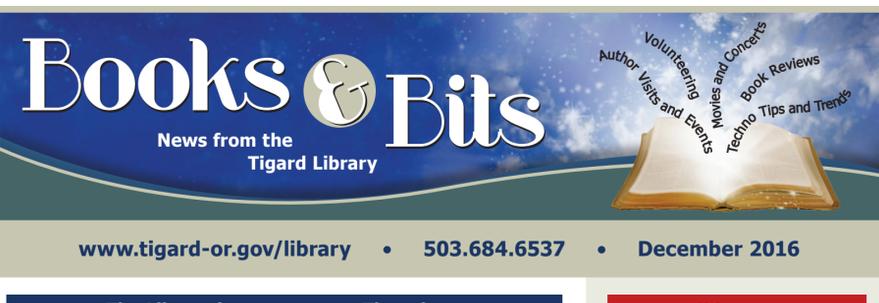


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Thursday, December 1–Saturday, December 31 • Puett Room

## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL mitten tree

Throughout the month of December, bring new hats, scarves and gloves to decorate the branches of our 20<sup>th</sup> annual Mitten Tree.

The Good Neighbor Center will give them to families in Washington County who are homeless.

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**Penny's Puppets Present: The Gingerbread Man**  
Tuesday, December 13 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. • All ages

Granny gets lonely and decides to make a gingerbread man from a magic cookie recipe. But, oops! She leaves him in the oven too long, and a fun adventure begins. Join us for this mini-musical, a modern-day twist on an endearing folktale.

**Bones for the Holidayze: Rose City Trombones**  
Saturday, December 3 • 2-3 p.m.

Enjoy a brassy holiday celebration! From contrabass to alto trombone, musicians will perform holiday favorites, with a twist. Learn about the history of the trombone and its unique features.



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**Holiday Jazz with Basso à Deux**  
Saturday, December 17 • 2-3:30 p.m.

Enjoy vocals and upright bass with Andrea and Paul Vorvick, who incorporate traditional jazz and pop/rock styles into a wide range of classic tunes. Enjoy up-tempo holiday jazz tunes.

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**Handmade Holiday Cards**  
Wednesday, December 14 • 7-8 p.m. • Adults

Craft experts from Main St. Stamp & Stationery will help you make four holiday cards with a personal touch. They will provide patterns and materials. Participants can choose different design elements for each card. Limit 30. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** Please call 503-718-2517.

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**Gingerbread House Construction**  
Saturday, December 17  
1:30-3 p.m.  
Puett Room • Kids

Usher in winter break by building your own holiday house with edible construction materials. Yum!

**I Spy Fly Guy**  
Saturday, December 17–Saturday, December 31  
Children's Room • Kids

Look carefully around the Children's Room, and see if you can spy everybody's favorite pet fly. Tell us what Fly Guy's reading, and claim a sticky little prize. He'll be in a new spot every day!

**At the Turn of the Year: Indalo Wind Music**  
Friday, December 9 • 7-8 p.m. • All ages

Celebrate the change of seasons and the end of the year with a musical- and spoken-word performance by the local father-son duo Indalo Wind and their accordionist. They specialize in eclectic instrumentals, serving up a fresh acoustic blend of folk, blues and jazz, seasoned with international flavors.

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**All Ages Animation**  
Friday, December 30 • 3-5 p.m.

Ring in the New Year with Japanese treats, crafts and a screening of the incredible stop-motion film *Kubo and the Two Strings* (PG).

**Scandinavian Loggers in the Pacific Northwest**  
Wednesday, December 7  
7-8 p.m. • Adults

Scandinavian loggers have a rich history along the lower Columbia River dating back more than a century. Author Lars Nordstrom will share the story of Nordic immigration into the Pacific Northwest from the 1880s to 1930, the evolution of modern logging techniques and the life of families in the logging camps.



