

# WINTER PROGRAM GUIDE

2024 - 2025

## HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

Light Up the Night Parade at 5:30pm

Hot Cocoa on the Lower Level of the Library provided by the Friends of Ida Public Library

Sing-A-Long in the Library at 5:30 - 6:30pm

- Visit us for a sing-a-long with Nashville Recording Artist Alicia Smith on the lower level

Winter Picture Bingo

- Join us for two sessions of Bingo at 6:30pm & 7:15pm

The Library will be open until 8pm

## IDA AT RIVERS EDGE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3RD 1PM-3PM

Come burn off some energy at the Ida Open Gym! Your library card gets you into Rivers Edge.



Ida Public  
LIBRARY  
Belvidere, IL



## HOURS

*Monday - Thursday  
10am - 8pm*

*Friday - Saturday  
10am - 5pm*

*320 N. State St.  
Belvidere IL 61008*

*815-544-3838*

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## Holiday & Winter Weather Hours

Give us a call, find us on social media or check out our website to get our most current holiday hours!



## WARM UP WITH FAMILY ZUMBA

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH 11:00AM**

Come warm up with Family Zumba with Cecila from Cecila's Zumba Fitness! Get active, have fun, and spend time with family in this no cost Zumba class. **Registration Required.**



## HOLIDAY FAMILY HANGOUT

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23RD 1PM-3PM**

Drop by the library for our Family Holiday Hangout! We will have board games, coloring, and more.



## FAMILY GAME TIME!

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27TH 10:30-11:30AM**

Grab your family or friends and warm up at the library with some games. No registration is required. Just drop by, pick out a board game, card game or puzzle to play at the library!



## IDA AT RIVERS EDGE

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 3RD 1PM-3PM**

Come burn off some energy at the Ida Open Gym! Your library card gets you into Rivers Edge (1151 W. Locust St. Belvidere IL) for Open Gym and Rockwall Climbing on January 3rd from 1 to 3pm.

VISIT THE LIBRARY ANYTIME FOR

Youth Computers, Games, iSpy and Scavenger Hunt Challenge and more!

**MAKE YOUR OWN 2025 TIME CAPSULE  
MONDAY JANUARY 6TH 6PM - 7PM**

Ring in the new year with us by creating your own 2025 time capsule. We will provide the decorations; you provide as much memorabilia as you can fit in a shoebox.



**Registration is required.**

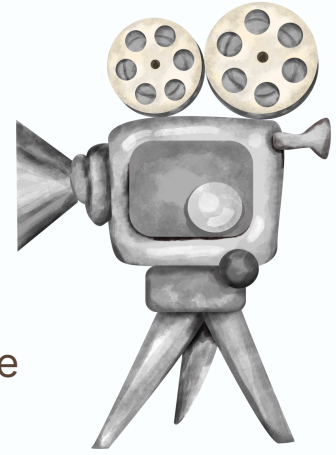
**FAMILY MONEY SMARTS  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28TH 6PM**



Join us for FDIC Family Money Smarts with the experts at Rockford Community Bank. This workshop is perfect for families looking to learn about money and finances in an age-appropriate way. **Registration is required.**

**HISTORIC MOVIE NIGHT  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH 5:30PM**

Explore life during and after the Civil War as a woman not so different from our library's namesake, Ida Fuller, struggles to find her place in an overbearing world in this movie showing of Little Women. No registration required. Just drop in.



**K9 UNIT DEMONSTRATION  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH 6PM**

All ages are welcome to join us and the Boone County Sheriff's Department for demonstration with their incredible K9s! **Registration is Required.**



## STORYTIMES

### STORY SPROUTS

**WEDNESDAYS 10:30AM**

Join us on Wednesday mornings on the lower level in the meeting room! This weekly program is perfect for your preschool-aged reader to engage in literacy, activities, learning and fun with friends. No registration required.



### OPEN PLAY & TINY TALES 1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS 10:30AM

When there is no Tiny Tales Storytime, you and your little one(s) can still drop by for an open play session! Play, read, and interact with one another!

