



## Inklings by Abby: Director's Column

It is such a pleasure to be in Preble County. There is so much community spirit here! Choirs and Christmas light displays and so much goodwill that I'm not even worried about sliding off the road in my car because people stop to help right away. (Well maybe a little worried.)

But you want to know what the library will be doing for you in these next coming months. We will, of course, be looking for ways to serve you more quickly, with more variety and with a smile. One way we are doing that is by letting our Branch Librarians respond increasingly to your requests. Take this opportunity to tell

your Branch Librarians what you'd like to see in your branch: more DVDs? Or Science Fiction? Or popular titles?

And speaking of taking opportunities, if you are considering purchasing something online, please think about using the **I.Give** link from our library homepage. There are many discounts available to you and the companies you order from will donate a percentage of their sales to the library. Any revenue we collect from these donations will go toward programming. This can only be good.

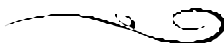
I am looking forward to doing some programs of my own and I hope you will attend. I will be teaching a Baby Signs Class in the not too distant future. This is for pre-lingual babies. So, if you are

interested in having your baby communicate with you before they can actually talk, (milk! cookie! more!) come in for this class. Just watch our website for this and other programs.

You will notice that the library homepage (<http://www.pcdl.lib.oh.us>) has more up to date information. Our new web committee is adding more color and working to keep it fresh. All this while we continue to add the last of the school libraries into our new Sirsi Catalog.

I wish you and all your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a very Happy New Year and good traction on the road!

~Abby~

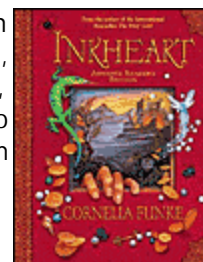


## Cool Chapter Book!



**Inkspell / Cornelia Funke:** Although a year has passed, not a day goes by without Meggie thinking of INKHEART, the book whose characters became real. But for Dustfinger, the fire-eater brought into being from words, the need to return to the tale has become desperate. When he finds a crooked

storyteller with the ability to read him back, Dustfinger leaves behind his young apprentice Farid and plunges into the medieval world of his past. Distraught, Farid goes in search of Meggie, and before long, both are caught inside the book, too. But the story is threatening to evolve in ways neither of them could ever have imagined.



### Sequel to: Inkheart

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# HAPPY WINTER!





StoryTime is a fun activity, reading and craft program offered to children at many of our libraries.



**Mother Goose** program is geared toward infants and toddlers who are up to 36 months in age.



**Library Mice** program offers stories and crafts for children ages 3 to 5 years.

The 2006 spring session StoryTime Program will be offered in March and the fall session in September. Call or visit your library for more StoryTime details.

### Eaton Library Children's Programming

#### After School Crafts (Grades 1 - 4)

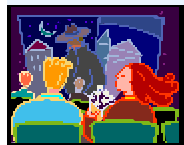
Thursdays at 4:30



Bored after school? Visit the Eaton Library where you can express your artistic tendencies!

#### Monday After School Movie

Showtime begins @ 3:00!



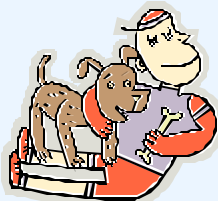
Watching a movie after school when you get home is okay, but just imagine how much more fun it would be to watch it at the library with friends!

#### Summer Reading -- It's just around the corner!

The theme for the 2006 Summer Reading program is:

### Paws, Claws, Scales *and* Tales!

The program focus is pets -- in whatever form they might take! The summer promises to be furry one! Watch for Summer Reading announcements as summer approaches!



## PROGRAM RE-CAP

**West Manchester Library** celebrated Halloween by throwing a party for their young patrons. Thirty children attended, each one attired in a terrific costume.

Library Assistant, Melissa McCartney, paraded the children through *Kricket's Pizza*, the local pizza parlor, and the customers voted on their favorite costumes. The children were divided into two age categories, ages 10 and under and ages 11 and up. The winners were:

#### Age 10 & under

**K**ailee Fowler, who was dressed up as a koala bear.

#### Age 11 & up

**S**hayna Stanley, who was dressed up as a lady from the Renaissance period.

Both girls won a \$20.00 gift certificate that was generously donated by Wal-Mart.

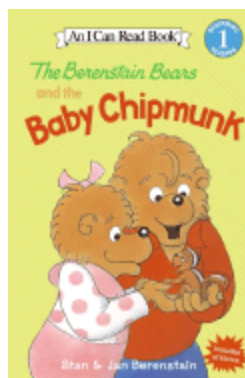
The children played games and the winners won small prizes. Everyone enjoyed a tasty snack. Overall, everyone had a wonderful time and are no

doubt looking forward to the next library-sponsored event!

**C**amden Librarian, Gloria Hyatt, participated in the Literacy Fair held at Preble Shawnee Elementary. The evening event was a great success, with children and their parents enjoying fun activity stations that promoted literacy. Gloria showcased the library's easy reader series. These books are categorized by reading levels which makes it easier to find books for children just learning to read. Easy reader picture books can be found at any of our seven library branches just by browsing the shelves. They are designated with a large red sticker on the book's spine.

Some Easy Reader series titles include:

- Viking Easy-to-Read
- I Can Read
- Green Light Reader
- Rookie Reader
- Rookie Read About
- All Aboard Reading
- Dorling Kindersley Readers
- Road to Reading
- Read with Dick and Jane
- Little Bill (Bill Cosby series)



# Easy Reading with Easy Readers



With great sadness, the Preble County District Library must announce the passing of Library Assistant, Nancy J. Crowell, who died December 16, 2005.

Nancy began work at the Eaton library in 1995 then quickly

moved on to the Genealogy Department where she helped countless people research their family genealogy.

Nancy was also a very creative person, displaying her talents on bulletin boards and display cases set throughout the library office building. She also helped publish the Preble County Genealogy Society's newsletter, *Preble's Pride*. She and her husband, Marvin, played Mr. and Mrs. Claus every Christmas for library Christmas programs.

Nancy had a quick smile, a quiet strength, and was always willing to lend a helping hand. Working with her was a pleasure. She will be greatly missed by everyone.



The Preble County District Library Board of Trustees welcomed the library's new director, Abigail Noland, by hosting a welcoming reception in November.

Friends, family, Board and staff members (past and present) attended the event. Refreshments were served while everyone visited and got to know one another. Owner and reporter of the Twin Valley News, Sam Shortes, was on hand to take pictures. An article and picture were included in the very next issue of the paper!

Everyone had a very nice time.

Welcome Abby!



## New Donation Program



Would you like to help your library? Buy something for yourself! Whenever you purchase everyday items at the Mall at **iGive**, up to 26% of every purchase is donated to The Preble County District Library, at no cost to you. Your free membership gives you access to the over 600 brand-name merchants like Barnes & Noble, Eddie Bauer, Lands' End and PETSMART. Go online to our website at [www.pcdl.lib.oh.us](http://www.pcdl.lib.oh.us) and click on the **iGive** logo to join and change online shopping for good.

## Preble County Room

The Preble County Historical Records database continues to be updated. It currently contains marriage and obituary information from county records. Search through our database to find ancestors with ties to Preble county. It's available from our website: [www.pcdl.lib.oh.us](http://www.pcdl.lib.oh.us)

## Program Note



Local resident, author, and historian of "militaria", Chris Arnold has filmed a one-hour documentary showcasing the U.S. combat helmet from 1917 to the present. *Steel Pots: The history of America's Steel combat helmets* is based on the 1997 book of the same title. "The film contains actual examples of U.S. combat helmets and will be of interest to anyone who served in the U.S. military and wore one of allistic combat helmets."



