



# Marcellus Free Library December 2022

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## ***A Message from Interim Director, Sophia Brandt:***

The holiday season is upon us, and we find ourselves reflecting on the past year and everyone who has helped make the library a warm, welcoming and exciting place for our community. The Friends of MFL have contributed much of their time, energy, and fundraising to grow our children's and teen services, while volunteers of all ages have helped library staff meet the needs of the library and community. Local businesses like the Chocolate Pizza Company, Nojaims Bros. Supermarket, and Buff Lion Barbell Gym have made generous contributions for our prize giveaways offered throughout the year for various programs, and Watson Farms LLC has helped us realize the Memorial Creek Walk project which include an Amphitheater and the Jane and Amidon Memorial Garden, generously funded by the Amidon family and a NYS Library Construction Aid Grant.

In the new year, we look forward to offering a full slate of programming for all ages. Our Adult Services will expand this year with the addition of our new Adult Services Librarian, Thomas Pettitt, and when the warm weather returns, we plan to utilize our outdoor space so programs for different ages can happen concurrently. Our next construction project, funded by the NYS Library Construction Aid Grant will take place in the spring, when the parking lot will be sealed and restriped. After that, our goal is to utilize each gathering space the library offers for programs, services and community groups that will enrich our community and the lives of our patrons in 2023 and beyond.



## ***Marcellus Free Library's new Adult Services Librarian Thomas Pettitt***

I am so excited to be your new adult services librarian! I was born and raised in Syracuse, and I've been involved in libraries since I started volunteering at the Onondaga Free Library when I was 15. I graduated with my MS in Information and Library Science from SUNY Buffalo, and I previously was the adult services librarian for Northern Onondaga Public Library at the Brewerton Branch.

As the world finds a new normal after the pandemic, I am dedicated to creating exciting new opportunities for the community to come together. From new book clubs to chocolate tastings to tax help and more, there'll be plenty of adult programming to look forward to in the upcoming year.

## Programs for Children



### ***Wednesday Storytimes with Miss Kristin*** **December 7 & 14: 9:30 to 10:15 am**

For children ages 0 to 5, along with a caregiver, are invited to join Miss Kristin for some fun with stories. Focus will be on building language and literacy skills through a variety of thematic books, songs, action rhymes, and in-person crafts. Please register online on our Events calendar for the days you intend to attend.

### ***Toy-time Tuesdays*** **Every Tuesday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**



Come and play upstairs in the Friends Community Room for toy time on Tuesday! New toys are funded by the Friends of Marcellus Free Library. Bring your little one to play without the stress of cleaning up. Guardian must be present.



### ***Stuff a Stuffie Polar Bear Workshop*** **Saturday, December 10 at 11:00 am** **For children Pre-K to Grade 5** **Spots are limited, online registration is required and begins 12/1** **Sponsored by Friends of Marcellus Free Library**

Join Miss Sophia for a Polar Bear Workshop where children will get to make their own Polar Bear stuffie. Children will have the opportunity to name their Polar Bear, fill out their birth certificates, and listen to some stories about polar bears.



### ***Holiday Kid Craft - Sugar Cookie Decorating*** **With master crafter Alyson** **Saturday, December 17 at 11:00 am** **For children Pre-K through Grade 5**

Registration is required and guardian must be in attendance.



### ***Letters to Santa and introducing Libby - our Elf on the Shelf!*** **Thursday, December 1 through Wednesday, December 21**

Stop into the library and write a letter to Santa Claus! We have templates and envelopes available for you. The child's name and address must be written on the envelope if you wish to receive a response from Santa!

Libby, our Elf on the Shelf, will be hiding in our Children's section during the holiday season. Stop by the library, write a letter for Santa, and search for our little elf!

***Join us at our Holiday Open House on Friday, December 2, from 6 to 8 pm for special activities for children! Cozy holiday stories in the Children's area with Miss Michele, family crafts with Alyson, and an opportunity to play a harp with Sherj and Amy.***

## Programs for Tweens/Teens



### ***Tween Book Club: Thursday, December 8 at 4:00 pm*** ***The Girl Who Speaks Bear by Sophie Anderson***

6 - 8 Grade only

Copies of the book are available for checkout at the circulation desk. Pizza and refreshments will be served. Come with your comments, questions and insights from the book!

***Tween and Teen Holiday Cookie Decorating with Alyson***  
**Thursday, December 15: 3:00 to 4:00 pm** in the Friends Community Room  
For grades 6 through 12 - Registration required.



