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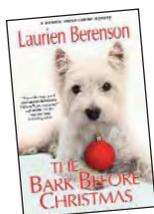
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New Items

HOLIDAY BOOKS

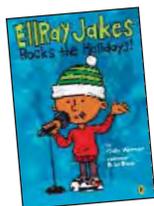
- *Tis the Season to be Felt-y* by Kathy Sheldon



- *Knit a Vintage Christmas* by Candi Derr
- *The Bark Before Christmas*

by Laurien Berenson

- *American Homestead Christmas* by Ellen Murphy
- *Real Santa* by William Hazelgrove
- *Falling Like Snowflakes* by Denise Hunter
- *Christmas Bells* by Jennifer Chiaverini
- *The Lopsided Christmas Cake* by Wanda Brunstetter
- *The Christmas Joy Ride* by Melody Carlson
- *How to Catch Santa* by Jean Reagan



- *Ellray Jakes Rocks the Holidays!* by Sally Warner
- *Miracle on 133rd*

Street by Sonia Manzano

- *When Grandma Saved Christmas* by Julia Hubery

Eventful Noel

Book sale, craft classes, author visit bring holiday spirit

From a visit by **Santa Claus** on the first day of December to making ornaments for a library Christmas tree on the eve of Christmas Eve, the library will celebrate the holiday with many events this month. Here's a holiday schedule:

■ Santa will be at the Savannah Branch for preschool Storytimes at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, and at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, and Thursday, Dec. 3. The Tuesday event is a Christmas party for all preschoolers sponsored by the library and Andrew County Parents as Teachers. No sign-up is needed for these programs.

■ Books Revisited, the Friends of the Library bookstore, will have a 12 Days of Christmas sale Dec. 1-12. All Christmas items will be out for sale Dec. 1-5 and then marked 50 percent off Dec. 6-7. Paperback books will be marked down Dec. 8-9, then all merchandise will be 25 percent off Dec.



Fletcher Little, 2, checks out the large gingerbread house that gives the Belt Branch some holiday cheer.

10 and 50 percent off Dec. 11-12.

■ Christmas trees will be the subject of a free painting class at 1 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Belt Branch. All supplies will be provided, and advanced sign-up is required.

■ The Gluten-Free Club will have a holiday potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Savannah Branch. Bring your favorite gluten-free dish to share with others.

■ Local author **Lucinda Weeks** will sign and sell copies of her book "Mary's

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LUCKY NUMBER

If your library card number is **22003000438851**, you've won a \$10 gift certificate to Books Revisited, the Friends of the Library store. Bring in your card to claim your prize by Dec. 31. Bookstore hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, noon-3 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

Rolling Hills Library

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HOURS: 9-9 Mon-Thu
9-6 Fri-Sat/1-5 Sun

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9-8 Tue, Thu/9-5 Sat/1-5 Sun

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*The board meets at 6 p.m. on
the fourth Tuesday of each month.*

Friends of the Library

The Friends support the library through volunteer and fund-raising efforts. Meetings are set for January, April, July and October.

Rolling Hills Library Foundation

The Foundation strives to provide financial support for large endeavors and future growth of the library by seeking substantial gifts from patrons and supportive foundations.

Holiday events feature cookies, decorations and Amelia Bedelia

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Christmas Story” at 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Books Revisited. The novel tells the story of **Mary** being chosen to become the mother of **Jesus** and her life with **Joseph**.

■ **Cheryl Mitchell**, owner of Miss Doyle’s Soapery, returns to the Savannah Branch at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, to show adults how to make a holiday pinecone swag. All supplies provided.

■ Youths can read to Santa and Mrs. Paws (reading therapy dogs) at 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Belt Branch. Drop by for a 15-minute or longer session with the dogs.

■ **Robbie Morton** will teach Classy Seniors how to turn old book pages into holiday decorations at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Belt Branch. Space is limited, so sign up in advance to attend.

■ Teenagers can exchange and frost cookies at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Savannah Branch. Teens should bring 12 cookies to taste and 24 in bags of six each (four bags in all) to exchange.

