



2009 Holiday Wish List

Honor someone special in your life with the donation of a book to the Library.

Here is how it works... Books have been selected for all ages – adults, children and special interests - that will help our collection grow. You choose from one of the following lists and donate the purchase price of your selection. Your gift will have a bookplate honoring your special person, AND we will provide you a gift card, if desired.

Holiday Books

- A Greener Christmas, Goldsmith ed. \$16.95
Christmas Gifts from the Kitchen, by G. Brennan. \$18.95
Dickens' Christmas, by Simon Callow. \$19.95
I'm Dreaming of a Green Christmas: Gifts, Decorations..., by Getty. \$24.95
Kwanzaa: From the Holiday to Every Day, Maitefa Angaza. \$11.90
New Traditions: Redefining Celebrations for Today's Family, by S. Lieberman. \$16.20
Nigella Christmas: Food, Family, Friends, Festivities, by N. Lawson. \$26.25
The Christmas Almanac, N. Fried ed. \$27.50
The Christmas Kitchen: The Gathering Place..., by Maltby and Buchanan. \$14.99
The First Christmas: What the Gospels Say..., by Borg and Crossman. \$13.99
The Upside Down Christmas Tree, by Scott & Troy. \$18.95
Together: Creating Family Traditions, by Janell, Sewall, and others. \$21.95

Fiction

- Christmas Promise, by Anne Perry. \$18.00
I, Alex Cross, by James Patterson. \$28.00
Not My Daughter, by B. Delinsky. \$25.00
Once in a Blue Moon, by E. Goudge. \$24.00
Professional, by Robert Parker. \$26.00
Quilter's Holiday, by J. Chiaverini. \$20.00
Southern Lights, by Danielle Steel \$28.00
Too Many Murders, by Colleen McCullough. \$26.00
True Blue, by David Baldacci. \$28.00

Fiction (continued)

- Vintage Caper, by Peter Mayle. \$24.00

Large Print

- Alex Cross Trial, by James Patterson. \$24.00
Black Hills, by Nora Roberts. \$23.00
Breaking the Rules, by B. T. Bradford. \$23.00
Deep Blue Sea For Beginners, by Luanne Rice. \$22.00
Even Money, by Dick & Felix Francis. \$23.00
Ford Country, by John Grisham. \$22.00
Hothouse Orchid, by Stuart Woods. \$23.00
Last Song, by Nicholas Sparks. \$25.00
9 Dragons, by Michael Connelly. \$25.00
92 Pacific Boulevard, by Debbie Macomber. \$25.00

Non-Fiction

- A Big Little Life: A Memoir of a Joyful Dog, by Dean Koontz. \$24.99
A Touch of Glass: Designing for Creative Glass Bead Jewelry, by Nancy Alden \$22.95
Baking, by James Peterson. \$40.00
Clean Food:..., by Terry Walters. \$30.00
Eat, Feed, Autumn, Winter by Anne Bramley. \$35.00
Fiction Set in Vermont 3, by A. Micou. \$18.96

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Letter From the Director:

As 2009 draws to a close, it is a good time to reflect on the past year and recognize the individuals, businesses and organizations who have contributed in some way to our Library's success. Donors, volunteers, Trustees and board members, Friends - through their efforts we are able to provide excellent and diverse programs and services to our community. The staff join me in thanking you for supporting our library and in wishing you all: volunteers, donors, patrons, a happy and healthy holiday season. See you at the Library! *Lynne Fontenneau-McCann*

Three New Directors Join Library Board

This year we are happy to welcome three new faces to the Library's Board of Directors.

Melissa Morrison was born and raised in Bennington and is a graduate of the University of Vermont with a B.S. in Business Administration. She currently is the managing partner of HH Holsteins, LLC, a dairy business located in Bennington which she works with her brother, Robert Holden. In addition, Melissa is the Director of Marketing in the Bennington/Manchester area for At Home Senior Care, a private home care agency servicing Bennington & Rutland Counties.

Morrison lives in Shaftsbury with her husband Kevin and two boys, ages 2 and 4.

