

DECEMBER 2010 LIST OF EVENTS

- 1 Childrens Hour @ 11:00 am
- 4 Holiday Tea @ 1pm
- 7 Evening Children's Hour @ 7:00 pm
- 8 Childrens Hour @ 11:00 am
- 9 Anime Club for Teens @ 1:45 pm
- 13 Library Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 14 Evening Childrens Hour @ 7:00 pm
- 15 Childrens Hour @ 11:00 am
- 16 Gaming for Teens @ 1:45 pm
- 21 Evening Childrens Hour @ 7:00 pm
- 22 Childrens Hour @ 11:00 am
- 24 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY - LIBRARY CLOSED
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- 31 NEW YEARS EVE HOLIDAY - LIBRARY CLOSED



*Showing off a Turkey hat
made at the Childrens
Storytime!*

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email each month, sign up on the
Library website at
www.northkclibrary.org

Library Hours:

Mon-Thurs 7am-9pm; Fri 7am-6pm;
Sat 9am-5pm; Sun 1pm-5pm

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Director: Steven Campbell
Assistant Director: Vickie Lewis
Business Manager: Paula Kemper
Children's Librarian: Nancy Robinson
High School Media Specialists:
Kristie Carney, Abbigail Yellman
& Jessica Thomas

Library Board of Trustees & Board Meetings

The Board of Trustees oversees Library
policy-making and meets the third
Monday of each month at 6pm in the
Library Board Room. All meetings are
open to the public. The next meeting
will be on December 13, 2010.

Current Board Members:

Chris Richards, President; David White-
head, Vice President; Diane Moraine,
Treasurer; Jackie Brady, Secretary;
Wanda Ebert, Sue Jarvis, Shelly Pinto,
Janeth Weber, Christine Welles and
David Silvers, City Council Liaison to
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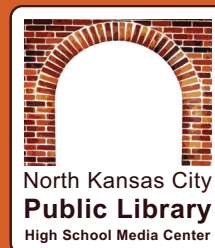


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GETTING INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT @ YOUR LIBRARY

What puts you in the holiday spirit?
For some people, it's all the Christmas
decorations. For others, it's cooking
and baking. No matter what it takes to
get you in the holiday spirit, you'll find
some help doing it at the Library.

If you're hosting a holiday
dinner this year, you need
to begin planning the
menu soon. Do you need
a good recipe for ginger-
bread cookies? Honey
glazed ham? Cranberry
sauce? Roast turkey?
Mashed potatoes? Egg-
nog? You can find reci-
pes for these traditional
Christmas dishes and des-
serts and many others at
the Library. These are just
a few examples:

"Fix-It and Forget-It Christmas Cook-
book: 600 Slow Cooker Holiday Reci-
pes," by Phyllis Pellman Good

"101 Christmas Recipes," by Goose-
berry Patch

"Betty Crocker Christ-
mas Cookbook," by
Betty Crocker

Most people who cele-
brate Christmas deco-
rate their homes for the
holiday. You can find
many books at the Li-
brary which provide
Christmas decorating
and craft ideas for ev-
erything from themed trees to home-
made ornaments, cards, and gifts.
(You'll also find even more holiday
recipes in these books.)

"Best of Christmas Ideas," by Better
Homes and Gardens Books

"Christmas. Book 12," by Gooseberry
Patch

"Nigella Christmas: Food, Family,
Friends, Festivities," by Nigella Law-
son

"Christmas with South-
ern Living 2010."

"Southern Living Big
Book of Christmas," by
Rebecca Brennan

Cooking and baking
for the holidays doesn't
only have to involve
adults; kids like to join in
the fun, too. If you want
to get your children in-
volved with holiday cook-

ing and baking, check this book out
at the Library:

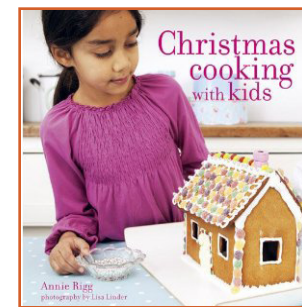
"Christmas Cooking with Kids," by An-
nie Rigg

They can help make
homemade fudge,
popcorn garlands,
snowflake cookies,
and many other kid-
friendly recipes.