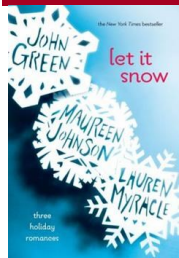
### ***Introduction to Coding for Teens***

**Thursday, December 15 from 3:30-5:00 pm**

**Thursday, December 22 from 12:00-1:30 pm**

Friends Community Room

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to learn about C++ coding with our tech volunteer and computer science major, Brandon! Registration is strongly encouraged.



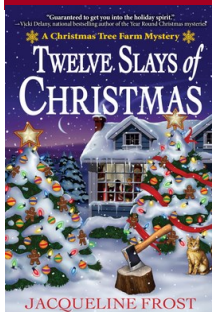
### ***Teen Book Club: Friday, December 16 at 4:00 pm***

***Let it Snow by John Green, Maureen Johnson and Lauren Myracle***

9 to 12 graders only - written permission required for younger attendees.

Copies of the book are available for checkout at the circulation desk. Pizza and refreshments will be served. Come with your comments, questions and insights from the book!

## Programs for Adults



### ***Something new! Mystery Book Club***

***Twelve Slays of Christmas by Jacqueline Frost***

**Monday, December 12: 1:30 to 2:30 pm**

Martha Lollis Media Room

Come join other mystery fans for this BRAND NEW book club. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the circulation desk. Copies are also available digitally in the Libby app. Questions? Contact Adult Services Librarian at [tpettitt@onlib.org](mailto:tpettitt@onlib.org).



### ***Geminid Meteor Show with Barefoot Bob***

**Tuesday, December 13: 7:00 to 10:00 pm**

**(Cloud date, Wednesday, December 14)**

Come join us in the Library parking lot for our astronomy program highlighting the Geminid meteor show, which is generally the best one of the year. We should also get some good views of Jupiter, Mars, and Uranus, and maybe a peak at Saturn!

Bring a lawn chair to sit and watch for meteors when not looking through the telescope. Dress warmly, and note that we will be turning off the parking lot lights, so be careful! Curious stargazers of all ages are welcome - bring your questions.

## Library Hours

**Monday** 9 am to 7 pm  
**Tuesday** 9 am to 7 pm  
**Wednesday** 9 am to 7 pm  
**Thursday** 9 am to 7 pm  
**Friday** 9 am to 5 pm  
**Saturday** 10 am to 2 pm

**CLOSED: December 24, 25, 26, 31  
January 1, 2**

## *Paper Crafts with Alyson*

**Wednesday, December 7 at 5:30 pm**

**Friday, December 9 at 10:30 am**

Register with Alyson directly: 315-604-6467  
or aly.esposito3440@gmail.com



## *One on One Tech Help with Brandon*

**Thursday, December 15: 11:30 am to 3:00 pm**

**Thursday, December 22: 10:00 am to 12 pm  
1:30 to 3:00 pm**

Call the front desk to make an appointment with Brandon, our volunteer tech-help wizard! He can assist with iPads, smartphones, laptops, Libby, Hoopla, and so much more.

## *Marcellus Free Library Book Club Tuesday, December 6 at 10:00 am*

*The Death and Life of the Great Lakes*  
by Dan Egan

**Tuesday, January 3 at 10:00 am**  
*The Victory Garden* by Rhys Bowen



## *Friends of Marcellus Free Library*

**Next event: Wednesday, January 4 at 9:30 am**

**Books in Gift Giving Condition Sale** - the Friends annual sale is running in the lobby during regular business hours through the month of December. These items are in "like new" condition and make excellent gifts for everyone on your shopping list, or even yourself! Additional books are added as space allows so be sure to

look it over each time you visit the library.

If you are shopping on Amazon this holiday season there is a simple way to support your library now and throughout the year. Sign up at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select "Friends of Marcellus Library" as your charity of choice. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of all your eligible purchases to the Friends.

The next Friends event is **Wednesday, January 4 at 9:30 am**. We will be taking down the holiday decorations. Volunteers are welcome.

The Friends are looking to fill two vacant and important positions. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming the Basket Raffle Chair or Historian Chair, please contact Jackie Smith at 315-427-3407 for more information.

The Book Nook will once again be accepting your book and media donations beginning January 5. Donations guidelines can be found on the MFL website.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for January 25 at 1:00 pm. This will be a "Library Work Day" with our members rolling up their sleeves and being of service to our Library. Volunteers welcome.

From our "Friends family" to you and yours, we wish a happy and safe holiday season. As we look towards the next year we pause to share our warmest thanks and gratitude for the ongoing support and enthusiasm that our Friends members provide year round.

**The Artists for December** are students of the **Awesome Art Classes** under the instruction of Stephanie Longo-Moncavage.



**Trading Card Game Nights**  
**Monday, December 5, 12, 19**  
**6:00 to 8:00 pm**

