

## **Intermittent Web Services December 7 – 9**

We will be upgrading our online catalog server from December 7 through December 9. This will cause some downtime for public Internet access at all Erie County Public Library outlets, as well as some downtime for the online catalog, web page, renewal line and Digital Downloads service. We expect these services to be totally unavailable the mornings of December 7 and December 9.

When these systems are on-line from the afternoon of December 7 through the morning of December 9, patrons will not be able to view their library accounts on the catalog, nor will they be able to place holds or renew checked out items.

If you need to renew an item during this time period, please call the Blasco Library Circulation Department at: 814-451-6963.

If you would like to place a title on hold during this time, please call the Blasco Library Information Desk at: 814-451-6932.

Please keep in mind the old cliché – temporary inconvenience, permanent improvement – and thank you for your patience during this time.



## **Holiday closings**

- **Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day**

*All library outlets closed; bookmobile off the road*

- **Monday, December 26: County observes Christmas holiday**

*All library outlets closed; bookmobile off the road*

- **Tuesday, December 27: County observes day after Christmas holiday**

*All library outlets closed; bookmobile off the road*

## Digital Downloads

Do you have an e-reader or tablet computer on your Christmas list? The library has a whole catalog of e-books available for you to check out 24/7. For more information, call 451-6927 or visit:

[www.eriellibrary.org/trackoverdrive.html](http://www.eriellibrary.org/trackoverdrive.html).



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

LINCOLN COMMUNITY CENTER 1:00 P.M.  
Story time for ages 2-6 and their caregivers.  
Registration is required. Please call 814-451-7085 to register.

### BOOK READING – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

BLASCO LIBRARY -- PENINSULA ROOM 2:00 P.M.

A Christmas book reading by Toby Cunningham, PhD retired Biology Professor from Penn State turned memoirist. The story is called "The Nail" from his recently published book entitled: [Twice Lived Life: A Mid-Twentieth Century Childhood](#).

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME -- MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

MILLCREEK BRANCH LIBRARY 10:30 A.M.  
Story time for ages 2-6 and their caregivers.  
Registration is required. Please call 814-451-7084 to register.

### LOW VISION EQUIPMENT INTRO -- MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

BLASCO LIBRARY 2:00 – 2:30 P.M.  
An introduction to services and equipment available for use at the Blasco Library. The Class is free but registration is encouraged. Please call 814-451-6927 to register.

### CROSS CULTURAL CONVERSATIONS – MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

BLASCO LIBRARY 6:30 P.M.  
A program that enables native and non-native speakers of English to converse with each other in

small groups. Call 814-451-6927 to register or for more information.

### TODDLER STORY TIME – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

BLASCO LIBRARY – MEAD CHILDREN'S LIBRARY STORY TIME ROOM  
SESSION I: 9:30 A.M. SESSION II: 10:30 A.M.  
Registration is required. Please call 814-451-6936 to register.

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

EDINBORO BRANCH LIBRARY 1:00 P.M.  
Story time for ages 2-6 and their caregivers.  
Registration is required. Please call 814-451-7081 to register.

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

BLASCO LIBRARY – MEAD CHILDREN'S LIBRARY STORY TIME ROOM 10:00 A. M.  
Registration is required. Please call 814-451-6936 to register.

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

IROQUOIS AVENUE BRANCH LIBRARY 10:30 A.M.  
Story time for ages 2-6 and their caregivers.  
Registration is required. Please call 814-451-7082 to register.

### READ TO RUDY – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

BLASCO LIBRARY – MEAD CHILDREN'S LIBRARY STORY TIME ROOM 6:30 P.M.  
Reading goes to the dogs! Kids can practice their reading skills with a non-judgmental listener.

### BLASCO CONCERT SERIES: – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

BLASCO LIBRARY -- HIRT AUDITORIUM 7:00 P.M.  
This free concert features the Junior Philharmonic Ensembles.

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

LINCOLN COMMUNITY CENTER 1:00 P.M.  
Story time for ages 2-6 and their caregivers.  
Registration is required. Please call 814-451-7085 to register.

**SENIOR DAY – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8**

BLASCO LIBRARY – ADMIRAL ROOM 1:00 P.M.  
Enjoy a free showing of A Christmas Carol performed by Theatre on the Move.

BLASCO LIBRARY – ADMIRAL ROOM 2:00 P.M.  
Free blood pressure checks by nurses from Pleasant Ridge Manor.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME -- MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**

MILLCREEK BRANCH LIBRARY 10:30 A.M.  
Story time for ages 2-6 and their caregivers.  
Registration is required. Please call 814-451-7082 to register.

**COMPUTER CLASS: INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS – MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**

BLASCO LIBRARY – COMPUTER LAB (2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR) 5:00 – 8 P.M.  
\$5.00 fee. Pre-register by calling 814-451-6927.

