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BOOK THE HALLS! HOLIDAY READING LIST



It's that time of year, when the world falls in love with the best gift of all, a thoughtfully selected book. Offered below is a small sampling of seasonal works you can find at the library.

Picture Books:

A Visit to Grandma's by Nancy Carlson; *A Turkey for Thanksgiving* by Eve Bunting; *Bad Kitty Christmas* by Nick Bruel; *A Wild Christmas Reindeer* and *Christmas Trolls* by Jan Brett; *Pig the Elf* by Aaron Blabey; *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg; *I've Seen Santa!* by David Bedford

Adult Fiction:

A Cedar Cove Christmas by Debbie Macomber; *The Christmas Box*, *The Christmas Candle* and *The Christmas List* by Richard Paul Evans; *The Christmas Sweater* by Glenn Beck; *The Christmas Quilt* by Jennifer Chiaverini; *Christmas with Tucker* and *A Dog Named Christmas* by Greg Kincaid.

NAT'L BROWNIE DAY @ WPL

Thursday, Dec 8 — 11am until all the brownies are gone!

Join the staff in celebrating National Brownie Day. Indulge in gooey goodness and let the world melt away for a delectable moment!

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Library will be closed on:

- ◆ **Thursday, November 24** and **Friday, November 25** for Thanksgiving
- ◆ **Friday, December 23, Saturday, December 24** and **Monday, December 26** for Christmas
- ◆ **Monday, January 2** for New Years

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M & W: 9:30am-6:00pm
T & TH: 9:30am - 8:30pm
F: 9:30am-5:00pm
S: 9:30am-4:00pm
Sun: Closed

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HONORING OUR VETERANS: A READING LIST

Veterans Day in the United States—November 11—is our national day to honor and thank America's veterans and active-duty service members. To commemorate the day, here's a reading list from [Goodreads](#) that portrays the plight of modern-day American soldiers. These books may be found in our library collection.

And No Birds Sang by Farley Mowat; *Paris 1919* by Margaret MacMillan; *A Bridge Too Far* by Cornelius Ryan; *My War* by Andy Rooney; *The Caine Mutiny* by Herman Wouk; *From Baghdad, With Love* by Jay Kopelman; *Island; Fighting* by Rafael Steinberg; *Killing Rommel* by Steven Pressfield; *Blue Sky White Stars* by Sarvinder Naberhaus; *A Soldier of the Great War* by Mark Helprin; *Winnie: The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winne-the-Pooh* by Sally M. Walker; *The First World War* by John Keegan



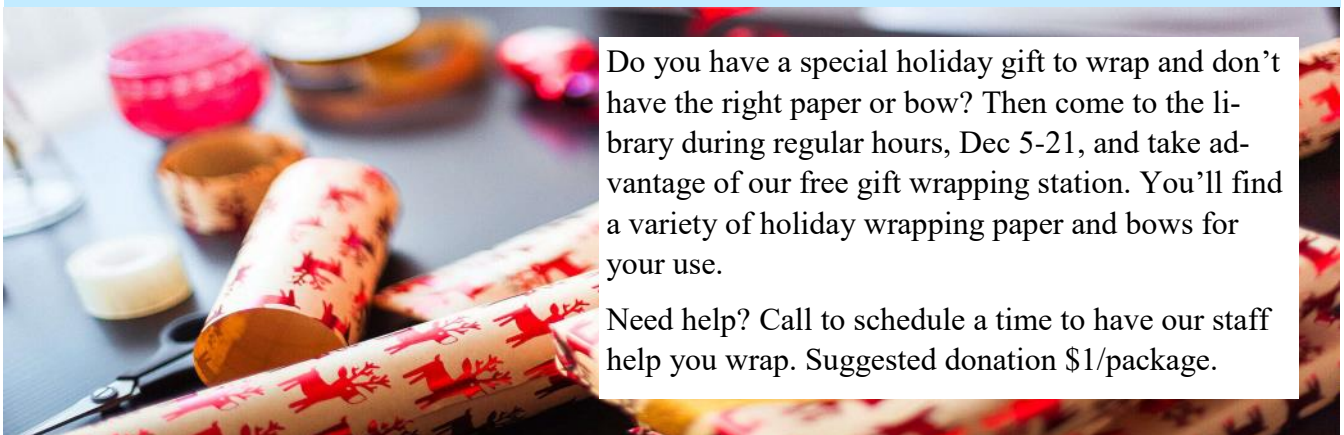
NaNoWriMo

National Novel Writing Month (often shortened to NaNoWriMo), is an annual, Internet-based creative writing project that takes place every year during the month of November.

