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From the Director:

December again. What a year it has been. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Cookie Stroll in Bass River and the Library's Open House on Saturday, December 10; at the Who-ville Express event on Monday afternoon, December 12; and of course, at this year's Holiday Good Stories, Well Read event at the West Yarmouth Library on December 17. There is really something for everyone at the Town Libraries.

*-Jane Cain
Library Director*



Holiday Cookie Stroll

**Saturday, December 10, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
South Yarmouth Library**

The 2016 Holiday Cookie Stroll will honor Barbara and Charlie Adams, who are long-time Board members of the South Yarmouth Library Association and always advocate for the Library. The event features 8 Bass River sites, festive cookies, and a holiday stroll book. Trolley transport provided. Tickets are on sale now. Tickets are \$15.00 and will be available while they last until the day of the Stroll at the South Yarmouth Library, Bass River Shoe Repair, Adrene Jewelers, and Platinum Auto Service. Purchase tickets over the phone with a credit card at 508-760-4820 X 1318. The stroll is sponsored by the South Yarmouth Library Association.



**Good Stories, Well Read: Christmas Stories
Saturday, December 17, at 2:30 p.m.
West Yarmouth Library**

Join us as we bring you a whole new way to enjoy and appreciate stories. Listen to a selection of readings from some of the greatest stories in literature with a special Christmas edition of this popular program. Local actors Toby Wilson, Diane Quaid, and Garry Mitchell will read Christmas selections by James Thurber, Truman Capote, and Dylan Thomas. Doors open at 2:00. Refreshments will be served courtesy of the West Yarmouth Library Association. This program is free to the public.

**New Children's Librarian/ Head of Youth Services at the Yarmouth Town Libraries:
Connie Marr**

Please join us in welcoming Connie Marr, long-time Children's Assistant, to the new position of Children's Librarian for the Town of Yarmouth. Connie brings many years' experience in Children's librarianship and education to the position. Connie takes over after the departure of Head of Youth Services Librarian Kat Ealy last month. The staff at the Library is delighted for Connie – and we hope you are, too.



Art Wall

at the South Yarmouth Library



Our artist for the month of December is **Michael Blair Brodhead**. Michael got his first camera in 1980 and quickly realized he was not getting the results he wanted from the photo lab. He bought a second-hand enlarger and for the next 20 years worked in his own darkroom to produce black and white photographs. These days, he shoots in RAW format to capture most of the information. He then uses Photomatix software to enhance the final photograph.

Brodhead's work is fanciful, almost ethereal and represents how he sees things a little bit differently. Michael's work includes locations from Plymouth to Provincetown, with a number from Falmouth.

For information on how to display your work on the Art Wall, call Trish Cassisi at 508-760-4820 X 1314.



Family Movie Matinee:
It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie
rated PG, 100 minutes.

Saturday, December 5, at 1:00 p.m.
South Yarmouth Library, Leonard Room

On Christmas Eve, an angel petitions God to send help to Kermit the Frog who has lost all hope after losing the Muppet Theatre. All ages are welcome; children under 8 need to bring an adult.

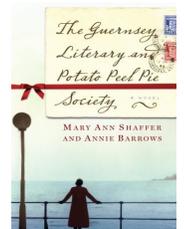


Family to Family Christmas Giving Program

The Yarmouth Town Libraries are participating in the Family to Family Holiday Giving program sponsored by the Cape Cod & the Islands Department of Social Services. The program helps families in need and children in foster care. A small Christmas tree is located at each library decorated with "ornaments" with a child's name, age and wish list on the back. Gifts should be wrapped and brought to the libraries, along with the ornament, starting December 1.

We appreciate your participation in this Cape-wide community project. The deadline for giving is December 14.

Yarmouth Reads: 2017
**Guernsey Literary and
Potato Peel Pie Society**
By Mary Ann Shaffer and
Annie Barrows



Save the date for the Kickoff Event:
Sunday, January 29, 2017 at the Cultural Center, at 2:00 p.m. The Library will have books for sale and for loan at this event and at other events throughout the winter of 2017. Join us for lectures, food, history and community adventure at this series of events, organized by the Town Library Board. Let us know if you have travelled to the Channel Islands, too, as we are planning a travelogue event in the spring.

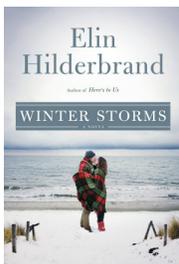
**Holiday closings for
the Yarmouth Town Libraries:
Closed Saturday, December 24,
Sunday, December 25,
and Monday, December 26.
Closed Sunday, January 1,
and Monday, January 2.**

Staff Picks

Winter Storms

by Elin Hilderbrand

Some of the stormy weather of the past few seasons seems to have finally lifted for the Quinns. After a year apart, and an ill-fated affair with the Winter Street Inn's old Santa Claus, Mitzi has returned to rule the roost. Patrick is about to be released from prison; Kevin has a successful new business and is finally ready to tie the knot with Isabelle. Best of all, there's hopeful news about Bart, who has been captured by enemy forces in Afghanistan.

