



**Kendallville**  
Public Library

**December 2024**

# Library News & Events

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# Winter Reading

Get ready to cozy up with a good book this winter and join the KPL's Winter Reading Challenge - Get Your Mitts on a Good Book! We have fun, engaging challenges for all ages— from kids to adults—along with exciting prizes to keep everyone motivated.



For adults we are trying something new this year. Track your reading in three-hour increments and complete tabs on your reading sheet. Each completed tab gets you closer to fantastic rewards, with your first tab earning you a KPL mug and your final tab earning a KPL oven mitt! Plus, each tab submitted enters you into our grand prize drawing for items like a cozy cooking package, a six-month FitStop membership, an Amazon Fire tablet, and local restaurant gift cards. Pick up your reading sheet at either the Kendallville or Limberlost branch and start



reading your way to some amazing prizes! Kids and teens can participate in our Youth Winter Reading Game Board Challenge. Set a reading goal for each game board tile, and after completing five tiles, come to the library to pick

up a prize and at the end enter for a grand prize! We have themed baskets, including options like Frozen, dinosaurs, arts & crafts, Pac-Man, sloths, and outer space. Once you've finished a game board, feel free to grab another to keep earning entries and rewards!

The Winter Reading Challenge runs from December 30 - February 8, 2025, so there's plenty of time to dive into great books and earn fantastic prizes. Stop by the library today to get your materials and start reading your way through winter!

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## Holiday Hours:

The Kendallville Public Library and its Limberlost Branch will observe special holiday hours this season.

Both locations will be closed on December 24 and 25 for Christmas. On December 31, the library will close early at 4:00 p.m. and remain closed on January 1 for New Year's Day.



[www.kendallvillelibrary.org](http://www.kendallvillelibrary.org)



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# December 2024

at the Kendallville Public Library and its Limberloss

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	<p>2 Cortex Project - Mini Wood Sled December 2 - 14</p> <p>Letters to Santa • December 2 - 14</p> <p>Wooden Bead Christmas Tree • December 2 - 7</p> <p>Preschool Story Time - 10:00 a.m. • KPL &amp; LB</p> <p>Home School Adventures - Skeletal System 1:00 p.m. • KPL</p> <p>Make it with Madison - Crochet Tree • 1:30 p.m. • KPL</p> <p>Yoga with Brittany • 5:30 p.m. • KPL</p>	<p>3 Preschool Story Time 10:00 &amp; 11:30 a.m. • KPL</p> <p>Barre with Brittany 10:15 a.m. • LB</p> <p>Yoga with Brittany 11:00 a.m. • LB</p> <p>After School Explorers - Pastel Cards 4:00 p.m. • KPL</p> <p>Anime Club 5:00 p.m. • KPL</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Sensory 8:00 a.m.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9 Snowman Christmas Card December 9 - 14</p> <p>Preschool Story Time 10:00 a.m. • KPL &amp; LB</p> <p>Holiday Party with Santa 5:30 p.m. • LB</p> <p>Yoga with Brittany 5:30 p.m. • KPL</p>	<p>10 Breakfast Prep - Cookie Decorating 9:00 a.m. • LB</p> <p>Preschool Story Time - 10:00 &amp; 11:30 a.m. • KPL</p> <p>Barre with Brittany - 10:15 a.m. • LB</p> <p>Yoga with Brittany - 11:00 a.m. • LB</p> <p>Book Club Salad - 1:00 p.m. • LB</p> <p>After School Explorers - Exploding Snowman 4:00 p.m. • KPL</p> <p>Doggy Tales - 4:00 p.m. • KPL</p> <p>Anime Club - 5:00 p.m. • KPL</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Sensory 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>SOUPER B 1:00 p.m.</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16 Cortex Project - Origami Star December 16 - 31</p> <p>Popsicle Stick Christmas Tree December 16 - 21</p> <p>Bixler Lake Walk • 10:00 a.m. • KPL</p> <p>Preschool Story Time • 10:00 a.m. • KPL &amp; LB</p> <p>Holiday Party with Santa • 5:30 p.m. • KPL</p> <p>Yoga with Brittany • 5:30 p.m. • KPL</p>	<p>17 The Uno Hour - 9:00 a.m. • LB</p> <p>Preschool Story Time - 10:00 &amp; 11:30 a.m. • KPL</p> <p>Barre with Brittany - 10:15 a.m. • LB</p> <p>Yoga with Brittany - 11:00 a.m. • LB</p> <p>Gene Stratton-Porter Walk 1:00 p.m. • GSP</p> <p>After School Explorers - No Sew Snowman 4:00 p.m. • KPL</p> <p>Anime Club - 5:00 p.m. • KPL</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Sensory 8:00 a.m.</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Cookie Decorating with Leah 10:00 a.m. • KPL</p> <p>Make it with Madison - Wood Cookie 1:30 p.m. • KPL</p>	<p>24</p> <p>LIBRARIES CLOSED</p>	<p>25</p> <p>LIBRARIES CLOSED</p>  <p>MEET CHRIS</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Winter Reading Begins</p> <p>Mark's Ark 1:00 p.m. • KPL • 3:00 p.m. • LB</p> <p>Yoga with Brittany 5:30 p.m. • KPL</p>	<p>31</p> <p>BINGO 9:00 a.m. • LB</p> <p>Make it with Madison - Snowflake Mason jar - 1:30 p.m. • KPL</p> <p>LIBRARIES CLOSING AT 4:00 P.M.</p>	