Chris will be appearing at the West Alexandria Library on January 10th at 7pm to premiere his DVD. Chris will also be appearing at the Eaton branch on January 25 at 7pm.

The DVDs will be available for purchase the evening of each program. They will also be available for borrowing from any of our library branches.

**Helmets off to Chris on a great achievement!**



## Preble County Room & Genealogy Department



## New hours for Genealogy Beginning January 2, 2006

Closed Mondays  
Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Thursday: 12:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Closed Fridays  
First and Third Saturday:  
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Closed Sundays



# Recipes: The How-to of Cooking

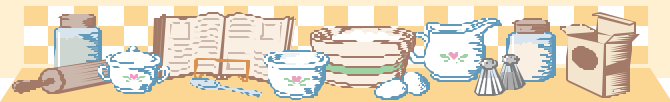
## Host a Recipe Exchange

A recipe exchange is similar to a potluck dinner except guests are asked to bring along the recipe. Everyone gets to sample different foods and exchange recipes. How fun is that!



## Tips for hosting a recipe exchange:

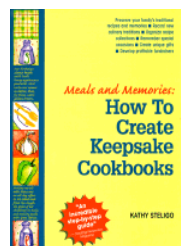
- Decide whether you want your recipe exchange to be themed or potluck.
- Invite family and friends and ask them to bring their favorite prepared recipe, making sure to remind them of your chosen theme (if you have one).
- Remind your guests to bring multiple copies of their recipes to exchange with the other guests.
- Include a brief history with your recipe if it is a treasure one from your family.
- Play a game like "Guess this spice" or provide blank index cards, rubber stamps, and ink pads so guests can decorate recipe cards for future use.
- Hold a contest for the best recipe in each food category.



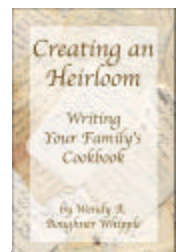
## Heritage & Keepsake Recipes

A **heritage cookbook** is a way for you to gather and record the special recipes passed down through your family tree. The following resources will guide you in collecting and showcasing your heritage recipes that can be passed on for generations to come!

## Books



**Meals and Memories:** How to create keepsake cookbooks / Kathy Steligo: This book will guide you through planning, organizing, and assembling a personalized record of your favorite recipes and the memories you have about them. Each chapter explains what to do and how to do it.



**Creating an Heirloom: Writing your family's cookbook** / Wendy A. Boughner Whipple: Do you ever call family members for recipes? Are there fantastic cooks in your family? Are the holidays just not the same without that special dish? Do you want to preserve those recipes for the next generation, but just don't know where to start? This book can help! Whether you make one cookbook or one hundred, whether you come from a small family or a large one, this book will enable you to create your own family heirloom.

## Experimenting with a Recipe -- Oh, the daring-do!

You might wish to "tweak" a recipe because you want to...

- Change flavor or consistency of a recipe
- Increase or decrease serving sizes
- Modify ingredients or amounts for dietary purposes such as lowering fats, sugars, carbs, etc.
- Remove ingredients you don't like and replace them with ones you do
- To satisfy your sense of creativity

**Caution!** When "tweaking" a recipe keep in mind that you are entering the realm of chemistry. With that caveat in mind:

- Refrain from modifying the basic chemistry of a recipe -- especially when baking!
- Familiarize yourself with the basic chemistry of cooking & baking so that you know when you can make a change and when you shouldn't.

## Books to help you experiment with recipes

Books by **Alton Brown** are sure to solve all your pesky science questions about cooking and baking!

- **I'm Just Here for the Food: Food + Heat = Cooking**
- **I'm Just Here for More Food: Food x mixing = heat = baking**

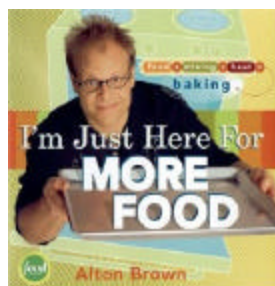
This book is considered to be one of the best reference guides for cooks who dare to ask the age-old question: "WHY?!"

- **Cookwise: The hows and whys of successful cooking / Shirley Corriher:** [This] is a different kind of cookbook. There are over 230 outstanding recipes — from Snapper Fingers with Smoked Pepper Tartar Sauce to Chocolate Stonehenge Slabs with Cappuccino Mousse — but here each recipe serves not only to please the palate but to demonstrate the roles of ingredients and techniques. A What This Recipe Shows section summarizes the special cooking points being demonstrated in each recipe. This little bit of science in everyday language indicates which steps or ingredients are vital and cannot be omitted without consequences.

This book is for those who would like to try their hand at writing an actual cookbook, but need the nitty-gritty fully explained.

## The Recipe Writer's Handbook / Barbara Gibbs Ostmann:

This Handbook teaches you how to "think" your way through a recipe to make important decisions and troubleshoot potential problems concerning format and syntax, spelling, cooking terminology, weights and measurements, recipe testing, presentation of the final recipe, and many other areas.



# Heritage Recipes: The heart of Family

My mom was busy the other day writing out family recipes for my niece who now lives on a military base situated in the California desert. My niece loves to cook and bake and wanted to start incorporating the dishes she loved from her childhood. Mom thought writing the recipes out in a pretty recipe book would make a perfect gift.

She was right. After all, what better way for those who live far away from loved ones to reconnect than through food. Think about it. When you recall past holidays, what is the first thing that comes to mind? The special dishes that were prepared to celebrate the day, of course! Grandma's oyster stuffing, Aunt Jane's scalloped oyster's, Mom's chocolate torte with hazelnut icing. Whatever the special recipes are, you expect them year after year, special occasion after special occasion because they evoke the warmth and closeness of family.

One of the special recipes in my family is my grandmother Florence's milk pie. Every Thanksgiving my mom makes this pie to please the family. Milk pie is actually what I would call a poor man's cream pie. It uses whole milk, flour, sugar, vanilla, and cinnamon mixed in a buttery, homemade pie crust. The secret to the filling is to add the flour, sugar and milk to the pie crust and then gently stir it with your finger. You can't be squeamish with this step because if you try using a spoon to mix it, your filling won't set right. Don't ask me why this is so, because I couldn't tell you. I just know it's true. Anyway, this pie, messy as it is, shows up on our holiday table every year. We wouldn't miss it for the world because it reminds us of Grandmother Florence.

When planning the next family gathering take a few moments to exchange recipes. This is a wonderful way to ensure that your family's heritage recipes don't get lost with the passage of time -- and the passing of relatives. If you love Aunt Martha's chocolate chip cookies, get the recipe. She won't always be there to bake them for

you. And for heaven's sake, pass the recipes on to your children! They need the family connections more than anyone!

Oh, and if you happen to have one of those, "Oh, I don't cook!" characters in your family, give them a copy of your heritage recipe cookbook anyway. One day, they might just realize that cooking doesn't have to be a perfect gourmet experience. Cooking for yourself and the ones you love is merely one way to connect to home and hearth and family. It's also a way of finding your way home when the home you grew up in and the people you knew and loved are gone. That's worth a recipe or two, don't you think?

~Cheryl Richter~

## Milk Pie

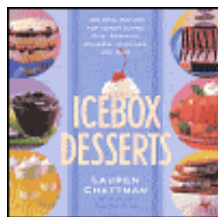
- ◆ Prepared or homemade, unbaked pie crust (no holes pricked in bottom!)
- ◆ 3 Tbls. Flour
- ◆ 1/2 C Sugar
- ◆ Whole Milk
- ◆ 1 tsp. vanilla
- ◆ Cinnamon

Mix flour and sugar together and spread out evenly over pie crust. Add whole milk until it comes up to the fluted edge of the crust. Stir mixture good with one finger until sugar and flour are dissolved. Add vanilla and stir (you can use a spoon for this part!) until vanilla is well-blended into the milk mixture. Sprinkle top of pie with cinnamon and bake at 350°F for 30 min. or until crust is browned and pie has formed a skim.

