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Special Points of Interest:

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- *Family Movies*
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LIBRARY EATS GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Learn how to make gingerbread houses on Thursday December 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Gingerbread and holiday traditions

The following is a brief history of gingerbread, as it relates to the winter holidays. The information is excerpted from <http://www.foodtimeline.org/christmas-food.html#gingerbread>

"According to the some researchers, the first gingerbread houses may have appeared as a result of the popular Grimm's fairy tales. Other food historians postulate that the brothers Grimm were writing about something that already existed. We cannot

confirm either claim. Summary here:

"The tradition of baking the sweetly decorated houses began in Germany after the Brothers Grimm published their collection of German fairy tales in the early 1800s. The houses became particularly popular during Christmas, a tradition that crossed the ocean with German immigrants. Pennsylvania, where many settled, remains a stronghold for the tradition. It is believed gingerbread was first baked in Europe at the end of the 11th century, when returning crusaders brought the bread and the spicy root back from the Middle East. Ginger wasn't merely flavorful, it had properties that helped preserve the bread. Not long

after it arrived, bakers began to cut the bread into shapes and decorate them with sugar. Gingerbread baking became recognized as a profession. In the 17th century, only professional gingerbread bakers were allowed to bake the spicy treat in Germany and France. Rules relaxed during Christmas and Easter, when anyone was permitted to bake it. Nuremberg, Germany, became known as the "Gingerbread Capital of the World" in the 1600s when the guild employed master bakers and artisans to create intricate works of art from gingerbread, sometimes using gold leaf to decorate the houses."



: *Library Eats: Gingerbread Houses*

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NEW FICTION (HOLIDAY FICTION)

Christmas Bliss by Mary Kay Andrews

Winter Street by Elin Hilderbrand

Spirit of Steamboat by Craig Johnson

Wait for Signs by Craig Johnson
Cape Light by Thomas Kinkadee and Katherine Palmer

Mr. Miracle by Debbie Macomber

Starry Night by Debbie Macomber

Christmas on 4th Street by Susan Mallery

A Proposal for Christmas by Linda Lael Miller
White Christmas by Diana Palmer

A Christmas Hope by Anne Perry

A New York Christmas by Anne Perry

The Lodge on Holly Road by Sheila Roberts

Landline by Rainbow Rowell
Christmas in Lucky Harbor by Jill Shalvis

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STAFF BIOGRAPHIES: MEET

My name is Tammi. I have worked for the South Sioux City Public Library since 1999. I love how many people I have gotten to know since I started here. I graduated from SSC High School, and am still a big Cardinals sports fan. I am married and my children live in Lincoln.

I have always loved to read books of all kinds, but right now my favorite books are romances. Some of my favorite authors are Danielle Steel, Linda Lael Miller, Jodi Thomas, and

Fern Michaels.

When I am not reading, I like to play on the computer, do crocheting and other crafting projects.

Latest Books on Needlework

Quick Icelandic Quilts by Birgisdottir Gunn
Knits at Home: Rustic Designs for the Modern Nest by Ruth Cross



Tangled Yarns
 Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m.



Tammi Husk

*To us, family
 means putting your
 arms around each
 other and being
 there.
 Barbara Bush*

FAMILY MOVIES

Planes: Fire and Rescue
 When Dusty learns that his engine is damaged and he may never race again, he joins a forest fire and rescue unit to be trained as a firefighter.— from imdv.org Monday December 1st at 6:00 p.m. and December 6th at 1:00 p.m.

Home Alone When eight-year-old Kevin McCallister's family left for vacation, they forgot one minor detail: Kevin!— from the catalog record. This is shown on Monday December

8th at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday December 13th at 1:00 p.m.

Miracle on 34th Street A little girl who has doubts about Santa discovers dreams can come true if you really believe.— from the catalog record. This movie is shown on Monday December 15th at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday December 20th at 1:00 p.m.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Christmas will be canceled unless Santa can find a

way to guide his sleigh through a blizzard. *Frosty the Snowman* (Burl Ives) narrates and sings the animated story of a misfit reindeer who saves Christmas.— from the catalog record.

This movie is shown on December 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Hot Chocolate and popcorn will be served at this showing.



Reading to Babies

You wouldn't wait until your baby started forming words and sentences before talking to him or her — so why hold off introducing the joys of reading to your little one? Although most of the positive effects become evident as the child reaches toddler and preschool ages, many of the important influences are forged during infancy. By reading to your new baby regularly, you'll be helping to build a foundation for lifelong learning and development.

