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Vestibule pickup services are six days per week. The hours are:  
**Monday - Wednesday** 9:30 am - 7:30 pm  
**Thursday** 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
**Friday** 9:30 am - 4:30 pm  
**Saturday** 9:30 am - 1:30 pm.

If you need to renew your card or get a new card to access our digital collection or online databases, complete a form here: <https://bit.ly/3r5z43M> or email us at [dplreference@bilio.org](mailto:dplreference@bilio.org) and we're happy to assist.

\*All programs will be presented virtually until further notice. Registration required. A Zoom link and password will be sent 3 days prior to the event.

# DERBY Public Library



On Feb. 6 we honor the 10th anniversary of **Take Your Child to the Library Day** with a celebration as unique as the past year. We invite families to "Take the Library to Your Child" with a variety of virtual activities along with take & make packets (available by vestibule pickup), an online raffle and more!

Before attending your event, please check [www.derbypubliclibrary.org](http://www.derbypubliclibrary.org) for changes to the calendar.

## January 2021



### JANUARY

- 1 FRIDAY**  
Closed in Observance of **NEW YEAR'S DAY**
- 2 SATURDAY**  
10:30 am **Turtle Dance Music\*** presents a virtual interactive music & movement program for kids preschool to 1st grade and their families. Registration required.
- 4 MONDAY**  
**Winter Reading Challenge** for adults runs from Monday, January 4 through Friday, February 26. Register online and download the winter reading challenge form. Master Readers will be notified by Friday, March 5.
- 5 TUESDAY**  
**Weekly Scavenger Hunt\***. Every Tuesday all ages are welcome to participate in a scavenger hunt around their home for items beginning with a featured letter of the alphabet. Are you up for the challenge? Our Facebook account <https://bit.ly/2M2qteG> and our Twitter account <https://bit.ly/2M2sms2>  
6:30 pm **Virtual Teen Game Night\*** (ages 10-17). **YA-tzee** (grab-n-go cards/dice) Classic game of combining decision making & chance.
- 6 WEDNESDAY**  
10:00 am **Virtual Story Time, Read Me a Story\*** (Toddlers & preschool age) Stories, rhymes and finger plays.  
3:30 pm **Teen Advisory Board (TAB)** (ages 12-17)\*. Young adults voice their ideas for teen programs, materials & library user quality-of-life services.
- 7 THURSDAY**  
11:00 am **Lunch 'N Learn with AAA\***. *Expect the Unexpected - What to do after a crash.*
- 11 MONDAY**  
**Busy Bee Bags** activity packets available for vestibule pickup 9:30 am-7:30 pm (Preschool - gr.1).
- 12 TUESDAY**  
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- 13 WEDNESDAY**  
10:00 am **Virtual Story Time, Read Me a Story\*** (Toddlers & preschool age) Stories, rhymes and finger plays.  
3:30 pm **YA Classic Graphic Novel reading/showing\*** (Teens +) Important award-winning selections that all teens should know & appreciate.



### JANUARY

- 15 FRIDAY**  
10:00 am **Water Science Workshop\*** w/ RWA Whitney Water Center (PreK-gr.4) Hands-on experiments.
- 18 MONDAY**  
Closed in Observance of **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**
- 19 TUESDAY**  
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- 20 WEDNESDAY**  
10:00 am **Virtual Story Time, Read Me a Story\*** (Toddlers & preschool age) Stories, rhymes and finger plays.  
3:30 pm **Teen Advisory Board (TAB)** (ages 12-17)\*. Young adults voice their ideas for teen programs, materials & library user quality-of-life services.  
6:00 pm **Real Estate Investing** presented by Valerie King, Real Estate Sales Consultant. Registration required.
- 21 THURSDAY**  
3:30 pm **Teen MakerSpace** (ages 12-17)\*. Take-n-Make Solar Spiders - follow along Zoom! Tweens welcomed. Call to register & coordinate pickup. Kits limited to the first four signups.
- 24 SUNDAY**  
2:00 pm **The Science of Sound\*** - a LIVE STREAMING Multi-Media Interactive **STEAM** Extravaganza concert for all ages presented by Caryn Lin!!
- 25 MONDAY**  
**Busy Bee Bags** activity packets available for vestibule pickup 9:30 am-7:30 pm (Preschool - gr.1).
- 26 TUESDAY**  
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- 27 WEDNESDAY**  
10:00 am **Virtual Story Time, Read Me a Story\*** (Toddlers & preschool age) Stories, rhymes and finger plays.  
12:30 pm **Lunchtime Zoom Book Discussion\*** January's featured book will be *Educated* by Tara Westover.  
3:30 pm **YA Classic Graphic Novel reading/showing\*** (Teens +) Important award-winning selections that all teens should know & appreciate.
- 30 SATURDAY**  
10:30 am **Take & Make\*** series presents *Learn to Finger Knit*. All ages can "Learn to Finger Knit"!



## Vestibule Pickup



## THE SCIENCE OF Sound

January 24th  
2:00 pm

LIVE STREAMING Multi-Media Interactive **STEAM** Extravaganza concert for all ages presented by Caryn Lin!!



Please return materials in outdoor book drops only. Library materials will be quarantined for 3 days prior to coming off the patron's record. Overdue fines on Derby Public Library materials are being waived at this time. Please stay home if you are experiencing any symptoms of illness.



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# February 2021

Contingent on the health of Library staff and the Valley, DPL hopes to begin limited entry into the building for reserved computer use only. Vestibule services will continue. Details to follow on our website and social media accounts as we draw nearer.

