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# The Bell Bulletin

January 2021

## January is National Book Blitz Month!

*Happy New Year....and happy National Book Blitz Month! Every January, get ready to embark on a new reading adventure.*

January is a time of beginnings, resolutions, and inspiring new ideas, making it the ideal month for bookworms to really pack in the pages.

Originally created as holiday to encourage authors to promote their own books, Book Blitz Month is a time of appreciation for books of all sorts – and for the people that write them.

### Here are a few easy ways to celebrate National Book Blitz Month:

**Compile a reading list:** Keep a list of books that spark your interest, and start to read them one-by-one. Be sure to ask friends, family, and coworkers for their recommendations if you really want to make this month a word-heavy one. **Go through your books:** Time for some spring cleaning.

Where's that one book your uncle got you for Christmas three years ago that you still haven't read? It's time. **Choose a series:** Sticking with a book series is an awesome way to ride out Book Blitz Month. There are tons of book series out there that appeal to all sorts of interests and aesthetics – find the one that speaks to you and get cracking those spines. Think you can read all of [Harry Potter](#) in 31 days? You'll never know if you don't try! **Hit up the library:** Do some damage at your local library, and check out some titles you've never heard of before to spice up your romance with reading. Meet up with friends, and explore the shelves for hours...**A little goes a long**

**way:** Read a little every day this month, even if it's only for an hour or so. At the end of the month, if you've only gotten through one book – that's fine! As long as it's a book you enjoy, and you took the time to read in a cozy spot, you've blitzed. **Mingle with authors:** Check your local libraries and community centers for any visiting authors or writers that may be giving lectures, or signing books. Who knows? Maybe one of your favorites is in town, and you didn't even know it!

## Recipe: Cottage Pie (Shepherd's Pie)

**PREP TIME 30 MINUTES COOK TIME 30 MINUTES TOTAL TIME 1 HOUR**

### Ingredients

- 4 c mashed potatoes\*
- 1 ½ lbs ground beef, 85% lean
- 1 onion, small diced
- 2 carrots, small diced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 Tbsp unbleached all purpose flour
- 1 Tbsp tomato paste
- 1 c beef stock, (we prefer low sodium)
- 2 tsp Worcestershire
- 1 tsp thyme sprigs
- ½ tsp salt (or to taste)



### Instructions

Preheat your oven to 400F. Saute your beef over medium high heat until browned, 7-10 min. Remove the beef from the skillet. Add the vegetables\*\* and garlic to the beef juices in the pan. Cook until soft, 7-10 min. Reduce the heat to medium and add the tomato paste and flour. Saute until the flour is completely moistened. Return the cooked beef to pan. Add the stock, Worcestershire sauce, and thyme. Simmer 5-10 min, until the gravy thickens. Taste the mixture and season with salt and pepper to taste. Transfer the meat mixture into a greased, 8x8 baking dish. Spoon or pipe the mashed potatoes over the meat mixture. Place the dish in the oven at 400F and cook for 20-30 min or until the top is golden and the filling is bubbly. Let stand 5-10 min before serving.

## ~Creative Corner~

We are doing Creative Corner grab-n-go kits until we are able to meet again in person. This month's craft kit will be these No Sew Sock Snowmen. Kits will be ready for pick up on January 19th ; please call 574-353-7234 to reserve yours. There will be a limited supply, so it's on a first come, first serve basis. This will be posted to both our website [www.bell.lib.in.us](http://www.bell.lib.in.us) and our Facebook page [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), search for Bell Memorial Public Library. If you decide to participate and create the craft project at home, please share a picture of your completed craft with us on our Facebook page. We'd love to see what you are doing!

Happy Crafting!



## ~Kids/Teens & Young Adults~

**Kids:** Story Hour returns on Friday, November 6th. It starts at 10:00 a.m.

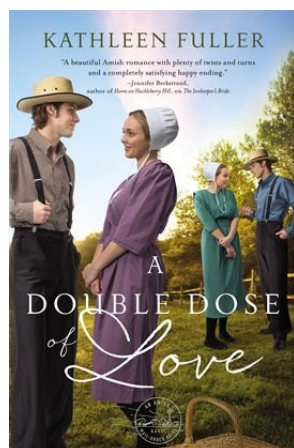
### Teens & Young Adults:

**Teen Book Club** will take place on Tuesday, January 5th & January 19th from 4:30—7:00 p.m.

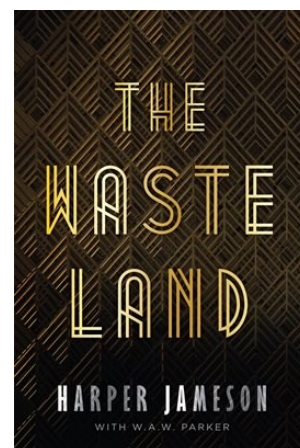
**Teen Craft Night** will take place on Tuesday, January 14th from 4:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Teens will be making Harry Potter Jars. All supplies needed will be provided.



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Come see any staff member at Bell Memorial Public Library for information on how to get started.



## Wi-Fi Hotspots!

No Internet access at home? Let the Library help with that. Bell Memorial Library is circulating 4 Internet Hotspots. These devices are about the size of a large cell phone and connect the user to the Internet via cell phone towers. The device will circulate for a week and units can be reserved.

For more information, contact Stephen Boggs at (574) 353-7234 or via e-mail at [sboggs@bell.lib.in.us](mailto:sboggs@bell.lib.in.us)



## January 2021 Weekly and Monthly Holidays!

### Weekly Holidays

- \*New Year's Resolutions Week: 1-8**
- \*Someday We'll Laugh About This Week: 2-8**
- National Lose Weight/Feel Great Week: 3-9**
- National Mocktail Week: 10-16 (Second Week)**
- Cuckoo Dancing Week: 11-17**
- Hunt For Happiness Week: 17-23 (Third Full Week)**
- Sugar Awareness Week: 18-23 (3rd Work Week)**
- No Name Calling Week: 18-23**
- National School Choice Week: 24-30 (Last Full Week)**



### Monthly Holidays

- Be Kind to Food Servers Month**
- Book Blitz Month**

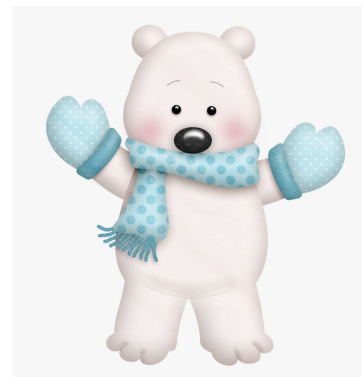
### Braille Literacy Month

- Brain Teaser Month**
- Celebration of Life Month**
- Clean Up Your Computer Month**
- Creativity Month**
- Get A Balanced Life Month**
- Glaucoma Awareness Month**
- Hot Tea Month**
- Mail Order Gardening Month**
- Mentoring Month**

### Quality of Life Month

### Rising Star Month

- Skating Month**
- Self-Love Month**
- Soup Month**
- Sunday Supper Month**
- Teen Driving Awareness Month**
- Train Your Dog Month**
- Walk Your Pet Month**





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