



## Open House

**Thursday, December 12th from 1pm-5pm**

Cordova Library's Annual Open House will be on Thursday, December 12th starting at 1pm. There will be light refreshments and a gift available during the open house.



This year at 1pm, we will have Chris Vallillo a singer/songwriter and roots musician playing. Vallillo's music has a timeless quality about it with one foot in the past and one foot in the future. He twice served as the Illinois State Scholar for the Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibit on roots music.

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CORDOVA DISTRICT LIBRARY

**Veterans Luncheon**  
**Monday, November 11th**  
**11:30am gathering, 11:45 lunch**

We invite any Cordova Veteran and one guest to our Annual Veterans Luncheon. A catered lunch will start following the Veteran's Program at the Cordova Cemetery.

Registration is required, so please call 654-2330 to sign up by November 7th.



**Noon Years Eve**  
**Monday, December 30th @**  
**11:59am**

Celebrate the new year at Cordova Library for our Noon Year's Eve party! We will count down to Noon when we will have a balloon drop, confetti poppers and noise makers to celebrate 2025.



All ages are welcome to party with us :)

**Lunch & Learn**  
**Monday, November 18th at 12pm**  
**@Constellation Training Center**  
**22710 206th Ave. North, Cordova, IL**

This month, we are taking our Lunch & Learn on the road....up north to the Constellation Training Center! Join us to learn all about the nuclear generating station in our district.

The Lunch & Learn will be in the training center. We will start with a lunch. Then, we will learn about Constellation in our neighborhood. Finally, we will tour the Control Room Simulator.

Join us by calling 654-2330 by November 14th to sign up for the Lunch & Learn.



**Blood Drive**  
**Saturday, December 7th**  
**8:30am-11:30am**

Every day, patients who need blood are in crisis and **you can help** by volunteering to donate. Less than 10% of the population gives blood, so donors that give on a regular basis are important to meet these needs. Call 654-2330 to sign up!

## In Our Community...

**River Cities Rotary Breakfast with Santa  
@Brockman Timbers Barn  
23227-94th Ave. N., Port Byron  
8am-11am  
Saturday, December 7th**



Come and enjoy a real maple syrup breakfast complete with pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk and juice. Meet with Santa and participate in fun activities. This event operates on donations only. Your contribution is entirely voluntary and can be made during the event.

**Wreaths Across America  
Saturday, December 14th  
Noon @ Cordova Cemetery**

This year, River Cities Rotary is hosting Wreaths Across America at the Cordova Cemetery. Wreaths Across America places wreaths on Veteran's graves at more than 4,600 locations across America. The Cordova Cemetery is home to over 300 veterans. This includes Civil War and Spanish American War veterans!

There are different ways to help:

- Sponsor a wreath in honor or in memory of a loved one who served in our armed forces. Each wreath costs \$17.
- Sponsor a wreath and let Rotary designate a veteran in the cemetery.
- Volunteer to place wreaths on December 14th.
- Help us spread the word in our community.

Go to [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org) or if you have any questions, call Chalyn at the Library at 654-2330.

### Interact Supply Drive

Riverdale High School's Interact Club is hosting a service project starting Monday, Oct. 28th through Friday, Nov. 8th. They are collecting items for cleaning kits and personal hygiene kits for Midwest Mission.

**Drop off your items at Cordova Library.**

#### **Cleaning Kits:**

Laundry detergent (32–64 oz)

Liquid dish soap (16–34 oz)

Work gloves with leather palms

Kitchen gloves

Heavy-duty trash bags or contractor bags (2+ mil thickness)

#### **Hygiene Kits:**

Hand towels

Washcloths

Bar soap (3–4 oz)

Adult toothbrush

Shampoo (12–19 oz)

1 gallon resealable bags

Deodorant (2–3 oz) – stick, roll-on, or pump

## Teen Corner

There are a lot of programs for teens this fall! These programs are for kiddos in Middle School and High School.

### November

**Lock-in Friday the 1st 7pm - 10pm** Guardian Permission Required. Stay locked-in the library after hours! With games, food and fun!

**Cookies & Cocoa/Cider Wednesday the 6th 4:30pm - 5:30pm** Enjoy cookies, cocoa, different types of ciders and a random activity!

**Teen Advisory Monday the 18th 4:30pm - 5pm** Plan programs, give input and connect with our Youth Services staff member

**Slime and Snacks Wednesday the 20th 4:30pm - 5:15pm** Make some slime and enjoy some snacks.

**Ribbon Wreath Making Wednesday the 27th 11am - 1pm** Sign-Up Required: Limited Spots Make a ribbon wreath with Colette and Sofia while enjoying some lunch.

### December

**Ornament Making Wednesday the 4th 4:30pm - 5:30pm** Make different types of ornaments for yourself or others.

**Cookies & Cocoa: Gingerbread Houses Wednesday the 11th 4:30pm - 5:30pm** Enjoy hot cocoa while making gingerbread houses!