A great holiday bak-
ing project that
combines crafts and
food is a gingerbread
house. You can find a
couple books at the
Library which

provide step-by-step instructions on
building a house fit for dessert:

"The Gingerbread Architect,"
by Susan Matheson



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"Gingerbread Houses: Baking & Building Memories," by Nonnie Cargas

There's one more important component to setting the holiday mood: music. How can you get in the holiday spirit without the proper music? "White Christmas," "Silent Night," and many other songs have grown to become Christmas classics. While they were originally recorded decades ago, you can still listen to them being sung by your favorite artist. It seems like every celebrity singer releases a Christmas or holiday album. These are just a few you can find at the Library:

CHRISTMAS ADULT FICTION:

"Home in Time for Christmas," by Heather Graham (2009)
Time travel, love stories, Christmas stories

"Ice: A Novel," by Linda Howard (2009)
Romantic suspense fiction, Christmas stories

"The Perfect Love Song: A Holiday Story," by Patti Callahan Henry (2010)
Christmas stories

"The Fat Man: A Tale of North Pole Noir," by Kenneth Harmon (2010)
Christmas stories, mystery fiction, noir fiction

"Deep Kiss of Winter," by Kresley Cole (2010)
Christmas stories, love stories, occult fiction

"Busy Body: An Agatha Raisin Mystery," by M.C. Beaton (2010)
Christmas stories, mystery fiction

CHRISTMAS ADULT FICTION:

"That Holiday Feeling," by Debbie Macomber (2009)
Love stories, Christmas stories

"Knit the Season," by Kate Jacobs (2009)
Christmas stories, knitting

"The Christmas Secret," by Donna VanLiere (2009)
Love stories, Christmas stories

"The Christmas Cookie Club: A Novel," by Ann Pearlman (2009)
Christmas stories

"Mannheim Steamroller Christmas: 25th Anniversary Collection."

"My Christmas," by Andrea Bocelli

"The Taylor Swift Holiday Collection," by Taylor Swift

"Joy to the World," by Faith Hill

Visit the Library to help get you into the holiday spirit! Happy holidays!

Steven Campbell, Library Director



MAGAZINE OF THE MONTH

Sew News

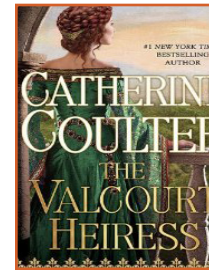
Winter is here! Check out one of our craft magazines. Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting, Quiltmaker or Sew News.

Review by Library Staffer Chris Utley



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING GOOD TO READ?
CHECK OUT SOME OF THESE!

IF YOU LIKE NORA ROBERTS,
YOU MAY WANT TO TRY..



The Valcourt Heiress by Catherine Coulter

After his older brother Arthur unexpectedly dies, Garron of Kersey returns home to Wareham Castle to assume his duties as the new earl. But the castle is nearly deserted, with only a few of its retainers hiding within. It seems that a few days after Arthur's death, the "Black Demon" arrived at the castle and demanded Arthur's fortune in silver. When they discovered that the castle's residents know nothing about a treasure, the Black Demon and his men wreaked havoc. As Garron attempts to restore order to his new home, he is aided by a young woman named Merry. While Merry is smart, with a mouth to match, there is something a bit off about her story, and Garron intends to ferret out the truth about Merry or die trying. Coulter returns to her historical roots with a fast-paced tale of medieval intrigue and high-stakes danger. It takes her a few chapters to truly settle into her story, but Coulter's colorful characters and distinctive voice should

carry readers through to the end.

Lakeshore Christmas by Susan Wiggs

Maureen Davenport finally gets to direct Avalon's annual holiday pageant, and she's determined to make it truly spectacular. But former child star Eddie Haven is turning out to be a tattooed lump of coal in her stocking. Eddie can't stand Christmas, but a judge's court order has landed him right in the middle of the merrymaking. He and Maureen spar over every detail of the pageant, from casting troubled kids to Eddie's original—and distinctly untraditional—music. Is he sabotaging the performance to spite her, or is she forcing the show into her storybook-perfect notion of Christmas? And is it possible that they're falling in love?

