

**Alamance County Public Library News Releases for January 2021.**  
**All library programs are free and available online.**

**December 15 – January 31**

All libraries: Winter Reading Program. For teens and adults. Participate in our first online reading program! Register and track your reading at <http://alamancelibraries.readsquared.com/Default.aspx> or by downloading the READSquared app. Complete the reading challenge and win a free book and earn chances for more prizes. Ready, set, read! For more information, call any library location.

**January 1**

All branches of the Alamance County Public Libraries will be closed on Friday, January 1, 2021. We will resume our curbside and Grab & Go hours on Monday, January 4.

**Week of January 4**

All libraries: Stay at Home Crafts. For adults. Stop by any library location this week to pick-up a craft kit. The kits will contain the materials and instructions so that you can expertly create your own masterpiece. For more information, call your local library location.

**January 4**

All libraries: Ice House Course. Alamance County Public Libraries is partnering with NC IDEA to launch a free entrepreneurial mindset course. This self-paced virtual course is for anyone who has an idea for a project or service, would like to start their own business, or would like a career change. Learn how to think and act like an entrepreneur in this course moderated by Leslie Scott of Entrepreneurial Places LLC. Access information for the course will be shared on [www.alamancelibraries.org](http://www.alamancelibraries.org). For more information, contact Amanda Gramley at [agramley@alamancelibraries.org](mailto:agramley@alamancelibraries.org).

**January 5**

Alamance County Public Libraries Facebook Page: Virtual Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For children ages 2 – 5 and their caregivers. Every Tuesday we offer a fun, interactive storytime on our Facebook Page. We will share great stories, songs, and early literacy activities you can do at home. This week's theme is "Toys! Toys! Toys!" For more information call (336) 226-7185.

**January 6**

Zoom: Mayor's Book Club. 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. For adults. Join Mayor Ian Baltutis for a monthly book club. This month's selection is *Blindspot: hidden biases of good people* by Mahzarin Banaji and Anthony Greenwald. Copies are available for pickup at May Memorial Library. This meeting will be held virtually over Zoom. For more information, email [agramley@alamancelibraries.org](mailto:agramley@alamancelibraries.org) or call 336-229-3588.

Alamance County Public Libraries Facebook Page: STEM Storytime for Schoolagers. 4:30 p.m. Join Ms. Barbara as she shares *Brave Irene* by William Steig and challenges participants to build a sled that will get Irene to her final destination. For more information, call (336) 570-6730.

**Week of January 11**

Alamance County Public Libraries- All Locations: Take and Make Packets! Ages 5-12. Looking for some fun activities? Check out our Take and Make Packets, full of great activities, book lists,

and exciting things to learn! This week's theme is "the Science of Winter". Contact your library for pickup dates and times.

Alamance County Public Libraries- All Locations: Teen Take and Make Craft Kits! For 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Looking for a fun project to do at home? Check out our new monthly Take and Make Craft Kits for teens and tweens! Contact your library for pickup dates and times.

### **January 12**

Alamance County Public Libraries Facebook Page: Virtual Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For children ages 3 – 5 years old and their caregivers. This program features stories, songs, and activities that encourage early learning and literacy. This week's theme is "Feeling Icky." For more information, call (919) 563-6431.

### **January 13**

Alamance County Public Libraries Facebook Page: Snow Day! For children in elementary school. Who wants to build a snowman? Don't worry if we don't have snow yet. You will learn how to make fake snow in this program. Let your kids challenge their fine motor and critical thinking skills. For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

### **January 18**

Alamance County Public Libraries Facebook Page: Stories for Schoolagers. 4:00 p.m. For 3rd – 5th graders. This virtual program features stories sure to pique the interest of older elementary students. For more information, call (919) 563-6431.

### **January 19**

Alamance County Public Libraries Facebook Page: Virtual Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For children ages 2 – 5 and their caregivers. Every Tuesday we offer a fun, interactive storytime on our Facebook Page. We will share great stories, songs, and early literacy activities you can do at home. This week's theme is "Nocturnal Animals!" For more information call (336) 229-3588.

### **January 20**

Zoom. Awesome Readers. 4:00 p.m. For 3rd – 5th graders. Calling all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders! This is a virtual book club just for you! This month we will read *The Year of the Dog* by Grace Lin and do activities based on the book. Then join us on ZOOM where we'll play games and discuss our latest book selection. To register for the program or for more information, call (336) 570-6730, or email [jbeers@alamancelibraries.org](mailto:jbeers@alamancelibraries.org).

### **January 21**

Zoom. LEGO® Buddies. 3:30 pm. For K – 5th graders. Love LEGO®? Love stories? Become a LEGO® Buddy by joining this interactive book & building club for elementary schoolers! Ms. Samantha will share a surprise story and a building challenge on Zoom, then participants will have time to build on their creations off-screen. In a second Zoom meeting, participants can

share their creations with the group! To register for the program or for more information, email [shunter@alamancelibraries.org](mailto:shunter@alamancelibraries.org).

### **January 25**

Instagram and IGTV. Martin's Big Words. All Day. For ages 5 to 12. Take an Instagram post journey through some of Martin Luther King Jr's most inspiring quotes to learn about his dream—and to solve a mystery. Write down the mystery letter(s) from each post and email Ms. Kelsey (kblackburn@alamancelibraries.org) with the secret message at the end of the day to be entered into a prize drawing. Don't miss the story at the end, *Martin's Big Words* by Doreen Rappaport, for your final clue! (Winner will be contacted within 3 days.) For more information call (336) 226-7185.

### **Week of January 25**

Alamance County Public Libraries- All Locations: Take and Make Packets! Ages 5-12. Looking for some fun activities? Check out our Take and Make Packets, full of great activities, book lists, and exciting things to learn! Contact your library for pickup dates and times.

### **January 26**

Alamance County Public Libraries Facebook Page: Virtual Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For children ages 2 – 5 and their caregivers. Join us each Tuesday on the Alamance County Public Libraries' Facebook page for a fun, interactive storytime. We will share great stories, songs, and early literacy activities you can do at home. This week's theme is "Penguins and Polar Bears." For more information, call (336) 570-6730.