



Winter 2024

*Alexander Friends of the Library's*

# ***Star Chronicle***

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**From Alexander's friends President, Jennifer Beckham:**

**Happy Winter time!**

It's time to renew your membership. Be sure to bring your application card by to get your discount card at any of the library branches. There has been lots of activities going on at all 3 Library branches over the past few months. From storytime for preschoolers, evening storytime for all ages and even storytime for babies! Be sure to bring your littles for fun stories and crafts! Christmas time was very exciting when Santa stopped by to visit and kids enjoyed a Christmas scavenger hunt. The Christmas tea and Holiday Soiree were a big success with fun crafts, beautiful music, and delicious treats. Be sure to check out the calendars below for upcoming events, there is lots going on this month. Also, see a photo below of the Little Free Library.



As always, we are accepting donations of books for the book sale. We are especially in need of children's books since almost all were sold at the last sale.

# **The next Friends meeting will be held on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Taylorsville library.**

Hope to see you there!

## **Taylorsville Branch Happenings:**

Get ready! Story time is starting back Thursday and Friday at 10:00am with the theme Let's Move!

Need a break from all the moving? Join us for a more relaxing time for coffee break from 9:00am-11:00am every Wednesday.

We are also excited to announce our new book club - Rather Eclectic And Daring (READ) book club that will be meeting on January 18th at 5:15pm

Our role playing game will be meeting on January 6th from 10:00am-2:00pm

Therapy dogs are back and ready to hear stories! Be sure to stop in and see our furry friends on January 9th 4:30-5:30pm and January 23rd from 4:30-5:30pm

Our branch had a successful staff training day in November. Special thanks to Shannon Childers who training staff in essential areas of health care such as first aid, CPR, and substance use disorders.

We also had a wonderful Christmas celebration with none other than Santa Claus! The children also participated in a library scavenger hunt with prizes, treats, and hot chocolate. While the adults enjoyed their coffee.

Our annual Christmas tea was also a success. Patrons enjoyed live music, refreshments and good company.

We also had a successful Movie Monday and teen craft night in November and we had a magnificent Halloween parade in October. We are so thankful for our sponsors who made it possible!



# January

# 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 CLOSED HAPPY New Year	2	3 Coffee Break Wednesdays 9-11am	4 STORYTIME 10:00 A.M. Pokeron Club 5-6:30pm	5 STORYTIME 10:00 A.M. LET'S MOVE	6 RPG (Role-Playing Game): The Adventure Begins 10 - 2pm	7
8	9 READ TO THERAPY DOGS 4:30-5:30 PM	10 Coffee Break Wednesdays 9-11am	11 STORYTIME 10:00 A.M. TRANSPOR- TATION	12 STORYTIME 10:00 A.M. TRANSPOR- TATION	13 PUZZLE THROW DOWN! JANUARY 13 10:30 A.M.	14
15 CLOSED MLK DAY	16	17 Coffee Break Wednesdays 9-11am	18 STORYTIME 10:00 A.M. R. E. A. D. Rather Eclectic And Daring 5:15 p.m.	19 STORYTIME 10:00 A.M. SNOW (SENSORY)	20	21
22	23 READ TO THERAPY DOGS 4:30-5:30 PM	24 tiny tots story time 10am birth-2	25 STORYTIME 10:00 A.M. Evening Storytime January 25th 5:30-6:30	26 STORYTIME 10:00 A.M. SILLY STORYTIME	27	28
29	30	31 Coffee Break Wednesdays 9-11am				

## Notes

"A LITTLE MAGIC CAN  
TAKE YOU A LONG WAY."

- JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH,  
ROALD DAHL.

R. E. A. D.  
Rather Eclectic And Daring  
Jan. 18 5:15 p.m.

tiny tots  
story time  
10am birth-2



StoryTime  
Thu/ Fri @ 10:00 AM

PUZZLE THROW DOWN!  
JANUARY 13  
10:30 A.M.

## Stony Point Branch Happenings:

Celebrated winter holiday season with Holiday Soiree event on Tuesday, December 12. Served refreshments (deli party tray, baked goods, trail mix, hot cocoa, tea). Great turnout from patrons and community members!

Wonderful to have Library Director Laura Crooks play harp and serenade us throughout the afternoon and evening. Patrons delightfully shocked to hear such lovely, live music filling the library!



**Beaded snowflake craft**



**Alexander Friends of the Library President Jennifer Beckham and nephew JC**

All are welcome to make a beaded snowflake ornament of their own throughout the month of January. (Maybe it will bring us some snow?!)



Library staff Melissa, Sarah, and Janet, and Director Laura playing the harp



Much thanks to our generous neighbors at the Alexander County Senior Center for their art decorating our library walls again for the season! Come see the new installation of their marvelous handiwork!



Help to warm up the branch by adding your personal touch to our community wall art quilt.  
There is an empty space just waiting to be filled!