Tiny Tales storytime is for Ida's tiniest readers to socialize and engage in early literacy. Both sessions are designed for babies from newborn to two and their caregiver(s). No registration required.

### CLUB NEXT

**FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 3:00-4:00 (EXCEPT DEC)**

Join us for Club Next! We will have different games, crafting materials, Hour of Code games, and activities for you to do while you hang out at the library. Each session, we will also have a themed (but optional) activity. No registration required.



### CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE BOOK CLUB

**2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH (3:30-4:30)**

**CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE®**

Register to join our Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club! This is a read-aloud style book club where a new book is read each session, and the adventurers decide which path the group should take.

After we read the book, we will do a short activity. Collect all of your adventure stamps along the way to earn a prize! This CYOA Book Club is designed for readers (3rd-6th Grade) **Registration is Required.**

JULIE'S DIAMOND ART FOR KIDS

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH 6 - 7PM**

Julie's here with a fun Christmas Diamond Art ornament craft for Youth! Open to ages 7 to 16 with adult supervision. Space is limited to 30 so sign up early. Each child needs to be registered separately. **Registration Required.**

NEW YEARS EVE TAKE HOME KIT


**AVAILABLE STARTING DECEMBER 28TH**

Whether you're celebrating at 12 pm or 12 am, register to get a New Years Eve Take Home Kit. One kit per child. **Registration Required.**



LITTLE SWEETHEART DANCE FOR BABIES & TODDLERS

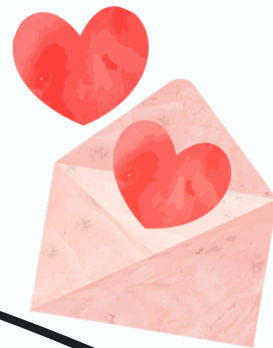
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH 10:30AM OR 4:30PM**

 Dance your heart out at our Little Sweetheart Dance for Babies and Toddlers! This dance is designed for youth ages 0-3. We will have music, dancing, a photo op, and toys to play with! Space is limited. **Registration is required.**

PRESCHOOL VALENTINES DAY PARTY

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH 10:30AM OR 5:30PM**

Join us for a special Valentine's Day Party for Preschoolers! We will have a photo op, a craft, dancing and more. All materials will be provided. Space is limited. **Registration is required.**



PRESCHOOL SNOWY STEAM

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23RD 3:30-4:30PM**

What better way to warm up than some indoor Snowy STEAM? Register to join us for wintry STEAM activities. This program is designed for youth ages preschool to 2nd grade. **Registration is Required.**



YOUTH & FAMILY MOVIE SHOWINGS  
THE GRINCH (ILLUMINATIONS)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23RD 4PM**

FROZEN II

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2ND - 2PM**

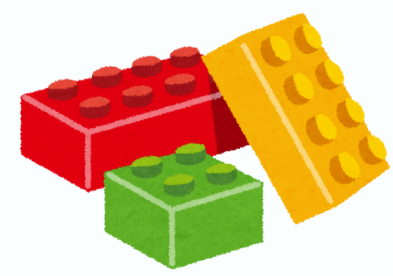


CHECK OUR WEBSITE & OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FOR MORE POP UP MOVIES

BUILDERS CLUB

**2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 3:30PM**

Join Ida's Builder's Club where you can show off your creativity by building with LEGOs and Keva Planks. We will have different challenges, pins, themes, and contests along the way in this once a month Builders Club!



FREE BUILD FRIDAY

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27TH 1PM - 3PM**

Beat the cold weather and build with us! We will be having an open build time for youth at the library. Come build whatever you'd like with LEGO bricks and Keva planks.

CANDYLAND CODING

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH 3:30 - 4:30PM**



Can you code your way through Candyland? Spots are limited so register early! This program is designated for youth between the ages of 3rd - 6th grade. **Registration is Required.** Space is Limited.



