

# BCL Buzz



## December 2023

### Mayor's Annual Tree Lighting

Friday, December 1

Event Begins @ 6:00 pm

Lighting Ceremony Begins @ 6:15

Kick off the holiday season with us at the Mayor's Annual Tree Lighting ceremony. There will be live music, crafts, snacks, and more. Santa Claus himself will come to meet everyone and help the mayor light his majestic tree!



We will also be hosting a drive for Basehor-Linwood Assistance Services (BLAS). Please bring donations of hats, gloves, and scarves to help community members in need. There will be a Toys for Tots box available for donations as well.

### Bridge Advice Mother Never Gave You and Holiday Party

Thursday, December 14 @ 1:00-3:00 pm

Be ready for some fun and surprises with this light-hearted session of bridge advice.

No registration is required.

### Tech Help Drop-In

Monday, December 18 @ 12:00-1:30 pm

Have a quick question about your smartphone, tablet, or computer? Need help with email, social media, or the Internet? Our resident techies William and Mike will be available to answer your questions at this walk-in tech help session. No registration necessary. Bringing in your mobile devices is encouraged.

### Blood Drive

Monday, December 18 @ 12:30-5:30 pm

This holiday season, give the gift of life. Sign up for our December blood drive at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org); enter the sponsor code: Basehor or our zip code, 66007.

**We will be CLOSED**  
**December 24 and 25**  
**December 31 and**  
**January 1, 2024**

### Holiday Spirit Week!

December 18-22

Join us in getting ready for the holidays.

Come to the library dressed in the theme of the day and get a special treat!

Monday: Holiday Sweaters

Tuesday: Cozy Winter Wear (Flannel, fuzzy socks, etc.)

Wednesday: Pajama Day

Thursday: Team Red or Team Green (which librarian will be on your team?)

Friday: Shine Bright (Sparkly, glittery, neon)

### Silent Read-In

Saturday, December 23 @ 9:00 am-11:00 am

The holidays are here, and it's the busiest time of the year! Escape from the hustle and bustle of the season and join us for a silent read-in at the library. Bring a favorite book or pick one out from the stacks, find a place to cozy up in front of the fireplace, and enjoy a hot beverage and snacks on us!



### Brain Talks: Stress and the Brain

Wednesday, January 10 @ 6:30-7:30 pm

We have rescheduled the second presentation in our Brain Talk series. Stress is a normal part of our lives, but chronic stress can overwhelm our brains. Gray Hawk Elementary Principal Dustin Springer, PhD will help us understand what happens to our brain when we are under constant stress.

# Adults

## Coffee Klatch

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

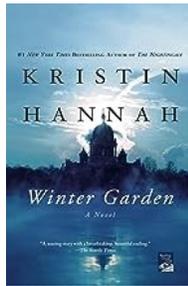
Please join us for coffee (or tea!) and something sweet to eat while we have a lively discussion about the new books here at the library. Learn what's hot and discover a new title or two. We'll also share a little about the books we've been reading and recommending. Can't make it but would like to know what new books are available? Sign up for our e-mail alerts. You'll receive a list of new books and movies delivered directly to your inbox each week. Sign up on our website or give us a call and we'll sign you up.

## Thursday Evening Book Club

Thursday, December 28 @ 6:30 pm

*Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah

Another story of two sisters, but with a twist. Meredith and Nina Whitson are as different as sisters can be. One stayed at home to raise her children and manage the family apple orchard; the other followed a dream and traveled the world to become a famous photojournalist. But when their beloved father falls ill, Meredith and Nina find themselves together again, standing alongside their cold, disapproving mother, Anya, who even now offers no comfort to her daughters. As children, the only connection between them was the Russian fairy tale Anya sometimes told the girls at night. On his deathbed, their father extracts a promise from the women in his life: the fairy tale will be told one last time—and all the way to the end. Alternating between the past and present, Meredith and Nina will finally hear the singular, harrowing story of their mother's life, and what they learn is a secret so terrible and terrifying that it will shake the very foundation of their family and change who they believe they are.



## Fitness for Fun—Fitness for Life (55+)

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Class #1 is 10:00-10:45 am

Class #2 is 11:00-11:45 am

In these fitness classes designed for 55+, we will use a combination of exercises and hand weights to help strengthen and tone all areas of the body and work to increase balance. Paula Papst, Certified Fitness Trainer, ISSA, will lead this very fun and popular class. Please wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes, and bring a yoga or exercise mat. Classes are free for all participants.

*Registration will begin the day of the first class, on December 5. If you can't come to the first class, you can phone in and register after 9 am on the first day of classes. Registration will be for the entire month.*

*We will continue to offer the class by Zoom. We also have a new recording you can view if you miss class. Email [dweaver@basehorlibrary.org](mailto:dweaver@basehorlibrary.org) for the link to the recording.*

# Monthly Groups

## Bridge Club

Thursdays, December 7, 21, and 28 @ 1:00-3:00 pm

Following our successful bridge classes, we are now inviting players to meet and practice what they learned. We invite all experienced players to join as well. These will be fun afternoons of socializing and playing. No registration required.

## Dementia Support Group

Thursday, December 7 @ 6:30 pm

Join us in this safe, supportive environment for caregivers. Dr. Maritza Buenaver, Geriatric Psychiatrist specializing in dementia education, will guide us as we share our experiences. Anyone is welcome to join us. We meet in person, but Zoom is also an option. Please call the library for the Zoom link.

## Council on Aging Community Outreach and BINGO

Thursday, December 14, drop by 10:30-11:00 am

BINGO @ 11:00 am-12:00 pm

The Leavenworth County Council on Aging will be here to answer your questions from 10:30-11:00 am regarding services available to any person 60 or older, regardless of income. Then at 11:00 am, they will offer a few games of Bingo. For more information, contact the Council on Aging at (913) 684-0777.

