

Basehor Community Library



December 2017

Santa Express Mailbox

Available through Sunday, December 17th

The Basehor Library and the North Pole are sponsoring the "Santa Express" Mailbox. It will be at the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting on November 30th at 5:30 pm located by Sutton Law Firm, so you can drop off your letter to Santa Claus! The Mailbox will also be available at the Basehor Library through December 17th. *To get a return letter from Santa, children must include their name, age and return address.*



2nd Annual Friends

Holiday Cookie Exchange

Saturday, December 9 @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Friends members* are invited to a Holiday Cookie Exchange at the Basehor Library. **Please bring 6 dozen cookies to share.** One dozen will be for sampling and you will leave with 5 dozen different cookies! **RSVP by December 7th with your recipe to friends@basehorlibrary.org so we can share with those who come.** Enjoy a warm drink, cookies and a chance to catch up with other Friends members. We'll also have prizes for most creative, prettiest and best tasting cookie. ***If you are not a member you can join for \$10 for an individual or \$30 for a family.**

Gingerbread House Craft

Monday, December 11th

4:30-5:30 pm **OR** 6:30-7:30 pm

Kindergarten-5th Grade

The wait is OVER! Our annual Gingerbread House event is here! Kids in Kindergarten-5th Grade will create their house using graham crackers, icing, candy, cookies, marshmallows, pretzels and lots of FUN! **No charge but registration is required. Registration begins Monday, December 4th.**



Brown Bag Films: "Waging a Living"

Wednesday, December 20 @ Noon

Please join us for our once-a-month film screening and discussion. The term "working poor" should be an oxymoron. If you work full time, you should not be poor, but more than 30 million Americans - one in four workers - are stuck in jobs that do not pay the basics for a decent life. *Waging a Living* chronicles the day-to-day battles of four low-wage earners fighting to lift their families out of poverty and offers a sobering view of the elusive American Dream. Please bring your lunch; the library will provide drinks. The film is 87 minutes long.



The Step-by-Step Approach to an Organized Life

This is the second part of a 4 part series helping you tackle your organization dilemmas one step at a time.

The P.E.A.C.E. Principle of Organization

Wednesday, January 3 @ 6:30 pm

Studies show that clutter and disorder negatively affect a person's physical and emotional well-being. This class, presented by Sheri Steed of Step-by-Step Design, emphasizes five foundational principles of organization, which can be universally applied to everything from time management to decluttering to downsizing. When consistently applied, these principles have the power to transform lives. **The class is free, but registration is required.**

Little Hats, Big Hearts

Would you like to crochet or knit a red baby hat for the American Heart Association's "Little Hats, Big Hearts" campaign? The Basehor Library is a drop off place! These little hats will be distributed to area hospitals to babies born in February, encouraging families to live heart healthy lives. **Deadline to receive hats is Wednesday, January 3rd.**

Handouts and patterns are available at the library. Also, you're invited to join our Hooks & Needles group on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month for help or company while you knit and crochet.



**We Are Closed: Sunday, December 24th & Monday, December 25th (Christmas Holiday)
Sunday, December 31st & Monday, January 1st (Happy New Year!)**

HOURS: Mon-Thurs 9am-8pm © Fri-Sat 9am-5pm © Sun 1pm-5pm

Adults

Hooks & Needles Crochet & Knitting Group

Thursday, December 7 @ 6:30-7:30 pm

Please note: There will not be a class on December 21st

Why stitch alone?! Grab your yarn, needles or hooks and join us while you work on your project in the company of others. Or maybe you're a beginner who wants to learn how to knit or crochet. Join us in a relaxed setting for good conversation and sharing of ideas and projects. All levels welcome. **Drop by for any class, no need to register.**



Coffee Klatch

Monday, December 11 @ 9:30-10:30 am

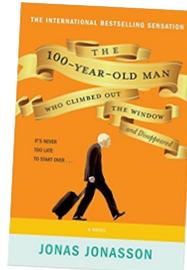
Come enjoy a cup of coffee while we share the books we have been reading! Laura will book talk some of the new books available at the Library. Discover a title or two you may have missed!

