

Ledding Library News

VOLUME 16, ISSUE 12

DECEMBER 2015

LIBRARY HOURS

MON - THURS:

10AM - 9PM

FRI & SAT:

10AM - 6PM

SUN:

12PM - 6PM

LIBRARY

CLOSING AT 1PM

DECEMBER 24TH

CLOSED

DECEMBER 25TH

CLOSING AT 6PM

DECEMBER 31ST

**FRIENDS OF
THE LEDDING
LIBRARY
POND HOUSE
USED BOOK
STORE**

FRI & SAT:

11AM - 4PM

*CLOSED

DEC. 25TH & 26TH

sign
up
now
E-Newsletter

[http://
www.milwaukieoregon.gov/
newsletter/subscription](http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/newsletter/subscription)

 Find us on
Facebook

[http://www.facebook.com/
LeddingLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/LeddingLibrary)

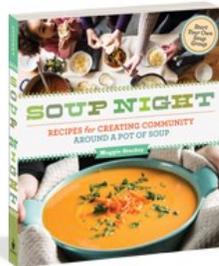


[http://www.pinterest.com/
leddinglibrary/](http://www.pinterest.com/leddinglibrary/)

Winter Fun!

As the days get shorter, you'll find plenty of indoor fun for kids at the library. Our six weekly storytimes continue through December 17, with stories, action rhymes, songs and playtime for babies, toddlers and preschoolers every Monday-Thursday. School-age kids are invited to make sparkly snowflakes, winter ornaments, and a pop-up tree three Saturdays in a row - December 5, 12 & 19 - at 2pm. To celebrate the Winter Solstice, all ages can join our drop-in bookmaking craft any time between 12pm-5pm on Monday, December 21. The month wraps up with two playdates: one for babies ages 0-18 months and their caregivers on Monday, December 28 at 1pm, and another one for toddlers ages 1-3 and their caregivers on Tuesday, December 29 at 10:30am. Hope to see you at the library!

The Soup is On



Learn the art of creating community with Maggie Stuckey's *Soup Night* Thursday, December 10th from 6:30pm to 8pm at the Pond House.

Soup Night is about a subject that is very close to Maggie Stuckey's

heart: how sitting down to enjoy a meal together brings people closer. It starts with a simple, brilliant idea: get everyone together on a regular basis to share an easy meal of soup and bread, and watch what happens. Before long, they're saying things like, "We never want to miss it. It's too much fun."

One Night - 7 Poets

One night only, *The Timberline Review* Poetry Reading will feature 7 well-known Northwest poets: Beth Bonness, Brittney Corrigan, Jennifer Foreman, Rick George, Carolyn Martin, Paulann Peterson and Penelope Scambly Schott. They will all read Wednesday, December 16th starting at 7pm in the Pond House.

The Timberline Review is a semi-annual literary anthology featuring new short fiction, nonfiction, essays and poetry from the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

Library Gift Giving

Know someone who loves the Library or books? The Library carries a range of T-shirts and sweatshirts that are available in youth, ladies and unisex sizes, mugs, book bags, Super Reader capes and 2016 book calendars. Also consider the Pond House Used Bookstore for your book purchases. All sales support the Library through the Friends of the Ledding Library.

Annual Holiday Toy & Food Drive

It's that time of year again when the Ledding Library partners with local charities and the North Clackamas School District to help local families in need give gifts to their children. If you are interested in donating to this cause, please drop off a new, unwrapped toy at the front desk of Ledding Library

before December 18th. The most popular presents are dolls, cars, Legos, board games and gifts related to arts and crafts. Any and all gifts, however, will be greatly appreciated.

Whether or not it is the holiday season, the Ledding Library is your place to donate non-perishable food year-round to the Oregon Food Bank. The need for food is great no matter the time of year. For more information about either of these opportunities please contact Library Circulation Supervisor Nancy Wittig at 503-786-7582.



**LIBRARY CLOSING AT 1PM
December 24th**
**CLOSED
December 25th**
**CLOSING AT 6PM
December 31st**

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

CRAFTY WRITERS & READERS:

MONDAYS AT 7PM - FICTION ROOM.

KNIT NITE: THURSDAYS, FROM 6:30PM - 8PM - FICTION ROOM. (THROUGH DEC. 17TH)

POETRY READING - JOHN WITTE:

WED, DEC. 9TH AT 7PM – POND HOUSE.

SOUP NIGHT: THURS, DEC. 10TH AT 6:30PM - POND HOUSE.

TIMBERLINE REVIEW POETRY READING:

WED, DEC. 16TH AT 7PM - POND HOUSE.

FOREIGN & INDIE FILM NIGHT:

LITTLE SPARROWS: THURS, DEC. 17TH AT 6:30PM. POND HOUSE.

