



Welcome to the December 2025 Newsletter. The goal of this newsletter is to provide families monthly updates about upcoming trainings, events, and/or groups in their area that they can take part in. If you have an event you would like added in the future please reach out to Melissa Rookman, Community Schools Coordinator at [mrookman@boces.com](mailto:mrookman@boces.com) or 315-777-9797 option 3.

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## Parent Information/Trainings/Groups

### Food Support Resources

Do you or someone you know need help with securing food for yourself or your family? Jefferson County has many resources available to help those in need.

- Many communities have local food pantries. Some have income requirements and others do not. But all can usually supply a family with emergency food regardless of income. Contact your local pantry to learn more.
- The Food \$en\$e program is open to anyone and helps lower the cost of some food staple items and has multiple pick up locations.
- A few churches offer local meals open to all in the community.
- The Department of Services can help you apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Currently funding may or may not be available but they can help you apply for when it is available.

To learn more about many of these resources go to <https://www.nnycs.org/services> click on your county and the "Food" option.

### Warming Center

Daily 3:00pm - 8:00pm  
Emmanuel Congregational Church - Watertown NY

"Come get out of the cold and enjoy a meal too."

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61566632625508>



## Specialty Designed Instruction for Families and Caregivers

December 3, 2025 - 11:00 - 12:30pm  
Zoom

"This workshop is intended to develop a basic understanding of SDI in order to increase knowledge of parents and other family members as engaged meaningful partners in the special education process and the education of their child."

<https://www.boces.com/crpc>

## Diploma & Credential Options: For Families

December 10, 2025 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm  
Zoom

Join the Family and Community Engagement Center to learn about Credit Requirements, Current Pathways to Graduation, and Exiting Credentials."

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/naK\\_ksn-QLGaldZSIVSNoQ#/registration](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/naK_ksn-QLGaldZSIVSNoQ#/registration)

## Peer Run Grief & Loss Support Group

December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025 - 3:00pm - 5:00pm  
Mental Health Association in Jefferson County - Watertown NY

"Please join us the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month for a peer run grief and loss support group! This is open to the public to attend in a safe and inclusive environment as we support each other through grief and loss.

If you have any questions feel free to call the main office number at 315-788-0970"

<https://fb.me/e/7BG2dwAUI>



## Whole Family Events

### Local School Holiday/Winter Concerts

Dates and Locations Vary see below. Come support students as they share their music and joy of the season.

Alexandria Central School - Alexandria Bay NY - <https://www.alexandriacentral.org/>

- December 11, 2025 - 6:00pm - Grades 1 & 2 Chorus Concert
- December 11, 2025 - 7:00pm - Grades 3 & 4 Chorus Concert
- December 16, 2025 - 7:00pm - Grades 5&6 Chorus and Band Concert
- December 17, 2025 - 7:00pm - Grades 7 - 12 Chorus and Band Concert

Carthage Central School - Carthage NY Area - <https://carthagecsd.org>

- December 3, 2025 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm HS Holiday Concert
- December 2, 2025 - 6:30pm - 3rd Grade Musical Black River Elementary
- December 16, 2025 - 3rd Grade Musical West Carthage Elementary

General Brown Central School - General Brown Area NY - <https://www.gblions.org/>

- December 18, 2025 - 6:00pm - BGP Band and Chorus Concert
- December 11, 2025 - 6:00pm - Junior High Holiday Concert
- December 17, 2025 - 6:00pm - Senior High Holiday Concert

Indian River Central School District - All are at IRHS in Philadelphia NY unless noted otherwise. - [www.ircsd.org](http://www.ircsd.org)

- December 3, 2025 - 7:00pm - High School Orchestra Concert
- December 4, 2025 - 7:00pm - Calcium Primary School 2nd & 3rd Concert
- December 9, 2025 - 7:00pm - Antwerp Primary School Concert
- December 10, 2025 - 7:00pm - Middle School 7&8 Ensembles
- December 11, 2025 - 7:00pm - Middle School 6th Ensembles
- December 15, 2025 - Intermediate School Chorus Concert
- December 16, 2025 - High School Chorus Concert
- December 17, 2025 - High School Band Concert

LaFargeville Central School - LaFargeville NY - <https://www.lafargevillecsd.org/>

- December 5th 7:00pm & 6th 2:00pm - LCS Musical Elf Jr (Tickets are \$6)
- December 10, 2025 - High School Band & Chorus Concert
- December 17, 2025 - Elementary Christmas Concert

Lyme Central School - Chaumont- <https://www.lymecsd.org/>

- December 9, 2025 -6:00pm - Winter Concert

Sackets Harbor Central School - Sackets Harbor NY - <https://sacketspatriots.org/>

- December 3, 2025 - 5:00pm - Elementary Winter Concert
- December 10, 2025 - 6:00pm - M.S/H.S Winter Concert



South Jefferson Central School - <https://www.spartanpride.org>

- December 9, 2025 - 6:30pm - 6th Grade Holiday Concert
- December 7th & 8th, 2025 - 7:30pm - Holiday Concert
- December 16, 2025 - HS. Holiday Pops Concert

Thousand Islands Central School - <https://www.1000islandsschools.org/>

- December 4, 2025 - 6:00pm - BES Christmas Concert
- December 16, 2025 - 6:00pm - Middle School Holiday Concert
- December 16, 2025 - 7:00pm - High School Holiday Concert
- December 17, 2025 - 6:00pm - GES Holiday Concert Grades 2 - 3
- December 18, 2025 - 6:00pm - GES Holiday Concert Grades 3 - 5

