



# BHML News & Current Events

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## Santa Claus at the Library

Join us at the library as Santa Claus will be making a special visit! Bring a comfortable blanket or pillow and enjoy a story read by Santa. Cookies and coloring pages will also be provided.

After storytime, take a photo with Santa! Do not forget your camera to take a picture with Santa.

Santa will visit the library on December 5th at 6:00 p.m. on the main lobby floor.



## BHML Book/Movie Clubs:

### Great Decisions

Pandemic Preparedness  
First Floor Meeting Room  
Tues., December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 12:00 p.m.

### As Time Goes By Historical

Fiction Book Club  
Holiday Social  
First Floor Meeting Room  
Thurs., December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 p.m.

### Readers Mix

Holiday Social  
First Floor Meeting Room  
Thurs., December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 p.m.

### Movie Chat

*The story of Qiu Ju*  
Third Floor Conference Room  
Wed., December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 p.m.

### Shrouded in Mystery Book Club

Holiday Social  
First Floor Meeting Room  
Thurs., December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 p.m.

### Talking Texas Book Club

Holiday Social  
First Floor Meeting Room  
Thurs., December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 p.m.

### Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

Holiday Social  
First Floor Meeting Room  
Thurs., December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 p.m.

## Happy Holidays!

From the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library, we wish all everyone a happy holiday and a happy New Year!

We would also like to introduce our new [Library Director, Diane Miller](#), and [Assistant Director, Jacqueline Salter](#).

Diane Miller began her career as the Assistant Director at the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library in 2023. Due to her outstanding performance, she was promoted to Library Director. She holds a master's degree in Information Science from the University of North Texas. In her free time, Diane enjoys spending time with her dogs, Percy and Bors.

We would like to welcome [Jacqueline Salter](#) as our new library staff and new Assistant Director! Jacqueline Salter is from Lubbock and has a master's degree in Museum Science as well as Library and Information Science. She has over 6 years of experience working in libraries with about 4 years of management level experience especially in Technical Services. Her last position was working as Collection Management Librarian at Texas A&M in Galveston before relocating back to the Hill Country that she loves. Previously she lived in Round Rock and Leander while working as Technical Services Supervisor at Temple Public Library from 2017 to 2019.

## Great Decisions Discussion Group

Interested in staying informed about global affairs? This month, we will be delving into the topic of the [Pandemic Preparedness](#).

You can pick up a Great Decisions booklet at the circulation desk, and join us for a lively discussion and short video!

Date: Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Time: 12:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m.  
 Location: First-Floor Meeting Room



## Meditative Sound Bath with Humbling Bloom

Immerse yourself in a sound bath with resonant singing bowls at the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library!

Join us for a session brought by Humbling Bloom. Ages 18 and over are welcome.

[Donations for our Humbling Bloom instructor are greatly appreciated.](#)

Date: Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Time: 5:00 p.m.—5:45 p.m.  
 Location: First-Floor Meeting Room



## Stretch & Relax Adult Yoga

Come and join [Humbling Bloom](#) for a gentle yoga session at the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library.

The class is open to anyone [18 years and older](#) and will last for an hour. While there are a limited number of yoga mats available, attendees are encouraged to bring their own.

[Donations for our Humbling Bloom instructor are greatly appreciated.](#)

Date: Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Time: 10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.  
 Location: First Floor Meeting Room





## Social Crafters

If you have a creative project you've been working on at home, join us for Social Crafters!

It's a fantastic way to showcase your work, connect with like-minded individuals, and get inspired by others' ideas. Plus, you'll have the opportunity to exchange tips and techniques, and receive valuable feedback on your work.

Date: Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

Time: 4:00 p.m.—5:15 p.m.

Location: First Floor Meeting Room



## Get Crafty! Adult Craft Group—Snowflake Wreath

Come and enjoy a creative afternoon as we craft beautiful winter snowflake wreaths! In this workshop, you'll have the opportunity to design a unique wreath using a variety of materials, and all supplies will be included. Ages 18+ welcome. [Registration is required and begins Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Register online, visit the Reference Desk or call 830-258-1274.](#)

Date: Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

Time: 5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Location: First-Floor Meeting Room



## Holiday Meeting Book Clubs

Come and savor delicious snacks while engaging in lively conversations about books! We will have an exciting selection of January's book club titles available. Whether you're a passionate reader or just looking to discover some great new titles, this is the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow book lovers.

