As we head into the holiday season, I am very thankful for all of you who supported us this year. Whether it was by using our resources, attending our programs, enjoying our indoor and outdoor spaces, or advocating for our importance to the community--all of this means so much to the staff and trustees and makes all of our hard work worthwhile. I am happy to report that our budget increase officially passed, so we now can move forward with planning for an exciting 2022! But that doesn't mean that there are no fun offerings in December. We have movies, Great Courses, holiday storytimes, Pop-Tart house building, and free gift wrapping! I look forward to seeing you all in the library!

Your input is always important to us, so please don’t hesitate to reach out to me at director@pattersonlibrary.org or to my staff if there is anything the library can assist you with.

Thanks,

Stephanie
Accessibility Options with Recite Me

When you visit www.pattersonlibrary.org, you will notice that we have a new addition to our banner, "Accessibility Tools." This button is part of a new service that the library is providing to patrons called Recite Me.

Recite Me is assistive technology that provides patrons with tools they need to better engage with our website. This unique web accessibility toolbar allows the viewer to customize elements of the page including text, graphics, language, and navigation. Adjust the website to your needs and when you're finished, click the red "X" in the upper right corner of the website to restore the default page.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor

Every year we are overwhelmed by the generosity of our community. As the holiday season approaches, many of our neighbors need help, especially now in what has been a very difficult year. This year we are working with several local groups as a donation drop-off location. Collection boxes are in our vestibule and donations can be dropped off during business hours. Thank you for your continued caring for those in our community.

Toys for Tots New Toy Drive

There is still time to bring in new, unwrapped toys for the Marine Corps Reserve’s Toys for Tots drive through December 12. These toys will be distributed to local children. Please drop off your donation during library hours.

Food Drive
Although the library accepts donations of non-perishable, non-expired food throughout the year to be distributed by the Patterson Community Church, the holiday season is always a time of extra need.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Mahjong Program
Fridays @ 10:30 AM

Beginners and experienced players are welcome to join the Mahjong program every Friday at 10:30 AM.

*This is an in-person program and masks are required for all participants.*

Register Here

The Great Courses:
The Greatest Churches of the World
Thursdays beginning December 2 @ 1:00 PM
Learn about the architecture, art, and theology behind some of the world’s most beautiful buildings as we take a virtual tour of the world’s greatest churches with this series from The Great Courses. Three 30 minute segments will be shown each week on our big screen. See the calendar for each week’s scheduled topics.

Register Here

**Movie Matinee: "Jungle Cruise"**  
*Wednesday, December 8 @ 1:00 PM*

Follow the exciting story about a group of brave travelers who take a small riverboat ride as they traverse through a dangerous jungle filled with animals and reptiles.

Rated PG-13: for sequences of adventure violence  
Starring: Dwayne Johnson and Emily Blunt

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*Photo from Medical News Today*

**Science Readers Virtual Discussion:**
It's Snowing Plastics!
Wednesday, December 8 @ 7:00 PM

Science Readers is facilitated by Dr. Ruth Light and meets on the second Wednesday of the month via Zoom at 7:00 pm to discuss a current topic using journal articles and video clips that we will email in advance. New participants are welcome. This month, Paul Andrews will bring us up to date about the invasion of microplastics into world ecosystems. From the highest mountain tops to the deepest canyons of the sea, plastic waste is EVERYWHERE. What is the extent of the problem? What are the consequences to sea life and human health? What is being done to curb the march of humanity to plastic-induced ecocide?

This is a virtual program, so a valid email address is required.

Register Here

Ayurvedic Medicine Virtual Presentation
The Healing Power of Gratitude: A Body, Mind, Spirit Elixir
Tuesday, December 14 @ 7:00 PM

This month’s virtual Crowdcast lecture by Dr. Kaushik of the Ayurvedic and Naturopathic Clinic in Cross River is "The Power of Gratitude." This discussion is part of a series of virtual lectures with Dr. Kaushik hosted by Patterson Library and other Putnam County libraries.

This is a virtual program, so a valid email address is required. You will receive the program link by email from Crowdcast or the Desmond Fish Library.

Register Here
A New Year... A New You  
Saturday, January 8 @ 1:00 PM

What would you like your 2022 to be? What parts of you are yearning to be expressed and experienced? Come join the engaging conversation with Diane Ingram, MCC, Life Coach/Coach Trainer, about your wants, desires, and purpose for being and how you can gain clarity to create more of what you want in your life.

*This is an in-person program, and masks are required for all participants.*

Register Here

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Bagels and Books Book Club  
Monday, January 10 @ 11:30 AM

Library Director Stephanie Harrison's monthly Book Club selection for January is “The Giver of Stars.” This is a historical fiction novel by Jojo Moyes about packhorse librarians in a remote area of Kentucky. Set in Depression-era America, “The Giver of Stars” is the story of five extraordinary women and their journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond. If you are interested in joining the discussion, pick up the book at the Patterson Library and register on our website. This book club is open to new participants.

