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SPENCER PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER ISSUE 442

## HOME DELIVERY

### Stuck at home? We deliver!

Spencer Public Library offers free home delivery service to Spencer residents throughout the year.

Deliveries occur once every other week, and can be set up on a temporary basis, seasonally, or even year round.

We can deliver books, DVD movies, CDs, audiobooks, magazines, video games and more!

We deliver to individual homes, assisted living facilities, and nursing homes in Spencer. Available for all ages.

For more details or questions about our homebound delivery program, call Rita at (712)580-7290.

## CHECK US OUT ONLINE



[SPENCERLIBRARY.COM](http://SPENCERLIBRARY.COM)

## RESTROOM REMODEL



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PATIENCE DURING OUR RESTROOM REMODEL PROJECT.**

## LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY:	9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
TUESDAY:	9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
WEDNESDAY:	9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
THURSDAY:	9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
FRIDAY:	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SATURDAY:	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SUNDAY:	<b>CLOSED</b>



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# LITTLE FREE PANTRY

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING  
OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES!



OUR FOOD PANTRY IS AVAILABLE  
YEAR ROUND DURING OUR NORMAL  
BUSINESS HOURS.  
DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.



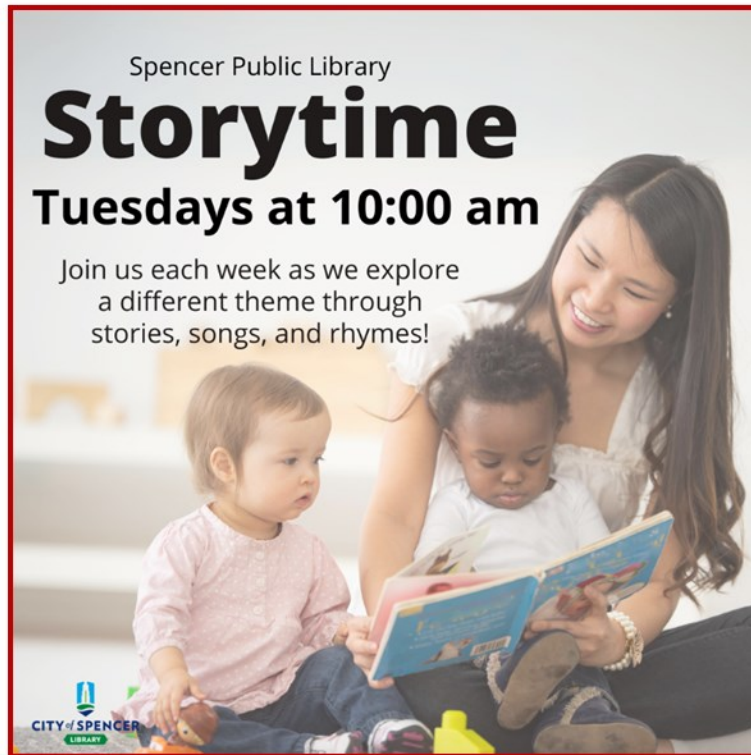
# KIDS

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## Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:00 am

Join us each week as we explore a different theme through stories, songs, and rhymes!



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## GRAND MEANDER

AT THE LIBRARY

- GIANT CANDY LAND
- POPCORN BAR
- TAKE N GO CRAFT ORNAMENT KIT
- KIDS AND TEEN BOOK GIVEAWAY

01 DEC 2025  
5 PM - 7 PM

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## LEGOS @ THE LIBRARY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10  
2:00-4:00 PM COME-&GO

We've got the bricks - all you need is your imagination! Try your hand at different build challenges or build whatever you want.

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## KID WINTER READING BINGO CHALLENGE

January 19- February 28

BEAT THE WINTER BLUES & CURL UP WITH A GOOD BOOK



Available to all children, infant-5th grade. Register starting January 19 and log your reading and activities with the Beanstack app or at [spencerlibrary.beanstack.com](http://spencerlibrary.beanstack.com). Paper gamecards will also be available at the library. Finish the challenge to be entered into prize drawings.

