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"Schastlivogo Rozhdestva!"

That's Russian for Merry Christmas! Catherine Nipple has brought her collection of Father Frost figurines to display @ the library during the month of December. Father Frost is the Russian Santa Claus. And, there are 20 of them. Each figurine is unique and very finely painted. The detail is so incredible and so beautiful. Please look at the backs of each of the large hand carved and hand painted Father Frosts.

Catherine started by buying one because she thought it was so pretty and so detailed. Probably her favorite one is the blue one on the second shelf with the horses and sleigh painted on the front, and, farthest to the right. She thinks this one is her first purchase. Be sure to look at the wooded scene on the back. Gorgeous! She has been collecting Father Frost figurines for the past ten years as well as all the other beautiful detailed figurines that fill in between each Father Frost.

If you look at each one, you'll see how totally unique and different each is. Each Father Frost is a work of art and most came from the Sugar River Art Gallery in New Glarus or the Cranberry Festival in Warrens Wisconsin. Catherine has purchased each one herself—early Christmas gifts to herself!

The Russian Father Frost, in Legend, all have big full white beards and flowing cloaks as well as a staff. During the yuletide season, Father Frost

visits boys and girls by traveling from his home in the woods in a decorated sleigh drawn by three horses.

The figures with the Snow Maiden (his granddaughter) painted on them are usually more expensive as they are much rarer.

You'll want to check out the bottom shelf for beautiful Russian boxes and a gorgeous set of Russian nesting dolls. Thank you so much, Catherine, for sharing this fabulous collection with us this December. You must miss them at your home.

Christmas Gift Giving Tree

"Walking in a Reading Wonderland" is the theme for this year's Christmas Gift Giving Tree Fundraiser @the library. Zoe has outdone herself making very fancy 3-D snowflakes to purchase for \$5, \$10, and \$20. And, of course, the \$1 snowflakes for kids to purchase and decorate. The tree should be beautiful once again this year.

Nancy Briggs was the first to purchase an ornament once again this year. Her granddaughter is a lucky girl to be remembered each year at the library and we are fortunate that Nancy enjoys being the first!

Story time kids, Theo and Emmett, were early bird purchasers also. Hurry on down and remember, when you purchase an ornament for the tree, you are really buying yourself a Christmas gift as well as supporting the library since the money raised is used to purchase something special for the library and for you to use. Computers claim the dollars this year. Thank you once again and enjoy the up-coming holidays.

Jewelry Class

Join us and Karen Marti on Monday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m. to make some fabulous Christmas gifts for yourself and friends. If you have any other jewelry that you'd like to take apart and use to create new jewelry, bring it! This is the regular monthly adult program.

The Jewelry Workshop sign-up list is available now. We will call the Wait List if there are any cancellations. The scarf program was fabulous and some beautiful designs emerged from each person. Check them out on our Facebook page.

Between the Covers Book Group

Carolyn's Friday Morning Book Discussion Book Group will be reading and discussing THE GIFT OF THE MAGI by O. Henry for their December selection. If you've never read this Christmas Classic, pick up a copy today and join Carolyn on Friday morning, December 15, 2017 at ten o'clock. It's a lively group.

If you can't make the group in December, check out January's date, the 26th at ten o'clock a.m.

Winter Weather Closings

It seem as if it might actually start acting like winter now (if today is any example), so that unfortunately means snow could be on the way soon. The Library will always try to maintain normal hours as much as possible during the Winter, but sometimes that nasty weather forces us to close.

Closures will be announced on the WEKZ radio station as well as on Facebook as soon as the decision is made.

Storytime will be cancelled whenever school has been cancelled due to weather conditions.

Any library materials normally due on an emergency closing day will not be charged fines, but we do suggest that you call and leave a message asking for your items to be renewed, if necessary.

