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“Show me a family of readers, and I will show you the people who move the world.” – Napoleon Bonaparte

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NEW Hours:

Mon 10am–8pm
Wed 10am–8pm
Thurs 10am–8pm
Sat 10am–5pm

‘Tis The Season...For Many Unexpected Things!

This is the time of year we celebrate many big, traditional holidays, such as Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year’s. But did you know that January holds many other special days that most of us never knew existed? Well, it’s time to mark your calendars and hit the library for books and movies to help you celebrate these upcoming days:

- January 5th - National Bird Day - Come check out some fabulous books on birds to be ready for Backyard Bird’s presentation at the Aloha Community Library on Tuesday, February 18, at 6:30pm.
- January 18th - Winnie The Pooh Day - The library has many books available about this loveable bear, so grab a few and enjoy celebrating A. A. Milne’s birthday.
- January 19th - National Popcorn Day - This is the perfect reason to check out some movies from Aloha Community Library and curl up on the couch with a big bowl of popcorn.
- January 23rd - National Pie Day - We may have just finished up with Thanksgiving and Christmas, but don’t let that stop you from getting into the baking spirit to celebrate Pie Day. Check out Easy As Pie from ACL and whip up something delicious. Our younger patrons may enjoy Sarah Weeks’ book Pie, also available at the library. One young reader, Julia Ratten, offers this review:

“In Sarah Weeks’ novel, Pie, a young girl, Alice, has an aunt named Polly, who is the best pie baker around. When Aunt Polly dies, everyone is trying to win the pie baking contest, because Polly isn’t there to win anymore. Now, all everyone needs to bake the perfect pie is Aunt Polly’s secret pie crust recipe. No one knows where it is, but a rumor is going around that she left it to her cat, Lardo. You’ll have to read it to see what happens! I liked the book and would recommend it because it is a good mystery, it has a happy ending, and it’s about pie! It even includes pie recipes. Now who wouldn’t like that?”

Book Review: *The Unbecoming of Mara Dyer* by Michelle Hodkin

“My name is not Mara Dyer, but my lawyer told me I had to chose something.”

The Unbecoming of Mara Dyer is nothing like I’ve ever read. I was in a constant state of awe and paranoia as Hodkin uncovered the mystery that is Mara Dyer. The real question is who is Mara Dyer, and why was she the only survivor of an accident that killed all of her friends.

Mara doesn’t remember a thing from the night of the accident. All she knew was that she survived and her friends didn’t. To distance herself from the past, her family decided the best remedy to move on was to literally move. In a new state and a new school, Mara was expected to start a new life and forget about the accident. But the missing memories from that night haunts her every waking moment. The line between illusions and realities blurred with each passing day as Mara attempts to recall what happened.

Fortunately she didn’t have to go through it all alone. One of my favorite aspects of this book was the importance of family in her life. Her parents and brothers were constantly present and involved. Then there’s also the infamous Noah Shaw. There is much more to Noah than his reputation precedes. He quickly worked his way into playing a crucial role in Mara’s adjustment after the disaster.

The Unbecoming of Mara Dyer was a mind-bending book that was incredibly twisted and well written. This is definitely one of those books where it’s best to walk in with as little information as possible. I do want to warn that it is not recommended to read this before bed. - submitted by Vy Le

Series: Mara Dyer #1
Publisher: Simon & Schuster
Release Date: September 27, 2011

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We Can Help You Deck The Halls

Tis the season for all things merry and bright, when thoughts turn to cheerful decorations and homemade goodies. Do you have a crafter or a baker in your home? Are you looking for family-friendly activities to enjoy during Winter Break? Your Aloha Community Library has a great selection of books to help you out, so come on in and find just what you need. The eco-friendly crafter of the family might enjoy Trash To Treasure: Christmas, a fun book filled with decorations made from recycled materials. The chef of the household may want to fire up the oven and bake something delicious from Betty Crocker’s Christmas Cookbook.

The Giving Tree

Not only is this a wonderful book by Shel Silverstein, this is also an apt description of the Tree of Knowledge that grew in the library this fall. Thanks to your generous support, our fall giving campaign exceeded our goals, and raised over \$22,000. This funding will help us hire our next staff position in early January.

For another unique gift idea, you can make a donation to the library in honor or in memory of a friend, relative, favorite teacher or child, and the library will send the honoree (or their family) a special holiday card acknowledging your gift. Your gift is fully tax deductible to the extent of the law. Gifts must be received by December 20 for delivery by December 25.

To make an honorarium gift, fill out a [gift form](#) and bring it to the library or mail it with a check to:

Aloha Community Library
PO Box 6561
Aloha, OR 97007

Honorarium gifts may also be made through [Paypal](#); please email the completed gift form to Volunteer@alohalibrary.org. With the Book-tique and honorarium gifts, you can give more than a gift -- you can give a library!

Check it Out - *All events are at the library, unless stated otherwise.*

- **Story-time Reading:** Every Wednesday at 10:30am
- **Special Storytime:** Monday, 12/23, 10:30am
- **Crazy Machines!** Every Saturday in November and December, 10am-11am: Parents and kids! Visit with our IT volunteers to learn how to play Crazy Machines, the game that teaches how to build machines using steam engines, gears, pulleys, electric motors, and electrical circuits. There are hundreds of experiments. Each one is a puzzle that requires placing the machine parts in just the right location to make the completed machine accomplish the task.
- **Book-tique Holiday Sale!** Saturday, 12/07 - Saturday, 12/21, during regular library hours: Choose from handmade goodies and gently used books that are great for gifts and stocking stuffers. All proceeds benefit the library.
- **Book On Every Bed Event,** Sunday, 12/08, 12pm-6pm: We are proud to join the Family Reading Partnership's (familyreading.org)

Book On Every Bed Project, which strives to give every child a book as their first holiday gift each year. We will open the library on this Sunday afternoon for adults who would like to choose a free, gently used book for each child in their life (one book per child). We're hoping to keep this a special surprise for the kids, so adults only, please. Choose a book, wrap it, and place it at the foot of your child's bed to be discovered on Christmas morning (or whatever holiday you celebrate)!

- **Gift wrapping fundraiser at Tanasbourne Barnes & Noble,** Tuesday, 12/10 & Friday, 12/13, 9am-4pm: Purchase gifts at Barnes & Noble, then bring them to our table, and we'll wrap them for you! All donations benefit the library.
- **Storytime with Santa!** Thursday, December 19, 6pm-7pm Join Santa for stories, treats, and holiday fun!
- **Barnes & Noble Book Fair fundraiser,** Saturday, 12/14, 11am-1pm, at the Tanasbourne Barnes & Noble: Join us for holiday merriment and shop in support of the Aloha Community Library Association!

Enjoy a special holiday story time and craft.

See Sprocket the Juggler entertain the crowds and learn how to juggle.

Hear the Aloha High School Vocal Ensemble
and the Jazz Ensemble perform.

Participate in the Barnes and Noble Downton Abbey Event

Show this posting, or mention Book Fair ID# 11218286, to the cashier when making your purchases and Barnes & Noble will donate a portion of the sale to help us put books on the shelves. You can purchase items on line or at any store around the country so spread the word! This donation opportunity will run from December 14, 2013 to December 19, 2013.

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- **Christmas Day,** Wednesday, 12/25; CLOSED

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