

# The Monticello Public Library News

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## Nativity Scenes Highlight the Display Case

If there is one aspect of Christmas that Carolyn Seaver enjoys, it is the nativity scene with Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus with the Three Wise Men who have come to celebrate the birth. Each year she has a large nativity scene in her front yard. She has many small scenes indoors as well and this year she has agreed to share some of her favorites with us.

The hand-painted set on the top shelf is her favorite one which came from a friend who visited Mexico some years ago. The set is characteristic of the small village in Mexico where it was painted. If one is up on one's crèches, one would know immediately which village this set is from. It is made from pottery which breaks easily so much care is taken with it.

Her second favorite set is the large white one on the bottom shelf which a friend of Doug's made in ceramics. Doug brought the set to their marriage. The large camels are crafted with detail as is each piece. The two large white and gold angels guarding the nativity scene were given to Carolyn by two children that Carolyn provided day-care for. The mother of the girls made them in ceramics. Each angel is named for each girl—Emily and Marie.

On the second shelf, the rustic wooden set was given to her from her Red Hat Secret Santa several years ago. The three large white ones are candles given to her by her daughter-in-law, Janie. The set on the right of the shelf was the first set she ever got and she bought it herself because she liked it.

The tiny set in the bottle and the other tiny set in the eggshell, she purchased at a shop on State Street in Madison that specializes in crafts from third world countries. The brown plastic set is actually a Christmas tree ornament which can be hung on a Christmas tree light, but which works better as a stand-alone set. The gold star shining down upon the second shelf was also given to Carolyn from a day-care girl named Katie. It has a small gold nativity set on the front of the star.

On the third shelf, the small hand-made cloth set with the cardboard background was purchased at the store on State Street also. As was the dark screened triptych from the Philippines. The most unusual snowglobe was a gift from her husband, Doug. The large set on the left was a special purchase from Brenda's Blumenladen in New Glarus at the end of one Christmas season. Carolyn, especially liked the dark muted colors

So when you are driving around looking at Christmas decorations in Monticello, don't miss the large Nativity Scene at Montesian Gardens and the one in Carolyn's yard. Then come into the library to look at the small sets. Thank you, Carolyn, for sharing your nativity scenes with the patrons of the library. From Carolyn and the rest of us at the Monticello Public Library "Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!"

## "Have a Happy Holly-day From Your Library!"

The Friends of the Monticello Public Library have gone with a Holly Berry theme this year for the Christmas Gift Giving Tree. Holly branches with differing numbers of berries representing \$5, \$10, \$15, or \$20 are now for sale to be signed and hung on our tree. Carolyn Seaver was the first to purchase an ornament for her family and stars for each of her grandchildren. Carolyn Johnsrud was right behind her. Thanks ladies and let's all purchase ornaments. The library would like to purchase some new die cuts for our die cut machine. Patrons and teachers have been taking advantage of the wonderful die cuts we have. If you would like to use any of them, just bring your own paper and you can cut out as many as you like. However, you must cut your own. Our die cut company is having a tremendous sale of 30% off and free shipping so we hope to take advantage of this great deal. If you have any suggestions, let us know.

Snowflakes are available for children to decorate for \$1. You are giving yourself a gift as well as the library when you purchase a Holly Branch for the tree. After the holidays, you may take your ornament home. Thank you so much & "Have a Happy Holiday From Your Library!"

## Thank You

The Friends of the Library, the Library Board and Library Staff would like to thank everyone involved in the 5th Silent Auction held in November.

A special Thank You to Pat Selton and Lynn Witt for setting up and organizing the event, to those who moved tables, and to the Zwingli Church for loaning the tables. Thanks to all who furnished bars, to Cathy Fink for coordinating, to all those who contributed baskets and items, to all those who purchased items. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated. Thanks for caring about your library.

## Book Discussion

The Book Discussion Group will be meeting for a private Christmas Book Discussion Potluck Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 16th. They will be reading David Baldacci's *THE CHRISTMAS TRAIN*. This is a light-hearted Christmas read perfect for the season.

