

We'll Get You Through the Winter by Ruth Gilbert, Youth Services Librarian

It's been a few years since we've seen a winter like the one we're experiencing right now. People have all different levels of affection for the cold months, landing on a spectrum that ranges from "I'm moving to Florida" to "Spring skiing is my favorite!" Wherever you fall, the Kirkland Town Library has something in our collection to keep you entertained and active, either mentally or physically, all winter long.

If you're sick of shoveling and you need the lure of adventure to get you outside voluntarily, come borrow one of our new kick sleds! They come in a variety of sizes, depending on the height of the person doing the kicking. To use one, you stand on the runners and push yourself along with one foot. There's also a seat for anyone who wants to come along for the ride.

We also have a collection of snowshoes in sizes for all ages. The snow doesn't seem to be going anywhere, so why not try to enjoy the beauty of the snow while getting some exercise?

If you're fully in hibernation mode until spring arrives, we have plenty to keep you busy while staying cozy indoors. Fill your home with yummy smells and tasty treats with our cake pan collection. You can borrow pans in all different shapes, including a Bundt pan and a globe-shape that you can fill with a surprise.

If you're baking with your kids and need something to do while the cake is in the oven, try our Yoto Mini player. The adorable little cube plays music, stories, and full audiobooks using cards, and it's completely screen-free. Use it to have a dance party or listen to a fascinating podcast for kids.

Of course, you'll have to wait for the cake to cool, so it's a good thing we have a collection of board games for the whole family to keep you busy! For younger children playing board games for the first time, try "Hoot Owl Hoot," a collaborative game where everyone works together to win. Borrow "Exit Game" for an escape room experience, or build a city with "Santorini." We have enough games to keep you entertained until spring time.

And when you're finally ready to veg out with a slice of cake, grab a seat on the couch and relax while your kids play with an American Girl doll, a Play With Me Kit full of toys selected to match toddlers' development, or a guitar or a ukulele. They're all available to borrow from the Kirkland Town Library.

Don't wait until spring to stop by to find out about all these items and more!