The holiday season is rapidly approaching and people all over the country are beginning to get into the spirit.

They’re decorating their homes with lights, putting up Christmas trees, baking cookies, and listening to holiday music. Another great way to get into the mood for the holidays is reading some books set during the Christmas season. These are just ten of the many great fiction books at the Library that you can add to your reading list this month to get you ready to start singing Christmas carols and wrapping presents:

**Winter Street**, by Elin Hilderbrand
A family Christmas gathering at Kelley Quinn's Nantucket Inn is thrown into turmoil by his four adult children's personal drama and the discovery of his second wife's infidelity.

**Call Me Mrs. Miracle**, by Debbie Macomber
This Christmas, Emily Merkle (call her Mrs. Miracle) is working in the toy department at Finey's.

**All Through the Night**, by Mary Higgins Clark
Retired cleaning lady Alvirah Meehan sets out to reunite a mother with a daughter who was stolen as a baby eight years earlier.

**Silver Bells: A Holiday Tale**, by Luanne Rice
Christopher, grieving the son who's run away, and Catherine, grieving the husband who died, meet and find a second chance with each other.

**The Christmas Angel (Cape Light Series #6)**, by Thomas Kinkade and Katherine Spencer
Town mayor Emily finds a baby girl tucked away outside the church with a note begging who discovers the child to take care of her.

**Silent Night**, by William W. Johnstone
When the outlaws responsible for brutally killing the mayor's family escape the day before they are sentenced to hang, Duff MacCallister and the Jensen family must find and bring the criminals to bloody justice so that everyone can have a Merry Christmas.

**A Frontier Christmas**, by William W. Johnstone
Nora Bonesteel's Christmas Past by Sharyn McCrumb
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Library Consolidation Moves Forward

In September, the boards of the three county library districts that make up Scenic Regional Library approved resolutions to consolidate—combine into a single district.

Since 1959, the Franklin, Warren, and Gasconade County Library Districts have operated as a single entity, but were only held together by an agreement. From a legal standpoint, the district did not exist as a political subdivision. As a result, it could not obtain the bonds necessary to construct new buildings.

The next step in the consolidation process involved obtaining approval from each county’s Commission. The Warren and Gasconade County Commissions approved the request in late October, while the Franklin County Commission wanted to examine the measure more closely. In mid-November, the Franklin County Commissioners said that they will approve the request at some point in December.

The final steps in the process will be to place a legal notice in the newspapers announcing the consolidation and notify the Missouri State Library. Once completed, Scenic Regional Library will be a single district effective July 1, 2015.

Ornament Decorating Programs

Make an ornament to take home and decorate your tree. The Scenic Regional Library has presented ornament-making programs each holiday season for the past 11 years. Join us this year at any Scenic Regional Library location. There will be ornaments for kids of all skill levels.

Owensville
Saturday, November 29, 9 AM-Noon

Hermann
Wednesday, December 3, 3-7 PM

Pacific
Saturday, December 6, 10 AM-2 PM

Warrenton
Saturday, December 13, 10 AM-2 PM

Union
Saturday, December 13, 11 AM-3 PM

New Haven
Friday, December 19, 1-5 PM and Saturday, December 20, 8:30 AM-Noon

St. Clair
Saturday, December 20, 10 AM-1 PM

Santa is coming to the Library!

Owensville
Saturday, November 29, 9 AM-Noon

St. Clair
Saturday, December 20, 10 AM-Noon

Children made cow paper bag puppets in the craft area at the Union Branch’s annual Family Reading Night event at Union High School on November 7.

Diane Kasperski presented a Beginning Crochet Workshop at the St. Clair Branch on November 8. Participants crocheted scarves.
### Upcoming December Events

#### WARREN COUNTY

**KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS**

**Storytime (Preschool-Kindergarten)**  
Tuesdays at 10 AM  
Theme: We will be reading about vegetables, fruits, meats/cheese, Santa, and sweets.

**Robotics (Grades 5-12)**  
Monday, December 15, from 3-5 PM  
Sign up at the Library or call 636-456-3321.

**Teen Tuesday - Christmas Coasters**  
Tuesday, December 16, at 4 PM

**FAMILY PROGRAM**

**Ornament Making**  
Saturday, December 13, from 11 AM-3 PM  
Drop in anytime for a make-and-take Christmas craft.

**Cookie Exchange**  
Tuesday, December 2, from 6-7 PM  
Bring 3 dozen of one kind of cookie. Submit your recipe by November 25 to be included in the take-home booklet.

**Union Book Club**  
Thursday, December 18 at 7 PM  
*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie will be discussed.

#### HERMANN

**KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS**

**Story Hour**  
Thursdays from 10-11 AM

**After School Club**  
Wednesday, December 3, from 3-7 PM  
Let’s get crafty and make ornaments! Everyone is invited to this drop-in activity!

