



*A Public Library Serving Winchester, Frederick and Clarke Counties*

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### MEDIA ALERT

### December Events

**November 15, 2017**

**Winchester, Va.**—Handley Regional Library has released the calendar of events for November at Bowman Library, Clarke County Library and Handley Library. Information can also be found online at [handley.libcal.com](http://handley.libcal.com).

### Featured events include:

- **Library Closings:** Please note all branches of Handley Regional Library will be closed on December 1, December 23-25, and December 30-January 1.
- **Santa Around the World:** All day long, December 2, Bowman Library will be featuring stories and information about how different cultures celebrate giving and receiving. Included in the schedule are a special Storytime at 11:00 a.m., a Dr. Who Christmas Special marathon starting at 1:00 p.m., and a showing of *The Rise of the Guardians of the Galaxy*, also at 1:00 p.m.
- **A Little Noon Music:** This concert series makes its second performance of the season. This month's artist is Madeline MacNeil. Friday, December 8 at 12:15 p.m. in the Robinson Auditorium at Handley Library.
- **Apple Valley Ringers:** The area's premier hand bell choir puts on their annual holiday concert at Bowman Library, SUNDAY, December 10 at 4:00p.m. Since this event is outside regular library hours, we want to be sure hand bell enthusiasts know that it is not a mistake. Patrons will be able to use the main doors at Bowman, no special navigation required.
- **Handley Gingerbread Jamboree:** On December 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. in the Children's Room at Handley Library. Join us for a fun filled afternoon of gingerbread stories, a lively puppet show, crafts, and games. Family program.
- **Holiday Animal Workshop:** Offered twice in the week between Christmas and New Years', children will listen to a reading of *Gingerbread Friends* by Jan Brett

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and then create their own gingerbread friend. All supplies provided. Parents may stay to help. Space is limited and registration is required (registration begins December 1). Register online or call 540-662-9041 x 16 (Register the child(ren)s' name only, please). Wednesday, December 27 at 11:00 a.m. or Thursday, December 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Benham Gallery at Handley Library.

For more information on the featured events, view the schedule of events below. All of the library's programs are offered at no charge and are open to the public. If you have any questions about this release, please contact Amanda Acker at [aacker@handleyregional.org](mailto:aacker@handleyregional.org).

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## **Schedule of Events**

### **December 1**

*All branches of Handley Regional Library will be closed for a staff event. We will reopen at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 2.*

### **December 2**

**9:00 a.m.** – **Book Drop-Off** - *Bowman Library*

*Accepting donations until 12:00 p.m., bring your books, CDs and DVDs to donate to your library. Donations will be part of the Spring Used Book Sale at Bowman Library in March. Volunteers will be on site to assist.*

**10:00 a.m.** – **Chess at Bowman Library** - *Bowman Library, teens and tweens*

*Chess at Bowman is an opportunity for you to play chess and strengthen your skills of the game. Chess at Bowman Library is a student volunteer-run program. You are invited to gather each week to play causal and blitz chess games. Players of all ages and strengths are welcome to come and play. Chess sets and space are provided.*

**10:30 a.m.** – **Construction Club** - *Handley Library, all ages*

*Calling all builders, come build with us! Legos, blocks, and much more will be available. Bring your creativity and we will bring the supplies.*

**11:00 a.m.** – **Storytime: Santa Around the World** - *Bowman Library, 3 and up*

*Join us for a time of learning about Santa Claus and giving customs around the world. Stories, activities, music, puppets, snacks and holiday fun.*

**1:00 p.m.** – **Dr. Who Christmas Specials** - *Bowman Library, teens and tweens*

*Stop in anytime during the afternoon to catch a Dr. Who Christmas Special marathon. Specials from several seasons will be featured.*

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1:00 p.m. – **Family Film & Picnic: The Rise of the Guardians** – Bowman Library

*Join us at the Bowman Library for a Family Picnic and Movie Event. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and a blanket to sit on the floor. Our teens will be serving popcorn and lemonade.*

1:00 p.m. – **Pokémon Trading Card Club** - Bowman Library

*Join other Pokémon enthusiasts each Saturday in the Bowman reading porch.*

1:00 p.m. – **Dungeons & Dragons** - Bowman Library, teens 12 and up

*Two Dungeons & Dragons role playing games meet weekly at Bowman Library on Saturdays. Registration is required. Dungeon Masters needed for new groups. If you are interested in starting a new dungeon, contact Cheryl Costello at [ccostello@handleyregional.org](mailto:ccostello@handleyregional.org) or 869-9000 ext. 220*

