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## November/December 2023 Newsletter

### We Offer Programs Which May Interest You

- **Books and Cooks:** This program is for adults 18 years of age or older. We meet the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm. In October, we met for the first time, shared many yummy appetizers, and discussed future ideas. In November, we had Italian dishes and chose the book for December. In December, we are holding a Holiday Cookie Exchange and discussing *Cane River* by Lalita Tademy. This is a relaxing time to reconnect with old friends and meet new friends.
- **Reading Counts Adults:** Read and list books that you read over a two month time period, turn in the list before or on the due date, and receive a prize.
- **Reading Counts Kiddos:** A flyer is available online or in the library. The requirements are age appropriate and require regular reading and a project to report on the books/pages read. Turn it in when finished and pick a prize. **Grab and Go Craft Bags:** These are themed craft bags for people of all ages. Pick one up in the library and complete the craft in the library or at home.
- **Saturday Story and Craft Time:** Every Saturday morning from 11:30 – 12:15, children third grade and under meet together to read books with Tina and to complete a craft.

**NEW**

- **Teen Game Night:** Students in grades 7-12 will meet every other Tuesday at 5:30 pm to play a board game together, (ie. Life). Begins January 10.

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- **Winter Crafts:** Students in grades K-5, will meet Wednesday, December 27 and January 3 at 4:30 pm to complete a Winter-Themed craft.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE AND OTHER PROGRAMS AVAILABLE, PLEASE VISIT OUR PROGRAMS PAGE ON THE ATHENS COMMUNITY LIBRARY WEBPAGE.**



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### Holiday-Themed Books Now Available

The Holiday-themed books for all ages are available and on display. We ordered several new books to meet patron interests. So come on in and check out one (or a few). \*\*You can count these on your Reading Counts list\*\*.

### Meet Our Employees

Megahn Henckel has joined the library as a Library Clerk. She has lived in the Athens area for most of her life and graduated from Athens High School. She currently resides here with her husband Dylan and son. Megahn is currently running the Books and Cooks Club. It's not too late to join. The next meeting is December 16<sup>th</sup>, where participants will discuss the book chosen by the group: *Cane River* by Lalita Tademy. Bring four dozen cookies for the cookie exchange in December.

Tina Holecheck, who has lived in the Athens area with her husband, Jason, since 2022, is the newest Library Clerk. She applied at the library because it is a local job she thought she would enjoy. Tina enjoys "interacting with the different people coming in...the little kids especially. [She] really likes [her] Saturdays here." If you have not had an opportunity to meet Tina, please stop in to say "Hi!" She is currently running our Saturday morning Story and Craft Time for children pre-school age through grade three.

### Library Hours of Operation:

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| Mondays    | 9 am – 6 pm  |
| Tuesdays   | 12 pm – 8 pm |
| Wednesdays | 9 am – 6 pm  |
| Thursdays  | 12 pm – 8 pm |
| Fridays    | 12 pm – 6 pm |
| Saturdays  | 9 am – 1 pm  |

**Saturday Morning Story Time at 11:30 am**  
**Holiday Closings: December 25 and January 1**

## Santa Clause is Coming to Town...

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Quonset Hut Theater, home of the Athens Community Theater.

## Follies Returns to Athens

**December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

The Athens Follies has been a presence in the Athens community since 1981. With its new location at the Quonset Hut Theater, the follies are open to anyone in the area, either on the stage or in the seats. Admission is free; donations are accepted. For more information call 269-729-5278 or follow the Athens Community Theater on Facebook.

## The Athens Area Historical Society Presents: A Victorian Christmas

On Saturday, December 2, from 1:00 – 5:00 pm, you are invited to attend **Christmas at the Greenfield House** and experience live music, stringing popcorn and cranberries, crafts to make and take, decorating Christmas cookies, and table games. Refreshments available include Victorian-era sandwiches and cakes. Dress in Victorian style, wear a hat, and enjoy the beautiful decorations. A Victorian hat show will commence at 3:00 pm. The cost is \$8 per person or \$25 per family. Athens Area Historical Society members are free.

## Winter Activities at the Greenfield House

On Saturday, December 9 and 16, visit the Greenfield House from 10:00 am to noon to make a craft and enjoy coffee and cookies. This is a great opportunity to see the beautiful decorations and visit with friends. This is available at no charge. For further information regarding the winter activities and the Victorian Christmas, please contact Leslie at 269-729-4554.

## Athens Community Library Board:

President, Jeannie Goodrich

Secretary, Hannah Klein

Treasurer, Shirley Damrow

Trustees: Kendra Falk, Yvonne Chapman, and Robin Crance

## Library Staff:

Library Director, Missy Irons

Assistant Director, Nathaniel Mottinger

Librarians, Megahn and Tina

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

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| November 23 | Library Closed   |
| November 27 | Library Board Meeting @5:30  |
| November 29 | Township Planning Commission<br>Public Hearing @6:45   |
| November 29 | Township Planning Commission<br>Meeting @7:00 pm   |
| December 2  | A Victorian Christmas at the<br>Greenfield House 1:00 – 5:00 pm<br>Santa at Quonset Hut 7:00 pm      |
| December 5  | Township Board Meeting @ 7:30  |
| December 7  | Recycling 1:00 – 4:00 pm   |
| December 9  | Greenfield House from 10:00 am-12<br>noon, coffee, cookies, make a craft,<br>and see the decorations |
| December 9  | Athens Follies @ 7:00 pm Quonset<br>Hut  |
| December 12 | Village of Athens Board Meeting<br>@7:00 pm  |
| December 16 | Greenfield House from 10:00 am-12<br>noon, coffee, cookies, make a craft,<br>and see the decorations |
| December 18 | Library Board Meeting @5:30 pm   |
| December 20 | Township Planning Commission<br>Meeting @7:00 pm   |
| December 20 | Athens Area Historical Society<br>Meeting @7pm @Greenfield House                                     |
| December 21 | Books and Cooks @ 5:30 pm  |
| December 25 | Library Closed   |
| December 27 | Winter crafts @ 4:30 pm (K-5)  |
| January 1   | Library Closed   |
| January 2   | Township Board Meeting @ 7:30  |
| January 3   | Winter crafts @ 4:30 pm (K-5)  |
| January 9   | Teen Board Games @ 5:30 (7-12<br>graders welcome)  |
| January 9   | Village of Athens Board Meeting<br>@7:00 pm  |
| January 12  | 6 <sup>th</sup> Graders visit 12:00 – 1:00 pm  |
| January 18  | Books and Cooks @ 5:30 pm  |
| January 23  | Teen Board Games @ 5:30 (7-12<br>graders welcome)  |
| February 2  | 6 <sup>th</sup> Graders visit 12:00 – 1:00 pm  |
| February 6  | Township Board Meeting @ 7:30  |
| February 13 | Teen Board Games @ 5:30 (7-12<br>graders welcome)  |
| February 13 | Village of Athens Board Meeting<br>@7:00 pm  |
| February 15 | Books and Cooks @5:30 pm   |
| February 27 | Teen Board Games @ 5:30 (7-12<br>graders welcome)  |



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