Thursday Evening Book Club

Thursday, December 28 @ 6:30-8:00 pm

The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared
by Jonas Jonasson

After a long and eventful life, Allan Karlsson ends up in a nursing home, believing it to be his last stop. The only problem is that he's still in good health, and in one day, he turns 100. A big celebration is in the works, but Allan really isn't interested... so he decides to escape. He climbs out the window in his slippers and embarks on a hilarious and entirely unexpected journey. It would be the adventure of a lifetime for anyone else, but Allan has a larger-than-life backstory: Not only has he witnessed some of the most important events of the twentieth century, but he has also played a key role in them. Quirky and utterly unique, *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* has charmed readers across the world. Copies of the book are available at the library. Please join us.



Final Friday Computer Class

Friday, December 29 @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Fear not the computer! The class is aimed at all skill levels and will be presented at a relaxed pace. Topics addressed will be based on your questions. The library has some fantastic tools to help you learn to master your computer. Let us share them with you! **Registration required.**



Adult Winter Read Challenge Make Winter Bearable Hibernate with a Good Book

Challenge starts Monday, January 8th

It's almost time for our annual Adult Winter Reading Challenge. Watch for details in our January newsletter.



Join in the Fun!

Mahjongg

Monday evenings @ 5:30-8:00 pm

Friday afternoons @ 1:00-4:00 pm

***No Mahjongg on Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st**

Mahjongg is sometimes compared to dominoes or the card game rummy. The 4-Winds MJ League meets twice a week here at the Library. Come as often and as much as you like.

Special Mahjongg Workshop

Friday, January 5 @ 1:00-3:00 pm

Is "Learn to play Mahjongg" on your list of New Year's resolutions? We can help you call that resolution "done!" Suzie Fehseke will be offering a training workshop in January for you to learn the game or refresh your skills. Bring a friend! The more the merrier! **Call or stop by the library to register. A learning packet will be provided for you to take home. Fee: \$5.00**

Come to Writer's Group!

Tuesday evenings @ 6:30-8:00 pm

Have you thought about writing your family stories or finally getting started on that novel? Give the Basehor Writer's Group a try! For more info email the group's facilitator at tmus55@aol.com or call the library.

Yoga (is for Every Body!)

Monday mornings @ 9:30-10:30 am

Wednesday mornings @ 9:30-10:30 am

***No Yoga on Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st**

Yoga is an on-going class. Each class is \$10.00. Please pay the instructor. Deep stretch. Lengthen and strengthen your muscles and develop flexibility. Must be able to get onto the floor. Please bring a yoga set (block, strap & mat).

PiYo

Thursday evenings @ 6:30-7:30 pm

***No PiYo on Thursday, December 28th**

PiYo is an on-going class. A combination of yoga and Pilates. For the beginning or advanced student. Please bring a yoga mat. 10 class punch card (\$55) or \$6.00 per class.

Zumba Gold

Friday mornings @ 9:00-10:00 am

***No Zumba Gold on Friday, December 29th**

Zumba Gold is an on-going class. This is the Zumba class for the older adult or anyone new to Zumba. All the fun of Zumba at a slower pace. 10 class punch card (\$55) or \$6.00 per class.



20's & 30's

Books n' Beverages Book Club

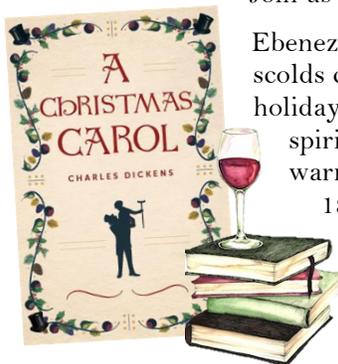
Thursday, December 14 @ 7:00 pm

Stix at the Legends

Join us for our Twenties n' Thirties book discussion of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens.

Ebenezer Scrooge has no use for Christmas cheer. He rejects a dinner invitation from his jolly nephew, scolds charity workers, and very begrudgingly allows his clerk a day off. All the warmth and joy of the holiday are humbug to Scrooge until Jacob Marley, his long-dead business partner, pays a call. Marley's spirit is the first in a series of ghostly visitors who offer visions of the past, present, and future - warnings that transform a bitter old miser into a charitable and compassionate man. First published in 1843, *A Christmas Carol* was an instant success and has remained a holiday favorite ever since.

We'll meet at 7:00 pm at Stix at the Legends. Order drinks, have dinner, or just snack on some appetizers. The book is available at the front desk at the library. Since we meet at a restaurant just let us know if you'd like to attend (even if you haven't read the book). Contact Amy at the library if you have any questions.



Teens

Video Game Night

Tuesday, December 5 @ 4:00-5:30 pm

Face off against other teens on our Xbox and Wii consoles. Bring your own game to share!