Christine Morrissey is a native of Bethlehem, PA. She graduated from St. Mary's College in South Bend, IN with a degree in English Literature and a minor in Secondary Education. She taught English in high schools in Allentown, PA; Baltimore, MD; and Williamstown, MA. Currently, she grades the essay portion of the SAT, and is the wife of Jason and mother to Catherine.

Alicia Romac is a returning member of the Library Board and has assumed the role of Secretary. Alicia has been actively involved in many community projects and produces local access television programs, including Tell Me a Story, the Library's television's show for children. Alicia currently operates a videography and digital editing company, Legacy Images of Vermont, lives in Bennington with her husband Michael and 2 children.

Our newest Board members will join a dedicated, hardworking team: Barth Vander Els (Chair), Diane Howard (Vice Chair), Jerry Keneally (Treasurer), Jon Goodrich, Norma McShane, David Newell, and PJ Venti.

In Recognition

In-kind services were donated by the following individuals, organizations and businesses during FY 09. Please be sure to convey your appreciation for their support of Library services and programs.

Books & Resources

Rebecca Rupp
Bennington Book Shop
Mother Goose
Carolyn Kulik
Holly McClay

Book Express

Bill & Rose Wolfe
Al Ray
Joe Hall
Ann & Don Nolan
Adrian Lane
Russell & Barbara Spies
Anne Bugbee
Norman Wilder
Tom & Dottie DePollo
Bennington Lions Club
Andy Castle
Emily Ostler
Rachael Payne
RSVP
Success by Six
Dale Miturski

Children's Programs

Scrabble Club – Sandy Loiterstein
Timothy Party – MAUHS Interact Club
Friends Overnight – Willy Jones
International Fair – MAUHS International Club
Umbrella Workshop – Barbara Roan
Story Hour – Tara Schatz and Ocho
Moose Party – Sue Kline & Cheryl Wehrspaun
Summer Reading – Vermont's Art Council
Museum ABCs – Deanna Flanders & The Bennington Museum

Adult Programs

Vermont Reads:
Andrea Robare & Southern Vermont College,
Ikuko Yoshida, and Eileen Sculley

Plants

Mary Mollica

Computer

Vince McLean

2009 Wish List (continued)

Non-Fiction continued

Gingerbread, by Jennifer L. McGlinn. \$19.95

Gourmet Today, Ruth Reichl, ed. \$40.00

Louis Brandeis: A Life, by M. Urofsky. \$26.40

One Bite at a Time: Nourishing Recipes for
Cancer Survivors..., by R. Katz \$21.95

Relaxed Cooking with Curtis Stone, \$32.50

Sewing Green: 25 projects..., by White \$16.47

The 2012 Story: Myths, Fallacies, and Truth...,
by J. M. Jenkins. \$25.95

The Civil War Day by Day, by Philip Katcher. \$19.95

When Everything Changed: The Amazing Journey
of American Women from 1960 to Present, by Gail
Collins. \$16.37

Vermont History Room

A Century in the Mountains: Celebrating Vermont's
Long Trail, Slayton \$38.95

Almost Utopia: Photographs. Lepkoff & Joly. \$32.00

Changing Landscapes: Vermont's Past Century. DVD
\$19.98

Champlain's Dream, by D. H. Fischer. \$18.99

Finnigans, Slaters & Stonepeppers: A History of the
Irish in Vermont, by Feeney. \$19.95

Historic Photos of Vermont, by Ginger Gellman \$39.95

Rebels in Vermont: October 19, 1864. Raiders Strike
St. Albans. A True Story told by Tom Weakley.
CD \$9.00

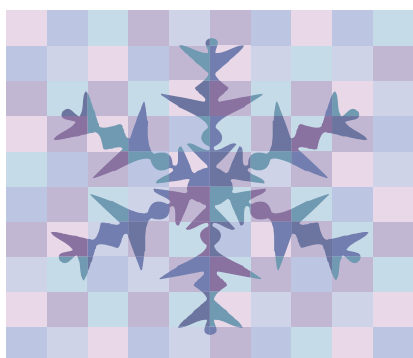
The Coming of the Train: The Hoosac
Tunnel & Wilmington... Volume 1 (1870-1910),
by Brian A. Donelson. \$49.95