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Wild Man of the Mountain: Author Reading  
Saturday, February 5 @ 1:00 PM

Join us as local author and poet Tony Howarth reads poetry from his new book *Wild Man of the Mountain: A Drama in Verse*, a story about human nature and the values of empathy and kindness. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

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**CHILDRENS PROGRAMS**

Cookies, Canvas & Cocoa  
Friday, January 7  
5 PM  
Ages 11 - 15

Enjoy some cookies and cocoa as you get step by step directions to make a beautiful painting. For kids ages 11 - 15 years. *Masks will be required for all participants while in program.*

Register Here

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Minecraft Mania (Session I)  
Begins Tuesday, January 11  
4:15 PM
Register Here

**Minecraft**

Ages 8 - 14

Ready to begin your adventure? From chopping down trees to defeating the Ender Dragon, together we will learn all the tips and tricks needed to become a Minecraft pro. Beginners and experienced players welcome. *Please note if you have your own Minecraft account. Masks will be required for all participants while in program.*

Register Here

**Dungeons & Dragons**

Begins Monday, January 24
4:30 PM
Ages 11 - 15

Let the adventure begin! Your dungeon master will walk you through a classic “table top” adventure of sneaking through forests, hunting down monsters and completing dangerous quests. You can create a new character or use your current one. Materials will be provided. All levels welcome. For ages 11 & up. *Masks will be required for all participants while in program.*

Register Here

**Babies, Books & Bubbles**

Begins Tuesday, January 25
9:45 AM
Ages up to 13 mos.

Join us for our baby story time! We'll develop your baby's pre-literacy skills, introduce a love for books and create early relationships by using songs, movement, and rhymes. Interactive books and activities will improve motor, sensory, and social skills with caregiver. *Caregivers must remain in program. For children up to 13 months. Siblings 2 years and up and caregivers must wear masks while in the program.*

Register Here

**Walkers & Wigglers**

Begins Tuesday, January 25
10:30 AM
Register Here

Ages ~14 to 23 mos.

Let your walkers roam! While your little one gets used to their legs we'll be reading interactive stories, playing felt games, and singing fun songs and rhymes. For children 14 - 23 months. Siblings 2 years and up and caregivers must wear masks while in the program.

Register Here

Animal Adventures
Begins Tuesday, January 25
1:30 PM
Ages 3 - 5

Let's go to the zoo! Join us as we fly high in the sky and swim deep in the oceans as we read stories, sing songs, and make crafts, all about animals! Masks will be required while in the program.

Register Here

Junior Academy
Begins Wednesday, January 26
11:15 AM
Ages 3 - 5

We'll be prepping your kids for preschool in this interactive story-time. Themed flannel boards, crafts and songs will engage your child in stories and build their reading skills. For children ages 3 - 5. Masks will be required while in the program. Please ask about siblings in this program.

Register Here

Magic Tree House Book Club
Begins Wednesday, January 26
4:30 PM
Grades 2 - 4

Travel across the world as we walk with dinosaurs, battle with knights, and more through Mary Pope Osborn's “Magic Tree House” series!
Masks will be required while in the program. For children in grades 2-4.

**Twos in Town**
Begins Thursday, January 27
11 AM
Age 2

Join us as we have a blast with fantastic picture books, songs, and crafts. *Caregivers must remain in the program. For children age 2. *Masks will be required for all participants while in the program.*

**Register Here**

**My First Graphic Novel Club**
Begins Thursday, January 27
4:30 PM
Grades K - 1

Get ready for graphic novels! Early readers will be introduced to the art of graphic novels. We'll read different graphic novels, make crafts, play games, and more in this super-fun book club. This is the perfect club for a reluctant or nervous reader. For kids in grades K - 1. *Masks will be required while in the program.*

**Register Here**

**Tales for Twos**
Begins Friday, January 28
10:30 AM
Age 2

Join us as we travel to distant lands with these fun fairy tales! Our journey will include songs, felt boards, and magical crafts. *Caregivers must remain in program. *Masks will be required for all participants while in program.*

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Teen Leadership Council
Saturday, January 15
10 AM
Grades 7 and up
Teen Leadership Council is a program for teens run by teens. Earn community service hours, plan programs for your peers and mentor younger kids in children’s programs. You will go out into the community and volunteer with your adult advisor helping you along the way. Let your voice be heard, join today! Breakfast will be served at all meetings. *Contact Miss Jenn for more details. For grades 7 and up. Masks are required for all participants while in program.

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Tech Thursdays
Open Computer Help

Computer help is back in the Patterson Library. Two Thursdays per month from 5:00 – 6:30 pm, Carl Triana of Jazz on Bones Technology Services will be available in our Study Room to answer your computer and tech questions. He can help troubleshoot and show you how to perform common tasks. However, he cannot do any computer repairs in the library. Check our calendar for the dates he will be here. Registration is preferred but drop-ins are welcome. Please note that registered patrons will be given priority.
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