

This month's craft packs:

Kids: Waterless Winter Wonderland Snow Globe

Adults: Resin Boomark

All kits have been reserved (120 kids and 50 adults). We have wait lists for both.

We have our **January Craft Kits** in the works: We are going simple this month. I need a minute to catch my breath- it's been a hectic couple of months!

Kids – Styrofoam Snowman on Skis

Adults: Diamond Art Kit

We had our first ever **"Pictures with Santa"** event at the Library on Saturday, December 4. It was AMAZING even with the last minute change – Sebastian, who was supposed to play Santa, ended up being out sick. He was extremely disappointed that he was unable to do his part ☹ Both Crystal and Ashley volunteered but I decided I would play the role. It was pretty surreal – a lot of these kids thought I was the real Santa. Some of them figured out it was me. Others considered me "Santa's Helper" since the real Santa was at the North Pole. We had scheduled 43 families for the 4 ½ hours of time we allotted for the event. A HUGE thanks to Ashley, Crystal, and Gabe for really stepping up to the plate and giving it their all (complete with Elf costumes)! We have made certain to thank the photographer who volunteered her time and her skills as well as the patron who lent us his Santa costume on our facebook page. We are so grateful for what they did for us. It was truly a magical experience and the feedback has been so great! If anyone is interested in seeing the photos, they are on the photographer's website: <https://capturedbykreischer.pixieset.com/>

I promise, even though Santa looks really unhappy in some of them, it was just the camera angle! I had the time of my life and the parents and kids loved it. Keeping those glasses on my nose, the beard out of my eyes, and the pillow under my shirt was quite a feat!

We have now subscribed to a site to handle our online registrations for our events – it is "Signupgenius" and it is indeed genius! It is working very well and alleviating a lot of the workload with the event registrations.

Next month, we start our Ukulele Club with Sebastian. We haven't advertised the date yet but we are planning on a Thursday afternoon meeting once a month. There has been A LOT of interest in this. We purchased 6 ukuleles and are thinking of getting another 3-4. These will be put into circulation so those in the club can borrow them using their library card. We can comfortably accommodate 8-10 people in the back room in chairs socially distanced and masked.

In addition to all the "events", we are busy helping our patrons with anything they need help with – scheduling booster shots, helping with resumes, social services suggestions, device help, etc...