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLERS
NOVEMBER 21, 2010

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. TOWERS OF MIDNIGHT, by Robert Jordan and Brandon Sanderson
2. THE CONFESSION, by John Grisham
3. INDULGENCE IN DEATH, by J. D. Robb
4. THE GIRL WHO KICKED THE HORNET'S NEST, by Stieg Larsson
5. AMERICAN ASSASSIN, by Vince Flynn



PAPERBACK TRADE FICTION

1. HAPPY EVER AFTER, by Nora Roberts
2. THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO, by Stieg Larsson
3. THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE, by Stieg Larsson
4. LITTLE BEE, by Chris Cleave
5. CUTTING FOR STONE, by Abraham Verghese

HARDCOVER NON-FICTION

1. LIFE, by Keith Richards with James Fox
2. BROKE, by Glenn Beck and Kevin Balfe
3. UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS, by Portia de Rossi
4. EARTH (THE BOOK), by Jon Stewart and others
5. ME, by Ricky Martin



PAPERBACK MASS-MARKET FICTION

1. THE LOST SYMBOL, by Dan Brown
2. THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO, by Stieg Larsson
3. THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE, by Stieg Larsson
4. SOUTHERN LIGHTS, by Danielle Steel
5. DEEPER THAN THE DEAD, by Tami Hoag



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HOLIDAY ANGEL TREE - DECEMBER 1 - 18

The North Kansas City Public Library/High School Media Center is once again, hosting our "angel tree". Between now and December 18th, just take a tag from the tree, purchase the requested gift and return the gift with the tag to the library. Wrapping is not necessary, we'll wrap it for you. All gifts are being given to two deserving families in the North Kansas City area through the Northland Assistance Center. Be someone's holiday angel this season.



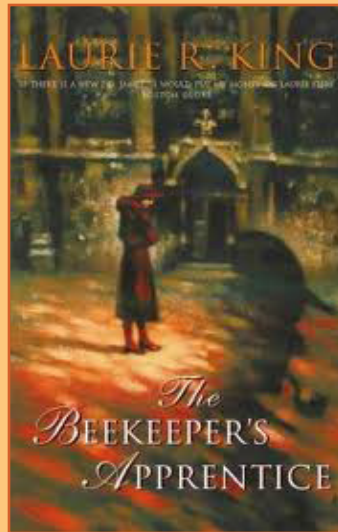
BOOK REVIEW : *staff pick*

THE BEEKEEPER'S
APPRENTICE
BY LAURIE R. KING

Sherlock Holmes' friend and partner Dr. Watson declared in "A Scandal in Bohemia" that Irene Adler is "...always THE woman" to Holmes. But what if Sherlock met another such that rare intellect equal to his own in reasoning power and female as well? When 15 year old Mary Russell happens upon a curmudgeonly old man while walking in the English countryside one day, little does she suspect that he is Sherlock Holmes - that famed and almost mythical figure whose exploits she has followed faithfully, though somewhat skeptically, in the "Strand" magazine. Their first encounter - in which Mary bests Sherlock at his own game by de-

ducing facts about HIM while fooling him into believing HER a young man (!), leads to an unconventional friendship. Mary is mentored by Holmes, and even serves as his "apprentice" on a case. (Sherlock now keeps bees, hence the title). The story's action really picks up, though, when Mary goes off to Oxford. Someone plants bombs at Sherlock's country home, and in Mary's dormitory as well. Mary - or "Russell" as Sherlock calls her - must join Holmes to find out who is trying to kill them both, before it's too late!

Review by Library Staffer
Rachel Merrill



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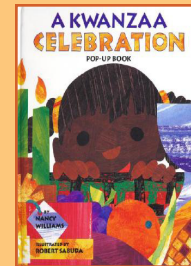
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HOLIDAY CHILDRENS BOOKS

BY JENNIFER CAMPBELL
North Kansas City Public Library's Children's Department has a variety of great books and materials for your holiday season! Here are a few we like to highlight.

