Adult & Teen Winter Reading Program

It is the time of year to snuggle up with a warm blanket and a good book. Join us for the Adult/Teen Winter Reading Program, January 3 – February 28. The winter reading program is a little more laid back and relaxed than the summer reading. Simply read or listen, count your pages, and earn prizes every 500 pages through 10,000 pages. Winter prizes include a whole lot of chocolate and candy, coffee, hot chocolate if we can find it, books, assorted personal sundries, and other small items. We also give away two giant Hershey Bars and two 8” Kindle Fires at the end, but you won’t need to fill out any drawing tickets to win. Register online or at the Adult Reference Desk anytime on or after January 3 and start counting your pages at midnight.

Book Review: Family Life by Akhil Sharma

This international fiction novel is about an immigrant family from Delhi. Told from the perspective of a pre-teen boy, it highlights the struggle of those from India, as far as trying to navigate the gap between their traditional way of life, thoughts, and life in America. With headstrong parents, the boy struggles to assimilate with those around him, then a family tragedy strikes, leaving his teenage brother profoundly disabled for the majority of the book. The major theme is the younger boy’s turmoil within himself over how he feels about his brother’s condition, and the lack of attention from his parents, virtually leaving him an an orphan in a new world. Quick read at just over 200 pages, it’s a good glimpse into the traditions and lives of those from India.—Melissa Skinner
Teens! Looking for something to do during Winter Break? Well look no further! There are several fun (and free!) activities going on at the Warsaw Community Public Library!

Wednesday, January 2 is the Teen Drop in Zone. Students in grades 6-12 are invited to come play video games, eat snacks, and hang out between 3:30 and 5:30 pm. The library will also set up the Oculus Rift during Drop in Zone for teens who are interested in experiencing virtual reality! Immerse yourself into an interactive virtual world!

In addition to Drop in Zone, the library is offering an escape room game for adults, teens, & children during Winter Break! We plan to host the game four times on Thursday, January 3 – 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, and 5:00 pm. Please call the Reference Department to register for a spot! If none of those times works for you, we are willing to set up the escape room for groups of 3 or more upon request. Please call in advance to schedule!

To round out our Winter Break festivities, the library will also be showing 2 different new release animated movies on December 27 and January 3. Please see our website or call 574.267.6011 for times and titles! — Anna Jackson
Countdown to Children’s Winter Reading Program

The countdown to the Children’s Winter Reading Program has begun! Hop into your reading rocket and blast off for a two-month voyage of family activities that will keep you and your family busy during these upcoming chilly months. To discover the adventures that await you, stop by the Children’s Reference Desk beginning on January 3rd, to get your bingo card with all the family challenges. As your children accomplish each challenge, watch out for a bingo! The first two bingos earn you special prizes and when you have reached your final space destination and filled out the entire bingo card, your child will receive their very own book!

As your child rockets through their bingo card, take time to enjoy the books they read, the artwork they create, the programs the family attends here at the library, and the memories made together. The Children’s Winter Reading Program focuses on relaxed family togetherness during the school year. Take time to enjoy doing challenges together as you fill up bingo cards and earn drawing tickets that can go towards winning the bigger grand prizes. When February 28th arrives and the Children’s Winter Reading Program comes to an end, you’ll be able to hop off your reading rocket and use some of the yummy local restaurant coupons you’ve earned. The fun of the Children’s Winter Reading Program is open for all children from birth to 6th grade.