

The Teen Times

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In the December issue of *The Teen Times*, the RPL Youth Services Team focuses on the holidays, bringing you book, film, & television recommendations, a spotlight on our teen programming, and some fun activities to pass the time.

Programming Spotlight

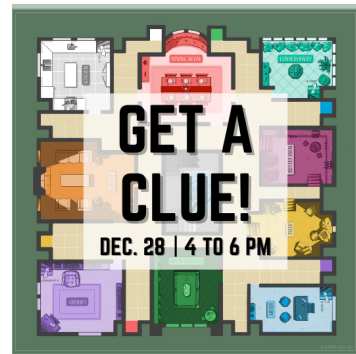
December's programming spotlight is **LIFE-SIZE CLUE**.

Pick up your magnifying glass and follow the evidence to find whodunit in this life-size version of Clue! Tweens & Teens are cordially invited to join us on December 28th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM to partake in a thrilling

game that keeps you on your toes. **Registration is required** for this event and it is for kids ages 11+.

We'll have light refreshments for you while you work together to figure out who it was that murdered Mr. Body.

To register for this program, please see our calendar or email kids@rowleylibrary.org.



Book Recommendations: Holidays

Talk Santa to Me by Linda Urban

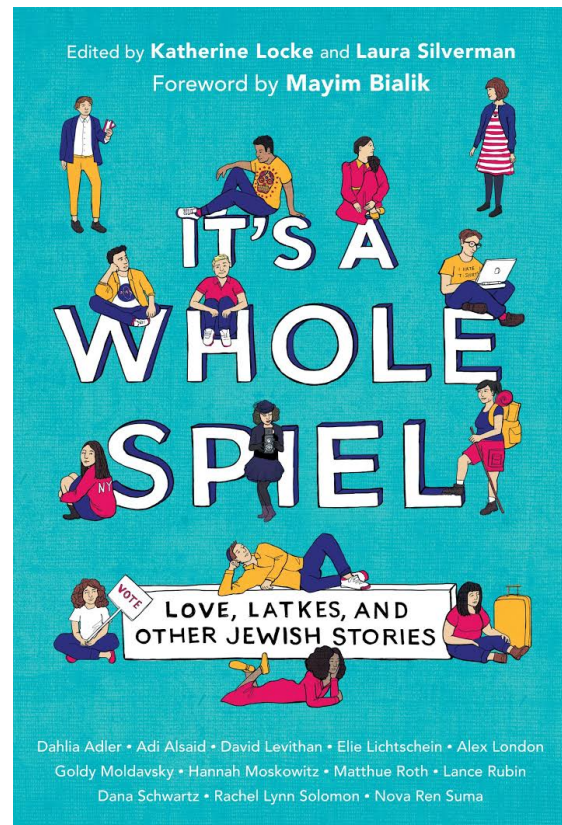
Francie's always loved working in the shop, but lately Aunt Carole has been changing everything with her ideas for too-slick, Hollywood-inspired Santas and horrible holiday-themed employee uniforms. Aunt Carole's vision will ruin all the charm and nostalgia Francie loves about her family's business...unless she does something about it.

But this winter is about more than preserving the magic of Christmas. Francie is saving up for a car and angling to kiss the cute boy who works at the tree lot next door—hopefully it will be good enough to wipe her fiasco of a first kiss from her memory.



Eight Nights of Flirting by Hannah Reynolds

Linus Baker is a by-the-book case worker in the Department in Charge of Magical Youth. He's tasked with determining whether six dangerous magical children are likely to bring about the end of the world. Arthur Parnassus is the master of the orphanage. He would do anything to keep the children safe, even if it means the world will burn. And his secrets will come to light. The House in the Cerulean Sea is an enchanting love story, masterfully told, about the profound experience of discovering an unlikely family in an unexpected place - and realizing that family is yours.



It's a Whole Spiel

A Jewish boy falls in love with a fellow counselor at summer camp. A group of Jewish friends take the trip of a lifetime. A girl meets her new boyfriend's family over Shabbat dinner. From stories of confronting their relationships with Judaism to rom-coms with a side of bagels and lox, *It's a Whole Spiel* features one story after another that says yes, we are Jewish, but we are also queer, and disabled, and creative, and political, and adventurous, and anything we want to be. You will fall in love with this insightful, funny, and romantic Jewish anthology from a collection of diverse Jewish authors.

How to Excavate a Heart by Jake Maia Arlow

It all starts when Shani runs into May. Like, literally. With her mom's Subaru. Attempted vehicular manslaughter was not part of Shani's plan. She was supposed to be focusing on her monthlong palaeoichthyology internship. She was going to spend all her time thinking about dead fish and not at all about how she was unceremoniously dumped days before winter break. But when a dog-walking gig puts her back in May's path, the fossils she's meant to be diligently studying are pushed to the side—along with the breakup. Then they're snowed in together on Christmas Eve. Is she ready to try a committed relationship again, or is she okay with this just being a passing winter fling?

