

What's happening at Umatilla County public libraries?

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The holiday season of 2021 has arrived! Your libraries in the Umatilla County Special Library District have much to offer you and your family.

If you are staying close to home for the holidays to avoid the traffic and slippery roads, your local library is the place to be. Not only are there books, DVDs and other items to check out for entertaining all ages during the holiday break — there also are many live events and take-home craft kits.

There is something to get everyone in the holiday spirit at a library near you. Below are many opportunities for holiday fun — all events are at the library unless otherwise specified.

ATHENA PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Santa at the Library: Dec. 8, 5-7 p.m.
- Pajama Storytime with cookies and cocoa: Dec. 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

WESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Preschool Storytime: Dec. 3, 10 and 17, 10 a.m.
- Kids' Make a Gift Day: Dec. 15, 4 p.m.
- Santa will visit in December: TBA

UMATILLA PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Umatilla Winter Festival: free books and bookmarks at 4 p.m. on Dec. 3 and noon on Dec. 4; plus photos with Santa



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Mayra Rodriguez, center, along with her daughters, Alexia, 4, and Jocelyn, 6, decorate Christmas crafts during a 2018 holiday party at the Hermiston Public Library. This year Umatilla County's public libraries are again offering holiday-related activities through the month of December.

- 5-6 p.m. on Dec. 3 and 1-2 p.m. on Dec. 4
- Wine and Art: Dec. 10, 6 p.m.
- DIY ornaments for children: Dec. 14, all day drop-in
- DIY ornaments for teens: Dec. 21, all day drop-in

ADAMS PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Ugly Sweater Cookie Decorating Kits-to-Go: Dec. 20-23.
- Christmas Pajama Storytime: Dec. 23, 5 p.m.

HERMISTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Storytime: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday Crafts for children: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

- Arthur Christmas: Dec. 11, 2 p.m.
- Winter Wonderland Festival with cookie and ornament decorating and a hot cocoa booth: Dec. 18, 1-3 p.m.

PILOT ROCK PUBLIC LIBRARY

- No-cost or low-cost holiday

gifts and crafts for adults: Dec. 4, 10:30-12:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers

MILTON-FREEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

- December Holiday Themed Storytimes: Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
- Give-Away Gift Bags: Crafts and treats with a free kids' book: Dec. 13-22

HELIX PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Book Buck Store: Check out books and get Book Bucks to buy gifts in December
- Pictures with Santa, Treat Bags for Kids and Free Spirit Art will lead a Holiday Paint Party: dates TBA

PENDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Holiday Gift Making Party: Dec. 20, 4:30 p.m. (ages 4-14).

STANFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Holiday Storytime and Crafts: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.
- Let's Explore Snap Circuits: Dec. 1 at 4:30 p.m. and Dec. 3 at 10:30 a.m.
- Make-n-Take Treats: Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.



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- Countdown to Christmas Activity Boxes: Pre-order by Nov. 26.

This is just a taste of all the holiday fun to be had at your library. For more information about these events and more, call or stop by your local library or find a contact link at www.ucslid.org.

We wish our library communities a healthy and happy holiday season!



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