While it may seem that a newborn or infant won't get much from books at first, development experts agree that the first year of a child's life is a highly influential time, during

which he'll learn the basic sounds and concepts that will serve as the building blocks for cognitive development.

There are numerous benefits from reading time:

- **Bonding:** When you share a book with your baby, she'll enjoy hearing the comforting rhythm of your voice, feeling your heart, and smelling your familiar scent. Over time, she'll come to associate books with close, intimate time with Mommy or Daddy
- **Early Language Skills:** It may be a while before your baby begins vocalizing

words and phrases, but that doesn't mean early reading sessions aren't important. By hearing you read aloud, your little one is exposed to the vowels, consonants, and syllables that form his native language.

- **Cognitive Stimulation:** A baby's developing brain can be likened to a blank canvas, ready to be painted and shaped by the millions of sensory experiences she'll be presented with during the first year of life. The colors, textures, and sounds in books will help accelerate your baby's mental growth and awareness of her surroundings.

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- **More Restful Sleep:**
Reading to babies can be a soothing, comforting activity but don't be surprised if it takes a few sessions before you and your little one get into a rhythm with the right books and the right routine. By incorporating calm, unhurried reading into your little one's nighttime routine, you'll be helping to set the stage for a restful night's sleep.
- **Healthy Expression and Communication:**
Through exposure to engaging, interactive reading experiences, babies will be (continued)

NEW AUDIOBOOKS/ DVD'S /MUSIC CD'S

Audiobooks

- *Personal* by Lee Child
- *Gray Mountain* by John Grisham
- *Prince Lestat* by Anne Rice
- *Yes Please* by Amy Poehler
- *Blood Majgick* by Nora Roberts
- *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau
- *Covet"* a novel of the Fallen Angels by J.R. Ward
- *Crave* by J.R. Ward
- *What I Know for Sure* by Oprah Winfrey

DVDs

- *Earth to Echo*
- *The Fault in our Stars*
- *How to Train Your Dragon*
- *Jersey Boys*
- *Maleficent*
- *Muppets Most Wanted*
- *Non-Stop*
- *The Roosevelt's : an Intimate History*
- *Toy Story of Terror*
- *Walking Dead the fourth complete season*
- *X-men Days of Future Past*

Music CDs

- *Bela Fleck and Abigail Washburn* by Bela Fleck and Abigail Washburn
- *Man Against Machine* by Garth Brooks
- *Where It All Began* by Dan & Shay
- *Redeemer of Souls* by Judas Priest
- *Natalie Merchant* by Natalie Merchant
- *A Dotted Line* by Nickel Creek
- *Remedy Old Crow Medicine Show*

BOOK DONATIONS

The Library accepts gifts of books and other materials with the understanding that the donated items will be added to the collection only if appropriate and needed. If they are not needed because of duplication, condition of donated materials, or dated information; the Library Director can place them into the used book sale materials.

Memorial gifts of books or money are also accepted with

suitable bookplates placed in the book. Specific memorial books can be ordered for the Library upon the request of a patron if the request meets the criteria established by the Library Board.

Items we can't accept are old encyclopedia sets, National Geographic magazines and water damaged materials.

The South Sioux City Public Library encourages and appreciates

gifts and donations.

Reading to Babies (cont.)
better equipped to relate to those around them and process their own emotions.

The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between, the leader is a servant.
Max de Pree

Job and Career Accelerator

For job seekers in the Siouxland area help has arrived! Job & Career Accelerator, a comprehensive online job search system, is now available to help overwhelmed job seekers find employment. This innovative online resource provides job seekers everything they need to find their next job, all in one easy-to-use application. The online program is available to patrons of the South Sioux City Public Library at no charge with their library card and can be accessed at the South Sioux City Public Library or from any internet-enabled computer by going

to (<http://www.southsiouxcity.org/library>) LearningExpress Job & Career Accelerator™ provides personalized, step-by-step assistance for job seekers at all experience and education levels—from exploring and matching suitable occupations from over 1,000 detailed occupation profiles to finding available jobs in their area from a database of over 5 million up-to-date job postings. With Job & Career Accelerator, users can easily create professional resumes and cover letters,

master interviewing and networking techniques, improve work related skills, and prepare for occupation related exams. In addition, it helps job seekers plan, tailor, and track multiple job searches at the same time while providing expert advice and tips every step. The end result is the most efficient and effective job search possible. To find out more about how you can access Job & Career Accelerator, call the South Sioux City Public Library 402-494-7545 or stop by and ask any of your

neighborhood librarians for more information.