Programming Schedule & Highlights

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DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
DEC 8	3:30 - 4:30 PM	BRICK BY BRICK
DEC 22	3:30 - 4:30 PM	COLLAGE MAKING
DEC 28	4:00 - 6:00 PM	LIFE SIZE CLUE
DEC 29	4:00 - 5:30 PM	ANIME CLUB

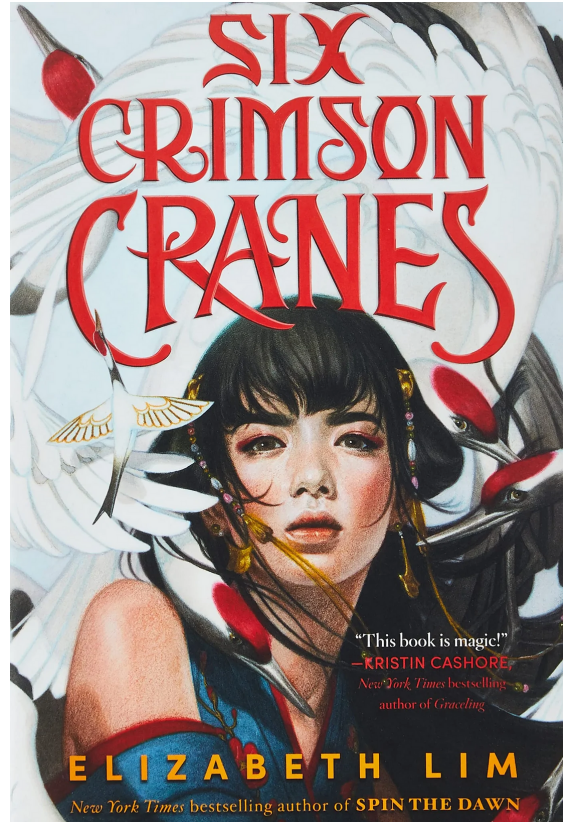
Upcoming Anime Club Showings:



December 29th: Avatar the Last Airbender



December 29th: Fruits Basket



Six Crimson Cranes by Elizabeth Lim

Just Another Chapter: Book Club

Just Another Chapter is a book club meant for tweens & teens who enjoy reading a new piece of fiction once a month. This club meets on Saturday mornings at 11:00 AM. Light refreshments will be provided! No registration is required. For kids ages 12 to 18.

We meet next on December 10th.

Teen LitCrate Boxes

If you're between the ages of 13 and 18 and you have trouble figuring out what to read next, the Youth Services Department has a solution for you!

The YA LitCrate is a mystery box filled with books and goodies for you to enjoy! All you have to do is fill out a form to let us know what you enjoy reading, and we'll give you a call when it's ready to pick up.

The books and box must be returned, but the gifts inside are yours to keep!

Film/Television Reviews

Let it Snow

A snowstorm hits a small midwestern town on Christmas Eve, bringing together a group of highschool students. They soon find their friendships and love lives colliding, and on Christmas morning, nothing will be the same.

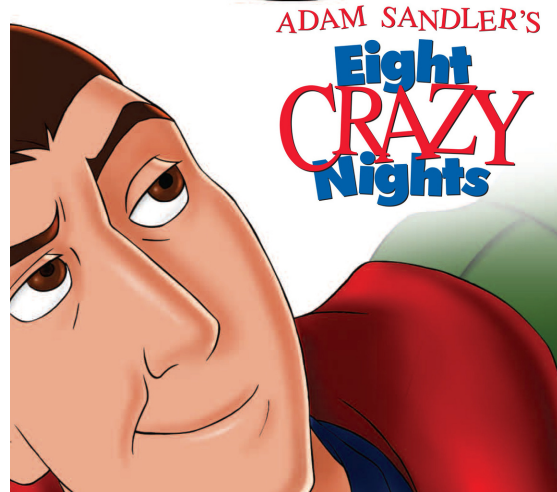


Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

Nailed it! Holiday!