Date: Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

Time: 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.

Location: First-Floor Meeting Room



## Gingerbread House Decorating—Adult Session

Decorate your own Gingerbread House for adults who are not accompanying children to the program. All supplies will be provided but space is limited.

Registration is required and will begin December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Register online, visit the Reference Desk or call 830-258-1274.

Date: Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

Time: 12:30 p.m.—1:30 p.m.

Location: First-Floor Meeting Room

## Poetry and Prose

Join us for our open poetry group where poetry enthusiasts can share their favorite poems and poets, and enjoy listening to readings. This month's theme: *Family, Holiday Spirit, Giving and Receiving*.

Date: Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

Time: 5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Location: First-Floor Meeting Room

## Movie Chat

Like our book clubs, but with a movie! View the selected title independently, then join us for discussion and snacks. This month's film is *The story of Qiu Ju*.

Date: Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

Time: 3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Location: Third-Floor Conference Room



Gingerbread House Decorating -  
Adults Session



Poetry and  
Prose



MOVIE  
Chat

## Theater

[Catch A Sherlock Carol at the VK Garage theater, December 6th–15rd.](#)

This brand-new mash-up of Charles Dickens and Arthur Conan Doyle sets a true Holmesian mystery in the latter days of Ebenezer Scrooge's lifetime – the time foreseen by the "Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come" that has been altered for the good. In this story, a grown-up Tiny Tim asks the great sleuth to investigate the unusual circumstances around the death of his benefactor, Scrooge. Holmes must use all his gifts to solve a "Dickens" of a mystery.

Call the box office at 830-896-9393 or visit the Cailloux Performing Arts website for tickets.

[Catch A Christmas Carol on the Point Theater indoor stage, November 22nd – December 15th.](#)

Step into the enchanting world of "A Christmas Carol," where Ebenezer Scrooge, a cold-hearted miser, embarks on a transformative journey of redemption! Set against the backdrop of Victorian London during the festive season, this timeless tale follows Scrooge as he is visited by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come. Through vivid flashbacks and eye-opening revelations, Scrooge confronts his past mistakes, learns the true meaning of compassion and generosity, and discovers the joy of spreading holiday cheer.

Call the box office at 830-367-5121 or visit the Hill Country Arts Foundation website for tickets.

[Don't miss the single performance of The Nutcracker on the Cailloux Theater main stage on December 12th at 7:00 p.m.](#)

The world's most popular ballet returns to The Cailloux Theater, presented in lavish style by Ballet Frontier. You'll thrill to all of the magic and wonder as Clara and her incredible Christmas present are transported to The Land of Snow and are welcomed by The Sugar Plum Fairy. If seeing The Nutcracker is a beloved tradition in your

household, this is a can't-miss evening; and even if it's new to you, with family-friendly pricing, this is an event you can feel good about adding to your holiday calendar.

Call the box office at 830-896-9393 or visit the Cailloux Performing Arts website for tickets.



## Community Events

[Lace up your running shoes for the annual "Running Home for the Holidays" 5K on December 7th at 3:00 p.m. in Louise Hays Park.](#)

Get the family together and dress up as Santa, Elves, Whoville characters, or another Christmas character for an enjoyable way to help celebrate the holidays. This race will not be timed, so feel free to run, jog, or walk the course at your own pace. Race entry is \$15, and pre-registration is encouraged. Each entry will include a medal and entry into a raffle for great prizes. Extra raffle tickets will be sold for \$5 but must be purchased when you register for the 5K. First 50 runner entries will be guaranteed an event t-shirt. Raffle winners will be announced on the day of the event.

For more information, call 830-257-7300 or visit the City of Kerrville Parks and Recreation Department website for details.

[Swing through the Arcadia Theater on December 7th for a screening of A Charlie Brown Christmas at 11:00 a.m. and/or Elf at 2:00 p.m.](#)

Bring the kiddos for holiday fun! Specialty drinks, seasonal activities, and of course, photos with the Big Guy himself are available prior to the movie show times.

