

Galion Public Library

Between the Stacks Newsletter
Winter 2016

NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Christmas is one of my favorite time of years. Every family has their own traditions and every country has their own customs. This year our Open House will be a little different. We are celebrating a Polynesian Christmas. On the Pacific Islands, Santa doesn't arrive in a sleigh pulled by reindeer. In the islands, he comes in an outrigger canoe pulled by dolphins. My ancestors came from Germany. There, Christmas is a two day holiday and presents are opened on Christmas Eve. "Christkindlmarkt" spring up everywhere. They are outside Christmas markets where handmade gifts are sold and warm drinks are served. Then there are our family traditions. We have a huge feast on Christmas Eve for all the relatives then we are allowed to open one gift that night. Traditions pass down as well. My mother had certain Christmas figurines that were put in the same place every year. Themed trees were never allowed, nor were the dreaded "fake" trees. All our decorations from years past are put on the tree including my great-aunt Callie's golden walnut from the 1800s. I hope all your Christmas traditions are as wonderful, old as well as new, from wherever your ancestors came from and however Santa shows up. Merry Christmas!



In observance of the holidays,
the Library will be closed:

Nov. 23@ 5 p.m.
Nov. 24th & 25
Dec. 24 & 26
Jan. 2

Polynesian Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 3, 1 - 3 p.m.



Gingerbread House Contest

Our annual contest is back – and once again, “gingerbread houses” can be constructed out of any edible ingredient, not just gingerbread. We are also encouraging Island themed tiki huts and houses to go with our Polynesian Island Holiday Open House theme this year!

CATEGORIES

- Ages 9 and under
- Ages 10 and up
- Groups

BEST OF SHOW: In addition to the first and second place prizes for each category, we will also be having a grand prize for “Best in Show,” as determined by popular vote.

Gingerbread houses can be brought to the Library starting Saturday, November 26th through Friday December 2nd at 5 p.m. Submitted creations will be placed on display at the library. Patrons will be encouraged to visit the library and vote for their favorite house during the week. Judging will take place on December 3rd, prior to the Open House. Contestants do not need to be present to win.

The Open House will once again coincide with the “Come Home to Galion for the Holidays” celebration. We will be bringing back some fun traditions, including our wish tree and wagon / carriage rides by Pine Acres Carriage Service – with a route to and from Brownella Cottage! We’ll also have cookies from three local bakers and door prize drawings. It’s a don’t-miss event!



Island Music & Dance



Don’t miss out on some Island Entertainment!

Hula Dancing By Hula Fusion at 1 p.m.
Steel Pan Drum music by Island Jeff at 2 p.m.

Children's Room Activities



Children of all ages and their parents are invited to stop by the Community Room to make **Holiday Crafts @ 1 pm - 3 pm.**

Come in from the cold and join us downstairs for special **Holiday Story Times at 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm.** Children of all ages and their parents are invited.



TEEN & ADULT PROGRAMMING

Open House Door Prizes

Adults: ASUS 10.1 inch Touch Chromebook Flip

Kids: Xbox I S Console- Minecraft Bundle



12 Days of Christmas Raffle

- 1) Tall Victorian Dressed Doll -Marge Montgomery
- 2) Shorter Victorian Dressed Doll - Marge Montgomery
- 3) Christmas Log Cabin /2 doz Tea lights -Terry Ganata
- 4) Holly Candle Holder/Crimson Berry Candle - Leslie Breyley
- 5) Christmas Tree, stack able or single/ 3 12 inch taper candles -Wanda Riley
- 6) Three Christmas Kids - Donna Cole
- 7) Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens -Jean Evans
- 8) Holiday Ice Sculpture, Santa with Reindeer -Barb Lomax
- 9) Village Cuttery \$25.00 Gift Certificate - Betty Reese
- 10) Gift Certificate Sycamore Creek Golf Course -Juanita Carter
- 11) Baby Christmas Quilt -Beth Leone
- 12) Beautifully Hand Made Christmas Cards - Rosie Faulds
- 13) 3 Hand painted Santa Nesting Boxe - Linda Scott
- 14) Cloth Country Santa Claus - Linda Scott
- 15) Christmas Bear from Betty Unckrich's Collection
- 16) Hand painted Santa by local artist Barb Farina- donated by family.

Raffle tickets will be sold from Nov. 22nd - Dec. 21st.

Holiday Bingo For Books-

Tuesday December, 20th from 6-7:30 p.m.

If you are age 18 or older come play for a chance to win free copies of books by popular authors, including best-selling titles as well as non-fiction titles. Holiday treats will be served. Registration required.

BINGO				
12	18	41	47	61
7	26	39	54	70
4	27	FREE SPOT SPACE	49	63
5	23	35	58	73
3	30	32	52	75

Teen Club Meeting Times



Anime Club

Dec. 13
Jan. 10
Feb. 16
6:30- 8 p.m.



Teen Board

Dec. 15
Jan. 19
Feb. 16
@ 5:30 p.m.



Games Night

Dec. 15
Jan. 19
Feb. 16
6:30-8 p.m.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Family Movie Day - Secret Life of Pets **Saturday, December 17 @ 2:00pm**

The children's department will be showing a PG-rated feature film, The Secret Life of Pets. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Remember to bring your blanket and pillow! Registration required!

Holiday Make it-Take it Crafts for Kids **December 22 - 31**

Children of all ages are welcome to come any time during regular library hours for a holiday craft to make and take home. No registration is required, just stop in!

Stuffed Animal Sleepover **Friday, January 13th from 4:00 - 5:30pm** **Grades: K-2**

You and your stuffed animal friend are invited to the library for pajama party fun! Afterward, your stuffed animal friend can stay and spend the night. We'll have teddy bear themed stories, crafts, and activities. All participants will get pictures of their stuffed friends having fun at the library after hours. Animals need to be picked up Saturday between 9-5. Registration is required for this event.

Life Sized Pac Man **Saturday, January 21st from 2:00 - 3:30pm** **Grades: 3-6**

Think you can make it through our maze without getting caught by any ghosts? Come and find out! Registration is required for this event.

Elephant and Piggie Party **Saturday, February 4th from 2:00 - 3:30p.m.** **Grades K-2**

Come in for an afternoon of fun stories, crafts, and games all about our favorite best friends Elephant and Piggie!



PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Monday @ 6:30pm

Tuesday & Wednesday @ 10:30 am

~in the Community Room~

Nov. 28th - Dec 21st

No Story Time: Dec 26th- Jan 4th



**Call 419-468-3203 to register
for programs that require it.
Or stop by the appropriate
circulation desk.**

Chocopalooza!

Saturday, February 18th 2:00-3:30 pm
Grades 3-6

Spend the afternoon enjoying chocolate themed crafts, games, and create some chocolate treats of your own to take home.