Florence Shafer

**Note:** This is not a custard pie so it won't set like one. It stays very liquidy. Serve it in a bowl and eat with a spoon. The pie tastes like an apple dumpling without the apple!

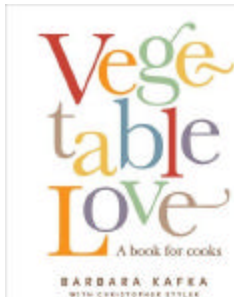
# New Cookbooks



**Icebox Desserts: 100 Cool recipes for icebox cakes, pies, par-faits, mousses, puddings, and more / Lauren Chattman:** These incredibly easy-to-put together do-ahead desserts are made with wholesome ingredients and creative flavor combinations. Includes eye-popping full-color photos, clear easy-to-follow instructions.



**The New Preserves: Pickles, jams, and jellies / Anne V. Nelson:** As fresh foods and farmers' markets gain influence, edging out the over-processed and super-sized from our diets, everything old--and bursting with flavor--is new again, and Americans are turning to time-honored skills like pickling and preserving to wake up their palates. Here, in a current guide that calls upon the newest safety and health information while also updating recipes for modern tastes, Anne V. Nelson walks readers through every step of the process. Nelson explains why preserving foods at their freshest yields such great-tasting results, and how the salt and vinegar that keep foods fresh also add distinctive flavors. She discusses techniques, equipment--much of which readers will already have in their kitchens--and makes a convincing case for adding these techniques and recipes to a varied, modern diet. Nelson gives hints on choosing produce, recycling jars, making crisper pickles, saving soft jelly, and more.



**Vegetable Love / Barbara Kafka:** With her customary originality, thoroughness, and passion for great cooking, Barbara Kafka has created the cook's ultimate vegetable resource: 750 original recipes showcasing everything she adores about the vegetable world, from the lowly green bean to the exotic chrysanthemum leaf—even stretching the definition to include potatoes, mushrooms, and avocados just because she's crazy mad for them. Her love of vegetables shows in every dish, each impeccably researched, consistently foolproof, and put to the Kafka taste test. Among these delectable dishes are dozens of essays, including personal reflections on the garden and migrations in the vegetable world, for example; all are erudite and unfailingly entertaining. Kafka's book within a book—an at-a-glance, we've-done-all-the-work-for-you Cook's Guide—provides practical, encyclopedic information on how to buy, measure, substitute, and prepare every food that ever called itself a vegetable.





# It's a Mystery



## Blood Orange Brewing / Laura Childs:

Social darling Delaine Dish is throwing a lavish Candlelight Concert to raise funds to restore a run-down Victorian home-and Theodosia Browning is more than happy to help out with tea and tasty treats from the Indigo Tea Shop. Unfortunately, the unveiling of Theo's opulent spread proves to be far from grand after retired CEO and beloved politico Duke Wilkes falls to the floor with a jagged piece of metal protruding from his neck. When the Widow Wilkes begs Theo to apply her sleuthing skills, she can't refuse. But her investigation opens up a simmering pot of shady politics and personal pay-back, and Theo soon finds herself in a situation stickier than any jam she's ever served. **(Hardcover) 7th book in the Tea Shop series! Pub. Date: 4/06 (On order)**

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## A Poetic Death Mystery Series by Diana Killian

The mysterious and romantic adventures of literary scholar, Grace Hollister. Highly recommended!

**Sonnet of the Sphinx:** Enigmatic love interest Peter Fox's past comes back to haunt him. Meanwhile Grace is on the hunt for a lost sonnet by Romantic poet Percy Shelley and the solution to dashing World War I soldier's disappearance. **On order**

### Backlist:

- **High Rhymes and Misdemeanors**
- **Verse of the Vampire**



## New Art Mystery Series by Hailey Lind

Art-forgery-gone-good Annie Kincaid



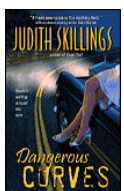
## Feint of Art: An Annie Kincaid Mystery:

Annie breaks the news to her curator ex-boyfriend Ernst: his museum's new \$15 million Caravaggio is a fake. Then the janitor is killed, Ernst disappears, and a dealer makes off with several Old Master drawings. If she breaks the case using her old connections, Annie can finally pay the rent. But doing so could also draw her back into the underworld of forgers she swore she'd left behind. **On order**

## Antique Car Restoration Mystery Series by Judith Skillings

Classic car restoration shop owner, Rebecca Moore, restores antique cars while sleuthing her way through crime in this fast "paced" mystery series. **All 3 are on order!**

- **Dead End:** Ex-Washington reporter, Rebecca returns home to take over the family's classic car restoration shop. A mystery soon ensues.
- **Dangerous Curves**
- **Driven to Murder:** Rebecca joins a professional race car driver's pit crew in this installment!



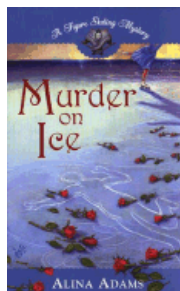
## Ice Skating Mysteries



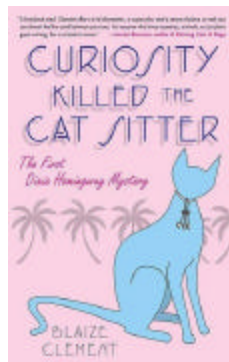
## Figure Skating Mystery Series by Alina Adams:

Rebecca "Bex" Levy, figure skating researchers for a 24/7 skating network, puts the frost on murder in this exciting mystery series!

- **Murder on Ice:** Murder and possible blackmail highlight this first book in the series.
- **On Thin Ice:** This time around, Bex is hot on the trail of a talented young skater who mysteriously disappears just before the United States National Championship.
- **Axel of Evil:** When a Russian figure skating coach collapses during a practice and is pronounced dead, reporter Bex Levy has a hunch it's cold-blooded murder--on ice. **On order**



## New Cat Mystery Series by Blaize Clement



**Curiosity Killed the Cat:** [This] is the first in a dazzling new series for animal lovers. Dixie Hemingway (no relation to you-know-who) is a professional pet-sitter in Sarasota, Florida. When Dixie goes to feed the cat of a vacationing client and discovers the animal hiding from a very dead intruder, she is led to investigate the whereabouts of her now suspicious-looking client, who has vanished.

**On order**

**Visit the author's website -- it's the cat's meow! [www.blaizeclement.com](http://www.blaizeclement.com)**

## TV Tie-in: Monk in Print -- what a novel idea!



## Mr. Monk Goes to the Firehouse / Lee Goldberg:

The brand-new mystery series starring the brilliant, beloved, and slightly off-balance sleuth from the USA Network's hit show! Monk's house is being fumigated, and he has nowhere to go. Fortunately, his assistant Natalie and her daughter are kind enough to welcome him into their home. Unfortunately, their home is not quite up to Monk's standards of cleanliness and order. But while Monk attempts to arrange his surroundings just so, something else needs to be put straight. The death of a dog at the local firehouse--on the same night as a fatal house fire--has led Monk into a puzzling mystery. And much to his horror, he's going to have to dig through a lot of dirt to find the answer. **On order**

# Dying To Know

These mysteries will be available from publishers in January & February. If you see a title that interests you, please request it at the library!

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## Mystery Spotlight



**S**ociety page columnist and amateur sleuth, Nora Blackburn, returns in the 5th installment of Nancy Martin's Blackbird Sisters mystery series. **Have Your Cake and Kill Him Too** will be published in March.