**Gift Making + Lunch Friday the 20th 1pm - 2pm** Make gifts for the holidays with lunch provided.

**Friendsmas/Teen Advisory Monday the 23rd 12pm - 1pm** Sign-Up Required for Food Amount. Enjoy a variety of foods while hanging with your friends and other peers. A small portion of the time will be spent like a Teen Advisory.

**Slime and Snacks Friday the 27th 11am - 12pm** Make some slime and enjoy some snacks/lunch.

**Cooking Class: Grilled Cheese Monday the 30th 3pm - 4pm** Learn how to make a grilled cheese and try different bread, cheese and add-on combos!

Youth Services Contact: [sfornero-green@cordovalibrary.com](mailto:sfornero-green@cordovalibrary.com)

## In Our Community... cont.

Cordova Parks Department has completed the renovation of the tennis courts! Now, there are 2 tennis courts and 4 pickleball courts. To use the pickleball courts, there are movable nets. Also, the Library has pickleball equipment to check out.

### Cordova District Library

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## Cordova Library Book Club

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am.

**November's Book:**  
**Killers of a Certain Age**  
 By Deanna Raybourn  
**Tuesday, November 5th @ 10am**

Older women often feel invisible, but sometimes that's their secret weapon. They've spent their lives as the deadliest assassins in a clandestine international organization, but now that they're sixty years old, four women friends can't just retire—it's kill or be killed in this action-packed thriller!

**December's Book:**  
**The Funeral Ladies of Ellerie County**  
 By Claire Swinarski  
**Tuesday, December 3rd @ 10am**

Armed with a Crock-Pot and a pile of recipes, a grandmother, her granddaughter, and a mysterious young man work to bring a community together in this uplifting novel.

### Homeschool Art & Craft

**Wednesday, November 13th @ 1pm**  
 Painting ornaments for the holidays

**Wednesday, December 18th @ 1pm**  
 Kelsey from The Figge will be here to lead homeschool art day.

### Crochet Group

**Tuesdays @ 2pm**

The crochet group is now meeting at 2pm on Tuesdays. Drop in anytime to work on projects or ask any questions.



### Teen Lock-In

**Friday, November 1st from 7pm-10am**

Kiddos in grades 6th-12th are invited to spend the evening locked in the library. There will be food & games. Registration required with a permission slip signed.

### Art with Cheryl

Join Cheryl Lennox for three workshops this fall!

**Thursday, November 7th @ 9am**  
 Weaving Basics—rescheduled from September

**Tuesday, November 19th @ 9am**  
 Needle Felting

Have you been bit by the needle felting bug? This process is meditative and easy for the beginner. We will work on small flat Christmas ornaments. Design ideas furnished, or dream up your own.

Supplies will be furnished



**Tuesday, December 17th @ 9am**  
 Painting Wood Ornaments

Use wood cookies as your base to make ornaments. Supplies provided

### Stained Glass

**Monday, December 2nd 12pm-4pm**

Interested in learning how to make copper foiled stained glass projects? Join Chalyn as she teaches you the basics of stained glass art. All supplies will be provided. Please bring a snack or lunch to get you through this 4-hour class.

### Story Time Fridays @ 10am Cordova Library

Story Time is a fun morning of reading stories, singing, dancing and of course, playing. Children of all ages are welcome to attend with guardian or babysitter.

**No Story time on Nov. 29th, Dec. 27th or Jan. 3rd**

### Family Bingo

**Friday, November 22nd 5pm-7pm**

All ages are invited to join us for Family Bingo night. All supplies will be provided (if you have a lucky dauber-bring it!). Bring your own food and non-alcoholic drinks.



**Registration is required.**

**No Bingo in December & January**

### Hours of Operation:

**Monday through Thursday: 9:00am—7:00pm**

**Friday: 9:00am—4:00pm**

**Saturday: 9:00am-1:00pm**

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## Library will be closed on the following dates:

Monday, November 11th  
Thursday, November 28th  
Tuesday, December 24th  
Wednesday, December 25th  
Tuesday, December 31st  
Wednesday, January 1st

## Make it Monday

**Monday, November 25th @ 1pm**

Make decoupage pumpkins and glass plates for Thanksgiving!

**Monday, December 16th @ 1pm**

Learn how to make a flower arrangement for the holidays!

Seating is limited, so sign up today!

## Cordova Cares—Cabinet

Our Cordova Cares Cabinet could use the following donations (new items only, please):

- Lip Balm
- Perfume & Cologne

## Smile, You're on Camera

We are taking proactive steps to enhance the safety of the community by installing a security camera system around the entire perimeter of the library. This decision comes after recent reports of auto break-ins in Cordova, suspicious activity around the library after hours, and a BB gun being shot through one of our bay windows.

The new system will provide live video feed as well as recordings. This will deter criminal behavior and provide recorded footage to address suspicious activities, should the need arise. Our goal is to create a more secure environment for staff, patrons and the community. Thank you for your understanding as we work to keep our library safe!

## Vote!

Tuesday, November 5th is Election Day! Cordova Residents vote at River Valley Library at 214 S. Main Street in Port Byron. The polls are open from 6am until 7pm.

