The Boone County Library will be closed on Wednesday, December 14th for Professional Development

The Boone County Library will be closed on December 23rd, 24th, and 26th
Have a Merry Christmas

Food for Fines
In the month of December we will be doing Food for Fines. Patrons who have fines may bring in non perishable food items or items for babies.
One item equals $1.
Credit will be for overdue fines only.
All items will be donated to Pete's Pantry, the Sanctuary and the Boone County Library Food Box.
Children's Programs

Story Time

Storytime is a great time for children ages 3-5 to listen to stories, sing songs, and make crafts. It is on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. We go through the alphabet and encourage our kids to bring an item from home that starts with the letter of the day. Through the month of December, we will be celebrating the Holidays and doing festive activities and songs. Storytime will take place on December 7th, 15th, and 21st.

Toddle Time is a great place to introduce your children ages 0-3 to stories, songs, and meeting other kids. It is on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Toddle Time will be December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

Children's and Teen Programs

December 1st - Gingerbread House Ornaments - Create a super cute ornament that looks like a gingerbread house out of a mini clay pot and paint!

December 8th - Santa Meet and Greet - Santa is coming and we are so excited! Parents may take pictures if they would like!

December 6th - Snowman Ornaments - Create a cute ornament that looks like a snowman out of little socks! All supplies will be provided.

December 13th - DIY Grinch Slime - It's cold, wet, and slimy... just like the Grinch's heart. Come make some festive Grinch Slime with us! All supplies will be provided.

December 16th - Teen Movie Night - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. - We will be watching The Polar Express! Parents must sign their teen up and sign a permission slip. We will also be having Hot Chocolate!

December 20th - TAKE AND MAKE ACTIVITY - Mini Christmas Wreaths - We will be distributing Mini Christmas Wreath activity bags to take home! Pick one up from our staff upstairs!

December 15th - Christmas Cookie Decorating - Parent and Child activity - Come decorate a festive cookie! We will have a variety of frostings and sprinkles to choose from!

December 22nd - TAKE AND MAKE ACTIVITY - Reindeer Food - Lure Santa and his reindeer by making their favorite treat! We will have take and make bags for distribution all day on the 22nd, be sure to ask a staff member for one upstairs!

December Passive Activities - An Elf is on the loose at the Library!!! Meet Dewey, he is a wild Elf from Santa’s work Shop. He has come to the library to make sure that all the boys and girls are being good and so he can report back to Santa at the North Pole. Maybe you might catch him doing a few naughty things?

The Children’s Department will have a giant Gingerbread house that anyone will be able to color on during your visit! Be sure to come and check it out.
**Puzzle for Prize - Christmas Word Search**

The December Puzzle for Prize is a Christmas Word Search. Puzzles will be at the front desk, when completed please turn it in with your name and number at the top of the page and you will be entered for a prize. A winner will be drawn December 30th.

**Adult Programs**

**Evening Book Club December 1st**
The Evening Book Club will discuss 'The Personal Librarian' by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

**Noon Book Club - December 21st at 12:00p.m.**
The Noon Book Club will discuss 'Magpie Murders' by Anthony Horowitz

**December 1st**
**Clothespin Snowflakes**
Come and make some glittery snowflakes. All supplies will be provided.

**December 7th**
**Noon Coloring - 12 p.m.**
Let's relax for an hour and do some coloring in the downstairs meeting room.

**December 8th**
**Snowy Tealight Mason Jars**
Join us as we turn a mason jar into a holiday tealight. All supplies will be provided.

**December 13th**
**Foam Board Christmas Trees**
Come join us as we make and decorate foam board Christmas trees. All supplies will be provided.

**December 15th**
**Adult & Child Cookie Decorating**
Join us as we decorate Christmas Cookies. All supplies will be provided.

**Holiday Make and Take Craft.**
Stop by the front desk and ask for a "Gnome Ornament" Take and Make kit. Have fun decorating your gnome, then share a photo of your ornament on the Boone County Library Facebook page. Supplies are limited.
Boone County Courthouse

Boone County was created in 1869 from a portion of Carroll County. The first leaders of the county government met for business in a log building that served as a store. Eventually, land was donated to construct a courthouse. A large portion of land for the court park was deeded from Lorenzo Rush. Thus, we have Rush Avenue running on the north side of the courthouse square. Captain Henry Fick, founder of the city of Harrison, donated a portion of land on the south side of the courthouse square. In 1872 the new courthouse was complete and ready for business. The courthouse was a common 2 story brick building approximated 40’X50’ in diameter. The building had wood interior with 9 large rooms. Attorneys used these rooms from time to time as office space. Sometimes local church congregations held worship service there and other public meetings were held there as well.

The evening of July 4th-July 5th. 1908 the courthouse was destroyed by fire causing a terrible loss for the community. The exact cause of the fire was never discovered. JB Curnutt, Boone County Judge, called the Quorum Court into session on July 6th. to discuss future plans for a courthouse. The county had the building insured for $4,000 this would be used to start a building fund. W.M. Cowan was hired to clear the debris and salvage as many brick as possible from the ruins. He was able to save a considerable amount to be used on the future building. By November of that year Charles Thompson a noted Little Rock architect was selected to design the new courthouse. The building contract was awarded to A.M. Byrnes and C.H. McCauley of Fayetteville. The contract amount was $31,400.

The new building was designed to be fireproof with the following features:
* Brick walls
* Concrete Floors
* Solid Vaults for the county records.

The building would be the most modern facility of that era; steam heat, tile, marble, a stained glass dome in the upstairs courtroom, and red clay tile roof that would last over 90 years. When the building was complete it became the pride of the county.

Boone County Genealogical Society meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month @ 5 P.M. in the Genealogy Department at the Boone County Library

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