## Mystery Forecast

**F**ramework for Murder by Laura Childs is due out in June. Will have to wait for word if this is another installment in her scrapbooking mystery series.

**D**ark Tort will be book 13 in Diane Mott Davidson's Goldy Bear mystery series. It's due out in May.

**J**errilyn Farmer wows fans with book 8 in her Maddie Bean mystery series. **Desperately Seeking Sushi** will be out in March.

**S**usan Wittig Albert offers book 14 in her China Bayles series. **Bleeding Hearts** will be out in April.

**P**arapsychologist, Cree Black returns in the 3rd psychic-thriller by Daniel Hecht. **Bones of Barbary Coast** will be out in July, '06. Give this winning series a try!

**T**he 12th book in the Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum series comes out in June!

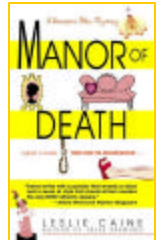
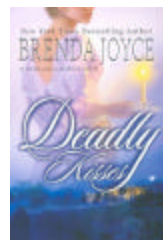
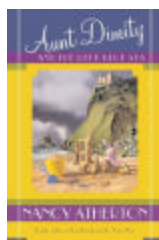
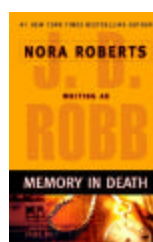
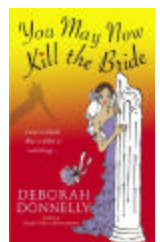
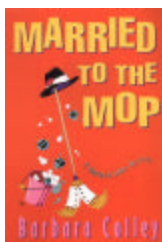
Visit [fictiondb.com](http://fictiondb.com) for more new mystery releases!

## January 2006

Author	Title	Sleuth	Bk#
Lilian Jackson Braun	Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell	Jim Qwilleran, amateur sleuth	28
Meg Cabot	Size 12 is Not Fat	Heather Wells, 20-something ex-teen idol	1
Leslie Caine	Manor of Death <i>Domestic Bliss Mystery</i>	Erin Gilbert, Interior designer	3
Blaize Clement	Curiosity Killed the Cat Sitter <i>New series!</i>	Dixie Hemingway, Professional Pet sitter	1
Barbara Colley	Married to the Mop	Charlotte Larue, maid-for-a-day cleaning service owner	5
Deborah Donnelly	You May Now Kill the Bride	Carnegie Kincaid, Wedding planner	5
Lee Goldberg	Mr. Monk Goes to the Firehouse	Mr. Monk, Free-lance investigator	1
Karen Harper	The Fatal Fashione	Queen Elizabeth I, amateur sleuth	8
Joan Hess	Malpractice in Maggody	Arly Hanks, Police Chief	15
J. A. Jance	Edge of Evil <i>New series!</i>	Alison Reynolds, ex-TV journalist turned online blogger	1
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# Hearts is Afire for Romance

## Most Unusual Cover Art



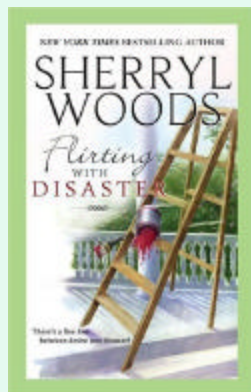
You either love this cover or you hate it. Either way, it has to be considered the most unusual cover art of the 2006 season! If nothing else, it should remind romance readers not to take the genre so seriously! One wonders, however, if the characters will be able to overcome the cartoonish quality of the cover. In my opinion, the hero looks like the buffoon featured in every BWestern I've ever seen, and the heroine looks like she just went ten rounds with a box of teeth whitening strips -- and lost! The book is on order so we'll just have to wait and see how it all pans out! ~Cheryl Richter~

**Lasso The Moon / Beth Ciotta:** Motivated by a childhood promise, Paris Garrett travels to the wilds of Arizona Territory (1877) to seek fame as a stage actress. Never mind that she doesn't possess a lick of experience or that her true passion is songwriting. Before he died, her beloved papa encouraged her to reach for the stars. She promised to lasso the moon! She's already slipped free of her over-protective brothers. Nothing and no one, especially some badge-wearing Romeo, is going to rein her in or stand in her way.

Joshua Grant's life went from diamonds to dirt in less time than a rattler strikes. His uncle was killed, leaving him with an opera house he doesn't want, and forcing him to quit the law enforcement job he loved. The topser: In order to keep his sidewinder snake of a cousin from inheriting, he has to honor his uncle's will and marry within two weeks. Life can't get much worse, and then he falls for an eccentric, spitfire songwriter with a mysterious past and a passel of troublesome admirers. Marrying Paris is about as smart as kissing a coyote, but that's exactly what he intends to do-whether she likes it or not.

Together they could realize their dreams. That's if they don't drive each other crazy first! **On order**

## Sherryl Woods' Latest Book Promises to be a Good One!



**Flirting With Disaster:** Improper Southern belle Maggie Forsythe has never given two figs for what other people think -- so why, after being unceremoniously dumped two weeks before her wedding--is she hiding away in her South Carolina Low Country home? That is, until concerned--albeit scheming--friends arrive and convince her to help them build a house for a needy family and make a difference for once.

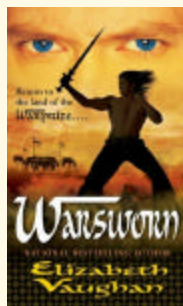
But one look at Maggie, and project foreman Josh Parker knows what kind of sweet-tea swilling debutante he's dealing with. Even if she does know her way around a circular saw. Sure,

they have enough sparks to ignore a bonfire, but he's corn bread to her caviar. And if there's anything he's learned from growing up broke, it's better to aim low than risk everything and lose.

## Book Two from Elizabeth Vaughan!

Last June readers were introduced to the first book in an excellent Fantasy Romance trilogy penned by Elizabeth Vaughan. I raved about the first book, **Warprize**, and have been impatiently waiting for the second. I'm pleased to announce that the wait is over -- or at least it will be in April, 06! **Warsworn** continues the adventures of powerful healer, Lara, and her sexy warlord, Keir. This time, they must not only battle a deadly plague, but enemies who want to destroy all that they hold dear.

Please don't let the Fantasy Romance subgenre put you off. The prose is rock-solid, the plotting and character development keeps you enthralled, and, best of all, it is just plain FUN to read. Quite frankly, you'll have a hard time remembering that the story is set on another world. Don't pass it up! ~Cheryl Richter~



**Warsworn:** A powerful healer, she has sworn an oath of loyalty to Keir the Warlord, and his people. Now the Warlord and his chosen mate face enemies within the tribe and danger lurks on every hand as they journey toward Keir's homeland. When they reach a village marked with the warnings of the plague, Keir forbids Lara to heal the sick, commanding that she not risk her own life. But both Lara and Kier are strong of will and neither will bend easily, even for love; and when Lara disobeys, she pays the price: both she and Kier are plague-struck... and so is their entire encampment. In the midst of the dying, Iften, a rival warrior, gathers his followers and challenges Keir for the right to rule their tribe. If Keir, weakened by the sickness, loses -- he dies. And so does Lara. To save her love, her life, and her adopted people, Lara must find a cure for the plague -- and fully embrace her sworn role as Warprize to her Warlord. **On order**

## Try this Comedy Mystery Romance on for size!



**Calamity Jayne / Kathleen Bacus:** Tressa Jayne Turner has had it up to here with the never-ending string of dumb-blonde jokes and her longtime nickname. Crowned "Calamity Jayne" by Iowa Department of Natural Resources officer Rick Townsend, Tressa's out to gain a little hometown respect --or die trying. Unfortunately for Tressa, that may be the case. She's just been handed the perfect opportunity to get "Ranger Rick," the doubting Don Juan of the DNR, and a skeptical citizenry to finally take her seriously. How? By solving a murder no one else believes happened...No one, that is, except the killer. Yup, Calamity Jayne is in it up to her hot pink snakeskin cowgirl boots and matching rhinestone belt. Tressa would tell you her momma never raised no dummies, but the jury's still out on that one. **On order**





The following titles will be published in January & February, 2006! If you see titles that interest you, please request them at the library. We'll be happy to get them for you!

