



December was originally the tenth month of the year in the Roman calendar. It gets its name from the Latin word "decem" which means tenth. However, when the Romans added January and February to the calendar, it became the twelfth month. They still kept the name, though.

Libraries & Ideas

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During the holiday season, families and friends often gather for meals, exchanging gifts, or simply spending time together. Whether you are hosting, helping to plan, or simply attending a get-together, the Columbus Public Library has a variety of resources to help make it a success.

Use our online resources via a web browser or app for all aspects of your holiday experience. Research holiday traditions celebrated in countries around the world with AtoZ the World, stream a holiday music playlist on Freegal Music or create your own playlist of your favorite songs. Find holiday e-books for all ages on Overdrive, Freading, RB Digital Books, or Cloud Library, or use the same apps to download an audiobook for the family to listen to on those long holiday drives. RB Digital Magazines has many magazines that could help you prepare for holiday gatherings or entertain your guests during their stay. From recipes to gift ideas, crafts to make with your guests, or current events to discuss – with over 180 magazines in the collection, you're sure to find one of interest. Access these resources and more with your Columbus Public

Library card by going to our website, www.columbusne.us/library and clicking the Digital Library link.

If you plan to unplug from your electronics or simply prefer physical materials, we also offer audiobooks on CD, magazines, DVDs, and of course books, that you can check out.

Giving the reader a feeling of an old timey Christmas, "The Christmas Almanac," edited by Natasha Tabori Fried & Lena Tabori, contains stories, poetry, songs, craft ideas, facts, and legends all about Christmas. "The Christmas Almanac" is organized by aspects of the Christmas holiday, with each containing the subjects mentioned above. "Deck The Halls," for example, contains stories, poetry, songs, crafts, facts & legends, and shopping information related to trees, trimming, and tinsel.

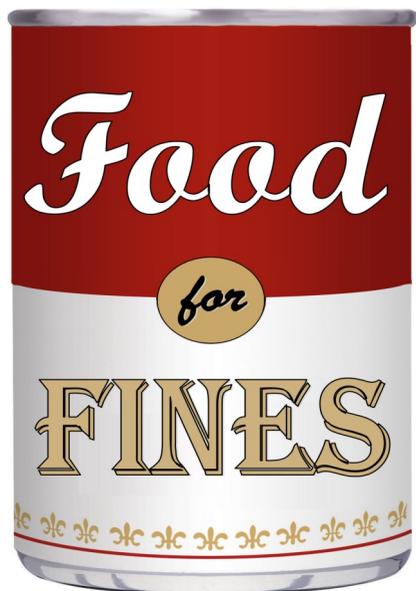
With the added number of guests visiting your home, this time of year is perfect for checking out "coffee table" or "oversized" books. You could also bring them along as you travel to someone else's home for a holiday stay. Oversized books offer excellent illustrations and interesting information that can be enjoyed during brief spurts of time and without reading the entire book. This entertainment option is especially helpful for those visits to distant relatives or your new in-laws, with whom you may not yet have formed close relationships. They can be used to start conversations about a variety of new and neutral subjects, depending on the book you choose. The Columbus Public Library has oversized books about sports, history, music, movies & television shows, art, fashion, travel, and more.

Try an oversized book that celebrates our state, like "Nebraska: 150 years told through 93 counties" by David Hendee. It contains a page spread of photos and facts for each county in Nebraska. "Nebraska Simply Beautiful," by Mike Whye, compiles photographs that span the seasons across our state.

"Norell: Master of American Fashion" by Jeffrey Banks and Doria de la Chapelle, "Christian Dior: Designer of Dreams," with photographs by Nicholas Alan Cope, and "Fashion 150," edited by Arianna Piazza, are three oversized fashion books that will appeal to more than just the fashion enthusiast. Interspersed among gorgeous photos, the text provides insight regarding designers as well as the history and progression of the fashion industry.

These are just a few of the oversized books available for you to check out from the Columbus Public Library, so stop by to search or browse oversized books that would be perfect for your next holiday gathering.

Calendar Connection



The library is once again holding a Food For Fines event, which started November 25th and will run through December 1st. Bring in cans of food, along with any late books or DVD's, and we will erase your fines. Lost items will not be forgiven. If you have previous late fines, then you can also bring in cans of food and these fees will be deleted from your account.

