



Library Links



SAN BENITO COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

LIBRARY HONORS VOLUNTEER AND PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR

On Tuesday, November 15th, the Friends of the San Benito County Free Library awarded Melinda Rowe as “Philanthropist of the Year.” The Library would like to honor Melinda Rowe for National Philanthropy Day because she has been an outstanding volunteer and has contributed many hours of her time to supporting many of the library’s youth programs. The library appreciates all the hard work Melinda has put into assisting with our family literacy programs, homework club, and craft programs. The County Librarian and library staff thank Melinda, on behalf of all the children whom she has influenced in their developing a love of reading and learning.

The Library and Friends also honored the 2011 “Volunteer of the Year,” Carol Willette. Carol Willette has served children aged 0-3 in the San Benito County Free Library’s Born to Read Program for the last thirteen years.

Carol’s background as a preschool teacher in Growth and Opportunity, Go Kids, and Presbyterian preschool programs has made her a skilled and creative teacher of very young children and their parents. Currently she serves 45 tots three times per week. Carol has said that her goal is to instill the love of books and learning in her tiny students and to teach parents the importance of reading to their children. Carol, you are a treasure!

SBCFL: WEBSITE OF THE YEAR!

For the second year running, San Benito County Free Library’s website was named “Best Website of San Benito County” by the Pinnacle Newspaper. Congrats to the library staff for this great accomplishment! On the site you will find the library’s online catalog, account information and services, electronic databases, eBooks, community resources, and so much more. Visit us 24/7 @ www.sanbenitofl.org.

SEASONAL RECIPE

Mexican Wedding Cookies (For any occasion)

Ingredients:

1 cup butter
1/2 cup white sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 teaspoons water
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup chopped almonds
1/2 cup confectioner’s (powdered) sugar



In a medium-sized bowl, cream the butter and sugar. Stir in vanilla and water. Add the flour and almonds, mix well until blended. Cover and chill a couple of hours.

Pre-heat oven to 325 degrees.

Shape dough into balls (1” diameter), place on an unprepared cookie sheet and back for about 15-20 minutes. Remove from pan to cool on a wire rack(s). When the cookies are cool, roll in powdered sugar.

** Store at room temperature using an airtight container for freshness.

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS IN DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 14th, 6-7:00pm (in the Barbara Meeting Room):

Holiday Round Table for literacy tutors.

Share your stories, successes, and techniques with other tutors; learn about the latest materials available for you and your learner; raffle ticket drawing for a Barnes & Noble gift card.



Tuesday, December 13th, 5:30-7:30pm:

Holiday Program for children and their families. You can visit Santa and take a picture with him (please provide your own camera). We will also provide crafts and a book giveaway for children!



HOLIDAY BOOK SUGGESTIONS

Adult Titles

Christmas Wedding, James Patterson w/ Richard DiLallo - This Christmas is going to be even more special for Gabby Summerhill, as after being a widow for five years, she's re-marrying. But the surprise planned for her children before the wedding could change all their lives forever.

Mary Engelbreit's 'Tis the Season Holiday Cookbook, Mary Engelbreit - From Mary Engelbreit, nationally acclaimed "Queen of the Kitchen," comes the ultimate holiday cookbook. Includes recipes for the most beloved dishes, with dozens of ideas for celebration fun, tips to make cooking a joy, and luscious color photographs to tempt & inspire.

1225 Christmas Tree Lane, Debbie Macomber - The people of Cedar Cove know how to celebrate Christmas. Like Grace and Olivia and everyone else, Beth Morehouse expects this Christmas to be one of her best. But-- someone recently left a basket filled with puppies on her doorstep, puppies she's determined to place in good homes. Adding to the complications, her daughters Bailey and Sophie have invited their dad, Beth's long-divorced husband, Kent, to Cedar Cove for Christmas.

Children's Titles

The Eight Nights of Chanukah, Lesléa Newman (illus. by Elivia Savadier) - The wondrous days of Chanukah come to life through the eyes of a young child, whose family gathering grows bigger and bigger as the holiday progresses. As the nights pass, one new item or person is added to the celebration - with presents for every child there!

Seven Spools of Thread: A Kwanzaa Story, Angela Shelf Medearis (illus. Daniel Minter) - Set in an African village and using the Nguza Saba, or seven principles of Kwanzaa, this unforgettable children's story shows how family members can pull together, for their own good and the good of the entire community.

Dewey's Christmas at the Library, Vicki Myron and Bret Witter (illus. by Steve James) - It's Dewey the cat's very first Christmas at the library, and he is mesmerized by the glitter, the twinkling lights, and best of all - the Christmas tree! But when Dewey decides to help, he's in for some big surprises, and gets into quite a bit of mischief. Based on the popular adult book *Dewey* by Vicki Myron.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Toddler Story Time:

Mondays & Fridays, 10:30-11:30am

Sleepy-Time Story Time:

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm

Homework Club

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 3:30-5pm



** Library will be closed
from December 26th-30th
for the holiday break.

Friends of the Library

Book Sale: Saturdays, 9:00am

Gavilan ESL Classes (through 12/15):

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9-11:30am

Special Holiday Programs and Crafts:

See above

Adult Literacy Program: Ongoing