

December Arlington Library News

It's that magical time of the year when we are on a mission preparing to celebrate and bring our inner child to the forefront. At the library we are doing the same.

Christmas books and movies have been pulled from our collection and placed on our holiday-ready book cart. That could make your seasonal selections a bit easier. Our Christmas reading program is in progress for all ages. Once a book is read, you are able to apply stickers to our Christmas tree, and earn tickets toward prizes. This is much like what was done at our Summer Reading Program.

We have been working at changing the physical space at the library also. We now have a **Library of Things**. Some of the items included are our blood pressure monitor that you can use in the library or check out, cake pans to check out, and the use of our laminator. Also, we now have a community resource brochure tower for informational use. There are other changes that you will just have to come in to see.

Here is a synopsis of our book club selection for December, *A Christmas Duet*: When Hailey's close friend offers her family's empty cabin for a rejuvenating solo retreat, Hailey finally decides to do something to make herself happy. However, her arrival in small-town Podunk, Washington, is anything but peaceful when she discovers the cabin is occupied by several wild animals. Luckily, Jay, the mayor's son—who happens to be an incredibly charming former musician—is more than willing to help.

Some of our new/new to us selections include:

Juvenile section- *The Stinky Cheese Man and other Fairly Stupid Tales* by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith, this book contains a collection of fractured fairy tales that parodies classic stories through absurd and irreverent retellings, like the title story where the Gingerbread Man is replaced by a pungent cheese man." Check this book out for a new spin on some old favorites.

Young Adult section: *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds: The novel is set in contemporary America and follows the experiences of Rashad Butler, an African-American junior, and Quinn Collins, a white senior. Their lives intersect dramatically when Rashad is brutally beaten by a police officer at a convenience store, mistakenly accused of theft after a woman accidentally trips over him. This incident occurs just as both boys are heading to a party, and it sets off a chain reaction of events that deeply affects their community and their personal lives.

Adult section: *Honeymoon* by James Patterson: The story follows Nora Sinclair, a captivating and beautiful interior decorator whose lovers have a tendency to meet untimely deaths. As she navigates her glamorous life, she becomes the subject of investigation by FBI Agent John O'Hara, who is drawn to her charm but also suspicious of her involvement in the mysterious deaths surrounding her. The tension escalates as John adopts the alias of Craig Reynolds to infiltrate Nora's world, leading to a complex cat-and-mouse game filled with psychological intrigue and moral ambiguity.

Come in to see us, join in our activities, and know that we consider each of you a valuable gift in our community! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from each of us! Until next time...**Keep Reading!**



December Library Activities

- Tuesdays–Adult program, **Coffee And Conversation**, 9:00 AM.

- Saturday, December 13,

Santa at the Library

10 AM-11 AM Story Hour with Santa

11 AM-12 PM Christmas BINGO, Library Scavenger Hunt, Cookies and Cocoa for Kids of ALL Ages

- Date to be determined in December, child's and teen's program. **STEM activities.** We will reveal our Maker Cart which includes 3D Doodlers, Makey Makeys, and microbits. We will have activities including some of this STEM technology. Watch Facebook and Instagram for more information and the date/time.
- Tuesday, December 30, Adult program, **Book Group**, *A Christmas Duet* by Debbie Macomber, 3:30 PM-4:30 PM. (See a summary of the book on the back of this newsletter.)

All Month Long

Christmas Reading Program for all ages. For books read, participants will earn tickets for prizes and help us decorate our Christmas tree. This is similar to what was done for our Summer Reading Program. We have many Christmas books and movies pulled from our collection in case you want to just read books of the season.

Santa's mailbox is waiting for your cards and letters. You are never too old or too young to write to Santa. We will give them to Santa when he comes to visit. If your letter is not finished, we will give it to Mailman Steve for delivery to the North Pole. Also, our **Elf on the Shelf** will be reading his way through December. He always seems to find a good book and a different location. Please come in to see what he is doing. Hopefully he will not cause any problems for us.

*** Due to the holidays interlibrary loan deliveries will not be made between Christmas and New Years. If you are planning to order a book, please plan to order it early***