## **December 4**

10:30 a.m. – **Preschool Time** - Handley Library, 3 and up

*A lively 30-minute program of stories, songs, fingerplays, and a craft.*

11:00 a.m. – **Toddler Time** - Bowman Library, 3 and under

*Storytime for toddlers. A lively storytime program of stories, songs, fingerplays, flannelboards and movement.*

5:00 p.m. – **Lego Club** - Bowman Library, elementary and middle schoolers

*Design and construct with Legos!*

6:00 p.m. – **Manga Art** - Bowman Library, teens and tweens

*Bring your sketch book to create your manga drawings. Get tips from other artists and share your work. For Tweens and Teens at Bowman Library. Meeting 1st & 3rd Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Young Adult porch area.*

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## **December 5**

**10:30 a.m.** – **Preschool Time** - *Clarke County Library, 3 and up*

*Hear great stories and fun with Mary!*

**10:30 a.m.** – **Baby Time** - *Handley Library, 0 to 15 months*

*A lively 30-minute program of stories, songs, and fingerplays. Stay afterwards to socialize and play!*

**4:00 p.m.** – **Dance Party** - *Bowman Library*

*Get ready to jump, jive, and laugh! Follow the music to the Bowman meeting room for a family dance party. We'll be rocking out to old favorites and new tunes and exploring making music with our own instruments. No prior dance experience needed - just the willingness to get your toes a-tappin' and have fun!*

**6:00 p.m.** – **Storycrafters** - *Bowman Library, all ages*

*Storycrafters has stories, songs, crafts, and fun for the whole family.*

**6:00 p.m.** – **Young Writers Program** - *Bowman Library, teens and tweens*

*It's NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) Time! Come celebrate the end of NaNoWriMo and another successful year of writing.*

## **December 6**

**10:30 a.m.** – **The LATCH Circle** - *Handley Library*

*Share your joys, listen to & encourage others, and celebrate motherhood! First Wednesdays each month. The LATCH Circle is a casual time for mothers to join together during their breastfeeding journey. Feel free to bring a friend, your support partner and children. Games, giveaways, & Nutrition Education Credit at each gathering. Hosted by WIC Breastfeeding Staff.*

**11:00 a.m.** – **Storytime** - *Bowman Library*

*A lively 30-minute program of stories, puppets, dancing and songs.*

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**4:00 p.m. – Meet a Sheriff - Handley Library, all ages**

*Come by the Handley Library every first Wednesday of the month to hear stories read by our very own Winchester City Sheriffs!*

**4:30 p.m. – Gingerbread Jamboree - Handley Library**

*Join us for a fun-filled, lively afternoon of gingerbread stories, a gingerbread puppet show, games and more!*

**6:30 p.m. – Tour Handley Library - Handley Library**

*Staff members and volunteers will give tours of Handley Library on the first Wednesday (6:30 p.m.) and third Saturday (1:00 p.m.) of each month. Concentrating on the architecture and history of the library, the tours will take you behind the scenes to all floors of the library, including the famous glass floors and the well under the stage. The tours are free, but making reservations is helpful. To make reservations or for more information, call (540) 662-9041, ext. 11.*

## **December 7**

**10:00 a.m. – La Leche Meeting - Bowman Library**

*Are you breastfeeding or thinking about it? Are you expecting and have questions? Talk with others, share experiences, and find out more about breastfeeding and its benefits. Babies, siblings, and partners welcome. No registration necessary. This group is led by Natasha Ossinova, R.N. IBCLC*

**10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time - Handley Library, 3 and under**

*"Toddler Time" is an early literacy program designed specifically for active toddlers, ages 3 and under. Stay after Toddler Time to play with toys and chat with other adults.*

**11:00 a.m. – Baby Time - Bowman Library, 0 to 15 months**

*A lively 30-minute program of stories, songs, and fingerplays.*

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**12:00 p.m. – Brown Bag with Books! Book Club - Barns of Rose Hill**

*Come to the Barns of Rose Hill in Berryville for the library's monthly book club. Bring your lunch and a friend! All are welcome. September's book discussion will be: The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom.*

**3:45 p.m. – Factivities - Clarke County Library, 6 to 11 years**

*Explore, create, build, make and do! STEM activities will be highlighted as different materials are used. Like LEGOs? They will be there!*

**5:00 p.m. – Teen Arts Night - Bowman Library, teens**

*Make it your own! Help create artwork and personalize the Teen area at Bowman Library. Explore new artistic techniques, and create and share your art work.*