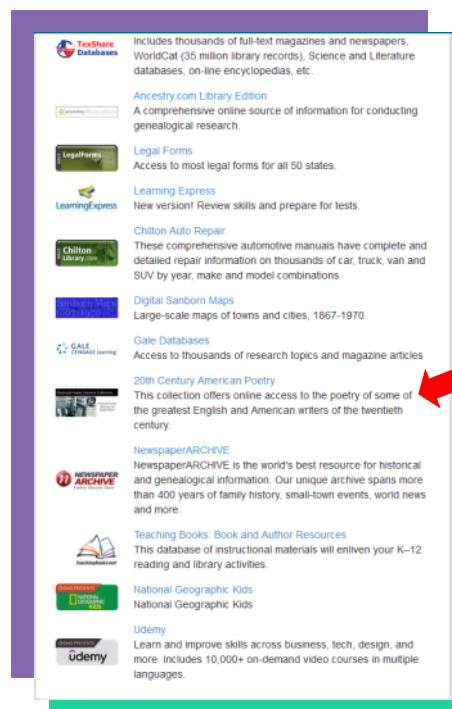
For more information, call 830-315-5483 or visit the Arcadia Live website.

## Tech Corner: 20th Century American Poetry

Delve into a vast collection of over 50,000 poems from celebrated poets such as Adrienne Rich, Ezra Pound, Langston Hughes, and many others!

In the “[Electronic Resources](#)” section, you’ll discover “[20th Century American Poetry](#),” where you can explore the rich tapestry of poetic expression that captures the essence of the 20th century.

Experience the beauty and depth of these literary works, and allow yourself to be transported into the captivating world of poetry.



## Kids' Corner

### Gingerbread House Decorating— Kids Sessions

Create your own Gingerbread House at the library! All supplies will be provided. The event is geared for ages 4 and up.

Gingerbread House Decorating will take place on Saturday, December 14th, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the first-floor meeting room. Registration is required and begins December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Register online, visit the Reference Desk, or call 258-1274, as space is limited.

### Ornament Making Party

Create your own festive ornament in time for the holidays! All supplies will be provided.

Ornament making party will take place Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. in the first-floor meeting room. Registration is required and will begin December 9<sup>th</sup>. To register, visit our online event calendar, visit the Reference Desk, or call 830-258-1274.



## Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library

505 Water St.  
Kerrville, TX 78028  
Phone: 830-257-8422  
Reference: 830-258-1274  
Circulation: 830-258-1275  
[www.kerrvilletx.gov/92/Library](http://www.kerrvilletx.gov/92/Library)

### Business Hours:

Sunday - Closed  
Monday - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Tuesday - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Thursday - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Friday - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Saturday - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### Library Services:

The Library offers in-person operations and computer use. Additionally, curbside pickup continues to be available Monday thru Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. We encourage patrons to take advantage of this convenient option.

The library will be closed Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Christmas Holiday. We will resume our regular hours of operation on Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 6 pm.

## Library Mission Statement

- ♦ The Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library's mission is to inspire creativity, encourage lifelong learning, instill the joy of reading, and strengthen our community by providing access to information, education, culture and recreation.

## Library Vision Statement

- ♦ The Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library will foster the spirit of exploration, lifelong learning and the pursuit of knowledge for all citizens.

## Guiding Principles

- ♦ Be a warm and welcoming place for community members to gather.
- ♦ Be actively engaged in the life of the community.
- ♦ Strive to deliver the highest quality services possible and pledge to be approachable and knowledgeable.
- ♦ Be good stewards of the Library's financial and material resources.
- ♦ Protect the freedom to read and access to information.

Staff are available to provide assistance by phone at 830-258-1274, via email at [library.webmaster@kerrvilletx.gov](mailto:library.webmaster@kerrvilletx.gov), or via text at 830-215-0640.

## Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library operate the bookstore every Wednesday from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. and from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month.

The bookstore has thousands of gently used books, DVDs, and CDs at extremely low prices.

Interested in volunteering with the Friends of the Library? Please send an email to [fobhml@gmail.com](mailto:fobhml@gmail.com) or contact the library at 830-258-1274.

Please keep Friends in mind during your next visit!

