NEW CONFERENCE ROOM

After manufacturing delays, the library’s new 16-person West-end Conference Room is available for reservations. When the room is not under reservation, the doors remain open inviting all to utilize the space as a quiet area for reading and studying.

The Conference Room joins the library’s other two new meeting spaces which provide publicly available space for personal use, private or public meetings, study groups, and community events.

SHIFTING PROJECT

Our librarians have definitely been getting their arm and leg workouts in over the past few weeks as we begin to shift the adult collections forward with our new shelves. Librarians are moving the books to create more space throughout the adult collections beginning with nonfiction. This will allow for new titles to fit better on the shelves when they age out from the new section. Books will also have a longer shelf-life when they are not crowded on the shelves with less pressure on their spines. We expect to wrap up this project by the end of the year with new directional signage at the end of each aisle.

GIFT CERTIFICATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR NON-RESIDENT MEMBERSHIPS

Gifting a library membership not only provides access to all of our collections (physical and digital) but also supports the library!
## Upcoming Events

### After Hours Movie Night
Fri, Dec. 8th at 6pm
The action horror-comedy film *Rare Exports: A Christmas Tale* will be played in Finnish with English subtitles. This film is rated **R**.

### Snowshoes: Past & Present
Wed, Dec. 13th at 6pm
Discovery the history and joy of snowshoeing from local crafters with Iverson Outdoors Inc. just in time for the winter season!

### Solstice Party & Storytime with Local Author Kelsey Gross
Wed, Dec. 20th at 10:30am
Thurs, Dec. 21st at 1:30pm
The library is joined by local author Kelsey Gross in a reading of her picture book “Winter: A Solstice Story,” along with other solstice stories. Our craft is a luminary-themed craft to light up the longest night of the year.
Try it at Home Series: Polar Bear Blubber*

Materials:
- A large bowl filled with water and ice cubes
- Freezer bags
- Crisco shortening
- Duct tape

Step 1: Create Icy Water
Recreate the icy waters of the Arctic Ocean. Add lots of ice and water to a big bowl. Polar bears live in countries that ring around the Arctic Circle.

Step 2: Test the Waters
Dip your hand into the bowl - don't linger too long! Pretty chilly, right? Now, think about if you had on a big furry coat. Two coats of fur and a thick layer of blubber help insulate the polar bear's body from the cold.

Step 3: Make Your Blubber
Open up one of the bags and fill it with Crisco - Crisco shortening is essentially a fat that takes solid form in room temperature. Insert another baggie inside the Crisco baggie - move the "fat" around so that the inner baggie is covered. Essentially, you should have Crisco layered between two baggies! Slide your hand inside the dry baggie that is inside the Crisco baggie and secure with tape, almost like a little glove or mitten.

Step 4: Test the Waters - again!
Now, submerge your hand back into the icy water. Does it feel different with that fat layer of protection? The Crisco shortening represents a Polar bear's blubber, or fat layer, found under its skin. Blubber can be up to 4 inches thick. It acts as an insulator to the Polar bear's body - meaning it does not let heat out! Blubber, paired with a thick skin and double layers of fur, keep Polar bears warm and stabilized all year long.

*Activity idea and information courtesy of Maury County Parks and Recreation
Book Recommendations

Polar Bear Postman
- Seigo Kijima
- PreK - Grade 2

The Polar Bear
- Jenni Desmond
- PreK - Grade 3

Polar Bear Cafe
- Aloha Higa
- Grade 4 - Young Adult

The Loneliest Polar Bear
- Kale Williams
- Adult