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PONDERING SNOWFLAKES WAY TOO MUCH



* Snow is formed from water vapors in the cold clouds that have condensed into ice crystals. Ice crystals fasten themselves onto a dust speck. One crystal attaching to another forms a snowflake. Once the snowflake is heavy enough, it falls from the cloud. Usually a snowflake is formed from about 200 of these ice crystals. The size of a snowflake is determined by how many ice crystals join together. There's a famous saying that goes, "no two snowflakes are the same." That theory was debunked in 1988 when Nancy Knight, a scientist at the National Center for Atmosphere Research in Colorado, found two identical snowflakes that came from a storm out of Wisconsin. She found two. Well there is also the saying that "we all have a twin somewhere."

As snowflakes fall to the ground, they will each take their own unique journey, and that journey will determine what they look like. For example, they will look different depending how quickly they fall or whether they get caught in a blustery wind. Even two flakes floating side by side will each be blown through different levels of humidity and vapor to create a shape that is unique so when each one lands it will look different. The human eye is probably not able to see each little difference in the flake thus they all do resemble each other in our eyes.

Let's face it- we're probably all a little like a snowflake. Sometimes the differences in people are easy to see and at other times they can be invisible to the casual observer. We may grow up in the same town, attend the same school and mingle with the same groups and perhaps even participate in the same activities. We perceive people to be "just like us" when this commonness is identified. It would be a mistake to not make the attempt to look deeper at people. Everyone has journeyed through this earth on a different path and been blown by varying degrees of blustery winds. At times we can fall so peaceful and quietly to the ground that it produces a sense of wonderment and awe. Other times we are in a blizzard not of our own making and we resemble lake effect snow that can paralyze a city with its power.

One thing to remember is the snowflake is created by crystals attaching themselves together to form larger flakes. Sounds like no snowflake travels alone through its earthly journey.

I think I've been pondering snowflakes way too much. How about we all just grab ourselves a good book, a hot cup of cocoa, a cozy blanket and enjoy the falling snow with whomever we travel on this life journey. Oh, and a cuddly dog or a purring cat count as travel companions too! If you need a good book to travel with, the library can help with that. Here's hoping that your journey this season resembles a serene snowy day.

Judith Whittaker, Library Director

* information from: <https://www.farmersalmanac.com/what-is-snow>

NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

ADULT FICTION

ASHLEY FLOWERS	ALL GOOD PEOPLE HERE
PATRICIA P GOODIN	THE SANTA CLAUS GIRL
B. A PARIS	THE THERAPIST
KEVIN WILSON	NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO PANIC
DAVID LISS	THE DAY OF ATONEMENT
SEISHU HASE	THE BOY AND THE DOG
W.E.B GRIFFIN	DEVIL'S WEAPONS

ADULT NONFICTION

MUSTAFA AKYOL	REOPENING MUSLIM MINDS
AMBER TAMBLYN	LISTENING IN THE DARK

YA FICTION

SCOTT SPEER	IMMORTAL CITY
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JUNIOR FICTION

JOSEF BASTIAN	SHADOWS ON THE SILVER STRINGS
KACEN CALLENDER	MOONFLOWER
ADAM BORBA	OUTSIDE NOWHERE

CHILDRENS

AMY KORTUEM	A PRIDE OF LIONS
AMY KORTUEM	A HERD OF ELEPHANTS

LARGE PRINT

ANNE PERRY	MURDER ON THE SERPENTINE
PAULA MCLAIN	CIRCLING THE SUN
IRIS JOHANSEN	NIGHT AND DAY
DEBBIE MACOMBER	THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

DVD'S

NATIONAL PARKS COLLECTION
NAVAJO CODE TALKERS: JOURNEY OF REMEMBRANCE
PBS OCEAN ADVENTURES
AN AMERICAN CHRISTMAS CAROL

OUR LIBRARY OFFERS.... books, movies, audio books, newspapers, magazines, puzzles, DVDs, Makerspace Activities and six computers for patrons to use. One of those computers has adaptive devices for those who are visually impaired. We offer free high speed Wi-Fi for your own devices, printing from our computers, copying/ faxing service, Children's room with games and programs for every age. We have Adventure Passes to local attractions you can check out with a library card. There is a dedicated laptop and medical devices available to anyone to be used for a Telehealth visit. Please call ahead to reserve the Telehealth computer.