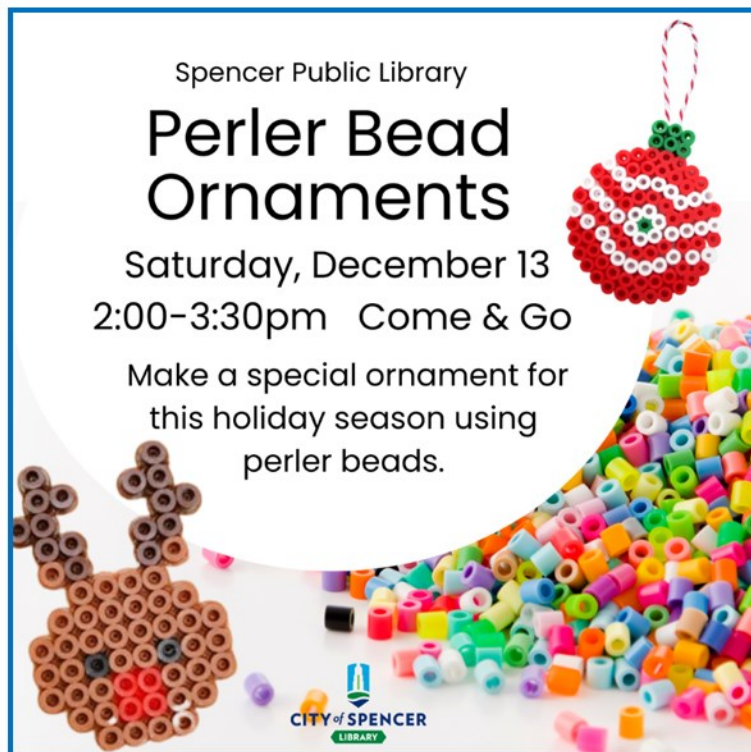
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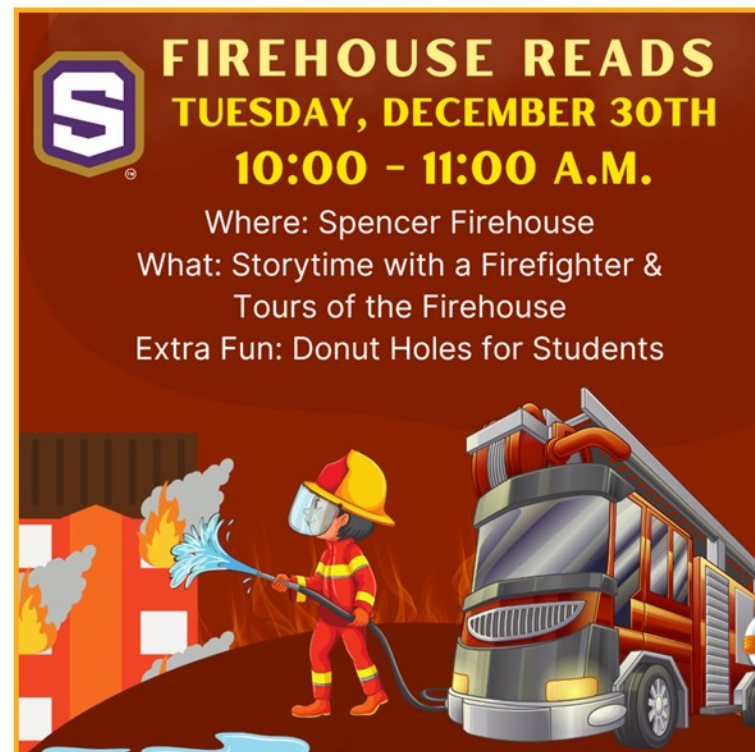
## Perler Bead Ornaments

Saturday, December 13  
2:00-3:30pm Come & Go

Make a special ornament for this holiday season using perler beads.



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## FIREHOUSE READS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30TH  
10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Where: Spencer Firehouse  
What: Storytime with a Firefighter & Tours of the Firehouse  
Extra Fun: Donut Holes for Students

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## KPOP DEMON HUNTERS PARTY

Saturday, January 24  
2:00-3:30 pm Come-&Go

We're goin' up, up, up, it's our moment! Come celebrate the movie everyone's raving about, KPop Demon Hunters, with games, crafts, & more.