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## Romance Forecast

March '06



Dorothy Garlock fans rejoice as she releases her latest title, **Train to Marietta**



Patricia Rice adds to her oeuvre with the release of **Small Town Girl**

Anthologies are great, but...J.D. Robb will tease fans with a short story included in the anthology, **Bump in the Night**. She redeems herself, however, with the release of **Memory in Death** the 22nd Eve Dallas installment, on January 24th.

April '06

Fern Michaels releases, **Hey Good Looking**, her latest Contemporary.



Luanne Rice's Contemporary Romance follows three sisters as they love, marry, and struggle in, **Angels All Over Town**.

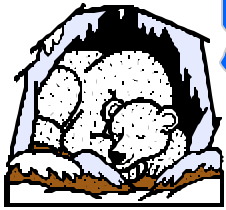
Go online to the following website to see more extensive lists of new release Romance novels!

[www.fictiondb.com](http://www.fictiondb.com)

January 2006			
Author	Title	Publisher/Imprint	Sub-genre/FYI
Annette Blair	My Favorite Witch	Berkley Sensation	Fantasy Romance
Jennifer Blake	Dawn Encounter	Mira	Master at Arms, #2 Historical
Barbara Taylor Bradford	Just Rewards <i>Harte Family</i>	St. Martins Press	Generational Fiction
Suzanne Enoch	Don't Look Down <i>Sequel to Flirting with Danger</i>	Avon	Romance Mystery
Jane Feather	Almost a Lady	Bantam	Historical
Alicia Fields	All's Fair in Love and War: Athena's Tale	Signet	The Goddesses #3 Fantasy
Gloria Goldreich	Dinner with Anna Karenina	Mira	Literary Women's Fiction
Jennifer Greene	Blame it on Chocolate	HQN	Contemporary
Tara Janzen	Crazy Wild <i>5th in "Crazy" Series</i>	Dell	Action Romance
Jayne Ann Krentz	All Night Long	Putnum Adult	Romantic Suspense
Cathie Linz	Good Girls Do	Berkley Sensation	Contemporary
Erin McCarthy	Heiress for Hire	Berkley Trade	Contemporary Comedy
Linda Lael Miller	One Last Look	Pocket	Suspense
Karen Ranney	An Unlikely Governess	Avon	Historical
Melissa Senate	The Breakup Club	Red Dress Ink	Chick Lit
February 2006			
Pamela Britton	In the Groove	HQN	Nascar Series/Contemporary
Jude Deveraux	Carolina Isle	Pocket	Contemporary
Elaine Fox	Guys and Dogs	Avon	Contemporary
Rachel Gibson	Sex, Lies, and Online Dating	Avon	Contemporary
Debbie Macomber, et al.	Hearts Divided	Mira	Anthology
Susan Mallery	Delicious	HQN	Contemporary
Barbara Dawson Smith	Countess Confidential	St. Martins Paper	Historical
Vicki Lewis Thompson	Talk Nerdy to Me	St. Martins Paper	5th in Nerd Series



  
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# SNUGGLING IN FOR WINTER

For bears, winter is a time to snuggle inside a cave and hibernate! Human's don't hibernate, but we do tend to snuggle into our caves! Here are some suggestions that might keep you from going stir-crazy while you wait for spring!

## Learn About Wine

**Exploring Wine:** The Culinary Institute of America's complete guide to wines of the world / Steven Kolpan

**The Wine Bible / Karen MacNeil:** Illustrated throughout with maps, photos, charts, and wine labels. It's jammed with everything one needs to master the basics of wine appreciation.

**The Home Winemaker's Companion:** Secrets, recipes, and know-how for making 115 great-tasting wines / Gene Spaziani

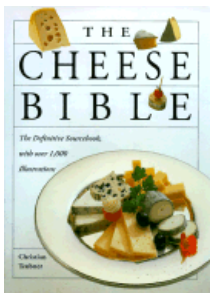
**The gift of wine:** A straightforward guide to the total wine experience / Gloria Bley Miller: The Gift of Wine is a practical, detailed, accessible, and informative introduction to wine for anyone caught up in the lure of the grape - from beginners to advanced oenophiles.

**Windows on the World Complete Wine Course / Kevin Zraly**

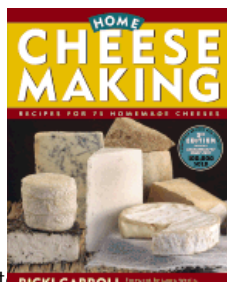
**A Very Good Year:** The journey of a California wine from vine to table / Mike Weiss



## What's Wine without Cheese?



**Cheese Bible / Christian Tuebner:** More than a thousand luscious color photos illustrate step-by-step instructions and finished cheese dishes.



### Home Cheese Making:

Recipes for 75 homemade cheeses / Ricki Carroll: Here are 85 recipes for cheeses and other dairy products that require basic cheese making techniques and the freshest of ingredients, offering the satisfaction of turning out a coveted delicacy. Among the

Recipes for cheese varieties are farmhouse cheddar, gouda, fromage blanc, queso blanco, mozzarella, ricotta, and 30-minute mozzarella. Recipes for dairy products include creme fraiche, sour cream, yogurt, keifer, butter-milk, and clotted cream. There are also 60 recipes for cooking with cheese, including such treats as Ricotta Pancakes with Banana Pecan Syrup, Cream Cheese Muffins, Broiled Pears and Vermont Shepherd Cheese; Prosciutto and Cheese Calzones, and Grilled Vegetable Stacks with Roasted Red Pepper Sauce.

## Watch a DVD! Here is a list of our latest titles!

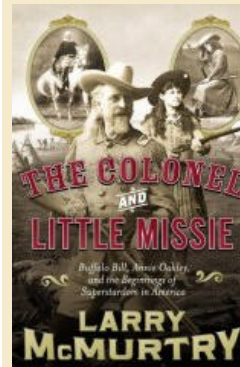
Sky High  
Dukes of Hazzard  
Honeymooners  
Madagascar  
The Perfect Man  
The March of the Penguins  
Brothers Grimm **Coming soon!**  
Eulogy **Coming soon!**



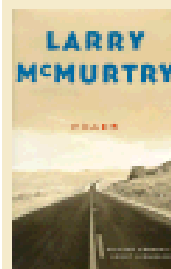
Don't forget the popcorn!



## Read About History



**The Colonel and Little Missie: Buffalo Bill, Annie Oakley and the beginnings of superstardom in America / Larry McMurtry:** From the early 1800s to the end of his life in 1917, Buffalo Bill Cody was as famous as anyone could be. Annie Oakley was his most celebrated protégée, the "slip of a girl" from Ohio who could (and did) outshoot anybody to become the most celebrated star of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.



**Roads: Driving America's great highways / Larry McMurtry:** From Florida to North Dakota, from Long Island to Oregon, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Larry McMurtry writes of crisscrossing America-driving in search of the present, the past, and himself--to investigate and celebrate this nation's great trails and the culture that has grown up on either side of them.



# Biography + Picture = BioPic

Biographies make excellent vehicles for film adaptation!