**Build It!**  
2nd Sat of each month, from 10-11 AM  
Come in and build some HUGE inventions with our blocks!

**Teen Advisory Board-T.A.B.**  
Last Sunday of each month, from 2-4 PM  
at the Hermann Branch. Craft blitz! If you have one ounce of holiday craftiness left, come on in and get messy!

**Student Photo Bomb Art Show (TAB Sponsored)**  
Beginning November 30, take all of the family photobombs your family will tolerate! Bring 8x10 copies to SRL-Hermann Branch by December 28 for display beginning January, 2015.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

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**Union Book Club**  
Thursday, December 18 at 7 PM  
*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie will be discussed.

**Book Club**  
Wednesday, December 17, at 2 PM  
We will be discussing *There’s Something About Christmas* by Debbie Macomber.

**It’s a Stitch Sewing Club**  
Wednesday, December 17, at 4 PM

**FAMILY PROGRAM**

**Ornament Making**  
Saturday, December 13, from 10 AM-2 PM  
Sign up at the Library or call 636-456-3321.

**Holiday Movie Night with Hot Cocoa Bar**  
Tuesday, December 2, at 6 PM

**Christmas Gift & Give**  
Tuesday, December 16, at 5 PM

**AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**  
Tuesday, December 16, from 10 AM-3 PM  
A representative from the Agency on Aging will be available to help you sign up or answer your questions. Please drop by for information.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Be Creative! Creative Writing Club**  
Every second Wednesday at 6 PM

**Join us for Book Club**  
Every third Wednesday at 6 PM

**Knit Too!**  
Every Wednesday of the month - Call for times!

**Affordable Care Act**  
Tuesday, December 16, from 10 AM-3 PM  
A representative from the Agency on Aging will be available to help you sign up or answer your questions. Please drop by for information.

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A great way to learn about upcoming programs and events at the library is to follow us on Facebook. “Like” your local branch’s Facebook page today!
Upcoming

NEW HAVEN

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Storytime (for kids up to Kindergarten age)
Tuesdays at 10 AM
In December, we will enjoy holiday stories, along with songs, crafts, and finger plays.

Cedric Cedar’s Christmas Wish
Tuesday, December 2, at 10 AM
Local author, Vallys Pilliod, will read her new book during storytime.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Simple Craft Saturdays for School-Age Kids and Their Grown-Ups
Saturday, December 6, from 8:30 AM-1 PM
Stop by and make a Christmas-themed craft with your kids! Watch Facebook for pictures of these crafts.

12th Annual Ornament Making
Friday, December 20, from 8:30 AM - NOON
Drop in and make an ornament to take home for your tree.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Yarn and Yak
Wednesday, December 3, from 6-8 PM
Yarn crafts group meets the first Wednesday of each month at New Haven Library. Bring your projects and ideas. Everyone is welcome. Reservations are not needed.

Book Club
Wednesday, December 17, at 5 PM
We are reading Knit the Season by Kate Jacobs. Stop by the Library and check out a copy of the book. Everyone is welcome. Book Club meets at the Library.

PACIFIC

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Storytime (Toddlers through Kindergarten)
Thursdays, December 4, 11 & 18 at 10 AM

Ornament Making
Saturday, December 6, from 10 AM-2 PM

Visit with Santa
Saturday, December 6, from 11 AM-2 PM
Bring your camera!

Read n Build (Ages 5 and up)
Saturday, December 20, at 11 AM

ADULT PROGRAMS (18+)

Registration required for the following programs. Please call 636.257.2712 or visit the Library to sign up.

Stained Glass
Wednesday, December 3, at 6 PM
Sherry Pate will be the host.

Crochet Club
Wednesday, December 17, at 6 PM

ST. CLAIR

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Author Book Reading for Homeschool and Storytime
Thursday, December 4, at 10 AM & 11 AM

Preschool Storytime
Thursdays at 11 AM

Ornament Making
Saturday, December 20, from 10 AM - 1 PM
Santa here from 10 AM to 12 NOON!!!

Read-Build-Play Club
Saturday, December 27, at 10 AM

OWENSVILLE

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime
Thursdays at 4:30 PM
Bring the kiddos for stories, songs, and crafts!

Teen Club
1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 3:30 PM
Meets at OMS in room N12.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Knitwits
Wednesday, December 3, at 6:30 PM
Join us for fun, fellowship, and instruction! Crocheters welcome too!

Movie Night at the Library
Friday, December 5, at 7 PM
Call 573-437-2188 for this month’s classic holiday title!

We’re Having a Pinterest Party!
Thursday, December 11, at 6:30 PM
We’ll have crafts and snacks from Pinterest. Wear your UGLY Christmas sweater!