Participants attempt to write a 50,000-word manuscript between November 1 and November 30.

WPL Fiction Writing Contest: Entries are due on November 30 at 5pm. Prizes will be awarded. More information and entry forms can be found at the circulation desk.

HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING STATION



Do you have a special holiday gift to wrap and don't have the right paper or bow? Then come to the library during regular hours, Dec 5-21, and take advantage of our free gift wrapping station. You'll find a variety of holiday wrapping paper and bows for your use.

Need help? Call to schedule a time to have our staff help you wrap. Suggested donation \$1/package.

A SPECIAL DONATION: A WOOD CARVING BY WILLARD SHAFER

You may have already seen the wood carving of the Library which is currently located in our upstairs display case.

It's with special thanks to Nick Struble for donating this carving to the Library. His grandfather, Willard Shafer was a construction superintendent with Walz Harmon and Huffman Construction on the Library's expansion. Mr. Shafer was proud to be involved with the Library expansion. He always created a wood carving of special jobs he was involved in and so he did with the Library.

We are very proud to have this wonderful carving at the Library. If you haven't seen it, please stop in and take a look!



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

CHILDREN

Raising Readers Storytime & Craft—Wednesdays at 10:30am

Youth Reading Sessions—1st Saturday at 10a

Pajama Storytime—Thursday, Nov 17 and Dec 15 at 6:30pm

Winter Reading Challenge—Dec 1-31.

CRAFTS

Recycled Tin Can Craft—Thursday, Nov 10 @ 4:30pm. All supplies provided.

Graham Cracker Gingerbread House—Thursday, Dec 8 @ 4:30pm. All supplies provided.

Check our [website](#) for updated program information



Sign up at Library for the "Birthday Club" and receive a post card and redeem for a prize at the library on your special day!



PROGRAMS & EVENTS (CONT.)

ALL AGES

Pokémon Trading Card Club—3rd Saturday from noon-2pm. Join other Pokemon fans to trade cards and play games.

Game Knights/Family Game Day—1st Saturday, 1-2:30 p.m., beginning Oct. 1, all ages welcome. Bring your own board games or check out the library's collection.

NaNoWriMo—Nov 1-30. In honor of National Novel Writing Month. Entry forms and rules available at the circulation desk. Deadline: Nov 30, 6pm.

Pokémon Scavenger Hunt—Nov 4 and Dec 30 during open hours.

ADULTS

PROGRAMS

The Bookies Book Club—meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 5:30pm. The Bookies read a variety of topics and genres.

Soups & Series—Select Mondays at 6 pm. Nov 7 (*Wild Bill Hickock & the Lawmen*); Nov 28 (*Wyatt Earp & the Gunfight at the OK Corral*); Dec 12 (*Dream Trains, Short Hops & Whistle Stops*). Titles subject to change.

CRAFTS & WORKSHOPS

Adult Coloring—Tuesday afternoons, all supplies provided, free of charge.

Cricut Crafts—Cricut crafts for beginners, First Weds., 6 p.m., \$1 charge.

Dollar Tree Hacks & Crafts—Join library staff as they present a life hack or craft using primarily Dollar Tree materials. Third Monday, 5 p.m. All materials provided, free of charge.

Santa's Elf Christmas Workshop—Saturday, Nov 12. Morning Session 10:30am-12:30pm; Afternoon Session 12:30-4pm. \$10/session. Registration required. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy a full day workshop. All materials provided.



COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Tech Tuesdays — Join Jarrod on Tuesday evenings between 6:00 - 8:30pm. He is ready to assist you with your technology questions by phone or in person.

RECEIVE WPL NEWS IN YOUR INBOX!



Save a tree! Sign up to receive *The Library Ledger* by email! Send your request to: mkern@wellingtonpubliclibrary.org or notify a library staff member.



