

# NEWSLETTER

**Orange City, Iowa  
December 2023**

## BABIES-KINDERGARTEN

### Santa Stanley Story Time

Friday, Dec. 8, 9:30 a.m.

### Out & About Story Time

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 3:45 p.m.  
at [Kweken Co.](#)

## K-4TH GRADE

### Holiday Crafting

Please register by clicking  
on your chosen date.

K-2nd Grade: Monday, Dec. 11,  
3:45-4:45 p.m.

3rd-4th Grade: Monday, Dec. 4  
or Dec. 18, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

## 5TH-12TH GRADE

### Holiday Crafting

Please register by clicking  
on the date.

Thursday, Dec. 7, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

### Maker Space

Please register by clicking  
on the date.

Thursday, Dec. 14,  
3:45-4:45 p.m.

## ADULTS

### Snacks & Board Games

Please register by clicking  
on date.

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Christmas Cupcake Decorating

Please register by clicking  
on date.

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

## ALL AGES

### Paws for Friendship: Read with Stanley the Dog

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 3:30-4:45 p.m.

### Dog Therapy with Karssen K9s LLC

Monday, Dec. 11, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

### Visit with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 23, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.



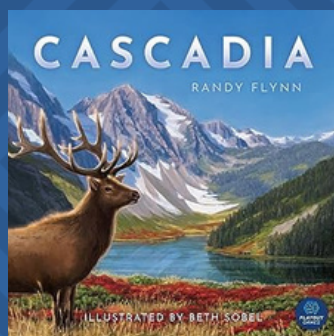
Dear Readers,

The holiday season is here, and the library has some great holiday crafting opportunities for “kids” of all ages! Look at the library website or read our newsletter for more information. Drop by anytime to see the Christmas tree, pick up a holiday movie, or find a Christmas story.

Santa Claus will be at the library from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 23. Take a picture with Santa and get a candy cane!

Kind regards, Lisa Johnson, Director

## FEATURED THIS MONTH: GAMES



December can be a wonderful time for spending quality time with family and playing games together. Playing games can be a fun and engaging way to bond with your loved ones during the holiday season. Did you know the Library has a large collection of over 100 games you can borrow? We have a variety for all ages and interests. To browse our collection online, search for board games or simply stop in and peruse the shelves filled with them behind the adult fiction area.



What games do library users recommend? Our top checked out games this year have been **#1 Cascadia**, followed by **#2 Giant Sorry**, and tied for **#3 Ticket To Ride, Alphabet Cookies, and Banana Blast.**

**For details and  
to register, visit  
[orangecitylibrary.org](http://orangecitylibrary.org)**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.



## Santa Stanley Visit

**SANTA STANLEY STORYTIME!**

A special story time with Santa Stanley and Stuart the Elf! Following story time have your picture taken with Santa Stanley! Stanley's books will be available to purchase. (they make great Christmas gifts!)

WHERE: ORANGE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHEN: FRIDAY DEC. 8 9:30 AM

## Newsletter Challenge

Share this newsletter (and your love of the library) with someone who doesn't use the library. Perhaps they are not a reader and think all the library has is books; introduce them to all the other wonderful things we offer.



For daily news and entertainment, follow us on social media.



Instead of Festive Family Fun, join us for...

## Holiday Crafting Workshops

K-2ND GRADE  
(ADULT HELPER REQUIRED)

Monday, November 27 or December 11, 3:45-4:45 pm

3RD-4TH GRADE

Monday, December 4 or 18, 3:45-4:45 pm

5TH-12TH GRADE

Thursday, December 7, 3:45-4:45 pm



Register for one of these dates  
at [www.orangecitylibrary.org](http://www.orangecitylibrary.org)



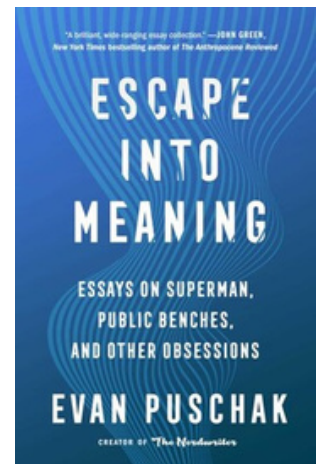
Festive Family Fun has changed into Holiday Crafting Workshops for different ages. We will have a variety of crafts to create during these workshops. Sign up for the age and date that works for your child. Adults, you are not left out! We have a Christmas Cupcake Decorating class On Tuesday, December 12.

\*Class sizes are limited so sign up ASAP.

## BOOK REVIEW:

### "Escape Into Meaning" by Evan Puschak

One of my (Abby's) favorite content creators on YouTube is the video essayist The Nerdwriter. I've always been mesmerized by his ability to say things in the exact right way, to articulate exactly what I thought but better than I could ever say, or to get me to think about something in a new way. In *Escape Into Meaning*, The Nerdwriter Evan Puschak continues his tradition of phenomenal articulation while also exploring his journey from a disinterested student to a thoughtful and articulate adult. His essays are not just about himself, though - he covers Superman, public benches, Lord of the Rings, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and other topics. It's a worthwhile book, whether you are already a Nerdwriter fan or not, but fans will be interested to hear more personal stories than you find on his YouTube channel.



## Just a smattering of the Christmas books we have.

