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Upcoming events galore

We would have no shortage of possible slogans for our library, but one of my nominations might be, “Big city services in a small town library.” Upcoming events are always at the end of this column – normally just a hint of what’s coming and the date and time, so no one misses the fun. This week as I was going through upcoming events, it was clear that they deserve their own column.

Exams are coming up for our high school students, and we have it covered by a four day **Exam Cram, January 21 from 3:00 – 5:00 and January 22 and 23 from 12:30 – 5:00.** Suffering from a bit of exam anxiety or study fatigue? We will have Frank! (You might want to call and check on Frank’s hours if you want to make sure not to miss him.) For those who haven’t met Frank, he is the specially trained support dog, a golden retriever, often seen in the schools. Last summer, Frank was at the library, too, and a comforting hit. Spending a few quality moments with Frank will make your anxiety go down and your focus go up.

Snacks and cocoa are provided for Exam Cram participants when a break is needed. Intellectual endeavors need fuel.

So, you want to study in a group but are worried the library is too quiet? Or do you want to study alone and worry that you’ll be shoved into a group study situation? Not to worry. You can choose either or even both depending on the subject and your inclination at the time.

A major advantage of dedicated times for an Exam Cram is that when students are surrounded by the social support of peers who want to do well and are willing to put in the time to make that happen, the right atmosphere is created for focused studying. Team spirit helps on the playing field and with the books.

For the younger set, **Friday January 31 is the Stuffed Animal Sleepover.** Everyone shows up (in pajamas of course) at 6:00 p.m. with their stuffed friend and hears a story. Parents, it’s important to note that it is the stuffed animal who sleeps over and not your child. Kids will lovingly tuck in their ready for slumber animal friend and come back Saturday morning to see what kind of fun their stuffed friends had the night before. It is hard telling what kind of partying might take place once the library is turned over to the teddy bears, giraffes, monkeys, puppies, and cats hanging out together for the night. Everyone will have a photo memory book to take home of the adventures.

Saturday February 8 from 5:30 – 7:30 is Humans vs Zombies for grades 7 through 12. Let's just say that anyone who wants to bring his or her own Nerf Gun is encouraged. After hours parties are among our most popular with older kids.

Speaking of older, adults have their own movie night again on **Friday February 7 at 6:30. The February movie for adults is Judy.** Come pick your seat any time after 6:00. The popcorn is free.

In addition to all of these special events, **Story Time for Toddlers and Preschoolers** and **Unplug and Play** for the after school crowd as well as **Try This Thursdays** continue as scheduled.

Adults by request are continuing **Friday Coffee and Crafts from 10 – 12.** (It really isn't too soon to start making gifts for next December.)

For those who have been thinking about learning **Mah Jongg** but haven't gotten around to it, **we play Thursdays from 12:30 – 3:00.** New and experienced players are always welcome.

Whether you come for the books and stay for some fun or come for an event or activity and grab some books on your way out the door, the library has you covered.

See you at the Library!

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