

Colby Community Library Newsletter



December 2024



The Colby Community Library (CCL) is ready for the holiday season. Visit the CCL to make your season merry and bright. Santa Tootsie Pop treats and Colby Community Library pens are free during December while supplies last.

FoodSculpture Results

Over 3,000 food items were donated to CUP Food Pantry in Colby and to Trinity Food Pantry in Unity. Sixteen displays filled the RCU Community Room at the Colby Community Library during the month of November. Over 300 patrons and visitors voted on their favorite FoodSculpture. The winners were 1st place (John Deere tractor) Colby FFA and Baumgartner Lumber, 2nd place (Noah's Ark) BBD Sports Shop, 3rd place (dragon and knight) Nicolet Bank, and 4th place (crayon box) Colby Middle School Library.

Other participating builders included Abbotsford Health Care Center, AbbyBank, Colby Senior Care, Colby Nueva Jerusalem Hispanic Seventh-Day Adventist Church, GloryCroft Fibers, Royal Credit Union, Friends of the CCL, Colonial Center, Cherokee Chums 4-H, Loos Machine and Automation, Zion Lutheran Church, and Colby Community Library. The donated food display contest will return in 2026 for its fifth year.

Lucky "7"

The Colby Community Library moved into the new building at 505 West Spence Street in December of 2017. To celebrate how fortunate the community of Colby is to have had the new library for seven years, stop in the library during the month to see if you will be the "special number" patron each day. That lucky person will select a number from our giant sized candy box to see what they will earn in cash prizes. "Life is like a box of chocolates: you never know what you're gonna get" is the theme. (Patrons may win only once during the 19 day promotion.)

Emergency Preparedness

A reminder to all who registered for the "Emergency Preparedness" seminar through the Clark County Health Department, Thursday, December 5. The day begins at 10 a.m. at the Colby Community Library with a presentation on how to prepare for the unexpected. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m., and the afternoon concludes with open conversation until 12:30 p.m.

Puzzle Competitions

Are you looking for a fun activity over the holiday break? The CCL is hosting "Puzzle Setting Competitions" on Monday, December 30 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Teams of 2-4 people, ages 8-adult, need to register by December 20. Each team will be timed and working on identical 300-piece puzzles. Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams.

Adult Reading/Movie Challenge

Remember to turn in all completed Adventure BINGO cards by Friday, December 27 at 5 p.m. to be eligible for the drawing for Abby/Colby Chamber gift certificates.

In 2025, "Occupation Poker" entry forms for a new book and movie challenge will be available starting Thursday, January 2 for adults and teens.

Book Club

The afternoon book club will meet December 17 at 1 p.m. The evening book club will meet that evening beginning at 6 p.m. For December, each member will share a different holiday book he or she read with the group.

Craft and Hobby

Craft and Hobby will meet on Friday, December 20 beginning at 4 p.m. This evening is open to the community to work on crafts/hobbies of your own choosing. Snacks and beverages are welcome.

Basket Weaving

Basket weaving classes for adults will be held on Saturday, January 25 at the CCL. Woven Blessing Basketry will be offering a class beginning at 9:30 a.m. to make a North Carolina Farm Basket. There is a cost for the class; contact the library at 715-223-2000 to register beginning Tuesday, January 2. See the CCL website or Facebook page for a photo of the basket. This class is sponsored by the Friends of the Colby Community Library.

Story Times

The dates for preschool story times remaining until the end of the year are December 6 and 13. Story times are Friday mornings at 10 a.m. There will be a holiday/winter break, with story times resuming January 17. Children ages 2-5 are welcome; register at the library for entertaining, educational fun. The winter/spring schedule will also be available.

Take & Make Crafts

To commemorate the seventh anniversary of being in the "new" Colby Community Library building, December offers seven 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, in addition to mind exercise games.

LOGO Gifts

The Friends of the CCL group has 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 Friends use the proceeds of sales to support CCL's programs. There are also Penny Press items—passports and key chains—for sale.

Brochures

The CCL has prepared a colorful brochure with information about the library and upcoming events in 2025. These will be included in tax bills for the City of Colby and the townships of Hull and Colby. If you do not receive one, please stop by the library for one so you do not miss any of the events.

Holiday Hours

The CCL will be closed December 24-25 and December 31-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.

