

Hazard Branch Calendar

January 2026

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We will be closed on Thursday, January 1 for the New Year and Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

For Everyone

Puzzle Give Away

All month long

Did you know that January 29 is National Puzzle Day? To celebrate we will host a puzzle give away all month long. Stop by anytime and grab a new to you puzzle. Available while supplies last. For all ages.

DIY Lip Balm

Saturday, January 17, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to make your own lip balm this winter using coconut oil and Kool Aid. For all ages.

Quick Bites: Pancakes in Mug

Saturday, January 31, 10:00 a.m.

This month we are making a breakfast classic. The recipe features simple ingredients and takes 15 minutes or less to make! For all ages.

For Children

Crafter's Circle

All Month Long

Each Monday we will feature a new craft on the round table in the children's section. For ages 5 – 12.

Penguin Scavenger Hunt

All Month Long

We have 10 penguins lost in the children's area and we need help finding them to return them to the zoo. Can you help us find them all? Turn in your completed sheet for a prize! For ages 5 – 12.

Ice Fishing

All Month Long

Take advantage of our indoor winter theme by ice fishing! How many fish can you catch? For ages 5-12.

Penguin Shape Matching

All Month Long

How well do you know your shapes? Complete our penguin matching game to find out! For ages 3-7.

Lego Free Play

Friday, January 2, 2:00 p.m.

Complete one of our Lego challenges or build your own creation during our Lego Free Play! For ages 5 - 12.

Saturday Stories with Olive

Saturday, January 10, 10:00 a.m.

Come and sit with Olive – a trained, lovable certified therapy dog – for a story or two! Children are welcome to practice their literacy skills by reading a story to Olive by themselves. For ages 3 – 12.

Curiosity Club: Snow Storm in a Jar

Saturday, January 24, 10:00 a.m.

Create your own mini snowstorm contained neatly in a jar! For ages 5 - 12.

For Children and Teens

Take and Make Craft Kits

All month long

Stop by the library anytime to pick up a craft kit. Each kit includes instructions and supplies for a fun craft. Quantities are limited and kits will be given out first come, first served. Kits for ages 5-12 and 12-18.

Children's Kit: Wobbly Penguins

Teen Kit: Clay Penguins

For Teens

Drop-In Crafts: Winter Crafts

Tuesdays, January 6 and 20, 5:00- 7:00 p.m.

Visit the library every other Tuesday to create a fun craft for teens. This month we will be making winter crafts! For Ages 12-18.

January 6: Sock Snowmen

January 20: Marbled Mugs

Game Night

Tuesdays, January 13 and 27, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Think you have what it takes to be the best gamer at the library? Come join us in playing games with other teens! Snacks will be provided. For ages 12 – 18.

For Adults

Take and Bake Kits

All month long

Learn a new recipe with us each month! We will provide you with a recipe and the dry ingredients to get you started. This month we are making potato and cheese breakfast casserole. For ages 18 and up.

Artist of the Month

All month long

This month's artist is Vycky Ebner. Vycky Ebner is a mixed media artist working in ink, paint and collage who has had work featured on the cover of Stone Canoe Journal, and the SFMoMA's Instagram. In 2023, Vycky was shortlisted for Art Basel through a web3 company. The majority of Vycky's work centers around her experiences with mental illness, stigma, and trauma.

Famous First Lines

All Month Long

Stop by the trivia board to challenge your bookish knowledge! Read memorable opening lines from classic and contemporary literature and try to guess the book they belong to. For ages 18 and up.

Adult Drop-In Craft: Pom Pom Penguins

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 29 12:00-7:00 p.m.

Waddle into winter! Join us at the library to make your own adorable pom pom penguin using yarn pom poms of your own creation, and felt. This craft is perfect for all skill levels. Take home a cute, fluffy friend! For ages 18 and up.

Craft Café: Snowflake Soap

Thursday, January 8, 10:00 am- Noon

Stop by our Craft Café and spend time with other craft lovers. This month we are making mini soaps in the shape of snowflakes. Light refreshments will be provided. For ages 18 and up.

Movie Matinee: Magnificent Ambersons

Thursday, January 15, 5:30 p.m.

The spoiled young heir to the decaying Amberson fortune comes between his widowed mother and the man she has always loved. Snacks will be provided. For ages 18 and up.

Adult Night Out: Bad Art Night

Thursday, January 22, 5:30 p.m.

Leave perfection at the door and embrace the wonderfully terrible! Join us for Bad Art Night, where the goal is to create the worst, wackiest, most delightfully disastrous artwork you can imagine. We'll provide the supplies. You provide the creativity (or chaos). No skills required, and absolutely no judgment allowed. Come laugh and leave with a masterpiece of magnificently bad art! For ages 18 and up.

Turn a Page with Paige

Thursday, January 29, 6:00 p.m.

Join us on the last Thursday of each month a turn a page with our Adult Services Librarian, Paige! Whether you're an avid bookworm, returning to reading after a break, or simply enjoy chatting about books, you're invited! We'll share what we've been reading, talk about what we loved (or didn't), and swap recommendations. Light refreshments will be provided. For ages 18 and up.

Book-A-Librarian by Appointment

Set up a one-on-one appointment at Hazard Branch Library to learn the basics of using a computer and other technology. Please call the library at 315-435-5326 to schedule an appointment.