

“Librarian’s Shelf” by Rachelle McPhillips

Get in the Holiday Spirit @ your library

This season’s collection of holiday books includes installments in well-loved series and offerings from much-loved authors. These romantic stories will keep readers warm no matter the temperature outside.

“An O’Brien Family Christmas” is Sherryl Woods’ eighth Chesapeake Shores novel. When Laila Riley breaks things off with Matthew O’Brien, the family hopes she’ll have a change of heart if Laila goes with them to Ireland for the holiday. The family matriarch and matchmaker, Nell O’Brien, is persuasive and Laila joins them. Can Matthew convince Laila they are a match?

About this latest visit with the O’Briens, Library Journal says, “Heart-melting, poignant, and romantic, this year’s O’Brien family holiday celebration overlays the warm, hectic joy of the season with a dash of conflict and a touch of the Irish. A memorable, multilayered story.”

Fans of Linda Lael Miller’s McKettrick cowboys can warm up this winter with “A Lawman’s Christmas.” The death of her husband and the arrival of the new town marshal, Clay McKettrick, threaten to uproot Dara and her two children. McKettrick proposes a marriage of convenience to Dara and a romance soon blooms.

In Janet Dailey’s, “To Santa With Love,” Choya Barnett makes a proposal of his own when Jacquie Grey can’t afford to fix her collision-damaged car in Arizona. On her way west to start a new life for herself, Jacquie’s unplanned pit stop turns into a job offer working for Choya. An unlikely friendship between the two turns into something more as Christmas approaches.

Mary Dahiem’s contribution to the chorus of holiday fiction is, “The Alpine Winter.” This is more mystery than romance, but our friend Emma Lord is facing confessing her relationship with Sheriff Milo Dodge to her brother and son. Bones found near the river and a corpse discovered in a cave need keep them busy looking for answers. Emma and Milo take a break from investigating and draw unwanted – and potentially fatal – attention.

Only have a little time to spare for reading during this busy month? Try one of the holiday tales in “Making Spirits Bright.” Fern Michaels, Elizabeth Bass, Rosalind Noonan, and Nan Rossiter each contribute a light-hearted and sweet love story in this collection.

Take a break from the errands and stop by the library to browse the holiday fiction display, conveniently located by our new self-checkout station. If you have any questions about the Columbus Public Library, please call 402-564-7116 option 2. Have a safe and happy holiday season.