



# December 2025



All events are free & open to the public.  
Some age restrictions may apply.  
Contact your nearest RPL branch for details.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Available to Stream at 9 am RPL Podcast: Come Gather 'Round Good People— Episode #14: The Hanging of Tom Dooley (Virtual) 4 pm Holiday Storytime (West)</p>	<p>2 2 pm Virtual Author Talk with Sue Hincenberg (Virtual) 6–7 pm Level Up: Nebula in a Jar (HQ)</p>	<p>3 4 pm Holiday Storytime (South)</p> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  <b>Cards For A Cause</b> (HQ, East, South, West) Ongoing through December 13           </div>	4	5 10 am Homeschool Hangout (South)	6 11 am Holiday Storytime (East)
<p>8</p> <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  <b>The 12 Gifts of Reading</b> (HQ, East, South, West) December 1–20           </div>	<p>9 6–7 pm YA Connect: Hot Takes for Cold Weather (HQ)</p>	<p>10</p> <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>11 1 pm Facing the Emotional Challenges of Chronic Illness (HQ)</p>	12	13 10 am–3 pm Friends of RPL Second Saturday Bookshop (West End Plaza)
<p>15 6–7 pm Pop-Up Podcast (HQ)</p>	<p>16 6 pm Holiday Storytime (HQ) 6–8 pm Teen Tabletop Roleplaying Game (HQ)</p>	<p>17</p> <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>18 <b>All RPL Branches CLOSED For Staff Development</b></p>	<p>19  <b>ROWAN PUBLIC LIBRARY</b> NORTH CAROLINA Be an original.</p> <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>20</p> <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  </div>
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<p>29</p> <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>30 </p> <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p> @rowanpubliclibrary   @rowanlibrarync   @rowanlibrarync   Rowan Public Library   Rowan Public Library           </p> </div>	<p>31 <b>All RPL Branches Closing at 6 pm</b></p>	<p>January 1 <b>Holiday All RPL Branches CLOSED</b></p>	<p>See Reverse Side for Program Details</p>	<p>HQ = RPL Headquarters (Salisbury) East = East Branch (Rockwell) South = South Rowan Regional (China Grove) West = West Branch (Cleveland) Virtual = Online</p>
<p>Weekly Programs on Hiatus until February 2026</p>					

## Children

A responsible caretaker (age 16+) must accompany children ages 8 & under

### The 12 Gifts of Reading (HQ, East, South, West)

December 1—20

Enjoy a fun twist to the usual checkout routine! Check out a wrapped stack of twelve children's books themed around winter, holidays, snow, & more. Unwrap a new story to enjoy each day. To learn more, call 980-432-8670.

### Children's Scavenger Hunt (HQ, East, South, West)

December 1—31

Children are invited to hunt for hidden objects in the children's room. Find all the objects & win a small prize! For more information, call 980-432-8670.

### Holiday Storytime

(West) December 1, 4 pm

(South) December 3, 4 pm

(East) December 6, 11 am

Get into the holiday spirit with a fun-filled storytime led by Mrs. Claus! Snacks, crafts, & games will follow the storytime. To learn more, call 980-432-8670.

### Holiday Storytime

(HQ) December 16, 4 pm

Tis the season for a festive & fun storytime program at RPL Headquarters in Salisbury! Stories, crafts, games, & snacks will be part of the evening's holiday cheer. To learn more, call 704-216-8234.

### Homeschool Hangout

(South) December 5, 10 am

Homeschooled students in 1st—3rd grades & their families are invited to visit RPL South for a fun, educational, & engaging program opportunity designed for them. To learn more, call 704-216-7728.

## Teens

Designed for teens ages 11-17 (grades 6th-12th).

### Level Up: Nebula in a Jar (HQ) December 2, 6—7 pm

Teens ages 11-14 are invited to learn about nebulas & create a nebula in a jar using glitter, paint, cotton balls, & confetti. All materials will be provided. To learn more, call 704-216-8269.

### YA Connect: Hot Takes for Cold Weather (HQ) December 9, 6—7 pm

Teens ages 14-17 are invited to a workshop where they will learn the essentials of debate etiquette, ethical argumentation, & effective public speaking. For details, call 704-216-8258.