**6:00 p.m. – Construction Club - Handley Library, all ages**

*Calling all builders, come build with us! Legos, blocks, and much more will be available. Bring your creativity and we will bring the supplies.*

## **December 8**

**10:30 a.m. – Dance Party - Handley Library, 0 to 5 years**

*Toddlers, preschoolers, & their grown-ups are welcome to come boogie down!*

**12:00 p.m. – A Little Noon Music - Handley Library**

*A Little Noon Music returns with the first concert of the season. This month's artist is Maddie MacNeil.*

**12:00 p.m. – Gifts from the Kitchen - Bowman Library**

*During this "Gifts from the Kitchen" workshop, you'll learn how to make easy homemade spiced blueberry jam, hearty and delicious soup-in-a-jar and other special treats - all perfect holiday gifts for teachers, neighbors and special friends. Some samples and recipes will be provided. Registration is required by*

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*December 4. Led by Rebecca Davis and presented in cooperation with Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.*

4:00 p.m. – **Construction Club** - *Handley Library, all ages*

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11:00 a.m. – **Storytime** - *Bowman Library, 3 and up*

*Storytime for preschoolers. A lively storytime program of stories, songs, fingerplays, flannelboards and movement.*

1:00 p.m. – **Paws for Reading** - *Bowman Library*

*Read a favorite book to a reading tutor. It is Paws for Reading! These canine listeners are patient and love kids. Come meet our certified therapy dogs.*

1:00 p.m. – **Pokémon Trading Card Club** - *Bowman Library*

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**1:00 p.m. – Holly Jolly Old Town Celebration - Handley Library, all ages**

*Join us for make and take holiday crafts, nostalgic animated holiday movies, holiday music, and a North Pole ring toss game. All ages welcome. All activities are free and open to the public. Movie Schedule:*

*1pm - Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas*

*2pm - Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer*

*3pm - Frosty the Snowman*

## **December 10**

**4:00 p.m. – Apple Valley Ringers - Bowman Library**

*The Apple Valley Ringers put on their annual holiday concert at Bowman Library. Since this event is outside regular library hours, we want to be sure hand bell enthusiasts know that it is not a mistake. Patrons will be able to use the main doors at Bowman, no special navigation required.*

## **December 11**

**10:30 a.m. – Preschool Playtime - Handley Library, 3 and up**

*Come to the library for a preschool aged playtime with your friends. We'll have blocks, instruments, puppets, and puzzles out for you to play with. Bring a friend!*

**11:00 a.m. – Toddler Time - Bowman Library, 3 and under**

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**5:00 p.m. – Lego Club - Bowman Library, elementary and middle schoolers**

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**6:00 p.m. – Maker Mondays: Locksmithing - Bowman Library**

*Maker Mondays are free and open to all tinkerers, hobbyists, DIY-ers, code monkeys, engineers, and makers of every shape and size! Learn the basics of locksmithing. Registration is required.*

**6:00 p.m. – Teen Advisory Board - Bowman Library**

*Open to Middle and High School students. Plan and present events, advise on library materials, advise on tween and teen library events, assist with other library events and activities.*

## **December 12**

**10:30 a.m. – Preschool Time - Clarke County Library, 3 and up**

*Hear great stories and fun with Mary!*

**10:30 a.m. – Baby Playtime - Handley Library, 0 to 15 months**

*Come to the library for a baby playtime with your friends. We'll have blocks, musical instruments, puppets, and puzzles out for you to play with. Bring a friend!*

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## **December 13**

**11:00 a.m. – Storytime - Bowman Library**

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*Families, adults, kids -- all ages and skill levels -- are welcome to come and play. Bring your board or just yourself. Open chess games and 1-on-1 instruction for new players. At 5:30 PM a lecture is available on chess basics and strategy. This event is FREE and open to the public. For more information, visit Shenandoah Valley Chess Club. <http://www.winchesterchess.com/>*

**5:00 p.m. – Afterschool Arts - Bowman Library, teens and tweens**

*Explore Arts and Crafts in the Library. In this special program for older children, we will feature a series of guest teacher to introduce folk, textile, and traditional arts with a literature connection. Supplies will be provided. September's craft is Clay Necklaces.*

**6:00 p.m. – Shenandoah Poetry Alliance - Handley Library**

*Event for all poets in the Handley Library Auditorium.*

**6:30 p.m. – Research Your Revolutionary War Soldier - Handley Library**

*Come to the Stewart Bell Jr. Archives and get tips on how to track down your elusive Revolutionary War fighters.*