■ Crafters can make rug-hook lambs to use as ornaments, stocking stuffers or package trimming at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Savannah Branch. Some supplies will be provided, but participants must bring others. Ask for a supply list when you sign up in advance.

■ Elementary school students will mix up batter to make sugar cookies and thumbprint cookies at 3:30 p.m. Thurs-

day, Dec. 17, at the Savannah Branch. Participants also will be given dough to bake at home. No sign-up required.

■ Youths can drop in from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at the Belt Branch to make Christmas cards that will be sent to veterans and users of the library’s at-home book delivery service for adult patrons. All supplies will be provided.

■ From 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, and Wednesday, Dec. 23, youths can drop in to help decorate a Christmas tree in the youth services area of the Belt Branch. On Tuesday they can enjoy a popcorn bar while stringing popcorn for the tree, and on Wednesday they will make ornaments. No sign-up is needed.

■ Everyone’s favorite wacky maid will stir up a fun celebration in her own special way in “Happy Holidays, Amelia Bedelia,” at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, at the Belt Branch and at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, at the Savannah Branch. All ages are welcome to attend with these programs especially good for ages kindergarten through third grade.

■ Youths can come in 4:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, to the Belt Branch CreateSpace to frost cookies to take home. Then at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, they can make their own granola to take home. All supplies will be provided.

To register for programs requiring advanced sign-up, visit <http://rhcl.libcal.com/calendar/events>.

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Library scenes



Sharmyn Thompson and Michael Shaw presented a musical Thanksgiving program for Classy Seniors on Thursday, Nov. 19, in the Belt Branch Upper Story.

For more pictures of library events, visit www.facebook.com/RollingHillsConsolidatedLibrary.



Youths of all ages turned out Nov. 5 for a Discover Earth weather science program in the Belt Branch Upper Story. They conducted fun experiments and made crafts, including cloud inspectors. Kids use the inspectors to identify different types of clouds.



International Games Day on Nov. 21 at the Belt Branch attracted board game fans young and old. ABOVE: **Alex Libby** (left to right), **Stanley Libby** and **Aaron Harnack** played Revolution! RIGHT: **Neida Hast** and friends play Monopoly Jr.



Magician may be unable to escape her act

The year is 1905 and The Amazing Arden is renowned for her Halved-Man Act, one so shocking it has made her one of the most famous magicians in America.

When most women are content to stay home and make their husband's lives that much happier, Arden is performing illusions that make her audience question their senses. Her past is a patchwork of love and loss, where great joy is often followed by great pain. She's built a life based on her own terms, one filled with wealth, respect and love – but also with some very dark secrets.

So how is it that something goes horribly wrong with the illusion she has worked so hard to perfect? The last man to climb into the coffin-like

box is soon lying in a pool of blood with an ax protruding from his ribs.

Arden must tell her story, secret by secret, to a small town police officer as the night wanes and freedom wavers just out of reach. Can she convince him of the truth or will he fall for her lie?

Greer Macallister's seamless novel "The Magician's Lie" alternates between that fateful night and 10 years earlier as the girl who will become Arden grows from lonely child to confident magician. As she shares her story with officer Virgil Holt, his own story develops and he faces his own

decisions.

Similar to "Water For Elephants" and "The Night Circus," "The Magician's Lie" has both magic and a vintage feeling that should appeal to fans of both novels.

– Gena Fisher

Belt Branch reference assistant



Book review

Bookmobile Schedule

Tuesdays, Dec. 1 & 15

Savannah – 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Cedar Tree Apartments

Thursday, Dec. 3

Rushville – 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 4

Avenue City School – 9-11 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 11

Helena Elementary School – 8-11 a.m.
Union Star Elementary School – 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 16

Agency – 9-11 a.m.; Faucett Lions Club Building – 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Easton – 2-3:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church

Friday, Dec. 18

Gower City Park – 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19

Rosendale – 9-10:30 a.m.; Bolckow – 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Fillmore – 2-3 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 28

Cosby – 3-5 p.m.

