

Librarian's Shelf by Kelli Keyes

### Warm up to Your Library

Brr! Is everyone keeping warm? Not an easy task with the weather we've been having! Come and enjoy the comforts of Columbus Public Library! Not only do we have a toasty library, but we have stories to warm your heart. We have all our Christmas books out for you to browse and check out. If you're looking for Thanksgiving and Christmas recipes, we have many great recipe books. For starters, you can peruse "Gooseberry Patch Christmas all through the house," "Betty Crocker Christmas Cooking," "Christmas with Paula Deen," and "Debbie Macomber's Christmas Cookbook" to name a few. If you're looking for Thanksgiving and Christmas decorating ideas, we have those books too. We also have magazines that you can check out to generate those holiday decorating ideas.

If you're looking for that heartwarming holiday story, we have some new Christmas books that just came in. "The Greatest Gift" by Philip Van Doren Stern is the original story that became the basis for the beloved Christmas classic "It's a Wonderful Life." "Snowfall" by Shelley Shepard Gray is about a widowed father with six children and their struggles and triumphs as they try to keep the family together after the passing of their mother. "The Christmas Light" by Donna VanLiere is another new book that you will need a tissue for.

Thank you so much to all who came and participated in our Story Walk during the Downtown Christmas Stroll. We had so much fun putting it all together to kick off the holiday season. We enjoyed dressing in Dickens era costumes and we hope you loved it too! The Festival of Trees organized by the Columbus Women's Club was a sight to behold as always. What a great way to get inspired to decorate for the holidays.

All of the library staff wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for at the Columbus Public Library. We are all looking forward to welcoming our new director Drew Brookhart and his wife Anne to Columbus, Nebraska and our library. We are thankful for the opportunity to offer so many varied and fun programming for families. We are thankful for the support of our amazing users and the community!

Let us know what we can do for you. If you have any ideas or suggestions we would love to hear them. After the Thanksgiving holiday we will have a program for the prevention of, and living with, diabetes. Joan Plummer, a certified diabetes educator from the Columbus Hospital will give a presentation on Saturday, December 13 at 2pm about how to live a healthy lifestyle to help live with and prevent diabetes. We will have snacks; healthy ones of course! We could all use this reminder to make healthy choices around Christmas time!

We hope you have a wonderful time with family and friends this holiday season.