Watertown City School District - <https://www.watertowncsd.org/>

- December 3, 2025 - 6:00pm - Sherman Elementary Grades 3&4 Concert
- December 3, 2025 - 6:00pm - North Elementary 3rd Grade Concert
- December 3, 2025 - 6:45pm - North Elementary 4th Grade Concert
- December 3, 2025 - 7:00pm - Knickerbocker 4th Grade Concert
- December 10, 2025 - 6:30pm - Wiley Holiday Concert
- December 11, 2025 - 7:00pm - Watertown High School Holiday Concert

## Lego Clubs

Dates and Locations Vary see below

December 2, 2025 - 4:00pm - 5:00pm East Hounsfield Library - Ages 2 - High School

- <https://www.facebook.com/share/1EyUbDpzy/>

December 6, 2025 - 10:30am - Sally Ploof Library - Black River NY - Ages 1 - High School

- <https://www.encompassrec.com>

December 16, 2025 - 4:00pm - Evans Mills Free Library - Ages 2 - High School

- <https://www.facebook.com/share/1FasjfMAN4/>

December 18, 2025 - 4:00pm - 5:30pm Flower Memorial Library(Watertown) - All ages and abilities

- <https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/all-ages-abilities-lego-club-19/>



## Christmas Parades and Tree Lighting

December 4, 2025 - 6:00pm - Fort Drum NY - Tree Lighting and Holiday Celebration -  
<https://www.facebook.com/share/17oRCYMuvB/>

December 5, 2025 - 6:00pm - Alexandria Bay NY - Village Tree Lighting -  
<https://www.facebook.com/share/14Qksde46CR/>

December 6, 2025 - 6:00pm - Clayton NY - Clayton Christmas Parade and Fireworks -  
<https://www.facebook.com/share/1Eq1CuFing/>

December 11, 2025 - 5:00pm - Fort Drum NY - Night of Lights -  
<https://www.facebook.com/share/17nzmPhZ5/>

December 12, 2025 - 4:00pm - Redwood NY - The Night Tree -  
<https://www.facebook.com/share/1Br41bvY5B/>

December 12, 2025 - 6:00pm - Watertown NY - Watertown Christmas Parade -  
<https://www.watertown-ny.gov/events/39374/>

December 13, 2025 - 6:00pm - Theresa NY - Light the Night Holiday Parade -  
<https://www.facebook.com/share/17QHnDvfZm/>

## Full Moon Hike

December 4, 2025 - 3:30pm  
Minna Anthony Common Nature Center - Fineview NY

"Join us on the trails for our monthly full-moon hikes! Please wear sturdy hiking shoes, layered clothing for warmth, and bring your own headlamp and/or flashlight. We'll leave the Nature Center promptly to catch a view of the moonrise. Following the hike, we'll host a campfire! Program subject to weather. Limited space, please RSVP no later than 2 days prior to event."

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1Bt7Rovs91/>



## "The Polar Express" Interactive Movie Experience

December 5, 2025 - 6:30pm  
Clayton Opera House - Clayton NY

"An Interactive Movie Experience with The Butler Did It Players. Stop by the Clayton Opera House for an interactive movie: The Polar Express. Bring your favorite sleeping bag or lawn chair to sit on- the performance hall floor will be open with no chairs! (The balcony will also be available with regular seating, but hot cocoa and cookies will not be served.)

Golden tickets and bells will be available to purchase for \$5.

Before the movie starts, there will be music, meet the conductor, and get your 'believe' tickets punched. At 6:20pm (movie starts at 6:30), there will be an introduction which explains what to expect during the movie: character interactions with the audience, receive hot cocoa and cookies, etc.

Pictures with the Conductor and the receiving of your jingle bell will happen AFTER the movie."

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1GLZLs6fqj/>

## Theresa Primary winter wonderland Festival

December 5, 2025 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm  
Theresa Primary School - Theresa NY

Join us December 5th from 5 PM to 7 PM for some winter fun!

<https://www.facebook.com/share/17mnXEH9Mr/>



## Community Christmas Party

December 6, 2025 - 6:30pm  
Sackets Harbor Ballroom - Sackets Harbor NY

"All are invited to attend--bring your family and friends to have a holiday drink and snack with your fellow villagers. RSVP me: [Jenny@goshengrovefarms.com](mailto:Jenny@goshengrovefarms.com) "

<https://www.facebook.com/share/17gzX1gZDY/>

## Elf workshop

December 6, 2025 - 10:00am - 11:30am  
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Get ready to sleigh the day with festive fun at the library! Make tree-mendous holiday crafts, play many merry games, and a claus for celebration...Meet Santa himself! Our staff and volunteers will be happy to help snap photos with Santa – just be sure to bring your own devices! Holiday attire and costumes are encouraged.

This program is for all ages and abilities. It will be held in the Children's Room and Community Room."

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/all-ages-abilities-elf-workshop-2/>

## Santa Central: Meet Santa, Holiday Activities, Bouncy House

December 6, 2025 - 2:00pm - 5:00pm  
Clayton Opera House - Clayton NY

"No entrance fee!

Stop into the Opera House and get warm while waiting for the Christmas Parade! We will have hot cocoa and snacks for purchase.

Let your little ones meet Santa Clause, participate in some holiday activities, enjoy the bouncy house, and more! "

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1BJuck3tmD/>





## 1000 Islands River Santa

December 7, 2025 - 12:00pm  
Frink Park - Watertown, NY

"Santa will be arriving for the 10th annual 1000 Islands River Santa event by boat at Frink Park.