Visits may be canceled because of inclement weather.
Call 205-7100 to verify visits.

Dining Discounts

Use your Rolling Hills Library card to receive 10 percent discounts at Le Peep Restaurant and Lino's Original Pizza in St. Joseph.

Books Revisited

Visit the Friends of the Library's new bookstore located next door to PepperJax Grill upstairs from the Belt Branch! Bigger space, more items!

Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday
1-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday

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December Calendar

General programs in Blue Senior programs in Red Children's programs in Green Teen programs in Orange Craft programs in Purple

1T	DIGITAL CAMERA CLASS 3 p.m. Belt	TEEN ZONE 5-7 p.m. Belt	STORYTIME WITH SANTA 6 p.m. SV	ONLINE PHOTO EDITING 3 p.m. Belt
2W	BABY STORYTIME 10 a.m. SV	STORYTIME 10:30 a.m. Belt & 11 a.m. SV	ADULT READING GROUPS Noon and 6:30 p.m. Belt	T.A.G. 4 p.m. SV
3T	STORYTIME 11 a.m. SV	PAINTING CLASS 1 p.m. Belt	YOUTH WRITING CLUB 4:30 p.m. Belt	GLUTEN-FREE GROUP 6 p.m. SV
4F	ADULT COLORING BREAK 1-2 p.m. Belt	SOIL SCIENCE FOR KIDS Learn how roots grow, worms burrow underground and other amazing things involving dirt! 4:30 p.m. Belt Upper Story		FAMILY STORYTIME 6:30 p.m. Belt
5S				
6S				HOBBY HAPPENINGS 6 p.m. Belt
7M	BABYTIME 10 a.m. Belt	PINTEREST 101 10 a.m. Belt	TODDLER STORYTIME 11 a.m. Belt	EVENING CHESS 6:30 p.m. Belt Upper Story
8T	ALZHEIMER'S GROUP 9 a.m. Belt	READING PET PARTNERS 10:30 a.m. Belt	PINECONE SWAG CRAFT 1:30 p.m. SV	TABLET TIPS 3 p.m. Belt
9W	STORYTIME 10:30 a.m. Belt	CLASSIC MOVIE: ANNA KARENINA 11 a.m. Belt	CLASSIC MOVIE: WUTHERING HEIGHTS 6:30 p.m. Belt	
10T	CLASSY SENIORS 1:30 p.m. Belt	ANIME CLUB 6:30 p.m. Belt	FAMILY STORYTIME 6:30 p.m. Belt	RHCL BOARD OF TRUSTEES 6 p.m. SV
11F	ADULT COLORING BREAK 1-2 p.m. Belt			
12S	TEEN COOKIE EXCHANGE 2 p.m. SV			
13S				
14M	BABYTIME 10 a.m. Belt	TODDLER STORYTIME 11 a.m. Belt	K-5TH ADVENTURES 4:30 p.m. Belt Upper Story	PAINTING CLASS 1 p.m. Belt
15T	E-MAGAZINES CLASS 3 p.m. Belt			SUPER SPECIAL STORYTIME 4:30 p.m. Belt Upper Story
16W	GLUTEN-FREE GROUP 10 a.m. SV	STORYTIME 10:30 a.m. Belt	TABLET TIPS 10:30 a.m. Belt	RUG HOOK CRAFT 1:30 p.m. SV
17T	CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKING FOR KIDS 3:30 p.m. SV	YOUTH WRITING CLUB 4:30 p.m. Belt	FAMILY STORYTIME 6:30 p.m. Belt	
18F	ADULT COLORING BREAK 1-2 p.m. Belt	Take a break from holiday stress by coloring. We have adult coloring books and colored pencils and pens for you to use.		AUTHOR MICHAEL FLOWERS 6 p.m. Belt
19S				
20S				CHRISTMAS CARD CRAFTS 4-5:30 p.m. Belt
21M	DROP-IN TECH HELP 9 a.m.-noon SV	BABYTIME 10 a.m. Belt	TODDLER STORYTIME 11 a.m. Belt	EVENING CHESS CLUB 6:30 p.m. Belt
22T	READING PET PARTNERS 10:30 a.m. Belt	TREE DECORATING 3:30 p.m. Belt	DISCOVER EARTH BOARD GAME 4-5:30 p.m. Belt Upper Story	
23W	STORYTIME 10:30 a.m. Belt	ORNAMENT CRAFTS 3:30 p.m. Belt		
24T	LIBRARY CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY			
25F	LIBRARY CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY			
26S				
27S				K-5th ADVENTURES 4:30 p.m. Belt Upper Story
28M	DROP-IN TECH HELP 9 a.m.-noon Belt	BABYTIME 10 a.m. Belt	TODDLER STORYTIME 11 a.m. Belt	FAMILY MOVIE 2 p.m. Belt Upper Story
29T	AMELIA BEDELIA LIVE! 2 p.m. Belt	SNOWFLAKE CRAFTS 4 p.m. Belt		
30W	STORYTIME 10:30 a.m. Belt	FAMILY MOVIE 2 p.m. Belt Upper Story	AMELIA BEDELIA LIVE! 2 p.m. SV	DIY @ ROLLING HILLS 4:30 p.m. Upper Story
31T	YOUTH WRITING CLUB 4:30 p.m. Belt	DIY GRANOLA BAR 4:30 p.m. Belt CreateSpace		

