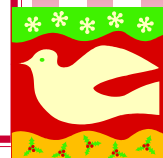


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Do They Know It's Christmas?

It is hard to believe that another calendar year is winding down! By the time this newsletter is copied and distributed, classes will be meeting for the last few times this semester and the thoughts of students, staff, and faculty alike will be turning towards the holidays and all of the excitement and chaos that these last few weeks of the year always seem to embody.

It has been a wonderful fall semester for us at the Basler Library. We have launched a new program (Open Books), and have revamped our book discussions (now called WHATTCHA Reading). We have had an exciting list of guest presenters: Northeast "family" favorites like Eric Fish; Elaine Boone, her husband Pat, and assistance dogs Kinzie and Lauren; Rosie Adams; local authors Michal Strutin, Bud Phillips, and Kimberly Brubaker Bradley; nationally-renowned actor/author Kevin Murphy of Mystery Science Theater fame; and local librarian, Suresh Ponnappa, who spent time in Iraq last year helping to set-up medical libraries in a war-torn country. And we're still not finished!

Our final program of the Fall semester will be on Monday, December 6, in L106, from 12:30-1:15 p.m., with our really-reputable raconteur, Keith Young, Director of the Elizabethton campus, whose "Seasonal Stories and Songs" will bring a smile to your face and touch your heart.

And next semester looks just as exciting as ever, with several programs already scheduled. Eating With the Experts programs confirmed thus far include Steve Evans, a pilot with Delta Airlines, (January 24), and Elaine Boone and Kinzie making an encore appearance before Kinzie sets off for "college" this Summer (April 4). Open Books programs already set include Northeast State's own Dr. Jim Whorton, whose new novel, *Frankland*, is being published by Free Press in January (February 14, tentative date for Open Books program), and nationally-acclaimed best-selling author Sharyn McCrumb for a special day of programs and celebration at Northeast State's Blountville Campus on Monday, March 28. Northeast State is specifically mentioned in *St. Dale*, a novel (to be published in February), that pays homage to NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt. An evening program featuring Ms. McCrumb will be held in the Basler Library, co-sponsored by the Library and the Cultural Activities Committee.

We appreciate all of you who have taken part in this semester's "fun-tivities" and hope that more of you will be part of the 2005 excitement! Watch our homepage for details on other Spring programs — <http://www.NortheastState.edu/library>.

And from all of us at the Basler Library, to each and every one of you — "May your days be merry and bright..." Happy Holidays, everyone!

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, Librarian

Christmas Time's-'A-Comin'

The Basler Library will be closed for the Winter Break on the following days and times:

December 20-23 ==> 7:30 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.

December 24-January 2 ==> CAMPUS CLOSED

January 3-6 ==> 7:30 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.

January 7 ==> 7:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. (Regular Hours)

January 8 ==> 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. (Regular Hours)

January 10-13 ==> 7:30 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.

January 14 ==> 7:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. (Regular Hours)

January 15 ==> 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. (Regular Hours)

January 17 ==> CAMPUS CLOSED (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)





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God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

And gentle-ladies, too! We've all worked hard this first semester of the academic year. Enjoy the holidays in your own special ways, with those you hold near and dear. Don't let the magic of the season be suppressed by the chaos that sometimes accompanies this time of year. And, if you have a few minutes to spare, check out some of these great new titles at the Basler Library while you have some time away from exams and quizzes. Happy Holidays!

Fiction: *Sunrise Alley* (Asaro); *Feathers* (Be'er); *Had a Good Time: Stories From American Postcards* (Butler); *Inheritance* (Chang); *About Grace* (Doerr); *Pyro* (Emerson); *Camouflage* (Haldeman); *Dune: The Battle of Corrin* (Herbert & Anderson); *Prince of Thieves* (Hogan); *Iron Grail* (Holdstock); *Show Business Is Murder* (Kaminsky, editor); *Flying Crows* (Lehrer); *Good News, Bad News* (Wolstencroft); and *Songbird* (Zacharius).

Non-Fiction: *Britain and Ireland: The Budget Travel Guide*; *CLEP® Official Study Guide, 16th ed.*; *Before and After Getting Your Puppy* (Dunbar); *No Turning Back* (Ellis); *Nightingales* (Gill); *Two Souls Indivisible: The Friendship That Saved Two POW's in Vietnam* (Hirsch); *Gospel According to Dr. Seuss* (Kemp); *Mistress of the Elgin Marbles* (Nagel); *Some Wore Bobby Sox* (Schrum); *Two Sides of the Moon* (Scott); *Simon & Schuster Handbook for Writers, 7th ed.*; *Give Me a Break* (Stossel); *100 Best Family Resorts in North America* (Tice & Wilford); and *How to Have a Big Wedding on a Small Budget* (Warner).

O' CHRISTMAS TRAIN



The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg
[PZ 7 .V266 Po 1985]

Most of us have probably read this wonderful Christmas classic at some point in our lives, but please consider this your personal invitation to re-discover the magic this holiday season before taking your young loved ones — or your older loved ones, for that matter — to see the new movie release based on Van Allsburg's masterpiece.

Van Allsburg's young narrator is invited to take the ride of his life on the Polar Express, an enchanted train that takes him and other pajama-clad children to the North Pole. Upon their arrival, they see the city, then the elves preparing for the big night, and then Santa himself. The narrator is selected by Santa to receive the first present of the year. Rather than requesting a toy — he "knew that [he] could have any gift imagined" — he asks Santa for a bell from his sleigh, so he can take back proof to those who said he'd never hear Santa's sleigh bells ring as Santa did not exist. Santa smiles, grants him his wish, and is off on his global deliveries. As the Polar Express leaves to take the children home, the boy realizes that the bell has slipped through a hole in his pocket. But as is always the case for those who truly believe, the moment is not lost and the gift comes back to be forever cherished and adored.

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, Librarian



The Same Christmas Cake

Watergate Cake

Submitted by Michelle Wyatt, Circulation Diva

Cake:

1 white cake mix
3/4 c. cooking oil
3 eggs
1 c. 7-Up (1 small bottle)
1 pkg. Instant pistachio pudding
1/2 c. coconut



Preheat oven to 350, grease and flour a 9"x13" pan. Combine cake mix and cooking oil. Mix well. Add the eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each. Add the 7-Up and pudding, mixing well after each. Add a few more splashes of 7-Up if the batter seems too thick. The batter should be "pour-able," not dense. Fold in the coconut. Pour into prepared pan and bake for approximately 45 mins., or until a tester comes out clean.

Icing:

2 pkgs. Dream Whip
1 1/2 c. milk
1 pkg. Instant pistachio pudding

Combine ingredients and beat until thick. Spread over cooled cake. Garnish with additional coconut and pecans or walnuts, if desired.