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Happy Holidays to You!

Hello Laura,

It's the most wonderful time of the year! (I know you're singing it!)

The library staff love December and all it brings with it. We try to help patrons get in the spirit, whether that's our Craft-a-Thon program to get some gifts made, or the Gingerbread House contest to help your family spend quality time together. The Readers Cafe book discussion book is a quick read, because we know you're busy right now. And we have holiday books and movies on display, if you need to pick something quickly.

We're happy to be part of Christmas in Bethlehem this weekend. Bethlehem is such a special community, and seeing all the children at the library's party is something we always look forward to. The Friends of Bethlehem Public Library are gracious party hosts and the kids will go home with crafts and decorated cookies.

Whatever you're celebrating this month, we wish you the happiest of memories, and a happy, healthy New Year!

Have a good day,

Laura

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Upcoming Program Craft-a Thon



Next Week: December 5 - 10th

Make a different craft every day! Make them to give, or to keep! Make one or more!

For Adults (age 14 and up):

Monday, December 5th 5:30 pm Embroidery Hoops ornaments

Wednesday, December 7th 2pm Quilled paper wreath decor

Thursday, December 8th 5:30pm Painted gingerbread house ornaments

Saturday, December 10th 10am Gnome decor

For Children (age 5 and up)

Tuesday, December 6th 2:30pm Paper mâché globe ornaments

Friday, December 9th 2:30 pm Painted pinecone trees

Space is limited, reservations are required. Call the Library 603-869-2409 to sign up

Upcoming Program 5th Annual Gingerbread House Contest



Submissions Due by Saturday, December 10th

Enter our contest to win a \$100 gift certificate to Little Village Toy & Book Shop

OR the People's Choice Award, a Gingerbread Cookbook with ideas for next year!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Saturday, December 10th 1pm - last day to submit your entries
- December 12th - 17th - Cast your vote for your favorite (1 vote per day)
- Monday, December 19th - Winner announced!
- Friday, December 23rd - last day to pick up your houses

Friends of the Library and Library Trustees will judge based on originality, creativity, overall appearance, and adherence to contest rules.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Contest is open to Bethlehem residents and/or Bethlehem Library cardholders.
- No kits. We have recipes for dough and icing, or use your own recipes.

This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library!

Weekly Program Preschool Story Time and Stay & Play



Join Miss Kami for stories, songs, and activities for children ages 2-5 and their caregivers. Stay after for open play: social play for kids, socializing for adults.

The last Tuesday of the month is Stay & Play. After Story Time, stay for an extra-special play time. In November, it was the Thomas the Train table. In December, it will be make your own rainbow crayons!

December Story Time themes:

December 6th Superheroes

December 13th Sky & Space

December 20th Christmas

Jolabokaflod, or Christmas Book Flood, is a beloved tradition in Iceland. Families gather together to exchange new books on Christmas Eve and everyone curls up and reads. Parents believe their children are “reading themselves into a better life”.

Readers Cafe Book Discussion

Thursday, December 15th Noon AND

Saturday, December 17th 9am

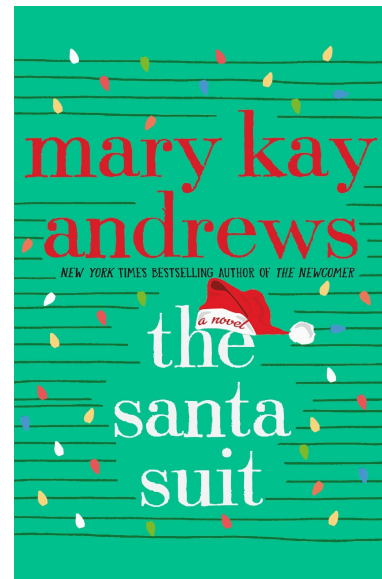
December's book is *The Santa Suit* by Mary Kay Andrews. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk.

When newly-divorced Ivy Perkins buys an old farmhouse sight unseen, she is definitely looking for a change in her life. The Four Roses, as the farmhouse is called, is a labor of love—but Ivy didn't bargain on just how much labor. The previous family left so much furniture and so much junk, that it's a full-time job sorting through all of it.

At the top of a closet, Ivy finds an old Santa suit—beautifully made and decades old. In the pocket of a suit she finds a note written in a childish hand: it's from a little girl who has one Christmas wish, and that is for her father to return home from the war. This discovery sets Ivy off on a mission. Who wrote the note? Did the man ever come home? What mysteries did the Rose family hold?

Ivy's quest brings her into the community, at a time when all she wanted to do was be left alone and nurse her wounds. But the magic of Christmas makes miracles happen, and Ivy just might find more than she ever thought possible: a welcoming town, a family reunited, a mystery solved, and a second chance at love. (Amazon)

Same book, two discussion times.



New Book: Young Adult Fiction

Seventy-three years after the events of *The Death Cure*, the descendants have thrived...