DISCOUNTS WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD  
WITH EXPLORE MORE ILLINOIS

Explore More Illinois allows you to receive discounts to different events, museums, etc. with your library card! Find Explore More IL on our website or at <https://exploremore.quipugroup.net/?Ida>



## TEEN ONLY HANGOUTS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28TH 1PM - 2:30PM**

New Years means new intentions and goals. New routine, new hobbies, new style? Come create your 2025 vision board to help you manifest the new you. **Registration Required**



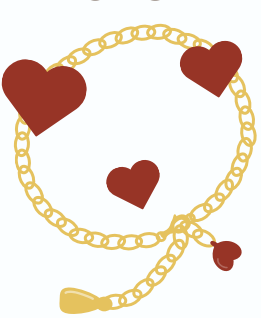
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9TH 6PM - 7PM**

New year, new tote! Everyone loved our fall paint a tote so come on back for more. Decorate a brand new tote to help carry all your new years hobbies! **Registration is Required.**



**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH 5:30PM - 7PM**

Valentine's Day is here! Decorate a personalized charm bracelet for your valentine or as a gift to yourself. We will have charms and chains for you to choose from with a valentines romcom playing in the background. It is first come first serve and **registration required.**



## TEEN ONLY MOVIE SHOWINGS

Come relax for Teen Movie Nights. Movies, Snacks, Activities and a relaxing space for you and your friends! No Registration Required.



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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH 6PM**

THE GREAT GATSBY

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2ND 6PM**

10 THINGS I HATE ABOUT YOU

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH 6PM**



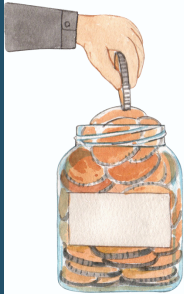
TEENS



## FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS:

### YOUR SPENDING AND SAVING PLAN

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH 6PM**



Get your Spending and Saving Plans ready for the approaching new year with Rockford Community Bank. This FDIC workshop will go over how to create a spending and saving plan, ways to increase income and decrease expenses. **Registration Required.**

### PAYING FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23RD 6PM**

Prepare for your future Education and Training with this workshop by Rockford Community Bank! Explore the benefits, costs, and differences of post-high school education and training with this FDIC Workshop. **Registration is Required.**

### LIVING ON YOUR OWN

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH 6PM**

Join us at the library as Rockford Community Bank presents a FDIC designed workshop on Living on your Own for teens and young adults! This workshop will help you figure out what you need and what your housing options are.

**Registration is Required.**

## TEEN & YOUNG ADULT RESOURCES

College preparation, career readiness, adult core skills, and more available on our website!

Visit [idapubliclibrary.org](http://idapubliclibrary.org), click on Resources (without a library card) and select EBSCO Learning Express to access FREE practice tests, tutorials, ebooks, and more! \*Set up an account with your email address to track your progress but no library card is needed.



**BYOB BOOK CLUB****3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH 3PM**

Read whatever you like in this fun, social club. Then, join us every month on the first Monday at 3 pm to discuss your favorite reads. It's a great way to build your reading list! No registration required, just drop in.

**MYSTERY BOOK CLUB****4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH 10:30AM**

Do you love a good mystery? If so, come and join us at the library for our Ida's Mystery Book Club. Each month we will meet to discuss a chosen book and give our thoughts and opinions on each book. Register online to save your spot and find out about our next book. Books will be available to check out at the upper level circulation desk. **Registration Required.**

**TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB****3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 6PM**

Are you a True Crime junkie? If so, join our book club! Every month we will get together to discuss a True Crime book & share our thoughts on the case! Books will be available to check out at the upper level circulation desk.

**SCI-FI/FANTASY BOOK CLUB****LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH 6PM**

Escape into another world with us on the last Monday of every month, at 6pm, as we discuss a different Sci-Fi/Fantasy novel. Whether or not that world is any better than our own is for you to decide. Books will be available to check out at the upper level circulation desk.