### Teen Tabletop Roleplaying Game (HQ) December 16, 6—8 pm

Teens ages 11-17 are invited to play a tabletop roleplaying game where they will slay dragons & find treasure! All materials will be provided & no experience is necessary. Snacks will be served. To learn more, call 704-216-8234.

## Adults

Designed for adults ages 18 & up

### Facing the Emotional Challenges of Chronic Illness (HQ) December 11, 1 pm

Vickey Todd, R.N. with the Vaya Health Education & Aging Resource Team will explore the impact of a chronic condition diagnosis & offer tips on how to remain proactive, become resilient, & foster better outcomes. This program is eligible for 1 hour of CEU credits for professional caregivers & is free & open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided. To learn more or to register, contact Paulette at 704-216-8218.

### Pop-Up Podcast

(HQ) December 15, 6—7 pm

Are you interested in exploring the world of podcasting? This one-hour session will cover the essentials of creating & producing your own podcast. Participants will be introduced to Audacity software & learn the basics of recording & sound editing. Registration is required. For more information or to register, email [David.Lamanno@rowancountync.gov](mailto:David.Lamanno@rowancountync.gov) or call 704-216-8229.

### RPL Podcast: Come Gather 'Round Good People: Episode #14: The Hanging of Tom Dooley

(Virtual) December 1, Available to Stream at 9 am

This episode features a conversation with & performance by local singer-songwriter, Daniel Arthur Gurley. Learn about one of NC's most well-known folk songs, "Tom Dooley," which details a murder committed in Wilkes County in 1866. To listen to this episode or previous episodes, visit the RPL Soundcloud channel at [bit.ly/RPLSoundCloud](https://bit.ly/RPLSoundCloud). For more information, email [David.Lamanno@rowancountync.gov](mailto:David.Lamanno@rowancountync.gov) or call 704-216-8229.

# CLOSED

## Thursday, December 18

for  
Staff  
Development

Regular hours resume Friday, December 19

## HOLIDAY CLOSING

# CLOSED

Wednesday, December 24  
through

Friday, December 26

Regular hours resume  
Saturday, December 27

## Holiday Closing

# Closing at 6 pm

Wednesday, December 31

# CLOSED

Thursday, January 1

Regular hours resume Friday, January 2, 2025

## Cards for a Cause

October 4 – December 13

RPL Headquarters (Salisbury)  
RPL East (Rockwell)  
RPL South (China Grove)  
RPL West (Cleveland)

Send holiday greetings to active service members and veterans! Bring cards you have created to the library or use the supplies provided by RPL. All completed cards can be returned to the library for distribution.  
To learn more, call 704-216-7838.

## DECEMBER VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS



Sue Hincenbergs  
Tuesday, December 2  
2 pm

ROWAN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Virtual Author Talks  
Live & Archived Talks [bit.ly/RPL\\_VAT](https://bit.ly/RPL_VAT)

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## Second Saturday Bookshop

at Rowan Community Center  
1935 Jake Alexander Blvd W  
Salisbury, NC 28147

Saturday, December 13  
10 am – 3 pm

Most items are \$2 and under.  
Sale items include fiction, nonfiction, children's lit, & more!

All sales benefit Rowan Public Library.

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Join Friends of RPL, renew  
memberships, or donate here!

Now accepting  
donations of unused  
winter holiday cards, envelopes,  
& wrapping paper to be used in  
Library programs.

Drop off at any RPL branch  
during operating hours.

Questions?  
Call RPL Admin at 704-216-8240

## Forging a Nation: The American Revolution & the Path to Independence

(HQ) November 4—December 15

RPL Headquarters in Salisbury will host an exhibit as part of the celebration of America 250 NC. This exhibit features 9 colorful & informative panels that include early colonial protests, the Regulator movement, battles in NC & the southern theater, as well as significant milestones & their context in NC towards the end of the war, such as the Declaration of Independence and Constitution. The exhibit is free & open to the public. For more information, email Gretchen at [Gretchen.Witt@rowancountync.gov](mailto:Gretchen.Witt@rowancountync.gov).