



Dear Friend,

Welcome to 2026!!

We hope 2025 ended on a positive note and that your holiday cheer continues into the New Year.

*You are invited to
our next meeting,
January 20 at
4pm*

Membership
Drive
Ongoing!!

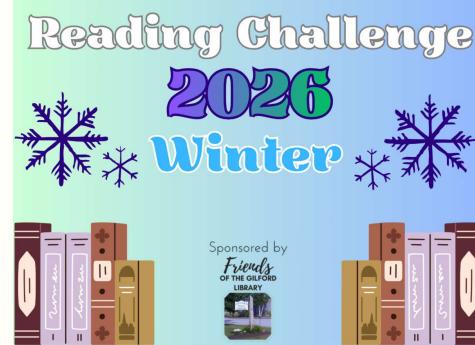
Gingerbread house decorating was a triumphant success with 100 children creating (and eating) their masterpieces. Special thank you, Betty Tidd, for the frosting, not all of which made it onto the houses!



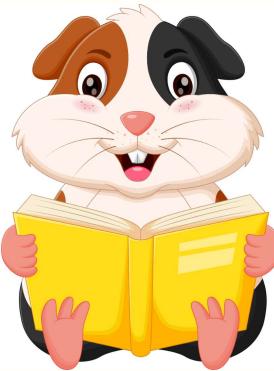
Shortly after, approximately 500 people joined us in the library as part of their Candlelight Stroll. The participants warmed up with cookies, cocoa, cider and crafts. Jane Ellis provided more cheer with her musical talent. Special thanks to the many bakers, the elf servers, and the carolers who wrapped up the evening.



January starts a new adult reading challenge. Prizes will be awarded quarterly. See your friendly neighborhood librarian for details.



Eugene's Corner:



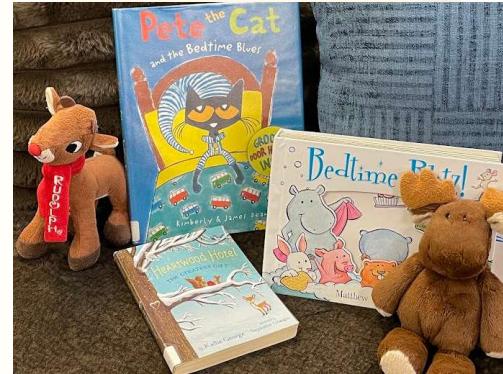
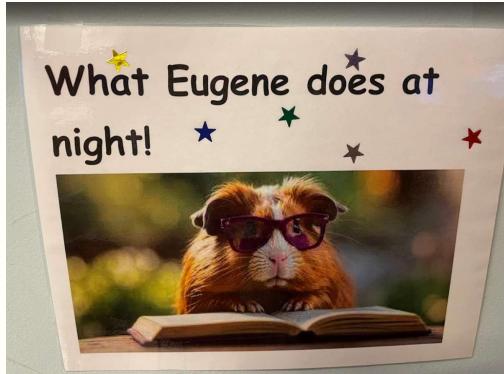
This month Eugene is snuggling in for some cozy winter reading. Recently, he learned about the Icelandic Christmas Eve practice of Jolabokafloð, which translates loosely to "Christmas book flood". He is

ready for that tradition to continue into the new year!



Jolabokafloð

The Icelandic tradition of giving, receiving, and reading books on Christmas Eve, often while enjoying chocolate and warm drinks. Literally translated as "Christmas book flood." ↗



Here are his recommendations for this month: *Pete the Cat and the Bedtime Blues* by Kimberly and James Dean, *Bedtime Blitz* by Matthew Van Fleet and the *Heartwood Hotel* Series by Kallie George.

Library happenings in December!

33 volunteers
gave 172 hours
of their time
and talent

915 folks
participated
in December
programming

Fitness
classes
ongoing in
the new year

99 passports
were
processed in
the library
this year

Click the button to see information
about planned giving.



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Gratefully,



~The Friends of the Gilford Public Library Board

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