# 4 st Branch

**Preschool Programs**  
**Elementary Programs (K-5)**  
**Teen Programs**  
**Youth Programs (K-12)**  
**Adult Programs**  
**All Ages / Family Programs**

\*The age categories of the programs below represent a majority of the ages for which the event is intended. For specific age ranges for each event, please refer to the more detailed information found elsewhere in this newsletter.

**KPL: Kendallville Public Library    LB: Limberlost Branch**

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Cotton Ball Penguin 5:00 p.m. • LB Make it with Brooke - Scrabble Ornament - 5:30 p.m. • KPL Gnome for the Holidays 5:00 p.m. • KPL Preschool Story Time 6:00 p.m. • KPL	6 Little Learners Play Date 10:00 a.m. • KPL	7	
12 Doggy Tales 4:00 p.m. • LB Candy Cane Reindeer 5:00 p.m. • LB How to with Grace - Sheet Music Holiday Cards - 5:30 p.m. • KPL Teen Writing Club 5:00 p.m. • KPL Preschool Story Time 6:00 p.m. • KPL	13 Little Learners Play Date 10:00 a.m. • KPL Barre with Brittany 11:00 a.m. • KPL BINGO 1:30 p.m. • LB Ghost Investigations 7:00 p.m. • LB	14 Candle Making 10:00 a.m. • LB	
19 Flower Arranging 12:00 p.m. • KPL Snow Dough 5:00 p.m. • LB Fantastic Thursdays 5:00 p.m. • KPL All Ages LEGO Night 5:30 p.m. • KPL Preschool Story Time 6:00 p.m. • KPL	20 Little Learners Play Date 10:00 a.m. • KPL Barre with Brittany 11:00 a.m. • KPL BINGO 1:30 p.m. • KPL	21	
26 ALL AGES CLOSED	27 All Ages BINGO 1:30 p.m. • KPL	28	

**Scan the QR Code to View the Youth and Adult Flyers.**





# COMICSPLUS<sup>®</sup>

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As the weather turns colder, there's nothing better than snuggling up with a good book—and if you love graphic novels and manga, Comics Plus is here to make your winter even better. With Comics Plus you will find a wide variety of titles from well-known publishers and authors. There are thousands of books to choose from with titles for the earliest of readers, grade-schoolers and teens. The best part is there are no holds and no limits to the number of titles you can borrow each month. Access Comics Plus at [www.kendallvillelibrary.org](http://www.kendallvillelibrary.org) or download the easy-to-use app. All you need to get started is your library card and a pin number. See a librarian for assistance.

