

## Cool Weather Calls for Cocoa Bombs!

Perfect for fall and winter weather, the hot cocoa bomb is basically a hollow chocolate ball filled with marshmallows and hot cocoa mix.

The neat treat turns any mug of hot milk or water into a steaming mug of hot chocolate, complete with marshmallows, in a matter of seconds.

Recipes vary slightly but aren't complicated. Start by melting chocolate in the



microwave, and then spread the melted chocolate into a baking mold.

Once the molds are filled, refrigerate until the chocolate is solid. Then, fill the bottom half of your chocolate molds with hot cocoa powder and top off with marshmallows.

Lastly, melt the edges of the top half of your molds and attach them to the bottom half molds. Refrigerate again to seal your hot cocoa bombs.

## One-on-One Tech Help @ your Library

Need help using your new Kindle? Want to create a Facebook profile but don't know where to get started? Did you get a new smartphone and just can't get the hang of it? The library staff can help you with all of that and so much more!

The Marion & Ed Hughes Public Library offers FREE One-on-One Tech Help by appointment. So when you have more than a quick question about technology, try booking up to a 30 minute appointment for one-on-one technology help! To make an appointment for a one-on-one technology assistance session, call the library staff at (409) 722-1255. Please note that you may only book ONE appointment at a time. This is a trial program. Its continuation will depend on use and staffing issues that may arise.

Examples of what you can learn how to use:

- Setting up your devices to use Overdrive
- Microsoft Office Basics
- Setting up a Gmail and a Google Drive account
- Social Media such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- Smartphone Basics
- Downloading apps to your devices (smartphones, tablets, laptops, etc.)



You'll need to have some information to get started and there are some limits on the help we can provide.

- One-on-One appointments are scheduled on a first

come, first served basis.

- Please arrive with a clear goal of what you would like to learn and any device you need help with
- Please note that the library staff may not be able to provide detailed assistance for all products such as non-standard software.
- Library staff can't suggest what type of software you might need for a particular issue or project you are trying to tackle if they have not already used that specific type of program before.
- Library staff cannot give advice on medical, legal or tax issues nor will they be able to write, edit, or complete any documents for any individuals.

For more information on this call us at 722-1255.

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### Hours of operation

Monday  
1PM - 9PM

Tuesday - Friday  
10AM - 6PM

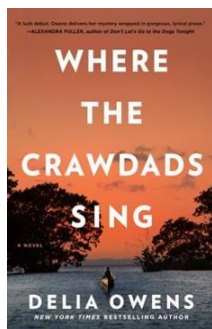
Saturday  
10:30AM - 2PM

### Closure Dates

November  
25, 26, 27

December  
23, 24, 25

# Read it B4 U C it: Where the Crawdads Sing



For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals

immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become in-

trigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life - until the unthinkable happens.

*Where the Crawdads Sing* is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder.



## Christmas Binge Boxes

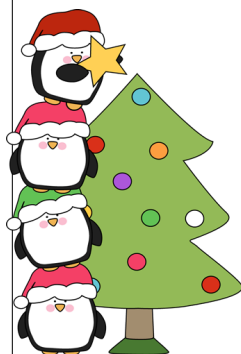
You want to get into the Christmas spirit early? Why not check out one of our Christmas Binge Boxes? We have 10 different Christmas Binge Boxes, each with a different theme to get you ready to decorate the tree.

If you want Christmas movies that the whole family can watch, pick up the "Christmas 1, 2, 3" box. It has movie series in it such as Home Alone and the Santa Clause. Looking for non-

traditional Christmas movies, why not pick up the box "Not Your Mother's Christmas Movies"? This box proves once and for all that "Die Hard" is a Christmas movie to be enjoyed in front of the Christmas tree while drinking a cup of hot cocoa.

So what is the benefit of checking out a binge box when the regular Christmas movies will be put out the week of Thanksgiving? The number one benefit is that each box has between 5 to 8 different movies. The second benefit is that binge boxes can be checked out for a full week. That means you have a full week to watch all of the Christmas movies in the box. While we are right now limiting each adult card to only one binge box per card, you

can still check out up to 5 other movies with your binge box. Think of all of the movies you can watch while you bake your Christmas cookies!



## Getting Crafty the Holiday Edition

November

Thursday Nov 18

4:00 pm

DIY Pie Slice Boxes



December

Thursday Dec 16

4:00 pm

Christmas Ornaments



# Storytime Schedule

November 3  
Picture Book Month

November 4  
Candy Day

November 10  
World Kindness Day

November 11  
Children's Book Week



November 17  
Take a Hike Day

November 18  
Thanksgiving

November 24  
Thanksgiving

December 1  
Christmas Cookies

December 2  
Gift Giving Month

December 8  
Mitten Day

December 9  
Gingerbread Day

December 15  
National Cupcake Day

December 16  
National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

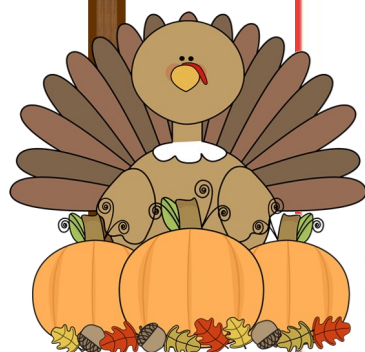
December 22  
Christmas

December 29  
Hot Chocolate Day

December 30  
Look on the Bright Side

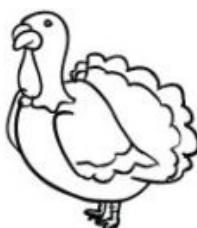


We are  
Thankful for  
YOU!