New DVDs

Some of our most recent titles are: FARGO: SEASON 3; DESPICABLE ME 3; BETTER WATCH OUT; AMERICAN ASSASSIN; TROLLS HOLIDAY; GARROW'S LAW: SERIES THREE; CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR; GILMORE GIRLS: A YEAR IN THE LIFE; TULIP FEVER; LOGAN LUCKY; THE LIBRARIANS: SEASON 3; JUNGLE; LEAP; THE HITMAN'S BODYGUARD; VALERIAN AND THE CITY OF A THOUSAND PLANETS; PATTI CAKES; BRIGSBY BEAR; THE NUT JOB 2; WIND RIVER; ATOMIC BLONDE; AMITYVILLE: THE AWAKENING; JOHNNY CARSON: THE ULTIMATE COLLECTION, VOLUME 1-3; MICHAEL PALIN HIMALAYA; EXPLORE THE WORLD; POLDARK: SEASON 3; THE GLASS CASTLE; THE CROWN: SEASON 1; INGRID GOES WEST; WESTWORLD: SEASON 1; JANET KING: SEASON 3; ANNE OF GREEN GABLES: THE GOOD STARS; YOUR NAME; and CARS 3.

New Adult Books

New titles arrive at the library nearly everyday and these are some of them: ENCHANTRESS OF NUMBERS by Jennifer Chiaverini; PAST PERFECT by Danielle Steel; EVERY BREATH YOU TAKE by Mary Higgins Clark & Alafair Burke; SEVEN DAYS OF US by Francesca Hornak; A HUNDRED SMALL LESSONS by Ashley Hay; PRIDE AND PREJUDICE AND MISTLETOE by Melissa De La Cruz; THE STORY OF ARTHUR TRULUV by Elizabeth Berg; SECRETS OF CAVENDON by Barbara Taylor Bradford; THE TEMPTATION TO BE HAPPY by Lorenzo Marone; SLEEP NO MORE by P. D. James; FUTURE HOME OF THE LIVING GOD by Louise Erdrich; PERENNIALS by Julie Cantrell; HARDCORE TWENTY-FOUR by Janet Evanovich; INCORPORATE YOUR BUSINESS & HOW TO FORM A NONPROFIT CORPORATION by Anthony Mancuso; EASY ERRORS: by Steven Havill; BLACK IRON MERCY by Eric Schlehlein; THE MIDNIGHT LINE by Lee Child; LET DARKNESS BURY THE DEAD by Maureen Jennings; THE HOUSE OF UNEXPECTED SISTERS by Alexander McCall Smith; THE SHADOW DISTRICT by Arnaldur Indridason; HANK & JIM by Scott Eyman; ROBBY KENNEDY by Chris Matthews and BONFIRE by Krysten Ritter.

New Large Print Books

The latest Large Print Books received at the library are: MIND GAMES by Iris Johansen; A SIMPLE WISH by Charlotte Hubbard; LOVE HELD CAPTIVE by Shelley Shepard Gray; LILAC LAND by Sherryl Woods; THE ROOSTER BAR by John Gresham; and DEEP FREEZE by John Sandford.

Another shipment is on the way so they'll be on the shelf soon!

New CDs

Always look here for the latest and greatest CDs, thanks to Zoe. Our

newest ones are: DUA LIPA; DOUBLE DUTCHESS by Fergie; WHAT IF NOTHING by Walk the Moon and NOW 64; REPUTATION by Taylor Swift; SYNTHESIS by Evanescence; THE REST OF OUR LIFE by Tim McGraw and Faith Hill; EVERYDAY IS CHRISTMAS by Sia; FAKE NUDES by Barenaked Ladies; KIDZ BOP 36; RED PILL BLUES by Maroon 5; TEXOMA SHORE by Blake Shelton; UNAPOLOGETICALLY by Kelsea Ballerini; and THE THRILL OF IT ALL by Sam Smith.

New Juvenile Books

Children seem to have gotten the short end this month as far as book purchases go. However, there were a couple of really good ones: DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: THE GETAWAY by Jeff Kinney; and THE LITTLE REINDEER by Nicola Killen.

New Audio Books

Nothing much to report on the audio book situation either. Our two newest books are: MR. DICKENS AND HIS CAROL by Samantha Silva; GOLD DUST WOMAN: THE BIOGRAPHY OF STEVIE NICKS by Sephen Davis; and HARDCORE TWENTY-FOUR by Janet Evanovich.

Holiday Closure

The library will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26. The library will open on the 27th.

New Year's Day, January 1, 2018, the library will be closed, but the library will be open on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Zoe will hold Storytime on Tuesday, January 2nd, but there will be none on December 26th.

On behalf of the Monticello Public Library Staff, the Library Board, and the Friends of the Library, I wish you each a very wonderful holiday season and best wishes for the best 2018 ever.

Hopefully the winter will be a mild one.