Teen Writer Wednesday

Wednesdays, December 6th & 13th

4:00-5:30 pm

Do you enjoy writing? Then join our group. We'll play games, tell stories, and there will be quiet time to write whatever you'd like. If you need or want input from other teens about a story, you can do that here too. Don't worry, sharing is not required.



Flexible Book Club

Thursday, December 7 @ 4:30-5:30 pm

Read whatever you like and come ready to eat snacks and hear about books others have been reading.

TAG Meeting

Tuesday, December 12 @ 4:30-5:30 pm

Teen Advisory Group meets once a month to plan and shape the teen program at the library.

Anime Club

Tuesday, December 19 @ 4:00-5:30 pm

Watch and discuss anime with other fans.



GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

Thursday, December 14 @ 4:30-5:45 pm

6th-12th Grade

Edible art!

Who can create the best gingerbread house? Face off against other teens in a delicious contest. After, take home the results to display or... enjoy with a plate and fork!



Babies - 5th Grade

Camp Construct:

LEGO Robotics, littleBits & just plain LEGOs

Wednesday, December 27 @ 1:00-3:00 pm

2nd-5th Grade

Camp Construct features hands-on activities using the color-coded littleBits modules that snap together magnetically to create a simple, inventive project in seconds. With LEGO Robotics WeDo, using LEGOs, working motors and sensors along with computer programming, your creation comes alive with motion and sound. Each camper gets to experience LEGO Robotics, littleBits and “just plain LEGOs”. This camp is for any 2nd-5th Grader, beginner or advanced. Miss Vickey and Mr. Patrick will teach you the basics or help you with the next level. **Registration begins Wednesday, December 20th.**



LEGO Club

Wednesday, December 27 @ 4:00-5:30 pm

Kindergarten-5th Grade

Readers' Theater: Aesop's Fables

Thursday, December 28 @ 12:00-2:00 pm • 3rd-5th Grade

We will be acting out our favorite Aesop Fables! After we assign parts, read the script and rehearse a couple of times, the kids will perform for everyone at 2:00 pm. No acting experience necessary! And YES, the library is providing pizza and water! Families are encouraged to come at 2 pm to view the final performance. **Registration begins Thursday, December 21st. Space is limited.**

Special Interest

Understanding Dementia & Alzheimer's

Saturday, December 2 @ 10:00-11:30 am

Dementia is one of the major causes of disability and dependency among older people worldwide. It is overwhelming not only for the people who have it, but also for their caregivers and families.

Dr. Maritza Buenaver, MD, a Specialist in Geriatric Psychiatry and Hospice and Palliative Medicine, will guide us through the basics of the most common types of dementia, associated behaviors and how to interact and communicate with a person who has dementia.

Registration is required.

Community Outreach from the Council on Aging

Thursday, December 21st

Drop by between 9:00-10:00 am

A staff member from the Leavenworth County Council on Aging will be at the library to answer your questions regarding services available to any person 60 or older regardless of income. No appointment necessary. **For more information, contact the Council on Aging at (913) 684-0777.**



Come to Storytime!

December will be a short month for Storytime. We'll read two classic authors, Mo Willems and Jan Brett. Then we'll be on winter break and back starting January 2nd. Come for a festive two weeks of Storytime!

**Storytime will be on winter break from
December 19th - December 28th.**

We'll return on Tuesday, January 2nd.

- **STORYtots (Babies - 2 yrs.)**

Tuesday mornings @ 10:00 am

- **STORYpals (2 & 3 yrs.)**

Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 am

Wednesday mornings @ 11:00 am

- **STORYfriends (3 - 5 yrs.)**

Thursday mornings @ 10:00 am

Thursday mornings @ 11:00 am



Please note: There are two Storytimes on Wednesday and Thursday for you to choose from; come to either the 10 or 11 am program!

Let's Talk:

Improving End-of-Life Communication and Decision Making

Whether it's for yourself or a loved one, planning for the end of life does not have to be difficult. Join our advisors for a four part series focusing on the practical aspects that surround these important decisions. With some pre-planning, you can help yourself and those close to you make the right choices for when the time comes. **All classes are held on Saturdays from 10:00-11:00 am.**

Jan 13th Beginning the Conversation

Jan 27th Financial Planning

Feb 10th Funeral Planning

Feb 24th Making Sure Everything is Legal

While it can be difficult to initiate these conversations, ultimately, they can be an invaluable gift to those you love. **Registration begins Monday, December 18th.**