ADULT BOOK CLUB MONTHLY SELECTION

The Adult Book Club meets the third Thursday of every month at 11am. In December they will meet on the 15th. They will be discussing the book "A Cold Day in Hell" by Lissa Marie Redmond. New members are always welcome.

BOOK REVIEW: A Cold Day in Hell

A detective's complicated past catches up with her when she investigates a murder. Together with her partner, Shane Reese, Detective Lauren Riley of the Buffalo Police Department has a great record clearing cold cases. Now a hot one is about to change her life. Frank Violanti, a cocky lawyer who's been her enemy in many a court proceeding, begs her to use her PI license to investigate the murder of Katherine Vine, which took place outside of the Buffalo police jurisdiction. His godson, David Spencer, who admits to having had consensual sex with Katherine in her car, parked near the store where he works, shortly before she was strangled with her own scarf, has been arrested for the murder. Since Lauren's two daughters from her youthful first marriage are both in college, she has some time on her hands. Against her better judgment she takes the case, at least in part because the arresting officer is Joe Wheeler. During the short time she dated him after her first husband bailed, she realized that Wheeler was a bad cop who was physically abusive to her. Unchanged by time, he expresses his rage over her interference after the first court hearing by punching her in the face. Although Lauren divorced her second husband, Mark Hathaway, for cheating, their sexual chemistry flares up when they meet again despite Lauren's reservations. After Mark, who runs with the same crowd, tells Lauren that Katherine's wealthy, well-connected husband has been having an affair, she comes up with plenty of information casting doubt on the case against David but also learns a few unsettling facts about his past. Stalked by a furious Wheeler and harassed by the unhappy district attorney, Lauren has all she can do to keep her life together. The first in a planned series by Redmond, a retired police detective, is an excellent police procedural combined with a psychological thriller.

Review: <https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/lissa-marie-redmond/cold-day-hell/>

**There will be no Potluck Breakfast
In December. It will resume in January!**

Book Highlights of the Month

ADULT FICTION: WE ARE THE LIGHT BY MATTHEW QUICK

When it comes to facing tragedy and trauma, Quick's novel shows us that it definitely takes a village to heal and move on.

The author of *The Silver Linings Playbook* (2008) tells a story of unexpected twists and turns on the road to recovery after a shattering tragedy.

Lucas Goodgame is dealing with a lot. He's a high school counselor in Majestic, Pennsylvania, who survived a mass shooting in the town's historic theater. His wife, Darcy, was killed and has been transformed into an angel; his analyst, whose own wife was killed in the shooting, won't answer his desperate letters; and there's a kid camped in his yard who might hold the key to helping the town heal. Quick became a household name thanks to his debut novel and the 2012 Oscar-winning movie adaptation, and he's conjured a similar feeling of community and tender family affection here, with plenty of people helping Lucas cope with the unimaginable. That includes Jill, owner of the local coffee shop and his late wife's best friend. Jill feeds and cares for Lucas, and it's clear she wants more from him, but he's not ready—not when the angelic Darcy is visiting him at night, wrapping her wings around him and leaving feathers on his bed in the morning. But it's Eli, the shooter's younger brother, who has the greatest impact on Lucas' recovery. Eli is struggling with guilt—he saw his brother's behavior take a sinister turn and didn't warn anyone—and he pitches a tent behind his former counselor's house. Soon, inspired by Darcy's enigmatic words—"the boy is the way forward"—Lucas realizes that helping Eli make a monster movie for his senior class project just might help the teen, the traumatized survivors, and the town find meaning in the senseless deaths of 17 of its citizens. The novel is timely in light of what's taking place in the U.S. now, and some characters turn their grief into political activism, but that's not Quick's focus. He doesn't delve into issues like gun control or the shooter's motivations, which makes the story feel superficial at times. Instead, his focus is on Lucas' healing journey, the people who love him (we should all be so lucky), and how the mind makes "valiant attempts to protect us" until we're ready to deal with our losses.