## Happy Thanksgiving!

Apple Pie  
Butternut Squash  
Casserole  
Corn  
Cranberry Sauce  
Eat  
Family  
Friends  
Gather  
Gravy  
Green Beans  
Love  
Mashed Potatoes  
Pecan Pie  
Pumpkin Pie  
Rolls  
Stuffing  
Sweet Potatoes  
Thanksgiving  
Turkey

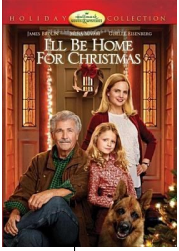


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# Christmas Movies

It's that time again! The week of Thanksgiving, we will put out the CHRISTMAS MOVIES for check out! This year the library has purchased MORE Christmas movies to add to the collection. So what are you looking for in your holiday movie?



Do you want a heart warming message of hope and love that can overcome distance? Why not pick up "I'll be Home for Christmas" starring Mena Suvari, or "Time for Me to Come Home for Christmas" which is the Christmas movie inspired by the Blake Shelton song "Time for Me to Come Home"? These films show that sometimes even the family members who have left you still need to find their way home back to the people who love them and fix those relationships with the help of a little Christmas spirit.

Do you want a Christmas movie that is just for the Moms who are DONE with trying to be perfect? Why not grab "Bad Moms' Christmas" and your best girlfriends and just relax in front of the TV for a while? In this movie, three best friends decide to take back Christmas from all the hustle and bustle, from all of the things society says moms are

supposed to do, and especially take it back from their OWN MOMS who have come to make the holidays special. It's a feel good movie that will leave you laughing through your tears.

Of course we got some new animated Christmas DVDs for kids of all ages. We have Scooby Doo, Sofia the First, Wubby, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Trolls and yes we have "Olaf's FROZEN Adventure" to keep you looking for your holiday traditions until Christmas Day!

Would you rather a watch Christmas movie that makes you stay up all night? Something a little darker to make your

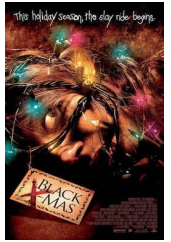
Christmas sweetie cuddle closer as you watch? We have just what you want. You can start with the movie "Krampus" which will teach you WHY you should stay OFF the naughty list! Then you could check out both



versions of "Black Christmas" to see why sometimes the sorority girls are the ones who always do the slaying.

Don't worry we didn't forget about all the wonderful Christmas movies that are put out by Hallmark. We just got "Write Before Christmas" with Chad Michael Murray, "Merry & Bright" starring Jodie Sweeten, "A Christmas Wedding Tail" with Jennie Garth and "Come Dance with Me" starring Andrew McCarthy in for this season.

If you don't see your favorite Christmas movie on the shelf, just put in a purchase request at the front desk. There are several that have not been released on DVD yet, but if we find it on DVD, we can decide if it is right for our collection and maybe add it for next year.



I JUST  
WANT TO DRINK  
hot  
chocolate  
AND WATCH  
CHRISTMAS MOVIES

## Special Holidays Hours

November 24th Open \*

November 25th-28th Closed

December 22nd Open \*

December 23rd-26th

Closed

- Please Note: The Library may close early on these days depending on what the City decides for its employees.

# Hot New Releases

## Adult Fiction

<i>The Stolen Hours</i>	<i>Allen Eskens</i>
<i>The Beginning</i>	<i>Beverly Lewis</i>
<i>Santa Cruise</i>	<i>Fern Michaels</i>
<i>Tidewater Inn</i>	<i>Colleen Coble</i>
<i>The Nameless Ones</i>	<i>John Connolly</i>
<i>The Judge's List</i>	<i>John Grisham</i>
<i>Last Girl Ghosted</i>	<i>Lisa Unger</i>
<i>Forgiving Paris</i>	<i>Karen Kingsbury</i>

## DVDs

Protege  
Old  
The Suicide Squad  
Stillwater  
Ride the Eagle  
Needle in Timestack  
Slaxx  
Escape Room 2  
The Green Knight  
The Forever Purge  
Don't Breathe 2  
Snake Eyes  
F9  
Cruella