The Lamaille Stories, Read by Bill Schubart. DVD \$9.95

The Life: A Celebration of Vermont Jewish Women,
by Buffum & Gartner. \$15.00

The Revolutionary War in Bennington County, by Richard B.
Smith. \$19.99

The Unknown Rockwell, by James A. Edgerton & Nan
O'Brien. \$29.95



FY 09 Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Carolyn Austin

Mrs. F.A. Englehart
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Mills

In Memory of Madeline Brunina

Ms. Madelyn Holland

In Memory of Helen G. Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Brown
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Carrara
Ms. Rena Dewey-Morrison
Mrs. Joan Douglass
Ms. Patricia Forbes
Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Goodspeed
Mr. Lane Robert Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Johnson
Mr. Shane Marrion
Mr. and Mrs. David Nielson
Ms. Muriel M. Weber
Mrs. Polly Wilson

In Memory of Fred Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Carrara
Mrs. Pat A. Zemianek

CDs & DVDs

A Christmas Carol. \$12.99 DVD

A Not So Silent Night at the Knitting Factory,
McGarrigle & Wainwright. \$26.99 DVD

Christmas Adagios, \$17.98 CD

Christmas From the Heart, Archuleta. \$13.94 CD

December, Chris Botti. \$8.99 CD

Four Christmases, with Reese Witherspoon.
\$16.99 DVD

It's a Wonderful Life (60th Anniversary
Edition), with James Stewart. \$14.99 DVD

My Christmas, Andrea Bocelli. \$18.98 CD

Songs of Joy & Peace, Yo-Yo Ma.... \$18.97 CD

The Dead, Helena Carroll. \$8.99 DVD

The Nutcracker Ballet, Tchaikovsky. \$6.98 DVD

White Christmas (Anniversary Edition), with
John Brascia. \$14.99 DVD

Wintersong, Paul Winter. \$12.99 CD

The Winter Reading Series

Three of the Seven Deadly Sins

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Join Lea Newman, professor emerita, Massachusetts College of the Liberal Arts, in a discussion of the Deadly Sins as they are portrayed in a variety of (mostly) contemporary short stories. Sin is a general term for wickedness or a wicked art. For religious people, a sin is a transgression against the law of God. Come find out how authors treat behavior that goes against accepted norms.

January 10: Pride. "A Rose for Emily," by William Faulkner
"Good Country People," by Flannery O'Connor

January 24: Envy. "Roman Fever," by Edith Wharton
"Smokers," by Tobias Wolff

February 7: Greed. "The Rocking-Horse Winner," by D. H. Lawrence
"The Inherited Clock," by Elizabeth Bowen

February 21: Snow Day

The series is held on Sundays, 2–4 pm, in the Rotary Room. (Participants are asked to enter the Library using the door to the left of the main entrance). As always, refreshments will be served. Books will be available at the front desk before the holidays. The program is held in conjunction with the Vermont Humanities Council.

BookFest 2010 is a YES.

Almost 40 people came to the BookFest Volunteers meeting on October 21. Sorting of books in the basement has started. If you would like to help with BookFest and have not already signed up, please call Fronia Simpson at 442-3992, or email Leslie Noyes at lmncreate@myfairpoint.net. Many hands make for light work. Help make BookFest 2010 the best yet! Proceeds benefit Library programs and services.

In Memoriam

We note with sorrow the loss of the following supporters and friends of the Library:

Van Vechten Graves, Jane Julian, Dale Kolenberg, Catherine Murphy

Vermont History Room

Jim Provensal, Bennington Catholic High School 1959 graduate, has created a series of CDs on each year of Bennington Catholic High School's history and donated copies to the Library's Vermont History Room. The CDs are filled with photographs and memorabilia and are certain to evoke treasured memories. Presently, the class of 1959, 1960, and 1961 are completed; '62 and '63 are due to arrive within the next few weeks. The CDs are non-circulating, but are available for viewing in the Vermont History Room. The History Room also has a collection of yearbooks from area high schools. The Vermont Room hours are: Monday-Friday 2-4 pm, Saturday 10-12. Jim is now living in Tennessee. We are thankful to him for his donation that is such an important piece of our community's history.