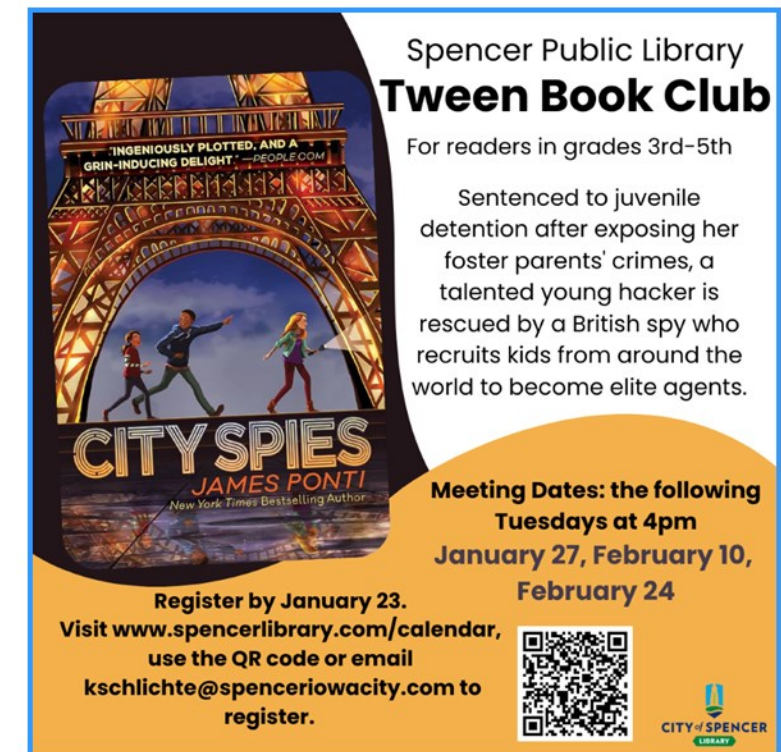
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## Tween Book Club

For readers in grades 3rd-5th

Sentenced to juvenile detention after exposing her foster parents' crimes, a talented young hacker is rescued by a British spy who recruits kids from around the world to become elite agents.



Meeting Dates: the following Tuesdays at 4pm  
January 27, February 10, February 24

Register by January 23. Visit [www.spencerlibrary.com/calendar](http://www.spencerlibrary.com/calendar), use the QR code or email [kschlichte@spenceriowacity.com](mailto:kschlichte@spenceriowacity.com) to register.

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# TEENS



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## JOIN THE RPG CLUB!

CREATE, PLAY, AND SHARE YOUR OWN VIDEO GAMES!

Do you love role-playing games? Ever wanted to design your own?

Our RPG Club uses RPG Maker XP, a beginner-friendly game engine to bring your ideas to life. No coding skills required! For Grades 6-12. We meet monthly on Saturdays.

**Dec 6 | Jan 3**

9:00 - 11:30AM | ICLN ROOM

**WHAT WE DO:**

- Learn how to build characters, maps, and quests
- Collaborate on original games with other members
- Playtest and share your creations
- Explore storytelling, art, and design in a fun environment

For more info contact [actark@spencerlibrary.com](mailto:actark@spencerlibrary.com) or call (712)590-7290

**SPL Teens!**

## HOLIDAY FRAMES

Creativity abounds with this fun winter holiday themed craft. Create a portrait from the templates provided or make your own design!

**SAURDAY, DECEMBER 6**  
**2:00 PM**

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## Interactive Movie Day

A fun new way to join Bill & Ted on their most excellent adventure! Join us for an interactive movie day with props and snacks. Don't worry—scripts will be provided for all the movie interactions. No experience necessary!

**Saturday, January 31**  
**2 PM**

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## Teen Book Club for 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Grades

Sign up starts in January 2026! Watch for the book selection and sign up info!

Meeting Dates  
March 4, March 18, & April 1 @ 4 PM

Book Club is a fun, low stress way to read something new that you may not choose on your own. Maybe you'll find a new favorite!

**Save the date!**

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**SPL Teens!**

## D&D LET'S FIGHT MONSTERS!

Monster Battle Part II. Who knows what will happen!

