

Fremont Area District Library Press Release

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Local Author Sherwood De Visser, Santa, Free Gift Wrapping and More 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.

Live @ the Library, a series of events including author visits and special presentations is welcoming Fremont author Sherwood De Visser on Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. to present his memoir, *Raspberry Wars: My Boyhood through Berries, Bullying, and Bravery*. Born into a family with special needs in Fremont, Michigan in the early 1960s and raised by his deeply religious grandmother, Sherwood De Visser navigated the horrors of bullying at home and at school. He tried to create safe spaces wherever he went in attempts to stave off the bullying. Respite came when summer vacations with family friends opened his world to the joys of farm life. *Raspberry Wars: My Boyhood of Berries, Bullying, and Bravery* is the story of a kid who navigated bullying and thrived.

Drop-In Gift Wrapping: Get all of your Christmas wrapping done—FREE! We'll provide the gift wrap, gift bags, etc. Show up in the Community Room when it's available (check the meeting room calendar on our website or give us a call first to make sure it's open) and wrap your gifts! From December 1st-December 22nd.

Christmas Open House: For teens and adults. It's everything Christmas! We'll have Christmas books, movies, cookbooks, crafts, and candy cane tasting in the Community Room on Thursday, December 7th from 4:00-6:30 p.m. Plus, the Friends of the Library will have a sale table with a game and gift certificate giveaway!

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 13th, and **Family Storytime** for children up to age 5 will be held on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. through December 14th. **Christmas Saturday Storytime** will be held on December 23rd at 11:00 a.m. with some favorite Christmas stories. **Christmas Crafts** will be available on Wednesday, December 20th from 10:00-12:00. We'll have some fun Christmas decorations out for you to enjoy making at this drop-in event. We'll be showing a **Children's Christmas Movie** on Thursday, December 21st at 12:00 p.m. Snacks will be served, and all are welcome.

Santa Claus Meet & Greet will take place on Thursday, December 21st from 3:00-8:00 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 continues this month. 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 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Sign up your child two weeks before each activity, until filled, by calling 231-924-3480 or seeing the front desk. See dates below. Limit of 15 children each week.

-Dec. 5th: Free play
-Dec. 12th: Art with the Artsplace (at the library)
(Breaks for the holidays)

Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead also continues this month. This includes the same concepts as Tinkering Tuesdays, but for ages 10-12. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED** - 3:30-4:30 p.m. Sign up your child two weeks before each activity, until filled, by calling 231-924-3480 or seeing the front desk. See dates below. Limit of 15 children each week.

-Dec. 6th: Free play
-Dec. 14th: Art with the Artsplace (at the library)
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Even More Events!

Dungeons & Dragons – For Teens: REGISTRATION REQUIRED - Ages 13-17. Saturdays 10:00-12:00 OR 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Local History Room. Sign up two weeks before each activity, until filled, by calling 231-924-3480 or seeing the front desk. See dates below. Limit of 8 teens each week.

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You bring your dice and imagination, and we will provide everything else. The group of players tell a collective story, guiding their heroes through dangerous quests in search for treasure, battle deadly foes, and carry out daring rescues. The adventure itself is only limited by the imagination of the players around the table.

UFO Club (NEW!): UFO stands for UnFinished Object! Bring a project to work on while you socialize with other crafters. Gather by the south tables along the parking lot on Sunday, December 31st from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for this drop-in event.

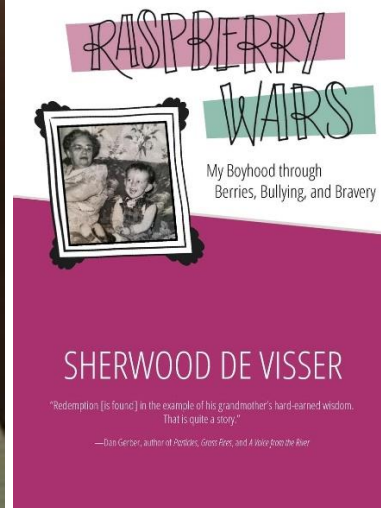
Homeschool Hangout: Are you a homeschool family looking to hang out with other homeschool families? Join this drop-in event in the library's Community Room on Friday, December 22nd from 10:00-11:30 a.m. to socialize, play board games and Legos, and you are welcome to bring your own activities. We'll provide yummy snacks and drinks but you can bring your own if you'd like.

Fit for Life Exercise is on Mondays and Wednesdays through December 20th from 12:00-1:00 p.m. This is a low-impact exercise class perfect for all adults and levels of fitness. **Junk Journaling** for ages 10 and up will take place on Thursday, December 14th anytime between 6:00-8:00 p.m. This is a scrapbooking and journal hybrid. Use up what you have and supplement with found, recycled, repurposed and thrifted items. Materials provided. We'll show the movie *Indiana Jones & the Dial of Destiny* (PG-13; 154 min) for our **Movie Monday** on December 11th at 2:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

Silent Book Club: Come as you are and read what you want, with no interaction necessary! The first and last minutes can be social if you'd like--the rest of the time is silent reading. Gather by the South fireplace on Sunday, December 10th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The **Wednesday Readers** Book Group will meet on Monday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Darkest Evening* by Ann Cleeves. The **Non-Fiction Book Discussion** will meet on Monday, December 18th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *Book of Joy* by Dalai Lama. Books for all of 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.



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