



# The Etna Library's

# Stuffie Sleepover 2025



**For the third year in a row, the stuffed animals of Etna and Hanover have decided to gather.**

## Their destination: The Etna Library.

**Their goal: Have the night of their lives, sleeping over at the library!**

**This collection of photos and stories documents their adventures.**







Scooter the Therapy  
Dog visits the Etna  
Library every month,  
so that kids can  
practice reading to  
him.

Scooter was at the  
library as some of  
the stuffed animals  
began to arrive. He  
insisted on being in  
a photo with them!





At 5pm, as the world outside grew ever darker...

The last of the stuffies arrived at the library.

It was time for the sleepover to begin!







The library doors were locked and the stuffies had the building all to themselves.

Their fun could begin!

What should they do first?

Read, of course!





Stitch had a brilliant idea:  
all the stuffies should  
**COMBINE** everything they  
were learning from their  
books.

Ideas, after all, become  
even better ideas when  
they're shared.

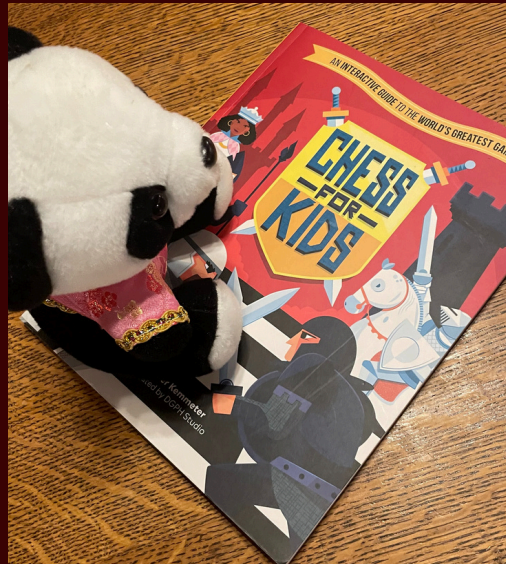




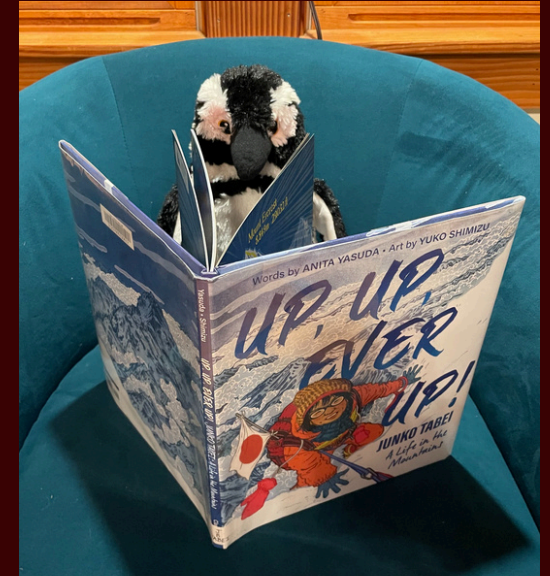
**Max was reading a book  
about bears:**



**Panda was reading a  
book about chess:**



**Penguin was reading a  
book about mountain  
climbing:**



**Bears, Chess, and Mountain Climbing..**

**How could they combine all of those  
ideas?**

**“Is there any way to  
combine bears, chess, and  
mountain climbing?,” one  
of the stuffies asked,  
doubtful.**



**It turned out there was.**



**Some of the stuffed animals had been at the library's previous sleepovers.**

**They knew that there were some activities you HAD to do while spending a night at the library.**

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**These things were TRADITIONS.**

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**Like riding the model train:**





**And receiving spa treatments:**





**(Including manicures, pedicures, and even EARicures!)**





There were lots of NEW things  
to do at the library, too!

Like admiring this amazing  
ladder that let the librarian  
reach books way up high.

(The sign said that the ladder  
was only for librarians to use,  
though...)



**Tippo the Elephant  
decided he would just  
have to become a  
librarian.**

**He WOULD be allowed on  
that ladder. Someday...**





**Kent started wondering how books were returned to the library, when the building was closed.**



**He and some other stuffed animals found this Book Drop on the library's porch.**

**Kent took a closer look, inside the book drop.**



**Until his look became a little TOO close...**





Luckily, some  
friends were able to  
pull him out!





Don the Dragon found this amazing antique telephone on the library's wall.

It was from the Etna Telephone Company, and was made in 1904! Back then, farmers had to come together to dig their own holes and cut their own poles to run telephone wires.