## FEBRUARY

- 1 MONDAY**  
6:30 pm **Making a Successful Career Pivot in Post-pandemic Times: 8 Strategies to Develop Your Career\*** – a virtual presentation by Career Coach, Mark Danaher, Career Coach, Careers By Design, LLC.
- 2 TUESDAY**  
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- 3 WEDNESDAY**  
10:00 am **Virtual Story Time, Read Me a Story\*** (Toddlers & preschool age) Stories, rhymes and finger plays.  
3:30 pm **Teen Advisory Board (TAB)** (ages 12-17)\*. Young adults voice their ideas for teen programs, materials & library user quality-of-life services.
- 6 SATURDAY**  
**Take Your Child to the Library Day.\*** 10th Anniversary celebration with Take & Make packets, virtual story time, online scavenger hunt, raffle and more! All ages welcome to join the fun!
- 8 MONDAY**  
6:30 pm **How to Turn Your Ho-Hum Career into Something You Actually Look Forward to (Even in the Middle of a Pandemic)\*** virtual presentation by Career Coach, Mark Danaher. **Busy Bee Bags** activity packets available for vestibule pickup 9:30 am-7:30 pm (Preschool - gr.1).
- 9 TUESDAY**  
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- 10 WEDNESDAY**  
10:00 am **Virtual Story Time, Read Me a Story\*** (Toddlers & preschool age) Stories, rhymes and finger plays.  
3:30 pm **YA Classic Graphic Novel reading/showing\*** (Teens +) Important award-winning selections that all teens should know & appreciate.
- 12 FRIDAY**  
10:00 am **Water Science Workshop\*** w/ RWA Whitney Water Center (PreK-gr.4) Hands-on experiments.
- 15 MONDAY**  
**Closed in Observance of PRESIDENTS' DAY**
- 16 TUESDAY**  
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3:30 pm **Teen Advisory Board (TAB)** (ages 12-17)\*. Young adults voice their ideas for teen programs, materials & library user quality-of-life services.  
6:00 pm **Social Security Explained.\*** Presented by Rebecca Miller. Registration required. A Zoom link and password will be sent three days prior to the event.
- 19 FRIDAY**  
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- 22 MONDAY**  
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- 23 TUESDAY**  
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6:30 pm **Teen Tuesday Virtual Teen Game Night\*** (ages 10-17). Grab-n-go YA-tzee cards/dice. Classic game of combining decision making & chance.

## FEBRUARY

- 24 WEDNESDAY**  
10:00 am **Virtual Story Time, Read Me a Story\*** (Toddlers & preschool age) Stories, rhymes and finger plays.  
12:30 pm **Lunchtime ZOOM Book Discussion.\*** February's featured book will be *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.  
3:30 pm **YA Classic Graphic Novel reading/showing\*** (Teens +) Important award-winning selections that all teens should know & appreciate.



## From the Desk of the Director:



Nicole B. Cignoli

Due to the increasing COVID-19 cases in our surrounding areas, the Library suspended in-person services. We continue to offer reference assistance and readers' advisory service by phone or email, vestibule pickup of requested materials, free Wi-Fi access outside of building, and virtual programs for all ages. Book drops are open at both the Elizabeth Street and Caroline Street entrances. Due dates have been extended at this time.

The Derby Public Library is now accepting submissions for its Annual Library Board of Directors Scholarship Prize of \$500. It is open to all high school seniors living in Derby who are planning to further their education, regardless of where they go to school. The Library Board of Directors will choose the winner based on an essay explaining the role of libraries in their life. The award will be presented by the Library Board of Directors at their April meeting. In addition to the monetary prize, the winner's name will be added to the Scholarship Prize Plaque located in the Young Adult Department. High School Seniors may submit their entry directly to the Library Director now through Thursday, April 1. For more information, contact Nicole Cignoli, Library Director, at [ncignoli@biblio.org](mailto:ncignoli@biblio.org) or call 203 736-1482.

We are excited to announce new databases for your reading, entertainment, and business and job search needs. We've added, **Reference Solutions** and **Scholastic's BookFlix, TrueFlix, Watch & Learn** to compliment **Scholastic's Teachables**. Although the RBdigital app is no longer available to access ebooks and audiobooks,



we've added a new app **SimplyE** available on the App Store or Google Play. The **SimplyE** app, which combines titles from multiple ebook and audiobook providers into a single, easy-to-use list! Browsing, searching, and downloading is simple.

Just download **SimplyE**, log in with your library card and start reading!

We appreciate your patience as we navigate these difficult times and plan to open to offer more services in 2021.

*We wish you and your family a healthy New Year!*

## Blind Date with a Book

February is **National Library Lover's Month!** The Derby Public Library will be celebrating February 1-28, 2021 with "Blind Date with a Book." Let us be your matchmaker! Staff members select their favorite books revolving around love and other genres. The books will be wrapped so you won't be able to judge a book by its cover if you take part in this unique event.

The idea is to explore new authors and genres by checking out a blind date book which is concealed in wrapping. Go on a blind date with a book and perhaps it will be love at first sight! If you don't enjoy it, no hurt feelings, just dump it (in the library book drop!) After patrons are done reading the book, fill out a "rate your date" card, located inside the book. Place the completed card inside the book when you return it in our book drop.

To find out more or to request a "Blind Date Book" please call the library at 203-736-1482 or email the library at [dplreference@biblio.org](mailto:dplreference@biblio.org).

We Miss You . . .



. . . Hope to See You Soon!