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NEWSLETTER TITLE

DECEMBER COMPUTER CLASSES

Tues 2nd
10am Setting Up an Email Account
11am Clean Up Your Computer
1pm Excel 2
2pm Excel 3
5pm E-Book Reader
6pm Excel 1
7pm Excel 2

Thurs 4th
3pm Setting Up an Email Account
4pm Facebook
6pm Tech Thursday
7pm Blogging Basics

Tues 9th
10am Know Your Computer

11am Windows 1
12pm Pinterest
1pm Windows 2
2pm Windows 3
5pm E-Book Reader
6pm Excel 3
7pm Mango Languages

Thurs 11th
10am Know Your Computer
11am Keyboard Mouse Skills
2pm E-Book Reader
3pm Twitter
4pm Google Documents
6pm Tech Thursday
7pm Online Bookmarking and Note Keeping

Tues 16th

10am Microsoft Word 1
11am Microsoft Word 2
1pm Microsoft Word 3
2pm Excel 1
5pm E-Book Reader
6pm Yahoo Messenger
7pm Clean Up Your Computer

Thurs 18th
2pm E-Book Reader
3pm Publisher 1
4pm Publisher 2
5pm Pinterest
6pm Tech Thursday
7pm Facebook Business



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Learning Express Learn-a-Test for practice tests, exercises, skill-building courses, eBooks, and information you need to achieve the results you want at school, at work, or in life. Looking to land a job? You'll find an entire Learning Center dedicated to helping you get the one that's right for you. To access this database, one must have a South Sioux City Public Library card. Create your account and begin your learning adventure.

Ebooks at Learning Express

- ☐ 1,001 Math Problems, 3rd Edition
- ☐ 10 Secrets to Acing Any High School Test
- ☐ 100 Conversations for Career Success
- ☐ 1001 Algebra Problems
- ☐ 1001 Math Problems, Fourth Edition
- ☐ 1001 Vocabulary & Spelling Questions
- ☐ 411 SAT Algebra & Geometry Questions
- ☐ 411 SAT Essay Prompts &

Writing Questions

- ☐ 501 Algebra Questions, 3rd Edition
- ☐ 501 Calculus Questions
- ☐ 501 Challenging Logic and Reasoning Problems, 2nd Edition
- ☐ 501 Critical Reading Questions
- ☐ 501 Geometry Questions, Second Edition
- ☐ 501 Grammar and Writing Questions, 4th

TESTING AND EDUCATION REFERENCE CENTER

Testing & Education Reference Center is a start-to-finish resource with all the information and support materials needed to make informed, confident decisions to shape the rest of your life.

- Over 300 practice tests and courses
- Dozens of ebooks containing valuable study material and
- practice tests
- Information on over 4,000 accredited schools
- Scholarship search featuring \$8 billion in available scholarships
- Resume builder with over 1,000 brainstorming phrases to get you started
- Career modules covering subjects from career change

to salary negotiations.

The Family College Planning Center is your resource for college test preparation, financial aid and resources, planning timelines and various advice articles.

Online Practice Tests and Courses Quick access to all online practice tests and courses.

Online Books Quick access to all online books.



LIBRARY MEETING ROOM

The South Sioux City Public Library welcomes public use of its meeting room. The meeting room spaces are available for non-profit groups, civic groups, educational groups, and political, religious, cultural, or social activities.

The room is free of charge to nonprofit groups. All for-profit groups, private businesses and private social gatherings will be charged a \$50.00 fee.

Advance reservation of the meeting room is required. All requests to use the meeting room require that an application be filed out and signed by a responsible agent. The application can be obtained from the South Sioux City Public Library Director. The South Sioux City Public Library reserves the right to deny or revoke permission to use the meeting room to any group at any time.

If interested in using the meeting room, contact the library at 494-7545. We can send you an

email copy of the meeting room policy or you can pick up a copy of the policy at the library.

Cover to Cover: Cover to Cover will discuss the second half of *Defending Jacob* by William Landay on Monday November 10th at 3:00 p.m. Plans for the November 24th meeting will be finalized at that time.

