

# The Monticello Public Library News

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## Santas Claim Display Case

Chris Johnson, from Brooklyn Wisconsin, has graciously agreed to share part of her huge Santa collection with the library this month.

Chris has been collecting Santas for about ten years. Several members of her family collect Santas too. Needless to say, Chris loves Santas. Visiting her home during the holidays is a special treat.

She gets her Santas on sale after Christmas or she gets them from family and friends for gifts. When the Christmas season is over, the Santas are stored in plastic crates and put away for the rest of the year.

She is partial to the ones with animals and the Santa holding the fox is among her favorites. Her husband, Bob, has a favorite too and it is the large all-white Santa on the second shelf.

There are twenty-four Santas displayed with seven old-world type Santas, three traditional red-suited Santas, two reindeer Santas, three white suited ones, a U-W Wisconsin Santa, two candlestick ones, a toy-making Santa complete with denim overalls and tape measures. As all of Mrs. Balleine's students know, she loves frogs and there are two frog Santas as well as a teddy bear Santa.

In the children's picture book area, there is a snoring sleeping Santa to delight the youngsters. Many of the Santas are battery operated and move, snore, play music, etc.

Come to the library during the month of December to get your Santa Fix! Thanks Chris for coming all the way from Brooklyn to treat us.

## “Have a Ho Ho Ho-liday @Your Li- brary”

In addition to having Chris' Santas on display, the Friends have chosen a Santa theme for their 2008 Christmas Gift Giving Tree fundraiser.

So hurry on down to the library to purchase your Santa, decorate it, autograph it and hang it on the tree. Your generosity will help the library to purchase laptop computers to aid in our conversion to a wireless Internet when our grant from LSTA is received in 2009.

Anne Schultz was the first adult to purchase a \$20 Santa on December 1st and Carolyn Johnson was the second. Nathan and Ryan Wiedmer were the first children to purchase and decorate Santas. Red capped Santas are available for \$5, Green for \$10, Yellow for \$15 and Purple for \$20. Snowflakes for \$1 are available to children to decorate too. Our tree is looking festive. You are giving yourself a gift as well as the library when you purchase a Santa for the tree. After the holidays, you may take your Santas and Snowflakes home. Thank you for your support and Happy Holidays.

## Thank You

The Friends of the Library, the Library Board, and the Library Staff would like to thank everyone involved in our 4th Silent

Auction held in November. The money (\$2600) raised will be used to purchase laptop computers to be used with our wireless Internet grant in 2009. This will allow more people to access the Internet in the library.

A special Thank You to Pat Sellon and Lynn Witt for setting up all the items, writing letters, etc., to the men who moved and removed tables, and to the Zwingli Church for loaning us the tables. Thanks to all who furnished bars, to Grace who collected the money, to all those who contributed baskets and items and to all who purchased items and baskets. You have made the Silent Auction a very successful fundraiser once again. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated. It's great to have so many wonderful people care about our library!

## Book Discussion

The Book Discussion Group will be meeting for a private Christmas Book Discussion Potluck on December 17th. They will be reading and discussing Jean Shepherd's IN GOD WE TRUST, ALL OTHERS PAY CASH. This is the book that the Christmas classic movie, A CHRISTMAS STORY, was based on.

All the votes have been tabulated and the new Book Discussion Reading List for 2009 will be ready for pick-up.

On Wednesday, 21, 2009, the group will be reading THE UN-

DOMESTIC GODDESS by Sophie Kinsella. Books will be available at the library and the Group will meet at the library at 7:30 p.m.