**SAURDAY, DECEMBER 20**  
**10:00 AM**

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**SPL Teens!**

## No School Monday: Snowshoeing!

Join Spencer Public Library and Clay County Conservation on this No School Monday for Snowshoeing! \*Space is limited—be sure to sign up at the link in January!

\*Activity based on weather conditions. Please refer to our social media for updates!

**Monday, January 19**  
**10 AM @ Oneota Park**

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**SPL Teens!**

## Teen Winter Reading Bingo!

**JANUARY 19TH - FEBRUARY 28TH, 2026**

Pick up a Teen Bingo Card at the desk starting January 19 to log your reading and activities. Get a Bingo and earn a small prize, complete the card to be entered for the Grand Prize! One Bingo card/entry per participant.

**BINGO!**

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**SPL Teens!**

## Beat the Winter Blues

Winter is a season of change, an invitation to slow down, reflect, and reconnect. It can be a challenge to find good things when the cold weather and early nights make you want to stay home under a pile of blankets. This season we're trying something different—a new take it with you set of activities each week to shed some light and bring some joy to these winter days. Check in each Monday from January 19 through the end of February to see what's happening!

**JANUARY 19: GRATITUDE JOURNAL WITH PROMPTS**

Stop by the desk for your free journal and a set of prompts. Don't want to write? That's fine! Use the journal to draw, decorate it with stickers, or create anything that makes you happy. Limited stock-get yours early!

**JANUARY 26: PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT**

Stop by the desk for a list of winter photo prompts to spark your creativity. A new set of Gratitude Journal prompts will also be available!

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# ADULTS

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## Book Discussion

### December 8 6:00 PM

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# Dogtripping

By David Rosenfelt

## SANDWICH

A NOVEL BY CATHERINE NEWMAN

BOOK DISCUSSION

January 5 6:00 PM

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*"If you like my novels, you will love love love this . . . I stand in awe, it's just perfect."*  
Elin Hilderbrand

## Adult Winter Read

# BEAT THE BLUES

### Jan 19- Feb 28

Register starting January 19 and log your reading and activities with the Beanstack app or at [spencerlibrary.beanstack.com](http://spencerlibrary.beanstack.com). Paper tracking will also be available at the library. Finish the challenge to be entered into prize drawings.

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## THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

A STORY 250 YEARS IN THE MAKING

A FILM BY KEN BURNS, SARAH BOTSTEIN & DAVID SCHMIDT

PBS

### Screening Reel: Continental

*The Continental screening reel brings to life the stories of the American Revolution, exploring the ideas and conflicts that ignited independence and the struggles and sacrifices of soldiers, women, and Native and African American allies. It reveals how this pivotal period shaped not just the original Thirteen Colonies, but the future of the entire continent.*

December 18 2:00 PM

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[pbs.org/americanrevolution](http://pbs.org/americanrevolution)

## GERI-FIT

Free Senior Chair Fitness

Every Monday and Friday 1:00 PM

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LIMITED SPACE  
CALL 712-580-7290 FOR AVAILABILITY

## PUNCH THE LIGHTS OUT: COLONIAL CRAFT

### JANUARY 20 2:00 PM

Celebrate our colonial past and create homemade lanterns using a centuries-old tinsmithing technique. Please bring your own hammer.

Space is limited - registration required.  
Register online at [www.spencerlibrary.com](http://www.spencerlibrary.com) or call 712-580-7290.

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### Screening Reel: The Spirit of Service

*The Spirit of Service screening reel includes selected excerpts from the series and is designed to encourage thoughtful discussion about THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, especially around the spirit of service in American culture.*