## Mahjongg

Monday evenings @ 5:30-8:00 pm

Friday afternoons @ 1:00-4:00 pm

Mahjongg (American style), the Chinese game played with tiles, is sometimes compared to dominoes or the card game rummy. The 4 Winds Mahjongg League meets twice a week at the library. Come as often and as much as you like. Please note: The tables are reserved for experienced players. Would you like to learn how to play? We have an experienced player ready to teach newcomers. Give us a call at the library and we'll help you get started.

## 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 information, email the group's facilitator at [tmus55@aol.com](mailto:tmus55@aol.com) or call the library.

# 20's & 30's

## Books n' Beverages Book Club

Thursday, December 14 @ 7:00 pm

### *The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches* by Sangu Mandanna



As one of the few witches in Britain, Mika Moon knows she has to hide her magic, keep her head down, and stay away from other witches so their powers don't mingle and draw attention. And as an orphan who lost her parents at a young age and was raised by strangers, she's used to being alone and she follows the rules...with one exception: an online account, where she posts videos "pretending" to be a witch. She thinks no one will take it seriously.

But someone does. An unexpected message arrives, begging her to travel to the remote and mysterious Nowhere House to teach three young witches how to control their magic. It breaks all of the rules, but Mika goes anyway and is immediately tangled up in the lives and secrets of not only her three charges but also an absent archaeologist, a retired actor, two long-suffering caretakers, and... Jamie. The handsome and prickly librarian of Nowhere House would do anything to protect the children, and as far as he's concerned, a stranger like Mika is a threat—an irritatingly appealing threat.

As Mika begins to find her place at Nowhere House, the thought of belonging somewhere begins to feel like a real possibility. But magic isn't the only danger in the world, and when peril comes knocking at their door, Mika will need to decide whether to risk everything to protect a found family she didn't know she was looking for....

Contact Amy at [aschaffer@basehorlibrary.org](mailto:aschaffer@basehorlibrary.org) for the location of the book club meeting.

# Teens (6-12th Grade)



## Anime Club

Tuesday, December 5 @ 4:00-6:00 pm

Do you like anime? Watch and discuss anime with other fans!

## Writers Wednesday

Wednesday, December 6 and 13

@ 4:00-6:00 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, but don't worry, sharing is not required.

## Video Game Night

Thursday, December 7 @ 4:00-6:00 pm

Bring your consoles and play solo or against other teens!

## T.A.G.

Tuesday, December 12 @ 4:30-6:00 pm

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

## Flexible Book Club

Thursday, December 14

@ 4:30-6:00 pm

Hear about the newest teen books and get first pick of all the titles!



## Interactive Movie: Elf

Tuesday, December 19 @ 4:00-6:00 pm

You've seen the movie but now it's time to live it. It's the only time you'll be encouraged to be disruptive in a movie. Upon arriving you'll be given a bag of props to use at designated times. You'll eat snacks, reenact scenes, throw AND yell things at the screen!

Arrive as early as you can to get your instructions.



# Babies - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Wiggle Workshop

Fridays @ 10:00-10:30 am

Toddler-5 yrs.

Welcome to the Wiggle Workshop, a 20-30 minute dance and movement time geared for littles and their parents or guardians. Please bring a workout mat or blanket to dance on and enjoy this fun and engaging wiggle time together.

*Our LAST Wiggle Workshop of the year will be December 15th. See you in 2024!*

## Santa's Express Mailbox

December 1-17

The "Santa Express" Mailbox, sponsored by the Basehor Community Library and the North Pole will be available at the library through Sunday, December 17. For the drive-thru magical mailbox, envelopes cannot be larger than 5x4in and have as little girth as possible.



*To get a return letter from Santa, children must include their name, age, and return address.*

## Build a Gingerbread House

Monday, December 4 @ 4:30-5:30 pm OR 6:30-7:30 pm  
K-5th Grade

Our Gingerbread House event is back! Kids in grades K-5 will create their own house using graham crackers, icing, candy and other goodies for a fun festive time! No charge, but registration is required for one of two sessions available.

*Sign-up is required and will begin on November 27th.*

## Create a Christmas Ornament

Tuesday, December 12 @ 6:30-7:30 pm

Wednesday, December 13 @ 6:30-7:30 pm

1st-5th Grade

In the spirit of giving, we would like to invite children in grades 1st-5th to decorate not just one but TWO ornaments—one to keep and one to give! Pick a night to come and make a couple of beautiful holiday decorations!



*Registration is required and will begin December 4th.*

## Storytimes with Mr. Patrick

There are new Christmastime books all around! Mr. Patrick has saved his favorites to read to you, and we hope you will enjoy them too. We also will read books about other holidays in this season. Thank you all so much for a wonderful Storytime year!

We will go on break after December 13th.  
Storytime will resume January 2nd.

Tuesday mornings

@ 10:00-10:20 am AND 10:30-10:50 am

STORYtots (Babies - 2 yrs.)

Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 - 10:30 am

STORYpals (Babies - 5 yrs.)

## Polar Bear Scavenger Hunt

December 20-January 2

We love how excited kids get when they come to the library for our scavenger hunts!

If you are home for the holidays, come see us to find some polar bears and get a treat.



## LEGO Club: K-5th Grade

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

*\*No registration required but space is limited*

Join us for a low-key night of brick-building fun. With our huge supply of bricks and Lego people, the creative process has never been easier. What can you build?

*Parents, please note: Children under the age of 10 cannot be left alone in the library; a parent or guardian must remain in the building.*

## Children's Craft of the Month: "Grinch Card"

Will you make someone's heart grow two sizes like The Grinch? Make this fun holiday card during the month of December, while supplies last!



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