We are only accepting canned goods; we are not accepting boxed dinners, boxed rice, or anything fresh, frozen or refrigerated.

This is a great opportunity to start over again with a clean slate, and also help less fortunate people in the community.

Because of the large attendance at our last kolache class, we are bringing you another kolache class on Saturday, December 8th at 2 pm at the Columbus Public Library. Connie Wachel will be our new teacher for this class. Known as "The Kolache Lady", Connie is willing to teach us her tips to making delicious kolaches. We will have copies of her recipe that you can make notes on as she teaches the class. Connie not only will show us how to make wonderful kolaches for our families and friends, but she will bring premade samples of these homemade treats for us to taste! We will have two drawings for the kolaches she bakes during the class, so some lucky winners will be taking home a tray of Connie's homemade kolaches. Join the fun and learn the secrets behind Connie Wachel's tasty kolaches!



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As winter approaches and the weather turns colder, young adults may be looking for more ways to stay entertained indoors. If you don't know it yet, the library is a great spot in Columbus to do just that. Rachelle has some of the newest technology available for teens to try out. Visit the Teen Space and ask library staff about Oculus Rift. Play games and explore the world with this virtual reality experience. You can also check out some of the many new books that have been added to our collection.

“Iron River” by Daniel Acosta

“Game Changer” by Tom Greenwald

“Unclaimed Baggage” by Jen Doll

“Bridge of Clay” by Markus Zusak



With December, and Christmas, right around the corner, it is time to start finalizing all those gifts for family and friends. The equipment in our makerspace can help you out! If there is someone on your list who would love an embroidered pillow or a quilt, come in and try out our Bernina 560 sewing machine. Beginners all the way up to advanced sewers will enjoy using this! With our Trotec Rayjet 50, you can engrave wood, glass or acrylic with numerous things, such as a favorite sports team emblem or someone's name. If you have a video game lover in your family, one of our 3D printers can bring their favorite character to life. All you have to do is import the model and the printer will do the rest! These tools, plus others, are available for your use. Our makerspace will be open from 1-4 PM on Saturday, December 1st and then from 10 AM to 3 PM on Monday, December 3rd.



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The Children's Room will be full of Christmas cheer all this month! Come up and celebrate with us during our programs. There will be cute holiday stories, festive crafts, and decadent snacks all set in a fun, seasonal atmosphere. Check our schedule below for the events planned for the first half of December.

Monday Night Book Adventures

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

December 10th— A Christmas Celebration

Story Time

10:30 a.m.-Noon & 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

December 6th— Nighty Night!

StoryART

10:30 a.m.-Noon & 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

December 13th— A Christmas Celebration

Super Sensational Saturday

10:00 a.m.-Noon

December 8th— Merry Christmas to All!

Your Columbus Public Library

Our monthly Tech Tuesday will be held on December 11th from 6-8 p.m. on the first floor of the East Wing. You are welcome to bring your own electronic devices or just explore the ones we have in the library for patrons to use. This is a great opportunity to ask any questions you have about our online resources, or to learn tips to better understand your own devices. Call 402-564-7116 for more information. Ask for Karen, Elicia, or Melissa.



Your Columbus Public Library

New Releases

There have been many great books added to our catalog recently. To place a hold on any of the titles listed below, or another book, please call the library at 402-564-7116.

Legacy of Mercy– Lynn Austin

Alaskan Holiday– Debbie Macomber

Abandoned– Allison Brennan

Dragon's Code– Gigi McCaffrey

A Horse for Elsie– Linda Byler

Shell Game– Sara Paretsky

Glitter Bomb– Laura Childs

A Spark of Light– Jodi Picoult

Rise of the Mystics– Ted Dekker

Deck the Hounds– David Rosenfelt

His Promise– Shelley Shepard Gray

Vampires Like it Hot– Lynsay Sands

A Gift of Bones– Carolyn Haines

Every Breath– Nicholas Sparks

The Love Letter– Rachel Hauck

Under My Skin– Lisa Unger

Vendetta– Iris Johansen

Desperate Measures– Stuart Woods

Connecting Readers & Writers

Happy Birthday to these authors:

Tosca Lee– December 1, 1969

Lydia Millet– December 5, 1968

Ann Hood– December 9, 1956

Jim Harrison- December 11, 1937

David Joy– December 11, 1983



Hello December

*Chill December brings the sleet,
blazing fire, and Christmas treat-
Sara Coleridge*