

JANUARY 2026

YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS

Z. J. Loussac Library

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 All APL locations closed for New Year's Day	2 2PM: Winter Fun with the Campbell Creek Science Center 4PM: VolunTEEN Fridays	3 10AM-5PM: Craft Time 11AM: Family Storytime
4	5	6 11AM: Preschool Storytime	7 11AM: Toddler Storytime 4PM: Teen Game Time 4:30PM: Artist Trading Cards	8 11AM: Toddler Storytime 5:30PM: Dungeons & Dragons	9 11AM: Baby Storytime 1:30PM: Baby Storytime 4PM: VolunTEEN Fridays	10 10AM-5PM: LEGO Time
11	12 10AM-12PM: Early Literacy Games	13 11AM: Preschool Storytime 4PM: Teen Crafternoon: Paper Chain	14 11AM: Toddler Storytime 4PM: Teen Game Time	15 11AM: Toddler Storytime 6PM: Family Puzzle Night	16 11AM: Baby Storytime 1:30PM: Baby Storytime 4PM: VolunTEEN Fridays	17 10AM-5PM: Craft Time 11AM: Family Storytime 3PM: Teen Movie Night <i>Branch locations closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.</i>
18	19 <i>Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	20 11AM: Preschool Storytime 6PM: Zine Workshop	21 11AM: Toddler Storytime 4PM: Teen Game Time	22 11AM: Toddler Storytime	23 11AM: Baby Storytime 1:30PM: Baby Storytime 4PM: VolunTEEN Fridays	24 10AM-5PM: LEGO Time 1-4PM: Community School Fair
25	26 10AM-12PM: Early Literacy Games	27 11AM: Preschool Storytime	28 11AM: Toddler Storytime 4PM: Teen Game Time	29 11AM: Toddler Storytime	30 11AM: Baby Storytime 1:30PM: Baby Storytime 3:30PM: Family Movie Matinee 4PM: VolunTEEN Fridays	31  ANCHORAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Tuesdays at 11AM
A half hour of stories, songs and movement, for ages 3-5. Followed by a play time with early literacy toys.

TODDLER STORYTIME

Wednesdays & Thursdays at 11AM
Twenty minutes of short stories and songs for children 3 and under and their caregivers.

BABY STORYTIME

& PLAY TIME
Fridays at 11AM & 1:30PM
Twenty minutes of rhymes, songs, and fingerplays for infants, birth to 18 months, and their caregivers. Followed by a special baby playtime.

FAMILY STORYTIME

First and third Saturdays at 11AM
A half hour of stories, songs, and more to build early literacy skills.

5 & UNDER

EARLY LITERACY GAMES

Monday, January 12 & 26, 10AM-12PM
Try out different early literacy, language, and math toys to help prepare preschoolers for kindergarten.

AGES 6-12

WINTER FUN WITH THE CAMPBELL CREEK SCIENCE CENTER

Friday, January 2, 2-3PM
Cap off winter break with a winter science program with our friends at Campbell Creek Science Center. Learn about animal tracks, how animals stay warm, winter safety, and more! We'll also make snowflake crafts.

ARTIST TRADING CARDS

Wednesday, January 7, 4:30-5:30PM
Learn about making and trading Artist Trading Cards-- an easy way to express yourself and build up an original art collection.

FAMILY PUZZLE NIGHT

Thursday, January 15, 6-7PM
Did the carnivore do it? Do you have an eagle eye for I Spy? Can you move the red car out of traffic? How many wires can you balance on the hanger? We have a lot of new puzzles for you to try, along with some traditional ones in pieces.

TEEN

TEEN GAME TIME

Wednesdays, 4-5PM
Come enjoy time in the teen space playing video games, board games, and more!

VOLUNTEEN FRIDAYS

Fridays, 4-5:30PM
Are you an Anchorage teen in 9th-12th grade in need of volunteer hours? Come work as many or as little volunteer shifts as you can happily fit into your schedule.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Thursday, January 8, 5:30-9PM
Join APL for an evening of Dungeons and Dragons. New and experienced players are welcome. Character creation begins at 5:30, gameplay starts at 6. **Ages 14+**.

TEEN CRAFTERNOON: PAPER CHAIN

Tuesday, January 13, 4-5PM
Build a paper chain using leftover wrapping paper or draw your own art and turn it into paper chain links.

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, January 17, 3-5PM
Join us for a teen-friendly movie and delicious popcorn! This month's movie: Marvel's Thunderbolts*, rated PG-13.

ZINE WORKSHOP

Tuesday, January 20, 6-8PM
Learn how to make a zine from Rasmussen Foundation Individual Artist Award winner MK and make a zine to take home with you.

ALL AGES

CRAFT TIME

Saturday, January 3 & 17, 10AM-5PM
Get creative and make a work of art! We'll have a variety of art supplies to make whatever you want.

LEGO TIME

Saturday, January 10 & 24, 10AM-5PM
Stop by for some free build time - just bring your imagination!

COMMUNITY SCHOOL FAIR

Saturday, January 24, 1-4PM
Explore multiple schooling options for your child, including preschool programs.

FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE

Friday, January 30, 3:30PM
Join us for a family-friendly movie and delicious popcorn! This month's movie: How to Train Your Dragon (2025).

EVENTS ACROSS APL—

CHUGIAK-EAGLE RIVER

CRIBBAGE

Saturday, January 10, 3:30-5PM
Come ready to learn and play this age-old and timeless game at this informal meet-up for all ages and experience levels! Find new competition or learn the game.

GERRISH (GIRDWOOD)

AUTHOR TALK

Saturday, January 24, 1 PM
Get ready for an exciting discussion with three Alaskan authors: Lori Townsend, David G. Brown, and Lois Simenson aka LoLo Paige.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

KRAMBAMBULI PUPPET THEATRE

Saturday, January 31, 1 PM
Meet Theodor, a young dragon searching for his inner fire. When danger threatens his family and home, Theodor discovers he may be braver than he ever imagined.

MULDOON

WIC NUTRITION STORYTIME

Wednesday, January 7 10:30-11:30 AM
Join WIC representatives for an all-ages nutrition storytime, then try out a healthy snack activity. Ideal for adult caregivers with children ages 18 months +; all families welcome.