Don was amazed by this history. He used the phone to try to call the past.

But no one was home...







While Don couldn't hear anyone speaking from the past, a group of stuffies did find some books that could talk!

The library's VOX Books and Wonderbooks are audiobooks and print books, all-in-one. So much fun!





At this point, some of the stuffed animals started a lively game of hide-and-seek



They'll never  
find us!"

**The stuffies were having an amazing time... but they started to get hungry.**

**They tried to use the librarian's phone to order a pizza...**

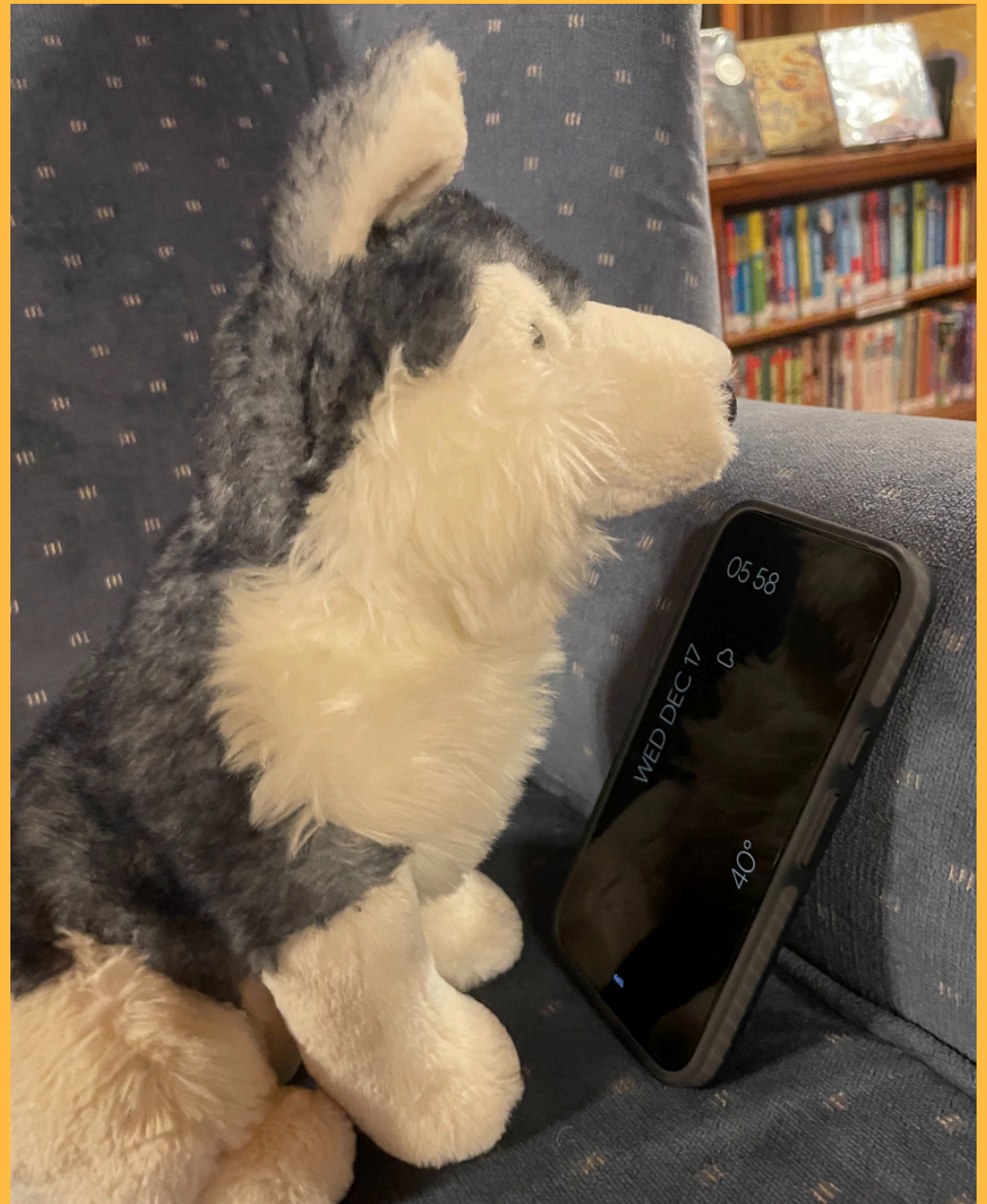
**But they couldn't get the phone to work.**





**Sun Sun's child had given her a cell phone for the sleepover.**

**"I'm only supposed to use the phone in emergencies, though," Sun Sun explained.**



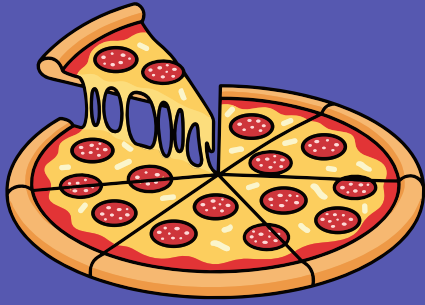
“Is THIS an emergency?” some of the stuffies asked.