BOOK CLUB: WED, DEC. 23RD AT 7PM. FICTION ROOM. READ *AND THE MOUNTAINS ECHOED* BY KHALED HOSSEINI.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS, TEENS & PARENTS:

TODDLER STORYTIME: MONDAYS & TUESDAYS* AT 10:30AM. AGES 1-3.

BOOK BABIES: MONDAYS* AT 1PM. AGES BIRTH - 18 MONTHS.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS* AT 10:30AM. AGES 3-5.

FAMILY STORYTIME: WEDNESDAYS* AT 6:30PM. ALL AGES.

*THROUGH DECEMBER 17TH

WRITING GROUP: TUES, DEC 1ST AT 4:30PM. AGES 10 & UP.

HOMESCHOOLERS IN OUTER SPACE: THURS, DEC. 3RD & 17TH AT 1:30PM. AGES 5 & UP.

WINTER CRAFTS: SAT, DEC. 5TH, 12TH & 19TH AT 2PM. AGES 5 & UP.

MINECRAFT BUDDIES ONLINE: MON, DEC. 7TH & 21ST FROM 6PM - 8PM. ALL AGES.

GAME NIGHT: WED, DEC. 9TH & 23RD AT 6PM. IN THE YOUNG ADULT AREA.

BOOK BUDDIES: TUES, DEC. 15TH AT 4PM. A BOOK GROUP FOR AGES 7-9. READ *FARMER WILL ALLEN AND THE GROWING TABLE* BY JACQUELINE BRIGGS MARTIN.

WINTER SOLSTICE BOOKMAKING: MON, DEC. 21ST FROM 12PM - 5PM. ALL AGES. DROP-IN.

TALK BACK TO BOOKS: TUES, DEC. 22ND AT 4:30PM. A BOOK GROUP FOR YOUNG TEENS WITH SNACKS. AGES 10 & UP. READ *TBA*.

BABY PLAY DATE: MON, DEC, 28TH AT 1PM. AGES 0 - 18 MONTHS.

TODDLER PLAY DATE: TUES, DEC. 29TH AT 10:30AM. AGES 1 - 3.

DECEMBER 2015						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



The Movie Maven: Holiday Films for the Slightly Off-Kilter

Sure, you and your family will cry this year when George Bailey discovers *It's a Wonderful Life*. You'll laugh at Ralphie's quest for the elusive Red Ryder BB gun in *A Christmas Story*. If you want a different kind of holiday experience, try one of these unusual holiday films:

Bad Santa (2003): In this strictly for adults holiday film, Billy Bob Thornton plays a conman that poses as Santa to rob stores on Christmas Eve. Complications arise when he befriends a troubled eight year old who teaches him the real meaning of Christmas. Rowdy, raucous, but ultimately very sweet, this comedy is cynical delight.

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil (1997): Based on a true story, this intriguing murder mystery begins in Savannah, Georgia, at art collector and bon vivant Jim William's (Kevin Spacey) famous Christmas party. As reporter John Kelso attempts to solve the murder of one of the guests, he comes in contact with a variety of eccentric characters.

The Ice Harvest (2005): Another great performance by John Cusack, in which he plays a dim-bulb attorney hoping to swindle the local mob in Wichita, Kansas out of some money on Christmas Eve. With a clever plot loaded with twists, this hilarious thriller is a great break from the usual holiday fare.

Die Hard (1988): "Now I have a machine gun. Ho Ho Ho!" Bruce Willis at his macho best as police officer John McClane. He spends his Christmas trying to rescue his wife and other hostages from the German terrorist, Hans Gruber (Alan Rickman).

Trading Places (1983): It's Christmas and the ultra-rich Duke Brothers are arguing about nature vs. nurture. They place a bet that they can convert a homeless street hustler, Ray Valentine (Eddie Murphy), into a captain of industry, while simultaneously destroying the life of successful commodity broker Louis Winthrop III (Dan Aykroyd).

Nightmare Before Christmas (1993): The always brilliant Tim

Burton directed this Halloween/Christmas mash-up using stop motion animation. Jack Skellington the Pumpkin King of Halloween Town, stumbles into Christmas Town and is so enchanted that he tries to get his resident ghouls and goblins into the Christmas spirit with disastrous results.

Gremlins (1984): A Christmas shopping trip in Chinatown results in the purchase of an adorable furry creature. There are just 3 simple rules: no water, no food after midnight, and no bright light. Well, of course the rules are violated and a hideous creature appears, wreaking havoc.

Batman Returns (1992): The Dark Knight faces his biggest adversary, The Penguin (played skillfully by Danny Devito), who unleashes mayhem during a Christmas tree lighting ceremony. This beautifully dark adaptation was directed by Tim Burton.

So if you are getting bored with the typical holiday fare, check out one of these unconventional Christmas films from your Clackamas County library today! ~Amelia Heintz

By reading the writings of the most interesting minds in history, we meditate with our own minds and theirs as well.

This to me is a miracle.

~Kurt Vonnegut