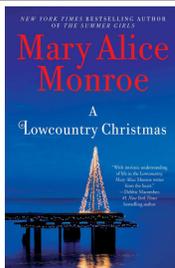


That doesn't mean there aren't a few dark clouds on the horizon. Kelley has recently survived a health scare; Jennifer can't quite shake her addiction to the drugs she used as a crutch while Patrick was in jail; and Ava still can't decide between the two lovers that she's been juggling with limited success. However, if there's one holiday that brings the Quinn family together to give thanks for the good times, it's Christmas.

A Low Country Christmas

by Mary Alice Monroe

As far as ten-year-old Miller McClellan is concerned, it's the worst Christmas ever. His father's shrimp boat is docked, his mother is working two jobs, and with finances strained, Miller is told they can't afford the dog he desperately wants. "Your brother's return from war is our family's gift," his parents tell him. But when Taylor returns with PTSD, family strains darken the holidays.

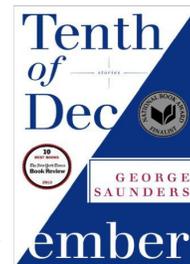


Then Taylor's service dog arrives—a large black Labrador/Great Dane named Thor. His brother even got the dog! When Miller goes out on Christmas Eve with his father's axe, determined to get his family the tree they can't afford, he takes the dog for company—but accidentally winds up lost in the wild forest. The splintered family must come together to rediscover their strengths, family bond, and the true meaning of Christmas.

The Tenth of December

George Saunders

One of the most important and blazingly original writers of his generation, George Saunders is an undisputed master of the short story, and *Tenth of December* is his most honest, accessible, and moving collection yet. Writing brilliantly and profoundly about class, sex, love, loss, work, despair, and war, Saunders cuts to the core of the contemporary experience.



These stories take on the big questions and explore the fault lines of our own morality, delving into the questions of what makes us good and what makes us human. Unsettling, insightful, and hilarious, the stories in *Tenth of December*—through their manic energy, their focus on what is redeemable in human beings, and their generosity of spirit—not only entertain and delight; they fulfill Chekhov's dictum that art should "prepare us for tenderness."

The Mistletoe Secret

by Richard Paul Evans

Thinking no one is reading, a blogger who calls herself LBH writes about her most personal feelings, especially her overwhelming loneliness. She goes from day to day showing a brave face to the world while inside she longs to know how it would feel if one person cared about her.



Alex Bartlett cares. He's reading her posts in Daytona Beach, Florida. Nursing his own broken heart and trust issues, he finds himself falling for this sensitive, vulnerable woman whose feelings mirror his own. Following a trail of clues LBH has inadvertently revealed, he discovers that she lives in the small town of Midway, Utah. He makes his way there just after Thanksgiving, determined to find LBH. Maybe she's a Lisa, Lori, or a Luanne. Instead, he finds a woman named Aria, a waitress at the Mistletoe Diner, who encourages Alex in his search while serving his pie along with some much-needed sympathy and companionship.

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Musical Discoveries

A musical experience for the whole family! Appropriate for infants to 5 year-old children with their parents and/or caregivers. Classes incorporate singing, small and large motor movement, instruments and fun. Classes are FREE and will be held at 10:30 a.m in the Leonard Room on the following dates:

- **Saturday, December 3, and December 17**
- **Monday, December 5, and December 12.**

Space is limited. Please call the Children's Department at 508-760-4820 X 1316 to reserve your space.

We are grateful to the South Yarmouth Library Association for their continued support of this popular family program.

Story Hours in December

Yarmouth Town Libraries Weekly Drop-in Story Times

Join us for stories, songs, crafts and playtime.

Preschool Story Time: South Yarmouth Library Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5 years old and their caregivers.

Baby Story Time Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

For infants to 3 year-olds, and their caregivers.

Story Time West: Fridays at 11:30 a.m. West Yarmouth Library

All ages welcome.



The Who-ville Express!

Monday, December 12

This year, we'll take a trolley ride from South Yarmouth Library to West Yarmouth Library, listen to the classic Dr. Seuss story, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," and enjoy refreshments and good cheer with friends and family! Seatings are at 3:00, 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. Call the Children's Room at 508-760-4820 X 1316 with any questions. All seatings are full at this time but we will take names for the waiting list for each trolley departure.



Wednesday, December 21

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

South Yarmouth Library

For grades 1-5. Please call the Children's Department at 508-760-4820 X 1316 to reserve your space.

Holiday Drop-in Craft:

Saturday, December 17, from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

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