Home bakers who have a poor track record in the kitchen seek redemption -- and cash -- on this series. In each holiday-themed episode, three contestants try their hand at re-creating edible holiday masterpieces. The projects don't always turn out great, but whichever amateur baker comes closest to a successful dessert by the end of the episode takes home the \$10,000 prize, which they might want to use on baking lessons.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5



Eight Crazy Nights

Davey Stone, a 33-year old party animal, finds himself in trouble with the law after his wild ways go too far. In keeping with the holiday spirit, the judge gives Davey one last chance at redemption -- spend the holiday performing community service as the assistant referee for the youth basketball league or go to jail. Davey thinks he's gotten off easy until he meets Whitey Duvall, the eccentric, elf-like head referee.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

Great British Bakeoff: Holidays

Deck the halls with sugar, butter and chocolate as competitors from past seasons bake sweet Yuletide treats for judges Paul Hollywood and Prue Leith.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

Activities Corner



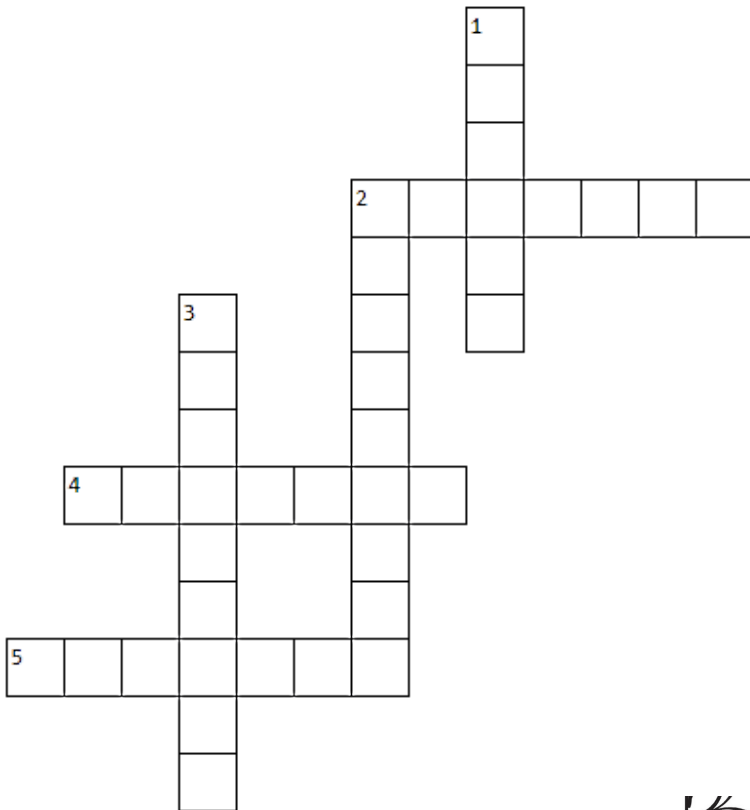
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HANUKKAH	WINTER SOLSTICE	HOT COCOA
CHRISTMAS	PRESENTS	LATKES
KWANZAA	YULE LOG	CANDLES

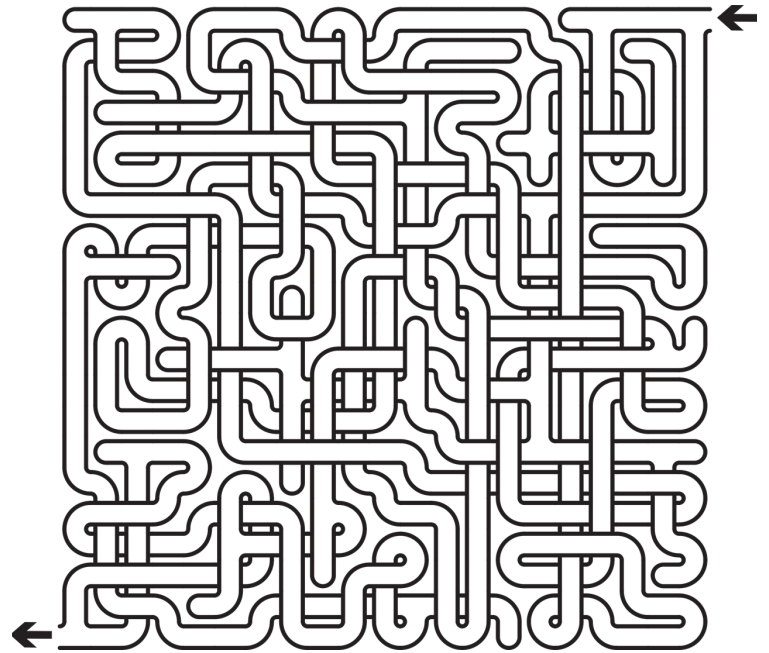
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Activities Corner, cont.

Holiday Crossword Puzzle



Maze Activity



Color Me!

Across

2. Jewish people light the candles on this during Hanukkah.
4. During Hanukkah, this game is played with a spinning top.
5. Miserly Dickens character who hates Christmas.

Down

1. This Doctor Seuss creature stole Christmas.
2. This decoration suggests that people kiss under it.
3. This movie features a kid named Kevin, left behind during Christmas.



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