MANGO LANGUAGES

Learning a second language is vital in today's global economy. Mango Languages is a language learning database that is easy and effective. Mango language will allow you to learn languages like Spanish, French, Japanese, Brazilian Portuguese, German, Mandarin Chinese, Greek, Italian and more. You will need to have a valid library card to get Mango Languages. For a valid library card, we will need to see picture identification and a piece of current mail with your name

and current address. To access Mango Languages just go to the library webpage <http://www.southsiouxcity.org/departments/index.php?fDD=11-0> and click on Mango Languages on the right hand side of the page, just below the YouTube symbol. You will enjoy learning languages with Mango Languages.



NEW NONFICTION

God Believes in Love Straight Talk About Gay Marriage by Gene V. Robinson (241.63 ROB)

How to Be a Parisian Whether You Are: Love, Style, Bad Habits by Ann Berest (305.4 BER)

The Foreclosure Survival Guide Keep Your House or Walk Away with the Money by Stephen Elias (346.043 ELI)

Lasagna Gardening with Herbs: Enjoy Fresh Flavor, fragrance and Beauty, with No Digging, No Tilling, No Weeding, No Kidding by Patricia

Lanza (635 LAN)

The Ultimate Bird Lover: Stories and Advice on our Feathered Friends at Home and in the Wild by Marty Becker (636.9 BEC)

Reptiles, Amphibians, and Invertebrates: an Identification and Care Guide by Patricia Bartlett (639.378 BAR)

Culturing Five Foods by Michael R. Hellwig (639.4 HEL)

The Complete America's Test Kitchen TV Show Cookbook, 2001

-2015 by Carl Tremblay (641.5 COM)

Frozen in Time: a Minnesota North Star History by Adam Raider (796.962 RAI)

Mud Season: How one woman's Dream of moving to Vermont, Raise Children, Chicken and Sheep, and Running the Old Country Store Pretty Much Run from One Disaster to Another by Ellen Stimson (974.5 STI)

Making Mobile Hen Houses
by Michael Roberts



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Where quality of life is a cardinal rule.

STAFF RECOMENDATIONS

The Good Lord Bird by James McBride. This humorous, historical novel looks at the real and fictional misadventures of John Brown, antebellum abolitionist.

Holidays on Ice by David Sedaris. Outrageously funny, David Sedaris twists the traditional Christmas themes straight, with stories about Dinah the Christmas whore to the life of a Christmas elf in the SantaLand Diaries. You may well find your own Christmas story in this collection.

Nickel and Dime (not) *Getting by in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich. The author goes under cover to see if she can take a minimum wage job, and pay for rent, utilities, and eat for one month. Her findings are highly informative.

Oryx and Crake: a Novel by Margaret Atwood. In this futuristic, science fiction novel. Snowman finds himself feeling responsible for the Crakers, a group of artificial humans after a disaster.

Popular Holiday Reading

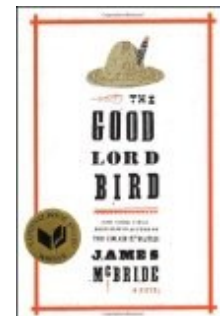
How to be a Perfect Stranger: a Guide to Etiquette in Other People's Religious Ceremonies by Arthur J. Magida and Stuart M. Matlins. This is an excellent work on religious etiquette.

How to Have a Perfect Christmas: Practical and Inspirational Advice to Simplify Your Holiday Season by Helen Isolde. This book offers ways to simplify the holiday, reduce seasonal stress, and bring back the simple meaning of the holiday.

Merry Christmas, America: a Front-Yard View of the Holiday by Christina Patoski is a pictorial look at the holiday, through our outdoor decorations.

Christmas Blessings: Prayers and Poems to Celebrate the Season collected by June Cotner is a collection of short works from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow to Madeline L'engle.

Piano Fun: Christmas Hits for Adult Beginners by Brenda Dillon included Blue Christmas -- The Christmas song (Chestnuts roasting on an open fire) -- Christmas time is here -- Have yourself a merry little Christmas -- (There's no place like) home for the holidays -- I wonder as I wander -- I'll be home for Christmas -- Jingle bell rock -- Jingle jolly jazz medley -- Mary, did you know? -- Silent night.



*The Good Lord Bird by
James McBride*