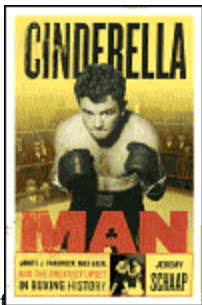


Did you know that the 1968 film *Yours, Mine and Ours* that starred Lucille Ball and Henry Fonda began life as a biography? *Who Gets the Drumstick*, written by Helen Beardsley, was published in 1965 and chronicled the hilarious and heartwarming misadventures of her "blended" family -- she had 10 children and her new husband had 8! If you enjoyed the movie, give yourself a treat and read the book! After reading the book, watch the film -- the library has that too!



**FYI:** Paramount Pictures released a remake of the film, *Yours, Mine and Ours* in November. It stars Dennis Quaid and Rene Russo. It's still in theaters, so you'll have to wait until it's released on DVD to request it!

If you enjoyed the Ron Howard film, *Cinderella Man*, you'll probably love the book of the same title written by Jeremy Schaap!



**Cinderella Man: James Braddock, Max Baer, and the Greatest Upset in Boxing History / Jeremy Schaap:** Lost in the annals of boxing is the sport's true Cinderella story. James J. Braddock, dubbed "Cinderella Man" by Damon Runyon, was a once promising light heavyweight for whom a string of losses in the ring and a broken right hand happened to coincide with the Great Crash of 1929. With one good hand, Braddock was forced to labor on the docks of Hoboken. Only his manager, Joe Gould, still believed in him, finding rights for Braddock to help feed his wife and children. The diminutive, loquacious Jew and the burly, quiet Irishman made one of boxing's oddest couples, but together they staged the greatest comeback in fighting history.

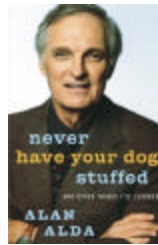
Learn more about biopics:

**Biopic defined:** A biopic is a film that depicts and dramatizes the life and achievements of important historical figures and celebrities. Biopics have also been used to dramatically chronicle historical events, such as the Kennedy assassination and the Apollo 13 space flight. Biopics have been made about presidents, scientists, artists, authors, celebrities, entertainers, criminals, and sports heroes.

Biopics can be informative, as well as entertaining, but they must be viewed with one caveat: directors and writers of this genre have been known to take creative license when dramatizing a life story. This means that accuracy and truth are sometimes compromised for dramatic effect. More authoritative sources would be written biographies and documentary-style films such as those produced by A & E Biography.

# Getting to Know You: Biographies

Love biographies? These titles will surely tickle your fancy!



**Never Have Your Dog Stuffed / Alan Alda:** He's one of America's most recognizable and acclaimed actors a star on Broadway, an Oscar nominee for *The Aviator*, and the only person to ever win Emmys for acting, writing, and directing, during his eleven years on *M\*A\*S\*H*. Now Alan Alda has written a memoir as elegant, funny, and affecting as his greatest performances.



**Amelia Earhart: The sky's no limit / Lori Van Pelt:** As a tomboy growing up in Kansas, Amelia Earhart delighted in trying new and risky things, once even building a roller-coaster in her grandparents' backyard. In her 20s she fell in love with flight while watching an aerobatics exhibition and grew even more enthralled when she took her first airplane ride. At age 24 she earned her pilot's wings and 1928 took part in the transatlantic "Friendship" flight. Her willowy build, wholesome smile, and tousled blonde hair invited comparison to the celebrated pilot Charles Lindbergh, and "Lady Lindy" charmed the public with her unassuming manner...Tragically, just days before her fortieth birthday, Earhart, her navigator Fred Noonan, and their plane vanished en route to tiny Howland Island in the Pacific Ocean as they neared the end of their round-the-world journey. President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized the greatest land and ocean search ever undertaken but no trace of the missing flyers or their craft were ever found. To Amelia Earhart, even the sky was no limit to those with the courage to test new boundaries.



**Universal Father: A life of John Paul II / Garry O'Connor:** Pope John Paul II will go down in history not only as the third longest serving pope, but possibly the most politically influential of all 305 popes and antipopes since St. Peter...this book details not only [Karol] Wojtyla's life before he became pope, his friendships with men and with women, his nationalism, his early years as a priest in rural Poland and his travels to Rome, but the pope's own poems, plays, and philosophical works to find clues to what makes him tick



**Dean and Me (A Love Story) / Jerry Lewis:** ...In a memoir by turns moving, tragic, and hilarious, Jerry Lewis recounts with crystal clarity every step of a fifty-year friendship, from the springtime, 1945 afternoon when the two vibrant young performers destined to conquer the world together met on Broadway and Fifty-fourth Street, to their tragic final encounter in the 1990s, when Lewis and his wife ran into Dean Martin, a broken and an. In *Dean & Me*, Jerry Lewis makes a convincing case for Dean Martin as one of the great—and most underrated—comic talents of our era. But what comes across most powerfully in this definitive memoir is the depth of love Lewis felt, and still feels, for his partner, and which his partner felt for him: truly a love to last for all time.

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# INSPIRATIONAL

## hot series hot series

### The Women of Ivy Manor A generational series by Lyn Cote

Four Wars. Four women. Four memorable tales of love and faith set against the tumultuous backdrop of twentieth-century America.



**Chloe:** Chloe Lorraine Kimball is born at the estate of Ivy Manor in the wee hours of the twentieth century. She is the apple of her grandmother's eye, if not her mother and father's. For despite a home filled with everything a young girl could desire, she lacks the one thing she wants above all else—unconditional love from her parents.

**Bette:** Elizabeth "Bette" Leigh Black comes of age in the years before WWII. Although money is scarce in the aftermath of the Depression, her home with her mother, Chloe, and her stepfather is happy. But as the war taints their sheltered world, Bette begins to realize life is sometimes cruel—and not everyone has the happiness she does.

**Leigh:** Linda Leigh Sinclair is born in the aftermath of WWII. Raised near Ivy Manor, enveloped in the love of her family, Leigh has everything she wants. Her overwhelming need for freedom for herself and others leads her into the modern civil right movement.

**Carly** Publication date 4/06

### Love Inspired Series Titles from Steeple Hill



**Past Secrets, Present Love (Tiny Blessings) / Lois Richer:** Private investigator Ross Van Zandt has seen only the ugly side of life. But the director of Tiny Blessings adoption agency, Kelly Young, helps him discover God, love and true happiness in this heartwarming and emotional novel.

**A Perfect Love (Texas Hearts) / Lenora Worth:** When city gal Summer Maxwell came to visit her family's Texas small town, her car broke down nine miles from her destination. World-weary and lagging in her faith, Summer didn't think things could get worse . . . until a handsome stranger came to her rescue and opened her eyes to the joy she'd long been missing.

**Sounds of Silence (Texas Gate Keepers) / Elizabeth White:** Border Patrol agent Eli Carmichael knew the deaf child he'd found outside a Mexican orphanage was harboring a dark secret -- she was carrying a blood-stained knife and was clearly traumatized. To keep her safe, he turned to trusted neighbor Isabel Valenzuela.

Contemporary Inspirational Love Stories

### New Series Alert!

#### "The Claire Series" by Tracey Bateman



**Leave It to Claire:** When single mom and writer Claire Everett is dragged away from her computer to heal after carpal tunnel surgery, she blinks against the startling daylight and discovers real life is harder than fiction. Scrambling to get her footing, she invents a seven-steps-to-a-better-life program. Can she fix her family and herself - including her relationship with her ex-husband and his wife - with self-help lists? Or will she realize that sometimes

the only way to truly grow is to surrender to God's plan and let Him mend the broken pieces?



Publication date  
6/2006  
Request it today!

