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December Events at the Oakdale Library

All ages are invited to take part in free programs at the Oakdale Library this December, beginning with the month-long "Can You Find the Reindeer Antlers?" program. Throughout the month, all ages are encouraged to find the reindeer antlers hiding in the library. Those who find the reindeer antlers will receive a small prize.

On Monday, Dec. 5 at 11 a.m. toddlers and preschoolers are invited to enjoy music, movement and fun. Participants can dance along to their favorite Story Time music as well as try the hula, the Twist, and a limbo dance.

A free Computer Basics class will be offered on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 10:30 a.m. Advance registration is required; please contact the Oakdale Library at (209) 847-4204 to sign up.

The NAMI* Connection Recovery Support Group will meet at the library on Tuesday, Dec. 6 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (*National Alliance on Mental Illness) This free, peer-led support group is designed to help adults living with mental illness. Participants can gain insight from hearing the challenges and successes of others. The group is led by NAMI-trained facilitators who follow a structured model to ensure that everyone in the group has an opportunity to be heard.

Children and their families are invited to a wood ornament painting craft on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 3:30 p.m. Each child can paint a preformed wood ornament. All ages are welcome to take part in this craft.

The library will host a special evening Story Time and sing-along on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. Children may wear their pajamas to attend this evening of bedtime stories, fingerplays and music. The program will feature a special performance by the Joy Singing Group, which will lead a sing-along to several winter-themed songs.

LEGO Days will be held on Fridays, Dec 16 and 30 at 3 p.m. Finished LEGO creations will be displayed at the library. Children under the age of 4 are welcome to participate, however they must have direct parental supervision at all times.

Toddlers and preschoolers can enjoy "Wee Move and Play" on Monday, Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. This program features an hour of music, movement, and sensory play.

Children and teens can test their skills at the library's Games Day on Wednesday, Dec. 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. A variety of games will be available to play, including Jenga, Pick-up Sticks, Bop-It, chess and playing cards.

Teens are invited to the first meeting of the Oakdale Library's new Teen Book Club on Thursday, Dec. 29 at 4:30 p.m. This month the book club will discuss *DJ Rising* by Love Maia. A limited number of copies are available

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for checkout at the Oakdale Library. Refreshments will be served.

LEGO Days, the wood ornament painting craft, and Wee Move and Play are sponsored by the Friends of the Oakdale Library. The Oakdale Library is located at 151 S. First Ave. in Oakdale. For more information, please call the Oakdale Library Branch Supervisor, Wayne Philbrook, at (209) 847-4204.

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