**CROSS CULTURAL CONVERSATIONS – MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**

BLASCO LIBRARY 6:30 P.M.  
A program that enables native and non-native speakers of English to converse with each other in small groups. Call 814-451-6927 to register or for more information.

**BLASCO CONCERT SERIES: – MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**

BLASCO LIBRARY-- HIRT AUDITORIUM 7:00 P.M.  
This free concert features the Presque Isle Flute Choir.

**TODDLER STORY TIME – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

BLASCO LIBRARY – MEAD CHILDREN’S LIBRARY STORY TIME ROOM  
SESSION I: 9:30 A.M. SESSION II: 10:30 A.M.  
Registration is required. Please call 814-451-6936 to register.

**INTRO TO E-READERS – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

BLASCO LIBRARY—ADMIRAL ROOM  
SESSION I: 11:00 A.M. SESSION II: 1:00 P.M.  
Jeff Schroeder from our Community Partner Best Buy will demonstrate a variety of e-readers.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

EDINBORO BRANCH LIBRARY 1:00 P.M.

Story time for ages 2-6 and their caregivers.  
Registration is required. Please call 814-451-7081 to register.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

BLASCO LIBRARY – MEAD CHILDREN’S LIBRARY STORY TIME ROOM 10:00 A. M.  
Registration is required. Please call 814-451-6936 to register.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

IROQUOIS AVENUE BRANCH LIBRARY 10:30 A.M.  
Story time for ages 2-6 and their caregivers.  
Registration is required. Please call 814-451-7082 to register.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**

LINCOLN COMMUNITY CENTER 1:00 P.M.  
Story time for ages 2-6 and their caregivers.  
Registration is required. Please call 814-451-7085 to register.

**LOW VISION EQUIPMENT INTRO – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**

BLASCO LIBRARY 2:00 – 2:30 P.M.  
An introduction to services and equipment available for use at the Blasco Library. The Class is free but registration is encouraged. Please call 814-451-6927 to register.



**Mother Goose Asks Why**

This special program for children ages 3-7 – story time with a pinch of math and science – begins in January. Registration begins now for the program which meets: January 11, 18 and 25 and February 1, 8 and 15 at 1:30 p.m. at the Blasco Library. Call 814-451-6936 to register.



**Programs funded through the generosity of the Friends of the Erie County Public Library.**

## **Library locations and hours**

**BLASCO MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 160 EAST FRONT ST., ERIE, PA 16507 451-6900**

SUNDAY 1:00 – 5:00 P.M.  
MONDAY – THURSDAY 9:00 A.M. – 8:30 P.M.  
FRIDAY – SATURDAY 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

**EDINBORO BRANCH, 413 WEST PLUM ST., EDINBORO, PA 16412 451-7081**

MONDAY 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
TUESDAY 12:00 NOON – 8:00 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
THURSDAY 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
FRIDAY – SATURDAY 12:00 NOON – 4:00 P.M.

**IROQUOIS AVENUE BRANCH, 4212 IROQUOIS AVE., ERIE, PA 16511 451-7082**

MONDAY 12:00 NOON – 8:00 P.M.  
TUESDAY 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
THURSDAY 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
FRIDAY – SATURDAY 12:00 NOON – 4:00 P.M.

**LINCOLN COMMUNITY CENTER, 1255 MANCHESTER RD., ERIE, PA 16505 451-7085**

MONDAY 12:00 NOON – 8:00 P.M.  
TUESDAY 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
THURSDAY 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
FRIDAY – SATURDAY 12:00 NOON – 4:00 P.M.

**MILLCREEK BRANCH, 2088 INTERCHANGE RD., SUITE 280, ERIE, PA 16565 451-7084**

MONDAY 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
TUESDAY 12:00 NOON – 8:00 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
THURSDAY 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
FRIDAY – SATURDAY 12:00 NOON – 4:00 P.M.

**BOOKMOBILE SERVICES 451-6935**

FOLLOW THIS LINK FOR STOPS AND HOURS OF OPERATION:

[HTTP://WWW.ERIELIBRARY.ORG/HOURSBKM.PDF](http://www.erielibrary.org/hoursbkm.pdf)

## **Call Us**

Children's Library 451-6936  
Reference 451-6927  
Interlibrary Loan 451-6922  
Bookmobile 451-6935  
Heritage Room 451-6983  
TDD for the hearing impaired 451-6931



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Promoting education, cultural  
enrichment and recreation***

**Barry Grossman, County Executive  
Margaret Z. Stewart, Executive Director**



## **Searching the Stacks**

*Books, movies, music and more, not necessarily on the best seller lists.*

- *1,000 places to see before you die* by Patricia Schultz (travel book)
- *I am half-sick of shadows* by Alan Bradley (mystery book)
- *Comfort food fix* by Ellie Krieger (cookbook)
- *Heart and soul: the story of America and African-Americans* by Kadir Nelson (children's book)
- *The Library of Congress illustrated timeline of the Civil War* by Margaret E. Wagner (non-fiction book)