All children 12 & under, from River communities up and down the St Lawrence River, are then invited to follow Santa to the Clayton Opera House for the opportunity to meet him, get a gift, and take part in crafts and activities."

<https://www.facebook.com/share/16UBETjDJP/>

## Community Music School of NNY Jazz Ensemble

December 7, 2025 - 12:00pm  
Dulles State Office Building - Watertown NY

"Get ready to tap your toes and feel the holiday groove with the Jazz Ensemble from the Community Music School of NNY! Their smooth sounds and festive tunes will bring energy and joy to A North Country Festival of Trees. A perfect way to celebrate the season with music!

The Mission of Jazz Ensemble Community Music School of NNY is to improve the quality of life of our clients, using music instruction and the relationships that are built through the power of music, by hiring caring instructors, providing a comfortable, inclusive learning environment and, employing complimentary learning strategies to accommodate a wide variety of needs and abilities."

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1GzYCs54XU/>



## Holiday Concert Featuring The NNY Brass Quintet & Silvertones Flute Choir

December 10, 2025 - 7:00pm  
The Strand - Watertown NY

Join us for a festive evening of music and community at The Strand! On December 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM, HarmoNNY proudly presents a holiday concert filled with warmth, joy, and seasonal cheer. Enjoy performances by the NNY Brass Quintet, the Hornaments Horn Choir, and the Silvertone Flute Choir as they bring beloved Christmas melodies to life in the beautifully restored Strand Theater.

Tickets are just \$5 and can be purchased at [HarmoNNY.org/our-events](https://www.facebook.com/share/1DQhWGfX4d/) or at the door. All proceeds benefit the HarmoNNY Instrument Lending Library, helping to support music education and access throughout the North Country.

Bundle up, bring your family and friends, and celebrate the season with an evening of inspiring live music!

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1DQhWGfX4d/>

## Community Dinner

December 13, 2025 - 9:00pm  
Fisher's Landing Fire Department - Fisher's Landing NY

"Community dinner at FLFD on Dec 13, bring a dish to pass, ham and rolls will be provided. Santa will be coming (bring a small gift for your child for him to give)  
Gathering at 5:30, dinner at 6 p.m.  
Always a great time to visit with friends and neighbors"

<https://www.facebook.com/share/17boWmeCYF/>



## Story Time, Cookie Decorating and Letters with Santa

December 13, 2025 - 11:00am - 1:00pm  
Hay Memorial Library - Sackets Harbor NY

"Grab your Christmas PJs and join us to celebrate our library therapy dog Finn- it's his birthday!

We will start off with a special story time at 11am

Christmas cookie decorating to follow, and a station to write letters to Santa!

Open to all ages

Please give us a call or message if you plan to attend "

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1GokQWY8Uq/>

## All Ages & Abilities Family Movie & Craft Afternoon

December 13, 2025 - 2:00pm - 4:00pm  
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Join us in the South Reading Room for a family friendly movie, a simple craft, and a tasty treat!

This event is for all ages and abilities

December 13: The Muppets Christmas Carol (1992, rated G)"

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/all-ages-abilities-family-movie-craft-afternoon-4/>

## Breakfast with Santa Philadelphia Primary

December 13, 2025 - 9:00am - 11:00am  
Philadelphia Primary - Philadelphia NY

"\$10 per family includes breakfast, crafts, games, cookies, and a visit with Santa."

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/all-ages-abilities-elf-workshop-2/>



## Christmas for Kids at Northpole

December 14, 2025 - 1:00pm - 4:00pm  
Northpole Fire Company - Watertown NY

Christmas for Kids at Northpole!

Join us for a magical afternoon filled with holiday fun, festive activities, and Christmas cheer!

Activities Include: Meet Santa, Write a letter to Santa, Make an ornament, Hot chocolate, Children's bingo, Face painting, See the firetrucks up close!

Northpole Fire Company is excited to celebrate the magic of the season with the children in our community. Bring your family, enjoy the festivities, and help us make this Christmas unforgettable!

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1GrEXKLaXv/>

## A Covenant Christmas

December 14, 2025 - 12:00pm - 3:00pm  
Covenant Church - Black River NY

"Our first annual "A Covenant Christmas"

This is a family event, open to the public!

Real horse sleigh rides, cookie decorating stations, ornament painting, hot cocoa, great fellowship for everyone in your family & more!"

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1G1tjriPmG/>



## All Ages & Abilities Cocoa and Coding

December 19, 2025 - 4:30pm - 5:30pm  
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Curious about the world of STEAM but not sure where to begin? Dive in with us for a hands-on adventure exploring science, technology, engineering, art, and math through three exciting library tech kits! Build, code, and create as we experiment with Bloxels, Cubelets, and the Code-a-pillar. It's the perfect way to spark your curiosity and see just how fun STEAM can be!

Patrons of all ages and abilities are welcome to attend this event! Learn together with us."

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/cocoa-and-coding/>

## Winter Solstice Candlelit Forest walk

December 19, 2025 - 7:00pm - 8:30pm  
Joseph Blake Wildlife Sanctuary - Watertown NY

"Celebrate the longest night of the year by candlelight with a self-paced hike or snowshoe along our magical forest trail loop at the Joseph A. Blake Wildlife Sanctuary, 31241 Middle Road, Watertown. Stop along the way to learn about how people have spent this time of reflection through the ages, decorate a tree for wildlife and depart with positive intentions for the coming year.

Please dress for the weather and bring along a flashlight or headlamp. Wear your sturdy shoes or boots. If it's snowy and you have them, feel free to bring your snowshoes along!"

