

Librarian's Shelf by Kelli Keyes

Thankful for books and blessings this holiday season

The holiday rush and excitement is about to begin, and for some of you it probably already has! There is a sure-fire way to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holidays. Go visit your favorite library (Columbus Public Library, of course!), find a relaxing book to read, prop your feet up, and recline in those spare moments that you can find. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I want to say that I'm thankful for the wonderful selection of books we have available here at the library. I'm thankful for the great staff of friendly, helpful folks that work at CPL. They will help you find what you are looking for or if you don't know what you are looking for, they can give you some suggestions.

Let me tell you about some new Christmas books that we just got in. The first one is "A Simple Wish" by Melody Carlson. A story that will tug on your heart strings about an aunt and her newly orphaned niece unexpectedly spending Christmas on an old Amish farm. This grieving aunt from the big city finds love, mystery, and healing in the Amish country. A great holiday story to share! Melody Carlson has written several other Christmas books you would enjoy if you like this one.

The second book I would like to tell you about is "The Dawn of Christmas" by Cindy Woodsmall. This is another story in a country setting about a missionary woman and a toymaker that have had bad experiences in their pasts and distrust the other gender. When these two interesting young people meet you can just imagine the wild and crazy thing that might happen! You will have to read the book to see if they make it as a couple! This book is a heartwarming read just right for the holiday season. Cindy Woodsmall includes a soap recipe in the back of the book for those of you with crafting skills.

Come and enjoy the bounty of books to choose from at the library this holiday season. I have to tell you that I have so much to be thankful for this holiday season. The thing I'm most thankful for this year is that my husband is walking again and back to nearly 100% health after his fall from a roof a year ago. Last Thanksgiving he had just made it home after nearly a month at the hospital. He spent two months in a wheel chair and several months in physical therapy. I'm so thankful for all our friends and family that helped us get through this tough time. I'm thankful for my four children that stepped up to meet all the challenges that we faced. I'm thankful for my church and library staff that were so supportive. I hope the best for all this holiday season. So in the spirit of Thanksgiving and the coming holidays, "God bless us, every one!"