Flame consulted his belly. It was rumbling. LOUDLY.

“Yes,” Flame decided, “this IS an emergency.”

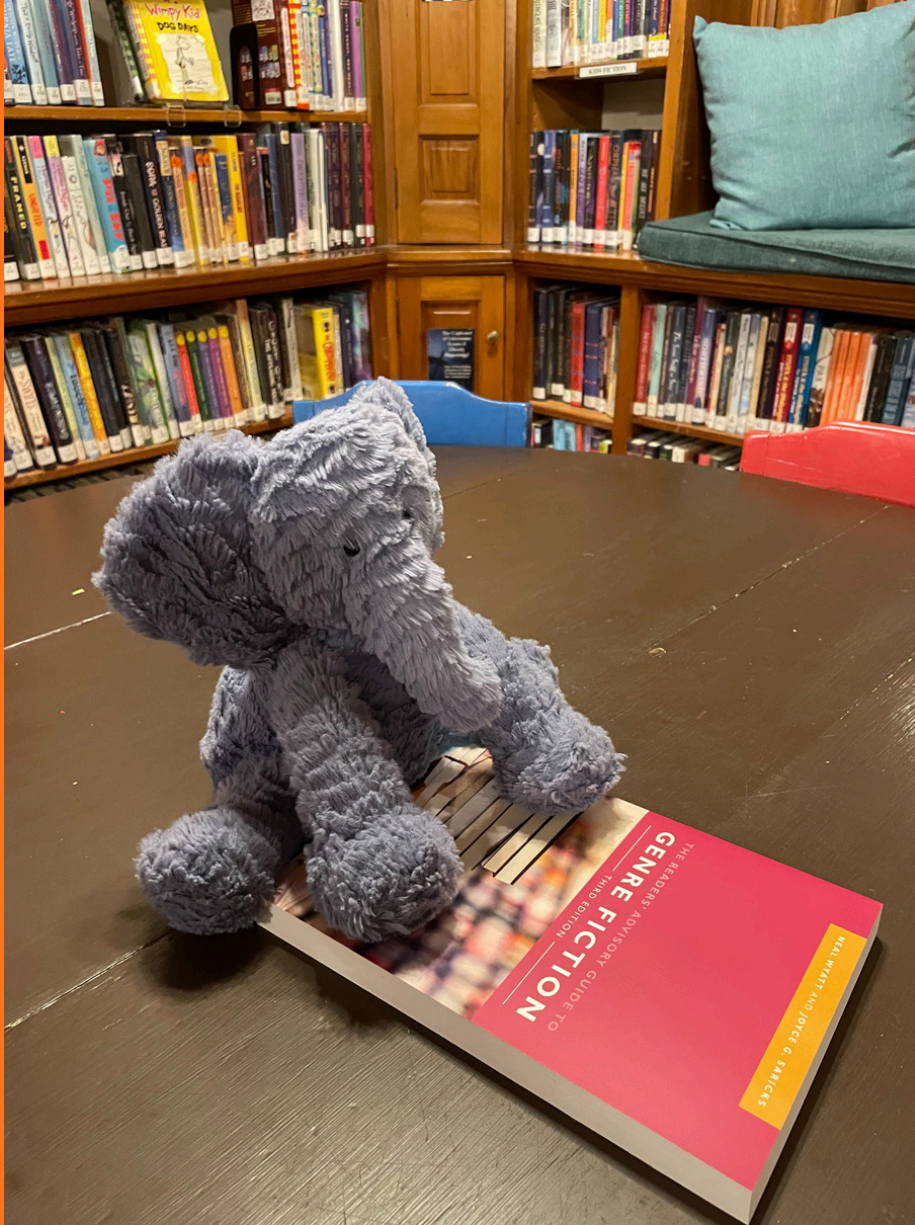






So pizza was  
ordered, delivered,  
and enjoyed!





Meanwhile, Tippo the Elephant was still pursuing his new dream of becoming a librarian, so that he could use the library's ladder...





The stuffies found a box  
filled with costumes!