Sadina, Isaac, and Jackie all learned about the unkind history of the Gladers from The Book of Newt and tall tales from Old Man Frypan, but when a rusty old boat shows up one day with a woman bearing dark news of the mainland—everything changes. The group and their islander friends are forced to embark back to civilization where they find Cranks have evolved into a more violent, intelligent version

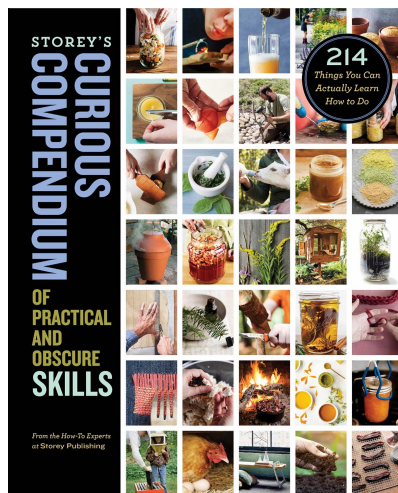


of themselves. They are hunted by the Godhead, the Remnant Nation, and scientists with secret agendas. When they cross paths with an orphan named Minho from the Remnant Nation, the dangers become real and they don't know who they can trust. The islanders will have to survive long enough to figure out why they are being targeted, who is friend or foe, and what the Godhead has planned for the future of humanity. (Syndetics Unbound)

The first of a new trilogy, after Maze Runner.

[Reserve Maze Cutter now!](#)

New Book: Adult Non-Fiction



214 Things You Can Actually Learn How to Do

Have you ever wondered how to capture a swarm of bees? Predict the weather by the clouds? And just how do you darn a pair of socks, anyway? Anyone curious about the myriad ways people have taught themselves to make, grow, and build things will find everything they've ever wondered about in this colorful, inviting volume. With dozens of useful and intriguing visual tutorials, you can learn how to carve a turkey, create a butterfly garden, set up a dog agility course, keep a nature sketchbook, navigate by the stars, and more. Whether you plan to “do it yourself” or just love reading about how things are done, this rich compendium will educate, fascinate, spark conversation, and inspire new hobbies and experiences. (Amazon)

[Reserve the book now!](#)

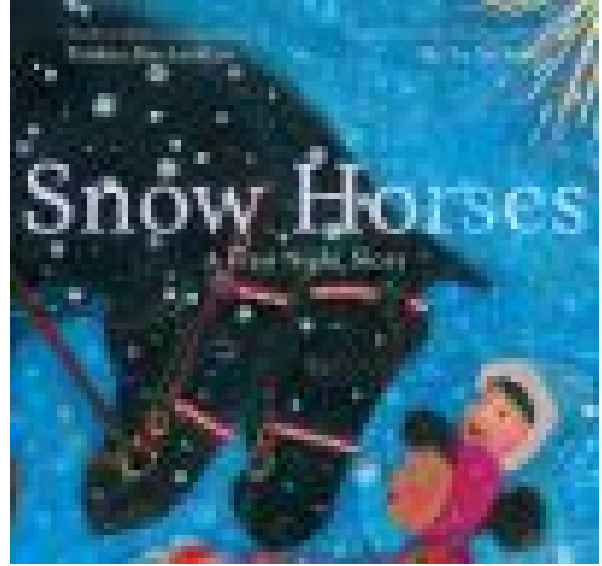
New Book: Children's Picture Book

**From Newbery Medal–
winning author
Patricia MacLachlan**

On the very last evening before the new year,
when the snow is falling soft and thick, two
black horses wait for the jingle of their sled.
As they ride about town, they will spread
light to their beloved neighbors, bidding

farewell to the last night—and saying hello to the first morning. (Amazon)

Reserve the book now!



Downloadable Books and Audiobooks

The advertisement features a tablet held by a person's hands, displaying the text of 'Stave I - Marley's Ghost' from Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'. The text on the tablet reads: 'MARLEY was dead: to begin with. There is no doubt whatever about that. The register of his burial was signed by the clergyman, the clerk, the undertaker, and the chief mourner. Scrooge signed it: and Scrooge's name was good upon 'Change, for anything he chose to put his hand to. Old Marley was as dead as a door-nail. Mind! I don't mean to say that I know, of my own knowledge, what there is particularly dead about a door-nail. I might have been inclined, myself, to regard a coffin-nail as the dearest piece of ironmongery in the trade. But the wisdom of our ancestors is in the simile; and my unhallowed hands shall not disturb it, or the Country's done for. You will therefore perceive me to repeat, emphatically, that Marley was as dead as a door-nail.' The background of the advertisement shows a wooden surface with several wrapped Christmas gifts and a small branch of a Christmas tree. The 'OverDrive' logo is in the top left corner, and the 'Read on Libby' logo is in the bottom center.

Updates Complete on Overdrive/Libby

Patron records were updated recently. If you have trouble logging on, please call the library 603-869-2409.

Holiday Closures:

Saturday, December 24th & Monday, December 26th - Christmas
Monday, January 2nd - New Year's



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