



# DECEMBER

## Events for Teens



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Registration Required  
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### DO IT YOURSELF: TINKERING WITH TOOLS

Wednesday, December 1

5 - 6 PM, Teen Center

Don't know a hammer from a wrench? This month we're talking tools. We'll give the lowdown on the anatomy of a toolbox; which tools do what and you can take them for a spin by putting together a small project.

We'll cover:

- Tool box and tool uses
- How to use a drill
- Build a small trinket
- Tool safety

Do it Yourself is a monthly event, every first Wednesday where we show you how to fix things. Each month will be a different topic, but after you've finished the program you'll be equipped to tackle all sorts of problems by yourself because who needs adults? These programs are stand-alone meaning you don't have to come to them all.

Registration is helpful to get a feel for numbers, but feel free to just show up, too.



### THIS IS AMERICA: THE 1619 PROJECT

Thursday, December 16

5 - 6 PM, Teen Center or Zoom

This is America is a monthly program for 12-18 year old's interested in exploring different stories and lived experiences of everyone who calls themselves American. October, November and December will focus on the 1619 Project. We'll highlight different works each month, dig deeper into how history has impacted America today and connect participants to resources, art and community organizations. It is to be understood that all opinions and ideas will be respected in this space.

### RECURRING EVENTS



#### IOWA CITY MATH CLUB

Sundays, Dec. 12 & 26, 2 - 4 PM,  
Meeting Room D

The goal of ICMC is to engage high (and middle) school students with proof-based mathematics and help them build a strong foundation in math. The event is free and is supported by ICPL and NSF. We will meet weekly (online, until further notice) to learn and discuss a fundamental concept in math and work on related problems. There is no particular prerequisite to attend the class.

#### DROP-IN DIY GIFT WRAPPING

10 AM - 8:30 PM, Daily

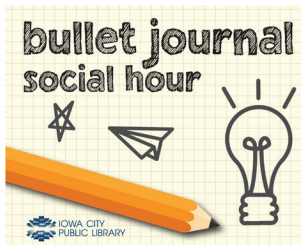
Need to wrap some holiday gifts in secret? Someplace where prying eyes can't see? Assorted holiday gift wraps, gift bags, ribbons and bows will be available – or you can bring your own. We'll have lots of scissors, tape, and plenty of space for you to wrap your gifts in peace. Limit of 5 gifts per person please.



### BULLET JOURNAL SOCIAL HOUR

Thursday, Dec. 9, 7 - 8:30 PM,  
Meeting Room A

Are you interested in learning about bullet journaling, or would you like to meet up with other journalers and share ideas? We will host an overview of the basics of Bullet Journals from two ICPL staffers who are avid journalers. We'll share ideas from fun layouts to our favorite pens or art supplies. All skill levels are welcome!



### MAKE A CUSTOM COLORING PAGE

Thurs., Dec. 2, 6 or 6:30 PM, Digital Media Lab  
Tuesday, Dec. 7, 6 PM, Digital Media Lab

Let's learn the basics of drawing in Adobe Photoshop with a Wacom Intuos tablet to digitally trace over a photo, turning it into a coloring page. This doesn't require amazing artistic talent! You'll leave with a few free printouts of your coloring page(s) and a digital file so you can easily print more later. Bring a photograph to trace!



### INTERMEDIATE PHOTOSHOP

Thursday, Dec. 9, 7 - 8 PM, Digital Media Lab

Join library staff for the next step in using Photoshop, the industry standard in photo editing and digital art. We'll get into compositing, the process of combining multiple photos into one. To do so, we'll get comfortable with layers, selections, and masking. A sample project will be provided, but you may also bring your own photos and ideas for interesting combinations!

### TECH SAVVY GUIDE TO PLANT PARENTHOOD

Monday, Dec. 13, 7 - 8 PM, Digital Media Lab

Are you a houseplant parent looking for ways to help keep your plants alive during the winter? Come to this class to meet fellow plant parents, learn some basic plant care tips and tricks, as well as how you can use your phone to keep track of watering schedules, identify plants, and more! All levels of plant experience are welcomed and encouraged to attend.



### CROCHETING AND CRAFTING WITH LELA

Wednesday, Dec 15, 5:30 - 6:30 PM,  
Teen Center

Learn basic knitting and crocheting skills in this easy-going craft circle. No experience is required and all supplies will be provided. Learn new skills and continue new projects month to month. Registration recommended to gauge supplies.



### DROP IN, STITCH-ALONG CRAFTERNOON

Monday, Dec. 20, 1 - 4 PM,  
Storytime Room

Come to the library on your first day of winter break for some cozy crafting! Elementary and junior high age kids are invited to drop in and create a homemade cross stitch ornament!

Make a reindeer, star or snowflake for a last minute gift or holiday keepsake. Come anytime and Mari will help you get started!

### BAD ART NIGHT

Monday, Dec. 27, 5:30 - 7 PM,  
Digital Media Lab

Does your artistic vision lean towards wacky, tacky or outright batty? Then we want you! Join us in the Digital Media Lab for a night of art prompts that will get your creative juices flowing allowing you to create a final, awful "masterpiece". The less art experience, the better!



## DIGITAL MEDIA LAB



**DROP IN ASSISTANCE WITH  
EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE  
IS AVAILABLE IN THE DIGITAL  
MEDIA LAB!**

**MONDAYS: 6 - 9 PM  
TUESDAYS: 11 AM - 3 PM  
WEDNESDAYS: 6-9 PM  
FRIDAYS: 11 AM - 12 PM  
SUNDAYS: 12 - 5 PM**

### Iowa City Public Library Holiday hours:

December 10 ..... closed for Inservice Day  
December 23 ..... open 10 am - 6 pm  
December 24 ..... closed for Christmas Observed  
December 25 ..... closed for Christmas Day  
December 31 ..... open 10 am - 2 pm  
January 1 ..... closed for New Year's Day



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