**No holds. No wait lists. No limits.**

**HOW TO ACCESS COMICS PLUS:**



## LIBRARY OF THINGS Don't buy...borrow!

The Kendallville Public Library offers a variety of items you can borrow instead of buying, saving you money and helping you try things out before committing to a purchase. Want to test a Cricut before gifting one this holiday season? Need a stand mixer for holiday baking or a DSLR camera to capture special memories? Looking for Christmas décor to add some holiday cheer? We've got you covered.

Our Library of Things collection includes crafting and cooking supplies, games, fitness gear, home décor, Lego sets, music, tech items, tools, and more. All of these items are free for you to check out. To see the full list of available items, visit our website and click on the "Library of Things" link, or stop by one of our locations to explore in person. Borrow what you need and enjoy the season without extra expenses.



### Kendallville Public Library

221 S. Park Avenue  
Kendallville, IN 46755  
260-343-2010 Fax: 260-343-2011

#### Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Closed Sunday

### Limberlost Branch Library

164 Kelly St., PO Box 447  
Rome City, IN 46784  
260-854-2775 Fax: 260-854-3382

#### Hours:

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Tuesday & Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Closed Sunday



# December 2024

## Youth Events at the Kendallville Public Library and its Limberlost Branch



### Wooden Bead Christmas Tree

Grades K - 12

December 2 - 7 • All Branches

Stop in to make a cute tree out of wooden beads and string.



### Popsicle Stick Christmas Tree

Grades K - 12

December 16 -21 • All Branches

Stop in and create a Christmas tree using popsicle sticks and gems.



### Preschool Story Time

Birth - Age 5

Mondays, Dec. 2, 9 & 16 at 10:00 a.m. • KPL & LB

Tuesdays, Dec. 3, 10 & 17 at 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. • KPL

Thursdays, Dec. 5, 12 & 19 at 6:00 p.m. • KPL

Join us for stories, crafts, activities and more!



### After School Explorers - No Sew Snowman

Grades K - 5

Tuesday, December 17 at 4:00 p.m. • KPL

Kids in grades K-5 are invited to join us and create their own soft and cuddly snowmen using socks! A fun and creative winter craft to bring home and enjoy.



### Home School Adventures - Skeleton System

Preschool - Grade 12

Monday, December 2 at 1:00 p.m. • KPL

Join Mrs. Minnich, a registered nurse with 24 years of experience at Parkview, as she shares her expertise on the functions of the skeletal system. A fascinating and educational session for all ages!



### Snow Dough

Grades K - 12

Thursday, December 19 at 5:00 p.m. • LB

Join us for a fun and sensory-filled activity! Learn how to make your own squishy, moldable Snow Dough—perfect for wintertime play



### After School Explorers - Oil Pastel Holiday Cards

Grades K - 5

Tuesday, December 3 at 4:00 p.m. • KPL

Kids in grades K-5 are invited to unleash their creativity and design their own holiday-themed cards using vibrant oil pastels. A fun and festive way to spread holiday cheer!

## Programs for Teens



### Anime Club

Grades 6 - 12

Tuesdays, Dec. 3, 10 & 17 at 5:00 p.m. • KPL

Join our anime club as we watch anime, read manga, draw and more.



### Cotton Ball Penguin

Grades K - 12

Thursday, December 5 at 5:00 p.m. • LB

Join us for a fun and adorable craft session where you can create your very own Cotton Ball Penguin!



### Gnome for the Holidays

Grades 6 - 12

Thursday, December 5 at 5:00 p.m. • KPL

Stop by the library to decorate your very own wintery or holiday-themed gnome! A fun and festive activity to spark your creativity this season



### Little Learners Play Date

Birth - Age 5

Fridays, Dec. 6, 13 & 20 at 10:00 a.m. • KPL

Our play date offers a nurturing environment for preschoolers to engage in imaginative play, hands-on activities, and social interaction.



### Snowman Christmas Card

Grades K - 12

December 9 - 14 • All Branches

Stop in and create a cute snowman Christmas Card.



### Teen Writing Workshop

Grades 6 - 12

Thursday, December 12 at 5:00 p.m. • KPL

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to write together and share their stories.



