Preble County District LIBRARY

450 South Barron Street
Eaton, Ohio 45320
Phone: 937-456-4250
Fax: 937-456-6092
pcdl@preblelibrary.org

Press Release

PREBLE COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY ANNOUNCES JANUARY PROGRAMMING

EATON, OH – January 2, 2025 – For Immediate Release

NEW! Weekly Winter Storytimes & Crafts for Kids

Many of our branches offer weekly in-person storytimes for kids of all ages. Our storytimes are formulated around the Every Child Ready to Read initiative, focusing on the five early literacy practices of reading, singing, playing, talking, and writing. Some crafts may get a little messy.

- **Every Monday @ New Paris at 5:30 PM:** Winter Storytime
- **Every Saturday @ West Alexandria at 11:00 AM:** Reading in a Winter Wonderland
- **Tuesday, January 21 @ Camden at 5:30 PM:** Little Ones Storytime

NEW! Eaton Storytimes – Winter Session Registration Open

Runs from January 8 – February 13. Registration is required. To register, call the Eaton Branch at (937) 456-4331.

- **Mother Goose Storytime (birth – age 3):** Wednesday or Thursday at 10:30 AM
- **Eaton Library Mice Storytime (age 3 – Pre-K):** Wednesday or Thursday at 10:30 AM
- **Family Storytime (birth – age 5):** Thursday at 4:45 PM
- **After School Crew Storytime (age 6-12):** Thursday at 4:45 PM

NEW! Kids Grab & Go Crafts – ALL Branches

January's Kids Grab & Go kit is a **DIY Board Game Kit.**
Kids grab & go kits are available at all branches unless noted otherwise. Contact your local branch to reserve a kit while supplies last.

NEW! Tween/Teen Grab & Go Crafts – ALL Branches

January's Tween/Teen Grab & Go kit is a **Hat Weaving Loom Kit.**
Tween/Teen grab & go kits are available at all branches unless noted otherwise. Contact your local branch to reserve a kit while supplies last.

NEW! Adulting Can Be Fun!

The Preble County District Library offers various adult craft and social programs in January at several of our locations throughout Preble County. Some programs require registration, please call the hosting branch for details.

- **Tuesday, January 7 at 5:30 PM @ West Alexandria:** Snowman Adult Craft
- **Tuesday, January 7 at 6:00 PM @ The Preble County Room:** History Hunters
- **Wednesday, January 15 at 11:00 AM @ The Preble County Room:** Genealogy Workshop
- **Wednesday, January 15 at 6:00 PM @ The Preble County Room:** Preble County and the Underground Railroad
- **Monday, January 20 at 6:00 PM @ Eaton:** Social Stitch

- **Tuesday, January 21 at 6:00 PM @ New Paris:** Denim Angel Adult Craft
- **Monday, January 27 at 6:00 PM @ Camden:** Adult Game Night

NEW! Weekly Teen Programs at the Eaton Branch

On Tuesdays at 3:30 PM, teens in grades 6-12 can come to the Eaton Branch to enjoy activities such as coloring and simple crafting, board games, video games, and more!

- **Tuesday, January 14 at 3:30 PM @ Eaton:** Inspiration Boards
- **Tuesday, January 21 at 3:30 PM @ Eaton:** Anime Club
- **Tuesday, January 28 at 3:30 PM @ Eaton:** Monthly Movie

NEW! Family Crafts and Activities

The Preble County District Library offers various craft and social programs for kids, teens, and families in January at several of our locations throughout Preble County.

- **Tuesday, January 7 at during open hours @ New Paris:** Board Game Day
- **Monday, January 13 at 5:00 PM @ Eaton:** Let's Role! Kids RPG Club
- **Saturday, January 18 at 11:00 AM @ Eaton:** Happy Birthday, Dolly!
- **Monday, January 20 at 3:00 PM @ Eaton:** Homeschool Hour: Force & Motion
- **Wednesday, January 22 at 6:00 PM @ Camden:** Science Night
- **Wednesday, January 28 at 1:00 PM @ Eaton:** National Puzzle Day

NEW! Build Something New with LEGO Programs

Let your imagination run wild as Preble County District Library hosts LEGO Club. LEGO Club gives kids and teens a chance to show off their Master Builder skills. If you bring LEGOs from home, please label them in a container with your child's name.

