Online shopping options have definitely helped make seeking out the perfect gifts for our loved ones a lot easier. It is important to be careful while doing so since there are number hackers and scammers looking to take advantage of our missteps for a profit. The good news is there are some things you can do to be as careful as possible to keep yourself and your finances secure:

- **Check your devices**: Before making any online purchases, make sure the device and the internet browser you are using are up-to-date.
- **Only shop online with trusted sources**: This does not mean you can’t shop with small, local vendors. You just have to make sure they have secure payment collections. A good thing to look for is to make sure the URL starts with “https://” rather than “http://”.
- **Use safe methods for purchases**: When possible use a credit card or payment services such as PayPal rather than a debit card. Before providing personal or financial information, check the website’s privacy policy.

The pandemic has certainly been a challenging time, and online shopping not only provides conveniences, but a certain sense of comfort. For more detailed tips on how to be cyber safe when shopping online, visit the Holiday Online Safety Tip Sheets provided by the federal Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) at [https://bit.ly/CISAholiday](https://bit.ly/CISAholiday).

**Tech Tips**

Looking for the new book lists? New CD’s? New videogames? You’ll find all the new stuff right here...

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**Other Worlds Book Club**
The Calculating Stars by Mary Robinette Kowal on December 20th at 6:30

**Morning Book Discussion**
The 7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle by Stuart Turton on December 8th at 10:00 a.m.

**Evening Book Discussion**
Virgil Wander by Leif Enger on December 13th at 6:30 p.m.

**Cooking with Lynne**
December 8th: Holiday appetizers
December 22nd: Christmas Crack

**Monday Matinees**
Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

December 6th: “A Christmas Story”
Sometimes Christmas is about getting what you really want.

December 13th: “Elf” This Christmas, discover your inner elf.

December 20th: “The Santa Clause” What if your dad was Santa!

**DID YOU KNOW?**
The Library will be open from 9:00 – 12:30 on Christmas Eve. We will be closed for the Christmas holidays on December 25th, 26th, and 27th. The Library will reopen on Tuesday, December 28th. New Year’s Eve is another half holiday. All of our databases and digital materials are available 24/7. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday!
Sewing 101: Pillowcases - Saturday, December 4th, 1:30pm
Would you like to learn some sewing basics or how to create a unique homemade holiday gift? Then, you will not want to miss this class with Pamela Adams! Participants will leave with a completed pillowcase and the basic knowledge to make this project and many more! Participants will need to bring: sewing machine, spool of thread, straight pins, sharp scissors for trimming fabric, 3/4 yard (27") of 100% cotton fabric for case, 1/4 yard (9") of 100% cotton for edge of case. *Supplies are for one pillowcase. If you would like to make a pair, please double the fabric amount. Space is limited. Registration is required. ages 16+

Crafteenoon (In-Person): Puzzle Piece Snowflake Ornaments - Saturday, December 11th, 1:30pm
Crafteenoons are time to gather, craft and socialize! For this month’s craft we will be putting together Puzzle Piece Snowflake Ornaments! Ages 18+. Space is limited. Registration required and will open on November 13th, 2021.

Adult Grab & Go (Take Home Kit): Puzzle Piece Snowflake Ornaments - Monday, December 13th
The Adult Grab & Go Kit of the month is making Puzzle Piece Snowflake Ornaments! Main materials provided in this Kit. Ages 18+. Space is limited. Registration required and will open on December 1st, 2021.

Northern Rhode Island Art Group - Wednesday, December 15th, 6:00 pm
The group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month to discuss their current artworks and a different theme each month. This group is free and open to the public.

YA for Adults - Thursday, December 16th, 6:30 pm via zoom
Join us for our newest Book Club- YA for Adults! Some of the best books today are in the young adult section. Don’t miss out on the fun just because the publisher put a teen label on it! For December, we will discuss Carry On by Rainbow Rowell. Copies will be available at the circulation desk.

Stephen King Book & Movie Club - Tuesday, December 21st, 6:30 pm
Join Katie in celebrating the works of master of horror Stephen King! Members will meet monthly to discuss one of King’s titles and its associated films. Katie will lead the discussion in the comparison and will often have insights from King’s commentary on how he felt about each work. This month’s title is Nightshift. Copies of the books and films are available at the circulation desk.

Dungeons & Dragons: Goblin Heist - Tuesday, December 28th, 6:30 pm via zoom
Join Katie for an unusual D&D adventure where you take on the role of greedy goblins! While trying to secure warmth and shelter from the winter weather, you must evade an Adventurer who was hired to protect the town from your shenanigans. This adventure uses pre-generated goblin characters who are eager to cause some mischief. Registration is required, space is limited.
DECEMBER'21 FOR TEENS

Library activities and services for youth in grades 6-12

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Volunteer Drop-In
Saturday 12/11 from 2:30-4:30 PM
Earn a couple of hours for creating birthday cards for hospitalized kids. We will provide supplies and ideas, and we will mail out the cards too!

