

Between the Lines

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Enjoy the sights and sounds of the holidays

Fill your home with the sights and sounds of the holidays by checking out a CD or DVD from the Library in December.

Watching a holiday movie together can be a great tradition to start. Stop in and pick up a classic movie like "It's a Wonderful Life" or "Miracle on 34th Street." Or, check out a modern holiday classic movie like "Elf," "The Santa Clause," or "Olive, the Other Reindeer." The Library has holiday movies that are sure to please the entire family.

Instructional videos are a great way to learn a new decorating or cooking technique. DVDs such as "Martha's Favorite Cookies" and "Alton Brown's Good Eats" can help you jump-start your holiday baking.

Too busy to get to the Library? You can also download instructional videos from the library's website through MyLibraryDV. Videos from "America's Test Kitchen" and "Julia and Jacques Cooking at Home" will help you cook up an unforgettable holiday meal.

The Library has a large selection of holiday CDs to get you in the spirit of the season. Check out an old favorite like Vince Guaraldi's "A Charlie Brown Christmas" or "Christmas with Bing Crosby, Nat King Cole, and Dean Martin." Or give something new a try like "Christmas Eve and Other Stories" from the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. You can also find titles such as "Kwanzaa Music: a Celebration of Black Cultures in Song" or "Jewish and Israeli Holiday Songs." From traditional to contemporary music, the Library has whatever you are looking for. The Library also has songbooks so you can make your own music.

Of course the Library has cookbooks and decorating idea books to make your home sparkle for the holidays.

Don't miss the "Cookie and Cupcake Decorating for the Holidays" program on December 13 or the Youth Services Department Holiday Tree Decorating from December 1–23. See inside for more details.

Why not make visiting the Library part of your family's holiday tradition? From movies to music to books, you'll find everything you need to make your holiday season merry and bright. ♦



Tote your books in style

Looking for a convenient way to carry home the materials you have just checked out or a special place to store them until it is time to return them to the Library? Purchase a Friends of the Carol Stream Public Library tote bag. These attractive red and black canvas bags feature a sturdy handle and Velcro closure. Affordably priced at \$5.00 (\$4.50 if you're a member of the Friends), these tote bags make great teacher gifts, too. ♦

Library closings

- ◆ Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)
- ◆ Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas)
- ◆ Monday, December 31, close at 5:00 p.m. (New Year's Eve)
- ◆ Tuesday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

YOUTH SERVICES

To sign up for a program or for more information, please stop by the Youth Services Desk, contact the Youth Services Department at 630-344-6127, or visit the Library's website at www.cslibrary.org.



Holiday Tree Decorating

December 1–23

The Youth Services Department is looking for children to help them decorate their holiday tree. Bring a handmade ornament to the Youth Services Desk and receive a festive thank-you gift in return. The Librarians will then invite each child to place what they have brought on the tree. Need ideas? Take a look at the holiday craft books on the shelves at the end of the Easy section. ♦

Holiday Tot Time

Tuesday, December 4, 10:00–10:30 a.m.

Tot Time provides fun and participation opportunities for youngsters three and under accompanied by a caregiver. Sign-up is already underway. ♦

Baby & Me

Wednesday, December 12, 10:00–10:30 a.m.

Parents are invited to drop in with their children from birth to one year for rhymes, stories and gentle play. This informal program is offered the second Wednesday of each month. No siblings, please. ♦

Saturday Chess for Kids

December 17, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

For ages eight and up

Young people are invited to meet and play friendly matches with other chess enthusiasts. Participants should meet age requirements and have some knowledge of the game. Registration is recommended, but drop-in players are also welcome. Offered the third Saturday of each month. ♦

Check It Out: YA book club

Friday, December 21, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

For grades six and up

Sign up begins Friday, November 16; drop-ins are welcome

Young Adults celebrating this magical season, or who are just bored with the humdrum of every day life, are invited to dive into the world of fantasy and “Check It Out.” Some of the newest fantasy books and series on the shelves will be explored, so if you are a fan of *Harry Potter*, *The Warriors*, or the *Ranger's Apprentice*, this event is for you! Refreshments will also be served. ♦



Trading Card & Board Game Day

Monday, December 31, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

For ages six and up

Registration is not required

Are you in the mood for a little friendly competition? If your answer is yes, then the Library has just the program you're looking for. Come to the Community Room to participate in a fun-filled hour of table games. In addition to Yu-Gi-Oh, Magic-The Gathering, and other similar card games there will be a variety of board games to play. Since the emphasis is on fun, the buying, selling, and trading of cards will not be allowed. ♦



Reading Patch Club

Read something by your favorite author this month and earn a “Favorite Author” patch. Not a member of Patch Club? Ask at the Youth Services Desk for details on how to join. ♦

Coming in January

School's Out Special Movie: “Meet the Robinsons”

Saturday, January 5, 1:30 p.m.

