

Programs Offered at the DeLand Library

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For this issue, I decided to list some of the wonderful programs offered by the DeLand Regional Library as an example of what the Volusia County Public Library is offering in December. To see what programs are offered at the library branch in your neck of the woods, visit <https://volusialibrary.libcal.com>.

A Not-So-Silent Night: 4-6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 5. All ages are invited for games, crafts, and other fun activities including holiday selfie-stations, yummy treats, and scavenger hunts throughout the library. Participants can even take a photo with a special visitor from the North Pole! This event is sponsored by the Friends of the DeLand Library and the Volusia County Public Library.

Recipes & Reads Culinary Lab: Cranberry & Brie Bites. 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 10. Learn about food preparation techniques, different ingredients, and the culture behind a dish. Participants will have the chance to enjoy what is made while supplies last. Open to the public and intended for adults. This project was funded under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Florida's LSTA program is administered by the Department of State's Division of Library and Information Services.

Holiday Concert with Mark Raisch: 1 p.m. Thursday, December 12. Kick off the Holidays with a lively entertaining Rock n' Roll Swing and Soul Christmas Show! Mark Raisch's beautiful voice is accompanied with humor and energy that keeps the show rocking and brings the music alive! This event is sponsored by the Friends of the DeLand Library and the Volusia County Public Library.

Family Tales: 10 a.m. Thursday, December 26 and Tuesday, December 31. Family Tales is an interactive literacy program designed for children of all ages. Families are introduced to a wide variety of literacy and social skills through stories, rhymes, music, and other activities, in a fun and educational environment.

Adult programs

Trash to Treasure Crafting: 11 am. Monday, December 2. Create a project using recycled materials. No matter what your skill set, there is something for every level. All materials are provided unless you have some special trash that you want to turn into a treasure.

English Conversation Hour: 2 p.m. Select Mondays, December 2 and 16. Free adult ESL conversation sessions are offered to all who wish to learn or strengthen their English-speaking skills in a judgment-free environment.

Master Gardeners: Camellias: 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 3. Come enjoy an informative discussion on Florida Gardening with the UF/IFAS Master Gardeners. Camellias come in a wide variety of colors and shapes. Learn the care and planting seasons for these beautiful flowers.

E-Lab: 1 p.m. Wednesdays. SERVICES OFFERED: Basic computer skill assistance towards enhancing job search, Internet access for job searches and completing applications, E-mail account set-up assistance, cover letter & resume editing, and access to eGov applications such as unemployment claims, food or housing assistance, Social Security, Medicaid, ID.Me, and Affordable Care Act.

Sew It Seams: 1 p.m. Thursday, December 5. Shirt missing a button? Pants need a patch? Bring an item that needs to be mended or patched and learn how to fix it. Library sewing machines and assorted supplies will be available in the library classroom, along with library staff to provide assistance.

Chair Yoga: 1 p.m. Select Fridays, December 6, 20, and 27. A gentle and accessible way to experience the benefits of yoga, suitable for all ages and abilities. No experience or equipment is needed. Wear comfortable clothing.

Writer's Workshop: 12 p.m. Saturday, December 7, and Saturday, December 21. All forms of writing and levels of experience are welcome. Instructor Robert Vickery has 20 years of experience; he currently teaches English at University High School in Orange City. No registration is required.

Book Club: 10 a.m. Thursday, December 19. The DeLand Library hosts a book discussion on the third Thursday of each month at 10 am. December's meeting will be a potluck and recap of the year's titles, and planning for 2025.

Healing Mind, Body, & Soul: 5:30 p.m. Thursday, December 19. Healing Mind Body & Soul is an ongoing monthly class that offers participants the opportunity to learn various ways to compliment their health and boost their well-being through practical, easy to follow, holistic processes and protocols that support the body's natural healing process. This program is presented by Danielle Viola.

Appy Hour: Drop-In: 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 24. In Appy Hour this month, staff will be available to answer any technology questions participants have about using laptops, tablets, or smartphones.

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