### Historical Christian Fiction

#### Travel back in time through love and inspiration



**Lilac Spring / Ruth Axtell Morren:** Daughter of a prominent nineteenth-century Maine shipbuilder, Cherish Winslow had a deep love for ships, the ocean -- and her father's apprentice, Silas van der Zee. Once his childhood companion in Haven's End, Cherish wished Silas could see she was no longer a girl in pigtails but a woman in love.

To Silas, Cherish was a beacon of light, illuminating his lonely life . . . yet he doubted a lowly apprentice could win the heart of such an elegant young lady. A stolen kiss brought a moment's hope . . . but he soon found himself tossed out on the street, with no job, no home, no chance of a future. In his darkest hour, Silas must find the strength to fight for his life -- and for his beloved Cherish.

#### Author's Back List:

- ♦ Winter is Past
- ♦ Wild Rose

#### Forthcoming Title:

- ♦ Dawn of My Heart 8/2006



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## Homebound Services

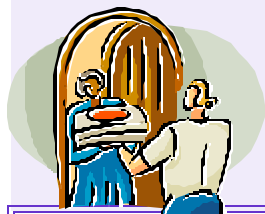
~FOR SENIORS~

The Preble County District Library provides a valuable service to those who are homebound. This service provides home delivery of library materials to anyone who is eligible. The library also offers a wintertime homebound delivery service to those who find it difficult to navigate wintry roads.

Volunteers from the [Delta Theta Tau Sorority](#) will deliver materials to the home of anyone who qualifies.

### To qualify you must be:

- A Preble County resident
- 60 years of age or older
- Homebound



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### For more information contact:

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456-4376

### Or contact:

- Library Administration and Resource Center  
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**Eaton, OH 45320**

[www.pcdl.lib.oh.us](http://www.pcdl.lib.oh.us)

### Recommended Website

- [www.seniorsconnect.org](http://www.seniorsconnect.org)

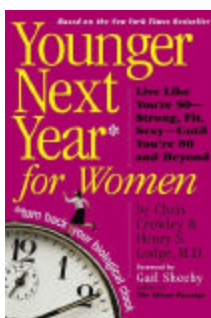


# SPOTLIGHT

## New Titles

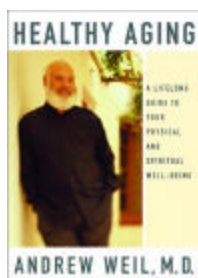


**Lucy and Desi: The real life scrapbook of America's favorite T.V. couple:** During their marriage, Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz filled over 100 scrapbooks with all manner of memorabilia. Now fans can take a rare peek at the details of the famous TV couple's lives with this fantastic replica composite. LUCY & DESI, our exclusive, real-life scrapbook of the couple's lives, contains 25 interactive, three-dimensional paper-engineered replicas of actual items--from Desi's report card to important telegrams--which have never been published before. Vintage snapshots of happy family moments, touching love letters, passports, and other precious minutiae, with more than 150 photographs, both black-and-white and color, fill this wonderful, engrossing look back at the golden years of television comedy, when Lucy and Desi charmed America with humor and song.



### **Younger Next Year for Women / Chris Crowley with a Foreword by Gail Sheehy:**

Just as the average woman lives longer (three decades past menopause) than the average man, the average woman has more anxiety about aging. Younger Next Year for Women is a book of hope. Though keeping the same lively, alternating voices—Chris Crowley's rough-and-ready passion for the cause, Harry Lodge's cool, convincing science—the book is recast to bring its revolutionary findings about staving off 70% of the normal decay associated with aging specifically to women. It covers menopause and post menopause at length, cardiac disease, osteoporosis, sexuality, even finances. It adapts its simple, lifesaving motivational rules—Exercise Six Days a Week, Don't Eat Crap, Connect to Other People—to contemporary women's lifestyles. And brings to its message a refreshing bluntness that says yes, you have come a long way, and you've got a longer way to go.



### **Healthy Aging: A lifelong guide to your physical well-being / Andrew Weil:**

At the heart of Healthy Aging is Dr. Weil's belief that although aging is an irreversible process, there are myriad things we can do to keep our minds and bodies in good working order through all phases of life. To that end, he draws on the new science of biogerontology (the biology of aging) as well as on the secrets of healthy longevity—diet, activity, and attitude—that he has gathered firsthand from cultures around the world. In Part One—"The Science and Philosophy of Healthy Aging"—he explains how the body ages, and he explores the impact of gender, genes, environment, and lifestyle on an individual's experience and perception of the process of aging. In Part Two—"How to Age Gracefully"—Weil details an easy-to-implement Anti-inflammatory Diet that will protect the immune system and aid your body in resisting and adapting to the changes that time brings.



# Picture Books: Let's Read Together!

**It's All About Me! / Nancy Cote:** It's All About ME! offers penetrating insight into a young child's feelings and experiences. With its easy read-aloud rhythm and a fun twist at the end, this charming story of self-esteem and sibling rivalry will strike a chord with families everywhere.

**The Dragon Snatcher / M.P. Robertson:** One night while reading in bed, George hears a familiar noise outside. His dragon has come for his help, but this time they face a daunting foe—an ice wizard who is stealing dragon eggs and keeping them locked up in his frozen castle. Luckily George knows how to outwit even a powerful wizard, although things don't turn out quite the way he expects.

**The Wolf's Story: What really happened to little Red Riding hood / Toby Forward:** Little readers will love second-guessing this funny, fractured fairy tale replaying the story of Little Red Riding Hood from the poor maligned wolf's point of view. Zooming in dramatically from strategic angles, the amusing illustrations offer visual clues that this is a story to be taken with a grain of salt – and a lot of giggling.

**Emma at the Fair / Margriet Ruurs:** Emma the plucky chicken is back in this fourth title in the Emma series. This time, the farmer's children take her to the annual Fall Fair in hopes that she will win a ribbon. Emma has no idea how to go about winning a ribbon but she tries her very best and has lots of adventures at the Fair.

**Sleep Tight, Little Bear / Martin Waddell:** Little Bear learns that it's fun to venture off by yourself, but even better to know that you can go home again in this heart-tugging ode to the endearing, enduring bond between Big Bear and Little Bear. DVD included.

**When Someone is afraid / Valeri Gorbachev:** When an ostrich is afraid, it sticks its head in the sand. When a turtle is afraid, it shrinks into its shell. Rabbits run away and cats hide under the bed. But when a little boy has a bad dream in the middle of the night, his mother is there to comfort him. An excellent book for showing young children that everyone is afraid sometimes.

**Camilla Chameleon / Colleen Sydor:** Camilla is a little strange looking. But she's one talented ... girl. She can pick up a hopscotch rock without even bending over. She can look at her teacher with one eye and read a comic book with the other. And, best of all, she can blend in perfectly with her surroundings -- so that no one, not even her parents, can tell she's there. Camouflaging sure comes in handy when it's time for her to go to the doctor or clean out the class hamster cage for her teacher. But one day, Camilla blows her cover ... and finds herself in the spotlight.

**When the Library Lights Go Out / Megan McDonald:** Closed may mean "closed" to you. But for three story-hour puppets, closed means "open for adventure." At first there are only Rabbit and Lion. Hermit Crab is missing. Where can she be in the library darkness? Find out for yourself when -- magically -- only puppets are up and about.

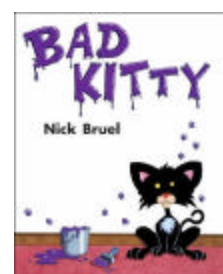
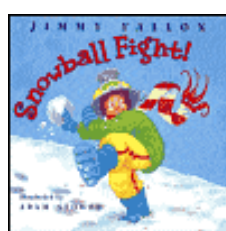
**Snowball Fight! / Jimmy Fallon:** Snow day! School's closed! And somewhere out there, a snowball fight is waiting to happen! From carefully packing the snow to launching an all-out attack, everyone loves a snowball fight. Jimmy Fallon's picture-book debut—inspired by winter's most riotous kid rite of passage—brings the high action and high comedy of the ultimate snowbound skirmish to life in brisk, uproarious verse.