Review by <https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/matthew-quick/we-are-the-light-quick/>

Pub Date: Nov. 1, 2022, Page Count: 256

Publisher: Avid Reader Press

Review Posted Online: July 27, 2022

ADULT NON FICTION: LISTENING IN THE DARK BY AMBER TAMBLYN

Genres: Essays, Short Stories, Feminism

Listening in the Dark breathes new life into an ancient wisdom by taking a fresh and powerful look at our relationship to intuition and how we can harness it to change our everyday lives and the world.

This remarkable anthology includes essays from Jessica Valenti, Lidia Yuknavitch, Jia Tolentino, Samantha Irby, Meredith Talusan, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Amy Poehler, America Ferrera, Ada Limón, Huma Abedin and many others, who all share how intuition has helped to shape and alter their life choices.

Have you ever had a feeling about something that you just couldn't explain, but knew was right or wrong? Something that was telling you in your gut what decision to make, which direction to go in, or what to believe? For generations, women have been taught to ignore their intuitive intelligence, whether in their personal lives or professional ones, in favor of making logical, evidence-based decisions. But what if that small voice or deeper knowing was our greatest gift, an untapped power we could use to effect positive change?

Edited by award-winning author, activist, and actress Amber Tamblyn, *Listening in the Dark* is a compilation of some of today's most striking women visionaries across industries—in literature, science, art, education, medicine, and politics—who share their experiences engaging with their own inner wisdom in pivotal, crossroad moments.

Filled with deeply personal and revelatory essays, *Listening in the Dark* will empower readers to reconnect with their own unique intuitive process, to see it as the precious resource it is, and to be unafraid to listen to all that it has to say and all that it has to offer.

Hardcover 280 pages First published October 18, 2022

Review by: <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/58677282-listening-in-the-dark>

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Monday and Wednesday

Yoga

5-6pm

BRING YOUR OWN YOGA MAT AND ENJOY SOME DOWN TIME PRACTICING YOGA EVERY MONDAY & WEDNESDAY FROM 5-6 PM
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PEARL HARBOR

Legacy of Attack

NARRATED BY TOM BROKAW

National Geographic

DOCUMENTARY FILM SHOWING

TUES DEC. 6th
6-7:30pm

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YARN WRAPPED CHRISTMAS TREES

TUESDAY
DEC 13
4-5PM

childrens craft

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CLASS SIZE LIMITED TO 12

BOOK CLUB

MEETS

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 15
11am

They will be discussing
"A Cold Day in Hell"
By Lissa Marie Redmond
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

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Operation Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

ARTHUR CHRISTMAS

THURSDAY
DEC. 15
5:30-7PM

ARTHUR CHRISTMAS
Family Friendly
Holiday Movie

How CAN Santa deliver billions of presents to the whole world in just one night? With an army of one million combat-style Field Elves and a vast, state-of-the-art control center under the ice of the North Pole! So how could this incredible operation have MISSED one child?! To Santa's young son, Arthur, it threatens to end the magic of Christmas. With retired Grandsanta, a rebellious young elf, an old sleigh and some untrained reindeer, Arthur sets out in a crazy mission to deliver the last present! Deck the halls with excitement, fun and wonder in this new Christmas classic!

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Breakfast with Santa

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SANTA HERE FROM 9-11AM
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EXCERPT TAKEN FROM :

HOLIDAY BOOK GIFTS FOR TWEENS FOR Ages 9 – 12 by Kari Ness Riedel

Kari Ness Riedel is a mom of two boys, and the founder of Bookopolis.com, an online community made especially for 7- to 12-year-old readers to share reviews of their favorite books with friends and help them find new ones. It's like Goodreads for kids with built in tools for educators & parents. Kari believes that there's a perfect book for every kid.