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1BMCaheoJk/>



## All Ages & Abilities Christmas with Christine the History Queen

December 20, 2025 - 10:00am - 11:30am  
December 22, 2025 - 6:00pm - 7:30 pm  
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Yule love this festive treat! Get into the holiday spirit with Christine Darrow as she presents *Christine the History Queen's* brand new Christmas episode and shares a live reading from her debut novel, *'Twas the Christmas That Changed the World!* Both the episode and the book discuss the story behind how Constable Hall inspired the beloved children's book, *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, and the iconic imagery of Santa.

This event is open to all ages and abilities. There are two different dates for this program; both events will contain the same content. Both events will be held in the South Reading Room.

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/all-ages-abilities-christmas-with-christine-the-history-queen/>

## Cookie & Cocoa with Santa

December 20, 2025 - 12:00pm - 2:00pm  
First Presbyterian Church of Watertown NY - Watertown NY

"Santa returns to First Pres for the fourth year in a row on December 20 from 12-2pm and he wants to have cookies and cocoa with you! Join us for delicious cookies, hot cocoa, Christmas movies and crafts, and pictures with Santa! There is no cost for this event and we encourage you to bring your camera to snap those precious pictures! "

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1Comkp969w/>



## Winter Solstice Luminary Hike

December 20, 2025 - 5:30pm - 8:30pm  
Minna Anthony Common Nature Center - Fineview NY

"Follow the lighted path to celebrate the coming season of light! Come experience half-mile North Field Loop lit with trailside luminaries on this festive, self-guided, night hike. Then hike back to the Nature Center to enjoy a fire and celebrate with fun and music! (All of you musicians, please bring your instrument!) Please dress for the weather and bring a flashlight/headlamp. Snowshoes will be provided if warranted by weather. RSVP by 12/18."

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1C5iSbNvJi/>

## Children's Christmas Store

December 20, 2025 - 9:00am - 2:00pm  
Life Church of the Nazarene - Watertown NY

"Give your kids the joy of giving! At our Children's Christmas Store, kids get to "shop" for their family using free play money provided at the door. Volunteers will be available to help little shoppers choose gifts and wrap them—so each child goes home with presents they picked out themselves, wrapped and ready for Christmas morning.

This event is completely FREE and open to all families in our community. Bring your children, enjoy the festive atmosphere, and let them experience the excitement of blessing someone they love. We can't wait to see you there!"

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1A2eDT6nUz/>



## The Holiday Train

December 30, 2025 - 12:00pm - 2:00pm  
Dulles State Office Building - Watertown NY

"Children will love this live reading of The Polar Express featuring characters from the movie. Each "passenger" will receive a treat. "First gift of Christmas" - a silver sleigh bell will be handed out to each child 12 years and under. Children under 12 will also receive a golden "Polar Express" ticket punched with their first initial and presented by the Train Conductor.

FREE Event at A North Country Festival of Trees TICKETS AND BELLS FOR THE FIRST 200 CHILDREN. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite PJs or Christmas Outfit! Characters are not representative of Warner Brothers or Disney."

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1D3Vqxe6t6/>

## Year-End Bonfire

December 31, 2025 - 5:00pm - 8:00pm  
Minna Anthony Common Nature Center - Fineview NY

"Join us at our annual New Years Eve bonfire to discard those burdens that have weighed us down in 2025 and embrace the freshness and positivity of 2026! The Nature Center will provide the fire (outside, if weather allows) and games/crafts throughout the duration of this drop-in celebration! If you have a musical instrument and/or a singing voice, please bring them! Please dress for weather and bring a flashlight/headlamp. RSVP by 12/29."

<https://www.facebook.com/events/670121439467294/>

## Noon Year's Eve Party

December 31, 2025 - 11:30am - 12:30pm  
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Come join the fun at our Noon Year's Eve Party! We will have crafts, games, and a fun count down to noon with a balloon drop! Make New Year's Eve special without staying up until midnight!

This event is open to all ages and abilities and will be held in both the Children's Room and the Community Room."

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/all-ages-abilities-noon-years-eve-party/>





## Elementary Aged Events (Prek - 5th)

### Youth Book Club - Counting By 7's

November 1, 2025 - 12:00pm - 1:00pm  
East Hounsfield Free Library - Watertown NY

"Join us for this month's Youth Book Club as we dive into Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan. This is a heartwarming, funny, and inspiring story about 12-year-old Willow Chance, a genius who sees the world a little differently. After an unexpected tragedy changes her life forever, Willow begins a journey that shows how connection, kindness, and resilience can bloom in the most unlikely places. Let's talk about what it means to be different, how we cope with change, and the power of friendship. Bring your thoughts, questions, and favorite quotes!"

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1CR1596YSE/>

### Tween Gaming

December 1, 2025 - 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Join us for a snack, games (Nintendo Switch, Wii, PC, and board games), and a good time! Betcha can't beat us at Mario Kart!"

This event is for ages 8-12. Limited to 12 participants on a first come, first served basis. No reservations can be made."

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-8-12-tween-gaming-4/>



## Art Club

December 5, 2025 - 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"For ages 6-12. Hosted by local art educator Shalaina Thompson at 4pm to 5pm in the Children's Room.

Questions? Contact Library Director Suzie Renzi-Falge at 315-785-7701"

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-6-12-art-club-19/>

## Youth Book Club: A Boy Called Christmas

December 6, 2025 - 12:00pm - 1:00pm  
East Hounsfield Free Library - Watertown NY

"Join us for a festive gathering at the East Hounsfield Library! This month, we're diving into A Boy Called Christmas by Matt Haig. If you've already finished it, feel free to jump right into The Girl Who Saved Christmas!