**December 14**

**10:30 a.m. – Music Together Demo - Handley Library**

*Music Together® is an innovative approach to early childhood music education and is based on the premise that all children are inherently musical. Music Together of Winchester is committed to helping families rediscover the pleasure and value of musical activity by providing children with new opportunities to experience and express themselves musically alongside their parent, care giver or guardian. Come wiggle, sing, and play with us for a FREE demonstration!*

**11:00 a.m. – Baby Time - Bowman Library, 0 to 15 months**

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**3:45 p.m. – Factivities - Clarke County Library, 6 to 11 years**

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**5:30 p.m. – Stephens City Chess Club - Bowman Library**

*While we encourage all skill levels to come out, this will be a more competitive format than our Saturday morning events at Bowman. G30 is recommended, but we will leave it open to the players involved in the game. In addition to counting for club rankings, any players interested in having games counted for official USCF rating will have the opportunity to do so.*

**6:00 p.m. – Construction Club - Handley Library, all ages**

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## **December 15**

**10:30 a.m. – Dance Party - Handley Library, 0 to 5 years**

*Toddlers, preschoolers, & their grown-ups are welcome to come boogie down!*

**12:00 p.m. – Healthy Holiday Leftovers – Bowman Library**

*During this "Healthy Holiday Leftovers" workshop, we'll make and sample some easy recipes with a healthy twist featuring turkey and other typical holiday leftovers. Samples and recipes included. Registration is required by Dec. 11.*

**4:00 p.m. – Construction Club - Handley Library, all ages**

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**5:30 p.m. – Game Night - Bowman Library, Middle and High Schoolers**

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*Gamers can rotate throughout the electronic, card and computer games until 8:00 p.m. Free! No registration required.*

## **December 16**

**10:00 a.m.** – **Chess at Bowman Library** - Bowman Library, teens and tweens

*Chess at Bowman is an opportunity for you to play chess and strengthen your skills of the game. Chess at Bowman Library is a student volunteer-run program. You are invited to gather each week to play causal and blitz chess games. Players of all ages and strengths are welcome to come and play. Chess sets and space are provided.*

**10:30 a.m.** – **Construction Club** - Handley Library, all ages

*Calling all builders, come build with us! Legos, blocks, and much more will be available. Bring your creativity and we will bring the supplies.*

**11:00 a.m.** – **Storytime** - Bowman Library, 3 and up

*Storytime for preschoolers. A lively storytime program of stories, songs, fingerplays, flannelboards and movement.*

**1:00 p.m.** – **Tour Handley Library** - Handley Library

*Staff members and volunteers will give tours of Handley Library on the first Wednesday (6:30 p.m.) and third Saturday (1:00 p.m.) of each month. Concentrating on the architecture and history of the library, the tours will take you behind the scenes to all floors of the library, including the famous glass floors and the well under the stage. The tours are free, but making reservations is helpful. To make reservations or for more information, call (540) 662-9041, ext. 11.*

**1:00 p.m.** – **Pokémon Trading Card Club** - Bowman Library

*Join other Pokémon enthusiasts each Saturday in the Bowman reading porch.*

**1:00 p.m.** – **Stitch a Story** - Handley Library, 10 and up

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*Meet once a month for a stitching adventure! We will read excerpts of popular books and then create a stitching project based on the story. All supplies are included. This program is for all skill levels. Also, attendees and adults can take a stitch on the community tapestry project. Sponsored by The Winchester Chapter of the Embroidery Guild of America and the Stitchers of the Shenandoah Valley Tapestry project. Registration required.*

**1:00 p.m. – Dungeons & Dragons - Bowman Library, teens 12 and up**

*Two Dungeons & Dragons role playing games meet weekly at Bowman Library on Saturdays. Registration is required. Dungeon Masters needed for new groups. If you are interested in starting a new dungeon, contact Cheryl Costello at [ccostello@handleyregional.org](mailto:ccostello@handleyregional.org) or 869-9000 ext. 220*

## **December 18**

**10:30 a.m. – Preschool Playtime - Handley Library, 3 and up**

*Come to the library for a preschool aged playtime with your friends. We'll have blocks, instruments, puppets, and puzzles out for you to play with. Bring a friend!*

**5:00 p.m. – Lego Club - Bowman Library, elementary and middle schoolers**

*Design and construct with Legos!*

**5:30 p.m. – La Leche Meeting - Handley Library**

*Are you breastfeeding or thinking about it? Are you expecting and have questions? Talk with others, share experiences, and find out more about breastfeeding and its benefits. Babies, siblings, and partners welcome. No registration necessary. This group is led by Natasha Ossinova, R.N. IBCLC*