January 28 2:00 PM

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[pbs.org/americanrevolution](http://pbs.org/americanrevolution)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 GERIFIT 1:00 PM GRAND MEANDER 5:00 TO 7:00 PM	2 STORYTIME 10:00 AM	3 DROP-IN TECH HELP 1:30 TO 3:00 PM	4 JUST WRITE QUIET WRITING GROUP 5:00 PM	5 GERIFIT 1:00 PM	6 RPG CLUB 9:00 TO 11:30 AM HOLIDAY FRAMES 2:00 PM
7	8 GERIFIT 1:00 PM BOOK DISCUSSION 6:00 PM	9 STORYTIME 10:00 AM	10 NEXT CHAPTER BOOK CLUB 10:30 AM DROP-IN TECH HELP 1:30 TO 3:00 PM	11 JUST WRITE 5:00 PM	12 GERIFIT 1:00 PM	13 PERLER BEAD ORNAMENTS COME & GO 2:00 TO 3:30 PM
14	15 GERIFIT 1:00 PM	16 STORYTIME 10:00 AM	17 NEXT CHAPTER BOOK CLUB 10:30 AM DROP-IN TECH HELP 1:30 TO 3:00 PM	18 SCREENING REEL: CONTINENTAL CLIP KEN BURNS' "THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION" 2:00 PM JUST WRITE 5:00 PM	19 GERIFIT 1:00 PM	20 D&D LET'S FIGHT MONSTERS 10:00 AM
21	22 GERIFIT 1:00 PM	23 STORYTIME 10:00 AM	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED	26 GERIFIT 1:00 PM	27
28	29 GERIFIT 1:00 PM	30 FIREHOUSE READS STORYTIME AT THE FIRE STATION 10:00 AM	31 CLOSING AT 5:00 PM HAPPY NEW YEAR!			

## JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	WINTER READING CHALLENGES BEGIN JANUARY 19TH			1 CLOSED	2 GERIFIT 1:00 PM	3 RPG CLUB 9:00 TO 11:30 AM
4	5 GERIFIT 1:00 PM BOOK DISCUSSION 6:00 PM	6 STORYTIME 10:00 AM	7 NEXT CHAPTER BOOK CLUB 10:30 AM DROP-IN TECH HELP 1:30 TO 3:00 PM	8 JUST WRITE QUIET WRITING GROUP 5:00 PM	9 GERIFIT 1:00 PM	10 LEGOS @ THE LIBRARY COME & GO 2:00 TO 4:00 PM
11	12 GERIFIT 1:00 PM	13 STORYTIME 10:00 AM	14 DROP-IN TECH HELP 1:30 TO 3:00 PM	15 JUST WRITE 5:00 PM	16 GERIFIT 1:00 PM	17
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25	26 GERIFIT 1:00 PM BEAT THE WINTER BLUES KITS AVAILABLE	27 STORYTIME 10:00 AM TWEEN BOOK CLUB 4:00 PM	28 DROP-IN TECH HELP 1:30 TO 3:00 PM SCREENING REEL: THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE KEN BURNS' "THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION" 2:00 PM	29 JUST WRITE 5:00 PM	30	31 INTERACTIVE MOVIE DAY 2:00 PM

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FOR KIDS  
FOR TEENS

FOR ADULTS  
ALL AGES

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## WINTER WORD SEARCH

H O G C R K S G U R C H I L L Y C  
 G G O T O T N W E Z S A K S A N O  
 W L L M O I H T D D L G T C O X C  
 D Z Q O Z G A G H R E L C I C I O  
 N U B E V E E O P A D B Y S I A A  
 Z O E W W E C A F Z D C G R R K N  
 Y R X S S K S R Q Z I C G T H R A  
 F C A H E E A R P I N R O U A A M  
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 A E E A T U O E T I H W R W Y N E  
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 G U D D U B S L B T Y Z O C N N F  
 U D C V K G T H F R O S T H X I S  
 D I Z K Q P E N F D K M Z B C E W

BEANIE	COLD	GLOVES	SCARF	SNOWBALL
BLIZZARD	COZY	HAT	SKATING	SNOWMAN
BOOTS	DARK	HOCKEY	SKIING	SWEATER
CHILLY	FOGGY	ICICLE	SLEDDING	WHITE
COAT	FREEZING	ICY	SLEET	WHITEOUT
COCOA	FROST	PARKA	SNOW	WINTRY

FIND THE WORD IN THE PUZZLE.  
 WORDS CAN GO IN ANY DIRECTION.  
 WORDS CAN SHARE LETTERS AS THEY CROSS OVER EACH OTHER.



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