### After School Explorers - Exploding Snowman

Grades K - 5

Tuesday, December 10 at 4:00 p.m. • KPL

Kids in grades K-5 are invited to join us for a frosty science adventure! Create your own "exploding snowman" and learn about the cool science behind the fun. A hands-on activity perfect for curious minds!



### Ghost Investigation

Friday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. • LB

Beth Gaff and Katie Anderson, local ghost hunters, will be here to share their knowledge of ghost investigations. Grades 6 - 12 are also welcome to attend with an adult.



### Candy Cane Reindeer

Grades K - 12

Thursday, December 12 at 5:00 p.m. • LB

Learn how to turn a simple candy cane into an adorable reindeer. A perfect holiday treat and decoration in one!



### Fantastic Thursdays

Grades 6 - 12

Thursday, December 19 at 5:00 p.m. • KPL

Join us for fantasy-themed activities including Dungeons and Dragons, crafts, and more. This is open to teens in grades 6-12. Dungeons and Dragons is limited to 7 players.

Registration is required for all events. Register by visiting our website at [www.kendallvillelibrary.org](http://www.kendallvillelibrary.org). If you have questions please call KPL at 343-2010, LB at 854-2775 or email [mgraber@kendallvillelibrary.org](mailto:mgraber@kendallvillelibrary.org)



**December 2024**

**Adult Events at the Kendallville Public Library and its Limberlost Branch**



**Make it with Madison - Crochet Tree**  
**Monday, December 2 at 1:30 p.m. • KPL**  
Madison will guide participants in creating a crochet tree, perfect for adding a touch of winter to your home!



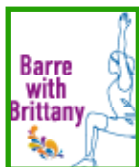
**Candle Making**  
**Saturday, December 14 at 10:00 a.m. • LB**  
Embrace the cozy season by crafting a unique winter fragrance. Join us to mix, blend, and create a scent that captures the magic of winter. Perfect for gifting or enjoying at home!



**Yoga with Brittany**  
**Mondays, Dec. 2, 9, 16, & 30 at 5:30 p.m. • KPL**  
**Tuesdays, Dec. 3, 10, & 17 at 11:00 a.m. • LB**  
Brittany, a certified yoga teacher, will teach an all-levels Flow Yoga class.



**Bixler Lake Walk**  
**Monday, December 16 at 10:00 a.m. • KPL**  
Enjoy the winter air with Brittany and Leah with a walk around Bixler. Meet at the adult desk to sign a waiver.



**Barre with Brittany**  
**Fridays, Dec. 13 & 20 at 11:00 a.m. • KPL**  
**Tuesdays, Dec. 3, 10, & 17 at 10:15 a.m. • LB**  
Move with Brittany, a certified Barre instructor, for a workout that focuses on low-impact, high intensity movements to improve strength, agility and flexibility for anyone.



**The Uno Hour**  
**Tuesday, December 17 at 9:00 a.m. • LB**  
Start your morning off right with a game of Uno with Leah!



**Make it with Brooke - Scrabble Ornament**  
**Thursday, December 5 at 5:30 p.m. • KPL**  
Join us as Brooke shows participants how to make a unique Scrabble ornament – perfect for adding a personalized touch to your holiday decor.



**Gene Stratton-Porter Walk**  
**Tuesday, December 17 at 1:00 p.m. • GSP**  
Join Brittany and Leah in the Gene Stratton-Porter parking lot to sign a waiver before we explore the beautiful and historic site together.



**Breakfast Prep - Cookie Decorating**  
**Tuesday, December 10 at 9:00 a.m. • LB**  
Join Leah at Limberlost for a fun holiday cookie decorating session. Bring your creativity and sweet tooth for a festive time!



**Flower Arranging**  
**Thursday, December 19 at 12:00 p.m. • KPL**  
Learn how to design a beautiful winter flower arrangement to brighten your home or gift to a loved one. Cindy will guide you step-by-step in crafting a seasonal masterpiece. Perfect for all skill levels!



**Book Club Salad - *The Christmas Bookshop***  
**Tuesday, December 10 at 1:00 p.m. • LB**  
Meet to discuss *The Christmas Bookshop* by Jenny Colgan and enjoy a salad.