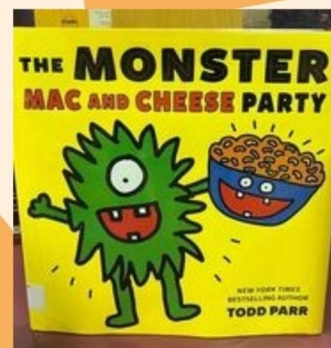


Restarting Storytime weekly on new day and time in afternoon: Tuesdays @ 3:30 p.m., starting January 16. Calling it, "Snackin' Storytime." A snack will be provided to enjoy during Storytime. Stories, songs, dancing, and more! Encourage older siblings and friends to come as well. We have video games, board games, and other activities! As usual, stay up to date with the latest happenings at our branch on Facebook @StonyPointBranchLibrary!

**SNACKIN'  
STORYTIME**

**3:30 pm every  
Tuesday afternoon  
@ Stony Point  
Branch Library!**

**Join us for a  
Lip Smackin'  
Story Crackin'  
Good Time!**



**All ages are welcome!**

## Bethlehem Branch Happenings:

Santa visited the Bethlehem branch December 18th! We had a lot of good children who had the opportunity to ensure that Santa knew it too!

We have multiple clubs including the elementary, middle, and high school book clubs.

Furthermore, we also have adult book club and Pokémon club as well!

- Coffee break is Wednesdays 9:00am-11:00am
- Storytime is held on Mondays at 10:00am
- Sit and knit is January 9th at 5:00pm and January 12th at 1:30pm
- There will be a free movie on January 11th at 5pm. Popcorn and drinks will be available!

We also has a very beautiful Christmas celebration with special thanks to our musicians Terry Edward (guitar), Bob Knight (Violin), and Brooklyn Moretz our 8 year old violinist!

**Bethlehem Branch Library**  
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# January 2024

### PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE!

**Preschool Elementary Teens Adults**

We have board games for hours of family fun.

Stop in and read the daily newspapers, magazines, or use the Internet.  
Print copies of your documents starting at .10cents.

#### Library Hours

Mon. 9am - 2pm  
Tue. 12pm - 7pm  
Wed. 9am - 2pm  
Thur. 12pm - 7pm  
Fri. 12pm - 5pm

**Preschool Storytime**  
**Bethlehem Branch**  
Monday @ 10 AM



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>Library Closed for New Years Day</b>	2 <b>High School Book Club</b> @ 5:30 - 6:30pm	3 <b>Break for coffee 9 - 11 am SENIOR BINGO!</b> 10 - 11am	4	5	6
7	8 <b>Storytime @ 10 AM</b>	9 <b>Sit &amp; Knit @5pm Middle School Book Club</b> Grades 6 - 8th 5:30 - 6:30pm	10 <b>Break for coffee 9 - 11 am</b>	11 <b>FREE Movie @ 5 PM</b>	12 <b>Sit &amp; Knit @ 1:30 PM</b>	13
14	15 <b>Library Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.</b>	16 <b>POKEMON</b> 5:30 - 6:30pm	17 <b>Break for coffee 9 - 11 am Canasta @11:30am</b>	18 <b>Adult Book Club 5:30 - 6:30 PM</b> <b>Elementary Book Club 5:30 - 6:30 PM</b>	19	20
21	22 <b>Storytime @ 10 am</b>	23	24 <b>Break for coffee 9 - 11 am</b>	25	26	27
28	29 <b>Storytime @ 10 am</b>	30	31			

#### Games at the library

Yahtzee, Scrabble, Toss Across, Jenga, UNO, Phase10, Life, Sorry, Don't Brake The Ice, Trouble, Chutes and Ladders, Checkers, Skip-Bo, Tick-Tac-Toe and more!

Plan a game date at the library! Games for all ages.



Free Movie showing Thursday  
January 11th @5:00pm  
Popcorn & drink provided

**MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK GROUP**

Meets Tuesday  
Jan. 9th  
@ 5:30 PM



Grades 9 - 12<sup>th</sup>  
Meets the first Tue.  
every month  
5:30 - 6:30pm

Kid's book club for grades 2 - 5  
Thur. @5:30pm  
They are reading



Tues. 9th, 5-6:30 PM & Fri. 12th @ 1:30PM  
Loom knitting kits & yarn are available. People come, make the hats & we donate them in the community as a mission project.  
Ages 9 yrs. - adults.  
Beginners or advanced



**Monthly Book Club**

You are invited to Bethlehem Branch Library Enjoy adult book discussions and refreshments  
3rd Thursday of every month  
5:30 - 6:30pm



**Edited by: Joleen Beckham**

### Friends of the Library - Taylorsville Officers:

President Jennifer Beckham, Vice President Hazel Yoder, Treasurer Phil Whitaker, Secretary Shelia Ellis, Members at large Dave Baseler, Denise Dyson, Hannah Thompson.