We'll have fun making Christmas ornaments together! Everyone is welcome to bring a snack to share."

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1TfDZCu8Xz/>

## Let the Games Begin!

December 8, 15, 2025 - 3:00pm - 4:15pm  
Macsherry Library - Alexandria Bay NY

"Join Hearts For Youth for some gaming fun! Open to youth in 3rd grade and up."

Must Register to attend.

<https://heartsforyouth.org/available-hfy-programs/>



## Art Club with Dana Gillan

December 9 & 30 , 2025 - 3:00pm - 5:00pm  
East Hounsfield Free Library - Watertown NY

"Join us for Art Club with Dana Gillan at East Hounsfield Free Library!

This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Re grants Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature, and administered by the St. Lawrence County Arts Council.

Club is appropriate for school aged children.

Feel free to reach out with any questions! "

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1BTTqki4ja/>

## Tween Crafternoon

December 11, 2025 - 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Join us each month in the Makerspace from 4:00pm-5:00pm for a different craft and enjoy some snacks too!

December 11 - Slime

This event is for ages 8-12. Limited to 10 participants on a first come, first served basis. No reservations can be made."

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-8-12-tween-crafternoon-4/>



## Ages 3 - 12 Take & Make Crafts

December 13, 2025 - 9:00am  
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"On one Saturday of each month, grab a craft kit to make with your little ones! All the supplies needed for the craft will be included in the kit. Patrons are welcome to take the craft home or make it here at the library.

This kit is for ages 3-12. Please limit to one kit per child. Kits will be given out on a first come first served basis at the Circulation Desk. No reservations can be made."

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-3-12-take-make-crafts-16/>

## Ages 8 - 17 Cookie Decorating

December 15, 2025 - 4:30pm -5:30pm  
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Stop by after school for cookie decorating! Decorate a sugar cookie or two with icing and fun toppings! Make it holiday themed or just load it up with toppings before chowing down, the choice is yours!

Limited to 20 participants. First Come, First Served.

This event is for ages 8-17 and will be held in the Makerspace. If you are 18 years-old and still attend high school, you may attend teen programs.

**\*\*Food allergies cannot be accommodated due to the design of this program\*\***

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-8-17-cookie-decorating/>



## Ages 0 - 12 Holiday Stocking workshop

December 16, 2025 - 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with a fun and festive craft! Paint and decorate your own holiday stocking to take home just in time for Santa's visit. All materials will be provided.

This event is for ages 0-12 and will take place in the Children's Room.

Stockings will be given out on a first come first served basis. No reservations can be made. Children must be present in order to receive a stocking."

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-0-12-holiday-stockings-workshop/>



## Middle School Aged Events (6th - 8th)

### Tween Gaming

December 1, 2025 - 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Join us for a snack, games (Nintendo Switch, Wii, PC, and board games), and a good time! Betcha can't beat us at Mario Kart!

This event is for ages 8-12. Limited to 12 participants on a first come, first served basis. No reservations can be made."

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-8-12-tween-gaming-4/>

### Ages 12-17 Take & Make Kit: Hot Chocolate ornament

December 1, 2025 - 9:00am - 8:00pm  
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Grab a kit to create an ornament filled with hot chocolate! Can be given as a gift or kept for yourself!

Ingredients list will be provided.

Limit of 1 kit per person, max of 2 if picking up for a friend. Available in the Teen Space while supplies last!

**\*\*Food allergies cannot be accommodated due to the design of this program\*\* "**

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-12-17-take-make-kit-hot-chocolate-ornament/>



## Art Club

December 5, 2025 - 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"For ages 6-12. Hosted by local art educator Shalaina Thompson at 4pm to 5pm in the Children's Room.

Questions? Contact Library Director Suzie Renzi-Falge at 315-785-7701"

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-6-12-art-club-19/>

## Open Gaming

December 5, 12, 19, 2025 - 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

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<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-12-17-open-gaming-49/>

## Youth Book Club: A Boy Called Christmas

December 6, 2025 - 12:00pm - 1:00pm  
East Hounsfield Free Library - Watertown NY

"Join us for a festive gathering at the East Hounsfield Library! This month, we're diving into A Boy Called Christmas by Matt Haig. If you've already finished it, feel free to jump right into The Girl Who Saved Christmas!

We'll have fun making Christmas ornaments together! Everyone is welcome to bring a snack to share."

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1TfDZCu8Xz/>



## Art Club with Dana Gillan

December 9 & 30 , 2025 - 3:00pm - 5:00pm  
East Hounsfield Free Library - Watertown NY

"Join us for Art Club with Dana Gillan at East Hounsfield Free Library!

This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Re grants Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature, and administered by the St. Lawrence County Arts Council.

Club is appropriate for school aged children.

Feel free to reach out with any questions! "

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1BTTqki4ja/>

## Tween Crafternoon

December 11, 2025 - 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Join us each month in the Makerspace from 4:00pm-5:00pm for a different craft and enjoy some snacks too!

December 11 - Slime

This event is for ages 8-12. Limited to 10 participants on a first come, first served basis. No reservations can be made."

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-8-12-tween-crafternoon-4/>





## Ages 3 - 12 Take & Make Crafts

December 13, 2025 - 9:00am  
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"On one Saturday of each month, grab a craft kit to make with your little ones! All the supplies needed for the craft will be included in the kit. Patrons are welcome to take the craft home or make it here at the library.