The Cake Lady

Barb Dalrymple says “Merry Christmas” with this perfect cake for the season.

Candy Cane Cake

Cake recipe

1 white cake mix and ingredients
½ teaspoon red food coloring
½ teaspoon peppermint extract

Frosting recipe

1 cup powdered sugar
1 tablespoon milk or water
½ teaspoon vanilla, if desired
Crushed candy canes or peppermint candies

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Generously grease and flour 12-cup Bundt pan and prepare cake batter as directed on box. Pour about 2 cups of batter into pan. In small bowl, pour about ¾ cup of batter, stir in food coloring and peppermint extract. Carefully pour pink batter over white batter then carefully add remaining white batter. Bake cake as directed on box.

In small bowl, mix together frosting ingredients. If necessary, stir in additional milk, 1 teaspoon at a time, until frosting is smooth and spreadable. Spread over cake then sprinkle crushed candy on top.

Kids programs part of Discover Earth exhibit

Kids and their families will have four Discover Earth programs to attend in December in the Belt Branch Upper Story.

At 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, preschool and elementary-age youths will learn about soil science – including how root systems grow and how worms move underground – by doing fun experiments. No sign-up is needed.

At 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, kids ages 8 and older can play the board game Polar Bears Go With the Floes. Players work as a team to make it around the board without the bear losing all of its ice floes.

At 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, youths can watch the animated movie “Happy Feet” about a penguin that would rather dance than sing. At 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, they can watch “Ice Age” about a group of ice age animals trying to return a baby human to its family.

Author to talk about Vietnam War book

It’s not often that a book author and the subject of his book

are part of the same program, but **Mike Flowers** and **Clayton Gilbertson** will live up to that billing at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Belt Branch.

Flowers’ new book is “Come Walk With Me,” which details Gilbertson’s service in the Vietnam War and his search for God.

Gilbertson joined the Army in 1953 and earned three Bronze Stars for valor and meritorious service. He also served as a JROTC teacher for 22 years at Benton and Lafayette high schools and became friends with Flowers, who is a retired principal of Hyde Elementary School.

Belt showing film versions of 2 novels

Two movies will be shown Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Belt Branch as tie-ins to the Dine and Discuss and the Discuss and Dessert adult reading groups, but anyone may attend the movies.

Greta Garbo stars in the 1935 version of “Anna Karenina” that will be shown at 11 a.m.

Timothy Dalton stars in the 1970 making of “Wuthering Heights,” which will be shown at 6:30 p.m.

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