



For families with children
through 6th grade
December 21 – January 31

Winter Scavenger Hunt

The weather outside may be frightful but “there’s snow” reason to stay cooped up all winter. Enjoy activities indoors and outside with this winter scavenger hunt. Please remember to be safely distanced and dress warmly while outside.



- Answer **at least two questions in each of the four categories** to complete the hunt.
- Do the suggested activities for more winter fun.
- Track your progress on [Beanstack](http://parkridgelib.beanstack.org/) (parkridgelib.beanstack.org/) from December 21 to January 31.

When you complete the hunt, we will email you instructions on how to pick up a prize for completing it. You will automatically be entered into a drawing for an opportunity to win a \$25 Target gift card (two winners).

Around Park Ridge

“There’s snow” much to see or enjoy outdoors during the winter in Park Ridge. Go out and explore!

1. During the winter at South Park, there are outdoor ice rinks where you can ice skate. There is also a World War II memorial located there (to the right of the doors facing the ice rinks). What is the dedication date at the bottom of the plaque on the stone?
Learn more about the history of World War II (nonfiction call number 940.54).
2. At this brick building in Uptown, you check out and return your favorite books. What is the building? How many white columns are at the front door or what is your favorite book?
Check out your favorite book or DVD.
3. You won’t see any of these insects flying around outside during the winter but at Wildwood Nature Center, you’ll find them as metal seats not far from the parking lot. What is the insect?
Learn more about this insect in our nonfiction section (call number 595.789).
4. Winter is normally a great time to watch family movies at the historic Pickwick Theatre in Uptown. There’s a historical landmark plaque outside on the building (located on the wall south of the ticket booth) that says what year the building was built. What is the year?
Enjoy a movie with your family.
5. Located next to City Hall, you can still enjoy Hodges Park in the winter. Look at the town’s historical milestones around the fountain in the park, which was designed by Park Ridge resident and famed artist Alfonso Iannelli. Find the milestone for the year 1854. What was the town called in that year?
Read a biography about a key figure in history (call number 921).

Around Your Neighborhood

Even during the winter, there are many things to observe outside. Go outside and notice the wonderful things going on in your yard and your neighborhood.

1. White is a popular color for houses and the color of the house where the U.S. president lives. Go for a walk in your neighborhood. How many white houses did you see on your walk?
Read a book (fiction or nonfiction) about a president or the White House.
2. In the book [Cork & Fuzz: No Fooling](#) by Dori Chaconas, friends Cork & Fuzz follow animal tracks left in the snow. What animals do you see in your yard that would leave tracks in the snow?
Go out and make your own tracks in the snow.
3. Fire hydrants are colorful and stand out even in the snow. What color is the fire hydrant on your block? How many houses away is it from your home?
Learn more about fire safety (call number 628.9).
4. Park Ridge has been recognized for its beautiful trees. In the winter, typically the only trees that are still green are pine trees, which have needles instead of leaves. Go for a walk and count the number of pine trees on your walk. How many pine trees did you see?
Learn more about the different types of trees (call number 582.16).
5. Boots keep your feet warm and dry during winter. Wearing your boots, count the number of steps from your front door to the sidewalk. How many steps did you take? If you went with your favorite grown-up, how many for your grown-up?
Continue your walk and count the steps around your block.

Winter Fun

There are certain activities that are enjoyed best during the winter. Answer these questions and enjoy these winter activities.

1. In the book [Mouse Loves Snow](#) by Lauren Thompson, Mouse lies in the snow and flaps his arms and legs to make an image in the snow. What is he making?
Go make one.
2. The cover of the picture book [Snow Much Fun](#) by Nancy Siscoe features animals on sleds. What is the name of the Park Ride park with a sledding hill?
Go sledding on the hill or in your yard.
3. In the book [The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart](#) by Stephanie Burgis, a dragon drinks an enchanted drink and turns into a 12-year old girl. Enjoyed by many with marshmallows during the winter, what is the drink?
Enjoy that drink or another warm drink.
4. "Winter wonderland" is used to describe the beauty of winter in many books and songs, including a popular holiday carol. What do they build in the meadow in this song?
Have fun making one!
5. [Over and Under the Snow](#) by Kate Messner (available on Hoopla) looks at animals and what they do in the winter. Some of them sleep all the way through in their cozy dens. What is one of these animals?
Draw a picture of your den or bedroom.



Winter Reading

Park Ridge Public Library offers picture books, early readers, graphic novels, and fiction and nonfiction books electronically (e-audiobooks and e-books) through [Axis360](#), [Hoopla](#), [Overdrive](#)/Libby, and [TumbleBooks](#). Answer these questions about books available in print and through these electronic resources (unless otherwise noted).

1. The book *Winter Trees* by Carole Gerber ([Hoopla](#), [TumbleBooks](#)) describes a number of different trees you can see during the winter. What is one kind of tree outside your window?
Look at the trees outside your home and see how they're the same and different (shape, color of bark, type of leaves).
2. *Tacky and the Winter Games* ([Overdrive](#)/Libby) is a story about a penguin and his friends doing winter sports. What is the winter sport featured on the cover?
Enjoy one of these winter sports.
3. The library offers more nonfiction books about winter that are only available electronically. The front cover of *Winter* by Rebecca Pettiford ([Hoopla](#)) shows a picture of the Illinois state bird. What is the bird?
Look for this bird or other birds outside.
4. Inside *The Story of Snow* by Mark Cassino ([Tumblebooks](#)) are pictures of beautiful snowflakes. What is on the cover that you can use to examine snowflakes?
Make paper snowflakes or another art project inspired by the snowflakes.
5. In the book *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* ([Axis360](#), [Hoopla](#), [Overdrive](#)/Libby) by C. S. Lewis, who ruled Narnia in a perpetual winter and what treat did she give Edmund?
Enjoy your favorite treat while you watch the movie version of this book or any other fantasy movie.

