pm
@ Bayleaf & Butterscotch

Prairie Skies Library is setting sail with Bayleaf & Butterscotch for an "Adventure at Tea!" Dress as a mermaid, merman, a pirate, or come as you are. We'll play games, do crafts, go on a search for "lost treasure," and enjoy yummy treats from Bayleaf & Butterscotch. Please call 217-626-1553 or 217-476-3417 to register.



Finals Café Is Open: After School until Close



Thurs. 12/11—
Tues. 12/16,
Both Locations

Study for finals at the library! Group study or individual options available. Snacks provided; free Wi-Fi.

SEND YOUR CHILD

A Letter From
Frosty!

Drop by either location to fill out a form and your child (or grand child) will get a letter from Frosty just in time for the holidays!

Deadline of Dec. 15th!



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Ashland - (217)476-3417

125 W. Editor St. Ashland, IL 62612

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 9 am – 5 pm

Tuesday 9 am – 7 pm

Plains - (217)626-1553

555 Buckeye Rd. Pleasant Plains, IL 62677

Mon. – Wed. & Fri. 9 am–5 pm

Thursday 9 am – 7 pm

Both Locations: Saturdays 10am–1 pm, CLOSED ON SUNDAYS



At Your Library

Friends of the Library: Doing Good in Your Neighborhood!

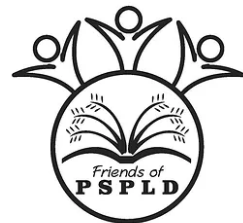
Friends of the Library does more than raise money and provide support to Prairie Skies Public Library District (PSPLD). They also support worthwhile community projects!

This year, the Friends voted to donate:

- \$200 for Santa table gifts to Ashland's Christmas in the Village celebration.
- \$200 to the Helping Hands Food Pantry in Pleasant Plains.
- \$100 to the Dr. Charles Schweighauser Astronomy Fund at UIS. Dr. Schweighauser was the 2020 Best Friend honoree. The Best Friend award is given to outstanding supporters of PSPLD.

We are grateful for the dedication and generosity of our Friends! If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, call the library or stop in. Better yet,

come to the next meeting in April 2026! Watch for "Save the Date" information in future newsletters.



The Friends of the Library meet on a quarterly basis. Guests and new members are always welcome, and donations of time, talent and funds are

The Friends of the Library is a non-profit, volunteer organization that supports library programming and raises funding for special library and community events.

Caregiver's Corner

Encouraging a spirit of giving during the holidays



For kids, the holidays may seem to be all about "the getting." They made a list, checked it twice, and we often spend the lead up to the holidays focusing on their "naughty or nice" behavior. But how can kids experience the gift of giving? Here's some ideas to try together!

1. Say thanks to the people who go "all in" with holiday decor. Is there a home your kids love to drive by during holiday time? Help your kids write a thank you!
2. Send holiday cards to nursing home residents. Let your kids decorate with stickers, pictures and messages that let residents know they are remembered.
3. Buy gifts for a family in need. Contact local non-profit organizations in your community and ask about programs for "adopting a family" during the holidays.
4. Make care kits for people without homes. Work together to assemble items like toothbrushes, toothpaste, gloves, hats, socks, tissues, and lip balm into a freezer bag with a holiday card or a kind message.
5. Send toys back with Santa. Encourage your kids to put toys they no longer play with in a bag under the tree so Santa can give them to another child to enjoy.
6. Practice gratitude. Spend time together each day taking note of the good things and wonderful people in our lives. Making gratitude a habit can be a gift in itself!



Sat. 12/13, 11 am @ Plains

Magic: The Gathering combines strategy, storytelling, and imagination to create a truly immersive experience for ages 12 and up! Younger players with experience in card game like Pokémon can also join.

Did you know? Magic: The Gathering has over 20,000 unique cards! With different abilities, spells, and creatures, each card adds strategic depth to the game, making it an ever-evolving experience.

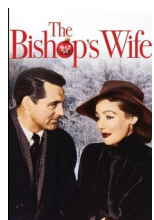
Rare Cards: Black Lotus and Mox Ruby.



Get in the Holiday Spirit with Christmas movies on Kanopy!



For Kids



Classic



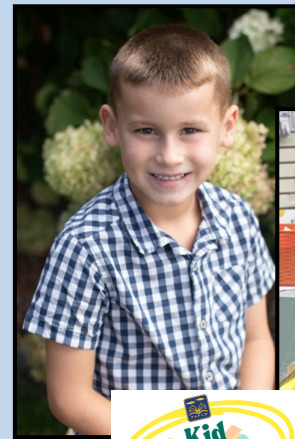
Documentary



Family (PG)



Congratulations to Reuben & Lucy Dudley! PSPLD Kid Librarians for December



We're excited to have our first Kid Librarian Duo, Reuben and Lucy Dudley! Reuben is 6 years old and loves playing outside and helping Dad on the farm. He enjoys learning about history and the armed forces. Lucy is 3 years old and loves to be outside, especially swinging on the swings.

Reuben and Lucy have lots of favorite books! Check out our display of some of their favorites on your next visit to the library. For every Kid Librarian we add a new book or resource to our shelves. Reuben chose *The Way of the Warrior Kid* by Jocco Willink. Lucy's pick is *Lola Dutch* by Kenneth and Sarah Jane Wright. We're excited to add these great books to our library shelves!

Do you know a child that loves reading and the library? Let us know. We'd like to honor them as a Kid (or Teen) Librarian!

Low-Key Crafting for Adults: Mitten Wall Decor



Drop in during December to make yours!

With scrapbook paper and embellishments you can make a cozy addition to your winter décor. All supplies, tools and directions provided. Gather supplies to make at home or bring a friend and sit and create at the library.



The Palace Project

E-Book App Replaces Boundless; Live on Dec. 2nd.

We are happy to share that the Palace Project E-book app will be up and running by December 2nd! This app replaces Boundless, which discontinued service on 11/17/25 due to the closure of its parent company, Baker & Taylor. Let us know what you think of the new app!



Around Your Town

Ashland

Christmas in the Village: Dec 13th, 5pm, Visit with Santa, and enjoy cookies, cocoa, and a small gift for the kids.



Pleasant Plains

PPCC Children's Store: Dec. 5th, 3—8pm (Santa visits from 5-8 pm), Dec. 6th, 12—5 pm, The Grainery Venue, 210 IL-125 Pleasant Plains

Clayville Visit from Santa: Dec. 6th, 10am—3 pm
Clayville Historic Site, 12828 Route 125 Pleasant Plains

Clayville Candlelight Tours, Dec. 12 & 13
Friday 5—9 pm; Saturday 3—9 pm
Clayville Historic Site

Do you have a community event or announcement to share? Please email your announcement or flyer to Jennifer Nass at pspldnass@yahoo.com. Submissions received before the 25th of each month will be included in following month's community page.

