

December

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	Christmas Silent Auction December 1 - 15		1 Stitch Together 10:00am-12:00pm Signing Strathmore 7:00-8:30pm	2 Book Sale 12:00pm-7:00pm	3 Book Sale 10:00am-5:00pm
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Booker's Buzz

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Snaps with Santa

December 13 & 14 (2-8pm)
Skip the lineups and book your photography session with the big man himself! For only \$40.00 per session, you will receive a 10 minute family sitting with professional photographer Doug Taylor (www.dtaylorimages.ca) and a USB of all your photos!

Calling all animal lovers! On Wednesday, December 14, we are welcoming pets in for a special family Santa portrait session!

This is a fundraiser for the library and your support is greatly appreciated. To book your session go to www.strathmorelibrary.ca/santa and select the link to your date. All major credit cards accepted.

Annual Holiday Silent Auction

Each year we ask our market vendors to donate one item for our annual holiday silent auction. This year we have a great selection of items from our Christmas market vendors and a few generous library supporters.

Stop by the library between **December 1-15** to place your bid. All proceeds will go to help support programs and services in the new year. You may find some great Christmas gifts too! The auction ends at noon on Friday, December 15.



Ginger all the Way Returns! - Fri., December 23

Our popular Ginger all the Way is back! This year children will celebrate the Christmas holiday by making gingerbread trains in **3 separate sessions**. Sessions will run from 11:00am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-2:00pm, and 3:00pm-4:00pm. There will be a limit of 15 children per session. This program will cost **\$5.00 per child** and will include all supplies. All ages are welcome, but children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult. **Registration for this program will run from December 1-15 in the library.**



Important Reminder:

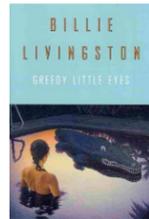
The library will be closed for the Christmas holidays. The last day to check out items will be **Friday, December 23** from 10:00am-7:00pm. We will re-open on Monday, **January 2, 2017**. No items will be due during the holiday closure.

Director's Corner - Alexis McKenzie



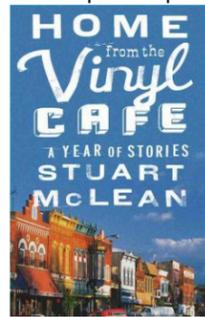
It looks like winter is finally coming to Alberta and with it, the holidays will soon be upon us! As you prepare for the festivities, you may find that you're short on time. It could be the perfect time of year to pick up a few short story collections. That way you keep actively reading, but in bite-size doses that can work around a busy holiday schedule.

My all-time favourite short-story collection is "Greedy Little Eyes" by Canadian novelist Billie Livingston.



Livingston, who won the Danuta Gleed award for this book, gives us stories that are dark, uncomfortable, heartbreaking, and well-crafted. Best to read while tucked in under layers of blankets and holding a cup of tea. Without a doubt, the colourful characters in her stories are sure to absorb your interest during those few stolen minutes of reading.

If you're looking for something more heart-warming and humorous, you'll have to pick up Stuart McLean's "Home from the Vinyl Café". *Dave Cooks the Turkey* stands out as one of McLean's best tales, and its Christmas theme would be very appropriate for this time of year. Dave's antics will have you in stitches and any holiday stress you're feeling will just melt away. And, if you're a fan of McLean's characteristic storytelling style, you could pick up an audiobook of his tales to hear them delivered by the iconic Canadian himself. Perfect for those that want to multi-task while preparing for guests, or if you need some company on a long winter's drive.



If short stories aren't your thing, what about a non-fiction book? Somehow non-fiction is easier to stop and start, as opposed to the latest suspense novel that keeps you up all night. My favourite non-

fiction book is, "Elon Musk: Tesla, SpaceX, and the Quest for a Fantastic Future" by Ashlee Vance. This amazing biography takes a look at one of the world's most innovative thinkers. It doesn't matter if you have a background in business, science, or technology – I sure don't – *anyone* would enjoy this detailed look at a very influential and daring entrepreneur. It reads like an action or adventure story! I had to pinch myself to believe it was all real. One of the most engaging biographies out there, and a definite must-read.

I hope you all find cozy corners to read in and that you stay warm and safe this winter! We at the library will be enjoying the holidays during the library closure. Happy Holidays and see you in the New Year!



Program Punch Card Bonus - Find the Elf on the Shelf!



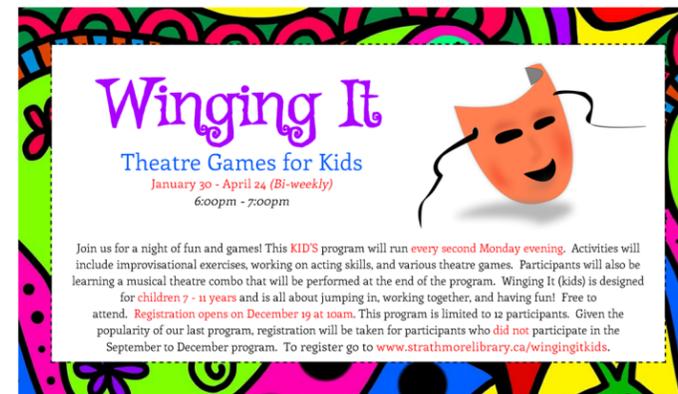
Have you been having a hard time filling out your program punch card? This December we are offering you a little holiday help with the Elf on the Shelf! Each day our Elf on the Shelf will be hiding around the library spreading his own holiday cheer. Spot him, tell us where he is, and you'll receive 1 punch in your program punch card for that day!

Our Elf will be visiting from Dec. 1-23. Receive a small prize on the 5th, 10th, and 15th punch. Fill in the card (20 punches) to be entered for the Grand Prize Draw of a \$100.00 gift certificate of your choice! Don't forget to bring your program punch cards to all programs to get them filled before the deadline. The draw will take place on Monday, January 2, 2017.



We have received a substantial amount of book and DVD donations lately and we would like to take this time to say thank you to everyone who has donated to the library these past few months.

Winging It Registration Opens December 19 @ 10:00am



The next round of **Minecraft Mania** runs from January 30-April 24. The program runs bi-weekly on Mondays from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Minecraft Mania is limited to 10 participants and open to children 8 years and older. Registration for this popular program opens on **Tuesday, December 20 at 10:00am**. For more information and to register please go to www.strathmorelibrary.ca/minecraft.

Looking for the perfect Christmas Gift?

Looking for a unique Christmas gift this holiday season? The library has a great selection of library membership certificates! Stop by the library and pick up the gift that keeps on giving all year long!

We are excited to announce that in 2017 we will be selling a whole new selection of exciting book bags! To make way for new stock, this December our book bags are 25% off! Pick up your monkey book bag for just \$9.00 and red tote for \$15.00. Be sure to pick up one these popular bags while supplies last.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten



On behalf of the 1,000 Books Foundation, Parent Link Centre, and the Strathmore Municipal Library, we invite you to participate in this FREE program which encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he or she starts kindergarten.

The key is perseverance and we are here to help you make it exciting! When your child reaches a milestone (50 books), pop into the Parent Link Centre or the library to collect a small prize! It's that simple! Does reading 1,000 books sound hard? Not really if you think about it. If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think (so get started).

For full details on the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program please pop into the library or visit our website at www.strathmorelibrary.ca/1000-books. Happy reading!

"Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas perhaps, means a little bit more." -- The Grinch