**HOLIDAY MOVIE BINGO CARD**

'Tis the season for a holiday movie marathon. Stuck in a rut with the same movies you watch every year? Bound by choice paralysis and don't know what movie to start with? Give yourself some inspiration by picking up a Holiday Movie Bingo Card. See how many you can watch before the season is over. Bring your card back in before the new year to have your name featured on Instagram and Facebook as one of our Bingo card finishers. December 1st - 31st

## CRAFT NIGHTS FOR ADULTS

## JULIE'S DIAMOND ART FOR ADULTS

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH 6 PM**

Julie's back with her addictive Diamond Art! This time we are making Christmas bookmarks. This program is for ages 16 and up. Space is limited so please sign up early. **Registration Required.**

## MACRAME HANGING JAR

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH 6PM**

Join us for a beginner friendly macramé project! We will be making a macramé hanging jar perfect for a tealight or plants. This craft is for adults only and all supplies will be provided. **Registration is required.**

## LIBRARY WINTER WINDOW CLING

**MONDAY, JANUARY 13TH 6PM**

Need some simple, themed decor for your home this winter? Come make a Library themed window cling to show off for the holidays. All supplies will be provided, just bring yourself. **Registration is required.**

## WINE GLASS PAINTING

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH 6 PM**

Our popular wine glass painting craft is back in time for Valentine's Day! Participants will be supplied with one wine glass to paint for yourself or for a gift along with paints and ribbon. You supply the creativity! **Registration required.** This fills up fast as many people attend in pairs so be sure to register quickly!



## CHAIR YOGA

**TUESDAY MORNINGS 10AM**

Start your Tuesday morning off right with Chair Yoga! This workout session is perfect for individuals of all different ages, stages, and physical ability. The stretching and breathing in these yoga inspired moves will help increase flexibility, mobility, and calming of the mind. Registration is Recommended.



## INTRO TO ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7TH 10AM**

Are you looking to try something new this year? Join Cecila from Cecila's Zumba Fitness at the library for an Adults only Zumba class at no cost to you. **Registration is required.**

## ALZHEIMERS LOWDOWN

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH 6PM**

Learn about the social, medical, and legal issues of Alzheimer's with representatives from the Alzheimer's Association and Prairie Legal Services. Topics include Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's; Treatments; Power of Attorney; Guardianship; and plenty of resources. **Registration Required.**

## A TASTE OF BOONE COUNTY

Do you have a favorite family recipe? Come share it with us for our Boone County Cookbook! Your family recipes will be preserved for future generations right here in Ida's Local History Collection. Please limit recipe submissions to 4 or less and include a picture of the dish if you have one. Recipe cards/pictures can be brought in person to be scanned, or they can be submitted via email to [localhistory@idapubliclibrary.org](mailto:localhistory@idapubliclibrary.org).

Submissions will be due by Jan 31.

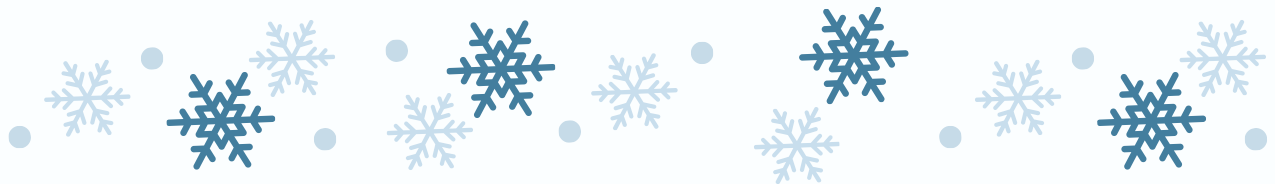


## WRITER WORKSHOP WITH AUTHOR DONNA KATHRYN KELLY

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND 6 PM**

Author Donna Kathryn Kelly presents "Cross-Examination, Closing Argument, & Credibility: How to Write Compelling Fiction & Poetry." Geared toward fiction writers, the program also includes tips for poetry writing and a writing exercise dealing with dialogue and character development.