Bennington Garden Club

The Bennington Garden Club will once again decorate the Library for the holidays. Be sure to take some time to stop and smell the roses – or the greens – throughout December. *Thank you Garden Club members.*

Children's Room Wish List

Give a gift – a book - that lasts a lifetime.

Donate a book honoring a family member, a friend or a child to the Children's Room.

Picture Books

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good,

Very Bad Day, by Judith Viorst. \$18.00

The Lion & the Mouse, by Jerry Pinkney. \$17.00

Pemba Sherpa, by Olga Cossi. \$16.00

Robot, by Jon Scieszka & David Shannon. \$18.00

Wag!, by Patrick McDonnell. \$16.00

Beginning Readers & Easy Chapter Books

Boo's Dinosaur, by Betsy Byars. \$18.00

Houndsley and Catina, by James Howe. \$16.00

I Love My New Toy, by Mo Willems. \$9.00

Ivy & Bean Doomed to Dance, by Annie Barrows. \$15.00

Mercy Watson, Something Wonky This Way Comes, by Kate DiCamillo. \$13.00

Juvenile Fiction

Al Capone Shines My Shoes, by Gennifer Choldenko. \$16.00

Mysterious Benedict Society and the Prisoner's Dilemma, by Trenton Lee Stewart. \$15.00

Peter and the Sword of Mercy(Starcatcher Series), by Dave Barry. \$18.00

The Storm in the Barn, by Matt Phelan. \$20.00

11 Birthdays, by Wendy Mass. \$12.00

Juvenile Non-Fiction

Animal Records, by Mark Carwardine \$24.95

Usborne Christmas Baking for Children, by Fiona Patchett. \$14.00

Julie Andrew's Collection, by Julie Andrews (Book & CD). \$20.00

Show Off: How to Do Absolutely Everything,

One Step at a Time, by S. H. Stephens. \$18.00

Let's Celebrate: Festival Poems, by Foster. \$12.00



The Library celebrated Moosefest with a host of special activities.

Children & grownups had fun reading to ECO, the traveling moose. ECO visited the Children's Room for 2 weeks this fall and was a special guest during the Library's Open House. Families who read to ECO received a free book for each child.

The Children's Room was filled with moose related art and science activities and of course, lots of moose books, including *Once in a Blue Moose*, written by local author, Sue Kline. Sue signed books during Open House and her sister, Cheryl Wehrspaun read to children from this title.

Closings for the Holidays

The Library will be closed:

Thanksgiving: November 26 & 27

Christmas: December 24 & 25

New Year's: January 1

Martin Luther King: January 18

President's Day: February 15

Snow Delay or Closure Procedure

Listen to WBTN

or call 442-9051

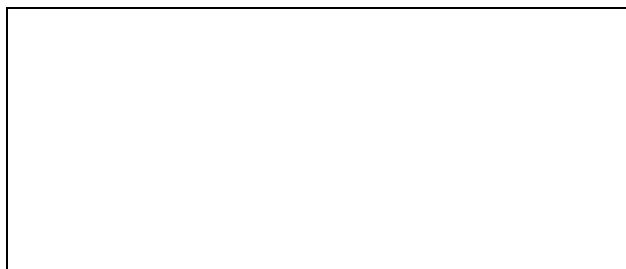
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Bennington Free Library

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www.bennington.lib.vt.us/index.html

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Bennington Free Library Winter Calendar 2010

January 5, 12, 19, 26: *Baby Rhyme Tyme:* Tuesdays at 9:30-10:00. TD Bank Meeting Room. A time for babies, 6-18 months, to experience rhymes, songs and simple stories. Use night entrance next to book drop.

January 5, 12, 19, 26: *Story Rhythms:* Tuesdays at 10:30-11:00. Rotary Meeting Room. A special time filled with stories, songs and movement for children 18-36 months.

January 6, 13, 20, 27: *Pre-School Story Hour:* Wednesdays at 10:30-11:15. Rotary Meeting Room. Children, 3-5 years-old, will explore the world of literature with Linda & Chris.

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February 7: Friends of the Library Reading Series: “Greed” Rotary Room 2:00 pm.

Kindergarten Initiative and After-School Celebration in March (Dates & Times TBA)
