

Libraries Provide — Countywide!

Winter holiday wonders at your local library By Erin McCusker

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The weather is letting us know that winter is here and with winter, comes holiday wonders. The joy of the season is everywhere — homes, stores and shops, community decorations and in the kindness that people seem to share more easily at this time of year. And, there is no more wonderful place to be than at your library — a veritable cave of wonders!

From books to read and movies to watch over vacation to programs and parties, the libraries in the Umatilla County Special Library District (UCSLD) have everything to add the nutmeg sprinkles to your eggnog. All events are free and at the libraries unless otherwise noted.

ADAMS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Come and write a letter to Santa — happening now! Then, on Dec. 11 from 3-5 p.m., Santa will be the main attraction at a “Meet and Greet” party.

ATHENA PUBLIC LIBRARY

On Dec. 7, Santa will be visiting from 4-6 p.m. The library has a giving tree that is available now — pick a tag and get a gift to return by Monday, Dec. 12.

ECHO PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library will be hosting the Traveling Lantern Theatre Company’s play “The Story of Ebenezer Scrooge” on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Check the library for the time.

HELIX PUBLIC LIBRARY

Check the library’s Facebook page and bulletin board for the date and time of Elfie Selfies, “The Elves are Hiding” scavenger hunt, and a weekly “Be an Elf” gift making activity.

HERMISTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library is hosting several reading challenges during the month — a Reading Challenge for Teens, one for grades 6-12, and Holidays Around the World Reading Challenge for kids for ages birth to grade 5. On Dec. 8, enjoy a Christmas family movie starting at 6 p.m.

MILTON-FREEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

On Dec. 20 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., all children are invited to a Christmas party with Santa as the special guest.

PENDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

On Dec. 13 at 5:30 p.m., come to “Open Mic — Ghost Story Night, Pendleton Edition.” Bring your Pendleton-based ghost story to share with everyone.

On Dec. 16, celebrate Jane Austen’s birthday party at 4 p.m. — tea will be served and a few select readings will be enjoyed.

STANFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

On Dec. 9 at 3 p.m., bring your family to the Christmas Tree Paint-N-Snack.

Then, on Dec. 22 families are invited to “The Story of Ebenezer Scrooge,” a Traveling Lantern Theatre Company play, at 6 p.m.

UMATILLA PUBLIC LIBRARY

On Dec. 9, for anyone all during the day, make a Christmas card at the DIY Xmas Card event. Then on Dec. 13, for ages 11+, the library will host DIY Hot Cocoa Bombs — bring a friend and join the fun!

WESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Santa will be in the library from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13. On Dec. 15, a program to “Make a Gift” will begin at 3 p.m. for those from preschool to grade 6.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information and more events, link to any of the Umatilla County libraries at

<https://www.ucslld.org/our-libraries>.

The UCSLD is a tax-supported public library district including all of Umatilla County except for incorporated Hermiston. The UCSLD works in partnership with libraries to provide library services, programs and continuing education opportunities for all county residents. For more information, go to <https://www.ucslld.org/>.

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Santa will visit the Athena Public Library on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 4-6 p.m.

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