



January Library Activities

- Tuesdays—Adult program, **Coffee And Conversation**, 9:00 AM.
- Saturday, January 10, Children's program, **Story Hour**.
- Wednesday, January 21, 5:00-6:00 PM, **STEM activity for grades K-8 using the 3D Doodler**
- Tuesday, January 27, Adult program, **Book Group** discussing *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Jennifer Chiaverini.

Happy New Year, everyone! We are all making resolutions toward making 2026 a better year. A new year, a new start keeping in mind to make resolutions that are realistic and not something that will stress you out. One resolution we at the library make is to continually provide the best service and atmosphere to give you a pleasant experience. 2026 is our nation's 250th birthday so be aware that our library will be observing this with our programming.

We want to thank the Arlington Community Club for helping us host Santa December 13th. Santa read a story, had photo opportunities, and played Bingo with the children. The Community Club had hot chocolate and cookies in the basement as well provided treat bags for the kids.

In our library of things besides the laminator and the blood pressure kit, we also have puzzles and games. Also, if you are up for it, we have children's crafts you can either make at the library or to take and make at home.

Wednesday, January 21, from 5:00-6:00 PM the library will host its first STEM program for students K-8 using the 3D Doodler. Come doodle with us and explore what the Doodler can do.

“Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini is a historical novel about the unlikely friendship between former slave Elizabeth Hobbs Keckley and First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln, focusing on Keckley's life as a gifted seamstress who becomes Lincoln's confidante and dressmaker during the Civil War. The book explores their close bond, the tragedies they both endured (including the loss of children and husband), and Keckley's later memoir, *Behind the Scenes*, which caused a scandal and ended their relationship. It offers an intimate look at the Lincoln White House and the complexities of race and class in 19th-century America.”

Our library has gotten several new graphic books for easy and junior level readers. Two of those are:

Sugar Shack by Lucy Knisley. “Peapod Farm's first snow is on the way... But it looks like a cold front is moving in on the family too! When Jen's stepsister Reese finally calls her just “sister.” Jen thinks she might have this new family thing down. But Andy isn't so quick to agree—Reese is HER sister, not Jen's. With winter coming to Peapod Farm, Jen also finds herself with a bunch of new responsibilities. Between learning how to tap trees for sugar and juggling her relationships with Reese and Andy, will Jen figure out what it means to be family?”

The Bizarre Bazaar; Mirror Town by Daniel Nayeri. “No one ever pays attention to twelve-year-old Abel Azari... Not his parents, not the cool kids at school, and certainly not his crush, Ginny Mendoza. That all changes the day he discovers a peculiar mirror in his neighbor’s garage. But it isn’t any old mirror, as Abel soon finds out when he accidentally falls through it. What waits for him on the other side is a world just like his, except something is ... off. Suddenly, his busy parents are spending every minute with him, his classmates treat him like a king, and the girl he’s been crushing on wants to hang out. Life here is perfect; how could he possibly go back to the way things were before? But Mirror Town hides evil secrets, and Abel will have to unravel them fast, before he ends up trapped there forever.”

A new book in regular print is *The King of Tides* by James Swain. “Reality and illusion blur for a detective investigating a deadly case of stalking. Nicki Pearl is the perfect daughter—every parent’s dream. And that of strangers, too. Wherever she goes, she’s being watched. Each stalker is different from the last, except for one thing—their alarming obsession with Nicki.

Desperate times call for desperate measures, and Nicki’s father is turning to someone who can protect her: retired private detective and ex-Navy SEAL, Jon Lancaster. Teaming up with FBI agent and former abduction victim Beth Daniels. Lancaster can help –his way. He’s spent most of his career dispatching creeps who get off on terrorizing the vulnerable. Unlicensed, and unrestricted, he plays dirty... But this case is unusual. Why so many men? Why this one girl? Does Nicki have something to hide? Or do her parents?”

We wish you and our country the very best in 2026! Make a resolution to come in to see us at the library. Until next time..... Keep reading!