This kit is for ages 3-12. Please limit to one kit per child. Kits will be given out on a first come first served basis at the Circulation Desk. No reservations can be made."

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-3-12-take-make-crafts-16/>

## Ages 8 - 17 Cookie Decorating

December 15, 2025 - 4:30pm -5:30pm  
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Stop by after school for cookie decorating! Decorate a sugar cookie or two with icing and fun toppings! Make it holiday themed or just load it up with toppings before chowing down, the choice is yours!

Limited to 20 participants. First Come, First Served.

This event is for ages 8-17 and will be held in the Makerspace. If you are 18 years-old and still attend high school, you may attend teen programs.

**\*\*Food allergies cannot be accommodated due to the design of this program\*\***

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-8-17-cookie-decorating/>



## Ages 0 - 12 Holiday Stocking workshop

December 16, 2025 - 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with a fun and festive craft! Paint and decorate your own holiday stocking to take home just in time for Santa's visit. All materials will be provided.

This event is for ages 0-12 and will take place in the Children's Room.

Stockings will be given out on a first come first served basis. No reservations can be made. Children must be present in order to receive a stocking."

<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-0-12-holiday-stockings-workshop/>

## Book Display Brigade

December 18, 2025 - 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Channel your inner designer and help make a book display for the Teen Space. Participants gain volunteer time for attendance.

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<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-12-17-book-display-brigade-13/>

## Peer Educators Needed

Planned Parenthood

"Peer Educators promote health and wellness through educational and fun events for other youth in the community.

Open to Youth ages 13 - 24 years of age

If interested in learning more - [ppncny.education@gmail.com](mailto:ppncny.education@gmail.com)



## SoZo Teen Center

Monday - Friday 2:30pm - 7:30pm  
SoZo Teen Center - Watertown, NY

Drop in for some teen time. We have a variety of activities.  
Snack at 1pm and Dinner at 4:45pm

Free and open to youth in grades 7 - 12th

<https://www.facebook.com/WatertownSoZoTeenCenter>



## High School Aged Events (9th - 12th)

### Ages 12-17 Take & Make Kit: Hot Chocolate ornament

December 1, 2025 - 9:00am - 8:00pm  
Flower Memorial Library - Watertown NY

"Grab a kit to create an ornament filled with hot chocolate! Can be given as a gift or kept for yourself!

Ingredients list will be provided.

Limit of 1 kit per person, max of 2 if picking up for a friend. Available in the Teen Space while supplies last!.

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<https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/event/ages-12-17-take-make-kit-hot-chocolate-ornament/>

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## Specialized Group Events

### Exceptional Sound Quest

December 3, 2025 - 5:00pm - 6:30pm  
Music Center For Education - Watertown NY

"Thanks to an amazing partnership with Music Education Centers of Watertown, we are proud to offer Exceptional Sound Quest music exploration classes!"

This program is open to youth ages 2 through high school with higher support needs.

<https://www.encompassrec.com/events/sound-quest-sponsored-by-northern-tier-contracting-n5znh-frnlm>

### Teen+ Club

December 3, 2025 - 5:00pm - 6:00pm  
CHJC Campus Cottage 1 - Watertown NY

"The Teen+ Club is a specialized program designed to serve neurodivergent teens and young adults (ages 13-21) in the community, providing them with a supportive environment where they can build social skills, engage in collaborative activities, and receive guidance for transitioning into adulthood. Recognizing the unique challenges faced by neurodivergent individuals, especially during the critical adolescent and young adult years, the Teen+ Club aims to bridge the gap in services that cater to their social, emotional, and developmental needs.

Program will be in Cottage #1 on the CHJC Campus, led by volunteers."

<https://www.encompassrec.com/events/frederick-teen-club-xdb8l-49aeh>



## Tinker Club

December 3, 2025 - 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
CHJC Campus Cottage 1 - Watertown NY

"Tinker Club is a specialized STEM and social program developed to support exceptional youth ages 11-21.

The program is designed to address the unique needs of young individuals with higher support needs, providing them with a nurturing environment to explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) subjects, engage in creative problem-solving, and build essential social skills.

Program will be in Cottage #1 on the CHJC Campus in Watertown"

<https://www.facebook.com/share/17x5Z7yrMW/>

## Sensory Friendly Santa

December 6, 2025 - 2:30pm - 4:30pm  
Sally Ploof Hunter Memorial Library - Black River NY

"Come meet Santa at the Sally Ploof Hunter Memorial Library!

Each immediate family will sign up for one 10 minute slot to allow for dedicated time with Santa without having to wait in line with crowds. \*This event is intended for kids with higher support needs and their immediate family.\*

Come as you are... you are free to lay, roll, jump, spin, or flap with Santa!

You are welcomed and encouraged to take your own photos. Register by clicking "Tickets" above. For more information visit [encompassrec.com](https://encompassrec.com)

This sensory friendly event is FREE and made possible thanks to many kind volunteers and our friends at the Sally Ploof Hunter Memorial Library!"

<https://www.facebook.com/share/16kHKJDzBF/>





## Exceptional Art Club

December 13, 2025 - 10:00am - 12:00pm  
Evans Mills Library - Evans Mills NY

"Encompass Recreation is proud to again offer an Art Club for exceptional youth, ages 2 through high-school.

Thanks to our sponsor, D2 Accounting, this program is free to exceptional participants."

