LIBRARY NEWS!

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December

December is a wonderful time to slow down, pick up a good book, enjoy a holiday program, or find something fun for the whole family. Whether you're looking for a little holiday inspiration, a cozy winter read, or activities to keep the kids entertained, your library is here for you!

From all of us at Heartland Regional Library, we wish you a very Merry Christmas, a joyful holiday season, and a happy and healthy New Year. We look forward to seeing you at the library!



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NEW ITEMS!

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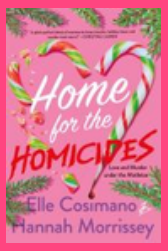
ADULT FICTION

Home for the Homicides by Elle Cosimano



When Special Agents Holly Frost and Mark Shepherd report to the idyllic town of Christmas to investigate a very less than idyllic murder, they're in for more than the average whodunnit. Welcome to Christmas, a town so cozy and charming it could be the backdrop of a Hallmark movie, where crime is never in season and it's the holidays all year round. So when a tourist is found stabbed to death by an icicle ornament in the middle of the town nativity scene, the local police are out of their depth -- after all, how do you find a criminal in a town where crime doesn't exist? The stakes are high: the whole town is relying on Holly and Mark to solve the crime before the annual Jingle Bell Jubilee festival (which naturally the town's entire economic survival relies on), plus, whichever of them cracks the case will receive a promotion to Major Crimes -- and there's only one spot. Holly and Mark are both on thin ice after screwing up on the job. This assignment is their one shot at redemption, if they can put aside their bitter rivalry. And of course, it's not only their careers on the line, it's their hearts, too -- regrets of their holiday party hookup last year haunt them like ghosts of Christmas past, so they both want to wrap up this rom-com gone wrong as quickly as possible. But with just twelve days until the festival, the countdown to catch a killer -- without killing each other -- is on.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

The House of Gardenias by Isabel Canas



Sixteen-year-old Minerva, a self-described coward, leaves her abusive home to work as a maid serving Encarnación del Valle, but when political violence forces them to flee to La Casa de las Gardenias, Minerva discovers the house is home to a bloodthirsty force and finds herself in a position to change the course of history.

JUVENILE FICTION

Warriors - Guiding Light by Erin Hunter



How long can the Clans endure life without StarClan's guidance? Moonpaw, Morningkit and Goldenpaw have made their choice, and there's no going back. But while Morningkit is happy to be free of the cats who judged her, Goldenpaw struggles with his decision. Racked with guilt, Moonpaw is torn between pleasing her mate and placating the sister who refuses to leave her side. Meanwhile, Tawnypelt has finally convinced the Clans to agree to look for a new connection to StarClan. Leading a team of cats to SkyClan's old gorge, she hopes that the Whispering Cave will offer guidance. But as the quest begins to wear on the cats, she worries that the gorge may not hold the answers they seek and that their connection with their ancestors may be gone forever. Punished for speaking out at the last gathering, Starlingpaw fears that he is the only cat in SkyClan who understands what the prophecies mean for them. With the support of his mother and a few Clanmates, he seeks out a larger role in the Clan, hoping to influence Hawkwing and Leafstar. But will he be able to alter SkyClan's course before the cat from the prophecies appears?

Library of Things

Check out our Pickleball Set!

Ready to serve up some fun? Check out our new Pickleball Set! Perfect for beginners and experienced players alike, this set makes it easy to grab a racket, get outside, and enjoy a little friendly competition. Check it out and let the games begin!



Tee Up Some Fun with Disc Golf!



Ready to try something new? Check out our new Disc Golf Set! Perfect for backyard fun, family gatherings, or friendly competition at the park. The set includes a portable disc golf basket with chains, six discs (putter, mid-range, and driver), target flag, ground stakes, and carrying bag. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned player, it's a fun way to get outside and test your skills. Check it out and see who can make the best shot!

Resources

Libby Reads

Nov. 24-Dec. 8

In the small, southern town of Everson, goats can run for mayor, the mail is always late, and nothing all that bad ever happens. That is, until thirteen-year-old Tucker finds Miss Geraldine dead at the bottom of her stairs. At first glance, it looks like an accident. But Tucker has always had a knack for noticing details that others overlook, and the details surrounding Miss Geraldine's death just aren't adding up. Miss Geraldine was miserable and mean. Miss Geraldine was murdered.

The whole town seems to have reason to want her dead, which makes Tucker's search for the truth nearly impossible. The more he investigates for clues, the more danger he finds himself in, and the more he realizes that maybe Everson was never as safe as he once thought it was. Anyone could be the killer, and in a small town that loves to gossip, if Tucker isn't careful, he could be the next one to have an "accident".



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