

What's new?

Happy 2022!! We can't wait to share all the great new materials and programs coming to the library this year - immediate highlights for January include:

- 1) Our strategic plan kickoff! You'll find more details below, but we're really excited to get into our new strategic plan. While we started work on the initiatives right away as a staff, we're officially starting the plan this January. Watch for our new display by the front door.
- 2) There's a "new" story room in Youth Services! One silver lining to the pandemic, we've used the story room "down time" to renovate the space with new paint and flooring. Once we can use it again we hope everyone will enjoy this bright, welcoming, and easier-to-clean space. The walls are a cheery bright orange and blue, and the flooring is a warm wood-tone vinyl.
- 3) Reading Challenges - Now's a great time to jump into one of our new K-12 year-round reading challenges! Choose your own books or select from our suggested reading lists - read for fun, read for prizes, read for the challenge!
- 4) COVID - We will continue to monitor this situation as it develops. Our resource page is still available online. If there are any sudden updates to service hours we will continue with our previous practice of posting signs on the doors, updating our website home page, and putting announcements on social media.
- 5) East Bay Branch Library will be curbside Jan. 22 - 29 - The East Bay Branch Library will be doing some painting inside the building and service at that location will be curbside only from Jan. 22 - 29.

Warm your January with this virtual story-time across our library district! Listen along at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1xjKRj5Oqhg>

Youth Services Now Offers LOTE Online: 1200+ books in 40+ Languages!

The platform provides UNLIMITED access to digital picture books, together with English translations (link). Each month you will find 30-50 digital books and 1-2 new languages. It's a great option for multilingual families - or for anyone who would like to learn a new language!

Other language learning platforms include KidSpeak (Transparent Language Online) and Mango Languages. Find those links on tadl.org/at-home!

How many penguins can you find?

Stop in for a quick and fun I Spy icebreaker activity - start at the display case outside Youth Services and see where your penguin search takes you!

TADL Kids Programs!

We have a full-line of programming available through facebook.com/TADLKids and tadl.org/events. This includes storytimes for all ages, STEM and STEAM features, Kids Coding Club, year-round reading challenges, and more!

Battle of the Books - Titles this year include: Edge of Extinction The Ark Plan; Stargazing; How I Became a Spy; The Season of Styx Malone; The Disaster Days; Music for Tigers; See You in the Cosmos; Aliens on Vacation; and The Cricket in Times Square.

Teen January Craft - Snowflake Bracelet

Teens are invited to stop in and pick up a snowflake bead bracelet craft kit, while supplies last. A video tutorial for this craft is online <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o4IsFnE9Mol&t=2s>, with a supply list and instructions if you'd like to do the project without a kit.

Upcoming Teen Programs

Wednesdays @ 4:30 pm - Teen Leadership Group

Jan. 13 4:30 pm - Graphic Novel Creators Club

Jan. 17 Noon - MLK Day of Service

Jan. 20 4:30 pm - Teen Creative Writing Group

Sign up today for our year-round reading challenges! [Tadl.org/challenges](https://tadl.org/challenges)

NEW!! Check out specialty baking pans on tadl.org and pick them up at any TADL library.

NEW! Sweeten up your new year with help from the Kingsley Branch Library - you can now check out specialty baking pans online at tadl.org (search "cake pans") and pick them up at your home library. We've included some cake inspiration too!

Digital Library Updates

Kanopy/Overdrive: You can now access Kanopy through Overdrive, if you use the Kanopy app already it's unchanged.

Hoopla BingePasses are here! Get a Great Courses series or a suite of magazine issues with one checkout. Here's a YouTube tutorial.

Upcoming Adult Programs

Jan. 12 6:30 pm - Let's Talk Sustainability (Zoom)

Jan. 16 2 pm - Traverse Area Historical Society (Zoom)

Jan. 19 6:30 pm - Vision Boards (In Person)

Jan. 23 1 pm - Vision Boards (Zoom)

Want to get a jumpstart on your vision board? Pick up your free kit at the Main Library. If you need assistance registering for programs please contact the Talking Book Library.

Online TADL Book Discussion Groups

Queer Tales - Last Sunday of each month, 4 - 5 pm

Books & Brewskis - Last Tuesday of each month, 7 - 8 pm

All events are listed on tadl.org/events. Follow our community reading challenges at tadl.org/adult

January is Braille Literacy Month

Our Talking Book Library is helping us celebrate this month - if you'd like to learn more about braille we're featuring a Write Your Name in Braille activity kit! Learn more about the Talking Book Library (located just inside our front doors) on the TBL webpage.

New Year New Social!

Of all the Instagram accounts in all the world, we hope you'll follow ours. :) Including our newest addition - @TADL_Sight_Sound !

More Bargains

If you're in the mood for a great bargain our fantastic Friends of the Library group sale is always waiting for you under the main staircase. Right now there's also an additional rack of music and movies just outside the door to Youth Services!

Welcome to the New Year!

While I am always ready to greet a new year, especially during a pandemic, 2022 is also very exciting because it marks the beginning of the implementation of our Strategic Planning. Through community input, four main topics rose to the top: Inclusive Space, Purposeful Partnerships, Innovative Engagement, and Targeted Outreach. This is a three year plan. During 2022, the library staff and Board will be focusing on Inclusive Space and Purposeful Partnerships.

What is inclusive space? Inclusive space means we'll be working on ways to make sure everyone feels welcome in our public libraries. I recently listened to a Ted Talk from 2009, "The danger of a single story" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. She speaks about the importance of recognizing there is more than one story to be told about any topic, person, country, etc. For TADL, this means recognizing there is not one type of patron or one type of story for every patron. We will strive to make the library accessible and comfortable for everyone. A transcript of the Ted Talk is available here <https://bit.ly/3qTzqLz>

Purposeful Partnerships will involve staff working with our many wonderful partners and seeking out new partnerships to enrich our community and our patrons' quality of life. Partnerships already enhance our library in so many ways, we look forward to building on this foundation to further benefit the community. We'll regularly share updates on the plan here in the newsletter and on our community display board just inside the front doors.

Also new for 2022, you will notice the Library Board has supported the use of STT Security Guards in the main library building. With the increase of behavior policy violations lately, it was decided that this was an important step to make sure all patrons feel safe and welcome in the main library. (It's worth noting this is the norm for public libraries of our size throughout the state.)

Wishing you health and happiness in this new year -

Michele

This concludes the January 2022 newsletter. Thank you!