The new Book Discussion Reading List for 2010 will be ready for pick-up. Thanks to everyone who supports and comes to the Book Discussions. We are starting our 11th year! And to think we began with 3 members!

## New DVDs

Some of the new DVDs purchased recently are: *THE UGLY TRUTH*; *THE ACCIDENTAL HUSBAND*; *LOVE FINDS A HOME*; *JAG: SEASON 9*; *SPONGEBOB: TRUTH OR SQUARE*; *UP*; *WOLVERINE & X-MEN: BEGINNING OF THE END*; *NATALEE HOLLOWAY*; *HARDWIRED*; *MY SISTER'S KEEPER*; *STAR TREK*; *WILD*

*CHILD*; *BRUNO*; *ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS*; *SHORTS*; *ANGELS & DEMONS*; *4 CHRISTMASSES*; *FUNNY PEOPLE*; *SANTA BUDDIES*; *THE MAIDEN HEIST*; *PAPER HEARTS*; *IT'S ALWAYS SUNNY IN PHILADELPHIA: A VERY SUNNY CHRISTMAS*; *NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: BATTLE OF THE SMITHSONIAN*; *TERMINATOR SALVATION*; *BETTER OF TED: SEASON 1*; *MENTAL: SEASON 1*; and *LAW & ORDER CRIMINAL INTENT: SEASON 4*.

## New Adult Books

Some new titles include: *I, ALEX CROSS* by James Patterson; *FAIRY TALE WEDDING* and *ANGELS AT CHRISTMAS* by Deb Macomber; *GUNNESS BOOK WORLD RECORDS 2010*; *FORD COUNTY* by John Grisham; *SNOW ANGELS* by Fern Michaels; *ICE* by Linda Howard; *BED OF ROSES* by Nora Roberts; *OPEN* by Andre Aggassi; *UNDER THE DOME* by Stephen King; *SHABBY CHIC INTERIORS* by Rachel Ashwell; *BRUTAL TELLING* by Louise Penny; *END OF THE ROAD* by Sue Henry; *EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED FROM A CHILDREN'S BOOK*; *LIT* by Mary Karr; *MASTER CHEESEMAKERS OF WISCONSIN* by James Norton; *VILLAGE OF THE GHOST BEARS* by Stan Jones; *NO LESS THAN VICTORY* by Jeff Shaara; and *WATERCOLOR SECRETS* by Rachel Rubin Wolf.

## New Large Print Books

Thanks to Marlea Duerst, new titles include: *92 PACIFIC BOULEVARD* by Debbie

Macomber and *THE UNFINISHED GIFT* by Dan Walsh.

## New Audio Books

Some new audio books are: *FORD COUNTY* by John Grisham; *KNIT THE SEASON* by Kate Jacobs; and *MRS. MIRACLE* by Debbie Macomber.

## New Front Doors

Thanks to the generosity of the Irene Marty and Carol Dorn estates, the library has new power assist doors on the South Entrance of our building. Thanks to Monroe Glass and Dave Klossner for doing such a fine job. These new doors should be of special help to mothers with strollers and others who have trouble with doors. We are so fortunate to have people remember the library in their wills. Thank you!

## New Juvenile Books

Some new children's books are: *BABY PENGUIN SLIPS AND SLIDES* by Michael Teitelbaum; *BEAUTIFUL BALLERINA* by Marilyn Nelson; *BROTHER'S STORY* by Katherine Sturtevant; *CHASING DEGAS* by Eva Montanari; *CHRISTMAS MAGIC* by Lauren Thompson; *DJANGO* by Bonnie Christenson; *DOG WANTS TO PLAY* by Christine McDonnell; and *FANCY NANCY SPELENDIFEROUS CHRISTMAS* by Jane O'Connor.

## Closed for Christmas

The library will be closed Thursday, December 24th-Saturday, the 26th and Thursday, December 31st-Saturday, January 2nd. Happy Holidays to you !