Book Club
Wednesday, December 17, at 6:30 PM
We will be discussing Molly Brown from Hannibal, Missouri by Lisa Marks.

Branch Manager Kate Keffer-Haynes read to children at A,B,C’s and 1,2,3’s Learning Center in New Haven on November 12.

Library Board member Jim Davis (left), Beaufort, participated in the Union Branchs International Games Day program on November 15.

Tom Meisenheimer shared his enthusiasm for banjo music at the Pacific Branch on November 6. More than two dozen people listened to a variety of folk songs played on Mr. Meisenheimer’s collection of banjos from different time periods.
Hermann Branch Giving Tree on Display until December 15

This holiday season the Hermann Branch is participating in the local Giving Tree program.

Dawn Grosse, social worker with the Gasconade County R-1 school district, organized the program for Hermann's students and their families several years ago to provide winter supplies or Christmas presents to local residents who struggle financially.

The Hermann Branch staff has decorated their Giving Tree with ornaments. On the reverse side of each ornament is a number and three item list. As these items are purchased and returned to the Branch, the staff will affix the filled ornament list to the item, and then store the items for pickup by Ms. Grosse. The items on the ornaments are primarily for children and include shoes, Barbie dolls, picture books, mittens, scarves, Legos, puzzles, and blankets. The tree will be on display at the library until December 15.

Pacific Branch Wraps-up Successful Coat Drive

The Pacific Branch participated in the annual Warner's Warm-Up Coat Drive November 1-14. The Branch collected almost 50 coats during the two-week drive. The Warners’ Warm-Up Team has been able to provide warm winter outerwear to men, women, and children in need in the Bi-State area for thirteen years. The group has hundreds of drop off locations on both sides of the river resulting in approximately 15,000 coats collected each year. Operation Food Search, St. Louis's largest free food and personal care non-profit distribution center, distributes the coats collected to their network of schools, shelters and social service centers.

Pacific Branch patron Peggy Leslie, a member of the Branch's Crochet Club, crocheted eight pairs of matching scarves and hats for the clothing drive.

The Library Welcomes New Staff

Brenda Allee-Bates (right) was hired as the Library’s new Business and Human Resources Manager. Brenda was director of the Texas County Library in Houston, Missouri, for 8 years. She has been the Administration & Management Consultant for public libraries at the Missouri State Library since 2011. Stacy Emerson (left) was hired as the Library’s new Trainer/Adult Education Instructor. In addition to training staff, Stacy will be teaching computer-related classes to the public throughout the system beginning in January. Stacy was a corporate leadership trainer for Citicorp for twelve years. She recently relocated to St. Clair, Missouri. Stacy and Brenda began work at the library on November 3.
Movie Night at the Owensville Branch always draws a big crowd. On November 7, the movie was Maleficent.

The Hermann Branch celebrated International Games Day on November 7 all over town. Participants at Victorian Place played dominoes.

Warrenton Branch staff member DeeDee Twiehaus participated in a skit called “Catch the Reading Bug” presented by the Butterfly House in Chesterfield at Rebecca Boone Elementary School.

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Owensville Branch (OW)
107 North First Street
Owensville, Missouri 65066
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Wed: 8:30 am - 7 pm
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Pacific Branch (PC)
119 West St. Louis Street
Pacific, Missouri 63069
Phone: 636-257-2712
Mon: Closed
Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 9 am - 6 pm
Wed: 9 am - 8 pm
Sat: 9 am - 3 pm
Sun: Closed

St. Clair Branch (SC)
515 E Springfield
St. Clair, Missouri 63077
Phone: 636-629-2546
Mon: Closed
Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Wed: 8:30 am - 7 pm
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Warrenton Branch (WR)
912 South Hwy 47
Warrenton, Missouri 63383
Phone: 636-456-3321
Mon, Thurs, & Fri: 9am - 6pm
Tues & Wed: 9am - 8pm
Sat: 9am - 3pm
Sun: Closed

New Haven Branch (NH)
901 Maupin
New Haven, Missouri 63068
Phone: 573-237-2189
Mon: Closed
Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm; 1 pm - 5:30 pm
Wed: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm; 1 pm - 7 pm
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Hermann Branch (HR)
601 Market Street
Hermann, Missouri 65041
Phone: 573-486-2024
Mon: Closed
Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 9 am - 6 pm
Wed: 11 am - 8 pm
Sat: 9 am - 3 pm
Sun: Closed

Administrative Office (ADMIN)
308 Hawthorne Drive
Union, Missouri 63084
Phone: 636-583-0652
Mon thru Fri: 8am - 5pm
Sat: Closed
Sun: Closed

Union Branch (UN)
308 Hawthorne Drive
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