## Recursos en la Biblioteca

¡Vengan a nuestro evento anual de decoración de casas de jengibre que será **sábado el 14 de diciembre!** El evento se llevará a cabo en la sala de reuniones del primer piso. Este evento es para niños de 4 y arriba.

Todos los materiales serán provistos. El espacio es limitado por lo que es necesario de inscribí. La inscripción comienza el **viernes 2 de diciembre.**

Regístrese visitando [nuestro calendario en línea](#) o llamando al mostrador de referencia al 830-258-1274.





# December Calendar of Events for Kids



## DECEMBER 2024



## KIDS

505 Water St., Kerrville | 830-258-1274



### LAP-SIT STORYTIME

Join us weekly for books, songs, rhymes, and baby play time. Geared to ages 0-3.

### STORYTIME

Join us for books, songs, rhymes and a craft. Each week we will focus on a different letter of the alphabet. Geared to ages 3-5.

### SANTA CLAUS

Join us for a visit and story with Santa Claus on December 5th! We will have cookies and coloring pages. Bring a camera to take a picture with Santa.

### LEGO CLUB

Join us for an hour of Lego building fun.

### GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

Join us December 14th from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. for our Gingerbread House Decorating event. All supplies provided. This event is geared for ages 4 and up. Registration required and begins December 2nd. Register online, visit the Reference Desk, or call 258-1274 as space is limited.

### ORNAMENT MAKING PARTY

Join us December 20th from 2-3 p.m. for a fun ornament making party. All supplies provided. This event is geared for ages 4 and up. Registration required and begins December 9th. Register online, visit the Reference Desk, or call 258-1274 as space is limited.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Registration for Gingerbread House Decorating Begins	3 Lap-Sit Storytime 10:00 am - 11:00 am	4 Storytime 10:00 am - 11:00 am	5 Santa Claus 6:00 pm	6	7
8	9 Registration for Ornament Party Begins	10 Lap-Sit Storytime 10:00 am - 11:00 am	11 Storytime 10:00 am - 11:00 am	12	13	14 Gingerbread House Decorating 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
15	16	17 Lap-Sit Storytime 10:00 am - 11:00 am	18 Storytime 10:00 am - 11:00 am	19 Lego Club 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	20 Ornament Making Party 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	21
22	23	24 Merry Christmas HAPPY NEW YEAR Library Closed		25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Lap-Sit Storytime 10:00 am - 11:00 am			



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# December Calendar of Events for Kids

## THE BUTT-HOLDSWORTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY INVITES EVERYONE TO COME TO OUR STORYTIMES!

**LAPSIT STORYTIME**  
Tuesdays at 10:00 am  
for ages 3 and under

**STORYTIME**  
Wednesdays at 10:00 am  
for ages 3 - 5



Don't worry if you have a particularly vocal child, or if they struggle to sit still for the duration of the program. That is all part of the learning experience! Caregivers and little ones are encouraged to wander around at the back of the room, or pop outside to utilize the playground if necessary. Children are always encouraged to return to the fun of Storytime as they are able. And it doesn't only benefit the children; caregivers also learn new ways to support their children's cognitive growth, and can continue to help them grow in between Storytime session.



### Why Storytime?

When families attend a library Storytime, they learn valuable pre-literacy tools that prepare children to become readers and learners for life.

### Why Songs?

Singing slows words down to make it easier for children to hear the sounds that form words. Clapping along with the songs helps children discover rhythm. Studies have shown that children who have learned at least eight nursery rhymes by the age of four are among the best readers in their grade by the age of eight.

### Why do we make a show of handling the books?

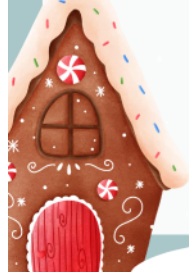
Observing the librarian read a physical storybook, children learn the mechanics of how to hold a book, including proper book orientation and how to turn the page. As they listen to the story and see the illustrations and photographs, children make connections and build their vocabulary. The librarian will sometimes ask the audience what they think will happen next to develop communication skills.

### Why Playtime?

Playtime at the end of Lapsit Storytime provides a safe space for children to learn cooperative play and sharing. It also allows caregivers the opportunity to connect with other caregivers who have children experiencing the same developmental milestones. This interaction allows caregivers to share valuable tips and develop ties within the community.