## New DVDs

Among the new titles purchased in November are: WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE YOUR FATHER; TRANSIBERIAN; THOMAS KINKADE'S CHRISTMAS COTTAGE; NOELLE; KUNG FU PANDA; THIS CHRISTMAS; SCRUBS 7; HELLBOY 2; BEER FOR MY HORSES; CLONEWARS; BONES 3; CHRISTMAS MIRACLES AT SAGE CREEK; THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE OF JONATHAN TOOMEY; THE BERENSTAIN BEARS CHRISTMAS TREE; JEFF DUNHAM'S VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SPECIAL; SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2; WALL-E; PERFECT HOLIDAY; TROPIC THUNDER; THE CLIQUE; CLASSIC CHRISTMAS FAVORITES; THE ORIGINAL CHRISTMAS CLASSICS; COLORS & COUNTING; MUNCHIN MATH—SHAPES; IT'S TIME FOR COUNTING; COLORS, SHAPES & COUNTING; GUESS THAT SHAPE & COLOR; MATH CIRCUS; BABY SONGS: ABC, 123, COLORS & SHAPES; WINNIE THE POOH—SHAPES & COLORS; BLUE'S CLUES SHAPES & COLORS; 24: REDEMPTION; SPACE CHIMPS; MEET DAVE; FRED CLAUS; LARRY THE CABLE GUY'S STAR STUDDED CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA; HANCOCK; DAIRY COWS KEEPING WISCONSIN GREEN; GROWING WISCONSIN CAREERS; FARM TO FAMILY; THE LONGSHOTS; THE X FILES—I WANT TO BELIEVE;

CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS; PRINCE CASPIAN; ELTON JOHN—TANTRUMS & TIARIAS; STEP BROTHERS; & HANNAH MONTANA: SEASON ONE.

## Adult Books

Some new titles include: HOUSE BEAUTIFUL—THE HOME BOOK; PAGAN STONE by Nora Roberts; BETTER HOMES & GARDENS CHRISTMAS FROM THE HEART; THE CHRISTMAS SWEATER by Glenn Beck; SALVATION IN DEATH by J. D. Robb; A GOOD WOMAN by Danielle Steel; DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW by Mary Higgins Clark; CROSS COUNTRY by James Patterson; FOUL PLAY by Janet Evanovich; CASTING SPELLS by Barbara Bretton; CRUEL INTENT by J. A. Jance; FLEECE NAVI-DAD by Maggie Sefton; HOMES IN THE HEARTLAND by Fred Peterson; PROMISE TO BELIEVE IN by Tracie Peterson; CHRISTMAS IS MURDER by C. S. Challinor; THE MANNING GROOMS by Debbie Macomber; BARRON'S GED 2007-08; BLOOD SUBSTITUTE by Margaret Duffy; CRASH by Gerald Hammond; DARK SUMMER by Iris Johansen; ECHOES FROM THE DEAD by Johan Theorin; and SCARPETTA by Patricia Cornwell.

## New Juvenile Books

New books for children that have been added to the collection are: THE CARLYLES, INFAMOUS, & TEMPTED by Cecily von Ziegesar; THE COFFIN CLUB by Ellen Schreiber; DANIEL X: ALIEN HUNTER by

James Patterson; INKDEATH by Cornelia Funke; OUR LIBRARY by Eve Bunting; RAPUNZEL by Rachel Isadora; SORCERER OF THE NORTH by John Flanagan; and THREE BEARS & GOLDLOCKS by Margaret Willey.

## New CDs

New titles include: YO-YO MA & FRIENDS: SONGS OF JOY & PEACE; A SWINGIN' CHRISTMAS by Tony Bennett; CASEY KASEM PRESENTS ALL TIME CHRISTMAS FAVORITES; TWILIGHT SDTK; FEARLESS by Taylor Swift; ELECTRIC ARGUMENTS by The Fireman; CHRISTMASVILLE by Mannheim Steamroller; A NEW THOUGHT FOR CHRISTMAS by Melissa Etheridge; NOW 29; THE ESSENTIAL NOW CHRISTMAS; FUNHOUSE by Pink; & TELL TALE SIGNS by Bob Dylan.

## Library Closing

The Monticello Public Library will be closed for the holiday season Wednesday, December 24-Saturday, December 27th and Wednesday, December 31-January 3rd.

All materials will not be due during the closed days, but the following Mondays so please return materials then. The Book Drop tends to overflow when we are closed.

## Holiday Movie

Carolyn Seaver will be showing a Holiday movie on Tuesday, December 30th at the library at 2:00 p.m. This year's movie will be the new DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO! There will be treats provided by the Friends of the Library so mark your calendar and we'll see you then.