



# Colby Community Library Newsletter December 2023



The Colby Community Library (CCL) has decked the halls and filled the shelves with holiday books, movies, magazines, and music CDs. Visit the CCL to make your season merry and bright.

## **Victorian Tea**

A reminder to all signed up for the Friends of the Colby Library Victorian Tea: Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. for the tea. Londa Swarr will be providing lovely harp music prior to (and during) the tea and people are encouraged to visit the Pearl Vorland History Room to step back in time to view nostalgia from Colby's Sesquicentennial history.

## **Take & Make Crafts**

To commemorate the sixth anniversary of being in the "new" Colby Community Library building, December offers six varieties of "Take & Make" craft bags for children. Please limit your selection to two craft bags per child per visit. Back by popular demand, there are sticker crafts for adults. Santa Tootsie Pop treats and peppermint goodies are also free during December.

## **Puzzle Competition**

Are you looking for a family or friend activity over the holiday break? The CCL is hosting its first Puzzle Setting Competition on Thursday, December 28. There are two sessions: 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Teams of 2-4 people, ages 8-adult, need to register by December 22. Each team will be working on a different 350-piece family puzzle. Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams.

## **Busy Bee Backpacks**

Once again, community folks showed their generosity by donating to the Busy Bee Backpacks program. The deliveries to Marshfield Medical Center and Aspirus Health of Medford and Wausau were tremendous. The health care personnel were elated with the 159 backpacks filled with items for children undergoing medical treatments at their respective facilities. In addition, 160 items filled four boredom buster bags for children in waiting rooms.

In 2024, the CCL holiday giving project will return to helping the local food pantries. Put on your creativity hats and plan a display, made of non-perishable food items, for our "FoodSculpture" challenge in November.

## **Adult Reading/Movie Challenge**

Remember to turn in all completed Read or View the Rainbow book and movie challenge folders by December 29 at 5 p.m. to be eligible for the drawing for Abby/Colby Chamber gift certificates.

In 2024, "Adventure BINGO" cards will be available starting Tuesday, January 2.

### **LOGO Gifts**

The Friends of the CCL have an assortment of CCL logo t-shirts, long sleeved shirts and canvas bags ready for holiday gift giving—either to those on your gift list or for yourself. The shirts are super comfy and wash beautifully. The canvas bags come in two styles, zippered or plain, and are useful for carrying library materials. The Friends use the proceeds of sales to support CCL's programs.

### **Preschool Story Times**

The dates for preschool story times remaining until the end of the year are December 1, 8, and 15. Story times are Friday mornings at 10 a.m. There will be a holiday/winter break, with story times resuming January 12 through April. New children ages 2-5 are welcome. Register at the library for entertaining, educational fun or to pick up the winter/spring schedule.

### **Craft and Hobby**

Craft and Hobby will meet on Friday, December 15 beginning at 4 p.m. This evening is open to the community to work on crafts/hobbies of your own choosing. Beverages and snacks are welcome.

### **Book Club**

The afternoon book club will meet December 19 at 1 p.m. to discuss Richard Paul Evan's book "The Christmas Promise."

The CCL evening book club will meet Tuesday, December 19 at 6 p.m. Each evening member will review the individual Christmas title they selected. A potluck meal will be shared.

### **Basket Weaving**

Basket weaving classes for adults will be held Saturday, January 27 at the CCL. Woven Blessings Basketry will be offering two classes: a strap-handled tote will be taught at 9 a.m. and a wall pocket key holder class will start at 1 p.m. There is a cost for each class; contact the library at 715-223-2000 to register beginning January 2. The morning class is more challenging; the afternoon class would be perfect for beginners. See the CCL website or Facebook page for photos of the baskets. This class is sponsored by the Friends of the Colby Library.

### **Penny Press**

We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the CCL's newly donated Penny Press machine. We are hoping people remember pressing pennies when they visited sites throughout the country and will be as excited as we are about having a machine in Colby. Four Colby-themed pennies will be available. Look for the CCL brochure included in this year's tax mailing; it includes a coupon for one free pressed penny per household. The coupon will be valid beginning January 2 through the end of May. Brochures will also be available at the library if you do not receive one.

### **Holiday Hours**

The CCL will be closed December 23-25 and December 30-January 1. Current hours are M/W/F from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and TU/TH from noon- 7 p.m. For the winter months, the library is closed on weekends. Curbside service is available by calling the CCL at 715-223-2000.