**6:00 p.m. – Manga Art - Bowman Library, teens and tweens**

*Bring your sketch book to create your manga drawings. Get tips from other artists and share your work. For Tweens and Teens at Bowman Library. Meeting 1st & 3rd Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Young Adult porch area.*

## **December 19**

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10:30 a.m. – **Preschool Time** - *Clarke County Library, 3 and up*

*Hear great stories and fun with Mary!*

10:30 a.m. – **Baby Playtime** - *Handley Library, 0 to 15 months*

*Come to the library for a baby playtime with your friends. We'll have blocks, musical instruments, puppets, and puzzles out for you to play with. Bring a friend!*

6:00 p.m. – **Storycrafters** - *Bowman Library, all ages*

*Storycrafters has stories, songs, crafts, and fun for the whole family.*

## **December 20**

11:00 a.m. – **Storytime** - *Bowman Library*

*A lively 30-minute program of stories, puppets, dancing and songs.*

4:30 p.m. – **Chess** - *Handley Library*

*Families, adults, kids -- all ages and skill levels -- are welcome to come and play. Bring your board or just yourself. Open chess games and 1-on-1 instruction for new players. At 5:30 PM a lecture is available on chess basics and strategy. This event is FREE and open to the public. For more information, visit Shenandoah Valley Chess Club. <http://www.winchesterchess.com/>*

## **December 21**

10:30 a.m. – **Toddler Playtime** - *Handley Library, 3 and under*

*Come to the library for a baby playtime with your friends. We'll have blocks, musical instruments, puppets, and puzzles out for you to play with. Bring a friend!*

11:00 a.m. – **Baby Time** - *Bowman Library, 0 to 15 months*

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3:45 p.m. – **Factivities** - Clarke County Library, 6 to 11 years

*Explore, create, build, make and do! STEM activities will be highlighted as different materials are used. Like LEGOs? They will be there!*

5:00 p.m. – **Teen Writer's Guild** - Bowman Library, teens

*Hone your craft, write your heart out, and share with your friends. Poetry, short stories, novels, essays, book review, event promotions, and more. Publish your work in the Bowman Teen newsletter and online.*

6:00 p.m. – **Construction Club** - Handley Library, all ages

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## **December 22**

10:30 a.m. – **Dance Party** - Handley Library, 0 to 5 years

*Toddlers, preschoolers, & their grown-ups are welcome to come boogie down!*

4:00 p.m. – **Construction Club** - Handley Library, all ages

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## **December 23**

*All branches of Handley Regional Library will be closed for Christmas. We will reopen at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 26.*

## **December 25**

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## **December 26**

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10:30 a.m. – **Baby Playtime** - *Handley Library, 0 to 15 months*

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## **December 27**

11:00 a.m. – **Storytime** - *Bowman Library*

*A lively 30-minute program of stories, puppets, dancing and songs.*

11:00 a.m. – **Holiday Animal Workshop** - *Handley Library, 5 to 11 years*

*Listen to a reading of Gingerbread Friends by Jan Brett and then create your own gingerbread friend. All supplies included. Parents may stay to help. Space is limited and registration is required (registration begins December 1). Register online or call 540-662-9041 x 16 (Register the child(ren)s' name only, please).*

3:00 p.m. – **Paws for Reading** - *Handley Library*

*Come read a book to a loving & patient therapy dog! This program is designed for children who are just beginning to read or those who may need additional practice reading.*

4:30 p.m. – **Chess** - *Handley Library*

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6:30 p.m. – **Non-fiction Writers Group** - *Handley Library*

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*If writing your memoirs, compiling a family genealogy, or penning a historical account has long been a dream; come together with likeminded people to solve the problems and get your project underway. The group will meet the fourth Wed. evening of each month, in the Benham Gallery, 6:30 p.m. to offer encouragement and advice towards your nonfiction writing goal.*

## **December 28**

**10:30 a.m.** – **Toddler Playtime** - *Handley Library, 3 and under*

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**11:00 a.m.** – **Baby Time** - *Bowman Library, 0 to 15 months*

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**2:00 p.m.** – **Crafternoons** - *Handley Library, 10 and up*

*Special make and take arts and crafts each Friday afternoon in June & July. Registration required.*

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### **December 30**

*All branches of Handley Regional Library will be closed for New Years'. We will reopen at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Have a safe and happy New Year!*

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