A Kwanzaa Celebration by Nancy Williams

Available at J 394.26 Williams in the Children's Non-Fiction Collection



This delightful pop-up book lists the traditional name of each day of Kwanzaa (with phoenetical pronunciation) and the meaning and customs of that day. It is educational but not bogged down with information, and the beautiful pop-up illustra-

tions add color, texture, and depth to the book. This book would be great for an individual wanting to learn about Kwanzaa, or a Kwanzaa celebrator who just wants a reminder on the importance of the holiday.

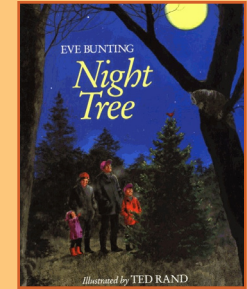
I Have a Little Dreidel by Maxie Baum

Available at JE Bau in the Easy Reading Children's Books

I Have a Little Dreidel takes the traditional Jewish Dreidel Song and adds lyrical depictions of Hanukkah customs accentuated by beautiful illustrations that are bordered by striking blue and white floral Jewish themed images. The book also offers a Potato Latke recipe, a how-to-play dreidel guide, and the music for the Dreidel Song. *I Have a Little Dreidel* offers a fun read and much more!



Night Tree by Even Bunting



Available at JE Bunting in the Easy Reading Children's Books

This book has been a personal favorite since I was young child. It is the wonderful story of family that drives out to the forest every Christmas Eve and decorates one particular tree with edible garland and ornaments for the forest animals to enjoy. Told through the eyes of the young son, the story captures the innocence and virtue of the young boy in his hopes to offer the forest animals a Christmas dinner. The sweetness of this story and the kindness shown to the animals are a wonderful reminder of what it means to be a giving and loving being in this wonderful holiday season.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE
CHILDRENS DEPARTMENT!



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THURSDAY
1:45 PM

2 TRIVIA FOR TEENS

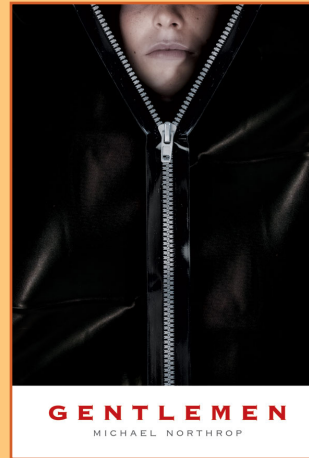
Nothing like a little friendly competition! Any young adult 13 years or older is invited to participate in this monthly trivia competition. Snacks will be provided. This program is free and open to the public.

NKC_BOOKSPACE

Read. Blog. Chat.

Sign up for the online book club today. Members will be able to borrow the book club title each month, regardless of status of Library account, then are encouraged to discuss the title on the NKC_Bookspace Blog @ <http://nk-bookspace.wordpress.com>.

The October title is **Gentlemen by Michael Northrop**. All members must have a new permission letter signed for the 2010-2011 school year. Questions? Contact Mrs. Yellman @ 816-413-5926.



GIFT BASKET RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are only \$.50 and can be purchased at the main circulation desk in the Library. Buy as many raffle tickets as you like and put them in the jar for the basket you want to win. There's something for everyone. The drawing will be held on Friday, December 17. Proceeds go to the Friends of the North Kansas City Public Library.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
FOR THE CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAY. WE WILL ALSO BE
CLOSED FRIDAY, DECEMBER
31ST AND SATURDAY, JANUARY
1ST FOR THE
NEW YEARS HOLIDAY.

You're invited to attend the Seventh Annual Holiday Tea at the North Kansas City Public Library, Saturday, December 4th from 1-4pm. Music will be provided by the North Kansas City High School Orchestra. Everyone is invited to partake in sandwiches, desserts, punch, and hot tea. The Holiday Tea will be located in the lower level meeting room. All ages are welcome and it is free and open to the public.

We ask that you make reservations. Reservations can be made 3 ways: call the North Kansas City Public Library at 221-3360; go to www.northkclibrary.org to fill out the reservation form on the Library Events calendar; or email Paula at paulakemper@northkclibrary.org.

The Friends of the North Kansas City Public Library will be sponsoring the Seventh Annual Holiday Tea.

JOIN US SATURDAY
DECEMBER 4TH FOR THE

Holiday Tea

1-4PM
SIGN-UP ONLINE, BY
PHONE OR @ THE
FRONT DESK