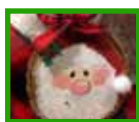
**SOUPER Book Club - *The Book Club Hotel***  
**Wednesday, December 11 at 1:00 p.m. • KPL**  
Join Brittany and Leah to enjoy soup and discuss *The Book Club Hotel* by Sarah Morgan.



**Cookie Decorating with Leah**  
**Monday, December 23 at 10:00 a.m. • KPL**  
Join Leah for a festive cookie decorating session and unleash your creativity! Don't forget to bring a container to take your creations home!



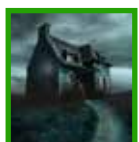
**How to with Grace - Sheet Music Holiday Cards**  
**Thursday, December 12 at 5:30 p.m. • KPL**  
Get creative this holiday season! Make beautiful holiday cards using sheet music. Perfect for adding a personal, musical touch to your holiday greetings!



**Make it with Madison - Wood Cookie**  
**Monday, December 23 at 1:30 p.m. • KPL**  
Get into the holiday spirit with Madison as she guides you in painting a charming Santa-themed wood cookie.



**BINGO**  
**Friday, December 13 at 1:30 p.m. • LB**  
**Friday, December 20 at 1:30 p.m. • KPL**  
**Tuesday, December 31 at 9:00 a.m. • LB**  
Enjoy the excitement as participants compete for awesome prizes, including gift cards, swag, candy, books, and more!



**Ghost Investigation**  
**Friday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. • LB**  
Beth Gaff and Katie Anderson, local ghost hunters, will be here to share their knowledge of ghost investigations. Grades 6 - 12 are also welcome to attend with an adult present.



**Make it with Madison - Snowflake Mason Jar**  
**Tuesday, December 31 at 1:30 p.m. • KPL**  
Learn the art of painting delicate snowflakes on mason jars with Madison. Create a winter-themed decoration perfect for gifting or adding a cozy touch to your home!

**To register for all events, call the Kendallville Public Library at 343-2010, the Limberlost Branch at 854-2775, email [ldresser@kendallvillelibrary.org](mailto:ldresser@kendallvillelibrary.org) or sign up through our online event calendar at [www.kendallvillelibrary.org](http://www.kendallvillelibrary.org).**

# All Age Events in December



**Cortex Project - Mini Wood Sled**  
**December 2 - 14 • All Branches**  
 Craft in the Cortex by creating a mini wooden sled while supplies last.



**Cortex Project - Origami Star**  
**December 16 - 31 • All Branches**  
 Craft in the Cortex by creating an origami star while supplies last.



## Letters to Santa December 2 - 14

Kids of all ages are invited to stop by the library, the Community Learning Center, or Life and Family Services to write a letter to Santa! Special mailboxes will be available to receive letters from December 2-14. Don't miss the chance to share your holiday wishes!



**All Ages Lego Night**  
**Thursday, December 19 at 5:30 p.m. • KPL**  
 Participants of all ages are invited to complete a variety of LEGO challenges or enjoy some free build time!



**All Ages BINGO**  
**Friday, December 27 at 1:30 • KPL**  
 Join KPL for an exciting game of All Ages Bingo! It's a fun-filled event for everyone—win awesome prizes and enjoy a great time together!



**Sensory Hour**  
**Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11 & 18 at 8:00 a.m. • KPL**  
 Join us for a Sensory Friendly Hour, a special time dedicated to creating a calm and welcoming environment for individuals with sensory sensitivities. Registration is required to enter the building for this event.

## Winter Reading

*Get Your Mitts on a Good Book*

**December 30 - February 8**

All ages are welcome to participate in our Winter Reading Challenge. Stop in the Library to find out how to start earning prizes!



## Holiday Party with Santa

**Monday, Dec. 9 at 5:30 p.m. • LB**

**Monday, Dec. 16 at 5:30 p.m. • KPL**

**Celebrate the holiday season with Santa, milk, cookies and crafts.**



**Doggy Tales**  
**Tuesday, December 10 at 4:00 p.m. • KPL**  
**Thursday, December 12 at 4:00 p.m. • LB**  
 Kids of all ages are invited to practice their reading skills with Sunny Boy, a therapy dog.

