

Winter Break Entertainment

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The holiday season has begun! Family is coming from near and far and you may be looking for something to do once the festivities have ended. The library is here to help you entertain one and all. Did you know that the library has a Library of Things with a variety of indoor and outdoor items you can check out? If you are looking to enjoy our beautiful Minnesota winter weather, you can check out sleds, snowshoes for the whole family, and a snow fort making kit. How about a telescope to view the night time sky? We also have many items for indoor enjoyment, such as a Nintendo system, Sega Genesis mini, a large assortment of games and puzzles for all ages and story time kits for the little ones. I invite you to take a look at our library catalog to see everything we offer in this unique collection. Go to the library website (newulmlibrary.org) and click on the Library Catalog icon. Once you are in the library catalog, choose the blue Library of Things icon above the search bar to view everything we have available for checkout. You will need to come into the library to choose from what is available. Library of Things cannot be put on hold. The checkout period for Library of Things is one week.

Don't forget, we also have a whole wall of dvds to choose from. We are always adding new ones to our collection, so stop in and take a look.

If you are traveling for the holidays, make sure you have an ebook or audiobook downloaded to your phone or other device through the Libby app for reading on the go. There are books and audiobooks for all ages and interests. Find something the whole family would like to listen to and you will be at your destination in no time. If you are unfamiliar with Libby, give us a call and we will tell you all about it and help you get it set up if needed. The library also has Book Club bags that contain multiple copies of the same book. You could set up a family and friends read-along and discussion during the winter months!

If your family loves arts and crafts, plan a get together and watch a step-by-step how-to video through the library's Creative Bug site and make something fun. I can't even begin to list everything they have for beginners to crafting pros. Log in and take a look around the Creative Bug site, you will be amazed! You can access Creative Bug from our online library catalog. Click on the Library Catalog, then choose "Creative Bug" above the search bar. Sign in with your library card and pin number. If you don't have a pin or can't remember what it is, give us a call and we can help you.

Have a wonderful holiday season and don't forget to stop in at the library to check out a few things. You might be surprised at everything you can get at the library with nothing but a library card. See you soon!

New Ulm Public Library is located at 17 N Broadway and is open Monday-Thursday from 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. and Friday-Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. The library will be closed on Saturday, December 24 through Monday, December 26 and on Monday January 2 for the holidays. For more information on library events and hours, visit www.newulmlibrary.org and choose Library Events.