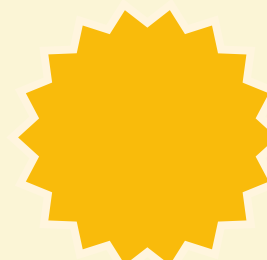
These had to be left  
over from the library's  
Halloween Costume  
Swap event!



THIS could be fun...



It was fun.





**There was something ELSE near the  
costumes, too...**



**What WAS that?**

**An inflatable ghost! One of the stuffies knew what this must be from.**

**“The library had a Haunted Story Walk before Halloween,” they said. “My boy went to it, and couldn’t stop talking about it!”**

**The stuffies looked at the inflatable ghost box again. “We can’t set it up inside the library, though, can we?” one of them asked.**







**It turned out  
they could!**

**“This is AMAZING!” Fox  
yelled.**

**“Best sleepover  
EVER!” Panda agreed.**





**“The library building is 120 years old,” Sonic announced. He’d been reading a brochure about the library’s long history.**

**“In 120 years, do you think there’s ever been an inflatable ghost in the library before?”**



**The stuffies guessed not.**

**They felt like pioneers! Like trendsetting, inflatable ghost pioneers!**





**Scooby Doo was staring at the ghost,  
shaking.**

**“Rhy is it always rhosts?” the dog  
whimpered.**



**Scooby ran away and  
hid.**

**“Would you come out of  
hiding for a Scooby  
Snack?” some stuffies  
asked the dog.**

**(It wasn’t REALLY a  
Scooby Snack, but it  
still worked).**

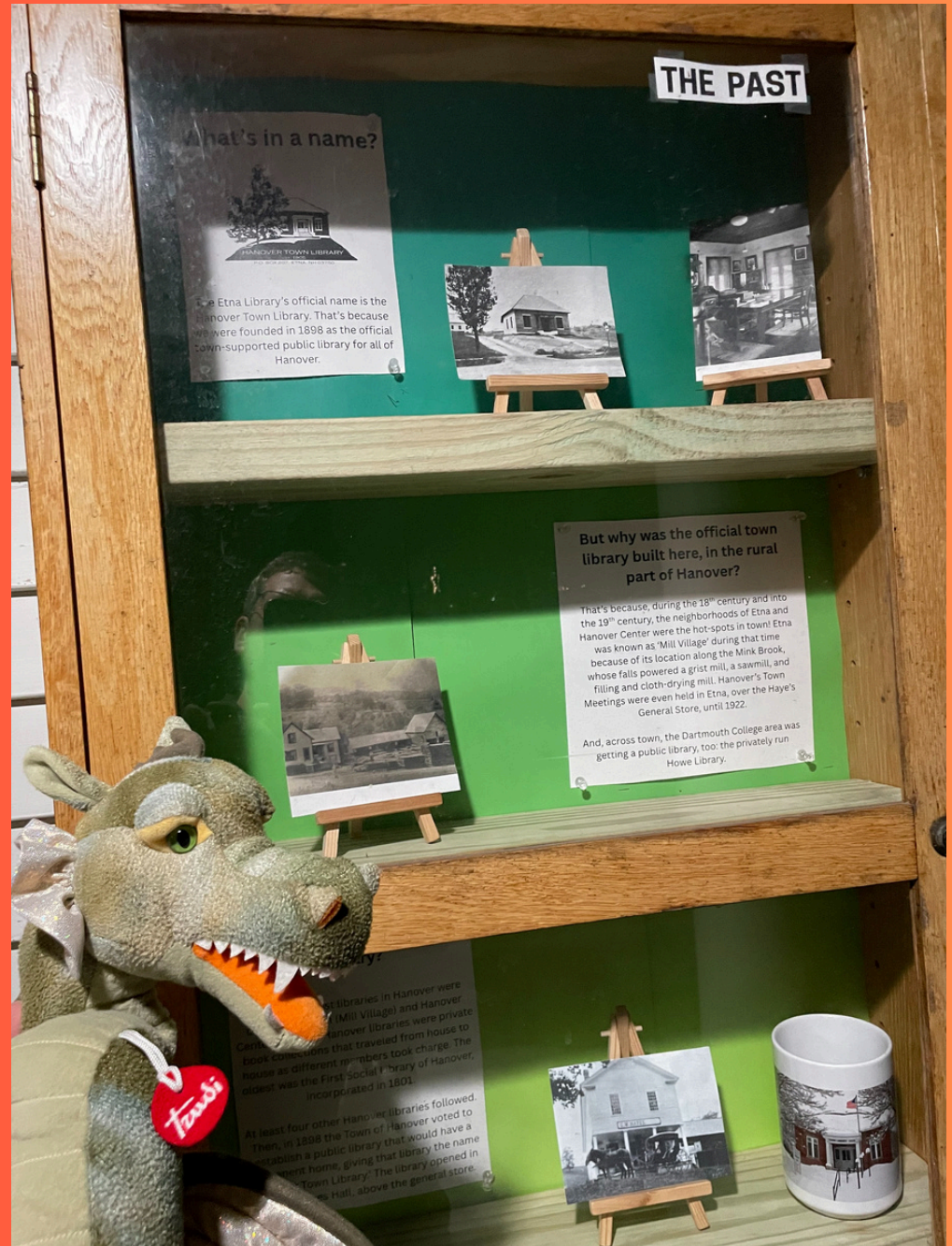




On the porch, Draco found a display case filled with more details about the Etna Library's history.

“The Etna Library’s official name is the ‘Hanover Town Library,’” Draco told the other stuffies.

Draco thought for a minute. “I think MY official name should be the Hanover Town Dragon,” he said. “It would make me sound very important.”





**Kent found one of the library's Tonieboxes - a soft, screenless audio player for kids.**

**When Tonie figures are placed on top of the box, it plays songs and tells stories.**

**Kent noticed that one of the Tonie figures was a dog, like him...**





**Kent wondered if  
songs and stories  
would play if HE sat  
on top of the Tonie  
Box.**

**They didn't.**

**(But the Tonie Box  
was still a  
comfortable seat).**





**A group of stuffies  
had some fun with  
the library's Activity  
Backpacks.**



**They were dazzled by  
some colors, learned  
about science, and  
made some noise.**

**LOTS of noise!**



**Tippo had spent ALL NIGHT  
training to be a librarian.**

**He'd read books on how to  
be a librarian. He'd helped  
other stuffies track down  
information.**

**He'd even hosted a Story  
Time for the stuffies.**

**He'd done it all so he could  
try the librarians' ladder.**

**He was READY! (He couldn't  
wait)!**



It was everything he'd  
hoped it would be.

And more.





