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Monthly news, programs, and more from UCPL

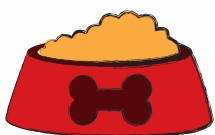


## IS IT 2022 ALREADY?

by Laura Elliott

The month of December flew by so fast I almost feel a hint of whiplash coming on. One day it is Christmas and the next it's January 6th. Here at UCPL, we packed our calendar full for December. I mean, do you expect anything less? We like challenges, and last month did not disappoint!

This year, UCPL Director Selena Harmon has announced the library will be starting the year off on a generous note. We want to give back to our community as others have given to us. Any patron who has overdue fees, no matter the amount, may have their fees forgiven by visiting our library with donated items either for the Unicoi County Animal Shelter or our Giving Cupboard. All you need to do is bring your donation to the front desk and we will handle the rest!



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# THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY

by Laura Elliott

If you ask me, I'd say December's weather could be compared to my toddler's temper tantrums. Forceful, fierce, with all kinds of mixtures in between. Yikes! But Mother Nature wasn't the only thing changing constantly last December. UCPL staff have been busy bees all month long! (One day, the staff will wake up with super capes on. I just know it!)

Let's begin with Homeschool Headquarters since that will be the first noticeable change. We have purchased and assembled new shelving units to not only organize the growing collection, but to also open up our lobby. You never know how much room you have until you start moving things!



New shelves haven't been our only focus. We also officially completed our first-ever inventory. Staff and volunteers hand-scanned over 20,000 items in less than a week! Though we weren't able to see our patrons lovely faces, we had them in mind the whole time. We want to create a library that suits you, feels welcoming, and registers high on your list of good experiences. Oh, I almost forgot to mention... we also undertook "Mission Swap Offices." Yep, challenge accepted and completed! Here's a glimpse of the wild and wonderful that went on while the building was closed to the public.



## UCPL EMBRACING THE HOLIDAYS





## STORY SAYS:

I'm pooped. Wake me up when Spring gets here.

Happy 2022!

# STORIES FOR THE MIND: THIS MONTH'S STORY TIMES

by *Laura Elliott*

"A day without reading is... Just kidding! I have no idea" - unknown.

Regularly scheduled story times are back! Miss Suzy and Miss Hannah are so excited to introduce new stories to the kiddos! Grab your blankets, warm pjs, or a cup of hot chocolate. It's time to celebrate with winter-themed stories.

- 1/4/22 - Snowman stories with Miss Hannah, 10:30am at UCPL
- 1/6/22 - Snowman stories with Miss Suzy, 10:30am Online Story Time
- 1/11/22 - Penguin stories with Miss Hannah, 10:30am at UCPL
- 1/13/22 - Penguin stories with Miss Suzy, 10:30am Online Story Time
- 11/18/22 - Winter stories with Miss Hannah, 10:30am at UCPL
- 1/20/22 - Winter stories with Miss Suzy, 10:30am Online Story Time
- 1/25/22 - Polar bear stories with Miss Hannah, 10:30am at UCPL
- 1/27/22 - Polar bear stories with Miss Suzy, 10:30am Online Story Time



## A NEW ADDITION OR NEW TRADITION?!

If I could list all the amazing things each of our staff members brings to the table, I would. But it would turn into a novel... a novel bigger than Stephen King's "IT". The personalities, dedication, time, and perseverance.. in fact, I think I hear someone rolling up their sleeves as I type... Anyways, I can't think of any better way to acknowledge their work than to introduce the "**DA BOMB TROPHY**".

Our first ever recipient of Da Bomb Trophy is none other than **Mrs. Selena Harmon!** Selena is known for her multi-tasking, endless work days, countless hours of work, visions, and managing, yet working alongside, staff. But what I notice most is how her face lights up when she is recommending books, helping or talking with patrons, and how she smiles even when things get hectic. Her dedication and hard work has put UCPL on the map! Her love and passion for our little library shows through her actions. We are blessed to have her at the helm. Thank you for all you do for our library and the community.



# UCPL'S SCHEDULE CHANGES

# Closed

UCPL will be closed Saturday January 1, 2022 for New Year's and Monday January 17, 2022 for MLK's birthday.

## JANUARY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

- 1/14/22 - **Tech Savvy Series:** Ebooks & Audiobooks through READS. Online at 6:30pm (Facebook live)
- 1/19/22 - **Homeschool Enrichment:** Getting started with coding. 9am at UCPL.
- 1/21/22 - **Tech Savvy Series:** Basic computer skills. Online at 6:30pm (Facebook live)
- 1/22/22 - **Tech Savvy Series:** Building computer skills. Online at 1pm (Facebook live)
- 1/24/22 - **Tech Savvy Series:** Microsoft Word part 1. Online at 6:30pm (Facebook live)
- 1/26/22 - **Homeschool Enrichment:** Developing basic coding skills. 9am at UCPL.
- 1/28/22 - **Homeschool Enrichment:** Ebooks & Audiobooks for education -READS. 9am at UCPL.
- 1/31/22 - **Tech Savvy Series:** Microsoft Word part 2. Online at 6:30pm (Facebook live)

## GINGERBREAD EVENT RESULTS

Goody goody gumdrops, was it raining sprinkles?! What a day this was! We loved seeing families working together and the products of kids' creative minds, serving up hot chocolate (with yummy fixings), and hosting Mr. & Mrs. Claus. We were thrilled to see so many show up for the event. We had **42** gingerbread house entries this year!! Each house was unique and beautiful! Thanks to our community for participating and voting! Top entries were awarded awesome literary prizes.

**CHILD**

**ADULT**

**TEEN**







## NEW RELEASES AT UCPL!

Our shelves are on fire with hot-off-the-press releases! You may not know it, but our library will soon be migrating to a new computer system. With that said, here's the good news for our patrons! We are cataloging as many books as possible between now and 1/22/22! "New" and "New to UCPL" books will be hitting the shelves heavily for the next couple of weeks. Children, teen, and adult fiction, large print, nonfiction, biographies... we are cataloging a variety for all readers. Be sure to stop in and stock up on some great reads for these winter days! Don't know what to read? Just ask. We're happy to help!

Do your kiddos like I SPY books? We have plenty hitting the shelves soon!



Here are just a couple of "New" and "New to UCPL" titles available now!  
Please stop in to see all we have to offer.

P.S. Miss Suzy made new book bundles. They're just waiting on you to check them out!