The library will provide pen and paper. Donna Kathryn Kelly spent years as a criminal defense prosecutor in McHenry County and Northern Illinois and now devotes her time to fiction. She is the author of the Cheyton Manning series, a collection of suspense novels featuring an Illinois public defender turned amateur sleuth. **Registration Required.** Photo Credit: Linda M. Barrett Productions

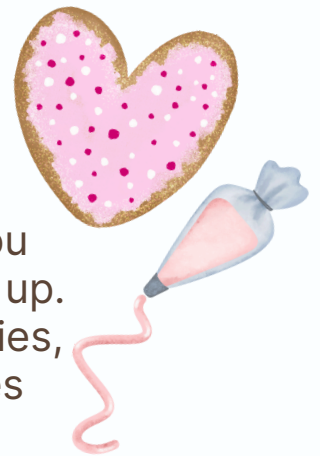


## VALENTINE'S COOKIE DECORATING

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD 6PM**

Erika from EK Cakery is here again this year for the fabulous Valentine's Cookie Decorating program. If you missed it the past few years, now is the time to sign up. Each participant gets a pack with 3 Valentine's cookies, icing, decorations and shares her tips and techniques to help you create sweet Valentine's treats!

**Registration limited to 30; sign up soon!**



## ACADEMY AWARDS PREDICTION "DRAFT"

Attention movie snobs! Prove your superiority in Ida's first annual Academy Awards Prediction "Draft". Fill out one of our Prediction Forms to guess nominees and winners for each category in this year's Oscar cycle. Forms will be available in February and will be due before the Oscar premiere, March 2.



# ONE ON ONE SERVICES

## HISTORIC PHOTO DIGITIZATION SERVICE

Do you have old photos and worry about preserving them? Call to make an appointment with our Local History Specialist to preserve your photos digitally. Please limit submissions to no more than 100 at a time.

## ESL ONE ON ONE

Do you want to improve your English skills? If so, please stop by or call to make an appointment with Belena at 815-544-3838.

## IT HELP BY APPOINTMENT

Do you need personalized help filling out your information on a website? Do you have a major problem with your laptop or electronic device? Call to schedule an appointment with Tim at 815-544-3838.

## IDA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE



The Ida Public Library's Bookmobile is an on-the-go extension of the library! You can check out adult, teen, and children's books and other materials such as movies and Play-aways on the Bookmobile! You can also return items from the library to the Bookmobile and visa-versa!

As winter approaches, we will likely have some weather related schedule changes. Be sure to give us a call at the library or check out our website to get the most up to date schedule at [idapubliclibrary.org](http://idapubliclibrary.org) > Bookmobile

## GET CONNECTED!

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# ONGOING SERVICES

## FINDING YOUR PAST

Looking for your Belvidere/Boone County ancestors and don't know where to start? Wondering who lived in your house once upon a time? Let our local history department help you Find Your Past. Complete a request form on our website or stop by the library for more information.

## DIAL A STORY

Ida Public Library has Dial a Story! Call 815-668-0668 and select the story you would like to hear from the menu. Anytime. Anywhere.

## WE DO LICENSE PLATE STICKER RENEWALS!

You can renew your Illinois License Plate sticker right here in our library during our normal business hours. Read a book or magazine, browse, or sit and relax in the quiet while you wait! There will be an additional fee of \$9.50 applied. A portion of this fee will go to support the library.



## NOTARY SERVICES

We offer notary service by appointment. There is a fee of \$3 for the first page, and \$1 per additional page. Please call the library to schedule an appointment. Valid photo ID is required.

## BLESSING BOX

Ida Public Library has a blessing box located in front of the building, off of North State Street. If you are in need of toiletries or non-perishable food items, you are welcome to visit it. If you would like to donate to it, you are welcome to do that also!

## YOUR LIBRARY AT HOME

Explore thousands of audiobooks, ebooks, e-comics, and streaming movies FREE with your Ida Public Library card! Hoopla, Boundless and Libby both have apps that are perfect for a tablet or mobile device! Download the app, enter your library card information and you are set!