<https://www.encompassrec.com/events/d2-accounting-art-club-mj95f-2p6ad>

## Exceptional Dance Party

December 29, 2025 - 4:30pm - 5:15pm - ages 5 - 9 & 5:15 - 6:00 pm - ages 10+  
Rhonda's Foot Works - Watertown NY

"Thanks to an amazing partnership with Rhonda's FooteWorks of Watertown, we are proud to offer an Exceptional Dance Party!

\*\*This event requires at least 6 participants per age group to occur, so gather all of your exceptional friends and sign up today!\*

The event is FREE for all exceptional youth and made possible by the generosity of Rhonda's FooteWorks and their kind volunteers.

<https://www.encompassrec.com/events/exceptional-dance-party>

## Troops and Tots Craft Nights

December 2, 2025 - 5:00pm -6:30pm  
Robert McEwen Library - Fort Drum NY

"Every 1st Tuesday of the month at 5 PM. All supplies are provided. Supplies are limited. First come, first served. All ages welcome!

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1FSr48aK7p/>



## Cookies with Santa

December 4, 2025 - 4:00pm - 6:00pm  
Crescent Woods Community Center - Fort Drum NY

"Join us for cookies and hot cocoa while you take a picture with Santa, Mrs. Claus and the Grinch! Don't forget your camera!"

<https://www.facebook.com/share/17T6NBR5N9/>

## Trees for Troops

December 5, 2025 - 9:00am - 4:00pm  
The Peak - Fort Drum NY

"It's our annual Christmas tree giveaway!

Enjoy free hot chocolate and goodies while you pick out the perfect tree!

This year there will be two separate pick-up dates. Please attend ONLY the appropriate date and time based on the criteria below, and have your DoD ID with you. Trees will be available on a first-come, first-served basis each day for that day's category.

Pick up location: Behind The Peak Event Venue, near Sip of Glory Coffeehouse, 4350 Euphrates River Valley Road.

Category	Pick Up Date and Time
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E5 and below and Family Members	- December 5, 9 am to 4 pm
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E6 and above, All other DoD Card Holders	-December 6, 9 am to 4 pm
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Patrons are responsible for providing their own tie-down materials."

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1BqLwZkefk/>



### Mission: Bedtime

December 9, 2025 - 6:00pm - 6:45pm  
Robert C. McEwen Library - Fort Drum NY

"Special bedtime storytime Adventures for soldiers and their children.

All ages welcome!"

<https://www.facebook.com/share/17XdbhmwCe/>

### Pokemon Club

December 23, 2025 - 5:00pm - 6:30pm  
Robert C. McEwen Library - Fort Drum NY

"Bring your decks or borrow one of ours. You can learn to play Pokémon TCG, enjoy themed crafts, and socialize. All ages and skill levels welcome!"

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1Jg8zD1L4J/>

### LGBTQ Youth and Allies

Thursdays in December, 2025 - 5:30pm - 7:30pm  
Q Center - Watertown NY

### The Q Center Parent Groups

Virtual - by ACR Health

Wednesdays 12:30pm - 1:30pm - Mix & Match, Coffee N' Chat

Wednesdays 6:00pm - 7:30pm - Dinner & Discussion

<https://www.acrhealth.org/youth-programs/q-centers/>



# ***DIPLOMA & CREDENTIAL OPTIONS: FOR FAMILIES***

**Join us on Zoom  
December 10, 2025  
5pm–7pm**

- ✓ Credit Requirements
- ✓ Current Pathways to Graduation
- ✓ Exiting Credentials



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# **SPECIALLY DESIGNED INSTRUCTION FOR FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS**

PRESENTED BY:

THE CENTRAL REGION FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER:

SCHOOL AGED FAMILY ENGAGEMENT FACILITATOR: JULIA ALTERI

*This workshop is intended to develop a basic understanding of SDI in order to increase knowledge of parents and other family members as engaged meaningful partners in the special education process and the education of their child.*

**DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> 11-12:30**  
**JOIN VIRTUALLY**

**SCAN TO REGISTER**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION: [WWW.BOCES.COM/CRPC](http://WWW.BOCES.COM/CRPC)**



# Tree Lighting

December 5, 2025 @6pm

110 Walton Street, Alex Bay

Festivities in the Community Room

Tree Lighting Outfront @ 6:30PM



You're invited to join us for a magical time filled with festive fun

\* Arrive in your coziest pajamas

\* Sip on delicious hot chocolate and savor sweet cookies & popcorn

\* Have some fun with crafts

\* Coloring contest winners(2) will be announced

\* Each child will receive a special souvenir to remember this magical night



DECEMBER 20th 1:00pm - 3:00pm

to sign up visit the  
Philadelphia American Legion  
or call 315-642-3334

Holiday Crafts |  
Pictures with Santa, Mrs. Claus,  
and The Grinch

Philadelphia American Legion Post 798  
limited to the first 100 kids

Holiday HarmonNY at The Strand

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 10, 2025 7PM

NNY Brass Quintet  
Hornaments Horn Choir  
Silvertones Flute Choir

A detailed illustration of The Strand building in Watertown, NY, covered in snow. The building has multiple stories, many windows, and a prominent steeple. Snow is falling around the building.

CONCERT TICKET \$5  
Tickets available at HarmonNY.org & at the door  
ADMIT ONE

The Strand 136 Franklin Street, Watertown NY

Proceeds benefit HarmonNY Instrument Lending Library

An illustration of a group of children standing in a room filled with Christmas gifts. They are all smiling and looking at the presents. The room is decorated with garlands and lights.