**ID Theft, Social Media and Scams**  
Friday, December 16 • 2-3 p.m. • Adults

The Better Business Bureau will provide an overview of ID theft awareness and reporting as well as the new BBB Scam Tracker, a real-time reporting site introduced this year.

**Game On: Super Smash Bros. Tournament**  
Saturday, December 10 • 1-5 p.m. • Teens in grades 6 and up

Who will triumph in the ultimate test of Smash skill? All levels are welcome to this double elimination WiiU tournament.

**Otaku Teens**  
Tuesday, December 20 • 4:30-7 p.m.  
Teens in grades 6 and up

J-Pop fans unite! Join this manga book group and mingle with other otaku teens while watching anime, making stuff and enjoying Japanese snacks. **Registration required.** Sign up at the Children's Reference Desk and get your FREE copy of the book while supplies last.

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**LEGO® Construction Zone**  
Sunday, December 18 • 1:30-3 p.m.  
Ages 5 and up • Puett Room

Future engineers and mathematicians! Drop in to work on your LEGO® creations with other builders and give our race track a spin. We'll supply the building blocks; you bring your creativity.

**COMPUTER CLASSES**

Classes are held in the Technology Room on the second floor on a first-come, first-served basis. Stop by the Reference Desk a few minutes before classes begin to pick up a ticket and claim your spot.



**Ask Anything! About Gadgets**  
Saturday, December 3 • 3-4 p.m.

Attend an open session to get answers to technology questions about using your gadget? Bring in your tablet, phone, laptop or other digital gadgets and bring your questions! The library will also have some devices available for practice.

**E-book Clinic**  
Friday, December 30 • 2-4 p.m.

Do you need help setting up your e-reader or mobile device to download free e-books and e-audiobooks successfully? Learn about our digital download services Library2Go and Cloud Library! **Registration required.** Sign up at the Reference Desk or call 503-718-2517.

Check out more of our computer classes or sign up for one-on-one assistance.

All programs will be held in the George and Yvonne Burgess Community Room unless otherwise noted.

*Additional parking is available in the evenings at City Hall, 13125 SW Hall Blvd., and afternoons and evenings at the Senior Center, 8815 SW Omara St.*

**READING ROOM**

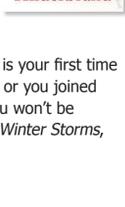
Read Your Way Through the Holidayze

**Adult**

**Winter Stroll**  
by Elin Hilderbrand

Much is happening at the Winter Street Inn as the Quinn family prepares for the holiday season. Concern about young Marine Bart who was caught in an ambush in Afghanistan, excitement over baby Genevieve's baptism, a rekindled romance and unexpected visitors enmesh you in the Quinn family's lives as they prepare for the traditional Nantucket Christmas Stroll. Whether this is your first time spending the holiday season with the Quinns on Nantucket or you joined the family in Hilderbrand's previous novel *Winter Street*, you won't be disappointed. This holiday escape will have you picking up *Winter Storms*, the final novel in Hilderbrand's Winter trilogy. [More...](#)\*

*Reviewed by Joyce Niewendorp, Senior Adult Services Librarian*



**Beautiful Winter**  
by Edle Catharina Norman

*Beautiful Winter* is a great book on how to make gorgeous winter decorations. Included are wreaths, advents, Christmas tree decorations, table decorations, candlesticks, vases and other winter decorations. The author emphasizes using natural materials that are available throughout the fall and winter seasons. The book also contains useful information on tools, equipment and materials. Highly recommended for those feeling a little crafty during the holidays.