## Spotlight

**Bad Kitty / Nick Bruel:** comes the riotous story of a cat gone berserk -- four times over an in alphabetical order each time. Kitty is not happy when she's told that her favorite foods are all gone and all that's left are Asparagus, Beets, Cauliflower, Dill...and 22 other equally unappealing vegetables. So she: Ate my homework, Bit grandma, Clawed the curtains, Damaged the dishes, and so on, through Z. Only when tastier things arrive (An Assortment of Anchovies, Buffalo Burritos, Chicken Cheesecake...) does she apologize to grandma.

**Henry and the Buccaneer Bunnies / Carolyn Crimi:** Aboard a ship called the Salty Carrot sails a wild, rowdy band of Buccaneer Bunnies. Their leader, Barnacle Black Ear, is the baddest bunny brute of all time, but his son refuses to perform his proper pirating duties. Henry would rather read books than shout "Shiver me timbers!" or make prisoners walk the plank — even if it means he has to swab the decks as punishment. But when a crashing, bashing, thrashing wildcat of a storm threatens the Salty Carrot and its crew, will Henry and his landlubbin' library save the day?





# Chapter Book Reads

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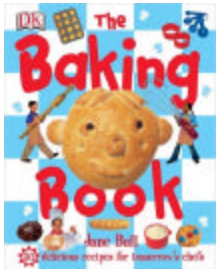
## Inside Fun

Wile away the wintry season with these ideas for fun and exciting cold weather inside pastimes!

### In the Kitchen



**Nancy Drew Cookbook: Clues to good cooking / Carolyn Keene:** Nancy Drew is not only a great detective—she's also a great cook! With recipes for breakfast, lunch, and dinner (plus those meals in between), this cookbook has the right dish for everyone. And because the recipes tie in to the most famous Nancy Drew mysteries, this book is a must-have for every fan of the world's greatest super sleuth!



**The Baking Book / Jane Bull:** Jane Bull uses simple recipes to introduce children to kitchen basics—from creaming and whisking to batters and yeast—and encourages young chefs to be creative in the kitchen.

**Mom and Me Cookbook / Annabel Karmel:** With basic cooking techniques and tips, simple first recipes, and tasty, nutritious meal ideas, Annabel Karmel's new family cookbook helps children ages three and up work with their parents to prepare a yummy array of favorite foods.



### It's All About FYI



**Cool Stuff and How it Works / Chris Woodford:** From microchips and iPods to robots in the human bloodstream, Cool Stuff and How It Works takes the reader on an eye-opening journey through the world of modern technology. Tech-savvy kids will love learning all about today's most innovative inventions—where they came from, how they do what they do, and where they might take us in the future.



**Crochet: Fantastic Jewelry, Hats, Purses, Pillows & More / Jane Davis:** Colorful shoe-laces to shimmering amulet bags, these 50 crocheted creations will enchant kids and take them from the very beginning to a more experienced level. Even children who have never picked up a pair of needles will master the fundamentals quickly, thanks to the many detailed directions and instructive, attractive color photos. The fun begins as youngsters try their hand at the basic learn to crochet around a ring to make a key chain. Small, accessible projects follow, including a yellow purse with a glass button accent and comfy wool slippers. As kids' skills increase, they can move on to clothes, toys, backpacks, and more.



## C.S. Lewis: The Chronicles of Narnia

**Reading Order:** This reading order reflects the chronological sequence of events rather than published order of the books:

1. The Magician's Nephew
2. The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe
3. The Horse and His Boy
4. Prince Caspian
5. The Voyage of the Dawn Treader
6. The Silver Chair
7. The Last Battle



**FYI:** When C.S. Lewis first wrote *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, he didn't know that he was going to continue the story in subsequent books. That is why the reading order of the series is different from the published order of the books. However, reading *The Magician's Nephew* first can somewhat spoil the magical surprise of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. Feel free to read the first two books in whatever order pleases you!

### Paper Crafts



**Paper, Scissors, Sculpt: Creating Cut-and-Fold Animals / Ben A. Gonzales:** Score the paper, make a cut, and give it a fold; that's gupit-gupit, the wonderful art of creating amazing three-dimensional sculptures. The name comes from Tagalog, the national language of the Philippines, and it means "cut cut..."

Each creature is made from only a single sheet, the directions are laid out in a straightforward manner, the patterns and pictures are nice and large, and the book's organization logically proceeds from simple forms (a snake, for example) to the more complicated giraffe.



**Fantastic Paper Airplanes / Jack Botermans:** Fantasy fliers, reproductions of real planes, experimental models, and competition craft: these marvelous paper airplanes, shown in full color, will set the imagination soaring. Every aviation enthusiast will find more than a few favorites among these 34 aircraft, which range from a modified version of the Wright brothers' biplane to an out-of-this-world flying saucer. The "Speedy" design is a cross between the French Mirage jet and a bat, and true to its name, is a fast and cunning model. The pterodactyl takes inspiration from the prehistoric flying reptile and is simple to make. Or try a facsimile of the F-16 Fighter, Tupolev, Catapult Defense Craft, Matchstick Rocket, Starship, or Sailplane. General instructions on tools and techniques, plus detailed folding plans for each one, will help you construct them all.

# Library Art: Crafty Inspiration that Sparks your interest!

Library Assistant, Becky Rogers loves to decorate the Eaton Library's book shelf end-caps! Her creative abilities are endless. She decorates the shelves in the hopes that the designs will inspire library visitors to check out items that tie in with her theme. You are more than welcome to check out any of the books, CDs, cassettes, videos, and/or DVDs that are used in the



Becky uses all sorts of crafting techniques when putting together her displays. Ellison die-cuts, miniatures, 3-D art. I, for one, can't wait to see what she comes up with next!

## Books & Films for Valentine's Day

### Books

**The Trouble with Valentine's Day / Rachel Gibson**

**Hating Valentine's Day / Allison Rushby**

**Valentine Murder: A Lucy Stone Mystery / Leslie Meier**

### Films

#### Classic Romantic Comedies

**The Shop Around the Corner (1940/VHS):** James Stewart, Margaret Sullivan. This film was later remade into the film, *You've Got Mail*.

**The Egg and I (1947/VHS):** Fred MacMurray & Claudette Colbert

**The Quiet Man (1952/VHS):** John Wayne & Maureen O'Hara

**Barefoot in the Park (1967/VHS)** Jane Fonda & Robert Redford

#### Contemporary Romantic Comedies

**Must Love Dogs\* (2005/DVD):** Diane Lane & John Cusack

**Elizabethtown\* (2005/DVD):** Orlando Bloom & Kirsten Dunst

**Just Like Heaven\* (2005/DVD)** Reese Witherspoon & Mark Ruffalo

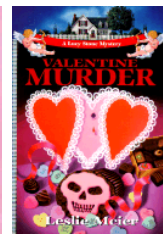
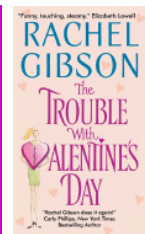
**Hitch (2005/DVD):** Will Smith

#### Romantic Drama

**Neverland (2004/DVD):** Johnny Depp & Kate Winslet

**Sense and Sensibility (1995/VHS):** Emma Thompson & Kate Winslet

**Somewhere in Time (1980/VHS):** Christopher Reeve & Jane Seymour



\*These 3 DVDs are on order!

Arriving soon

