

Fremont Area District Library Press Release

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Santa, Free Gift Wrapping, Christmas Crafts, and More Festive Events at Fremont Library

The Fremont Area District Library is planning to host many fun and educational events in December for the whole family. These events are, as always, free.

Drop-In Gift Wrapping: Get all of your Christmas wrapping done—FREE! We'll provide the gift wrap, gift bags, etc. Bring your presents to the tables near the Main Street entrance during the library's open hours and wrap your gifts! From December 2nd-December 23rd.

Suicide Prevention Training: Three simple steps can help save a life. The community health team at Corewell Health Gerber is offering a free training at our library. This one-hour training will show participants how to recognize the warning signs of suicide, offer hope, and get help and save a life. This will take place in the Community Room on Tuesday, December 9th from 12:00-1:00 p.m. No registration required, and cookies will be served.

Children's Events

Toddler Storytime, for babies and toddlers up to age 3, will be held on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. through December 10th, and **Family Storytime** for children up to age 5 will be held on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. through December 11th. **Christmas Storytime** will be held on Saturday, December 13th at 11:00 a.m. with some favorite Christmas stories. We'll be showing the movie **Home Alone** on Thursday, December 18th at 4:00 p.m. Snacks will be served, and all are welcome.

Domino Club: REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Register by seeing the Children's Desk or call 231-928-0249. Join this club for tweens to have fun with domino set up and toppling. Eat pizza and snacks while we watch some YouTube domino videos, and then work on your own skills! For ages 8-13. Meets in the Community Room on Thursday, December 4th from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Tree Ornament: REGISTRATION REQUIRED. For ages 4-12. Kids can paint a Christmas tree ornament at the library with NCCA-Artsplace on Saturday, December 6th at 10:00 a.m. The ornament will be dried and fired at NCCA-Artsplace and will be available for pickup at the library before Christmas. Register by calling 231-928-0249.

Great Start Story Walk Dedication: A story walk is being installed outside the library thanks to a grant from the Great Start Collaborative. Join us on Thursday, December 11th at 11:00 a.m. for the unveiling of the story walk, and walk the library grounds with us to complete *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* one page at a time. Great Start will be providing free books and cookies.

Santa & Mrs. Claus Meet & Greet will take place on Wednesday, December 17th from 1:00-4:00 p.m. This special event is for all children, and for adults who are young at heart! Kids are advised to bring their list, their best behavior, and their good cheer. Parents are advised to bring their cameras. We'll have treats to pass out!

Tinkering Tuesdays & Full STEAM Ahead: You bring the imagination, and we'll provide everything you need! Simple building and art concepts for kids to construct on their own or in a group. Finished creations will be put on display for a week. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED** - For ages 6-9 for Tinkering Tuesdays and ages 10-12 for Full STEAM Ahead. Sign up your child two weeks before each activity, until filled, by calling 231-924-3480 or seeing the front desk. Parents are required to stay in the building during this time. Tinkering Tuesday will be on December 9th and Full STEAM Ahead will be on December 16th, both from 3:30-4:30 p.m., and both will do a marble run activity.

Teen & Tween Events

Tween Book Club: Calling all magnificent Middle Schoolers! We'll be munching on free delicious pizza and snacks in the teen area of the library while discussing books. At this meeting on Tuesday, December 9th at 3:30, we'll discuss *Kiki's Delivery Service*. Copies are available at our front desk to check out. New middle schoolers always welcome! For more info, email tbok@fremontlibrary.net.

Teen/Tween Christmas Ornament Craft: Ages 11 & up for teens, tweens, and their families. Join us to make a variety of festive ornaments for the holidays on Thursday, December 11th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. All supplies provided free.

Game On!: After school, come hang out, snack, and challenge your friends to some epic matches! Race on Mario Kart on the big screen, fire up the Wii, or show off your skills with classic board and card games. Whether you're here to compete or just hang out, it's all about fun, friends, and games. For ages 11 & up for teens, tweens, and their families on Friday, December 19th from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Even More Events!

Crafternoon: Card Kit Class: REGISTRATION REQUIRED. For adults. Create four beautiful handmade cards of your choice for free with Deb Kies of Stampin' Up! Perfect for birthdays, thank you's, or just-because notes! Each kit includes pre-cut materials, and everything you need to create gorgeous cards. Call 231-928-0256 to register. Takes place on Friday, December 5th at 2:00 p.m.

Fit for Life Exercise is on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30 p.m. from December 1st-15th. No classes on December 17th-31st. This is a low-impact exercise class perfect for all adults and levels of fitness. We'll show the movie *Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale* (PG; 2 hr 3 min) for our **Movie Monday** on December 8th at 2:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

The **Truth Be Told Book Club** will meet on Tuesday, December 9th at 4:00 p.m. to discuss *Ghost Map* by Steven Johnson. The **Books & Bites** Book Group will meet on Wednesday,

December 17th at 10:00 a.m. with coffee and breakfast food to discuss *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott. Books for these groups are available at the library's front desk ahead of the meeting if you'd like to check out a copy and join the groups.

For more information about any of these events, please contact the library at 231-924-3480 or visit www.fremontlibrary.net.



Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the Fremont Library on Wednesday, December 17th from 1:00-4:00 p.m. to meet your little ones.