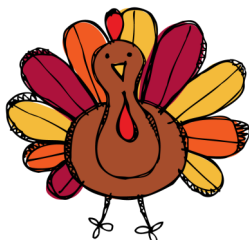
## Adult Audiobooks

<i>The Judge's List</i>	<i>John Grisham</i>
<i>High Stakes</i>	<i>Iris Johansen</i>
<i>A Country Affair</i>	<i>Debbie Macomber</i>
<i>An Impossible Promise</i>	<i>Jude Deveraux</i>
<i>Down the Hatch</i>	<i>M.C. Beaton</i>
<i>The Noise</i>	<i>James Patterson</i>
<i>Foul Play</i>	<i>Stuart Woods</i>
<i>Better Off Dead</i>	<i>Lee Child</i>



## Did you know: the Thanksgiving Edition ?

- \* Americans eat 46 million turkeys each Thanksgiving.
- \* Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's first meal in space after walking on the moon was foil packets with roasted turkey.
- \* The heaviest turkey on record, according to the Guinness Book of Records, weighs 86 pounds.
- \* Californians consume the most turkey in the U.S. on Thanksgiving Day!
- \* Female turkeys (called hens) do not gobble. Only male turkeys gobble.
- \* The average turkey for Thanksgiving weighs 15 pounds.
- \* Campbell's soup creat-



ed green bean casserole for an annual cookbook 50 years ago. It now sells \$20 million worth of cream of mushroom soup.

- \* The first Thanksgiving was held in the autumn of 1621 and included 50 Pilgrims and 90 Wampanoag Indians and lasted three days.
- \* Thanksgiving didn't become a national holiday until over 200 years later!
- \* Historians say that no turkey was served at the first Thanksgiving! The first Thanksgiving feast was made up of lobster, chestnuts, onions, leeks, dried fruit, cabbage, carrots, chicken, rabbit, honey, maple syrup and other items.

- \* The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924 with 400

employees marching from Convent Ave to 145th street in New York City. At the first parade, they used lived animals from the Central Park Zoo instead of the balloons we all know and love.

- \* Three towns in the U.S. take their name from the traditional Thanksgiving bird, including Turkey, Texas (pop. 465); Turkey Creek, Louisiana (pop. 363); and Turkey, North Carolina (pop. 270).







# Christmas Word Search Puzzle

Courtesy of Christmas-Projects.com



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 Yuletide

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 Elves  
 Garland  
 Jack Frost  
 Manger  
 North Pole  
 Presents  
 Scrooge  
 Snowman  
 Toys

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 Carols  
 Christmas Lights  
 Cupid  
 Family  
 Gingerbread Man  
 Jesus  
 Merry  
 Nutcracker  
 Reindeer  
 Season  
 Spirit  
 Vixen

Bow  
 Cheer  
 Christmas Tree  
 Dancer  
 Festive  
 Holidays  
 Jingle Bells  
 Mistletoe  
 Ornaments  
 Ribbon  
 Sled  
 Stockings  
 Winter

Candles  
 Chestnuts  
 Church  
 Dasher  
 Fireplace  
 Holly  
 Jolly  
 Nativity  
 Peace  
 Rudolph  
 Sleigh  
 Three Wise Men  
 Wreath



## From the Library Staff

### Did you know: the Christmas edition?

- \* Every year approximately 200 Christmas trees catch fire in the US.
- \* Until 1836, Christmas was **ILLEGAL** in the United States. Until then, it was considered a pagan holiday. Alabama was the first state to declare Christmas a legal holiday in 1836.
- \* Each year more than 1.5 billion Christmas cards are sent in the U.S. alone.
- \* All the gifts in the Twelve Days of Christmas would equal 364 gifts.
- \* "Jingle Bells" was actually written as a Thanksgiving song.
- \* According to the Guinness world records, the tallest Christmas tree ever cut was a 221-foot Douglas fir that was displayed in 1950 at the Northgate Shopping Center in Seattle, Washington.
- \* Santa Claus has worn blue, white, and green in the past but what you know as his traditional **RED** suit was actually inspired by the Coca Cola ads from the 1930s.
- \* The Viking god Odin is one precursor to the modern Santa Claus.
- \* In 1610, tinsel was invented in Germany and it was made of real silver.
- \* Have you ever been to Santa Claus Lane? Every year since 1930, Hollywood Blvd is renamed Santa Claus Lane for the annual Christmas parade.
- \* The poinsettia is native to Mexico and was cultivated by the Aztecs, who called the plant Cuetlaxochitl ("flower which wilts"). For the Aztecs, the plant's brilliant red color symbolized purity, and they often used it medicinally to reduce fever. Contrary to popular belief, the poinsettia is not poisonous, but holly berries are.
- \* In 1962, the first Christmas postage stamp was issued in the United States.
- \* While "Silent Night" is the most recorded Christmas song in history with over 733 different versions to date, Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" is the best selling Christmas song ever recorded with over 50 million copies sold to date.
- \* Santa Claus gets over a **million** letters mailed to him every year!