I'm a big believer in the "4 Gift Rule" for holiday giving: 1) Something they want, 2) Something they need, 3) Something to wear, and 4) Something to read. As the founder of Bookopolis.com, you can guess which one is my favorite. If you're unsure what book to get the young reader in your life, ask them questions about what movies they like, YouTube channels they follow, things they do in their free time, or the last book they enjoyed. Here are some 'kid-approved' picks for tween readers.

- **THE AREA 51 FILES BY JULIE BUXBAUM**

When Sky goes to live with her mysterious uncle, she doesn't know she will meet two new best friends — an alien and a hedgehog. Hilarious antics, lovable characters, and engaging artwork make this highly illustrated novel an excellent choice for kids who love series like The Last Kids on Earth.

- **TUMBLE BY CELIA C. PÉREZ**

An emotion-filled coming-of-age story about the power of family told from 12-year-old Addie Ramírez's perspective. When her stepfather offers to adopt her, she goes on a mission to uncover more about her biological family that leads to a journey of self-reflection and acceptance.

- **JENNIFER CHAN IS NOT ALONE BY TAE KELLER**

When middle schooler Jennifer Chan goes missing, her classmate Mallory becomes obsessed with finding her. The mystery of why Mallory cares so deeply slowly unfolds in this gripping story about friendship, bullying, being yourself, and... aliens. Sad yet hopeful, this beautifully written story tackles 'real kid issues' like belonging and identity in a kid-appropriate way.

- **FUTURELAND: BATTLE FOR THE PARK BY H.D. HUNTER,**

Imagine a theme park that lets you experience your wildest dreams — that's Futureland. When a few kids go missing from the park, the founders' son, Cam, embarks on a mission to find the kids and the truth. Part science-fiction, part mystery, this illustrated novel is a page-turning adventure perfect for fans of hero's journey story arcs.

- **HILO BOOK 1: THE BOY WHO CRASHED TO EARTH BY JUDD WINICK**

Young readers adore this humor-filled adventure tale that has a heartwarming friendship story at its core. When Hilo, a superhero robot, falls from the sky, he's befriended by two earthling kids, D.J. and Gina, and the trio must work together to save the planet. It's perfect for fans of series like Big Nate and Dog Man.

- **DRAGONS IN A BAG BY ZETTA ELLIOTT**

When 9-year-old Jaxon discovers that "Ma," the cranky old woman who babysits him, is actually a witch, he helps her deliver three baby dragons back to their magical world. Mystery, magic, and humor collide in this excellent fantasy series that weaves in themes like segregation, appreciating our differences, and belonging in an age-appropriate way.

- **THE ULTIMATE RIDDLE GAME FOR KIDS BY ZEITGEIST**

This book will keep kids of all ages laughing and problem-solving for hours. It offers a mix of "quick hitter" short riddles, math logic problems, and longer stories filled with more complex situations to solve. It is a fantastic gift to get the whole family's creative juices flowing.

- **WHEN YOU REACH ME BY REBECCA STEAD**

This perennial favorite for older tweens blends elements of science fiction and friendship drama with the twists and turns of a page-turning mystery. Miranda and Sal have been NYC neighbors and best friends forever. Suddenly, Sal starts doing out-of-character things (like punching another kid), and Miranda finds odd notes with mysterious messages about saving a life. The friends must work together to solve a puzzle and prevent a tragedy.

- **THE CITY OF EMBER BY JEANNE DUPRAU**

Ember is a city created by the Builders to harbor and protect the human race. But their utopia starts to crumble as food becomes scarce and energy less stable. Two young citizens, Lina and Doon, discover an ancient scroll that might hold the secret to escaping and saving the people of Ember. But will anybody listen? Suspense, adventure, and epic world-building make this a favorite for fans of dystopian stories. Available as a 'regular' book or graphic novel.



