ELANCO LIBRARY
WINTER READING CHALLENGE

December 18, 2023 - February 24, 2024

Get cozy with your favorite books and read to earn cool prizes!

Visit the ELANCO Library to pick up your reading logs starting December 18th.

For all ages!

Winter Reading Program Instructions

1. Pick up your winter reading logs at the ELANCO Library starting **December 18th, 2023**. Please return logs by **February 24th, 2024**!

2. Fill out the sign-up sheet with your name, date, and age (if 18 or younger). The Winter Reading Program is for all ages!

3. Read! Record your progress with the bingo sheet as you read during the winter.

4. Once you have completed your sheet, bring it to the ELANCO Library to redeem your prize (you may only participate in the challenge once). Prizes are available while supplies last.

**Winter Reading Bingo Prize for Age 18 & Under**: Free Hot Chocolate Voucher at New Holland Coffee Co. (first 100 logs returned) or choice from prize bin.

**Winter Reading Bingo Prize for Age 19 & Over**: Entry into a drawing to win a Dell Laptop.

*The Winter Reading Bingo Challenge is an extra incentive offered by the ELANCO Library only. You must return your bingo sheet to ELANCO Library to collect your prize!*
STEM

Lego Creation Club
Thursdays, January 11, February 8, March 14, April 11, & May 9 at 6 p.m.
Once a month, we’ll build themed creations out of Lego® Bricks that will be displayed in the Library.

All About Birds!
Thursday, February 29 at 6 p.m.
Just what makes a bird a bird? Join Miss Jen (our resident bird enthusiast) to discover the wonderful lives of these creatures and how they fit into our world. For all ages.

STEM Challenge: Easter Egg Drop
Saturday, March 16 at 11 a.m.
In this STEM challenge, participants will design a safety device for their egg using basic materials. Then, we will drop the eggs from a high point to see if they “survive” the fall! Workshop is best for elementary-aged students, but all ages are invited to enjoy some family fun with this festive science experiment!

Solar Eclipse Party!
Monday, April 8 at 1 p.m.
Join us for the Spring 2024 solar eclipse at the ELANCO Library! We will have space- and solar-themed activities for all ages, snacks, and a livestream of the eclipse as seen from different locations. A limited quantity of solar viewing glasses will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis. Visibility of the eclipse will be weather dependent!

Nature Journaling in Your Garden: A Longwood Gardens Community Read Program
Saturday, May 11 at 11 a.m.
Learn how to connect with personal and community gardens through the art of nature journaling. Participants will practice basic techniques and skills and learn to nurture their creative side to flourish and grow! Part of the Longwood Gardens Community Read Program.
Preschool Storytime
Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.
Preschoolers are invited to enjoy themed books, songs, rhymes, & movement activities while building language and literacy skills. For ages 3-6 and siblings. Each month, we’ll focus on a different theme:
January: Winter Animals: Learn about what different animals do in Winter through stories, songs, & activities!
February: Emotions: We’ll explore and identify the different emotions we feel through stories and activities!
March: Spring: Bounce, hop, & scoot into Spring with stories, activities, and songs!
April: Night and Day: Learn about the opposites of night and day through stories, crafts, and activities!
May: Vehicles: Learn about the many ways we get around through stories, crafts, and songs!

Music & Movement
Saturdays, January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, and May 4 at 10:30 a.m.
Sing, dance, chant, listen to music, move, and play instruments, while exploring the patterns and sounds that make up our language. This musical storytime is designed to promote language development and reading readiness skills while providing young children with joyful introductions to a variety of music and music-making experiences. Also a great storytime experience for active children who do not enjoy sitting still. For ages 0-6 with parent or caregiver. Siblings welcome.

Toddler Thursdays
Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.
Toddlers will dance, zoom, scoot and hop between stories selected to promote language development. All adults are expected to participate and encourage the children to join in the fun. For ages 0-3 and siblings. Each month, we’ll focus on a different theme:
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A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS AT ELANCO LIBRARY...

OUR RENOVATED AND EXPANDED CHILDREN’S LIBRARY...

