

The Reader's Corner

HOLIDAY BOOKS

AT THE COUNTY LIBRARY

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Are you already busy with plans and preparations for the holiday season's programs, parties, decorations, special cooking and baking, not to mention gift shopping and card mailing? Well, your Klamath County Library can't help on those last two items, unless you want some information about new books to buy at the bookstores. But we can help with some of the other holidays-ahead planning, because we do have books and magazines to loan. We have books about Christmas decorations, tree decorating, candle making, package wrapping, cookie baking and candy making. We have books about Christmas customs, parties, programs, plays, songs and holiday entertaining. We have files of magazines full of Christmas ideas and "how-to-do-it" instructions of all sorts from making an extra-special wreath to stuffing a turkey.

So, instead of listing new books at the Klamath County Library this week, we've listed a few of the holiday books you might find useful. There are many more materials available than listed so we've tried to select a few books we think are rather special.

All our "Holiday Collection" of books, pamphlets, and magazines are arranged in a special section to help you find them easily. All are available for you to use on a special one-week loan period—one week so that everyone has a better chance to borrow the book or special magazine he wants.

Handbook of Christmas Decoration, by Dorothy Waugh.

Individual chapters cover greeting cards and gift wrapping, table settings, still-life and groups, decorative foods and things particularly for children.

Christmas Customs Around The World, by Herbert Henry Wernecke.

The first chapter traces the history of Christmas from the early centuries to the time of Colonial America, and explains the development of symbols and legends. Succeeding chapters describe both the religious and purely festive customs of 64 different countries, grouped according to large geographic areas. Chapters on recipes from around the world and Christmas programs are included.

Treasury of Christmas Plays, by Sylvia E. Kamerman.

Contains 40 plays suitable for classroom, assembly, and dramatic club programs. Includes "traditional and modern one-act plays for young people—contemporary comedies, dramatizations of the Christmas Story, plays with flexible casts, musical background—all revealing the true spirit of Christmas."

Candle Book, by Carli Laklan.

Every step of candle making described in detail. There is information on the kinds of wax available, the size-wicks to use, the right coloring for different types of decor, etc. There are designs for Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and parties of every sort. A final chapter covers basic business principles as well as sales promotion tips.

Family Book of Home Entertaining, by Florence Richards Brobeck.

Suggestions and recipes for family reunions, Christmas and other holiday parties, dances, and other entertaining, for both adults and children, with tips on decorations and buying.

Party Fun, by Margaret Elizabeth Mulac.

Parties are planned for banquets, family celebrations (children and teenage parties too), holiday parties . . . theme parties, and special menus and recipes for refreshments. There are brain twisters, skill games, active games, and quiet games, along with musical suggestions for each occasion.

The Master Banquet and Party

Book, by Beatrice Plumb.

Here is a book, full of ideas to help the busy hostess, entertainment chairman, or recreation director. It includes plans for 14 banquets, besides parties, socials, picnics, luncheons, teas, a dinner, a ball and even a bazaar!

Candy Cook Book, by Paul Volliard De Gros.

A real boon to holiday fun and gift giving: the first comprehensive book ever written on making professional candy in the home! The expert text of P. V. De Gros reveals the secrets of mouth-watering French confectionery and familiar old-time favorites. Hundreds of informative how-to photographs show every step in producing the world's best candy with simple kitchen equipment.

Christmas And Its Customs, by Christina Hale.

Many of our Christmas customs have their roots in pagan revels: evergreens as symbols of life, lights, feasting, drinking and games. The holiday is celebrated in various ways all over the world. This short account of the season's traditions tells the complete story.

New look at Christmas decorations, Gracie Listaité

Everyday material found in most homes—paper cups, straws, cartons, colored and foil papers—are adapted to the making of traditional Christmas decorations in a book suitable for family, school, or church use. Patterns for tree ornaments and other holiday trimmings from England, Germany, France, Sweden, Spain, Mexico and many other countries are described and illustrated. Preceding each section is a brief essay on the appropriate national Yule customs.

It's Time For Christmas, by Elizabeth (Hough) Sechrist.

Emphasizing the more Christian aspects of Christmas, this anthology presents a collection of poetry, stories and carols, plus a retelling of Christmas customs, traditions and history.

Complete Christmas Book, by Franklin Watts.

A Christmas manual to consult "for ideas on gifts to make; new ways to wrap them; handmade cards; recipes for old and new Christmas dishes; house and tree decorations to be made at home; Christmas music on records; and countless other things—even poems and stories to be read aloud Christmas after Christmas."