*Reviewed by Mayra Guerra, Adult Services Librarian*

**The Haunted Tea-Cosy**  
by Edward Gorey

Subtitled *A Disreputable and Distasteful Diversion for Christmas*, Gorey's typically absurd, delightfully illustrated take on *A Christmas Carol* features a recluse named Edmund Gravel, a giant "Bahhum Bug" and an ancient fruitcake. As he settles down for Christmas Eve tea alone, transparent personages appear to Gravel and show him distressing scenes involving wallpaper thieves, broken wrists and stray dogs. If you're looking for a quick, quirky holiday read that's decidedly devoid of jingle bells and jolly elves, this one's for you. [More...](#)\*

*Reviewed by Molly Carlisle, Senior Adult Services Librarian*

**Teens**

**On a Clear Day**  
by Walter Dean Myers

Each day of Kwanzaa focuses on one of seven principles intended to guide and strengthen the community. The first day, a candle is lit in honor of *Umoja* or Unity, and this book embodies this value as teens from around the world come together to combat the C8, a group of global corporations that control nearly everything to the world's detriment. [More...](#)\*

*Reviewed by Lisa Elliott, Young Adult Librarian*



**This is the Part Where You Laugh**  
by Peter Brown Hoffmeister

Day Two of Kwanzaa centers on *Kujichagulia* or Self-Determination. Travis and his best friend Creature both struggle and succeed to define themselves, even when the cards are stacked against them. Set in Eugene, Oregon, both teens excel at basketball and train hard every day. While Creature writes lyrical and lusty tales about Russian princesses, Travis searches for his homeless mother and tries to forgive his past for a more peaceful present. [More...](#)\*

*Reviewed by Lisa Elliott, Young Adult Librarian*

**Every Day**  
by David Levithan

Skip ahead to Day Five of Kwanzaa when a candle is lit in honor of *Nia* or Purpose. In *Every Day*, A has awakened each morning in a new body and new life. In this constantly changing state of being, race, class and gender don't matter. A's only objective is to preserve the sanctity of the host body's life. A is only visiting him/her. But when A meets Rhiannon, they are filled with new purpose as they learn to follow their heart. [More...](#)\*

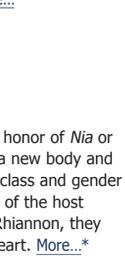
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**Kids**

**Seven Spools of Thread: A Kwanzaa Story**  
by Angela Shelf Medearis (Picture Book)

When the father of seven quarreling brothers dies, the Chief informs them they will receive an inheritance only if they turn some colored spools of silk thread to gold and if, from this moment forward, they do not argue among themselves or raise their hands in anger. This beautifully illustrated book embodies the seven principles of Kwanzaa. [More...](#)\*

*Reviewed by Holly Campbell-Polivka, Youth Services Librarian*



**Christmas and Hanukkah Origami**  
by Ruth Owen (Juvenile Non-fiction)

Origami fans of all ages will enjoy getting into the holiday spirit with these easy origami designs. The pictures are clear and the instructions are easy to follow. [More...](#)\*

*Reviewed by Holly Campbell-Polivka, Youth Services Librarian*

**It's Christmas, David!**  
by David Shannon (Picture Book)

David (of *No, David!* fame) is back and now it's Christmas time. If you know David at all, you know that he can't help but fall in love with such a mischievous, eager, energetic little kid. [More...](#)\*

*Reviewed by Holly Campbell-Polivka, Youth Services Librarian*

\* Additional book reviews by [NovelList](#).

**Holiday Hours**  
The library will be closed on Sunday, December 25, and Sunday, January 1.

**Holidays and Their Ways**

The holidays can bring out the best and the worst in people. Charitable contributions rise. Toy and food drives abound. Families reunite. Neighborhoods become wonderlands of miniature lights and menorahs. People smile and bid each other Happy Holidays.

For 19 years, the Tigard Library and the Friends of the Tigard Library have sponsored the Mitten Tree, where patrons have stoked the warm feelings of the season by providing the gift of warmth to families in need. All shapes and sizes of scarves, mittens, hats and gloves have created colorful knitted garlands that adorn the tree throughout the month of December.



**THE MITTEN TREE 2016 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this Tigard tradition.**

At the end of the month, we collect the donated items and give them to the Good Neighbor Center, which distributes them to homeless families in Washington County. In the past 19 years, generous patrons have donated 3,772 items. Help us make the 20<sup>th</sup> year, the most successful ever.