## Children's Christmas Shopping Event

DECEMBER 20: 9AM-2PM

FREE & OPEN TO ALL FAMILIES  
CHILDREN WILL BE GIVEN "PLAY MONEY" TO  
SHOP FOR THEIR FAMILY, HELP AVAILABLE FOR  
SHOPPING AND WRAPPING

LIFE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE:  
535 THOMPSON BLVD, IN THE GYM





*Save the Date*

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**PARADE 6PM**  
**FIREWORKS FOLLOWING  
THE PARADE**

**CHRISTMAS  
AROUND THE WORLD**  
65<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE  
IN LIGHTS

WOOD ISLANDS  
CLAYTON  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**FXCAPRARA**

*Clayton Christmas Parade & Fireworks*



**Christmas Tree  
LIGHTING CEREMONY**

Thursday, December 4, 2025: 6pm | Frink Park, Riverside Drive, Clayton



**A COVENANT  
CHRISTMAS**

**SLEIGH RIDES | ORNAMENT PAINTING  
COOKIE DECORATING | HOT COCOA BAR  
& MORE**

Covenant Church  
28060 Leray St. Black River, NY 13612  
December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 12:00pm - 3:00pm

**December's Let  
the Games  
Begin!**



**Join HFY on Monday  
12/8, and 12/15 from  
3-4:15 pm at the  
Macsherry Library.  
3rd grade and up  
welcome! Please click the  
link to sign up! Each month  
we do a new form!**

**We love playing  
games with you!**

**Do you like  
puzzles? We have  
them too!**

**Please don't forget to  
bring your water bottle  
and a snack!**

Connect 4  
Phone Call: (315) 765-5445  
Email: [heartsfor youth@igmail.com](mailto:heartsfor youth@igmail.com)  
You can also contact us on Facebook messaging and  
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# 1000 Islands River Santa



## Save the Date

DECEMBER

07

2025

CHILDREN'S GIFTS  
12 & Under  
FOOD, DRINKS & MORE

**Clayton Waterfront**



## You're Invited!

Grab your PJs and join us for a special Christmas Story Time with the birthday boy, Finn! Letters to Santa and Cookie Decorating to follow!



Hay Memorial Library

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 11am-1pm

Story time at 11am  
Open to all ages



## The Night Tree

December 12, 2025

4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Redwood Hill Preserve

44010 Stine Road, Redwood, NY 13679

Registration is not required but encouraged.



## COMMUNITY Christmas Party

06 DECEMBER | 6:30-0900 PM

☆ SACKET'S HARBOR BALLROOM

LITE BITES | CASH BAR | ADULTS ONLY  
CASUAL/CHRISTMAS SWEATER ATTIRE

HOSTS

Jessica Williams  
Jenny Logan  
Sacket's Harbor Ballroom

RSVP: JENNY@GOSHENGROVEFARMS.COM





# COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL OF NNY JAZZ ENSEMBLE



Sunday, December 7th, 12:00 PM

A North Country  
Festival of  
Trees



fort drum  
MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY  
HOMES

## Night of Lights

THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 11TH

5:00PM-7:00PM



## CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS AT NORTHPOLE

- Meet Santa
- Write a letter
- Make an Ornament
- Hot Chocolate
- Children's Bingo
- Face Painting
- See Firetrucks



DEC 14  
2025

1:00-4:00PM

Northpole Fire  
Company's  
"Bingo Hall"

22334 US ROUTE 11  
WATERTOWN, NY

Northpole Fire Company would like  
to celebrate the magic of Christmas  
with the children of our community.







JOIN US FOR  
THERESA  
PRIMARY'S

**WINTER**

*Wonderland Festival*

December  
5th

SNOW DATE: 12/12

JOIN US FOR



A FUN FAMILY EVENT!



5-7PM.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TPS PTO!

RAFFLES-VENDORS-CRAFTS-ACTIVITIES-MUSIC

**SANTA WILL BE VISITING 5:30-7!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BE A VENDOR EMAIL [LINDAMCMAHON@IRCSO.ORG](mailto:LINDAMCMAHON@IRCSO.ORG)

THERESA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
125 BRIDGE STREET THERESA, NY.



Theresa, NY

**LIGHT THE NIGHT**  
Holiday Parade

SAVE THE DATE

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Saturday, December 13, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Downtown Theresa, NY

Organized by the Elves of the Greater Indian River Coalition



Wagon rides with  
Santa...noon-4pm! Thank  
you Scott and Mike!!



**Outdoor  
Christmas  
Market**

THE DAY OF THE CHRISTMAS PARADE

**DECEMBER 13**

12 - 4 • PARADE AT 6  
DOWNTOWN THERESA



**TREES FOR  
TROOPS**

Friday, December 5 | 9 AM - 4 PM

Active Duty Members (E1 - E-5) & Their Families

Saturday, December 6 | 9 AM - 4 PM

Active Duty Members (E-6 & Above), Their Families  
& all other DoD cardholders

**Pick Up Location**

Behind The Peak Event Venue  
4350 Euphrates River Valley Road, Fort Drum, NY 13602

**FREE  
TREES!**





MUSIC BY MATTHEW SKLAR LYRICS BY CHAD BEGUELIN BOOK BY THOMAS MEEHAN and BOB MARTIN  
BASED UPON THE NEW LINE CINEMA FILM WRITTEN BY DAVID BERENBAUM



**Presented at LaFargeville Central School  
by the OPENING KNIGHTS DRAMA CLUB**

**Friday, December 5 @ 7 p.m.**

**Saturday, December 6 @ 2 p.m.**

**General Admission \$6**

**(Tickets available from any cast member, at the LCS Main Office,  
or at the door.)**

**Kids, we will have elves available to help you write  
your letter to Santa!**