STAFF READS & HOLIDAY FAVORITES

Amber: *Fairy Tale* by Stephen King

Chalishia: *Millie and the Great Drought: A Dust Bowl Survival Story* by Natasha Deen. Holiday Favorite: *The Christmas Box* by Richard Paul Evans

Jo: *Perish Twice* by Robert B. Parker

Kathy: *The Devil Himself* by Peter Farris, *Imaginary Friend* by Stephen Chbosky and *Flash Fiction International: Very Short Stories from Around the World*

Kendall: *Abandon Trilogy* series by Meg Cabot. Holiday Favorite: *A Christmas by the Sea* by Melody Carlson

Monica: *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett, *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor and *In the Woods* by Tana French

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE



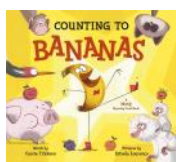
The movie, "It's a Wonderful Life" first hit the box office in Dec 1946 to mixed reviews and fell into obscurity until its re-emergence in the 1970s and 80s.

The movie is based on "The Greatest Gift," a 1939 short story written by Philip Van Doren Stern. After spending several years trying to sell his story, Stern self-published it and sent it to 200 friends as a 21-page Christmas card in 1943.

In the late 1940s, "It's a Wonderful Life" received an official mark of disapproval from the FBI, which pegged the poignant film as Communist propaganda thanks to its populist themes and, more specifically, unflattering portrayal of big-city bankers.

NEW CHILDREN AND YA TITLES

CHILDREN



Counting to Bananas by Carrie Tilotson



Creepy Pair of Underwear! by Aaron Reynolds



Cat Kid Comic Club (graphic novel) by Dav Pilkey

JUVENILE



Millie and the Great Drought: a Dust Bowl Survival Story by Natasha Deen



Alice on the Island: A Pearl Harbor Survival Story by Mayumi Shimose Poe



Ann Fights for Freedom: An Underground Railroad Survival Story by Nikki Shannon Smith

YOUNG ADULT



Ghost of Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson



Miss Peregrine's Museum of Wonders by Ransom Riggs



Lightlark by Alex Aster

NEW ADULT TITLES

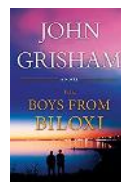
ADULT FICTION BOOKS



Demon Copperhead
by Barbara Kingsolver



The Last Chairlift by
John Irving



The Boys from Biloxi
by John Grisham



Fairy Tale by Stephen
King



*Long Shadows (Amos
Decker #7)* by David
Baldacci

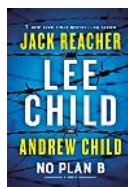


The Christmas Spirit
by Debbie Macomber

LARGE-PRINT BOOKS



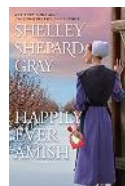
*Livid: A Scarpetta
Novel (#26)* by Patricia
Cornwell



*No Plan B (Jack
Reacher #27)* by Lee
Child



CHRISTIAN ROMANCE

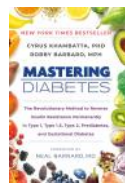


*Happily Ever Amish
(The Amish of Apple
Creek #1)* by Shelly
Shepard Gray



*Under the Starry Skies
(Love on the Santa Fe
#3)* by Tracie Peterson

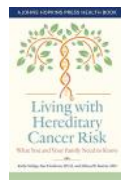
ADULT NON-FICTION BOOKS / HEALTH-WISE



*Mastering Diabetes:
The Revolutionary
Method to Reverse
Insulin Resistance*
by Khambatta and
Barbaro

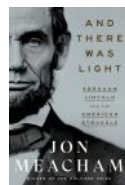


*Still Distracted after
all these years: Help
and Support for Older
Adults with ADHD* by
Kathleen Nadeau

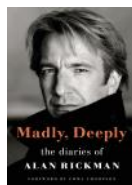


*Living with Hereditary
Cancer Risk: What You
and Your Family need
to know (A Johns Hop-
kins Press Health
Book)*

HIGHLY ANTICIPATED BIOGRAPHIES



*And there was
light: Abra-
ham Lincoln
and the Amer-
ican Struggle*
by Jon Meacham



*Madly,
Deeply: The
Diaries of
Alan Rick-
man*
by Alan Rickman



*I'm Glad my
Mom Died*
by Jennette
McCurdy



*Beyond Possi-
ble: One Man,
14 Peaks, and
the Mountaineer-
ing Achieve-
ment of a Lifetime* by
Nimsdai Purja