## PLAY-AWAYS & TRANSMITTERS

Play-aways are pre-loaded audiobooks that do not need internet or Wi-Fi to listen to! We also have transmitters for check out which allows you to listen to the Playaway through your hearing aids if you have them! Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk on the 2nd floor or stop by our Bookmobile to check one out today!

# INFORMATIONAL

## JOIN THE FRIENDS OF IDA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends of Ida Public Library invite you to join them as they conduct fundraisers, book sales, and more to help benefit Ida Public Library and its patrons! Members also get first access at the book sales hosted by the Friends. An Individual Membership is \$10 & a Family Membership is \$15. Additional memberships available. Feel free to visit their Facebook Page at Friends of Ida or [idapubliclibrary.org/friends-of-the-library/](http://idapubliclibrary.org/friends-of-the-library/) for more information!

### LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

6PM - FOURTH TUESDAY (1/28, 2/25)  
No Meeting for December

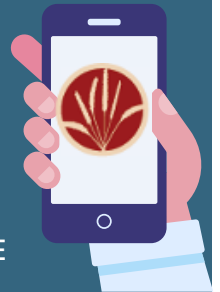
Meetings are open to the public. If you would like to make a comment, please contact the library director by calling the library or emailing [director@idapubliclibrary.org](mailto:director@idapubliclibrary.org).

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### LIBRARY CLOSURES

We will be closed on 12/25, 12/26, 01/01, 01/20, and 02/17. We may open late, or have unexpected closures on select dates, for staff trainings or inclement weather. Please see our Facebook page or call for upcoming closures and current hours.

### PHOTOGRAPHY NOTICE

Library staff may take photos or videos during events to share on library social media. If you do not wish to be photographed, please let staff know before the event.

### WORLDCAT

Ida Public Library is a member of the World Cat Library.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Any person needing an accommodation for a disability in order to access the benefits of the library's services, programs, or activities under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the library staff. Any person needing an accommodation for a disability in order to attend a meeting at the library should contact the library by telephone or in writing, no less than five (5) working days prior to the meeting

### EBSCO LEARNING EXPRESS

EBSCO Learning Express provides tutorials, practice tests, and more for different high school, college, and vocational programs for FREE! Check out [idapubliclibrary.org](http://idapubliclibrary.org) to access these great services!

### BOOK DONATIONS

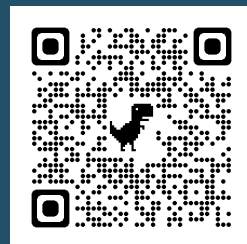
We are accepting book donations for our Friends Booksale!



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### LIBRARY HOURS

10AM - 8PM Monday - Thursday  
10 AM - 5 PM Friday - Saturday  
CLOSED Sunday



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# COZY WINTER BINGO!

Fill out our Cozy Winter Bingo Card with us! Cross off each square as you complete it. Want an even bigger challenge? Try completing all squares giving yourself a blackout card! Turn in your completed bingo card, by February 24th, for small prize!

GO ICE SKATING OR WATCH IT	CHECK OUT A LIBRARY BOOK	VISIT THE BOOK-MOBILE	READ A BOOK WITH BLUE ON THE COVER	DO A CRAFT
LISTEN TO AN AUDIO BOOK	DRINK HOT COCOA	READ A FICTION BOOK	ATTEND A LIBRARY PROGRAM	WATCH A WINTER SPORT
ATTEND A HOLIDAY EVENT	READ A NON-FICTION BOOK	 Ida Public LIBRARY Belvidere, IL	WATCH A WINTER OR HOLIDAY MOVIE	COOK/BAKE A RECIPE FROM A COOKBOOK
PLAY A BOARD GAME	READ ON A SNOWY DAY	READ A BOOK FROM A LIBRARY DISPLAY	VISIT THE IDA PUBLIC LIBRARY	READ A BOOK FROM THE BOTTOM SHELF
READ A BOOK THAT BECAME A MOVIE	BUILD A SNOWMAN	ATTEND A LIBRARY PROGRAM	READ A BOOK FROM A SERIES	WATCH THE SNOW FALL