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Top 10 things to do this Winter Break for FREE at the Library

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (December 19, 2024) – School is almost out for winter break and the Louisville Free Public Library is ready to help keep families engaged and entertained, without putting a dent in your budget. All LFPL branches offer free activities for children, teens, and caregivers throughout the winter break (closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day), including a variety of craft and maker workshops, dance parties, hands-on learning, movie screenings, teen challenges, and more!

- Vie for the title of puzzle master at a Teen Jigsaw Puzzle Race (Dec. 21, 2-3:30 p.m. @ Main), or try to escape not one, but three rooms at Northeast's Teen Escape Room Challenge (Jan. 2, 1-5 p.m. @ Northeast Regional Library)
- 2. The whole family can relax and create together at special Mindfulness Storytimes at Western Library (Dec. 23 & 30, 6 p.m., for kids ages 0-10 and their families), or drop-in to make winter crafts over hot cocoa at Shively Library (Jan. 2, 2:30-4:30 p.m., ages 0-10).
- 3. **Dress to get messy** at a Slime Party at Main (Dec. 30, 2 p.m.), or get creative with glue and paint at Crescent Hill's Winter Crafts & Games (Dec. 23, 2-4 p.m., ages 4-10).
- 4. Young book fans can read to a dog (Jan. 2, 3 p.m. @ St. Matthews Library, ages 5-10 & Jan. 4, 2-3:30 p.m. @ Northeast Regional Library), get cozy with snacks and a good book at Silent Book Club (Dec. 28, 2 p.m. @ South Central Regional Library, ages 8-12), and meet new friends at the Little Bookworms Book Club (Jan. 2, 1:30 p.m. @ Iroquois, ages 6-11.
- 5. **Celebrate New Year's Eve early** with a NYE Storytime (Dec. 31, 10:30 a.m. @ Northeast Regional Library), NYE Dance Party (Dec. 31, 11 a.m. @ Iroquois Library), NYE Around the World (Dec. 31, 2 p.m. @ Main Library), and a Noon Year's Eve Party (Dec. 31, 11 a.m. @ South Central Regional Library).
- 6. **Our youngest patrons are invited to try out percussion instruments** while their parents chat at a Musical Baby Play Group (Jan. 4, 10:30am @ Middletown Library, ages 0-2), or take in a <u>storytime</u> at any Library branch.
- 7. Kids & teens are invited to the Shawnee Library to learn the basics of cooking (Jan. 2, 3 p.m.) and discover their green thumb at an indoor plant session (Jan. 3, 3 p.m.).
- 8. Learn how to play loteria in both Spanish and English / Acompáñenos a jugar lotería Vamos a jugar de forma bilingüe Española e Ingles. (Jan. 2, 6 p.m. @ Iroquois Library)

- 9. **Teens can get out of the house and meet up** at an indoor snowball fight (Jan. 2, 2-3:30 p.m. @ Main Library), or grab snacks and a movie at a teens-only Holiday Party (Dec. 23, 2-4 p.m. @ Shawnee).
- 10. **READ!** There is always a good book to check out at your local library branch.

These are just a few of the many free activities hosted by your Louisville Free Public Library. In addition, we offer a wide selection of books, eBooks, audiobooks, DVDs, and streaming videos to keep kids and teens reading and entertained during the break—all for free! For a full list of activities and registration information, go to <u>www.LFPL.org/winterbreak</u>, or call (502) 574-1611.