## Mark's Ark

where the animals come to YOU!

**Monday, December 30 at 1:00 • KPL**

**Monday, December 30 at 3:00 • LB**

## New Material

### FICTION

**A Tempest of Desire** by Heath, Lorraine  
**Bellevue** by Cook, Robin  
**Eddie Winston is Looking for Love** by Cronin, Marianne  
**Lawbreaker** by Palmer, Diana  
**Locked In** by Adler-Olsen, Jussi  
**Private Rites** by Armfield, Julia  
**Sharpe's Storm** by Cornwell, Bernard  
**Stuart Woods' Golden Hour** by Battles, Brett  
**Thanksgiving Blessing** by Perry, Marta  
**The Champagne Letters** by Macintosh, Kate  
**The Close-Up** by Drysdale, Pip  
**The Courage to Love: An Uplifting Inspirational Romance** by Gartshore, Donna  
**The Gathering Storm** by Harrod-Eagles, Cynthia  
**The Greatest Lie of All** by Cantor, Jillian  
**The Last One** by Hall, Rachel Howzell  
**The Rivals** by Pek, Jane  
**The Seaside Homecoming** by Klassen, Julie

**The Texan's Journey Home: An Uplifting Inspirational Romance** by Navarro, Jolene  
**Tom Clancy Defense Protocol** by Andrews, Brian  
**Under Loch and Key** by Ferguson, Lana  
**What the Wife Knew** by Kane, Darby  
**Where the Creek Bends** by Miller, Linda Lael  
**Wind and Truth** by Sanderson, Brandon

### NONFICTION

**100 Nights of a Lifetime: The World's Ultimate Adventures After Dark** by Vermillion, Stephanie  
**Fast Yourself Fit: Using Fasting and Low-Carb Eating to Lose Weight and Feel Great** by Van Carlen, Emma  
**Fluent Forever How to Learn Any Language Fast and Never Forget It** by Wyner, Gabriel  
**How Do I Chart This in Excel?** by Peltier, Jon  
**Insight Guides Japan** by Insight Guides

**Instant Loss Quick and Easy: 125 Recipes That Are Big on Flavor When You're Light on Time** by Williams, Brittany  
**The Ultimate Guide to Houseplant Propagation: Step-by-step Techniques for Making More Houseplants... For Free!** by Sisti, Lindsay

### LARGE PRINT

**A Year of Flowers: A 4-in-1 Novella Collection** by Fisher, Suzanne Woods  
**All Signs Point to Malibu** by Snow, Jennifer  
**Apprentice to the Villain** by Maehrer, Hannah Nicole  
**Bellevue** by Cook, Robin  
**Blue Sisters** by Mellors, Coco  
**Christmas in Bethel** by Evans, Richard Paul  
**From Here to the Great Unknown: A Memoir** by Presley, Lisa Marie  
**Golden Lord** by Putney, Mary Jo  
**I Think I Was Murdered** by Coble, Colleen  
**Lazarus Man** by Price, Richard  
**Mina's Matchbox** by Ogawa, Yoko

**Once Upon a Time: The Captivating Life of Carolyn Bessette-Kennedy** by Beller, Elizabeth  
**Robert B. Parker's Hot Property** by Lupica, Mike  
**Sociopath: A Memoir** by Gagne, Patric  
**Someone I Used to Know** by Toon, Paige  
**Stuart Woods' Golden Hour** by Battles, Brett  
**Tea with Elephants** by Gunn, Robin Jones  
**The Hidden Book** by Manning, Kirsty  
**The Memory Library** by Storey, Kate  
**The Mirror** by Roberts, Nora  
**The Seaside Homecoming** by Klassen, Julie  
**The Secret War of Julia Child** by Chambers, Diana R.  
**The Vanished** by Putman, Cara  
**Time of the Child** by Williams, Niall  
**To Catch a Coronet** by Hitchcock, Grace  
**Tom Clancy Defense Protocol** by Andrews, Brian/ Wilson, Jeffrey  
**What Does It Feel Like?** by Kinsella, Sophie