**Many of the stuffies decided that they should go outside - even though it was very cold and dark - to see the library's new gazebo.**

**On the way, they saw that the Haunted Story Walk story was still hanging up. It was called 'Shadows Over Etna,' and was written by the Etna Library's director!**





The stuffies finally reached the gazebo. It was beautiful, nestled in the snow, beneath a dark sky.

They gathered inside the gazebo. Sitting side-by-side, the stuffies talked and laughed.

They talked about how much fun they were having. They also talked about missing their children, and about how they were looking forward to seeing them in the morning.



“This gazebo was given as a gift to the Etna Library in honor of someone,” one of the stuffies eventually said.

“Her name was Pietie Birnie,” the stuffie added, remembering what she had heard. “She lived two doors down from the library for many years.”

“The Etna Library was very important to Pietie. So, when she passed away last year, her family and friends donated this gazebo to the library, in Pietie’s honor.”



The stuffed animals were quiet. They thought about this... about how the gazebo they were all sitting in had been given as a gift.

It had been given to make others happy.... given to celebrate the life and the memory of an amazing person.

The stuffies hadn't know Pietie Birnie. But, in that moment, they felt like they HAD known her; they felt like she was still close.





After being outside, the library felt extra warm and cozy.

It was late. Eyelids were getting heavy and yawns could be heard from all corners of the library.

The stuffed animals decided to all gather together to read one last story for the night.



“Yawn!”





**After the story, and after countless ‘good nights!’ and ‘sleep tights!’, the stuffies all gathered their blankets.**

**They all gathered their pillows.**

**Then, they all found the most comfortable, the most cozy, places to rest.**







**And, one-by-one, they  
began drifting off to sleep.**

**As they slept, the stuffies  
dreamt of the night they  
had enjoyed.**

**They dreamt of reading and  
trains, of book drops and  
antique phones, of spa  
treatments and inflatable  
ghosts, and of pizzas and  
gazebos.**



**Surrounded by stories, the stuffed animals dreamt of the story that THEY, together, had created that night.**

**A story unique among the thousands now enveloping them, high on shelves, on pages lying tucked between covers, waiting to be turned.**

**A story of creatures - each filled with stuffing, each loved by a child, but otherwise very different - coming together for a night of fun and friendship.**

**A story of laughter and adventure, and of a night that they would never, ever forget.**



**Thank you to all the children who  
allowed your stuffie friend to  
spend this unforgettable night at  
the Etna Library!**



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