

# TURN THE PAGE

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## Schedule Changes for December 2006

**Dec. 18-21:**  
*Library closes at 5:30 p.m.*

**Dec. 22:**  
*Library closes at 4:30 p.m. (You may want to call ahead if you wish to visit that afternoon, in case the campus closes earlier than the "official" closing time..)*

**Jan. 2, 2007:**  
*Library Re-opens—  
hours 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.*



## Once Upon a December

December... A month of celebrating, reflecting, planning, and continuing to give thanks.

Periodically, I look back at old issues of this newsletter to ascertain that I'm not using the same titles, graphics, etc., and it always amazes me to look back at the first issues of *Turn The Page*. I'm reminded of how many things have changed since our first issue in November 2001. I've been a Librarian here for five years now, longer than I have ever worked in one place in my life. I'm blessed to be in a job situation that is a chosen career, not just something that I have to do each day; I'm blessed to be surrounded by colleagues who are caring, concerned, and conscientious about those things that happen around them and because of them. I have been afforded countless opportunities while at Northeast State and I appreciate each of them.

Looking back at these past issues reminds me of people who have touched my life in many ways, too — some who have written book reviews for the newsletter, some who have presented various programs for us, and even some whose lives have been cut short (but whose presence in this community touched all of us greatly, nonetheless).

December... When we also begin preparing for a busy holiday season. We look ahead to the excitement and thrills of one year ending and another one beginning. I love most parts of this time of year! My goal each year is for the "busy" part not to overshadow the wonderful parts, so my personal goal extends into my work here at NSCC. Even though we plan several programs for the final weeks of the semester, we make sure that the programs planned are high-quality, low-stress, and great fun to be shared with EVERYONE!

December will be jam-packed with holiday cheer! Don't miss Keith Young's "Seasonal Stories and Songs" on Monday, Dec. 4 (L106, 12:30-1:30 p.m.). The "Decorating Divas" will offer the 2nd-annual "Make and Take Crafts Event" on Tuesday, Dec. 5 (11:30-12:30) and Wednesday, Dec. 6, (12:00-1:00), in L106. Sign-ups for the Crafts Events will be announced online the week of Thanksgiving. We look forward to sharing all of these special moments with our NSCC friends!

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, Librarian



## Banner

As mentioned previously, November has seen a significant portion of the Student module become ready to go live. The Admissions part — more specifically, Registration— underwent extensive testing during the third week of the month. A Banner consultant was on campus to assist in a mock Registration, examining the results, and helping with diagnostics, when necessary. The process was undertaken with 50 "students" and a complete registration was performed. Those in attendance from NSCC included many from Admissions and Records, the Business Office, Financial Aid, and Computer Services. Despite some glitches, the test was deemed a success. During December, trainees are taking the necessary steps to correct the problems and to ensure that the process is as seamless as possible.

The Financial Aid module training remains as scheduled. As their February "go live" date approaches, many of their training tasks continue simultaneously, as has been the case with the other modules. The end-result will be an interlocking system made up of many parts dependent upon one another in order for the "whole" to work. As such, there will be numerous days when various members of the Financial Aid department will be unavailable due to training responsibilities.

Much has been very successfully accomplished since beginning this entire process more than 1 1/2 years ago, all due to the diligence and efforts of those individuals who have devoted so much of their time to this project. They are to be heartily commended.

— Submitted by Duncan Parsons, Dean of the Library



## We're Here to Get You There

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## Deck the Halls

In recent months, there have been several art displays on the Library's first floor. One that I found particularly interesting was a display of various children's authors by Brenda Byrum's Language & Literacy Development students. Ms. Byrum sponsored a contest where anyone could come into the Library and vote for his/her favorite display; the winner received a \$20 Barnes & Noble gift certificate. Congratulations to Margaret "Angel" Jones, the Peggy Parish "Tree" designer who won the contest. And thanks to Ms. Byrum and all of her students for sharing their work with us and our patrons!



## I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

*God Rest Ye Merry, Soldiers* By James McIvor [E 607 .M33 2005]



What could be less cheery — less Christmasy, in fact — than a book about the Civil War? The subject matter of this short, informative volume is a pleasant surprise and one worth checking out, whether a history buff or not.

As a still-relative-newcomer to Tennessee (I moved here from Virginia in 2000), I've only recently begun to realize how many battles during the Civil War took place on Volunteer soil. (I even learned that my great-great-great-grandfather, born and raised in Ashe County, NC, fought in Zollicoffer — what is now known as Bluff City.) What McIvor provides in this book, however, is not merely a recounting of any/all battles fought in Tennessee. He takes one specific battle — the Battle of Stones River, Murfreesboro, TN — and show how history, culture, politics, religion, and more had brought two Armies to that place. He further illustrates that, although they had vastly different ideologies on the surface, they still held the same basic needs, desires, and longings underneath their tired fatigues and weaponry. The author gives the details of this battle, but also intermingles bits and pieces of social practice, insights to specific soldiers' lives from both sides, and even manages to insert some well-placed and dignified humor into a situation that was anything but light-hearted or hilarious.

In the end, the reader has learned a lot in just over 150 pages. Tennesseans unfamiliar with this battle will want to read McIvor's book to learn more about their own homeland; Civil War and general history buffs, regardless of their "side" of interest, will want to read it for its well-written and documented details of a dark period of our American past; those who love Christmas will appreciate learning when certain customs became more widespread; and those who hate war and love peace will want to read it for the sake of inspiration during this season when we most crave peace on earth, good will towards all.

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, Librarian

## All I Want for Christmas

**Fantastic Focaccia Bread**  
(Recipe from [www.PamperedChef.com](http://www.PamperedChef.com))

### Ingredients:

- 1 package (13.8 ounces) refrigerated pizza crust
- 2 garlic cloves
- 2/3 cup (2 ounces) grated fresh Romano or Parmesan cheese, divided
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano leaves, divided
- 2 firm plum tomatoes, sliced

### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 F. Roll out pizza crust to within 1 inch of the edge of the stone/pan using lightly floured rolling pin. Press garlic over crust; spread evenly.
2. Grate half of the Romano cheese over crust. Sprinkle with half of the mozzarella cheese and 1 teaspoon of the oregano. Thinly slice tomatoes; arrange in single layer over cheese. Top with the remaining mozzarella cheese and oregano. Grate the remaining Romano cheese over top.
3. Bake 25-28 minutes or until crust is golden brown and cheese is bubbly. Cut into squares; serve hot.

**Yield:** 24 appetizers