...will reopen in late Spring 2024!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, & TO LEARN HOW CONSTRUCTION WILL TEMPORARILY IMPACT SOME LIBRARY SERVICES, PLEASE VISIT: www.elancolibrary.org/a-new-chapter

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

We are grateful to a generous donor who paid a significant portion of the construction bill. However, we still need to raise $57,000 to furnish the new space! Please consider contributing. Your gift will benefit local children for generations to come.

Visit www.elancolibrary.org/donate
Tech Tips for Seniors
Monday, March 18 at 2 p.m.
Bring your cell phone, tablet, or laptop to the library to get assistance with your perplexing technical problem! Learn how to use Libby to get free ebooks & eAudiobooks with your library card. Tips on how to optimize your devices for low vision will be included.

Intro to eBooks, eAudiobooks, & eMagazines
Monday, April 15 at 6 p.m.
Learn about eBook, eAudiobook, and eMagazine options available free with your library card, and how to use them. Have a phone, eReader, or laptop on which you’d like to access these materials? Bring it to this session and get started reading!

Intro to Online Learning
Monday, April 22 at 6 p.m.
Learn about resources offered free with your library card and how to access them, including Transparent Language Online, live tutoring from Brainfuse, Heritage Quest, and much more.

Homeschool Curriculum & Book Swap
Saturday, May 18 at 11 a.m.
Homeschooling families are invited to find good homes for books you’ve outgrown, collect new educational materials for free, and connect with other home educators.

11-11:45 a.m.: Drop off your books and enjoy light refreshments & social time.
11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Select and take home books.
This will be a completely free exchange, without strings attached – materials are contributed without condition, and people take materials without charge or condition, on a first-come, first-served basis.

On The Same Page
Tuesdays, January 30, February 27, March 26, April 30, & May 28 at 3 p.m.
Join us this Winter/Spring as we discuss a different graphic novel every month, focusing on civic and social literacy. Meetings will be held in the Young Adult nook on the library’s first floor. Book selections are:

February: El Deafo by Cece Bell.
March: Fever Year. The Killer Flu of 1918 by Don Brown.
April: Hazardous Tales: Treaties, Trenches, Mud, and Blood by Nathan Hale.
May: Measuring Up by Lily LaMotte.
Other Special Events

Readers’ Roundtable Book Discussions
Mondays, January 8, February 5, March 4, April 1, & May 6 at 2 p.m.
Everyone is invited to join the Readers’ Roundtable Book Discussion group for lively conversation and discussion. Book selections are:
January: The Island Of Sea Women by Lisa See.
February: Washington Black by Esi Edugyan.
March: The Good Left Undone by Adriana Trigiani.
April: The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah.
May: The Sweetness of Water by Nathan Harris.

Hooks and Needles: Yarn Craft Club
Mondays, January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8, & May 13 at 6:30 p.m.
Are you crafty with a needle (or two)? Would you like a little company to talk shop with while you knit or crochet? Join us in the comfy chairs on the first floor of the Library! Beginners welcome! We’ll get you started on your first project.

Buckhill Sleuths’ Book Discussion
January 22 & March 25 at 2 p.m.
All are welcome to join the Buckhill Sleuths Book Discussion Group for scintillating conversation about mysteries and thrillers. Book selections are:
March: The Husbands by Chandler Baker.

Questions about events @ ELANCO Library?
Call 717-354-0525 or email adagostino@elancolibrary.org

Picture Books and Pup: Read Aloud with Pepper!
Saturdays, January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, & May 4 at 2 p.m.
Research shows that therapy dogs help people to improve attention span, focus, & well-being and that reluctant readers enjoy and benefit from reading aloud to a pup. People of all ages are invited to spend some time with and read aloud to Pepper, a friendly and adorable Labrador Retriever, who will be accompanied by Mrs. Carol Stark.

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At the library: Speak with a staff member at the desk and donate cash or by check.

By mail: Send your check, payable to ELANCO Library, to: Eastern Lancaster County Library, 11 Chestnut Drive, New Holland, PA 17557.