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Boone County Library

Looking for Christmas presents? Stop by the FOL bookstore Secondhand Stories!
You never know what treasures you might find!
Tuesdays 10:00-4:00
Thursdays 12:30-6:30
Friday 10:00-4:00

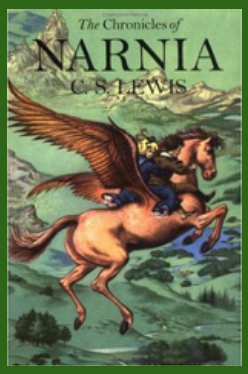
We will be closed on the following dates:
Monday, December 7th
Thursday, December 24th
Friday, December 25th
Friday, January 1st

Please check our Facebook page, Instagram, and website for additional updates and announcements.

Staff Picks



Nola



Erica



Hannah



Buisness Hours
Sunday: Closed
Monday: 9 a.m. - 5 a.m. (Drive-Through Closed)
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Drive-Through Open)
Tuesday & Thursday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Drive-Through Open)
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Children's Programs

Storytime

Monday at 10 a.m.
ages 3-5

- 12/14

Passive Activities

Letter's to Santa



Snowman Scavenger Hunt



Toddle Time

Thursday at 10 a.m.
ages 0-3

- 12/03
- 12/10
- 12/17

After School Programs

After School Programs are every Thursday at 4 p.m. for ages 6-12.
All Supplies are provided.

12/03 @ 5:30 p.m. "Stella Starfish Saves Christmas" Brandy Mincer Meet & Greet
12/10 DIY Dumpling Squishy
12/17 Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus

Young Adult Programs

Young Adult Programs are every Tuesday at 4 p.m. for ages 12-18.
All supplies are provided.

12/01 Viral Christmas Cup Game
12/08 Guess the Christmas Food
12/15 Christmas Jeopardy

Adult Programs

No book club meetings

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m., are for adults only, and include all supplies.

12/01 Gift Tags/Christmas Card Making
12/08 Painting Pinecone Ornaments
12/10 Art/Craft Show and Tell
12/15 Star Ornament- Sign up Required
12/17 Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus
Programs will start back in January.

Tax Information

Considering making a donation? There may be some tax benefits worth knowing about! Beginning with the 2026 tax year, changes to the tax law may make charitable giving, including tithes and offerings, more beneficial for those who take the standard deduction.

Tithes, Offerings and Donations – 2026 Tax Year

Under the old tax law, families who took the standard deduction generally received no federal tax deduction for charitable giving. Starting in the 2026 tax year, the new tax law changes how you deduct charitable donations, including tithes and offerings, by offering a new break for people who take the standard deduction. You can now deduct up to $1,000 if you file as a single person, or up to $2,000 if you are married filing jointly. This is in addition to the allowed standard deduction. The donation must be made in cash, by check, or by credit card. Items like old clothes or property do not count.

Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)

For those retirees facing a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) in 2026 from a tax-deferred IRA account, you are allowed to make a direct Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) which will reduce or eliminate the taxable portion of your IRA distribution. General restrictions are the retiree must be at least 70 ½ years old, the annual limit is up to $111,000 per person, you cannot make a QCD directly from an active workplace plan like a 401(k) or 403(b), and the funds must go directly from the IRA custodian to a qualified 501(c)(3) charity.

Tax Disclaimer

This is for general informational purposes only and does not constitute professional tax, legal or accounting advice. You should consult your own professional advisor before making any decision or taking any action.

Remember those Christmases when sleep wouldn't come because you were so excited to see what awaited you beneath the Christmas tree? Parents searched high and low for the year's must-have toy, hoping to bring a smile to their child's face on Christmas morning. So, let's take a trip down memory lane and look back at the toys that defined each generation, bringing joy to countless Christmas mornings through the decades.

1930s – The **Shirley Temple Doll** and the **Red Ryder BB Gun** were among the most desired gifts of the decade. The Red Ryder BB Gun became an American classic and remains popular with BB gun enthusiasts today.

1940s – The **Slinky**, an 80-foot coiled spring compressed into a two-inch toy, captured the imagination of children everywhere as it "walked" down stairs and across floors.

1950s – The **Hula Hoop**, **Barbie,** and **Mr. Potato Head** topped many Christmas wish lists. These iconic toys became cultural sensations and continue to be enjoyed by children and collectors alike.

1960s – **The Easy-Bake Oven, G.I. Joe**, and **Hot Wheels** raced into the hearts of children across America. These toys encouraged imagination, creativity, and adventure, making them holiday favorites.

1970s – **The Pet Rock, Stretch Armstrong**, and **Simon** became must-have gifts. Whether testing memory skills or stretching an action figure to incredible lengths, these toys provided endless entertainment.

1980s – The decade of blockbuster toys brought us **Cabbage Patch Kids**, **Transformers,** and **Nintendo Entertainment System (NES)**. Parents often waited in long lines hoping to secure these highly sought-after items before Christmas.

1990s – **Tickle Me Elmo**, **Beanie Babies,** and **Tamagotchi** created shopping frenzies. Children everywhere hoped to find one of these popular toys waiting beneath the tree on Christmas morning.

2000s – **Razor Scooters**, **Bratz Dolls**, and **Robosapien** reflected a new generation's fascination with style, speed, and technology.

2010s – Toys such as **Monster High Dolls, LOL Surprise! Dolls**, and **Hatchimals** dominated wish lists and introduced new interactive play experiences.

2020's Baby Yoda from Star Wars, LEGO Super Mario Adventures, and the **Nintendo Switch** are just a few of the items children have hoped to find beneath the Christmas tree in recent years.

While toys may change with the times, the excitement of Christmas morning remains the same. Whether it was a simple yo-yo, a beloved doll, or the latest electronic gadget, these treasured gifts created memories that have lasted a lifetime and remind us of the magic of the holiday season.

Take your own trip down memory lane at the Boone County Library Genealogy Department. Discover the ancestors, stories, and traditions that make your family history unique.




Be sure to follow us on our Facebook, Instagram and website to keep up with all our events, cancellations and closings.