### Why Crafts?

In addition to being fun, the craft at the end of Preschool Storytime allows for children to develop the fine motor skills needed to eventually write. The act of coloring, folding, gluing, cutting with scissors or tearing paper with their hands helps develop muscles and hand eye coordination. Participating in the craft teaches children to problem solve, as well as think about the next step required to complete a craft.



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# December Calendar of Events for Adults



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## ADULTS

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Registration for Gingerbread Begins	3 Great Decisions Discussion Group 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	4 Friends of the Library Book Sale 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	5	6 Meditative Sound Bath with Humbling Bloom 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm	7 Stretch & Relax Adult Yoga with Humbling Bloom 10:30 am - 11:30 am
8	9 Get Crafty! Adult Craft Group - Holiday Wreath Registration Begins	10 Social Crafters 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm Get Crafty! Adult Craft Group - Snowflake Wreaths 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	11 Friends of the Library Book Sale 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	12 Holiday Meeting Book Clubs 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	13	14 Friends of the Library Book Sale 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Gingerbread House Decorating - Adults 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
15	16	17 Poetry & Prose Group: Family, Holiday Spirit, Giving and Receiving 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	18 Friends of the Library Book Sale 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Movie Chat <i>The story of Qiu Ju</i> 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	19	20	21 Stretch & Relax Adult Yoga with Humbling Bloom 10:30 am - 11:30 am
22	23	 <b>Merry Christmas</b> <small>HAPPY NEW YEAR</small> <b>Library Closed</b>		26	27	28
29	30	31				



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# December Calendar of Events for Adults

**12/3** **GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP**  
**Location: First-Floor Meeting Room**  
Interested in world affairs? Join us at each group meeting to discuss a new topic. This month we will cover *Pandemic Preparedness*. Join us for discussion and snacks.

**12/6** **MEDITATIVE SOUND BATH WITH HUMBLING BLOOM**  
**Location: First-Floor Meeting Room**  
Join us for a relaxing, meditative hour with Humbling Bloom. Immerse yourself in a sound bath with resonant singing bowls. 18+ welcome. *Donations for our Humbling Bloom instructor are greatly appreciated.*

**12/7 & 12/21** **STRETCH & RELAX YOGA WITH HUMBLING BLOOM**  
**Location: First-Floor Meeting Room**  
Join us for a gentle 1 hour adult yoga class led by *Kathryn* from Humbling Bloom. Ages 18+ welcome. A limited number of yoga mats available for use - attendees are encouraged to bring their own. *Donations for our Humbling Bloom instructor are greatly appreciated.*

**12/10** **SOCIAL CRAFTERS**  
**Location: First-Floor Meeting Room**  
Bring your project from home and come craft with a group. Show-off your projects, share ideas, and get inspired!

**12/10** **GET CRAFTY! ADULT CRAFT GROUP - SNOWFLAKE WREATH**  
**Location: First-Floor Meeting Room**  
Come craft a simple fall leaf or winter snowflake wreath. All supplies provided. Ages 18+ welcome. *Registration is required and starts Monday, December 9th.*

**12/12** **HOLIDAY MEETING BOOK CLUBS**  
**Location: First-Floor Meeting Room**  
Come enjoy snacks and talk books. Club meets in the first floor meeting room. January's book club titles will be available this month.

**12/14** **GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING - ADULT SESSION**  
**Location: First-Floor Meeting Room**  
Join us in creating your own festive gingerbread house! 12 spots available—adults who are not accompanying children to program. All supplies provided. *Registration required and begins December 2nd. Register online, visit the Reference Desk, or call 258-1274 as space is limited.*

**12/17** **POETRY AND PROSE - FAMILY, HOLIDAY SPIRIT, GIVING AND RECEIVING**  
**Location: First-Floor Meeting Room**  
Come join our open poetry group where poetry enthusiasts can share their favorite poems and poets and enjoy listening to readings. This month's theme is *Family, Holiday Spirit, Giving and Receiving*.

**12/18** **MOVIE CHAT**  
**Location: Third-Floor Conference Room**  
View the movie, *The story of Qiu Ju*, independently. Join us for discussion and snacks.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE**  
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