For school-age children and adults

Enjoy your last weekend before school starts by coming to a movie. Covered drinks and dry snacks are allowed and no registration is required. Call or check the Library's website for more details. ♦

Miss Anna's Music Class

Wednesday, January 16, 10:00–10:45 a.m.

For children five and under, with a parent

Sign up begins December 29

Anna Stange, music teacher and former elementary school teacher, will share her lively folk music with the children. ♦

Tails and Tales: Paws for Reading



Wednesdays, January 16, January 23 or January 30
6:30–8:00 p.m.

For grades K–4

Sign up begins Saturday, December 29

Young students can boost their reading skills by sharing stories with a furry friend. During this animal-assisted reading experience, children will be given the chance to read to a certified therapy assistance dog. Each child will have fifteen minutes to sit and read with an animal. Registration is limited and parents must sign a permission form. ♦

ADULT SERVICES

Advance registration is requested for the following programs. To sign up for a program, please stop by the Information Desk, contact the Library at 630-653-0755, or visit the Library's website at www.cslibrary.org.

If a signer or other special accommodation is needed for a program, please contact the Adult Services Desk at 630-344-6123.

Cookie and Cupcake Decorating for the Holidays

Thursday, December 13

7:00–8:30 p.m.

Adults and school-age children accompanied by an adult
Registration is limited to 50



Professional Pastry Chef Rose Deneen will demonstrate the basics of cookie and cupcake decorating. Participants will learn several simple decorating ideas using easy-to-find products, just in time for Christmas! Samples and recipes will be provided. ♦

Don't Pay the College Sticker Price!

Thursday, January 17

7:00 p.m.

Save the date for this upcoming informative program on college financial planning. Joseph Orsolini, an experienced Certified Financial Planner and a Certified College Planning Specialist from College Aid Planners in Glen Ellyn, will get you started on learning the ins and outs of the college financial aid system. ♦

Library Elf*

Have you signed up for email notification at the library but still find you need a bit more information about what you have checked out, when your items are due, or what you have on hold? Or maybe you're looking for an easier way to keep track of everything your entire family has checked out? If so, then Library Elf* is the perfect service for you!

Register your Carol Stream Public Library card number (that fourteen digit barcode number on your card) and your Library PIN with Library Elf, and you will receive:

- Email and/or RSS alerts before items are due (you can pick how many days in advance and how often)
- Email and/or RSS alerts on overdues and holds
- A consolidated list of yours or your family's library loans and holds
- Cell phone text message alerts for holds
- Real-time checking by browser

Check out <http://www.libraryelf.com> to see how Library ELF can help you.

*This is a free service offered by JANDI Enterprises Inc., a privately owned company in Vancouver, British Columbia, and is run entirely separate from the online catalog of the Carol Stream Public Library. It is not owned or maintained by the Library. ♦



eBay Selling 101

Wednesday, December 5, 7:00–8:45 p.m.

or Tuesday, December 11, 1:00–2:45 p.m.

Registration is limited to 70

Back by popular demand!

Ready to profit from selling some of your "stuff" on eBay? Plan to attend this informative and fun program taught by eBay University Instructor Jack Waddick.

In just 90 minutes, Jack will walk you through the keys to successful eBay selling. This session will also include live demos on eBay.com and time for your questions. Don't wait...register today. ♦

Register to vote at the Library

The Illinois General Primary Election will be held on February 5, 2008. Are you registered to vote? If not, you can take care of that the next time you are in the library!

Who can register

In order to register to vote, you must meet these qualifications:

- You must be a United States citizen
- You must be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
- You must live in your election precinct at least 30 days before the next election
- You must not be convicted and in jail
- You cannot claim the right to vote anywhere else

Where and how to register

- You must register at least 28 days prior to an election in order to vote in that election. The last day you can register to vote in the February 5th General Primary Election will be January 8, 2008.
- When registering, be sure to bring two forms of identification with you, one of which must have your correct address on it. ♦

YOUR LIBRARY AND YOU

Share with others this season

The Library is once again serving as a collection point for the annual Carol Stream Christmas Sharing drive. Food and toys will be gathered and distributed to needy Carol Stream residents during the holiday season. All non-perishable food items will be accepted. Other appreciated items include personal care products.

Directors of the Christmas Sharing program request that any toys donated to the cause be new toys in their original packaging and not gift wrapped. Toys are needed for children of all ages, including older children and teens. Clothing and used toys will not be accepted.

A collection box for donations is located near the Circulation Desk. The drive will continue through December 10, at which time donations will be collected by Christmas Sharing volunteers and prepared for distribution. When doing holiday shopping, please think of those in need and buy an extra item or two for the collection box. It will help a less fortunate Carol Stream family have an enjoyable holiday season. ♦

Best wishes for a happy holiday season
from the Carol Stream Public Library Staff
and Board of Trustees!

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LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

The third Wednesday of every month:
December 19
7:30 p.m.

Held in the Library's Conference Room
The public is invited to attend

PLEASE NOTE: Attendance at Library programs and events constitutes consent to be photographed for Library publicity purposes.



HOURS
Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday–Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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