Let's Celebrate Christmas, by Horace John Gardner.

An enormous collection of party suggestions, plays, carols with music, legends, poetry and stories, which can be used by adults in giving children's parties, plays and so on at Christmas time.

Festival Menus 'Round The World, by Sula Benet.

Thirty three holidays in 33 countries with 232 recipes for distinctive dishes are presented in this book for the cook or chef who has time to celebrate and the ingredients are not difficult to come by. It is arranged alphabetically under countries. Shopping guide is included.

All About Christmas, by Maymie Richardson Krythe.

With each chapter named for a carol, this small book describes the origins of Christmas traditions and the development of modern customs connected with the season's observance.

The Christmas Book, by Francis Xavier Weiser.

Drawn from many lands and many centuries, the colorful, varied material here presented emphasizes the diversity as well as the essential unity of Christendom through the ages. In our own time, Christmas has sometimes seemed to be a hectic and aimless season that begins around Thanksgiving Day and ends with exhaustion and general expressions of relief on Christmas Eve. Readers of "The Christmas Book" will know better.

Successful Entertaining At Home, by Carolyn Alta Coggins.

There are loads of suggestions for special holidays and special kinds of parties. The menus sound so appetizing, the decorations so

Poet's Corner

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is love
That Blooms as bright
As the red poinsettia
Near tall candle light.

Christmas is peace
As still and pure
As the white glistening snow
Across the moor.

Christmas is joy
That shines from your eyes
As reflecting the star from the
Bethlehem skies.

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FROM ALGOMA POINT

Lifting upward into the sky of
blue
Standing erect Mt. Pitt calls to
you,
Calling to come and look its way
To view the wonders of today.
O the beauty of the mountain
And the grandeur of it all.
Seems to fill you and instill you
With a feeling of awe.

Have you seen it in summer?
At the time of setting sun
All the colors seem to mingle
To blend into one.
Casting shadows on the water
Its reflections so true,
You feel that the mountain
Is upside down just for you.

Have you viewed it in winter?
When snow covers it complete
And the glistening sun is casting
Shadows at its mighty feet.
You never forget the wonder
That filled your heart that day.
Maybe you say its just nature,
But God does things that way.

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attractive, and the labor so easily
managed that only an antisocial
drone could resist.

Art Of Wrapping Gifts, by Drucella Lowrie.

A very useful book, not only
at Christmas time, but during the
year whenever gifts of any sort
need the decorative touch. Included
are diagrams on the making of
all types of bows and a chapter
on wrapping children's gifts.

Christmas Cookie Book, by Virginia Pasley.

A warm, gentle little book that
would make a cheerful Christmas
gift for anyone unsophisticated
enough to catch its spicy flavor
—or even for anyone who just
wants good cookies. Includes recipes
for over 60 kinds of cookies,
instructions for packing and advice
on tools and ingredients.

BETHLEHEM

Like the first Christmas morn
When Mary and Joseph knelt to
pray—
All darkness from the earth was
torn
For Christ was born on that Day.
A distant star dropped a spray
Of silver notes in life's prelude:
Crystal dew on chiming bells
spills
A fragrance on the hour. Sun
breaks

Assuring peace on purple hills;
Joy to the World the Christ is
born
As impending shadows slip away.
Like the first Christmas morn
When Mary and Joseph knelt to
pray.

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DUCKS

When the ducks fly in the fall.
That's a thrill enjoyed by all.
In the blind the hunters wait;
Pondering the poor birds' fate.

Cold and weary they appear
Yet they still will always hear
That sound up in the sky
Even though the birds are high.

Guns are ready for the kill,
And it requires a little skill.
They wait now for them to fly
Just a little lower in the sky.

Homeward they will often come
Dusty as a railroad bum.
Yet the thrill to the hunting call
When the ducks fly in the fall.

By Jennie Charles
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Best Seller

FICTION

HAWAII, Michener.
ADVISE AND CONSENT,
Drury.
THE LEOPARD, di Lampe-
dusa.
THE LOVELY AMBITION,
Chase.
TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD,
Lee.

NONFICTION

THE WASTE MAKERS,
Packard.
BORN FREE, Adamson.
FOLK MEDICINE, Jarvis.
KENNEDY OR NIXON,
Schlesinger.
THE POLITICS OF UP-
HEAVAL, Schlesinger.

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