It’s that time of year again at the Smithfield Library! As the weather gets colder and the days get shorter, I tend to turn inward as I take shelter from the coming winter. My inclination to curl up under a blanket with a good book and get contemplative during the cold months feels almost biological, an instinct to cocoon and hibernate and ride out the worst of the snow and wind and ice that threaten to infiltrate my limbs and brain and bloodstream.

I know I’m not alone in this behavior, and I hope that you’ll allow the library to become one of your winter survival partners during the coming snowpocalypse. We’ll supply the books and audiobooks and DVDs that’ll help you make it through the long, dark months to come, and once you’ve developed a bad case of cabin fever, we’ll provide the programs that’ll motivate you to leave the house and come down to see us for a dose of the entertainment, education, and vital social interaction that you so desperately need.

We have a couple of fun events at the library this month! Everyone in town is invited to an open house on Saturday, November 4 from 1-3 PM, where you’ll have a chance to enjoy a piece of cake, chat with me, and learn more about some of the new programs and services we’re offering the community. We’ll have local musicians playing as well! The following Saturday, November 11 at 10:30 AM, we’re having a hair styling workshop for dads and grandpas (and all other caregivers!) so they can learn hairdos for the little girls in their lives. Bring your daughter, niece, granddaughter, or little sister so you can practice your braiding, and we’ll bring the doughnuts! We hope to see you soon at the library!

Library Director, Shawn Bliss
Upcoming Library Programs

**Hair-Dos by Dad**
Saturday, Nov 11 @ 10:30 pm
Learn how to do hair with a cosmetologist.
Sign-up at the library

**Movie Monday**
November 6: The Princess Bride

**Family Book Club**
Tuesday, Nov 21 @ 5:00 pm
Read a family holiday fav then come share!

**PreSchool Storytime**
Fridays at 10:30am & 1pm

**Toddler Train**
Wednesdays at 10:30am & 1pm

**Book Babies**
Thursdays at 10:30 am & 1pm

**Play-Doh Playdate**
Tuesdays @ 11:00 am
Open play-doh play time for kids

**Brick Builders Club**
2nd & 4th Mondays @ 4 pm
Kids 5+ *children under 8 need a responsible adult to join them.

**Fidgety Fingers Craft Club**
November 16 at 4:30 pm
Kids 5-11 Balloon Stress Balls

**Kids Book Club: Club 123**
Thursday, Nov 28 at 5:00 pm
1st-3rd graders book club for beginning chapter readers. We’re reading *Kondo & Kezumi visit Giant Island* by David Goodner. Books available at the library.

**Dungeons & Dragons Club**
Wednesdays 5-7 pm

**Teen Zine**
submissions accepted all month

**Jackbox Party Games**
Saturdays 3:30-5 pm
Bring a device & friend to play Jackbox Games at the library.

**Crafts with CAPSA**
Nov 14 @ 4:00 pm
Learn about healthy versus toxic relationships through movies & popcorn!

**Stitch & Stories**
Thursdays @ 1:00 pm
Bring your fiber crafts & stitch while we read short stories and talk.

**ESL Classes**
Tues & Thurs evenings 6-7 pm

**Adult Book Club**
Thursday, Nov 16 @ 9:30 am
We’re discussing Christmas Bells by Jennifer Chiaverini. Book available at the library.

**Spice of the Month**
1st Thursday of each month
Pick up vanilla, a thankful book list and a recipe for buttermilk pie.

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**Upcoming Holiday Closures:**

**Veteran’s Day:** Friday November 10
**Thanksgiving:** Thursday-Friday November 23-24

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