- **Saturday, January 25 at 12:00 PM @ West Alexandria:** LEGO Club
- **Monday, January 27 at 4:30 PM @ Eaton:** LEGO Club
- **Tuesday, January 28 during open hours @ New Paris:** LEGO Day

NEW! Be a Reading Machine Challenge – January 1-31 @ All Branches

Join this self-regulated reading challenge in January and start the new year right: by reading! Earn badges and track your reading on the PCDL Beanstack site at preblelibrary.beanstack.org. Once you've completed the challenge, stop by your local library branch to pick up a prize!

NEW! Eaton Branch Book Sale – January 11-18 during open hours @ Eaton

The Eaton Branch Book Sale is back! It will run for one week, January 11-18. Get to the library early for the best selection of fiction, nonfiction, young adult, and children's books, CDs, and DVDs! There are no set prices, and all sales are through donations only. Grab what you want and give as much as you can. All funds raised support the Eaton Branch.

NEW! Preble County and the Underground Railroad – January 15 at 6:00 PM @ The Preble County Room

Join special guest presenter Walt Mast as he discusses the unique history of the underground railroad in Preble County! This exciting and informative presentation will cover the Bunker Hill house in Fair Haven and its ties to help fugitive slaves on their way to freedom.

NEW! Happy Birthday, Dolly! – January 18 at 11:00 AM @ Eaton
We're getting the party started a day early by having an event to honor Dolly and her Imagination Library. Join us at the Eaton Library from 11 AM - 1 PM where we'll have storytimes, snacks, opportunities for play, and raffle prizes! If you haven't registered your child for the Ohio Imagination Library, now is a great time to do so!

Other Library Program Offerings:

Book a Librarian
Would you like to learn more about computers? Do you have a new tablet or smartphone you'd like to learn more about? The Reference Librarian is happy to help! Book an appointment on Monday afternoons between 1-4 for assistance with: tablets/e-readers, computers, Microsoft Office, Internet, resumes and job searching, using the library catalog, and research. Call 937-456-5562, email prebleref@preblelibrary.org, or stop by the library in person to set up an appointment!

Explore & More Adventure Pass Program
Explore & More NOW with your PCDL Library Card! We are excited to introduce our newest service, the Explore & More Adventure Pass Program, enabling PCDL patrons to borrow passes using their library card. This one-time pass, which must be checked out in person at the Eaton Branch, grants patrons limited free access to attractions that would otherwise charge admission fees.
Participating organizations include The Dayton Art Institute, Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, Johnston Farm & Indian Agency, and Carillon Historical Park.
*Each organization sets its own rules for how many individuals are covered under its passes and which days the passes will be honored. Patrons are advised to call the organization ahead of their visit for hours and rules.

Don't Throw Away Local History – Contact the Preble Co. Genealogy Room, instead!
The Preble Co. Genealogy Room is interested in archiving any local and family historical items you might come across as you clean. This includes (but is not limited to): old paperwork/documents/records, family bibles with family information, pictures of Preble Co. residents, landmarks, and properties, old maps and land records and any items having to do with the history of Preble County, its families and the surrounding areas.
If you come across an item as you clean and wish to donate it to the PC Room, please contact us at (937)456-4970 Monday - Thursday 9 AM-5 PM, Friday 9 AM-3PM or by email at pcroom@preblelibrary.org.

Preble Co. Records Online – Families, Obituaries, Marriages, Historic Landmarks, and more
Search the library's in-house Genealogical & Historical Records collections. Visit https://preblelibrary.org/genealogy to get started on your search! Family files can also be researched in person at the PC Room. To view a list of all PC Room resources, visit https://preblelibrary.org/genealogy/holdings.