Book Reviews
Teens can earn 30 minutes to write or film a book review for us to share. For more info, please contact Liz@cumberlandlibrary.org.

SCAVENGER HUNT
New clues monthly
Each month, pick up a list of clues at the Teen Center and track them down around the library for a small prize.

WRITERI WORKSHOP
Thursday 12/2 from 4:30-5:30 PM
Virtual (on Zoom)
Meet with published writers on how to take your creative writing to the next level. We’ll discuss story structure and other writing guidelines. Teen writers in 6th-12th grade are invited, and all levels are welcome. Registration is required.

TAKE AND MAKE CRAFTS
New crafts offered every other week!
Pick up craft supplies to take home, or create them in the library’s teen center. December crafts are ribbon bookmarks and washi tape journals.

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Announcements

-The library will be closed on December 25-27 and January 1st in observance of the holidays.

The library will be closing at 12:30 on December 24th & 31st.

Grab and Go Bags

Krafty Kids Bags
Crafts will be available at the beginning of each week. They are available on a first come, first served basis and are best suited for children in 5th grade and under.

Discovery Bags
Will be available throughout the month beginning on December 1st at 9 am. They are available on a first come, first served basis and are for families with 3-12 years olds. One bag per family, please.

Tele-Story - Call in!
Are you looking for a great story any time you want one?
Call 401-333-2552 x8 to listen to the current story.
A new story each Wednesday.

Movie Madness Kits
For Children ages 12 and under and their families
Registration required by Monday, December 6
Make family movie night a lot more fun! Each month there will be an interactive script to go with a movie (movie not included but available to be checked out with your library card). Register to pick up your kit which will include supplies for a family to participate together at home. This month's movie is Elf. Movie Madness Kits will be available to pick up starting December 13.

*Winter Storytimes*
Winter Storytime will be starting in January. Dates and times coming soon!

Presented by the Cumberland Public Library Children’s Room
Call 333-2552 ext. 3 or go to www.cumberlandlibrary.org for more information!
In Person

Face masks are required for anyone ages 2 years and older that is NOT fully vaccinated.

Chess for Kids Thursday, December 2nd at 6:30pm
in the Children's Program Room
Ages 6-10 - Registration required
Would you like to learn how to play chess? Or perhaps you know how to play and are looking for other kids to play a game of chess with. Join us as we learn how to play chess with Arjun, an experienced tournament chess player. You don't have to have any experience to join us. We will have the chess boards and pieces, you bring the enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. This new chess program will be offered on the first Thursday of each month.

Tween Time- DIY Holiday Gifts Wednesday, December 8th at 6 pm
in the Community Room
Ages 8-12. Register online
The Library is kicking off the Fall season of Tween Time, a time just for tweens! Join the Children's and Teen staff every month for a different activity.
For December, we are bringing back a Tween Time favorite - DIY Holiday Gifts - which will be in the Community Room. Create small handmade gifts and cards for friends and family. Ages 8-12 are welcome. Registration is required. Everyone ages 2 and over not fully vaccinated will need to wear their face masks. Registration is required.

Paws to Read Thursday, December 16th from 4-5pm and 5:15-6:15pm
in the Children's Program Room
Ages 12 and under who are reading on their own - Drop in format - No registration required
Want to brush up on your reading skills? Love dogs? Practice reading with a therapy dog who loves to listen to stories! Readers will have a 15-minute reading session - first come, first served. Check in at the Children's Desk when you arrive. Participants should bring a book with them so they are ready to read to the therapy dog when it is their turn. All volunteers teams are provided by Windwalker Pet Therapy. Paws to Read is back on the 3rd Thursday of the month.
The Back Page…

Is this the year you investigate your heritage? The Library has a subscription to Ancestry.com. Ancestry has vital records, census records, military and immigration records, school and church histories, and more. They also include links to uploaded family trees and histories that might link to yours. Ancestry.com Library Edition is only available inside the library, but it is free with your library card. Why not start searching today?

Library Hours
Mon-Thur.
9:00-8:00
Fri. & Sat.
9:00-5:00
Sunday
1:00-4:00

Holiday Hours:
Dec. 24: 9-12:30
Dec. 25, 26 & 27: Closed
Dec. 31: 9-12:30

What sort of books do librarians read? Sign up for our Staff Picks newsletter from NextReads. It’s easy and free! Just click on the NextReads link on our webpage at www.cumberlandlibrary.org.

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