Connect / Discover / Create WINTER NEWSLETTER December 2023 - February 2024

Winter Reflections

Welcome to winter! Generally, we reserve this area of our newsletter for announcements or to spotlight our larger programs. This winter, we've decided to spotlight you! Our patrons are a huge part of what makes our library so special and vibrant.

Libraries fill a unique role in their communities and we work hard to cultivate a safe place for you to be and to explore. You make each day here different. What will you ask us? What would you like to do? What would you like to learn about next? What would you like us to help you find? Sometimes it's a book, but sometimes it's a computer question, or how to get involved. Sometimes, it's a new connection, a conversation, or even a spark of inspiration. We're here for it and love sharing in the joy of discovery.

Many of you have library stories that you share with us. What the library used to be like, how it has changed, or even how it has stayed the same. To grow with our community, we've adapted as needed while maintaining the integrity of what makes us who we are. Seeing this same growth in our community is heartwarming and inspiring. Thank you for honoring us with your time and love. We hope to continue to serve you and be a vital part of Catoosa County!

Warm wishes from your local library staff!

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Top Titles on eRead Kids January - October 2023



Most Checked Out Title

Second Place

Third Place



eRead Kids on Boundless

Did you know that we have a digital library app just for children's titles? Now is the perfect time to get started with eRead Kids! Your library card gives you free access to 40,000+ electronic books and audiobooks for children from pre-k through fourth grade.

This collection includes fiction and nonfiction picture books, basic readers, graphic novels, and chapter books. What better way to keep your kids reading? Download the app today to get started.

Scan here to get started or download the Boundless app in your app store of choice!



Books We Loved



"These photos are amazing! Who doesn't love Dolly?" 921 PARTON.

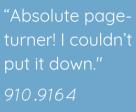
DOLLY

"Full of twists and turns, this gothic mystery will leave you guessing until the end."



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Online Resource Spotlight

Georgia's public libraries provide many free online resources to empower their communities, support job seekers, and provide educational opportunities for all ages. **GALILEO** is one of the biggest resources we provide.

Unlike **Ancestry's Library Edition**, these resources can be accessed from anywhere you are by simply signing in with your library card information.

You can use it to access articles, eBooks, historical documents, and photos. The **Learning Express** can provide resources to help improve your child's reading and math skills, access to practice tests for the SATs and ACTs, and even help you improve your skillset to land your next job.

Galileo provides free access to one of the best languagelearning apps, **Mango Languages**, as well as access to **NoveList**, which can help you find your next read!

To find out more or start exploring, please visit **www.catoosacountylibrary.org/galileo**



Mark Your Calendar! Library Closure - Christmas December 23 - December 26

Library Closure - New Years December 30 - January 1

Library Closure - Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 15

Library Board of Trustees Quarterly Meeting Tuesday, January 16, at 4:30 PM

> Friends of the Library Meeting Friday, January 19, at 3:30 PM

Library Closure - In-Service Day Monday, February 19

Hoopla Bonus Borrows Month Month of February

Monday and Wednesday Tuesday and Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Closed

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a reading challenge designed to be completed before your child enters Kindergarten. It's not just about the numbers. It's about quality time spent with your child and the lifelong love for reading you'll foster together.

Join the challenge on **Beanstack** and track each book, each time you read it together. Don't forget

Read! Listen!

Explore!

to stop by and pick up a **prize for every 100 books** you finish!