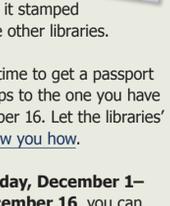
Yes, the holiday season can bring out the best in us. Then there's the worst. Impatient drivers, an exhaustive and exhausting to-do list, bah humbug scowls and sugar overdoses (OK, maybe that's not so bad). If you can relate to any of those Scrooge-like symptoms, we have an antidote that just might turn your scowl into a smile.

Take a break from the holiday hubbub. Escape into a book. Attend a musical program. If you're the crafty sort, put your own special touch on holiday cards, but reserve your spot right away. Space is limited for the Wednesday, December 14, program. If Gingerbread Houses are more appealing, the whole family can have fun in an edible gingerbread construction zone in the Children's Room on Saturday, December 17.

**Nuts and Bolts**

**Passport, Please**

Travel can be educational, entertaining and rewarding. In celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS), you had a chance to travel Around the County in 98 Days. Travelers could pick up a passport at any of the 13 WCCLS member libraries and also get it stamped at any of the other libraries.



There's still time to get a passport or add stamps to the one you have until December 16. Let the libraries' mascots show you how.

From **Thursday, December 1–Friday, December 16**, you can start reaping the rewards of your travel. Present your passport at your home library and get one drawing ticket for each stamp in your passport. Fill out the entry forms and deposit them all at one library.

The random drawing for cool prizes will be held Tuesday, December 20. Entrants can only win one prize. Whether or not you win the drawing, you're still a winner. Every library contains a wealth of treasures. Good luck!

**Plugged In**



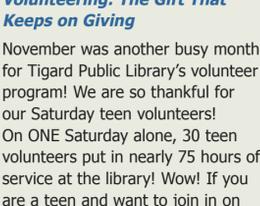
**The Ears Have It!**

Not enough time to read all the books on your wish list? Listen to an e-audiobook on your smart phone while walking the dog, cleaning the house, knitting a cozy scarf or commuting to and from work! Patrons borrowed over 150,000 e-audiobooks last year, and our collection is always growing.

You can find everything from bestsellers to classics for all ages on [Library2Go](#) and [Cloud Library](#), including recommendations chosen by your friendly WCCLS librarians. If you're new to e-books and e-audiobooks and need some guidance, go to <http://www.wccls.org/e-books>, choose your device from the drop-down menu and get started.

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**Voluntary Commitment**



**Volunteering: The Gift That Keeps on Giving**

November is another busy month for Tigard Public Library's volunteer program! We are so thankful for our Saturday teen volunteers! On ONE Saturday alone, 30 teen volunteers put in nearly 75 hours of service at the library! Wow! If you are a teen and want to join in on the fun, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Katie Nelson.

On **Wednesday, December 28**, Tigard Public Library will host its **Winter Break Party!** We welcome high schoolers and middle schoolers on school break to come volunteer from 2-4:30 p.m. It's a great opportunity to catch up with some friends you haven't seen during the holidays!

Although it's December, it's not too soon to begin thinking about how you may want to serve your community during the Martin Luther King Weekend of Service Saturday, January 14, through Monday, January 16. We've planned some fun volunteer sessions on Sunday, January 15, from 2-4:30 p.m., and more fun is in store on Monday, January 16, from 2-4:30 p.m. We welcome families. Please RSVP with Volunteer Coordinator Katie Nelson because space is limited.

Katie can also tell you about other volunteer opportunities here at Tigard Public Library all year long! Check out our [website](#) for more details about volunteering or contact her at 503-718-2516 or [KatherineN@Tigard-or.gov](mailto:KatherineN@Tigard-or.gov).

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<b>Sunday</b>	Noon–6 p.m.
<b>Monday</b>	10 a.m.–9 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	10 a.m.–9 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	10 a.m.–9 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	10 a.m.–9 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	10 a.m.–9 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	10 a.m.–6 p.m.

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