The Harrison County Public Library lists programs, classes for adults

The Harrison County Public Library has a variety of programs and classes for adults, including library services. All programs and classes will be held in the main library in Corydon unless otherwise specified.

The Classic Book Club will meet Thursday, Dec. 7, at 1 p.m. to discuss "Shiloh" by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor and "The Christmas Box" by Richard Paul Evans.

The Mystery Book Club will meet Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 8 a.m. at The Coffee Club to discuss "The Who Done It?" by N.L. Prior, a collection of short stories by Agatha Christie, Nancy Drew, and Dashiell Hammett.

For information about any of the Library programs, call 812-364-6425.

The Children's Room will be closed from Dec. 21 to 31, 1 p.m. for the Christmas break, and on Saturdays, Dec. 16 and 23, in honor of the Christmas season.

The Library is hosting "Journey to the North Pole" the week of Dec. 11 as a children's event.

The Library will be closed for the holidays and will reopen Jan. 6.

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**An easy end-of-year gift**

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