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LOOKING BACK

Do you recognize the big guy in red? He was caught snuggling with our library cat, Hemingway, when he visited in 2014.

Santa will be back on Saturday, December 17th from

9am-11am. You can enjoy a free pancake breakfast with him from 9-10:30am. Santa

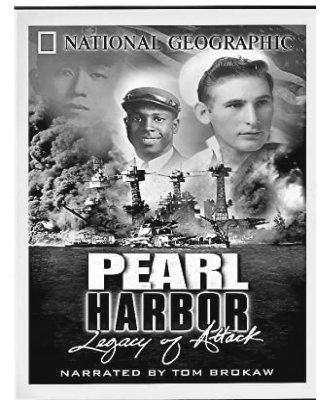
will be here until 11am for your children to visit and tell him their Christmas wishes. This is a free breakfast but registration is required as seating is limited to 50. Please call 716-287-2945 by December 8th to register.



**Library Will Be closed
Saturday Dec. 24th &
Monday Dec. 26th
for the Christmas Holiday**

FILM SHOWING: PEARL HARBOR; Legacy of Attack

After one of the most notorious sneak attacks in military history, join National Geographic for an exploration of the still unsolved mysteries and startling true stories behind the "day of infamy" that plunged the United States into World War II. Set sail with Dr. Robert Ballard, discoverer of the Titanic, in search of a sunken Japanese midget submarine that could have changed history. Relive the momentous battle through American and Japanese eyewitness accounts, and see the haunting, first-ever images captured inside the sunken hull of the U.S.S. Arizona battleship. Experience the real story of December 7, 1941, as only National Geographic can tell it. Narrated by Tom Brokaw. Showing Tuesday December 6th from 6-7:30pm. No registration required.



WINTER QUOTES

We hope you'll enjoy these winter quotes from famous authors. They will help you feel ready for that first cold snap and usher in the season. So enjoy the season and appreciate the beauty of winter while you can!

What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness. *-John Steinbeck*

In the depth of winter, I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer. *- Albert Camus*

In the winter she curls up around a good book and dreams away the cold. *-Ben Aaronovitch*

My old grandmother always used to say, Summer friends will melt away like summer snows, but winter friends are friends forever.

-George R.R. Martin

Thank goodness for the first snow, it was a reminder—no matter how old you became and how much you'd seen, things could still be new if you were willing to believe they still mattered.

Candace Bushnell

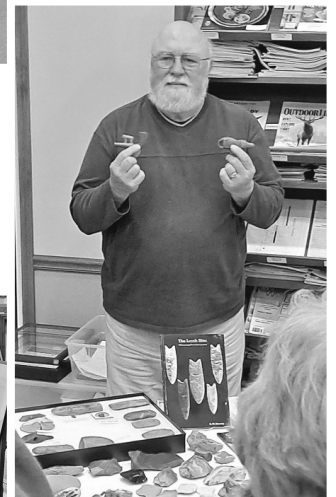
AROUND THE LIBRARY!



ADULTS AND KIDS ALIKE HAD FUN MAKING SOCK GNOMES!




WE HAD A NICE CROWD COME OUT ON A SNOWY NIGHT TO HEAR HISTORIAN VINCE MARTONIS PRESENTATION OF "PREHISTORIC CULTURES OF WNY".



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4	5 11am–1pm Craft Group 5-6pm Yoga	6 1-3pm Cribbage 6:30–7:30pm Film; Pearl Harbor: Legacy of Attack	7 5-6pm Yoga	8	9	10 10am– noon Live Greens Holiday Centerpiece Workshop For adults
11	12 5-6pm Yoga	13 1-3pm Cribbage 4-5:00pm Craft for kids: Yarn Wrapped Christmas Trees	14 5-6 pm Yoga	15 11am Book Club 5:30–6:45pm Christmas Movie; Arthur Christmas	16	17 9-11am Pancake Breakfast with Santa
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